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Joint conservation drive targets Natron borderline wards

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

A NEW conservation campaign was launched yesterday in Longido District to protect the ecosystem spanning northern Tanzania districts and counties in southern parts of Kenya.

Dr Amani Ngusaro (pictured), the country director for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), said at the project launch here yesterday that the project is meant to empower local communities in the precincts of the zone.

The 'Land for Life' initiative, executed by WWF in collaboration with a local associate, the Tanzania People and Wildlife (TPW) organization, is expected to reach upwards of 27,000 people in the next three years.

The 'Land for Life' project focuses on Lake Natron ecology, covering areas around the Lake Natron, in Longido District and the Loita Forest Reserve of Kajiado District across the border, an initiative that raises a new approach in natural resources conservation by empowering local communities, he stated.

Protecting the environment is only



'Land for Life' is to be executed with 9bn/- funding supported by the FCDO, a British aid agency

feasible when people in the targeted area play active roles in conservation, he said, elaborating that conservation is a two-way process "where members of the community also get to benefit."

The Longido-Kajiado initiative is part of 18 other transboundary conservation projects implemented under the southern Kenya and northern Tanzania' (SOKNOT) program. It comes with a series of environmentally friendly income generation activities for villagers, he stated.

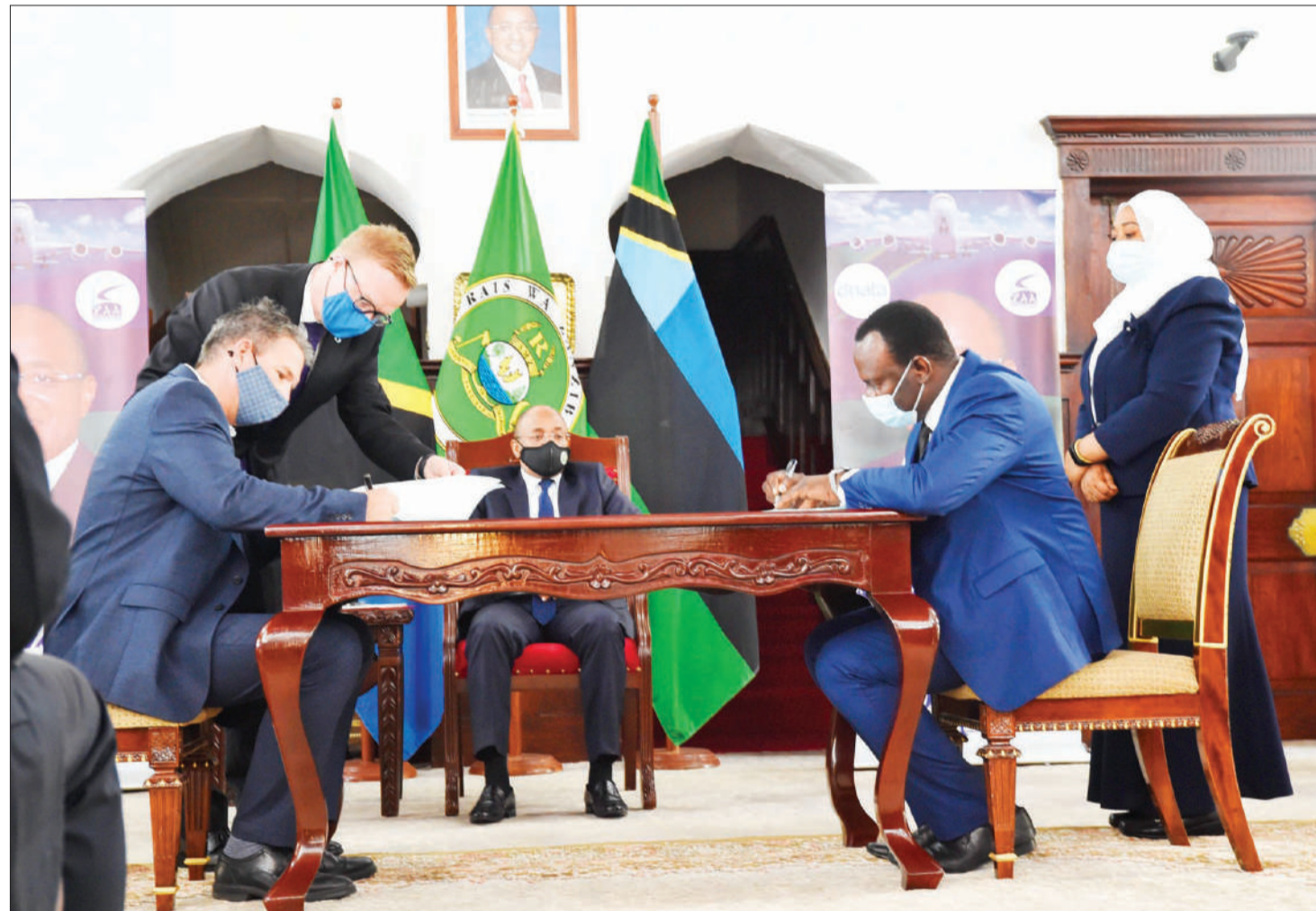
Namboli Nabaki from Kimokoia Ward in the district said already women in her locality have seen the project's potential, while sight-impaired Emmanuel Laizer, representing people with physical disabilities, said they have also been empowered to utilize opportunities that come with the conservation project.

The project will run for three years, focusing on the Lake Natron basin, a crucial wetland included in Ramsar sites of international importance, recognized by conservation and other agencies of the United Nations network.

Experts say that as an oasis within

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Govt lifts logs, thin timber exports ban



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (C) looks on at Zanzibar State House yesterday as Zanzibar Works, Communications and Transport ministry permanent secretary Amour Hamil Bakari (R, seated) and EGIS International Business director Cristian Laugier sign partnership agreements on the ministry's running of Abeid Amani Karume International Airport jointly with Dubai National Air Travel Agency. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

NATURAL Resources and Tourism minister Dr Damas Ndumboro has lifted a ban on export of forestry raw materials including veneer and rubber until June next year.

The minister said 187 containers already lined up for exporting such merchandise at the port of Dar es Salaam will be shipped out, with the owners directed to follow procedures set by the ministry to obtain a shipment permit.

At the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the minister said the government intends to see that the forestry sector makes a meaningful contribution to the national economy.

Forestry stakeholders need to prepare for implementation of resolutions endorsed at the recent Forestry Investment Forum held last week in Mufindi District, Iringa Region where the ban was set out.

He said at the forum that the government was banning exporting a range of forestry products, so that such raw materials are put to value adding industries in the country.

Emphasising forest sector productivity among producers, he appealed to stakeholders to be prepared to implement the directive. He noted that the ban was being lifted for planters to use the interval to prepare for its implementation.

The minister will issue export permits during the transition period, he stated, citing compliance with stipulated conditions including tax returns, workers'

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Judiciary hiring more staff for primary, district courts

By Getrude Mbago, Mpanda

THE government is in the process of uplifting human resources for primary and district courts in order to facilitate smooth provision of legal services and more rapid settling of cases.

Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (pictured) made the pledge yesterday after visiting Mpanda District Court, Tanganyika District Court and other government offices in Katavi Region.

He said the government plans to increase the number of legal aid providers which include hiring more lawyers and advocates as magistrates in primary courts, in public activities tied to launching the decentralised birth registration system for Katavi and Rukwa regions, an event scheduled for today.

The government is currently preparing procedures for integrated provision of legal services at the primary level, incorporating key service providers such as social welfare officers, probation officers, paralegals and others for timely provision of justice, he declared.

Probation is one among ways that can help reduce congestion in prisons as it is outlined in the Community Services Act, which allows prisoners to serve their sentences outside prisons.

Inclusive legal services provision where the National Prosecutors Office, social welfare officers, probation officers and paralegals create operational synergies in facilitating this optional carrying out of sentences is also envisaged, he explained.

The government has prepared a curriculum at certificate level to train

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Girls to rejoin schools after having delivered

● Failing pupils, exam cheaters will re-sit exams, says minister

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PUPILS dropping out of school following pregnancy and childbirth will now be facilitated to resume studies in the formal school system, the government has declared.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, the Education, Science and Technology minister made this observation yesterday when addressing a press conference on achievements in the sector during the 60 years of independence.

The government will provide better ways on how students who dropped out of school especially for pregnancy and childbirth will go back to school, an initiative targeting primary and secondary school girls as well. They will be allowed to continue their studies in the formal system after giving birth, the minister affirmed.

"This will also involve students who are found cheating in the primary school leaving examination and their results being canceled," she stated, citing another group of targeted students as those who fail exams or who experience problems during examinations.

They will be given the chance to repeat

exams the following year where NECTA (the National Examinations Council of Tanzania) will issue the procedure for re-sitting such exams, she stated.

Students who pass the re-examination will similarly be eligible for selection to continue with secondary education in public schools, she elaborated.

The policy recalibration has taken into account that Form Four and Form Six candidates whose results are canceled and those who experience problems need to be given an opportunity to repeat those exams,

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdalla (L) upon the PM's arrival in Zanzibar yesterday for the launch of findings of research conducted in financial year 2020/2021 on able-bodied residents of the Isles. Photo: PMO

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Girls to rejoin schools after having delivered

the minister underlined.

Given the situation, the government has seen the need to give a second place to primary school leavers as is the case with secondary school students, she stated, noting that this measure involves rectifying provisions of the law passed in 2002 and reinforced in 2017, barring pregnant pupils from being part of regular schooling.

This policy has been observed

for most of the time since independence, as pregnancy has usually been held as a deterrent against mischief among pupils. Schoolgirls were often subjected to mandatory pregnancy tests and studies stopped if pregnant.

Local and international non-governmental organizations have been at pains to bring the government to rectify these rules

and President Samia Suluhu Hassan faced huge pressure in her visits to the United Nations system for image building and policy assurance for stakeholders at the global level.

Bringing the change for girls as part of wider consideration for those whose dreams were dashed for one reason or another is seen by observers as justified, not as a special consideration for those

becoming pregnant, and not pursuing a vendetta against their inclusion either.

Meanwhile, the law on sending to court men who impregnate schoolgirls remains in place and if convicted they serve lengthy jail terms but critics often say the law is ignored at the family level, seeking other means of solving such problems.



Weights and Measures Agency officials inspect weighing scales during annual verification carried out in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

USAID commemorates 60th anniversary and 60 years of Tanzania's local development progress

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States government on Tuesday held a reception to commemorate 60 years since the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) was founded by President John F. Kennedy.

According to a statement issued by US embassy in Dar es Salaam, for six decades, USAID has built its reputation as a world leader in international development by partnering with countries around the world to strengthen communities and improve lives.

"In more than 100 countries around the world, USAID's team and partners work together on development and humanitarian

projects that help save lives, reduce poverty, strengthen democratic governance, and improve health, education, and economic prosperity," the statement reads in part.

USAID has supported Tanzania since 1961.

"Today, USAID is working closely with Tanzanian people, businesses, civil society organizations and the government to support Tanzanian youth to advance the country's long-term prosperity and self-reliance."

Speaking at the reception, US Ambassador to Tanzania Dr. Donald J. Wright remarked: "While we strive for a self-reliant Tanzania, no country is an island and we must all work together. As our world

becomes more connected, we face new, 21st century challenges, such as climate change, digital technology threats, and emerging diseases."

The Ambassador said: "These issues can only be dealt with through collaboration, cooperation, and mutual respect. That's why we, the American people, and the U.S. government are committed to working hand in hand with our Tanzanian colleagues in government, civil society, and the private sector to tackle the challenges of today, for a better tomorrow."

There is no better evidence of this mentality today than USAID and the government of Tanzania's joint efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, USAID and

the Department of State have provided more than \$9.8 billion to fight COVID-19 in more than 120 countries. In Tanzania, the U.S. government has donated more than 1.5 million vaccines and USAID has contributed over \$25 million to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic.

USAID Mission Director V. Kate Somvongsiri said: "The United States and Tanzania have had a long partnership, one that I am sure will continue for generations to come. We believe strongly in helping countries around the world become more self-reliant. But, self-reliance isn't an end unto itself. This world will only thrive through mutual support. Each nation can be its strongest when we help one another."

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the wider windswept semi-arid landscape, the alkaline watered lake is the only breeding site for flamingos in eastern Africa.

Hargney Chitukuro, the regional administrator for economic activities, said the basin connects the Enduimet Wildlife Management Area (WMA) with Lake Manyara National Park and is thus a wildlife corridor.

Standing in for RC John Mongella at the launch, he said that Natron anchors a 2.5m population of flamingos, but the basin faces threats from encroachment via habitation and related economic activities.

About 20 villages in Longido

District are covered under the project, covering West Kilimanjaro upwards to Lake Natron, encompassing wards like Gelai Lumbwa, Gelai Meirugoi, Enkarenaibor, Ketumbaine, Ilorienito, Mundarara, Noondoto, Matala, Elang'ata, Dapash and Kimokouwa.

Across the border, the project will be implemented around the Loita Naimina Enkiyo Forest, which translates into 'the Forest of the Lost Child,' adjacent to the plains of the Masai Mara and the Great Rift Valley.

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more paralegals, with the Law School of Tanzania finalising the manuals "and we will start seeing more paralegals graduating," he stated, noting that access to justice in rural areas will be sped up.

The government is also working to ensure that in the next four years, all districts will have district courts, a strategic plan in the course of success, with just 22 districts not yet covered, the minister affirmed.

Refugees and guests living in various parts in the country must live by adhering to the country's laws, he said, underlining that Tanzania is a peaceful country, so by living here they should embrace this ideal and help with protecting the peace.

Praising regional and district officials for closely supervising the construction of classrooms for smooth accommodation of all form one pupils in January, he said that December 15 has been set as deadline for building classrooms in various areas. "So with the updates, Katavi is doing well in the area," he stated.

Community development officers need to spend time educating the public on proper expenditure of public funds intended to improve

various projects and uplift people's lives, he emphasised, while Regional Commissioner Mwanamvua Mrindoko hailed the minister's visit as leaders worked hard and collaboratively to ensure that legal and other public services are improved.

Aware of the public outcry at the moment, she said that Katavi has enough water, with urban areas water access reaching 90 percent and 70 percent in rural areas, meanwhile as authorities work on government directives to ensure that water sources are protected

Road transport and port projects were also being implemented, with a view to open up economic opportunities in the region and neighbouring regions, she said, also touching on 13.6bn/- used to build 425 classrooms using the stimulus funds from the Covid-19 recovery facility of the IMF.

On child birth registration, Katavi authorities have a goal to reach 148,949 children, she said.

"We are going to ensure that we surpass the goal and reach more children with the service. Parents and relatives should take up the opportunity by bringing their children to be registered and handed the crucial certificates," she added.

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rights information, the actual value of the cargo as well as company plans to swiftly bring machinery to add value to forest products.

He insisted that it was vital for businessmen and the public in general to embrace change as the basis of development in any society. The community needs to be positive in accepting change, he stated.

"The government has made a study and realized that profits made from transporting forest raw materials are marginal and cannot boost the country's income through the forestry sector.

That is why it has decided to restrict the export of these products and encourage investment that will produce final products before getting into the market," he elaborated.

He cited the move as part of efforts by the government to expand the scope of investments and thus employment opportunities as the ban will stimulate investment in large industries which create jobs and boost GDP, pledging to meet again with forestry stakeholders mid next month in Arusha to discuss procedures on implementing the government's directive.

TNBC executive secretary Dr Godwill Wanga applauded the minister for meeting with forestry stakeholders, urging the stakeholders to take into confidence the government's initiatives, citing improvements made so that the industry can be more productive for producers and contribute more to GDP.

"For a long time now the forestry sector has been seen as making little

contribution to GDP, seeing that the government has come up with these resolutions as a step to make this sector productive not only for producers but also for the country's economy," said Dr Wanga.

"Research is needed to ascertain productivity in the sector; to raise stakeholders awareness of opportunities available which if used properly will be a pearl for the nation," he emphasised.

The TNBC forest working group co-chair Ben Sulus urged the stakeholders to comply with the government's wishes by importing machinery and setting up processing factories for production of value added goods to take place here. This will create numerous employment opportunities for Tanzanians.

"As private sector, we should be well-prepared and use this grace period so that by June next year we can establish more industries locally that will create jobs for more of the youth," he stated.

Addressing forestry stakeholders at the forestry investment forum, minister Ndumbaro cited export of veneers as 'unacceptable' at a time when the country is encouraging value addition as opposed to the export of raw materials.

The primary engineered wood product - the most sought-after raw material from Tanzania - is used for the manufacture of luxury furniture, he affirmed, citing gum "whose export should end with immediate effect."

As it is possible to install a processing plant in Tanzania, investors need to make finished products here in the country so that we create more jobs, he added.



Raymond Mwaikasu of Tanzania Breweries Ltd's Arusha plant speaks at yesterday's launch of the firm's six "buffer zones" in Arusha - a partnership with the Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads). The zones will be installed in areas notorious for road traffic crashes commonly involving motorcyclists, especially busy road intersections. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TBL, Tanroads launch buffer zones for bodaboda riders in Arusha city

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL) in partnership with the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) has launched Africa's first-ever six road buffer zones for motorcycle taxi (Bodaboda) riders in Arusha City.

This is the first time for 'Bodaboda' riders to have such a buffer zone in Africa's big cities like Arusha—the Geneva of Africa.

The initiative is meant to reduce road accidents for pedestrians and motorcyclists.

The buffer zones are placed in areas that are notorious for traffic accidents that mostly involve motorcyclists and road junctions that are used by 'Bodaboda' riders and pedestrians in the safari capital of Arusha. Those areas with the buffer zones include junctions of Philips, Sanawari, Sakina, Mbauda, Mianzini, and Nairobi Road.

Launching the buffer zones, Home Affairs minister George Simbachawene said: "We are pleased to be the first African country to launch a special road marked for Bodaboda riders. This is a great sign that Tanzania is committed to improving road safety for all and ensuring our roads are modern. The government as a whole and the Ministry of Home Affairs are proud to co-operate with TBL and we will continue to support efforts to improve road safety in Tanzania and ensure all users use safe roads."

TANROADS highway and urban road manager, Christina Kayoya said: "TANROADS believes that the establishment of buffer zones will be as successful as the one in São Paulo, Brazil, where between 2013 and 2015 approximately 350 buffer zones were established in the city, 54 of which, when monitored and reported, they have been able to reduce the number of accidents and injuries from motorcycle accidents."

Road accident-controlled areas will be located at intersections and driveways, to ensure safety

for motorcyclists and pedestrians. Basically, these areas will be developed by separating the area of cars and motorcycles as soon as they are allowed to pass through traffic lights.

TBL managing director Jose Moran said: "We will also work with TANROADS to find a partnership between education and engineering agents to help road safety officers guide Bodaboda riders, cars, bicycles, and pedestrians on how to use those buffer zones for their own safety."

"Given that the use of this system is new, we understand that road users cannot understand how to use these areas without instructions. In that sense, it is recommended that the use of these areas be done collaboratively with concerted efforts," added Moran.

The launch of the buffer zone is the continuation of TBL's effort to improve road safety in Tanzania as last week the brewing company in collaboration with the United Nations Institute

for Training and Research (UNITAR) launched a road safety app in Dar es Salaam.

The Management Practices for Safer Roads Toolkit Mobile App is developed by UNITAR for use by Tanzania's Traffic Police. The launch of the app is part of UNITAR's Road Safety Global Training (SDG) initiative which is aligned with the Global Plan of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, which supports countries to achieve the Global Road Safety performance targets and aims to contribute to the advancement of SDG targets for health and well-being, sustainable cities and communities and global partnerships for sustainable development.

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16 days of activism: Tamwa calls for more strategies to end GBV

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) has said it is the right time for stakeholders to come up with new strategies to end or reduce the increasing incidents of gender-based violence (GBV).

In her statement ahead of the 16 days of activism, TAMWA executive director Dr Rose Reuben said despite the existence of good laws and policies, such violence still persists in society, especially for children and women.

This year's theme is 'End Gender-Based Violence Now' while the global theme is 'Orange the world: End violence against women now'.

Dr Reuben said that the celebrations come at a time when the latest statistics show extreme cases of sexual violence, including rape.

Mwanaidi Ali Khamis, Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Deputy Minister was quoted in the National Assembly as saying between January and September, this year, 6168 children were abused, whereby, 3524 were raped. She also

said that 1887 students were impregnated during that period.

Dr Reuben said the figures meant that, if immediate action was not taken then within a year, more than 7,000 children would have been raped or more than 12,000 children would have been abused.

"These new statistics are alarming and make us TAMWA see perhaps stakeholders, including government, parents and guardians, agree and state that: "Rape is now a tragedy 'we see it as the right time for stakeholders on issues of gender-based violence, to live together and plan new strategies," he noted.

In another development, TAMWA commended the court for passing sentences and closely monitoring rape cases.

"It is important for the nation, now to continue to develop alternative and new ways to deal with this scourge. We call it a catastrophe because, 3524 children are raped not lame, but a major problem in our society that completely destroys the future of the next generation," he said.

Dr. Reuben said women continue to receive beatings, rapes, verbal abuse in

their communities and making them a grieving group and sometimes hate their gender.

"This violence has short-term, long-term, economic, physical and psychological effects on women and girls and children in general, as it prevents them from fully and equitably participating in their communities," she said.

She said statistics from the United Nations Women-based Organization (UN-Women) show violence against women is often perpetrated by a partner, ex-husband or current spouse. It is estimated that more than 640 million women aged 15 and over have been abused by their partners.

She said the violence was said to cause depression, grief, unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases including AIDS, and sometimes suicide victims.

Kiswahili now gets UN recognition

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations has declared 7th July each year as the world's official day to celebrate Kiswahili language, making it the first African language to get such recognition

The announcement was made yesterday at the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) headquarters in Paris, France.

The UN recognition and celebration of the language further elevates its status in the world. In August 2019, the 39th summit of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) approved Kiswahili as its fourth official language.

The late President John Magufuli announced the adoption of the language in his closing remarks at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre in Dar es Salaam.

With the announcement, the lingua franca in East Africa and parts of the central Africa joined English, French and Portuguese as official languages to be used during engagements within the bloc.

Kiswahili becomes the first indigenous language to be used by the bloc as an official language at inter-state level. It is already an official language of the African Union.

