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Samia wants NFRA to set up Katavi as grain hub

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) to establish Katavi as an independent zone for the procurement and storage of food grains.

Launching modern grain storage warehouses and silos in the region at the weekend, she said that the newly launched grain storage facilities will bolster food security, minimize post-harvest losses and increase storage capacity in the region from 5,000 to 28,000 tonnes of grains.

The president stressed the importance of offering fair prices to farmers across the country, while pointing at Karema Port on Lake Tanganyika as a strategic zone for stimulating the growth of people in the area and in the neighbourhood, the

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Zambia and Burundi.

Karema Port has undeniable economic viability and growth potential, with its economic viability having multiplier effects on societies as a strategic connection to DRC, Zambia, and Burundi, she stated.

The port is potentially instrumental in stimulating business growth in the four riparian states, she asserted.

Closing an occasion of the CCM Parents' Wing, the party chairperson stressed the strategic importance of the port as a centre of businesses linking people of four counties sharing Lake Tanganyika.

She acknowledged being aware of the region's desire of getting a passenger ship, telling the audience that the work going on at other ports needs to



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa follows one of songs of praise and worship sung at celebrations held at national level at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam yesterday to mark the 85th Anniversary of the Tanzania Assemblies of God (TAG) Church. He filled in for President Samia Suluhu Hassan in gracing the event, with the venue filled to capacity. Photo: PMO

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TAG cites peace as unique asset for worship, progress

By Guardian Reporter

LEADERS of the Tanzania Assemblies of God (TAG) denomination have saluted the government for upholding peace, unity, stability and freedom of worship in the country, a unique asset that has enabled TAG and other churches to make significant development strides.

Archbishop Dr Barnabas Mtokambali, the chairman of the Council of Pentecostal Churches of Tanzania (CPCT) and head of TAG, made the remarks in the presence of Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, at a vast ceremony to mark 85 years

We have consistently collaborated with religious institutions, particularly in social campaigns to educate and inspire good morals and conduct among communities

of the TAG.

The event brought together vast numbers of worshippers along with large groups of visitors at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, where the Pentecostal church leader said that apart from its religious role, the church provides vital social services and promotes upright moral values among its followers and the society at large.

He explained that TAG initiatives include setting up primary and secondary schools, two teacher training colleges, 21 or-

phanages, 89 childcare centres and five technical colleges.

The church has an expanded network fielding 5,918 parishes and has fulltime 2,008 employees in religious service, with administrative districts growing from 557 to 860 nationwide in the past few years.

Former Benin President Thomas Boni Yayi, parliamentarians, foreign missionaries, church leaders from 13 African and Asian countries were present, as well as 60 leaders of foreign Pentecostal churches, ten

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Traders oppose multiple regulatory bodies, levies

By Getrude Mbagi

HAVING multiple regulatory bodies and agencies results in bureaucracy which impedes business growth in the country, a section of businessmen believes.

These sentiments were expressed at meeting between traders and Indus-

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RTO: Wearing uniforms void excuse to violate traffic code

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TAILOR-MADE driving and vehicle maintenance courses for law enforcers have been instructed on 179 police officers here by the Arusha Technical College (ATC).

ACP Salvas Makweli, the regional chief of police operations, warned police officers not to use their uniforms as immunity to violate traffic regulations. It has come to

our notice that some police officers usually break traffic regulations while driving on public roads simply because they are in their uniform."

"It has come to our notice that some police officers often break traffic regulations while driving on public roads simply because they are in their uniforms," he said at an award ceremony to present certificates of completion, over the weekend.

David Mtunguja, ATC

head of the vehicle engineering and drivers' training department, said that the special courses for police officers were conducted for one month, from June 3 to July 4, affirming that the college also offers computerized vehicle diagnosis and updated facilities for repairing workshop at its city-center premises.

SSP Zauda Mohamed, the regional traffic police commander, said the training sessions

were held at the college premises and at the police base, while anticipating to hold similar sessions in future.

ACP Makweli appreciated the tailor made courses, showing gratitude for the driving courses for officers as the police command was experiencing acute shortages of drivers, intimating that the force was "in dire need of 100 such personnel."