The late president Magufuli said the decision is an honour to the father of the nation

Mwalimu Nyerere who used Kiswahili in the struggle to liberate African countries, as freedom fighters based in Tanzania learned and used the language to fight colonialism, the State House statement noted.

The Bantu language is spoken in Tanzania, Burundi, DR Congo, Kenya, Mayotte, Mozambique, Oman, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and in some settlements in South Africa and southern African countries. It is

estimated that over 100 million people speak it as a native or second language.

The exact number of Kiswahili speakers, be they native or second-language speakers, is estimated to be between 50 million to 150 million. This gives it command in business as well.

In 2018, South Africa legalised the teaching of Kiswahili in schools as an optional subject which began in 2020. Botswana followed in 2020, and Namibia also announced plans to introduce the

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF LIGHT OIL BURNER TRAINING TO GETA GOLD MINING LIMITED(GGML) TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring training service for light oil burner and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of service as detailed below.

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'Use animal medicines, insecticides cautiously'

By Correspondent Abdallah Bakari,

Mtwara

AN expert has cautioned against excessive use of animal medicines and insecticides because the practice has been linked to increasing drug resistance in humans.

Drug resistance or antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines making infections harder to treat and increasing the risk of disease spread, severe illness and death. Dr Elibariki Mwakapeje, a representative from World Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), told workshop participants in Mtwara yesterday that, it's estimated that, 81 per cent of pesticides and antimicrobial is used in livestock and agricultural sector while 18 per cent in public health sector and remaining 1 per cent for other purposes.

"All antimicrobial including antibiotics and pesticides residues from livestock and plants are consumed by human beings gradually as we eat food staff, eventually the body accumulates high antimicrobial which later acts as resistance to drugs," he revealed.

Adding that "When a human being infected by a disease which requires antimicrobial drug, then the drug fails to cure since accumulated antimicrobial through food staff has acted as resistance"

According to World Bank report 2017, about 700,000 people die every year due to antimicrobial resistance, as deaths are predicted

to reach 2 million in 2030 if strong measures are not taken to minimize the harm.

Dr Mwakapeje said that, the world started to acknowledge the problem by setting a awareness week on antimicrobials resistance which take place from 18th -24th November every year, to catalyze the speed of reaction to stop the trend.

"In order overcome the issue, the world perspective is to invest on vaccine and vaccination to both human beings and livestock, prevention is better than cure... when we prevent from disorders then none of them will take antimicrobials drug, in so doing we are doing to minimize the threat"

Opening the workshop which brought together, health workers, agricultural, livestock and environmental experts from Lindi and Mtwara to form one man, one

health common understanding on antimicrobial resistance, Mtwara Regional Medical Officer (RMO) Dr. Mohamed Kodi said that, improper use of antimicrobial drugs is still threat to problem.

"Most of Livestock keepers and farmers do not wait withdraw period to send their product to consumers...it's possible that a cow, chicken or vegetables which is given antimicrobial, pesticides today, then tomorrow can be brought to market for consumption or its byproducts" He noted

Sitting example Dr. Kodi said that "Take example of chickens that are given growth promotion antimicrobials from their day one to the market day...what about eggs, milk, meat and our vegetables ... withdraw period are observed?...you can see how much we are exposed to risk through our eating behavior"

Dr. Gibonce Kayuni from Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries said: "Due to misuses of antimicrobial drug to human beings, livestock and plants... bacteria, fungi, protozoa and rival becomes resistance to antimicrobial drugs"

He named Penicillin, Neoxvital, sulphonamides, amprolium and others as example of antimicrobial drugs; hence He made a call for stakeholders to joint efforts on combating the threat.

"We have set a couple of laws which will assist on enforcing antimicrobial chain of practitioners to adhere with laws in minimizing harms," noted Siana Mapunjo from Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children.



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Edward Shila (C), Dentsu Aegis Network Tanzania's general manager, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday on the upcoming national Marketing Week to be held under the theme: Data Driven Marketing. For Dar es Salaam Region it is scheduled for December 1 to 3. He is flanked by LAS Consultancy (sponsors) managing director Salha Kibwana (L) and Infocus MD Joshua Moshi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Women urged to chart strategies for enhanced participation in leadership

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

DEPUTY Registrar of Political Parties Mohammed Ali Ahmed has advised women to put aside their political party ideologies and instead they should have a common agenda to achieve their leadership goals.

He made this remark yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking in the meeting with women party leaders, which was organised by Tanzania Gender Network Programme (TGNP) and was represented by 19 registered political parties in the country.

"The number of women leaders in political parties is low, since independence, 60 years now. Is required their own efforts despite the fact that the law on registration of political parties, say the party should not be registered, if there is no equal representative in the party," he said.

"The success of Tanzanians will also depend on the efforts of women,

the constitution says all human beings are equal, also should have rights to be leaders. Political parties should not be registered if there is no gender balance, it is clear."

Lilian Liundi, TGNP executive director, said the changes had begun after Tanzania had a female president and an increase of more women ministers, saying it was

due to the efforts of activists since the Beijing conference.

"This meeting aims to discuss the relationship between political parties and women. After this session they will come up with joint strategies to build arguments in their parties to explain the importance of women leaders.

"Women carry the same agenda that aim to build society, including, health, education, water, infrastructure, agriculture, economy. A woman can discuss the issues in different meetings and represent well the real situation in community," she said.

Country coordinator of Tanzania Women Cross Party (TWCP), Dr Ave Maria Semakafu, said women should raise their voices to demand leadership roles within their parties.

"Party councils from the national level to the branch, by nature more than 90 per cent attending the conference are men. There is a problem in a party law and it needs to be amended," Semakafu said.



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‘Govt set to provide 68bn/- to all councils’

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE government is set to provide 68bn/- to all councils in the country to empower women, youth and the disabled in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Minister of State for the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG) Umyy Mwalimu, made the pledge recently when speaking at the Iringa women's economic and social empowerment forum, organised by the Iringa Regional Commissioner Queen Sendiga.

Mwalimu added that the credit regulations provided by the council require that the loans be given to two qualified groups, first if they are starting a business as well as businesses that need to be developed provided that the group is registered.

"Please my fellow women when you are successful, do not despise your husbands, use your success to increase love and solidarity within the family. If the husband offers 5,000/- for use and you add yours, that is solidarity," she said.

She said that in the regions that are doing well in empowering women economically and socially in the country, Iringa is one of the five best regions in the country where they provide training and loans suitable for women.

Mwalimu said the loans, which are issued to special groups by the council of 10% of local revenue, are not optional and should be provided to women, youth and the disabled.

For their part, women and youth who were economically and socially empowered by various organizations in the Iringa region commended the organizations for their economic empowerment.

Violet Ngeliama from Makombe Village in Iringa District through the Kihanga project with funding from World Vision Tanzania (WVT) said that the organization has assisted them in providing health and nutrition education to pregnant women and children.

She said that they have been trained on how to prepare food based on five food groups and they are going to mobilize the community on how to prepare food for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, hence reduction of malnutrition in children.

Ngeliama said that in the regional women empowerment forum she learned many things that women can be empowered and they could showcase the various products they make.

Sarafina Sanga, chairlady of the Girls' with children Group through the Children with Children (CwC) project through SOS Children's Villages Tanzania, said through

the project they were empowered to make batik, water soap, candle making, animal husbandry and agriculture but also engaging in saving and borrowing (SACCOS).

She said that through the CwC project, young people who have given birth at a tender age have had the opportunity to receive various training that will enable them to supplement their income to support their families.

Sanga added that the forum gave them the opportunity to meet various businesses and gain knowledge of making various products as well as how to find markets for their products.

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania Project Manager Iringa Region Victor Mwaipungu said the organization has donated a motorcycle to the CBO called 'Koa Maisha ya Jamii' (OMAJ) of Mufindi district to help women get rid of the economic poverty.

He said the CBO, which was formed by SOS, helped a group of 20 women achieve economic and social goals where the women were awarded by Iringa regional commissioner Queen Sendiga for economic empowerment.

The motorcycle was handed over by SOS in the presence of PMO-RALG Minister Umyy Mwalimu on the occasion of the Iringa Regional Women's Forum.



Deogratius Ndejemi, Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), has an audience in Muheza earlier this week with beneficiaries of Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) support. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPLY OF SOLAR POWER KITS REFERENCE: 0010007283

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to supply solar power kits to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:
EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable manufacturer/supplier to provide services for Supply of Solar Power Kits according to the standards, specifications and descriptions mentioned below:

- STANDARDS:**
The materials, production and assembly of Solar Power kits shall comply with the following standards:
- MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATES**
ISO 9001:2015 / Quality management system; ISO 14001:2015 / Standards for environmental management system; ISO 45001:2018 / International standards for occupational health & safety, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified.
 - PRODUCT CERTIFICATES**
IEC 61215 / IEC 61730 / CE / MCS / INMETRO ; CEC listed (US California) / FSEC (US Florida); UL 61730 / IEC 61701 / IEC 62716 ; UNI 9177 Reaction to Fire: Class 1 / Take-away; ISO 9001: 2015 certified; ISO 14001: 2015 certification signifying the environmental conscious ness; OHSAS 18001: 2007 certified, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified.
 - PRODUCT APPROVALS**
Conforms to IEC 60896; IEC 61427; IS 15549 & IS 16220 Conforms to JIS C 8702; IEC 62109-1/-2, IEC 62116, EN 61000-6-1/-2/-3/-4, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified.

- SOLAR POWER KIT SHALL COMPRISE:**
- 400W Premium Solar Panel.
 - Corresponding Inverter with a wide voltage range and low start up voltage.
 - 12V – 200 AH maintenance free battery.
 - Charge controller.
- The SUPPLIER shall be capable of a minimum supply rate of 30 Solar Power Kits per month to meet COMPANY timeline. COMPANY forecasts a potential of a minimum of 220 total Solar Power Kits, at the above outlined rate of 30 Solar Power Kits per month.
- No material or fittings shall be used in the production until prior approval for its use has been given by the COMPANY; neither shall any change in the nature, quality, kind, and type, source of supply be made without the COMPANY permission.
 - On request and when applicable, the documentation of the quality of products supplied is to be submitted by the manufacturer through working certifications according to applicable Standards. All the records of the test results shall be retained by the manufacturer for future references.
 - Before and after awarding the tender to the Manufacturer, the COMPANY reserves the right to inspect the testing capability and witness the tests carried out at the Manufacturer's Laboratory and/or independent laboratory facility to evaluate the product quality against the applicable standards.
 - The COMPANY shall appoint a representative to witness all the tests conducted at the Manufacturer's laboratory facility and the representative shall submit all the test results to the Supplier & COMPANY independently. The COMPANY reserves the right to approve the Products based on quality test reports before delivery to the site.
 - All Solar Power Kits, hardware and fixings shall come with a materials and workmanship warranty for a period of 12 months from the date of delivery.

- MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**
Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 10 years' experience / performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
 - Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
 - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
 - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
 - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (not exceeding 20Mbs) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **8th December, 2021**. Email subject should be **0010007283**.

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



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF FABRICATION AND SUPPLY OF WINDOWS REFERENCE: 0010007285

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide services for Fabrication and Supply of windows to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:
EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable manufacturer to provide services for Fabrication and Supply of Anodized Aluminium Sliding Windows and Grills according to the standards, dimensions and description mentioned below:

- STANDARDS:**
The materials, production and assembly of Aluminium windows shall comply with the following standards: BS 4873:2009 – Aluminium Alloy Windows and Door Sets. Specification, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified
- DIMENSIONS & DESCRIPTIONS:**
- 80 x 27 x 1mm thick anodized Aluminium sliding window overall size 1200 x 1200mm high, comprising of 5mm clear glass with fibre mosquito net 0.25 x 1mm, hollow section m/s with 25 x 4mm flat bar (100x100) painted and coffee wire mesh. Complete with necessary locks, rollers on sliding shutters and any associated fittings.
 - 80x 27x 1mm thick anodized Aluminium sliding window overall size 900 x 1200mm high, comprising of 5mm clear glass with fibre mosquito net 0.25 x 1mm, hollow section m/s with 25 x 4mm flat bar (100x100) painted and coffee wire mesh. Complete with necessary locks, rollers on sliding shutters and any associated fittings.
 - The COMPANY reserves the right to verify the fabrication of Anodized Aluminium Sliding Windows and Grills at the Manufacturer's premises according to the quality management system as per outlined standards.
 - The SUPPLIER shall be capable of a minimum production rate of 150 windows per month to meet COMPANY timeline.
 - COMPANY forecasts a potential of a minimum of 1200 total windows, at the above outlined rate of 150 windows per month.
 - No material or fittings shall be used in the Works until prior approval for its use has been given by the COMPANY; neither shall any change in the nature, quality, kind, and type, source of supply or manufacture be made without the COMPANY permission.
 - On request and when applicable, the documentation of the quality of Products supplied is to be submitted by the manufacturer through working certifications according to applicable Standards. All the records of the test results shall be retained by the manufacturer for future references.
 - Before and after awarding the tender to the Manufacturer, the COMPANY reserves the right to inspect the testing capability and witness the tests carried out at the Manufacturer's Laboratory and/or independent laboratory facility to evaluate the product quality against the applicable standards.
 - The COMPANY shall appoint a representative to witness all the tests conducted at the Manufacturer's laboratory facility and the representative shall submit all the test results to the contractor & COMPANY independently. The COMPANY reserves the right to approve the Products based on quality test reports before delivery to the site.
 - All windows, hardware and fixings shall come with a materials and workmanship warranty for a period of 12 months from date of delivery.

- MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**
Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 10 years' experience / performance of similar manufacturing services within Tanzania.
 - Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
 - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
 - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
 - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FEEDER AND DISCHARGE CHUTE LINERS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Feeder and Discharge Chute Liners and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of these goods as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01205	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FEEDER AND DISCHARGE CHUTE LINERS

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01205)	60%
Evidence of existing factory facilities to be used for manufacturing the feeder and discharge chute liners (factory to be audited GGM)	10%
Evidence of personnel experienced in designing and manufacturing feeder and discharge chute liners (must be 10 years and more)	10%
Evidence of similar size feeder and discharge chute liners previously manufactured by the supplier and used by various clients in mineral processing applications	20%
Evidence of wear rates of such feeder and discharge chute liners	10%
Evidence that the supplier is capable to manufacture using high chrome alloys to a high-quality standard with appropriate QC processes in place	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01205) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 8TH December 2021 (the "LOI Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

KAHAMA District Commissioner (DC) Festo Kiswaga has decried on acute shortage of power in various investment areas calling on responsible authorities to act on the matter as it is affecting economic activities in the area.

He said when the Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office-Investment Geoffrey Mwambe visited economic empowerment centre and various investment areas in the district.

He called on the Minister to interfere and act on the matter so as to facilitate smooth investment operations but also attract more other investors from in and out Tanzania.

He said in the district, there are a lot of people with funds and they are ready to initiate investment projects but power blues thwart

Kahama suffers power outages

them from implementing the goals.

"We have received potential investors in our district such as Azam, GSM, Kom many others but their investment commitment are being hit by the challenges of power infrastructures," Kiswaga told the Minister.

In his remarks, Minister Mwambe commended the district for setting aside attractive areas for investment and directed public institutions to fulfill their responsibility.

He further commended the establishment of the economic empowerment centre in the district,

which has been supporting people to grow

He said the economic empowerment policy of 2004, is aimed at helping citizens to own the economy, by increasing their incomes through engaging in various economic projects.

Bryson Balemba, commercial manager at Kom Food products said the factory has not started operations, with the biggest challenge being lack of reliable electricity.

He said the factory needs nine megawatts of power to facilitate machinery operations.



Dr Angelina Mabula (2nd-L, foreground), Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, pictured on Tuesday having a view of a National Housing Corporation commercial building at Mutukula in Misenyi District, in Kagera Region - just next to the Tanzania-Uganda border. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

By Correspondent George Sembony

A DAR ES SALAAM-based NGO—New Hope Tanzania (NEHOTA) has come up with a new project aimed at promoting the use of gas in cooking to control environmental degradation.

The project—'Gas for Conservation of the Environment' or 'Gesi Kwa Hifadhi ya Mazingira Tanzania' in Kiswahili will be implemented from this year to 2030. It aims to eliminate the use of charcoal by substituting it with natural gas.

"The aim is to control the use of firewood and charcoal energies in cooking; people must start using gas as an alternative to save forests from degradation," said Linus Kamafa, the project coordinator.

Kamafa thanked authorities in Ilala District for allowing the NGO to execute the project. He said successful implementation of the project in Ilala would open doors for its execution in other cities.

He said the project is supported by partners such as Equity Bank of Tanzania who provide loans to targeted beneficiaries, Taifa Gas Tanzania who will offer gas

Dar NGO in new project to promote gas use in cooking

services at prices that are below the market prices and Envoter Majiko Workshop—manufactures of special gas cookers.

He said the targeted beneficiaries are food vendors, workers and individuals interested in taking part in the project.

During implementation, ward environmental committees through ward executive officers in 36 wards and 360 streets would work closely with NEHOTA under the supervision of the city environment office.

Kamafa said the project has already been introduced to the Vice President's Office (Union and Environmental Affairs) whereas they have been given a focal person, Mande Timotheo to ensure successful implementation of the project.

Ilala has already appointed a focal person, the City Environmental Officer, who would work on the project.

NEHOTA was invited to participate

in the World Environment Day Celebrations held in Dodoma alongside the Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS).

City environment officer, Peter John, mentioned the wards that will benefit with the project as Vingunguti, Mnyamani, Ilala, Buguruni, GongoLamboto, Ukonga, Pugu, Pugu Station, Kivukoni, Mchikichini, Jangwani, Kisutu and Mchafukoge.

"There have been few attempts to actually promote the use of gas instead of firewood and charcoal whose consumptions seem to be increasing daily," he said.

It is estimated that urban dwellers in Tanzania use over one million tonnes of charcoal as a primary source of energy for cooking annually with Dar es Salaam using about 70 per cent of the total charcoal produced in the country. The amount of charcoal used is equivalent to 109,500 ha of forest loss.

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

THE Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) subsidiary company—Tanzania Electricity Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure Construction (ETDCO) is set to complete 15 ongoing projects worth 151.48bn/- by the end of 2022.

ETDCO acting general manager, MacLean Mbonile told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that among the ongoing projects is the REA phase III Round II in Mbeya and Katavi regions as the projects will involve the transmission of electricity to a total of 194 villages with a total value of 64.5bn/- and which is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

Another project is construction of a 132kv power transmission line from Tabora to Katavi and from Tabora to Kigoma and these projects will enable the transmission of grid electricity to the Katavi and Kigoma regions, he noted

"The roads to be built will have a total length of 776 km and the total value of these projects is 15.9bn/- and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022," he explained.

ETDCO has been providing

ETDCO to complete 15 ongoing projects by December next year

services in electricity infrastructure with high quality, high efficiency, professionalism and affordable cost in order to give the best services to citizens and country at large while contributing to national economic development through the profit made, he said.

He further noted that since its inception in 2017 ETDCO has successfully implemented a total of 74 projects worth 156.03bn/- and among the projects that have been implemented is the construction of a 132kv power transmission line from Mtwara to Lindi worth of 11.4bn/-, which is the first major project implemented by the company since its inception.

"This project involved the construction of an 80 km road transmission line from Mtwara Power Station to Mahumbika Power Station in Lindi Region" said Mbonile.

He said another project was the construction of a power transmission line from Morogoro to the Julius Nyerere dam power generation

project of 33kv power line with a length of 54 km worth 5.8bn/-, and 33kv power transmission line from Mahumbika to Ruangwa worth of 8.7bn/-.

He added that another project is the construction of a second transmission line from gongolamboto to Julius Nyerere dam power generation project which has 33kv power line with a 254 km double circuit was constructed to enhance access to electricity for the JNHPP project contractor and the project brought in the company 17.8bn/

He, however said other construction is to supply electricity from Geita to the existing Biharamulo gold mine which is worth of 6.4bn/- as well as the construction of power transmission line to Mtimba Government town and Ikulu Chamwino which cost 3.4bn/-

According to Eng. Mbonile, as of June 30 this year, ETDCO has made a total profit of 9.6bn/- since its establishment.

Villagers in Mbarali mobilising funds to build road which gets impassable during rainy season

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

KILAMBO villagers in Mbarali District Mbeya Region have started raising funds for road construction to prevent students from being swept away by floods on their way to and from school during the rainy season.

The village is plagued by poor road conditions, especially during the rainy season since 1961, a situation that has been affecting various sectors including health, education, and other economic activities and they have been using donkeys to take patients to hospitals.

Village road construction fundraising committee chairman,

Tatizo Jamson said his people have decided to raise the money to save the lives of their children attending Kilambo Primary School.

He said during the rainy season the water flooded the roads which resulted in the deaths of students by drowning while receiving no assistance from the district and central government. "Our road has not been leveled by a grader, since independence, the situation has made this road impassable during the rainy season and completely cuts off communications with other areas," said Jamson.

According to him, last year four school children died after being swept away by floods on their way to school.

"That's why this year, we decided to raise money to bring a grader to at least make the road passable throughout the year," he said.

So far, according to the chairman, villagers raised 9.3m/-, which is used to lease a grader and work on the troubling road.

One of the villagers, Feston Sagutangu said due to the poor condition of the 40-km road, people are unable to transport their crops from the fields to the market as well as transport agricultural inputs to the fields.

Reports have it that the district council allotted 200m/- for the construction of the road at gravel level, but nothing has been in place.



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Joyce Ndalichako outlines to journalists in Dodoma city yesterday on the achievements the sectors under her portfolio have made over the decades, this as part of the countdown to the climax of celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of Tanganyika's Independence - December 9. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Call for improvement of Igurusi rice market

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

MBEYA Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera has given 30 days to Mbarali District Council officials to ensure that the multi-billion shillings Igurusi Rice Market is operational to help improve the price of rice in the district.

RC Homera tasked Mbarali District Commissioner in collaboration with the district council to meet with the National Network of Farmers' Groups in Tanzania (MVIWATA) and discuss and come up with plans on how the market will be operational.

According to Homera, the market built seven years ago at the tune

of 2bn/-, but so far it has been abandoned and farmers do not use it as intended.

"As government we won't accept this. The market spent a lot of money to accomplish this important market. I want this facility to be operational as soon as possible. At the moment the District Council is not getting anything and our farmers are not benefiting. I want within a month, this market start operating and bring productivity," said Homera.

Igurusi Ward Councilor Hawa Kiwele said the market has been abandoned for a long time and no one is bothered and that it has now

remained a 'white elephant'.

He said traders do not use it and instead rice is sold on the streets and in rice processing plants, something he claimed as incorrect.

"The market was built to the required standards and it has financial services, but it is not used at all, even its infrastructure is not improved so we ask the Regional Commissioner to help us because this market is currently being considered very light," said Kiwele.

Some of the rice farmers in the district cited transport cost as a challenge, noting that it's damn expensive to ferry rice from the rice processing machines to the market.

ICRISAT awarded 2021 Africa Food Prize

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

The international crops research institute for the semi-arid tropics (ICRISAT) has been awarded 2021 Africa Food Prize, for work that has improved food security across 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

ICRISAT, CGIAR research centre, is a non-profit, non-political public international research organisation that conducts agricultural research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa with a wide array of partners throughout the world.

Between 2007 and 2019, ICRISAT led a collaboration of partners to deliver the Tropical Legumes Project. The project, undertaken together with the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), developed 266 improved legume varieties and almost half a million tonnes of seed for a range of legume crops, including cowpeas, pigeon peas, chickpea, common bean, groundnut, and soybean. These new varieties have helped over 25 million smallholder farmers become more resilient to climate change, as well as pest and disease outbreaks.

In addition to these new varieties, the project trained 52 scientists, who are already working in national research institutes

across the continent. Training these next generation scientists in the countries where the projects were implemented, has helped strengthen the research capacity of national agricultural research systems in Africa and contributed to sustaining the gains the projects have made.

ICRISAT awarded the Africa Food Prize for 2021 due to its high commitment towards fostering better agriculture and food systems in the dry lands of Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, including in Tanzania. The African Food Prize recognizes outstanding individuals or institutions that work towards changing agriculture in Africa, from to a successful enterprise.

In Tanzania, ICRISAT has been working closely with the Morogoro-based Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) to facilitate implementation of diverse key agro-projects.

Others are Natural Agricultural Research System, International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT).

"We take this opportunity to thank SUA for their support and close cooperation. This accolade, for which we have been deeply honored would not have been possible without SUA's generosity,

both present and past," appreciated Rebbie Harawa, Regional Director for ICRISAT- East and Southern Africa.

ICRISAT's work in Africa has been true to its holistic approach that encompasses all aspects of smallholder farming. "Not only do we develop and disseminate improved varieties of our mandate crops that are suited to the local agro-ecology, we also empower farmers with access to Agricultural inputs, information, technologies as well as market while simultaneously building policy advocacy for long-term sustainability," expressed Harawa.

With support from ICRISAT through financial auspicious from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, SUA managed to conduct a helpful research, titled 'Climate Change, Commercialization of Gender divides: Alternative pathway for groundnut breeding in Semi-Arid Tanzania'.

Professor Joseph Hella, researcher at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)'s department of Economics and Business studies said in recent years crop development programme has been caught in a paradox of climate change, food and nutrition needs, commercialization and gender participation in production.



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE OF MILLS DURING SHUTDOWN TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring a service for provision of maintenance of Mills during shutdown and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of this service as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01058	PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE OF MILLS DURING SHUTDOWN

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
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List of Directors	1.54%
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At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
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OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
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Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
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At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
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Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01058) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 8TH December 2021 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline". EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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Traffic police ought to quickly work on president's directives

ROAD safety is still a daunting challenge, going by figures on accidents comparing the past two years that were issued by the traffic police commander, ACP Wilbrod Mutafungwa. Hardly anyone was surprised to hear that motorcycle taxis lead in the rate of accidents and fatalities, followed by individual saloon car drivers, then larger vehicles like buses and lorries, and finally commuter bus drivers. It is fairly easy to see that the size of a vehicle isn't the most substantial factor but the scale of responsibility is noticeable.

There were some rather disagreeable elements in the traffic police report to inaugurate the national road safety week, one of which was a proposal rejected by President Samia Suluhu Hassan about half of fines paid by erring motorists be used to uplift controls technologically speaking. The president aired the view that this would provide motivation for fining motorists to reach a specific cash objective, which is at odds with objectives of good governance. Another element was less visible, that fewer accidents was the work of hands, saying authorities managed to avoid this or that number of accidents, as if policy is what did it.

For once, the presentation did plenty of work on the education side of things, which the president similarly emphasised, pointing a finger at reaching out to motorcycle taxi drivers first and foremost, not generalized instruction to motorists as a whole.

At one point the president remarked that checking vehicles

by going underneath and actually examining whatever it is - usability of this or that piece of machinery - was outdated, insisting on using improved vehicle inspection systems. That was the first ideal the president issued as a directive: to work with the private sector to finance these improvements.

What the president essentially suggested in the list of instructions towards the end of her remarks was the need for the police to take a preventive outlook on accidents rather than a reactive approach. The president said that the traffic police department (or specifically the National Road Safety Council) should sit with private sector stakeholders and figure out how to go about this. This might not be forthcoming too easily as traffic controls and procedures are seen as police prerogative, not where they are part of a team.

Looking into some issues as to prevention rather than catching drivers in speed, fining them or just counting fatalities and wounded in case there is a crash, some preliminary measures are possible. We need to take a realistic view of the situation that many drivers aren't civic enough in their outlook to take due care not to cause harm to themselves and others on the roads, if we leave out carelessness of pedestrians as another unavoidable circumstance. Instead of more cameras and traffic police presence, it is vital for TanRoads and REA to design rough road patches that compel motorists to slow down; more bumps when areas of dense population or activity are approached. It can be done.

Economic reform a reliable method for ending violence against women

NOVEMBER 25 is marked worldwide to commemorate the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted without a vote[2] by the United Nations General Assembly on 20th December 1993. It underlined the urgent need for the universal application to women of the rights and principles with regard to equality, security, liberty, integrity and dignity of all human beings that form the core of Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The latter is a central part in the morphology of the United Nations as an institution and was adopted in 1948 as the world was already embroiled in competing visions of human society, between communism and free market capitalism.

This formulation by the UN is really a vexing point of departure, to apply to women the tenets of human rights in the 1948 Declaration, implying that the declaration isn't encompassing enough. This is also what has bedeviled the proper absorption of the gender issue into social outlook and political culture in Africa and elsewhere, as the dominant outlook sees women as a component of society (which the proponents of the UN formulation see as a patriarchal view of things where men dominate). The issue remains unsolved.

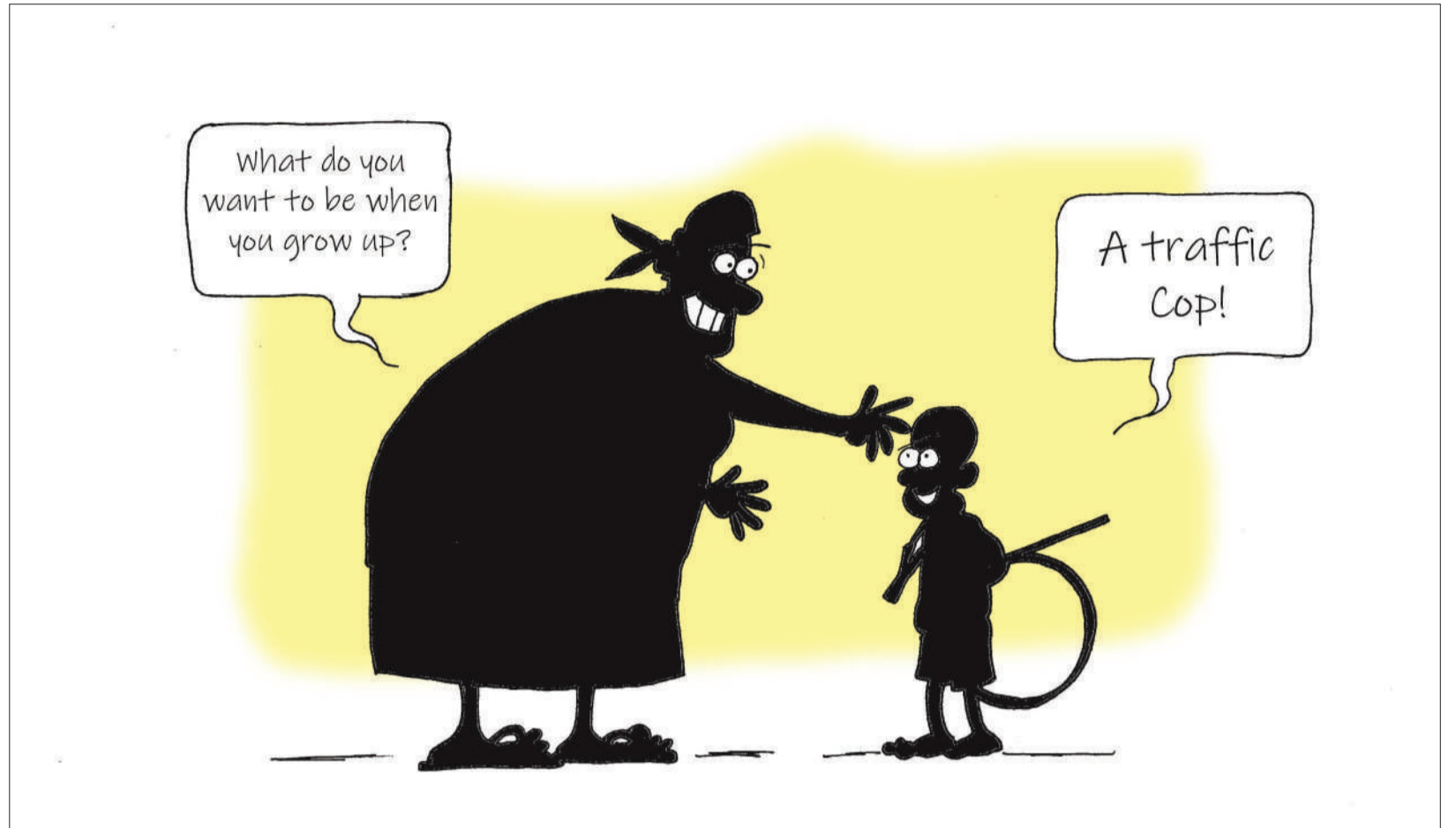
Different from merely contrasting competing formulations either on human rights or women's rights, the more important preoccupation with the matter, marked around the world - is ending real violence among women and children worldwide. There are two sets of

issues in the situation, one that is structural, tied to social systems and figured out in the UN resolution, or in Mwalimu Nyerere's 1967 essay, 'Socialism and Rural Development,' where he pointed out that African society was negatively marked by the inferior status of women. In 1963 Mwalimu was campaigning with vim and vigour among various cattle herding groups to use cattle to pull ploughs and free women from the drudgery of tilling the soil from sunrise to well past midday. He said in a speech then that elders in those areas appeared a bit perplexed.

This is an area where discrimination can properly be said to exist, by a traditional division of labour that shows lack of caring for the labourious tasks allotted for women.

There are other areas where the idea of discrimination is used but harder to make much of it, for instance inheriting land, as clan continuity is tied to birth and a woman born into a household can't raise children to take over precisely that same house or farm. Championing non-discrimination in inheritance without care for clan continuity disables the drive.

Women become more or less emancipated when they have own economic activity where they live and care for kids without excessive dependence on a husband or other consort. Major reforms making the economy private sector based instead of just 'allowing' the private sector free more women than UN exhortations. We should pursue women's emancipation in reality via jobs, industry, which presumes reforms, rather than in activist conferences.



Nigeria shouldn't have joined the race to Net Zero

By Habiba Ahut Daggash

A report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change showed that limiting global warming 1.5°C, which scientific consensus suggests is the tipping point beyond which catastrophic climate change will occur, required global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to reach zero by 2050 and become net-negative thereafter. With these findings and increased pressure on governments from citizens to accelerate climate action, over 130 countries pledged to deliver Net Zero by 2050. At the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, COP26, President Buhari committed Nigeria to a 2060 target. The announcement, met with celebration and surprise, is indicative of increasing consensus that climate change mitigation efforts need to be accelerated, but more so that the mix of pressure and persuasion - often in the form of investment contingent on progressive climate action - from advanced economies has worked. I had expected Nigeria to resist this pressure, given our negligible contribution to historical GHG emissions and the limited

understanding of what Net Zero would mean for our underdeveloped economy and energy systems. So, I was curious about the factors, be they economic or political, that influenced the government's announcement.

After the announcement, the government presented its first-ever energy transition plan, which detailed how it planned to deliver climate change mitigation within its borders and seemed to be the evidence backing the Net Zero pledge. The plan was prepared for the Federal Ministry of Environment by a leading management consulting firm in collaboration with Sustainable Energy for All. It assessed how key sectors of the economy need to transit to deliver Net Zero by 2050, compared to a business-as-usual scenario where no decarbonisation action is taken. Decarbonisation strategies are often informed by energy system models, which are mathematical models that can guide decision-making on the design and operation of an energy system by illustrating different strategies to meet future demands and environmental targets. They are designed to meet such targets, while optimising economic, operational, or environmental factors (such as

energy price, investment cost, or greenhouse gas emissions) given real-world constraints such as energy demand, technology costs and resource availability. These models are data-intensive and computationally complex because a wide range of design features and model inputs (thus results) are possible.

The firm that led the work used one of its proprietary analytical tools to develop pathways for Nigeria's energy and industrial sectors. The acceptance of a model that is not widely accessible or peer-reviewed to inform policy that has potentially far-reaching implications for the economy is irresponsible, as it has limited our ability to critique the underlying assumptions in the plan and assess whether they are suitable to our nation's context. It may be the case that the pathway modelled focused on driving down emissions as quickly as possible, with little consideration of the optimal pathway for job creation or local resource utilisation.

According to the plan, delivering Net Zero would only allow for a limited increase in emissions until 2025, after which they need to fall rapidly to zero by mid-century. Essentially, economic planning

decisions must ensure that whatever population and economic growth occurs in this period does so in a manner that will be carbon-neutral or -negative.

This is a staggering challenge as industrialised economies have historically experienced significant rise in emissions from the fossil fuel use that drove economic growth, which then peaked post-industrialisation through increased energy efficiency and renewable energy use. Unlike advanced economies, Nigeria isn't so much committing to an energy transition - because we don't have established energy and industrial systems to transition from - but attempting a new, low-carbon model of development that hasn't been trialled elsewhere. Should this model fail to realise the levels of economic growth achieved by fossil fuels, the effects will likely be borne solely by us. Given our negligible contribution to climate change, why should we share the burden of mitigation equally with industrialised countries that are pressuring us to achieve carbon-neutrality at the same time?

Dr. Habiba Ahut Daggash, PhD DIC Meng (Oxon) AMIChemE AMEI, writes from Abuja

South Africa is locked into a shaky future of coalitions, and we cannot afford to wait for politicians to save us

By Imraan Buccus

GIVEN our lack of a shared national vision, the immaturity of many of our politicians and the normalisation of dishonesty, insult and general crudity in our public sphere, it is possible we will turn towards more independent forms of organisation.

Brace yourself, South Africa. The next five years in local government will be a rough ride. The horse-trading in the hung councils might bring some temporary relief but none of these coalitions is a match made in heaven. The minion parties now have an inflated sense of their power and they will want to exercise it to the full. Many will also want to get their faces into the pie and will try to use their new power to access tenders.

In many parts of the world coalition governments are systematically unstable. Witness Italy, which since World War 2 has been a revolving door of shaky governments. India, the world's most populous democracy, also has an unhappy record with coalitions. Coalitions can be well managed, as we see in Germany and the

Netherlands, but that takes a strong sense of a shared commitment to putting the national interest before petty party politicking. This is not easily achieved in societies with stark political divisions and a lack of even a basic shared vision.

The tragedy in South Africa is that the ANC, which had the sort of widespread support in and out of elected office to drive a real programme of change, has squandered the people's trust through systemic corruption and poor service delivery. History shows that when national liberation movements start to lose popular support the decline is irreversible, and becomes increasingly rapid.

We are unlikely to return to a situation in which one party can win decisive victories for many years, perhaps at least a generation. For the foreseeable future, elections will result in coalitions, initially in local government and then in national government. Given our lack of a shared national vision, the immaturity of many of our politicians and the normalisation of dishonesty, insult and general crudity in our public sphere, one possible outcome of all this is a turn

away from hope in the state and towards more independent forms of organisation.

And the hung councils are just a passing show. Government is fast becoming irrelevant to many people as the poor start to abandon hope of ever receiving services or housing, let alone jobs. Middle-class communities go off-grid, turning their noses up at Eskom and an unstable water supply. The new coalitions might find themselves with little to steal as the tax coffers dry up.

But the turn away from trust in the state can take many forms. In some cases, it can be progressive, as with the hugely impressive eKhenana Commune in Cato Manor in Durban, where residents have built their own homes, school, agricultural project, community hall and more. In other cases, it can take the form of the middle classes simply withdrawing from the rest of society via private schools, security, healthcare as well as private access to water and electricity.

There are also incredibly dangerous forms of organisation that can emerge from a collapse of confidence in the state. As we saw during the July riots, armed groups

were formed to take over policing in the absence of the state, with, in some cases, horrific consequences.

But this is not the whole story. During the riots there were also all kinds of projects to build solidarity, such as bringing in and distributing food. As confidence in the state collapses it will become increasingly necessary for us to disentangle the exclusionary and dangerous elements of the turn towards self-reliance from the positive possibilities rooted in building solidarity.

South Africans are battered by corruption, an increasingly failed state and a shrill, crude and often dishonest and threatening political culture. We are exhausted. But this is not the time to give up. This is the time to dig deep and build a politics of decency, honesty and solidarity from within society. Waiting for the politicians to save us is no longer credible. It's up to us from here on.

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Caring for twins: Easy for some, hard for many

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

HAVING twins is always a joy because it is not a common occurrence. However, taking care of them has proved to be a daunting task for many families in low-income bracket.

Many parents with such children are economically disadvantaged, a situation that makes them unable to provide for basic needs such as food, clothing and health.

At a recent Twins Introduction Festival held in Dar es Salaam, some parents and guardians appealed to the government to recognize the barriers and help them as it does for other needy groups.

At the festival, organized by Eden Twins Foundation, a Dar es Salaam resident, Saida Gaddafi, who struggles to care for her twins, made the request.

"My plea to the government is that it needs to recognize these families as having special needs and support them as it does for other groups, as it is no secret that many families live in poverty," said Gaddafi.

She said there have been many non-governmental organizations serving various groups, and that in terms of families of twin children; it is Eden Twins Foundation alone.

"So I would like to take this opportunity to urge the government and other stakeholders to support Eden Twins Foundation's efforts to support this group, as many families need assistance," she said.

Zainabu Mlanzi, a resident of Mkuranga in Coast Region, who has nine children who were born



Eden Twins Foundation Chairperson Diana Mbena speaks at Twins Introduction Festival held recently in Dar es Salaam. Photo/Sabato Kasika

twins, said she lives difficult life as she is unable to provide for her children.

"I am a widow, I have been left with 10 children including nine twins, I live with them-alone with the help of well-wishers including Eden Twins Foundation. I am pleading to the government to recognize us and support

us," she said.

Zainabu said sometimes she asks people for medicines including pain killers whenever children are sick, adding that she knows that it is not advisable to take medication without consulting a doctor but she has no option.

"Another problem is clothing, including school

uniforms and food; I rely on help from well-wishers. My relatives cannot support me because they have their own families to take care of."

Fredrick Mwansasu, a resident of Kongowe in Coast Region, said he has three children who were born twins and that he struggles to support them

because he is as a casual laborer.

"My life is a struggle, I am unable to take good care of my twin children and their two older siblings due to the fact that I have no reliable income," he said.

He said there is need for various stakeholders to be involved in providing support for people in such

need as well as working with the government to help families with twin children.

Eden Twins Foundation chairperson Diana Mbena said she set up the organization in May this year to help identify the challenges facing families with twins in the country.

She said that currently, the organization is working in a few regions including Dar es Salaam and the Coast, adding that it is in the process of expanding its activities to other regions in the country to raise more awareness on the group and bring hope to the many families with twins who are facing difficulties in taking care of their children.

"The twin awareness festival held in Dar es Salaam is the first since the establishment of our organization; we are now planning to go to other regions to introduce it to local stakeholders," she said.

Mbena said the organization is still in its early stages but will strive to ensure it goes to various parts of the country with the aim of raising awareness and removing the barriers faced by families with twin children.

"We started with a festival that involved twin families from the Dar es Salaam and Coast regions, people have realized the existence of our organization, now the remaining work is to move forward," she said.

"I have been mobilizing resources from my friends for necessities such as clothes, food, and stipend for caring for these families," she said.

She added that she aspires to nurture talent, enable them to make positive progress, inspire communities about environmental conservation and increase awareness, recognition and promote the best interests of twins within in the country.

Covid-19 pandemic pushing Africa's children out of school

Nairobi

KENYA'S secondary schools' administration has been in the eye of a storm since schools reopened in October 2021. Since then, students have set on fire 35 schools and counting, forcing the government to announce an unscheduled break from school - ahead of the planned December 23 closing.

Sarah Kitana, a secondary school teacher in Kathiani, Machokos County, tells IPS that fewer students are in classrooms after a year of COVID-19-driven disruptions and the ensuing prolonged out-of-school period. This is even more evident in rural areas.

"Those that returned are finding it very difficult to cope with the new fast-paced learning to make up for the lost time. Secondary school students take on eight to 13 subjects. Some schools have their students waking up at 3.00 am to be in class by 4.30 am and to end the day at 10.45 pm," she says.

"These are efforts to help bring some normalcy to a disrupted, re-structured and shortened academic calendar. It will take up to January 2023 for Kenya's school calendar to regain some normalcy."

Pre-COVID Africa and more so, sub-Saharan Africa was already off-track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4 to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all."

In 2019, UNESCO's Institute for Statistics indicated that of all regions, sub-

Saharan Africa has the highest rates of education exclusion, as, over one-fifth of children between ages six and 11, one-third of 12 to 14-year-olds and 60 percent of those aged 15 to 17 were not in school.

In July 2021, UNICEF announced that at least 40 percent of all school-aged children across Eastern and Southern Africa were out of school due to COVID-19 and other pre-pandemic challenges facing the persistently fragile education system.