Prof Mussa Chacha, the college rector, stated that

more than 76 percent of recent road accidents resulted from drivers who lack even basic precepts of traffic regulations.

Many local drivers also have little, if any knowledge of the vehicles they are driving and how to handle them, in which case the college had provided driving courses to senior police traffic officials in the region. The courses will now be delivered on rank and file police officers, he added.



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try and Trade minister Dr Selemeni Jafu in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, where the business people urged the government to take up the issue and conduct reviews on some pertinent regulations, to address the drawbacks.

The traders were of the view that the high number of regulatory bodies and agencies leads to numerous taxes, fees and charges imposed on investors and traders, thus increasing the costs of doing business.

Angelina Ngalula, the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) chairperson, said that traders countrywide face a number of challenges including multiple taxes and levies, forceful collection of taxes and a surge in smuggled goods which greatly weaken the development of local industries.

She derided the habit of using excessive force in collecting taxes, noting that such habits have a negative impact on trade development, insisting on the need to address the challenge to promote the development of local industries.

Paul Makanza, the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) chairman, pointed at critical issues affecting industries as taxation, the regulatory framework and influx of imported goods that displace locally produced goods in the market.

"We do not have challenges with paying tax, but sending tax and levies to multiple regulatory bodies and agencies affects us greatly," he explained, underlining that closing someone's factory because of tax challenges will not address the challenge.

On the contrary it will kill more factories, so what is needed is to

resolve the issues in a business friendly way, he emphasized. Hamis Livembe, the Business Communities Association national chairman, said that many concerns of business stakeholders were formally presented to the government and await implementation of resolutions issued on June 25, referring to a meeting between association representatives and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa. The minister, assigned to the portfolio in the wake of nationwide shop closures by wholesale traders to protest methods of the revenue authorities especially its scattered task forces, assured industry stakeholders of unwavering support in addressing operational challenges, to enhance productivity.

He cited proactive measures directed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan as having successfully attracted substantial investments in the industrial sector, stating that he will be working to bring about a more conducive environment for businesses to grow.

"I do not support Tanzanians shifting to invest in other countries," he said, stressing that dialogue is needed to address the barriers that push them to prefer to invest in other countries, thus attract them to come back home.

The minister was accompanied by deputy minister Exaud Kigahe, permanent secretary Dr Hashil Abdallah and other top officials. A schedule will be arranged to facilitate regular meetings with traders and investors to assess the implementation of various initiatives aimed at promoting business growth, he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan spends time yesterday at the Katavi Regional Referral Hospital bedside of a young woman who had a preterm delivery at the facility recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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be completed before big new projects are initiated. "But we will work on it," she stated.

She also dwelled on suspending fishing activities in Lake Tanganyika for three months, saying it gave room for fish reproduction since the stocks were rapidly declining.

"We responded swiftly to experts' opinions that suspending fishing activities for a while would be sufficient to handle the problem," she said. We did the same for Lake Victoria in the past and people are since

then doing lucrative business," she recalled.

Investments by the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) in uplifting Karema Port had so far reached 47.6bn/., overhauling port structures to modernity, as modern infrastructure is needed for Great Lakes trading, she said.

Work to overhaul Karema Port infrastructure began in 2019 and was completed in 2022, now being operational 24 hours, located 130 kilometres from Katavi town. The distance from Karema Port to DRC's Kalemie and Moba ports is 338km and 298km

respectively. Lake Tanganyika is the world's longest freshwater lake and is shared among four countries, with the length of 676 kilometre and among the deepest lakes in the world with 1,470m, while being the second largest lake in Africa after Lake Victoria. In addressing the Parents Wing closing session, President Samia reaffirmed the government's commitment to put to effect recommendations by the Criminal Justice Commission, pointing at the need to improve the police force infrastructure.

Inaugurating a regional police

headquarters building, urged the public to closely support the work of the police to ensure steady protection of people and their properties.

She also inspected progress in the construction of the Katavi Regional Referral Hospital, underscoring government efforts to strengthen health services, particularly maternal and child health care nationwide.

Residents in the region need to collaborate with public agencies to combat early pregnancies, ensuring that girl children have unconstrained access to education and an opportunity to achieve their dreams.