UN data shows there are at least 15 countries with active armed conflict in sub-Saharan Africa. Civil war, adolescent girls' pregnancies, child marriages, access challenges due to disabilities, climate change-induced displacements, COVID-19 economic shocks will only increase the number of out of school children, says Josephat Kimathi, an educationist at Kenya's Ministry of Education.

Missing out on education can have lifelong impacts. Save the Children's July 2020 forecasts suggested that children, at that time out-of-school due to pandemic-driven school closures, could lose out on \$10 trillion in earnings.

In 16 out of Kenya's 47 counties, a baseline survey by UNICEF found that more than 27,500 children with disabilities were out of school.

Not only has an entire generation's education disrupted in the history of humanity, Kimathi says quality, safe, gender-responsive and inclusive education for Africa's children is increasingly out of reach.

"In comparison, Kenya



Quality, safe, gender-responsive and inclusive education for Africa's children increasingly out of reach, say experts. Credit: Joyce Chimbi/IPS

is a fairly stable country. But the fact that 1.8 million children and adolescents aged six to 17 years are out of school. Another 700,000 small children, aged four to five years, cannot access early childhood interactive opportunities to prepare them for entry into primary school speaks volumes about less stable nations," Kimathi tells IPS.

One in four children in Africa live in conflict zones. A new analysis by Save the Children of 12

countries at extreme risk of increased school drop-outs show that apart from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Yemen, the rest are African countries, including Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Chad, Niger, Mauritania, Nigeria and Senegal.

Across Africa, Kimathi says, the poorest children in rural, drought-stricken, minority and marginalized communities will suffer the most from the devastating effects of the pandemic.

Grace Gakii, a Nairobi-based gender expert, says the pandemic is already pushing even more girls out of Africa's education system. At least one million girls in Africa may never return to school, according to a 2021 report by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

Pre-COVID, nine million girls between six and 11 years, compared to six million boys of the same age, living in sub-Saharan Africa will never go to school, according to UNESCO.

Gakii speaks of escalating challenges in arid, semi-arid and pastoralist communities to enrol and retain girls in school and fears losing gains made.

Elangata Enterit boarding primary school in Kenya's pastoralist community of Narok South is a perfect example of success. In 2007, the school did not have a single girl sit for the crucial and compulsory Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE).

With intervention, the

number of girls sitting for KCPE rose to 30 students in 2016 and continues to grow.

Despite 42 countries in Africa providing free and compulsory primary school education and the Africa Union Member States striving to invest at least 20 percent of their domestic budget in education, before COVID-19, UNESCO data shows that 100 million children were out of school in sub-Saharan Africa.

In July 2020, Save the Children estimated that the pandemic-driven "recession will leave a shortfall of \$77 billion in education spending in some of the poorest countries in the world over the next 18 months."

Kimathi says that Africa will need context-specific education plans to help build resilience against shocks to an already weak education system to get back on track. It will also need money to implement the action plans. Finally, it will require proactive measures to keep children safe and systems to track and ensure that the continent stays on course.

He lauds Kenya's efforts to accelerate the implementation of the right to education for all children.

This includes the ongoing 'Operation Come to School Programme' targeting 16 rural Counties notorious for out-of-school children.

This, he says, is critical to achieving SDG 4, especially in light of dire predictions by UNESCO estimating that 50 percent of children in sub-Saharan Africa will not complete secondary school education by 2030.

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No vaccine for the pandemic of violence against women across Latin America

Despite significant legal advances in Latin American countries to address gender-based violence, it continues to be a serious challenge, especially in a context of social crisis aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic, which hits women especially hard.

"Existing laws and regulations have not stopped the violence, including femicide (gender-based murders). There is a kind of paralysis at the Latin American level, on the part of the State and society, where we don't want to take much notice of what is happening, and women are blamed," said María Pessina Itriago, a professor and researcher and the director of the Gender Observatory at UTE University in Quito.

Pessina, a Venezuelan who lives in the Ecuadorian capital and spoke to IPS by telephone from the university, said violence against women is age-old, and "we are still considered second-class citizens who are not recognized as social subjects." And this dates way back - to the slaughter of "witches" in Europe in the Middle Ages, for example, she added.

"The genocide of women is something that has not stopped and now in the context of the pandemic has become more serious. I believe that, in reality, the pandemic that we have experienced for many years is precisely this, that of gender violence," she remarked.

Her reflection came ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which is celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 25 and kicks off 16 days of activism until Dec. 10, World Human Rights Day.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and U.N. Women warned in March that globally one in three women suffers gender-based violence. And that the problem, far from diminishing, had grown during the covid pandemic and the restrictions and lockdowns put in place to curb it.

The study "Global and regional estimates of violence against women: prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence", which analyzed data from 2000 to 2018, is the most far-reaching produced by WHO on the topic.

The report, published in March of this year, stresses that violence against women is "pervasive and devastating" and affects one in three women with varying degrees of severity.

For Latin America and the Caribbean, the study puts the prevalence rate of violence against women aged 15 to 49 at 25 percent.

A regional epidemic during the global pandemic

With respect to femicides, the Gender Equality Observatory of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) reports that 4640 women died from this cause in 2019. The organization also called attention to the intensification of violence against girls and women during the pandemic.

The panorama is compounded



Despite restrictions due to covid, women from various feminist, youth and civil society groups gathered in the central Plaza San Martín in Lima and marched several blocks demanding justice and protesting impunity for violence against women, on Nov. 25, 2020. CREDIT: Mariela Jara/IPS

by the gendered impacts of the pandemic on employment, which reduces women's economic autonomy and makes them more vulnerable to violence.

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), the region of the Americas experienced the largest reduction in female employment during covid, a situation that will not be reversed in 2021.

Peruvian sociologist Cecilia Olea, of the non-governmental Articulación Feminista Marcosur (AFM), which is made up of 17 organizations from 11 countries - nine South American na-

tions, Mexico and the Dominican Republic - said there have been significant advances in the last 30 years in the fight against gender violence.

Among them, she cited the fact that States recognize their responsibility for the problem and no longer consider it a private matter.

She also pointed out that Latin America is the only region in the world with a specific human rights treaty on the issue: the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, known as the Convention of Belem do Para after the Brazilian city

where it was approved in 1994, which established women's right to live free of violence and set the framework for national laws to address this violation of women's rights.

However, Olea said in an interview with IPS in Lima that the legal and regulatory framework has not been accompanied by political strategies to change the social imaginary of masculinity and femininity, which would provide incentives to modify the culture of inequality between men and women; on the contrary, she said, the violence forms part of a culture of impunity.



Peruvian sociologist Cecilia Olea, a member of the Articulación Feminista Marcosur (AFM), which brings together feminist networks from 11 Latin American countries, takes part in a demonstration outside the Peruvian Health Ministry in Lima, demanding reproductive rights. CREDIT: Mariela Jara/IPS

"Males feel free to oppress and governments are failing in their responsibility to guarantee comprehensive sex education throughout the educational system, in primary school and technical and higher education; this program exists by law but implementation is deficient due to lack of training for teachers and the opportunity to train people in new forms of masculinity is lost, for example," she remarked.

Olea, a feminist activist and one of the founders of the AFM, said that not only do governments have a responsibility to prevent, address and eradicate gender violence, but there is also an urgent need to ensure health services; justice with due diligence, as the current delays revictimize and inhibit the use of regulatory instruments; and budgets to correct the current shortfall that prevents a better response to this social problem.

Cultural change in the new generations

Raised in a machista home, Pessina rebelled against gender norms from an early age and her constant questioning led her to come up with a new definition of how a good person should act.

"I believe that good people do not tolerate injustice or inequality of any kind, which is why I became a feminist about 15 years ago and I am very happy to be able to contribute a grain of sand with my students," she said.

Pessina said the challenges to progress in the eradication of violence against women are to provide public policies with a budget to make them work; and to achieve an alliance between the State, civil society organizations and feminist movements to create a road map that incorporates excluded voices, such as those of indigenous women.

"The places where they can file reports are not near their towns, they have to go to other towns and when they get there they often cannot communicate in their own language because of the colonialist view that everything must be in Spanish, and there are no interpreters," she complained.

Another part of the problem, she said, is that "the State itself blocks complaints and keeps these people marginalized, and they are not taken into account in the countries' statistics on violence."

The third challenge was to work with the media in Latin America because of their role in the construction of imaginaries, in order to generate the figure of the ombudsperson focused on gender to ensure that information is treated in a way that contributes to equality and does not reproduce discriminatory stereotypes.

Pessina said that what is needed is a cultural transformation driven by the new generations, in favor of gender equality.

"We see more young feminist women activists mobilizing to make it happen and they will make a turnaround; not now, but maybe in a decade we will be talking about other things. These new generations not only of women but of men, I think they are our hope for change," she said.

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Dar NGO in new project to promote gas use in cooking

By Correspondent George Sembony

A DAR ES SALAAM-based NGO—New Hope Tanzania (NEHOTA) has come up with a new project aimed at promoting the use of gas in cooking to control environmental degradation.

The project—'Gas for Conservation of the Environment' or 'Geski Kwa Hifadhi ya Mazingira Tanzania' in Kiswahili will be implemented from this year to 2030. It aims to eliminate the use of charcoal by substituting it with natural gas.

"The aim is to control the use of firewood

and charcoal energies in cooking; people must start using gas as an alternative to save forests from degradation," said Linus Kamafa, the project coordinator.

Kamafa thanked authorities in Ilala District for allowing the NGO to execute the project. He said successful implementation of the project in Ilala would open doors for its execution in other cities.

He said the project is supported by partners such as Equity Bank of Tanzania who provide loans to targeted beneficiaries, Taifa Gas Tanzania who will offer gas services at prices that are below the market

prices and Envoter Majiko Workshop—manufactures of special gas cookers.

He said the targeted beneficiaries are food vendors, workers and individuals interested in taking part in the project.

During implementation, ward environmental committees through ward executive officers in 36 wards and 360 streets would work closely with NEHOTA under the supervision of the city environment office.

Kamafa said the project has already been introduced to the Vice President's Office (Union and Environmental Affairs) whereas

they have been given a focal person, Mande Timotheo to ensure successful implementation of the project.

Ilala has already appointed a focal person, the City Environmental Officer, who would work on the project.

NEHOTA was invited to participate in the World Environment Day Celebrations held in Dodoma alongside the Tanzania Forest Service Agency (TFS).

City environment officer, Peter John, mentioned the wards that will benefit with the project as Vingunguti, Mnyamani, Ilala, Buguruni, GongoLamboto, Ukonga,

Pugu, Pugu Station, Kivukoni, Mchikichini, Jangwani, Kisutu and Mchafukoge.

"There have been few attempts to actually promote the use of gas instead of firewood and charcoal whose consumptions seem to be increasing daily," he said.

It is estimated that urban dwellers in Tanzania use over one million tonnes of charcoal as a primary source of energy for cooking annually with Dar es Salaam using about 70 per cent of the total charcoal produced in the country. The amount of charcoal used is equivalent to 109,500 ha of forest loss.

BEST a promising turning point for cassava farming

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Building Economically Sustainable Seed System for Cassava in Tanzania (BEST Cassava) Project has helped to improve performance of the agriculture sub-sector.

With the support from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the five year (2017-2021) project has equipped farmers with access to improved and disease-free varieties.

Implemented by the Menonite Economic Development Association (MEDA) in partnership with the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), the constructive initiative assisted for the introduction of nine improved cassava seed varieties in the span of five years of its operation.

"Through the project, TARI was funded to research and produce five new varieties of disease - tolerant, namely TARI-Cass I, TARI-Cass II, TARI-Cass III, TARI-Cass IV, and TARI-Cass V," said Stephen Magige, Country Manager for MEDA -Best Cassava.

He said that the project also facilitates for the promotion of another four cassava varieties, among them include Kiroba, Kizimbani, Kipusa and Mkuranga one.

"These seeds were prior used by the farmers in Coastal lowland regions, but through the project, the varieties have been released and promote to be used by farmers countrywide.

There're 17 others seed varieties in the pipeline to be released to the farmers in a near future

In the past, he said the situation was bad as farmers were recycling the seeds and waiting for free distribution from district councils, NGOs or purchase from unreliable sources.

"The project helped to bridge the existed gap between the farmers and seed breeder (TARI), through using of the commercial model that create Cassava Seed Entrepreneur's (CSE) farmers, the farmers who have been trained and turned into professional seed dealers," Magige explained.

Through the project, he said, 606 CSEs' farmers have been trained and officially registered at TOSCI for a general purpose to produce and market to the farmers improved cassava seeds at patriotic prices.

Magige said the CSEs' farmers are currently producing the seeds at different levels, including basic, certified and Quality Declared Seed (QDS).

"This system has for the first time in Tanzania enabled for the professional system on registering, inspection and seed certification standards for cassava seeds," he said, adding that with the improved seeds being introduced throughout the project, farmers are successful managed to address cassava mosaic and cassava streak diseases.

Operated in the 11 regions of Coastal, Morogoro, Tanga, Mtwara, Lindi, Ruvuma, Mwanza, Kagera, Mara, Geita and Kigoma, the ini-

tiative which is due to phase out on 31st December, this year has managed to reach out to and assisted at least 46,596 cassava farmers in the regions in question.

"The project has also managed to effectively advocating for friendly policy towards the cassava sub-sector, especially among the producer farmers as well as other players in the cassava sub sector," he said.

The initiative did a lot to advance TARI's seed production technologies, for instance, the project installed a modern laboratory equipment at TARI-Kibaha, specifically to facilitate tissue culture seed production technology as well as other useful seed multiplication technologies such as Semi-Autotropic Hydroponic (SAH) and two nodes multiplication.

The project also assisted TOSCI to purchase modern equipment for their lab used for seed diagnosis. It has also empowered TOSCI with diverse technologies, such as the cassava seed tracker technology.

Other agro technologies introduced by the project is the introduction of the Plant Village Nuru App.

With the said App, he detailed, the farmers are currently stand a self-professional chance to detect diseases that are infecting their crops while on the fields.

"We have also managed to develop a viable business models with an eye to ensure for quality and profitability among the cassava tuber farmers, seed producer farmers as well as processors," he noted.

The project has recorded a number of achievements that lure different cassava stakeholders to come in the country from Kenya, Burundi and Rwanda to learn the systems.

In order to fast-track seed inspection and certification exercises, the programme facilitated special seed inspection training to 130 extension officers in different rural areas.

The said agricultural extension officers have been equipped with skills and knowledge in seed inspection, and are legally recognized by TOSCI.

To ensure for sustainability of the initiative, Magige stated that the project had developed a constructive supportive structure, which among others, include formation of the association of cassava seed producer farmers as well as that of processors.

Apart from the modern lab, the project empowered TOSCI with diverse technologies—cassava seed tracker technology.

According to him, the vital agro-technologies introduced by the project is the introduction of the Plant Village Nuru App.

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"We have also managed to develop a viable business models with an eye to ensure for quality and profitability among the cassava tuber farmers, seed producer farmers as well as processors," he said, noting:

"With the achievements recorded in the project, more cassava stakeholders are coming in Tanzania from as far as Kenya, Burundi and Rwanda to learn the systems.



'Building capacity for domestic resource mobilisation essential'

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TAX stakeholders have called on the government to realise the role of domestic resource mobilisation to ensure the provision of quality public service and a clean energy transition, saying they should be the most priority aspect in the country mining policy.

Speaking at FES/PSI national follow up workshop on extractives in Dodoma recently, they also said there is a need to ensure that locals at mining sites enjoys better public social services.

Special Seats MP Esther Matiko said that the current revenue collection arrangement ensures revenue collected are taken to the central government while the locals living around the mining centers continue to be poor, leaves a lot to be desired.

Citing an example of Tarime District (where gold is mined), the MP said the district has minerals but mining companies haven't done enough to develop the areas as many people are still poor also lacking essential public social services.

"Experience shows that people who live around the mining sector are poor and don't have necessary public services such as good roads infrastructures, water, education and health care services," she said.

She said the government should come up with a policy that will enable mining companies to improve public social services and standard of living of locals around the mining sites through royalties and tax payments.

Geita Urban MP, Constantine Kanyasu explained that the government should work on the policy so that minerals benefit the indigenous communities around the mining site.

"We should change the policy

so that minerals improve people around there." As MPs we have a role to make that realized he said.

He also advised that on illicit financial trafficking, the government should find a smart way of strengthening legal framework to stop it because it's a business that involves most knowledgeable individuals.

Special Seats legislator Nusrat Hanje said that if the government has been collecting revenues as per laws and policy, the ordinary citizens would have been relieved of annoyance taxes such as mobile tax transactions which is a burden to low income earners.

"When it comes to extractive sector, the government should block the revenue leakage so that it can get much money for the public social services instead of eyeing small amount of money from the ordinary citizens who are just making a living," she said.

Project Officer from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Tanzania Anna Mbise explained that the aim of the meeting was to share policy recommendations informed by tax justice related studies that have been conducted by FES/PSI (2018) and Action Aid Tanzania (2021) with Members of Parliament. The objectives of the studies were to identify ways in which the government has been losing revenues in and provide recommendations to promote proper revenue collection and distribution for tax justice in strategic sectors i.e. extractive sector.

She said both FES/PSI and ActionAid conducted studies that has revealed that the government loose revenues due to tax avoidance, tax incentives and other sources from multinational companies.

"We have outlined and shared our recommendations with Members of Parliament on how the government can raise the collection of revenues from extractives and

ensure the revenues are properly used to improve different public social services.", FES, Tanzania trade unions organizing workers from the public sectors (PSI affiliates), ActionAid and other tax justice related CSOs believe that inclusive social services delivery is possible when tax loopholes especially in strategic sectors like minerals are blocked She said.

Presenting a paper on policy recommendations for tax justice in the mining sector in Tanzania, ActionAid tax advisor Dr Balozi Morwa said countries in the global South have already missed out on significant amounts of potential revenue from extractive companies due to gaps in tax systems and harmful tax incentives. Tax havens, tax treaties and a lack of transparency exacerbate these challenges.

He said the countries must strengthen their tax policies to improve domestic resource mobilization, finance the SDGs, ensure a just transition, and costing-in of externalities. At the same time while the extractive sector contributes a significant share of export earnings in developing countries, 92% for Guinea, 92% for Botswana, 93% for Democratic Republic of Congo and 75% for Zambia, 35% for Tanzania, this often doesn't correspond to the share of revenue realized by the government from the sector. For instance, the contribution of mining varies significantly across countries, from 3 to 25 per cent of total government revenues. He said the variation does not always correspond to the value of the production of the countries extractive sector. Botswana stands out with a more closely corresponding revenue contribution of its extractive sector to its export earnings.

Citing an example, he said between 2013-2021, there was a tax loss of 17.4 trillion/- (US\$7.6 billion)-

after factoring-in the settlement of one of the mining companies (Name withheld) outstanding tax and disputes.

This is almost equal to the country's annual tax collection for 2020/21, and would be enough to raise the country's tax-to-GDP ratio to 28.5%, close to that of Switzerland and just 5.3% points below the average OECD rate. This would be enough to cover the country's annual budget deficit of 3.4 trillion/- five times.

"If just 20% of this total amount forgone (3.4 trillion/-) had been allocated to the education sector in 2019/20, it could have nearly doubled the education budget, from 4.5 trillion/- (\$1.9 billion) to 7.9 trillion/- (\$3.4 billion)," he explained.

He said these additional funds would have been enough to cover the annual salary of the estimated 186,898 pre-primary and primary teachers estimated to be needed to reach an ambitious PTR of 40:1 at primary level and 25:1 at pre-primary level.

Cover the construction cost of all 226,065 classrooms estimated to be needed across the country and cover the education costs of the 3.5 million children and young people aged between 7 and 17 estimated to be out of school and still have around 1 trillion/- (\$461 million) left over to cover other critical needs within the sector

Even with all these costs accounted for, there would still be a remaining balance of 13.9 trillion/- (\$6 billion) to invest in other national development priorities such as health, water, infrastructure, energy and agriculture

The meeting aimed at sharing the right proposals for tax justice in the mining sector in Tanzania with Members of various Parliamentary Committees.

Empower smallholders to unlock potential in agriculture

By Habib Miradji

ACHIEVING sustainable agricultural growth and development in Africa will greatly depend on more farmers—the smallholders to be specific—getting timely access to affordable inputs.

This ties in very well with the implementation of credit guarantee schemes for importers, distributors and agro-dealers through facilitation funding of agriculture value-chain players by financial institutions. And it is along these lines that one can zoom on credit guarantee models currently being developed in several African countries, including Tanzania.

Progress on implementation of resolutions contained in the 2006 African Heads of State Abuja Declaration for the achievement of the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) has been slow due to several barriers at national and regional levels.

These barriers include financial constraints, insufficient number of agro-dealers, ineffective laws, unproductive investment policy environments, and undeveloped market infrastructure.

On the ground, smallholder farmers, in particular, need special support – as they usually cannot afford the high input prices, calling in an

inclusive approach involving all value chain actors. At the end of the day, the target remains one of improving the agricultural productivity by providing financing required to debottleneck the timely access to affordable inputs within the context of the Africa Food Security Vision, the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa's Agenda 2063.

For this to happen, concrete measures have to be taken to, among others, develop and scale up input dealers' and community-based networks across rural areas, calling into play the private sector and development partners.

It is through this mirror that we can look at the contribution of the mechanisation division of the Tanzania-based Export Trading Group (ETG). Tagged ETG Agro Tractors & Implements Ltd (EATIL), its activities spin on an integrated agricultural supply chain operating in 40 countries around the globe.

Twenty-eight of these countries are in Africa, including Tanzania, which also acts as the nucleus. EATIL, which was incorporated in Tanzania in 2007 – one year after the Abuja Declaration—engages in empowering the smallholder farmers through mechanized agriculture (ESMA) under the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa Financial Inclusion for Smallholder Farmers in Africa

Programme.

The Group operations cut across distribution of tractors and farm implements, distribution of agricultural inputs, procurement from smallholder farmers, out-grower schemes, agriculture processing, warehousing, transportation, distribution and merchandising in different crops. ETG Group runs mechanization divisions in Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi and Mozambique which are under the supervision of the Tanzania CEO, Mr. Shashi Gupta.

Gupta says that in Rwanda, EATIL has been working closely with the country's government and institutions of higher learning in building capacity related to micro irrigation and smallholder mechanisation. EATIL has also been shortlisted by USAID under the Private Sector Development Project (PSDAG) for a concept based on community irrigation.

EATIL-Uganda has been working more with large scale farmers and sugar companies. It has done lot of work on mechanisation with Uganda Prisons Services who also engage in agriculture using mechanization and training prisoners on the use of the improved technologies.

In Malawi, EATIL has been working closely with the government and helped in the development of 34 mechanisation centres which are run by the Government in providing hiring

services to the smallholders. It has also worked with the GIZ in developing a demo mechanisation training centre in one of the agricultural universities.

ATIL (Agro Tractors & Implements LDA) Mozambique has developed a women entrepreneurs' centre under the USAID Feed the Future Programme. These women entrepreneurs were given a set of implements with a tractor at a subsidised price and trained to set up a hiring centre to provide mechanization to the small holders. They will be operating from 23 branches for three years till they are able to afford their own office setup.

EATIL Tanzania is co-owned by Export Trading Group Mauritius and Mahesh Kumar Raojibhai. The company is managed by Shashi Gupta, who is the overall CEO in charge of mechanization division for ETG including EATIL Tanzania. Country Manager Praveen Chandra says that the vision of EATIL is to be the leading company to transform agriculture mechanization in Tanzania while its mission is to strengthen the living standards of the smallholder farmers by providing the mechanized agriculture and better market for their produce.

Since its establishment in 2007, the company has supplied 650 units of tractors, 1,000 power tillers and 2,500 farm implements to the small and medium size growers in Tanzania.

Ubongo scoops prestigious Rotman Innovation Award

By Guardian Reporter

A Tanzania based nonprofit social enterprise and Africa's leading producer of kids' edutainment, is this year's winner of the prestigious Rotman Innovation of the Year Award, worth \$10,000 Canadian dollars (19m/-).

The accolade is presented annually by Grand Challenges Canada, a Canadian not-for-profit organization that invests in local innovations that address critical global health, humanitarian and Indigenous community challenges in Canada and low-resource countries.

The Rotman Innovation of the Year Award was created in honour of the late Joseph Rotman, Founding Chair of Grand Challenges Canada, and his family, in recognition of their unflinching support for global health innovation. The Award honours innovation that has had the largest sustainable increase in lives saved or lives improved over the past year.

Ubongo was recognized for its transformative innovation of offering evidence-based programming that improves developmental outcomes for children, while using broadcast technology to reach a wide breadth of children across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Ubongo Co-Founder and Chief Executive Nisha Ligon, who leads a strong, women-led team, thanked the Rotman family and Grand Challenges Canada for the honour, adding that the prize money will help with their goal of adapting content to more languages and contexts; the organization is determined to broadcast programming across Africa.

"We are so honoured to receive this award. GCC's support over the past three years has enabled us to expand our reach into many new markets and languages to reach millions of more kids. They have challenged us to think critically and strategically about our growth and have been essential in enabling Ubongo's success."

Janis Rotman, President of the Rotman Family Foundation, added: "Reflecting Joseph Rotman's vision for innovation for impact, Ubongo is truly deserving of this award. My father's firm belief was that business has a critical role to play in building a better society. His vision is well embodied in Ubongo's exceptional approach: the coordinated application of science and entrepreneurialism for the benefit of children. The Rotman Family congratulates Ubongo on being named the second annual winner of the Award."

Grand Challenges Canada Co-CEO Jocelyn Mackie further added: "Ubongo has brought a science-backed Early Childhood Development model into homes of children, many of whom otherwise don't have access to quality education, through fun, localised and multi-platform educational content. To date, we have proudly financed Ubongo for a total of 1 million Canadian dollars under our Saving Brains program (with funding provided by Global Affairs Canada). Leveraging the reach of broadcast media, Ubongo has the largest breadth of impact in our Saving Brains portfolio."

High Commissioner for Canada in Tanzania Pamela O'Donnell said: "Congratulations Ubongo! This very unique and successful idea that uses media for child development is helping to change the lives of the next generation of Africans, especially girls, so that they can live healthier lives, realize their potential, and prepare for active involvement in their communities. The Government of Canada is investing in organizations, like Grand Challenges Canada, that support innovative solutions to save and improve the lives of people in low- and middle-income countries. More than ever, we need new, creative solutions to build a sustainable future that leaves no one behind."

Ubongo's flagship Akili and Me programming is currently translated in nine languages. Since receiving Grand Challenges Canada support in 2018, more than 1.37 million children (pre-primary and primary school) across Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria, Uganda and Ghana have benefitted from watching Akili and Me. The multimedia platform—the first in Africa to integrate resource caregivers and other stakeholders—is easily accessible through television, radio and mobile phones.

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 166 00--

Word fit puzzle grid with clues: 3 LETTERS: SEE, LIT, GET; 4 LETTERS: BACK, UEFA, CAFE, RAGE, EBON SOON, IDEM; 5 LETTERS: ABODE, AGAIN, LASSO, ELECT, NDAMA; 6 LETTERS: ELITES, ADHERE, STAGER, PLUNGE TABOOS; 7 LETTERS: ALLOWED; 8 LETTERS: LEGALESE; 10 LETTERS: BOUNDARIES

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

- CLUES: Across
1 a native of the south
5 a large perching bird with mostly black plumage
7 bear native to bamboo forests in China
8 Kathmandu is the Capital city
10 the ship built by Noah
11 Latin from Greek Khoreia
13 break with a sharp cracking sound
15 accept
17 movements of hands when you talk
19 a person who uses something
20 feel doubt
Down:
1 III
2 formal term for on
3 not imagined or supposed
4 tolerate
6 put on clothes
7 canal connects the pacific ocean and Atlantic ocean
9 medium for communications
12 stoat
14 stone in Greek
16 a diving waterbird with a long neck
17 a weapon with bullets
18 join fasten

SOLUTIONS for the word fit and crossword puzzles.

RADIO One RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI. Includes a weekly program schedule from Monday to Sunday with time slots and program names.

Tembelea mitandao ya kijamii ya Radio One. Includes social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, along with the Radio One logo.



Dnata expands into Africa, announces major investment in the aviation industry in Zanzibar

By The Banker Reporter

A leading global air and travel services provider—dnata has signed a concession agreement with Zanzibar government along with Emirates Leisure Retail and SEGAP, a joint venture between airport infrastructure and operations specialists Egis, and private equity fund manager AIM.

Under the partnership, dnata will oversee the operations of Zanzibar AbeidAmaniKarume International Airport's (ZNZ) newly-built international terminal (T3), with SEGAP supporting the Zanzibar Airports Authority (ZAA) in a management capacity. Emirates Leisure Retail will partner with MMI as master concessionaire for all food and beverage, duty free and commercial outlets at T3.

Dnata will provide its globally renowned, quality ground and passenger handling services to airline customers at ZNZ, ensuring safe and timely operations of flights and an excellent travel experience for passengers. Dnata expects to handle over 4,000 flights annually at the airport.

Dnata will also invest in a state-of-the-art cargo centre to establish cargo operations at the airport, supporting local trade and businesses. The facility will comply with the highest industry standards ensuring efficient and safe handling of a broad range of cargo, including perishables, pharmaceuticals, dangerous goods, live animals, aircraft engines and vehicles.

In addition, Dnata will launch meet & greet and lounge services through its airport hospitality brand, marhaba, to help



From left: Steve Allen, Executive Vice President of dnata and Chairman of Emirates Leisure Retail and MMI, Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, Christian Laugier, CEO-Sales for Egis.

passengers further enhance their experience and enjoy a smooth airport journey from check-in to boarding.

Dnata's expansion into Zanzibar represents an investment of over US\$ 7 million and will create up to 400 direct local jobs with the company.

Including this latest investment which is dnata's first operation in Tanzania, dnata now provides quality and safe ground handling, cargo, catering and travel services in 36 countries.

Steve Allen, Executive Vice President of dnata and Chairman of Emirates Leisure Retail and MMI, said: "We are thrilled to expand our global footprint into Africa and establish operations at the airport of Zanzibar. We are confident that our investment in the local aviation industry will

stimulate tourism and trade, delivering significant benefits for Zanzibar businesses and the local community.

"Our teams' passion for excellence, broad partnership network and global experience in providing best-in-class ground handling, airport hospitality and F&B services will ensure consistent quality at every stage of the airport journey. We will deliver an innovative and fresh airport concept that provides an integrated passenger experience whilst showcasing Zanzibar's traditions and style.

"We look forward to a fruitful partnership with the Zanzibar Airports Authority and SEGAP." Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi said: "The launch of our new terminal at the Abei-

dAmanKarume International Airport marks a turning point in the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar's efforts in becoming a globally recognized island for tourism and trade. The Zanzibar Airport Authority's partnership with dnata reaffirms our commitment to international excellence in providing a seamless experience for all international visitors. We look forward to expanding our global footprint in facilitating trade and investment via our increased handling capacity for both passenger and air cargo operations."

CEO-Sales for Egis Christian Laugier commented: "We are honoured to bring our three decades of expertise in airport development, operations & maintenance to the project. Our teams will focus on performance across all areas, including infrastructure, operations, safety and security, governance and finance. Our efforts will be on making the airport and air transport more effective catalysts for tourism growth in a destination that has everything to attract visitors, from pristine beaches to a UNESCO World Heritage site. This is an important step that opens great partnership possibilities with Zanzibar, where we are prepared to consider further investment in airport infrastructure development."

TBS drills cereal traders, exporters as well as processors on risks of aflatoxins

By Banker Reporter

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) has started offering training to traders, exporters and processors of maize and groundnuts on best ways to preserve the crops against aflatoxins, which is risk to human health.

The training are offered through the Tanzania Initiative for Preventing Aflatoxin Contamination (TANPACK) project that targets 18 districts and 10 regions in the country.

The training was launched yesterday in Kiteto District in Manyara Region and was attended by 120 participants. The Ministry of Agriculture and TBS have been tasked with providing the training.

Addressing journalists about the project and its targeted beneficiaries, TBS Head of ICT and Statistics Unit, Jabir Abdi the project will cover Kondo, Chemba, Bahi, Kongwa, Babati, and Kiteto districts.

Other districts are Namtumbo, Newala, Nanyumbu, Nzega, Urambo, Kibondo, Kasulu, Buchosa, Bukombe, Itilima, Kilosa and Gairo. Regarding the existing regions in those districts, Abdi said they are Dodoma, Manyara Ruvuma, Mtwara, Tabora, Kigoma, Mwanza, Geita, Simiyu and Morogoro.

Abdi cited the benefits of training as aimed at protecting human health, facilitating the trade for maize and groundnuts, protecting livestock health and facilitating food security.

He pointed out other benefits that would withstand competition in the domestic, regional and global markets.

Kiteto District Commissioner, Mbaraka Alhaji Batenga, commended the government's decision to introduce the training, as food is a very important need to people and to the development of the country.

However, he said food security faces various challenges including food contamination that can result in Aflatoxin which causes health and even economic harm.

Batenga said Aflatoxin mainly affects maize and groundnuts which are an important part of the country's diet.

"For that reason we all need to focus on Aflatoxin control strategies so that our food remains safe for all time," Batenga stressed.

He explained that he recognizes the role of traders, processors and exporters in general and their contribution to the government and has prepared this special training for them to build their capacity for Aflatoxin control.

He said food security being given priority in protecting the health, society and economy of the country, as it was an important criterion for trade nationally and internationally, as unsafe food causes health risks and deaths for consumers as well as economic impacts.

He urged the stakeholders to adhere to the key recommendations of health and nutrition experts to control Aflatoxin in the diet, including adhering to good agricultural practices as recommended by experts, harvesting and removing maize and groundnuts immediately after ripening and drying the harvested crops before storage.

The other thing is to avoid accumulating crops directly in the barns, making sure they store the crop properly and avoid pests, animals, extreme heat and humidity.

Bolt launches 'bodaboda' services in Dodoma

By The Banker Reporter

BOLT has officially launched 'bodaboda' services in Dodoma as it seeks to expand its mobility options in the local market.

Bolt Boda will provide passengers with an alternative means of transport, adding to the growing array of ride-hailing services offered in the market. The service is also set to bring Bolt's convenient, reliable and affordable transportation services closer to its customers as it cements its footprints across the country.

"We continue to scale up our operations for the benefit of our customers and to invest resources in quality services that

meet the demands and needs of our community. Motorcycles are one of the fastest ways to get around in Dodoma, and we are excited to offer everyone more choices to move smartly and affordably within the city," said Remmy Eseka, Country Manager at Bolt Tanzania.

Eseka said the launch brings Bolt's 'Bodaboda' growing network to three urban centres in the country as Dodoma city joins Dar-es-Salaam and Mwanza cities. "Bolt offers the widest array of ride-hailing options at the most affordable prices in the market and continues to have steady growth in operations driven by demand for its quality and affordable services," he added.

Bolt Boda is simply an



A request and ride Bolt car

addition to the ride hailing company's range of products which also includes Bolt Base and Bolt Lite, to cater to Dodoma's unique customer travel needs. The Bolt Tanzania Country Manager further noted that customers will access Bolt Boda through the platform's application with minimum charges of 1,000/- per kilometre, 50/- per minute and a base

fare of 600/- . Bolt drivers will keep 80 percent of their earnings because the company will only charge a commission of 20 percent per trip, which applies to both cash and card payment options.

Bolt will only take onboard 'Bodaboda' riders who have national identity cards, valid driving licenses, police clearance certificates, LATRA vehicle license, Motor vehicle registration cards (commercial usage) and vehicle insurance (commercial).

"Our core business is to provide reliable, safe and affordable transportation services to everyone, and we are excited to make travel easier and quicker across the country during this festive season," Eseka added.

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"Our view of the market leans favorably to equities that have posted strong quarter three earnings. As it has recently been the highlight of previous weeks, we expect to continue to see more activity for companies that have released their quarter three earnings," according to the Zan Securities weekly outlook.

According to the weekly Orbit Securities market report, there was an increase in foreign Investors' participation that accounted for the majority of transactions on both the buy side and the sell

side, depreciated by 16.6 percent to end the week at 450/- per share while DCB's share price declined by 5 percent to 190/-

The CRDB share price declined by 4 percent closing at 240/- while TOL share price was down by 3.7 percent closing at 510/- per share. Investors will continue to choose the banking sector shares as the sector posted impressive third quarter results as the country continues to bounce back from the perils of the COVID 19 crisis suffered last year, said Zan Securities, one of the leading brokers.

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DSE total equity turnover slumps by 31.5pc to 1.8bn/- as NMB shares continue to rally

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

TOTAL equity turnover at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) declined by 31.5 percent last week to 1.8bn/- as compared to a bullish 2.6bn/- that was posted the week earlier.

Market analysts attributed the rocky performance to low local investors' appetite during last week's trading session.

According to the DSE, a total of 1,694,388 shares were traded on the exchange during the five - day trading session.

NMB shares continued to rally for the forth-consecutive week with the bank emerging, as the week's top accounting for 61.2 percent of the week's turnover on the market. The Runner up was CRDB at 25.9 percent followed by the self-listed DSE at 7.7 percent.

Last week's top gainer was Simba/TCCCL appreciating by 10 percent to end the week at 495/- per share, followed by NMB at 2,040/- per share up by 8.5 percent and DSE closed at 1,300/- per share, up by 6.5 percent.

Jatu share price on the other

As global oil prices surge, time has come for consumers to learn to bear the burden

By Raphael Mgaya

THE emergence of the coronavirus pandemic saw the pump prices in Tanzania falling to record levels following widespread lockdowns, grounding of international airlines that brought tourism industry to its knees, severely impacted transportation industry as schools went into lockdowns and as international borders were closed. In June 2020, the price of petrol per litre in Dar es Salaam fell to 1,520/- and that of diesel to 1,546/-. This was unprecedented. The determination of the pump prices in any country comprises of three main elements. The first element is the landed (CIF) costs which includes costs of purchasing the products in the international spot market, cargo insurance, market marine freight rates and the dollar-local currency exchange rates. The second element is the government take which comprises of all taxes, duties, fees and charges payable to the Government or its various agencies. The third element is the

oil industry component, which covers all gross margins for storage, inland bulk transport, local delivery, wholesale and retail distribution.

In Tanzania, pump prices are regulated by EWURA in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations. Under the pricing rules, a price formula is set out. EWURA is required to include all the three elements stated above while calculating the cap prices for the following month. Government take component and oil industry component are both fixed because they are predetermined by a legislation, regulation or rule. Each month the wholesale and retail price changes due to changes in the landed costs caused by the fluctuations in the international spot reference prices of oil. Both, the Government and the oil industry have no control of the fluctuations in the international spot reference prices of oil.

As economies around the world started to recover due to easy lockdowns and later emergence of vaccines, oil demand surged around the world, this pushed the prices

of crude in the upward trend. Hence, the retail prices started to rebound in July 2020 and have risen steadily ever since. The upwards trends is predicted to continue up to 2022. This means, it is critical for Government to step in to subsidise or the general public must brace themselves for higher pump prices.

In the East African Region, Governments have taken different measures to address the rising oil prices in the international markets which have a ripple effect on the local pump prices. In Kenya, the Government had released subsidy from the retail prices stabilization fund in order to keep the prices from rising in December 2021.

The Government of Kenya tapped into the Petroleum Development Levy (PDL) kitty to stabilize the pump prices. On 14th November, the Kenyan Government announced that in December 2021 the pump prices will not change. The Government has so far used KShs. 6.6 billion (equivalent to US\$135.62bn/-) for compensating the oil marketing companies.

In Uganda, the Government had on 4th November 2021

made a bold move and told the Ugandans citizens to tighten their belts as the Government was not planning to intervene to reduce the rising petroleum products prices instead it was focusing on ensuring the availability of fuel in country.

In Rwanda, the Government has stepped in with subsidies to cushion consumers from the rising petroleum products retail prices since May 2021. The Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority reported recently that the Government reduced some taxes on petroleum products in order to ensure subsidize the petroleum prices.

In Tanzania, the Government stepped in on 2nd September 2021 and suspended the pricing mechanisms as set out by the EWURA (Petroleum Products Price Setting) Rules, 2009. On 6th October, the Government reduced some charges, fees and levies applicable on petroleum products, but this reduction in charges, fees and levies did not cover the full reduction or loss in margins that the OMCs are entitled to. In November, the petroleum prices were frozen once again and diesel price in

Dar es Salaam was reduced by 18/- per litre. Tanzania has no price stabilization fund. It remains to be seen how this will play out in the end as landed costs keep rising.

Given the projected trends of rising prices of crude in the international markets, it may be an appropriate time for Governments in the East African region to let the end consumers bear a fair share. If the Ugandan government has done it, others too can do it. This is because in the end, even if Governments subsidise, the reduction in revenue will be paid back by the public through taxes.

Additionally, if the OMCs are left helplessly to bear the burden of price freezing, surely some of them may go out of business, leading to low competition. In the end, it is the consumers that will suffer the consequences of reduced competition in terms of increased prices due to inefficiencies and lack of effective competition.

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Rwanda youth busy pursuing opportunities lying in cage fish farming

KIGALI

OF late, individual fish farmers have started venturing into the new form of fish farming.

Eric Ndagijimana (29) is one such farmer who believes that there is high demand for fish in the country due to its high protein content.

The university graduate in wildlife and aquatic resources management is passionate about fish, something that led him to pursue a career in fish farming.

"I wanted to help keep lakes safe and improve people's income and provide quality protein food in our country," he says.

The young entrepreneur pursued his passion starting 2016, immediately after his graduation joining Rwanda Rwasave fish farm that is located in the Northern part of the country, to gain professional skills.

After spending a few years in a fish farm, he left for Israel in 2018 for further professional training in aquaculture and crop production.

The trip, he says, was an eye opener and was to determine his next steps as he charted his career.

At the moment, Ndagijimana has 11 fish pond farms in Kigali with a capacity of holding 42,000 fish.

He however cites lack of materials used to control water parameters and environmental changes and lack of quality affordable feed as some of the setbacks he faces as a fish farmer.

He nevertheless plans to apply Aquaponics Technology in order to optimise on both fish farming and vegetable production.

Cooperative support
The Rwanda Animal Resources Improvement Comparative (RARICO) has been providing technical and skills support to the likes of Ndagijimana.

"We provide technical assistance to enhance the management and production in quantity, quality, cooperative management and organization of existing fishponds in the country," John Bosco Bizimana, chairman of RARICO said.

RARICO also helps farmers in accessing credit from financial institutions.

"Our aim is to increase fish production and quality and ensure that farmers acquire skills that will help improve their production," he affirms.

Securing food security through fish farming

Meanwhile, the government has embarked on cage fish farming in ponds and lakes in a bid to improve its food security status.

The program is being undertaken by the Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board in the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal resources, which is expected to boost fish farming in the country.

Businesses set to advertise on M-Pesa in new upgrade

NAIROBI

BUSINESSES will soon be able to advertise on the M-Pesa app as Safaricom upgrades the mobile money platform to offer more capabilities beyond payments and cash transfers.

The move will open a new revenue line for the telco besides enhancing the attractiveness of the financial service. It will be following other technology firms like Amazon which offers advertising as part of its online retail business.