Rotarians representing a range of clubs from across Tanzania line themselves up in Dar es Salaam at the weekend for a massive tree planting campaign, the target being 30,000 trees - all in the spirit of promoting environmental sustainability and community well-being. The drive is in celebration of 100-plus years of dedicated community service by Rotarians in Tanzania, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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faith elders and numerous pastors from various regions and TAG partners.

In his remarks, the premier vowed to reinforce engagement with religious leaders in promoting peace, stability for the country's socio-economic development.

He praised religious leaders and institutions for their vital role in ensuring that communities are safe and peaceful, as a key part of the country's stability and development.

Their contribution to peace and unity is unwavering and commendable, he declared, underlining that the government appreciates the role of religious institutions in promoting moral values, fighting evils and combating moral decay.

"We have consistently collaborated with religious institutions, particularly in social campaigns to educate and inspire good morals and conduct among communities."

He praised TAG for its initiatives in nurturing children's spiritual growth and commitment to understanding and upholding such teachings, applauding the church's role in fostering unity, promoting spiritual and social cohesion and engaging in charitable activities.

Pointing at education, healthcare and community development efforts, he said such activities "contribute to our societal solidarity and strengthen peace and security," he added.

The TAG leader urged members to envision sustaining the church's impact for another 85 years, emphasizing the importance of youth involvement in advancing that vision, hailing President Samia Suluhu Hassan for efforts to advance the country, particularly in infrastructure development.

He especially praised the high-speed electric train service already available from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro. It will significantly reduce travel time to Dodoma where TAG has located its headquarters, he added

Kenyan police relocated following body parts discovery

London and Nairobi

OFFICERS at a police station near a rubbish dump where dismembered body parts were found have been transferred, Kenya's acting inspector general of police has said.

On Sunday, Douglas Kanja Kirocho said that so far, eight female bodies had been retrieved from the site in the capital, Nairobi.

Kenya's police watchdog previously announced it was investigat-

ing whether there was police involvement in the gruesome deaths, which come amid allegations of widespread human rights abuses by officers during recent anti-government protests.

Kirocho said officers from Kware police station were being moved to ensure "fair and unbiased investigations" into the "heinous" deaths.

Detectives have been scouring the site in the Mukuru slum since Friday, when the corpses of six

women were found in sacks floating in a sea of rubbish.

On Saturday, five other bags containing body parts were recovered.

Preliminary reports show that the bodies were in various stages of decomposition and that the deceased were aged between 18 and 30.

Officers said some of the bags included severed legs and torsos, speculating that the deaths could be related to the activities of cultists or serial killers.

But the Independent Police Oversight Authority said "widespread allegations of police involvement in unlawful arrests [and] abductions" meant it was undertaking a preliminary investigation to establish whether there was any police connection.

Human rights groups have accused the police of shooting dozens of people who were demonstrating against planned tax rises earlier this month, some of them fatally.

The police have also been accused of abducting or arbitrarily arresting hundreds more during the protests.

Responding to the bodies found in Mukuru, the Independent Police Oversight Authority said: "The bodies, wrapped in bags and secured by nylon ropes, had visible marks of torture and mutilation."

The watchdog also noted that the dump site was less than 100m from Kware police station.

In contradiction to the police's report, the Independent Police Oversight Authority said nine dismembered bodies were found at the Mukuru dump - seven female and two male.

Kirocho said the police were working to conclude their investigation into the deaths "within 21 days".

The bodies are being kept at a funeral home in Nairobi, pending post-mortem examinations.

GEF happy with progress made on gender equality and women's rights

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THE Generation Equality Forum (GEF) National Advisory Committee has expressed satisfaction with the progress of the programme's initiatives and called upon stakeholders to intensify their efforts.

Generation Equality is a unique global effort to accelerate investment and implementation of gender equality in today's context of stalled progress and regression.

Nyamizi Mhoja, chairperson of the GEF delegation made the remarks in Dar es Salaam over the weekend at the conclusion of the committee's visit to various parts in the country.