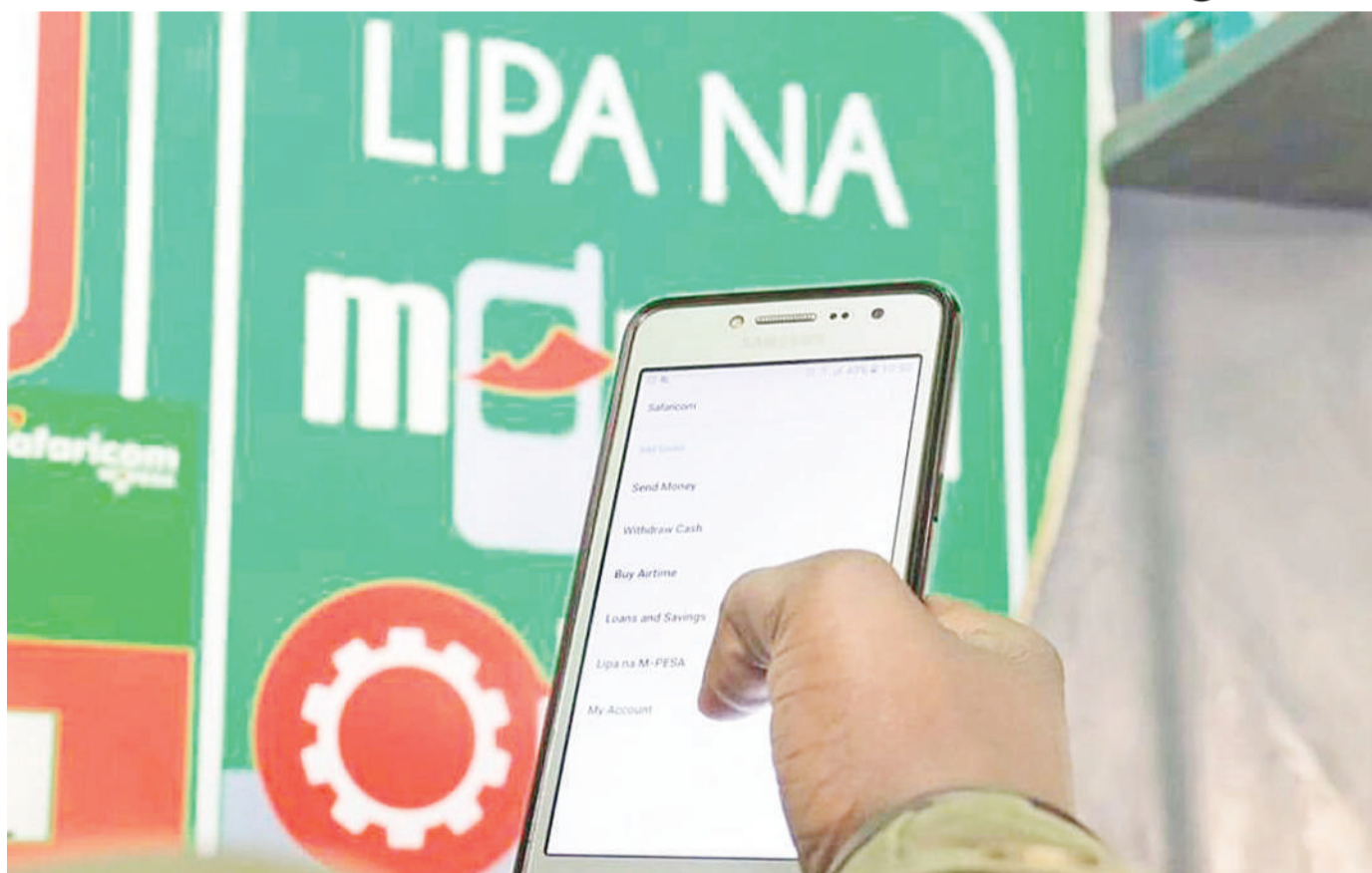
The planned advertising feature comes after the telco's parent company Vodacom Group signed an agreement with China's Ant Group which runs the popular mobile and online payment platform Alipay that has more than one billion users.

Vodacom is implementing the Alipay app in South Africa and some of its features such as advertising will be built into the M-Pesa platform for rollout in Kenya and Tanzania.

"In the case of Kenya and Tanzania in time we will start to get merchants to expose their products into the M-Pesa app through the mini app capability," Vodacom's chief executive Shameel Joosub said at a conference call last week.

"The concept is that of course the more learnings and the more stuff we can develop in South Africa we will then look to agree with Alipay to expand some of those services into the international markets on a case-by-case basis."

The full Alipay app has a wide range of capabilities ranging from financial services, entertainment, shopping, merchant services and di-



A mobile phone user makes an M-Pesa transaction.

rect marketing.

Most of these features are best suited for smartphones, with Vodacom saying it will use the learning experience in South Africa that has greater uptake of the high-end phones.

For Safaricom, advertising will be the latest expansion of the M-Pesa service which has grown to become its single biggest revenue earner.

Started as a person-to-person cash transfer service, the platform has now grown to

offer payments, credit, international remittances and business analysis and support.

The telco recorded a 12.1 percent net profit jump in the half year ended September, helped by revenue growth as the company reinstated charges on M-Pesa transactions of less than Sh1,000

Safaricom's net profit in the period stood at Sh37 billion, up from Sh33 billion a year earlier.

Sales increased 17.5 percent to Sh146.3 billion, with the mobile money platform M-

Pesa leading the revenue growth.

M-Pesa, which overtook voice last year to become the single largest business line, posted the highest revenue growth of 45.8 percent to Sh52.3 billion.

Charges on the mobile money platform for transactions of less than Sh1,000 were suspended to offer financial relief to customers and reduce handling of cash in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Zero-rating of the transactions lasted from March 16, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Kagame pushes for increased digital literacy in Comesa region

KIGALI

COMBINED efforts to foster digital literacy with in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) partner states can catalyze Africa's digital integration, President Paul Kagame has said.

Kagame was addressing virtually the ongoing 21st Comesa heads of state and government summit in Cairo, Egypt.

The summit was held under the theme "Building Resilience Through Strategic Digital Economic Integration," to rally the 21 member states on how to advance the bloc's regional integration agenda using digital platforms to facilitate doing business and enhance their

resilience against adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In his remarks, Kagame welcomed Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi for taking over as chairperson of the bloc's authority and also appreciated Madagascar's President Andry Rajoelina, for his role in advancing the organization's objectives during his just-concluded tenure

"Indeed Comesa didn't lose sight of its agenda during the Covid-19 pandemic and continues to implement important trade facilitation programs," Kagame said.

He shared an example of the approval of the Comesa online trade portal last year by the Council of Ministers, as one milestone that

exemplifies this continuity.

"While this is a first step towards integrating digital technologies in trade, our efforts should not end here. We need to ensure that our citizens have access to these tools."

Kagame suggested that one of the ways the bloc's 21 partner states can work together is through fostering digital literacy.

The Head of State shared the government of Rwanda's efforts in prioritising digital economic integration, citing ambitions to achieve a 60 percent digital literacy rate for adults by 2024.

Also important, he said, is the need to implement policies in the Comesa area that create affordable, transparent, and secure platforms for digital cross-border payments by small and

medium sized enterprises.

"Youth-led enterprises account for many businesses on our continent and we can't afford to leave them behind," he asserted.

By and large however, Kagame highlighted that Africa's integration agenda will be achieved by continuing to put stability at the forefront of Africa's growth and development.

He welcomed the report of the 17th meeting of the bloc's Ministers of Foreign Affairs held earlier this month and said that Rwanda was committed to working with partners in order to maximize trade and prosperity opportunities of the region.

The 2021 summit comes after three years since it was last hosted in Zambia.



Rwandan President Paul Kagame

'Debita Solventur Omnia': All debts must be paid

By **Godwin Jaha Semunyu**

A few weeks back, I was privileged to attend a financial sector symposium held in Dar es Salaam as part of the run-up to the commemoration of 60 years of independence. An exciting and intuitive gathering that took us through the industry's journey to date. There's certainly a light at the end of the tunnel—"Kazi iendelee."

Esther Kitoka, who is Equity Bank Tanzania's Executive Director, perhaps the most insightful panelists on the night, spoke eloquently of the evolution of the Tanzania Banking sector and gave expert opinion on current issues like the interest rates and nonperforming loans. She also spoke dotingly about the hostility the banks face in loan recoveries and the growing tendency

of loans defaulters to resort to court injunctions, to frustrate the process. Take a loan, default, and then frustrate recovery. The story of having a cake and eating it (too).

Looking back, similar sentiments were once shared by the former President, the late Dr. John Magufuli, when he directed the Judiciary fraternity to ensure timely disposal of commercial-related disputes—stating that over Sh500 billion were tied up in about 400 commercial cases, after default customers filed lawsuits or sought court injunctions against the Banks, consequently depriving the economy of the anticipated capital.

Loans are the livelihood of Commercial Banks. To be able to issue loans, Banks collect funds from the public at interest, and then make them available for investments. For this to happen, Banks must enjoy public confidence and trust. A loan portfolio

therefore, constitutes the Bank's most significant asset and source of revenue, and thus requires the highest degree of diligence and professionalism from origination, onboarding, monitoring and collection. To avoid inherent credit risks.

All businesses sell products and services, but the Bank's product is money. Lending, therefore, represents the heart of the banking industry—the lifeblood. Lending is also a prerequisite for economic growth and transformation—the sector that gets the most of the disbursed loans grows faster! As intimated above, issuing loans or lending money is a risky business.

Though the Banks take proper precautions to ensure that the borrowers honor their repayments obligations, they can't be water tight—mostly due to lack of perfect information about the borrowers and

businesses they want to be financed. There are also unforeseen events such as natural calamities, bad weather and the like. This underlies the requirement of banks for borrowers to provide collaterals as a safeguard. It is a matter of principle.

Non-performing loans and defaulters' intents

When a borrower fails to repay a loan and accrued interest within a consented period, commonly 90 days, it goes into a non-performing (NPL) status. Meaning, the odds that the debtor will repay it in full are substantially lower; and bank has to start making provisions against its profits so as to safeguard depositors' money in case the loan turns into a loss.

It is a painful process for a banker who aspires to make dividends to shareholders. It follows, as a matter of common sense that, NPLs are dangerous to the livelihood of banks as they affect Banks' capi-

tal base and ability to advance additional or new loans.

As a preventive measure, Bank of Tanzania (BoT) makes it imperative for banks to adhere to strict regulations, including timely provisions against loan losses. One of such regulations is the cap on NPL at a limit of (5%) come December 2022—failure to which, they can say bye-bye to dividends and bonuses. A precise statement of intent. Indeed.

Several factors could lead to loans falling under NPL, some within and some beyond the borrowers' management capability. However, the more striking reasons for loan defaults are related to borrowers' deficiencies including poor supervision, diversion of funds from the intended purposes, and lack of financial management capabilities in the business setting.

There are also 'Willful

defaulters'— those not repaying the loans despite having financial ability. Those failing to meet payment obligations after utilizing the finances against the intended purposes or siphoning off the funds. Majority in this category rush to courts for injunctions against foreclosure.

It should be documented that contrary to popular beliefs; Banks do not set out to auction Defaulters' assets. This is the very last resort measure in loan collection. The exercise is very emotional and rarely yields the projected commercial value. If you factor in depreciation of asset value and the possibility of daunted public image, the diplomatic route of helping the borrower to repay, either by rescheduling or introducing some concessions in conditions, makes more sense.

However, as we all know; capital knows no emotions. As the old Latin

saying goes, "Debita solventur Omnia," all debts must be paid. When push comes to shove; when all the roundtable discussion with offers for restructuring and adjusted repayments terms fails, Banks are left with no choice but to seize the collaterals. This measure is made painful when a bank is impeded by a court injunction.

While this is a legal matter and very little could be done against or around it, the situation has significant economic and social impacts—lesser credits, increased interest rates, soaring operating expenses, to name a few. For instance, the tied-up capital of TZS 700 billion held in court cases by June 2020 was enough to support significant private and public projects.

As we strive to create a conducive business environment and attract strategic investors, these are crucial areas that need immediate attention. Ef-

ficacy of the judicial system in commercial-related claims ranks highly in any investors' pointers.

Let's also act tough on all types of willful defaulters, or we could end up building a culture of defaults. In May 2017, according to HESLB records, out of 142,470 defaulters, only about 45,000 started repayments after being served 30 days notice or being publicly shamed. Similar stories are echoed in many other areas of credit provision. We all ought to honor our credit obligations and uphold financial discipline.

As we evaluate 60 years of our financial sector let's also address thorny pointers and implement strategic reforms in commercial-related cases. In this particular field, Justice delayed is development denied.

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Tax implications of the new normal in Rwanda

KIGALI

REMOTE working is on the rise thanks in part to the Covid-19 pandemic which disrupted the world order. When Covid-19 was at its peak and the vaccine was still a pipe dream, many got stranded in locations different from their workplaces but work had to go on.

In Rwanda, measures to curb the pandemic saw international travels halted as early as March 2020 affecting people who were planning to depart the country for their jobs in several countries abroad. Consequently, where practical, virtual working for the stuck employees was arranged.

But now, it is not only about Covid-19. The narrative of office-based work is slightly changing with companies around the world increasingly hiring remote workers from other countries for relatively different reasons including saving on business costs, having access to the very best talent across the globe without undergoing the rigorous process of importing them, seeking more productivity (Global Workplace Analytics' research has shown that remote workers are significantly more productive on a scale of 20-25% more than office-based employees) and so forth.

These arrangements raise



Rwanda Revenue Authority staff at work at their headquarters in Kimihurura, Kigali

concerns of tax risks both for the employer and the employee. This article, therefore, aims at shedding some light on tax implications associated with the remote working arrangements in Rwanda.

Rwanda's corporate income tax is based

on the concept of "permanent establishment (PE)" which is defined as a known fixed place of business through which the business which gives rise to income is wholly or partially carried on. The remote working of employees residing in Rwanda

may raise concerns regarding the creation of PE risks for their foreign employers.

According to Rwanda's Income Tax Law, 2018, where an employee concerned [except for independent contractor] acts on behalf of the employer and has the ca-

capacity to make contracts in the name of the employer, that employer is considered as if he/she owns a permanent establishment in respect of activities his/her agent/ employee undertakes for her/him.

This law suggests that a foreign company that has a remote employee residing in Rwanda with a vested capacity to enter into contracts on behalf of the company creates a PE in regards to the activities performed by the remote employee.

Accordingly, profits made by the employer proportional to the activities undertaken by the remote employee will be treated as having accrued in Rwanda for that tax period and is, therefore, taxable in Rwanda.

Regarding employment income-related taxes applicable to remote employees based in Rwanda; the Income Tax Law observes that for a person to be subjected to these taxes he/she has to first qualify as a "tax resident" of Rwanda.

An individual is a tax resident of Rwanda if that person either has a permanent residence in Rwanda, he/she has a habitual abode in Rwanda; or that person was in Rwanda for 183 days or more in a period of 12 months, either continuously or intermittently. Therefore, a resident individual in Rwanda who is an employee of a foreign company will be subject to tax on his/her virtual employment income.

Conversely, employment income received from a foreign employer who is not a resident in Rwanda by a non-resident individual [anyone who does not fulfill the above-discussed conditions] for the performance of services in Rwanda is not taxable.

However, in the case of Covid-19 disruption, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) which Rwanda has been a member of since May 21, 2019, observed that due to the unique nature of the Covid-19 crisis which has triggered the unintentional temporary dislocation of individuals globally, this fact should not create a PE risk for organizations and insisted that tax administrators should not consider the existence of a PE risk provided the circumstances created by the pandemic. In addition, the Organisation has encouraged tax administrations to mind a more normal period of time when evaluating the resident status of an individual.

The OECD has further reinvigorated countries to initiate "country-specific" regulations to provide clarity to anyone concerned in this regard. From the above, people obligated by Covid-19 to work remotely in Rwanda and their employers may be exonerated from the tax liability incurred during that period of forced stay.

Flower firms jostle for limited cargo space at Kenya Airways

NAIROBI

FLOWER firms are competing for forward booking to get space guarantee for their produce on Kenya Airways as demand for roses in Europe soars in the wake of limited freight capacity.

There has been a high demand for flowers in Europe amid low capacity at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport as flights are yet to resume full operations after the disruptions occasioned by Covid-19 last year.

The national carrier says it will be increasing passenger flights to Europe ahead of Christmas, a move that will help in evacuating more cargo to Kenya's leading export destination for horticulture.

The belly cargo in passenger flights accounts for up to 40 percent of the total freight that is transported by air.

"We have seen a lot of forward bookings by flower firms who want to be assured of getting space once their produce is

ready for export. As a result, some of the producers, especially the small-scale players have missed out on space at KQ," said the airline.

Flower firms are making forward bookings to get assurance of space by the time their crops are ready for the market to avoid inconveniences of missing out on freighters.

"With the Covid-19 disruption still with us, businesses are looking for guaranteed space to transport their cargo overseas, and that is why we are witnessing a number of forward bookings," KQ said.

Last week, flower farmers said they were being forced to throw away a quarter of their produce due to a drop in airline traffic in the wake of restrictions imposed on rival carriers to protect Kenya Airways.

Kenya Flower Council (KFC), the lobby for large-scale flower farms, says they need freight capacity of at least 5,000 tonnes a week against the 3,500 tonnes available.

"On average our members are dumping

flowers equivalent to 25 percent of their produce because of the limited cargo capacity," said Clement Tulezi, chief executive of the Kenya Flower Council.

"It's unfortunate that this is happening when we have increased orders from our major markets in Europe and elsewhere."

Kenya Airways is at the moment operating two passenger flights to Amsterdam but it will be increasing frequencies on the route to three in December with daily flights to the UK.

There is a capacity constraint at JKIA currently after passenger flights cut on their normal frequencies last year on the back of Covid-19 that saw airlines ground their services.

Before Covid-19, JKIA had an oversupply of capacity that exceeded the available cargo for export to the world market.

The capacity is expected to increase in the coming days as carriers such as British Airways and KLM are set to ramp their frequencies on the Nairobi route.



Workers at Equator Flowers Farm in Eldoret Uasin Gishu County, pack flowers for export.

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WORLD

UK business to Johnson: Make peace with EU on N. Ireland

By Bloomberg

Britain's biggest business lobby group urged Boris Johnson's government to back down in its dispute with the European Union over Northern Ireland, telling the prime minister not to follow through on his threat to suspend parts of the Brexit divorce deal he signed with the bloc.

"We shouldn't be going anywhere near an Article 16," Confederation of British Industry President Karan Bilimoria said to reporters on Tuesday, referring to the mechanism for unilaterally halting parts of the accord related to Northern Ireland. "It's in everyone's benefit that we resolve this."

The intervention comes amid signs that tensions between the UK and EU have cooled in recent days. Whereas the bloc had feared the UK was on the verge of triggering Article 16 – to which the EU has threatened retaliation which could result in a trade war – the tone of recent talks over post-Brexit trade rules in Northern Ireland has improved and those involved are more optimistic.

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Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson

ready to invoke Article 16. Doing so would start a one-month notification period during which talks would continue, before any concrete action could be taken.

'Normalize relations'

Bilimoria, whose organization represents 190,000 firms in the UK, said businesses in Northern Ireland don't want more uncertainty over the post-Brexit settlement and would prefer better ties between Britain and the EU.

"Our Northern Ireland members tell us very, very clearly they want to get on with it," he said. "They want to normalize relations."

He also called for a broader improvement in the UK-EU relationship, in areas such as financial services and mutual recognition of professional qualifications to help businesses and boost commerce.

"The basic agreement we have with the European Union is a starting point," he said. "We've got to now build on it."

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China urges US to stop fanning flame on Taiwan issues

BEIJING

CHINA on Tuesday said the United States should stop fanning the flame on Taiwan-related issues and not send wrong signals to the "Taiwan independence" forces.

Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Zhao Lijian made the comment in response to a US Department of State spokesman's remarks in support of the establishment of a "Taiwanese representative office" in Lithuania.

Zhao said the one-China principle is a universally recognized norm of international relations and a general consensus of the international community, and also serves as the political foundation for China's development of relations with any other country.

Faced with actions that harm China's national sovereignty and security interests, China has made a reasonable and legal response, defended its own legitimate rights and interests, and safeguarded



international fairness and justice, Zhao said.

He said that the relevant US remarks further prove who is behind Lithuania's approval of the establishment of the "Taiwanese Representative Office in Lithuania," which, in collusion with the separatist forces of "Taiwan independence," creates the false impression of "one China, one Taiwan" in international community.

Zhao urged the US to abide by the one-China principle and the relevant provisions of the three China-US joint com-

munique, abide by the solemn political commitments made when diplomatic relations with China were established, stop fanning the flame and provoking confrontation on Taiwan-related issues, and stop sending false signals to the "Taiwan independence" forces.

He also admonished the Lithuanian side that being a cat's paw for certain major country will only end up getting itself hurt.

Xinhua

Sweden picks first female PM, crisis over budget vote looms

STOCKHOLM

SOCIAL Democrat leader Magdalena Andersson became Sweden's first female prime minister on Wednesday, and immediately faced a crisis over a budget vote that her government looked set to lose.

Andersson, 54, won parliamentary approval after reaching a last-minute deal with the former communist Left Party, but her grip on power is tenuous because of the Nordic country's fragmented political landscape.

Her predecessor, Stefan Lofven, governed by performing a complex juggling act to secure support from both the Left and Centre parties in parliament, even though they are not part of the coalition government.

But the Centre Party is worried by the deal with the Left Party and has said it will not back Andersson's government in a vote on a finance bill proposed by three opposition parties that could take place as early as at 1500 GMT yesterday.

"We cannot support a budget from a government which is moving far to the left, which we think the incoming government is doing," Centre Party leader Annie Loof told reporters.

Andersson had been finance minister since 2014 but now faces the prospect of governing on spending priorities determined by the centre-right.

Lofven, who stepped down earlier this month to give Andersson a chance to boost support for the party



hen Finance Minister of Sweden Magdalena Andersson

before a general election in September next year, said he would not continue if he lost the budget vote.

Even if she manages to consolidate her power base and negotiate the budget crisis, Andersson faces significant challenges.

Gang violence and shootings blight life in many suburbs of the capital, Stockholm, and other major cities.

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed gaps in the much-vaunted welfare state with the death rate in Sweden much higher than in neighbouring Nordic countries and the government needs to speed up the shift to a "green" economy if it is to meet its climate change goals.

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Lawmaker says White House is mulling ban on crude oil exports

By Bloomberg

A House Democrat who's urging the White House to reduce oil prices by banning exports of US crude oil says he's been told the idea is under consideration.

Representative Ro Khanna of California said he disagrees with a number of industry analysts and economists who have said the idea could backfire.

"The economics of it makes sense," said Khanna, who chairs the House Oversight and Reform Committee's environmental sub panel.

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on Khanna's comments late Monday.

The administration is poised to announce as soon as Tuesday a release of oil from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve in concert with other countries, according to people familiar with the planning who asked for anonymity to discuss the move before its announcement.

Earlier Monday, White House economic adviser Brian Deese said on Bloomberg Television that President Joe Biden is expected to discuss gas prices in the coming days.

Khanna drafted a letter to the White House Monday signed by nine Democrats urging the administration to block the export of US oil, which has been allowed since 2015 when Congress lifted a 40-year-old ban on the practice. Since then, US exports have regularly surpassed 3 million barrels a day, more than the production of major OPEC members such as Kuwait and Iran.

"We've heard it's being considered and it's worth sending the letter," Khanna said of the administration. "They've told me and they told some of my colleagues they are considering it."

Some experts have warned that American refiners can only process so much of the kind of crude pumped in US shale basins and trapping supplies inside the country could result in a price collapse for a few types of crude while gasoline prices remain elevated.

"The damage to the folks down in Houston is still going to be pretty severe and any relief to consumers would be in the short term," said Reed Blakemore, deputy director of the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center.

But Khanna said US refineries could be reconfigured.

Biden has been considering a range of options to address gasoline prices that have been hovering around a seven-year high and have set off political alarm bells at the White House. While presidents have little control over the price consumers pay at the pump, gasoline prices are among most visible form of inflation for consumers, and rising energy costs threaten an economic rebound from the pandemic.

Russian diplomat chides Swedish foreign minister's 'baffling' comment on Moscow visit

MOSCOW

THE statements that Swedish Foreign Minister and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Chairperson-in-Office Ann Linde made after visiting Moscow are puzzling and indicate biased approaches, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a comment yesterday.

"It is baffling that Ms. Ann Linde had first of all announced her visit to Moscow as that of the incumbent OSCE chairperson-in-office seeking to discuss pressing issues related to the organization's activities with a focus on preparations for an OSCE Ministerial Council meeting set to take place in Stockholm on December 2-3, but afterwards, completely different topics were highlighted, including the migration crisis on the Polish-Belarusian border and the activities of foreign agents in Russia," Zakharova pointed out.

According to her, this does not reflect the actual content of the meeting, which was mostly focused on the OSCE's agenda and efforts to resolve conflicts in the OSCE region.

"The Swedish Foreign Ministry is clearly bringing forward biased approaches while neglecting the need to faithfully implement the role of 'an honest broker' in the OSCE's affairs. It will inevitably have a negative impact on the outcome of Sweden's chairmanship in the organization," Zakharova emphasized.

Lavrov and Linde held talks in Moscow on November 19.

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MR. KHANNA



'Double 11' online shopping festival reflects huge potential of Chinese consumption market

SINGLES' Day shopping festival that falls on Nov. 11 each year, also known as "Double 11", is one of the most anticipated date of the year for China's consumers.

This year, "Double 11" transaction data delivered by major e-commerce platforms in China still kept an upward trend, signaling the huge potential of the Chinese consumption market.

E-commerce giant JD.com said transaction volume on its platform totaled 349.1 billion yuan (\$54.6 billion) during the Single's Day period, and the figure exceeded what the company had witnessed last year. In particular, the value of household

appliance orders placed on the company's platform surpassed 2 billion yuan in the first five minutes after 20:00 pm on Nov. 10.

Tmall, online marketplace of Chinese multinational Alibaba, reported gross merchandise volume of 540.3 billion yuan during the annual online shopping spree.

A number of small- and medium-sized brands achieved leapfrog growth on the platform. A total of 698 such brands that racked up over one million yuan during last year's "Double 11" witnessed their turnover hitting 10 million yuan in the first 11 days of November this year.

Li Zhengbo, an expert with the Chi-

na International Electronic Commerce Center, an institute under the country's Ministry of Commerce, noted that the sales promotions represented by the "Double 11" have become important shopping events recognized and accepted by many consumers. The "Double 11" not only demonstrates the huge potential of China's consumption market, but also will further boost consumer confidence, the expert added.

The sales performance of agricultural products was a highlight of this year's "Double 11," as e-commerce platforms both expanded sales channels of these products and improved farmers' income. For instance, apples directly sourced from Gansu province,

were sold out immediately after they were placed on Taote (Taobao Special Edition), an e-commerce platform of Alibaba. On JD.com's platform, the sales of king crabs surged 600 times from a year ago, and that of kiwifruits produced in Xiwen, southwest China's Guizhou province also grew tenfold.

Just minutes after JD.com officially started the "main course" part of the online shopping spree on the evening of Nov. 10, a man surnamed Lin in Weinan, northwest China's Shaanxi province got a box of kiwifruits he ordered on the company's platform. It was the one millionth order received by the JD.com smart supply center

in Wugong county, Shaanxi province since the center started trial operation.

Li believes that the "Double 11" has reshaped consumers' shopping habits over the past years. The consumers now pay more attention to the quality of commodities and the delivery service as well, and they have also become more rational when shopping, the expert explained.

These changes have released new consumption demands and raised higher requirements for e-commerce platforms, he pointed out. Merchants and logistics enterprises must enhance their capability to process orders in peak hours, so as to

reinforce consumers' loyalty with constant, stable and high-quality services.

Sales data during the online shopping spree, as an important indicator of China's consumption market, mirrored the trend of consumption upgrading in the country.

The transaction volume of an oxygen concentrator produced by Yuwell, a Chinese medical equipment solution supplier, exceeded one million yuan just one minute after the "Double 11" started on JD.com. The platform's official online pharmacy also witnessed a 100 percent growth in transaction volume in five minutes after the shopping spree began.

People's Daily

Moscow hopes West's reason will prevail regarding tensions around Ukraine, says envoy

MOSCOW

HEAD of the Russian Delegation to the Negotiations on Military Security and Arms Control in Vienna, Konstantin Gavrillov, hopes that in spite of the escalation in Ukraine, reason will prevail in the West.

"Hysteria is being heated up by both Western and Ukrainian media, and in government circles that Russia is allegedly concentrating its forces on the border and is about to attack Ukraine. I believe that tension is being deliberately ramped up, and they are trying to scare us.

But yesterday there was a meeting between Chairman of the US Armed Forces Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley and Head of the Russian Armed Forces' General Staff, First Deputy Minister of Defense Army General Valery Gerasimov, so I think that reason will prevail," he said on the Rossiya-24 TV news channel on Wednesday.

According to Gavrillov, Moscow sees that Kiev has been striving to settle the problem in Donbass through the use of force and re-

ceived support on this score from Western countries, who claim this backing is necessary in order to contain Russia, "otherwise Ukraine will be allegedly invaded."

"In this context it is necessary to consider what happened on the Black Sea. There were drills with the participation of the Ukrainian fleet. We have been observing aircraft flights over the Black Sea for a long time, almost 50 reconnaissance flights per week.

Strategic bombers are now coming from the east and west. In all probability, weapons are being pumped into Ukraine. The latest data suggest that 60 million [dollars] in November, and another 600 million [dollars] was allocated by the US to support Ukraine and urge other countries [to follow suit]," he noted.

Gavrillov stressed that Russia's anti-aircraft systems detect all US transports to the region. "This does not reduce strife, but we do hope that this meeting would help diffuse tension, and that reason will prevail. As the saying goes, we are a peaceful people but our armored train stands ready," he concluded.

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White House: Biden-Moon meeting bolstered Samsung deal

ROME

TOP White House officials say that President Joe Biden's meeting with President Moon Jae-in of South Korea in May helped clear the way for Samsung Electronics Co's announcement that it will build a semiconductor plant in Texas.

The deal was "the result of sustained work by the administration, including engagement with Samsung" and Biden's encounter with Moon "where the two leaders announced they would facilitate mutual and complementary investments in semiconductors," National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan and Brian Deese, the National Economic Council director, said in a joint statement Tuesday night.

They did not elaborate on what roles Biden and Moon played in bringing about Samsung's decision.

The company will build the chip plant in Taylor, Texas, about 48.28 km from Austin, where it has invested billions in a sprawling complex that already houses more than 3,000 employees and fabricates some of the country's most sophisticated chips.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the first half of 2022, and the plant is to begin production in the second half of 2024.

Samsung, Korea's largest company, said it plans to invest \$17 billion in the project. Texas Governor Greg Abbott, a

conservative Republican, held a press conference earlier Tuesday to praise the deal, saying it would create more than 2,000 jobs.

"The implications of this facility extend far beyond the boundaries of Texas," Abbott said. "It's going to impact the entire world."

And Taylor's mayor, Brandt Rydell, called the project "the single most significant and consequential development for the local economy since the International & Great Northern Railroad laid tracks here in the 1870s."

The Samsung agreement unfolded as the automobile and other industries continue to languish because of a global chip shortage.

At the same time, a bill that would provide \$52 billion in incentives and grants to foster semiconductor manufacturing in the US remains frozen in Congress.

Senator John Cornyn, a Texas Republican, said Tuesday that Samsung could receive \$3 billion in incentives from the bill, known as the CHIPS Act, if it passes.

Deese and Sullivan said in the statement that "the Biden-Harris administration has been working around the clock with Congress, our allies and partners, and the private sector to generate additional semiconductor manufacturing capacity and make sure we never again face shortages."

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Kremlin slams Poland's intentions to close border as 'attempt to stifle Belarus'

MOSCOW

KREMLIN Spokesman Dmitry Peskov slammed Poland's intentions to close the border with Belarus over the migration crisis as an attempt to stifle the republic.

"Such decisions will, naturally, only complicate the situation. These are nothing else but further attempts to stifle Belarus," he said.

Speaking about the allied relations between Russia and Belarus, the Kremlin press secretary said that Moscow had never concealed its readiness to provide all necessary assistance to Minsk in very dif-

ficult times. He also stressed that this was what Moscow was doing now.

"First of all, this relates to economic aid but also to all the other required assistance," Peskov said.

As the Kremlin spokesman also specified, Russian and Belarusian Presidents Vladimir Putin and Alexander Lukashenko discussed the migration crisis unfolding in the border area.

"This issue was discussed, of course. The Belarusian president told his Russian counterpart about what was taking place there and they exchanged opinions," Peskov said.

The migration crisis on the border

World media should shoulder due responsibilities for better world

BEIJING

THE world today is wrestling with a torrent of global challenges like the once-in-a-century pandemic, the rising risk of global stagflation, resurgent protectionism and hegemonism, as well as a warming planet.

Those pressing planetary challenges demand strong, effective and collective efforts from all walks of life in every country around the world. Media, of course, has a unique and important role to play.

For press groups worldwide to play their part in helping build a better world for all, better coordination and communication are essential in every sense.

The fourth World Media Summit (WMS) held Monday has provided a high-end communication and coordination platform for global media to help tackle the major questions of the times and expand consensus around the world.

As Chinese President Xi Jinping said in a congratulatory letter to the summit, global media should endeavor to help foster friendship between peoples and facilitate cultural and people-to-people exchanges, making due contributions to championing the shared values of humanity and promoting the development of a community with a shared future for humanity.

As a bridge linking people's hearts and minds, media from around the world should play their due role in enhancing mutual understanding, promoting people-to-people exchanges and building bridges of mutual learning among civilizations, especially at a time of growing divisions and misunderstanding.

Authentic, objective and comprehensive reporting can foster understanding and unity among different countries and peoples. Biased journalism and even fake news, such as disinformation campaigns in the pandemic and the spread of terrorism propaganda online,



The fourth World Media Summit was held in Beijing, on Monday. Xinhua

can only inflate distrust and hostility, and function as tumors that will erode the humanity from inside.

Thus every member of the global media industry, particularly social media venues, must honor journalism ethics, and join hands to beat disinformation, hatred rhetoric and extremist ideas, to create a positive, healthy and constructive public opinion environment.

At the same time, media groups around the world should also better help developing countries make their voices heard on the world stage.

Over the past several centuries, global information has largely flown from the rich countries to poor ones.

This should be changed to better reflect the evolving global political and economic landscape. Such a cause has become increasingly urgent when developing world as well as the least developed economies are struggling to not only heal their people in the pandemic, but also feed them.

Reporters around the world have a duty to alert the world about their miseries and sufferings, and urge the global community to offer more help.

Those are also a key part of the social responsibilities the media sector worldwide should take up as a driving force for social development and progress.

"The pandemic endangers the health of mankind, and the media have a mission to fulfill," said

He Ping, executive president of the WMS and president of Xinhua News Agency of China, calling on global media to fully reflect the consensus and actions of all countries to jointly fight the COVID-19 pandemic, tell the anti-pandemic stories well, spread positive information, reflect ordinary people's feats, and tell the glory of human nature.

It is true that the media industry itself is facing arduous challenges, like limited face-to-face communication in the pandemic situation. However, those challenges also indicate new opportunities as they are compelling media organizations to do more on innovation and embrace transformation.

Information technology, represented by 5G, big data, cloud computing, artificial intelligence, virtual technology and meta-universe, is profoundly reshaping journalism.

World media should smartly use these technologies to analyze problems, present truth, enlighten meaningful discussions, so that humanity can better weather those daunting global conundrums of this stormy age. In the final analysis, world media organizations have on their shoulders unshirkable obligations to make this world a better place for all. They should join hands even tighter, stimulate their own development, and make their share of contribution to the common cause of the human race.

Xinhua

New bourse in Beijing starts trading



Photo taken on Nov. 15, 2021 shows the exterior of the Beijing Stock Exchange. File photo

THE highly-anticipated Beijing Stock Exchange (BSE) officially started trading at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 15. The first batch of 81 companies made their debut on the new bourse, including 10 newly-listed companies and 71 companies transferred from the selected layer of China's National Equities Exchange and Quotations (NEEQ), also known as the New Third Board.

The 81 companies registered a combined trading volume of about 9.58 billion yuan (\$1.5 billion) on the first day of trading. The share prices of the 10 newly-listed companies surged 199.8 percent on average and those of the rest 71 seeing stable overall performance.

The basic layer and innovation layer of the New Third Board were also boosted by the new bourse in Beijing, with their trading volumes on Monday rising 40.37 percent and 34.07 percent, respectively, from the previous trading day.

Since Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that the country would set up a stock exchange in Beijing at the Global Trade in Services Summit of the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) on Sept. 2, China's securities regulator spared no effort to push ahead with the implementation of reforms and completed the release of relevant systems, the opening of investor accounts, and the preparation of technology system and enterprises within about two months, eventually ensuring the smooth opening of the new bourse.

Of the first batch of enterprises, 87 percent are from advanced

manufacturing, modern service, high-tech service, and strategic emerging industries, and 17 are "little giant enterprises" with specialized, sophisticated techniques and unique, novel products. All of them enjoy sound business operations and relatively strong growth prospects.

These companies cover 25 major industries of the national economy, and most are in the vanguard of industry segments. Their average research and development (R&D) intensity reaches 4.2 percent and R&D expenditure 25.36 million yuan, fully demonstrating the role of the BSE as a platform serving innovation-oriented small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

China is home to more than 40 million business entities, including more than 225,000 high- and new-tech enterprises, said an official with the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC),

noting that these companies are in different stages of development and have strong and diverse investment and financing demands.

The new bourse in Beijing will improve from many aspects the capacity of the country's multi-level capital market for serving SMEs, thus adding fresh impetus to the implementation of innovation-driven development and the building of the new "dual circulation" development paradigm, according to the official.

The BSE can strengthen the basic functions of China's capital market and support SMEs in realizing innovative development with the help of the capital market, the official noted.

It will better satisfy the needs of innovation-oriented SMEs in capital raising, merger and acquisition, reorganization, transaction valuation, and other aspects representing the basic functions of the capital market

and help SMEs achieve better and faster development, the official explained.

The new bourse help create a market system featuring long-term services covering the entire industrial chain, which can better meet the diverse demands of SMEs, the official said.

The primary platform serving innovation-oriented SMEs China aims to build not only refers to the BSE, but also includes at least the entire New Third Board market, with the BSE playing the leading role and the innovation layer and basic layer of the New Third Board being the foundation, he said.

The BSE and the innovation layer and basic layer of the New Third Board, while each performing its functions, dovetail with each other and will form institutional synergy to extend the service chain of the capital market, enabling enterprises to flexibly choose their development paths in accordance with their actual needs, according to the official.

The establishment of the BSE is expected to help generate resource agglomeration effects and optimize the development environment of innovation-oriented SMEs, the official pointed out.

The new bourse will guide various financial intermediaries and investors to actively participate and pool local governments' strength to promote the aggregation of technologies, innovations, and capital, thus further optimizing the environment for innovation-driven development of SMEs, he added.

People's Daily

FAO report urges govts to make agrifood systems more resilient

ROME

GOVERNMENTS need to make their agrifood systems more connected, diversified, and resilient to sudden shocks, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) stressed in a major report on Tuesday.

Unveiled at a virtual conference at the FAO headquarters in Rome, "The State of Food and Agriculture 2021" (SOFA) report says that about 3 billion people cannot afford a

healthy diet. A further 1 billion people would be in the same situation if a sudden shock reduced their income by one-third, the FAO estimates.

Furthermore, if critical transport links were disrupted, the cost of food would increase for up to 845 million people.

"Since well before the COVID-19 pandemic, several major drivers have put the world off track to ending world hunger and malnutrition in all its

forms by 2030," the FAO report stresses in its introduction.

This goal has now become even more challenging due to the pandemic and related restrictions, which have created severe difficulties for food systems.

Agrifood systems -- meaning the entire chain of production, storage, transport, distribution, and consumption -- produce 11 billion tons of food every year, providing direct and indirect employ-

ment to billions of people.

However, the report underlines: "Food systems will not become a powerful force contributing to ending hunger and malnutrition in all its forms in the world, unless they are transformed with strengthened resilience to the major drivers identified ... and are incentivized to provide affordable healthy diets sustainably and inclusively."

The key drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition include conflict, extreme cli-

mate events, and economic downturns -- with the pandemic being an added factor in 2020.

"The pandemic highlighted both the resilience and the weakness of our agrifood systems," FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu told the virtual conference.

According to the report's findings, while low-income countries are at the greatest risk of sudden shocks, middle-income countries also face the same threat. Actions

suggested by the FAO include urging governments to make resilience in their agrifood systems "a strategic part of their response to ongoing and future challenges."

Diversifying input sources, production, markets and supply chains would be one of the key steps in this strategy. Diversity in agrifood chains could also be improved by supporting small and medium sector firms, consortia, and clusters, the FAO suggests. Meanwhile, another

key factor is improving the connectivity of agrifood networks to better overcome possible disruption in transport channels.



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Meddie Kagere

Simba attacker eyes NBC Premier League top scoring feat

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC's top striker, Meddie Kagere, who is currently leading the NBC Premier League's scoring list with four goals, has said that his goal this season is to set a record in goal scoring.

Kagere disclosed that emerging as the domestic top-flight top scorer is his motive, as the forward in turn is bound to lift the top scorer award for the third time should the footballer fulfil his motive.

The attacker has got off to a good start, scoring four goals so far and helping Simba SC sit second in the Premier League standings with 14 points, two points behind age-old rivals Yanga.

Kagere said his goal is to help Simba defend their Premier League title for the fifth time.

The attacker revealed that he has further set his sight on lifting the top-flight golden boot to set a record for

winning it for the third time.

"When I came to Tanzania my dream was to not only help my team win trophies, but also become the top scorer in the Premier League, which I did twice, and now I want to take it again for the third time."

"Last season I did not get a chance to play regularly, this season has started well. My goal is to see that I can take the top scorer and it is possible if we continue to play well."

"This is just the beginning I believe there is a lot yet to come," Kagere stated.

The Rwandan joined Simba SC in the 2018/19 season from Gor Mahia of Kenya and became the top scorer in the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons.

Kagere has in the four seasons he played in the Mainland Premier League, netted 62 goals after playing 77 games.

Soccer pundits fault match officials of Namungo FC vs Yanga encounter

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

A penalty which Yanga was awarded when the outfit came up against Namungo FC in the NBC Premier League encounter, which took place at Ilulu Stadium in Lindi last weekend, has been described as an error by some soccer analysts.

Yanga was awarded a penalty by the referee, Abel William, in the dying minutes of the game after midfielder Feisal Salum was judged to have been fouled by Namungo FC fullback, Emmanuel Charles, within the box.

Referee William pointed to the spot and Yanga's experienced Burundian midfielder, Said Ntibazonkiza, converted it into an equalizer.

The game ended in a one-all draw, Namungo scored the opener, with former Yanga forward Obrey Chirwa keeping the side 1-0 up in the early minutes of the second half.

Due to the controversy surrounding the awarding of the penalty, Namungo FC midfielder, Jacob Masawe, that furiously contested the call was sent off for a second bookable offense.

In a monitored TV interview, football analysts, Dominic Salamba and Ally Kamwe, after the game described the referee's move as an error.

After TV replays of the action, they both said there was no foul committed by Charles as he kicked the ball, not Salum, the midfielder was seen to have been fouled by the fullback when the ball was already cleared.

Kamwe revealed: "This is not a penalty, there was nobody contact be-

tween Namungo FC player, Emmanuel Charles, and Feisal Salum."

"Maybe the referee saw otherwise but from the replays, this is not a penalty," Kamwe stated.

Salamba disclosed: "There is no way Yanga can be given a penalty of this nature, Namungo FC player did not foul the Yanga player, he only kicked the ball," he said.

The two also blamed William for allowing Ntibazonkiza to take the penalty when there were players from both sides in the 18-yard box as the penalty was taken.

"How can a referee allow a penalty to be taken when there are players in the 18-yard box, this should have been retaken," Kamwe noted.

In a post-match interview, Yanga head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, hailed Namungo for playing well in the game.

He, however, blamed the condition of the pitch, saying it contributed to his team's poor performance in the game.

"The problem was the field, the field is not good but also Namungo played well," the coach stated through an interpreter, forward Heritier Makambo.

Namungo FC head coach Ahmed Suleiman, who was not on the bench due to suspension, in an interview hailed his charges for playing according to his instructions.

He said his players followed what he told them and it worked accordingly.

"The game plan was not to allow Salum to play balls to the fellow midfielder, Yanick Bangala, and it worked accordingly, I can not comment more as I was not on the bench," he said.

Tanga Cement Company reminisces 19 years of Kili Marathon journey

By Guardian Correspondent

IF an individual talks of one of the longest-serving sponsors of the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon that is marking the 20th anniversary in February next year, he or she will not miss mentioning Tanga Cement PLC.

The event is marking 20 years and for Tanga Cement Company, it will be their 19th year as sponsors of the now world-famous Kili Marathon.

"We started when Kili Marathon started, for some reasons, we took a year break, and then we rejoined and haven't looked back since," Tanga Cement PLC Commercial Manager, Peet Brits, says.

"We are among the very first sponsors who stepped up to support what is now a mega international event, and the 20th anniversary proves that we were not wrong to trust the organizers," Brits notes.

He says Tanga Cement PLC, through its product Simba Cement, has been sponsoring the Kili Marathon when it started as a fun event with less than 500 runners.

Brits reveal: "We are proud to be part of the Kili Marathon history and growing with the event with participants nearing the 12000 mark."

According to Brits, the main push all these years has been out of the love for sports and healthy living for which Kili Marathon provides an amazing platform, as this is the only major sports event that involves many of their employees, from runners to non-runners.

"When I say non-runners, I refer to the water point and stadium volunteers. So when talking about Kili Marathon, I mean Team Simba from Tanga Cement participating fully," he adds.

For Tanga Cement Company employees, according to the Commercial Manager, that feeling of having a team day out for such a great sports event is a major boost of their morale.

Travelling in the same minibus for more than 300 kilometers, having lunch, dinner together, being in either water point or the same race team is, according to the Commercial Manager, an exciting moment for them and a great team-building exercise.

"It is just because Simba Cement has to continue to be produced, otherwise, all of us would be in Moshi to participate."



Tanga Cement PLC staff cool and rehydrate runners at the firm's water table during one of the past Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon events, which took place in Moshi.

"The Kili Marathon vibes are just out of this world and this helps to keep our employees' morale at an all-time high."

"For our Northern region customers and other customers, it is always that special time to socialize in an informal setup and this makes them feel part of Team Simba and if there is any business discussion, it is discussed in a relaxed mood," Brits notes.

He goes on to say that Team Simba Cement will have 25 runners in the February event and the company will support them with running jerseys to pay for their race cost, transport as well as accommodation to and from Moshi.

Asked about the impact of the event on Moshi, Brits discloses: "The Kilimanjaro Marathon benefits Moshi town and the nation as a whole."

"There is income for the owners of hotels and all sorts of accommodation facilities, food service providers, including restaurants, food vendors, big and small, liquor stores and cold soft drinks vendors."

For the foreign runners, he says all these, in the end, contribute revenue into the national basket as they get to

tour different tourist attractions in and out of Moshi before and after the event.

To other corporates who have never been part of the marathon, he says: "They are missing a lot, they are missing the fun big time. I think one should just test the feeling of being in Moshi, that early morning race day, the feeling at the water point when you serve runners, the feeling at the stadium seeing runners starting and finishing their races, and the fully packed Moshi...meeting so many people from different parts of the world and the memories they will carry all along is something they may never want to miss again."

They should according to Brits know that the Kili Marathon has been a very good business platform where one can have a one-on-one with their customers and other stakeholders where you get to hear what you could not hear in the board rooms as you get to mingle with customers from the normal to the executives and the like.

"The organizers will host the first-ever Kili Marathon Expo as part of the 20th anniversary where sponsors and other stakeholders will get

the opportunity to showcase their products and services for three days running," he says.

Brits note that this will be a great opportunity that people should capitalize on for business.

Since the event cannot happen without people, the Commercial Manager wants the participants to register on time as registration opened online on October 17, 2021, through www.kilimanjaronmarathon.com and via TigoPesa by dialing *149*20#.

Other sponsors of the next year's Kili Marathon include Kilimanjaro Premium Lager-42km, Tigo-21km, Grand Malt-5km, water table sponsors, Unilever, TPC Sugar, Absa, and Kilimanjaro Water.

The race's official suppliers are Kilimanjaro International Leather Industries Company Limited, GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel, and CMC Automobiles.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon, which will be held at the Moshi Cooperative University (MOCU) venue on February 27, 2022, is organized by Kilimanjaro Marathon Company Limited and locally coordinated by Executive Solutions Limited.

Mbeya Kwanza FC forward seeks to torment Yanga

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

MBEYA Kwanza FC forward, Crispin Ngushi, discloses his side is fit and he is ready to score against Yanga when the clubs meet in this season's NBC Premier League fixture which has been slated for November 30 at Sokoine Stadium.

Ngushi went as far as saying he has what it takes to net seven goals in the clash whenever he gets a chance.

The forward noted they have been failing to get good results in the first half of each of their previous matches.

"I can score up to seven goals if I get chances, we have been coming from behind to equalize, this was due to the strangeness but now we are used to it so we do not expect mistakes to recur," the attacker that has registered three goals noted.

The teams are meeting for the first time, with Mbeya Kwanza being the league's newcomer thus making the match a record and history.

While the Mbeya outfit continues to prepare for the domestic top-flight game against Yanga, the former's head coach Haruna Harerimana said they are aware that they are facing a



Mbeya Kwanza FC's attacker, Crispin Ngushi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MBEYA KWANZA FC

popular team, so they will put spirited displays to get three points.

The match between the two teams is expected to be played on Tuesday next week, with the tie being the first between the two teams.

Speaking during the squad's practice at the College of Sci-

ence and Technology (MUST) ground recently, Haruna said Yanga are such a great team and they, as they are in the Premier League, will do great things to stay with three points.

He said there are no easy matches in the Premier League, expressing happiness over the return of some of his club's

footballers that were nursing injuries, and the player who had been serving a ban.

The players are skipper Salum Chuku, Hamis Kanduru, and Japheth Majagi, who was sent off in the last match against Prisons.

"We are not under pressure because it is a normal match and there are players who have played in the Premier League so they are not afraid it is like other matches we will play normally we will be careful with all Yanga players," Haruna noted.

Mbeya Kwanza FC's goalkeeper, Hamad Kadedi, said he was well prepared to help his team, explaining that it will hardly be the first time he had met the historic champions.

The shot-stopper was adamant he would be extra vigilant to prevent what happened to him last season when he allowed a last-minute goal against Yanga whilst he was featuring for Shinyanga's Stand United FC.

"I met Yanga while playing for Stand United FC, so I don't see any pressure but I urge my teammates to be careful not to allow them to score like in the previous match," Kadedi noted.

Xavi: Barcelona can beat Bayern in UCL finale

BARCELONA

XAVI Hernandez is optimistic Barcelona can beat Bayern Munich next month after a goalless draw with Benfica on Wednesday left their Champions League hopes hanging in the balance.

Barca will have to win at the Allianz Arena on Dec. 8 to make sure of their place in the last 16 if Benfica secure three points in Lisbon against Dynamo Kiev, who are already guaranteed to finish bottom of Group E, on the final matchday.

The last two meetings between Barca and Bayern ended 8-2 and 3-0 in the German side's favour, but Xavi says he's seen enough in two matches since replacing Ronald Koeman to believe winning in Munich is possible.

"What makes me most optimistic is seeing the team playing in this way," Xavi said in a news conference after the Benfica draw when asked about his side's chances of progressing in the Champions League.

"Playing like this we can compete with anyone. Seeing what I've seen [against Benfica], we can go to Munich and win. The positive news is we still depend on ourselves."

Bayern sealed the top spot in the group on Wednesday as they made it five wins from five by beating Kiev 2-0. Barca are second on seven points and Benfica are third on five points.

In the event Barca and Benfica finish level, the Portuguese side would advance with the superior head-to-head record, with the Blaugrana dropping into the Europa League.

Barca would have booked their place in the next round with a win against Benfica on Wednesday, but failed to make the most of their domination in an entertaining encounter at a rain-drenched Camp Nou.

Yusuf Demir hit the bar, Ronald Araujo had a goal ruled out for offside, Frenkie de Jong had a header saved and Memphis Depay wasted two great chances, but Xavi's side were unable to find the breakthrough.

There was almost a sting in the tail when Benfica, who also had a Nicolas Otamendi goal disallowed, saw striker Haris Seferovic miss an open goal after rounding Marc-Andre ter Stegen in stoppage time.

"We were the better side," insisted Xavi, whose first game in charge was a 1-0 win over Espanyol last weekend. "It was a good game. If we had just scored one goal it would have been a great game. In the end, it's a point that feels like much less."

"Being positive, I think we played well. The idea is catching on. We just lacked that goal. This is the Barca we want but we must be more clinical. That's one goal in two games – and that was a penalty."

"We have to restore the confidence of the players that score goals. I'm not just talking about the forwards, either, but the midfielders that arrive from deep as well."

One plus for Barca on Wednesday was the return of Ousmane Dembele as a second-half substitute. The French forward is out of contract next summer, but Xavi hopes he will sign a new deal.

"He changed the dynamic of the game," the Barca coach added. "He generates fear in the opponent. He created chances. It's a shame a goal didn't come from one of his crosses or shots."

"I've spoken with him and he's happy here. He took a risk playing today because he's not 100 percent; another player wouldn't have done that."

"There was a risk of a relapse, but he surprises you as a person. He's different from what you think. For me, he's an important player. If he's on the pitch, things happen. I hope he renews."

Barca have two league games before facing Bayern, starting with Saturday's trip to Villarreal, who lost to Manchester United in the Champions League on Wednesday.

(Agencies)

EU parliament opposes future Super Leagues

LONDON

UEFA has welcomed a European parliament resolution opposing "breakaway competitions," but the backers of the proposed European Super League defended their project, saying the EU needed to ensure "fair and open competition."

Twelve of Europe's leading clubs announced in April that they intended to create a new Super League and break away from UEFA's established Champions League competition.

After a hostile reaction from across the game and from fans and governments alike the move collapsed, with all six English clubs plus Inter Milan, AC Milan and Atletico Madrid withdrawing.

Spanish clubs Real Madrid and Barcelona and Italian team Juventus have continued to push the idea, however, and proceedings have continued in a Madrid court that stopped UEFA from punishing the breakaway clubs.

In May, the court asked the European Court of Justice to establish whether FIFA and UEFA, the world and continental football governing bodies, were breaching EU competition law by preventing clubs from creating the new league.

The resolution passed by the European parliament, with 597 votes to 36 and 55 abstentions, called for a "European sports model" with a "strong commitment to integrating the principles of solidarity, sustainability, inclusiveness for all, open competition, sporting merit and fairness."

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Assessing Man United's options to replace Solskjaer

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

MANCHESTER United are back in the market for a new manager for the fifth time since Sir Alex Ferguson's retirement in 2013 after Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's 35-month reign came to an end on Sunday.

The absence of a proven -- and available -- candidate to replace Solskjaer has prompted United to announce that former midfielder Michael Carrick will take temporary charge until an interim manager is appointed until the end of the season. But although United's owners, the Glazer family, are starting out with a blank sheet of paper in the search for a new manager, there are a number of top-quality candidates.

So who are the leading contenders to take on what has become one of the toughest jobs in football?

MAURICIO POCCHETTINO

The Paris Saint-Germain coach is United's first choice to replace Solskjaer. Mauricio Pochettino was also the top target to replace Jose Mourinho in 2018-19, but Solskjaer's initial success as interim manager prompted United to abandon their Pochettino chase in favour of handing Solskjaer a permanent contract.

Sources have told ESPN that Pochettino is open to leaving PSG for United, which means the Old Trafford club have a real opportunity to finally get their man, though it's not that simple. Pochettino signed a two-year contract at PSG this summer. The Ligue 1 club, one of the richest in the world, is expected to demand a huge compensation package if they even entertain an approach from United. Regardless, Pochettino's record of developing an exciting young team at Tottenham has made him the favoured choice of United's top brass, so they must now decide whether they are ready to take on PSG.

BRENDAN RODGERS

Although Leicester City have struggled this season to replicate the performances of the past two years under Rodgers, the former Liverpool and Celtic manager is regarded by senior figures at United as the best domestic option to succeed Solskjaer.

Injuries to key players such as Wesley Fofana, James Justin and Youri Tielemans have hurt Leicester this season, but delivering a spot on the European stage and a first-ever FA Cup win at the King Power Stadium is tangible success, and that's down to Rodgers. He's also hailed as a coach who delivers the attractive, attacking football demanded by United supporters.

The downside is his Liverpool past. United would not want to be seen as hiring a man who was sacked by their biggest rivals, but Rodgers improved Liverpool, Celtic and Leicester, confirming he has the track record United need.

ZINEDINE ZIDANE

An out-of-work manag-



Manchester United considered Mauricio Pochettino before giving the job to Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. The PSG coach is their top candidate this time around. (Agencies)

er with three Champions League titles and a proven ability to get the best out of some of football's biggest names at Real Madrid seems like an obvious contender. But the fact that United haven't hired Zidane already points to doubts on both sides as to his suitability for the Old Trafford job.

Sources have told ESPN that Zidane, whose grasp of English is limited, has no strong desire to work in England and that his preference would be coach France or Paris Saint-Germain. And despite his winning record at Real, sources at United have said there are concerns over his ability to make good players better, rather than merely manage the egos of great ones.

Zidane is unlikely to be United's next manager, but while he is still available, both parties could be tempted to overcome their reservations if their preferred options respectively prove to be out of reach.

ERIK TEN HAG

Ten Hag, 51, is regarded as a rising star, having guided Ajax to successive league and cup doubles in the Netherlands. A former centre-half whose playing career was limited to spells with Twente, Utrecht and RKC Waalwijk, Ten Hag has worked his way through the coaching ranks, including two years with Bayern Munich's reserve team, before ending up at Ajax.

But while he has developed a young, vibrant team in the traditions of Ajax, Ten Hag's lack of top-level experience in a major league marks him out as a risky appointment for United. The transition from the Eredivisie to the Premier League is a tough one, as highlighted recently by players like Donny van de Beek and Hakim Ziyech, and Ten Hag is likely to need to take another step up the ladder before taking on a challenge as big as the one at Old Trafford.

MICHAEL CARRICK

The former United midfielder, who won every major honour available to him during a 12-year playing career at Old Trafford, has stepped up from his coaching position into the caretaker manager role following Solskjaer's exit. At this stage, the 40-year-old is regarded as nothing more than a stop-gap until an interim manager can be appointed, but if he can inspire

an upturn in results, don't rule out the possibility of an extension until the end of the season.

Sources have said that United are determined to stick to the process of hiring a proven manager next summer, but having ripped up that same plan to give Solskjaer the job on a full-time basis, Carrick could become a serious contender if results give him and the team momentum.

Carrick as permanent manager is a very long shot, but given the club's previous approach in hiring a manager, it would be foolish to completely discount him as a contender.

LAURENT BLANC

If United stick to their plan of hiring an interim manager, former France and PSG coach Blanc would be a good fit if only for his previous as-

sociation with United as a player under Sir Alex Ferguson between 2001 and 2003.

Blanc, 56, is now in charge of Al-Rayyan in the Qatar Stars League, but things aren't going great there, with the team eighth in the 12-team league. Blanc enjoyed consistent domestic success in Ligue 1 with Bordeaux and PSG earlier in his coaching career, winning the league title and cups with both teams, but his star has been on the wane since leaving PSG in 2016.

In terms of a proven, safe pair of hands, Blanc would bring experience and knowledge as an interim manager, but don't expect him to be on United's list for a permanent manager right now.

DIEGO SIMEONE

The X factor in Unit-

ed's managerial search is Atletico Madrid coach Simeone. United have twice tried and failed to tempt the Argentine to Old Trafford: in 2013 before hiring David Moyes as Sir Alex Ferguson's successor, and then a year later when Simeone and Jurgen Klopp both turned down United prior to the appointment of Louis van Gaal.

Simeone has never shown a great desire to work in the Premier League, but sources have said he continues to be admired by the United hierarchy after turning Atletico into a consistent challenger to the duopoly of Real Madrid and Barcelona in LaLiga.

After 10 years in charge of Atletico, the prospect of a new challenge at United might now appeal and if the 51-year-old shows any glimpses that he would be interested, the Glazers would have to move him alongside Pochettino as a top target.

GRAHAM POTTER

Sources told ESPN last month that United were prepared to hire a British manager if top targets proved to be elusive, and in that case, the main candidate is Rodgers. But Potter is regarded by insiders as a talented coach capable of succeeding in a big Premier League job after his stint with Brighton.

The failure of David Moyes, who was sacked after less than a year in charge of United, would be a shadow hanging over a domestic appointment such as Potter, and

it remains a fact that no English manager has ever won the Premier League title. But if United miss out on Pochettino and Simeone, and also fail to tempt Rodgers, Potter could be the best option within the Premier League. That said, the 46-year-old will need to win a trophy with Brighton this season, or guide them into Europe, to have any realistic hope of being considered by United.

GARETH SOUTHGATE

By signing a new contract as England manager on Monday, just 24 hours after Solskjaer's exit was confirmed, Gareth Southgate would appear to have ended any prospect of taking over at Manchester United. With the 2022 World Cup in 12 months' time, it would be difficult to imagine Southgate passing up the chance of making England the world champions.

That said, in terms of trusting young players, managing with understated discipline and demonstrating a readiness to work within a football structure, Southgate could be a potential United target, especially after transforming England from perennial underachievers into a team that now challenges for honours. He is a clear outsider in any list of candidates, but even with a World Cup on the horizon, it would be a big call for an Englishman to reject the opportunity of managing Manchester United.



Manchester United twice courted Atletico Madrid coach Diego Simeone, to no avail. (Agencies)

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Let's BREAK FOR A SHORT COMMERCIAL

Simba SC coach sets sight on Red Arrows FC

SPORT

Pochettino is open to Man United move. Can they make a deal happen?

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Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

to come in large numbers, we are well prepared and we will be ready for the game to ensure we win this important game," Bocco noted.

The captain said the mistakes they made in the second preliminary round fixture of this season's CAF Champions League against Jwaneng Galaxy could not be repeated in Sunday's game.

Simba SC failed to defend its 2-0 victory over Botswana champions in the first leg, suffering a 3-1 loss in the second leg in Dar es Salaam.

Jwaneng Galaxy booked a place in this season's CAF Champions League group stage via away goals' rule.

A statement from Simba SC management stated that it had given coach Pablo goals to bring the team to the semi-finals of the CAF Confederation Cup.

The coach is further tasked with seeing to it the squad defends its Premier League title in Mainland Tanzania and the Azam Sports Federation Cup.

Pablo has already led Simba SC in one competitive game since taking office, seeing the squad cruised to a 3-1 win over Ruvo Shooting in NBC Premier League.

Red Arrows FC is a Zambian football club based in Lusaka that plays in the MTN/FAZ Super Division.

They play their home games at Nkoloma Stadium in Chelstone, Lusaka. The side is sponsored by the Zambian Air Force.

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

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SIMBA SC head coach, Pablo Franco, has said the first leg of this season's CAF Confederation Cup playoff against Zambian club, Red Arrows FC, is crucial for him in achieving his club's goals this season.

So far there are three days to go before Simba SC hosts Red Arrows FC in the first leg of the showdown.

Pablo said he is continuing his final preparations before

the game and had already prepared tactics to give Simba SC the victory in Sunday's game at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

"It's an important game for us, this is my second game but it is very important in the journey to achieve the club's goals in the international championships," Pablo noted.

Pablo said he is preparing his squad to fight in the manner in which their opponents will play in Sunday's game.

"I know Simba SC is the biggest team

in Africa, I have developed tactics to give them victory in this game, I don't know our opponents but I keep track of them with the help of my fellows, my players have shown me they can fight any team, this gives me hope."

Simba SC skipper, John Bocco, appealed to the team's fans to continue to support them and to turn up in Sunday's game to give them support.

"We are continuing with the preparations and working on what the coach is instructing us to do, I urge the fans

KMC FC eyes second NBC Premier League win

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

KINONDONI Municipal Council FC headed to Mbeya yesterday for the NBC Premier League match against Mbeya City FC which will be played at Sokoine Stadium in the city on Saturday.

KMC FC registered its first win of the Premier League against Azam FC in a 2-1 win over the latter at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

According to a statement issued by KMC FC's information officer, Christina Mwangala, the Kinondoni Municipal Council-owned club convoy will include 21 players, a technical bench, and officials.

The official disclosed KMC FC has traveled with the contingent to see to it that the team goes to Mbeya to get good results in the game even though the outfit will be away.

Christina noted: "So far the preparations have been going on well since the end of the NBC Premier League sixth round match against Azam FC played on November 21 at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam and emerged with a two-goal victory."

She added in the statement: "The team continued with preparations last evening."

"Even though the game will be very competitive, the technical bench, made up of head coach John Simkoko and his assistants, Habibu Kondo and Hamadi Ally, continues to strengthen itself towards the game and that the goals and strategies for the team can achieve significant victories."

"We are going to a competitive game away from home, we are not considering that we are playing home or away, what we are doing is preparing for our important game."

"Mbeya City is a good team and we have seen good results, so we know that so in our preparations we are going to fight for three points," the KMC FC statement issued by Christina noted.

"But even more we thank God that in the last game we did not have any injured player, so the whole squad is strong and morale is also high, especially our fans continue to support us as they have always done, we need to fight hard from the position we are in now."

KMC FC has failed to keep any clean sheet this season and the squad is optimistic of solving its defensive woes.



Kinondoni Municipal Council FC information officer, Christina Mwangala. PHOTO: KMC FC

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Khalid Aucho. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Outfits seeking to sign Aucho should communicate with Yanga, says official

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YANGA's management has said if there is a team from either in or out of the country that wants midfielder Khalid Aucho then they should submit their offer to the Jangwani Street side's management.

The outfit's club's information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, stated while commenting on the Ugandan international midfielder's contract with the club.

Bumbuli said Yanga had entered into a two-year contract with the star but could not block offers from other clubs if they wanted the midfielder.

The official disclosed: "We only hear words there, but let me just tell you Aucho has a two-year contract with Yanga, but we know this is a good player and teams are watching him."

"We just tell them to bring their offer and see how we do but this is a Yanga player and he has a two-year contract with our club," Bumbuli added.

The official also said Yanga fans should do away with the fear of losing any player as the players have contracts with the club.

"You know every time we go to the registration window a lot of words happen, our fans should not be shocked by this noise, all the players have contracts and no player will leave arbitrarily," Bumbuli said.

In recent days various transfer rumours have emerged with Aucho repeatedly mentioned as being linked with a move away from Yanga in the next mini transfer window.

This season's transfer window is expected to be opened on December 15 and already the fever of transfer of players has begun to rise where various clubs hope to strengthen their squads.

The Yanga statement comes just days after the collapse of their contractual case against their former midfielder Bernard Morrison after the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) handed down the verdict of victory to Morrison.

Yanga sued Morrison to CAS for breach of contract with the club, the court ruled that the midfielder did not have a contract with Yanga after the previous six-month agreement's expiration on July 14 last year.

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