She said the programme is aimed at fostering gender equality in leadership and enhancing women's economic empowerment, facilitated through a range of financial institutions, including public, private, and other entities.

Mhoja emphasized President Samia Suluhu Hassan's steadfast commitment to gender equality and that the committee has confirmed that strides are being made towards this goal. The committee which visited NMB Bank as well as CRDB Bank, hailed how the institutions consider gender while also implementing several initiatives to empower women economically.

Ruth Zaipuna, NMB Bank chief executive officer underscored that gender equality is a pivotal agenda of the bank, encompassing diverse considerations.

She said 48 percent of the bank's staff across all branches is women and that it will continue to prioritize gender and age diversity, acknowledging the significance of both elder and younger people.

Tully Mwambapa, chief executive officer of CRDB Bank Foundation said the institution has issued supportive capital to over 500,000 individuals nationwide as part of the implementation of the GEF programme.

Mwambapa said the Foundation's goal is to reach one million people by the end of this year collaborating closely with the government to expand economic empowerment initiatives, particularly through soft loans.



Food vendors based along the Kafyofyo estuary of Lake Nyasa - at Njisi village in Kyela District, Mbeya Region - pictured yesterday preparing food, mainly for fishermen and fishmongers. They complained of paying various statutory levies but going without basic services, including latrines. Photo: Correspondent Yassin Ibrahim

Explore untapped chances in SGR, CCM urges business community

By Correspondent James Kandoya

AMOS Makalla the CCM secretary of ideology, publicity and training, has urged traders in the country to seize untapped economic opportunities once official operations begin on the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR).

Makalla said that over the weekend after travelling by a new electric-powered train from Morogoro station to

Tanzanite station in Dar es Salaam.

He highlighted numerous opportunities in sectors such as agriculture, livestock, and transport that remain underutilized.

He said the Dar es Salaam -Morogoro- Dodoma services will help to connect people traveling using electric trains as well as stimulate business economic activities to and from the country capital city of Dodoma.

Makalla stated that the Dar es Salaam-Morogoro-Dodoma railway services, will not only facilitate convenient travel for passengers using electric trains but also stimulate economic activities, particularly to and from the capital city of Dodoma.

He underscored that the SGR will significantly reduce both transportation costs and travel time for passengers and cargo across various destinations.

The official commended the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) for its high standards and well-organized services in the new electric-powered train.

"I further urge business groups to explore potential opportunities and invest," Makalla added, emphasizing: "The government has made substantial investments in railway

infrastructure to enhance the transport of goods and services."

Some passengers, Sinira Mohamed and Gilbert Bambaga who travelled from Morogoro by the train, also praised the service, describing it as a benchmark for modern transport.

The passengers expressed anticipation for the commencement of Dar es Salaam-Dodoma services,

which they believe will enable timely visits to their families.

"The services aboard the train were exceptional and of high standard. We commend the railway management," they affirmed.

The official launch of the Dar es Salaam-Dodoma services is scheduled for later this month, following the initiation of services from Dar es Salaam to Morogoro last month.

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Relief as female students in Moshi get sanitary pads

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

FEMALE students at Mieresini Secondary School in Moshi Municipality, Kilimanjaro Region have a reason to smile after being given 2,400 pieces of sanitary pads to reduce absenteeism and improve academic performance at the school.

Receiving the sanitary pads from sugar producers, Mieresini Secondary School headmaster Prosper Moshia expressed the school community's gratitude for the donation, emphasizing that it came at the right moment and served its intended purpose.

The DC lauded Kilombo Sugar along with other Illovo Sugar Africa subsidiaries who joined hands under the Kilimanjaro Expeditions Initiative, urging other stakeholders to team up and support schools in the region to create a better teaching and learning environment.

"Our students come from different socio-economic backgrounds, so more of them need more of such support," he said.

Moshi District Commissioner Zephania Sumaye highlighted that the government is always ready and supportive of all stakeholders who support the government agenda, including the education sector. He stated, "Today, I extend my sincere gratitude to Kilombo Sugar for engaging with the community in such a unique way."

The initiative involves 17 climbers from 8 different countries of operation within the ABF Sugar Group who have been selected to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest peak in Africa. The expedition is in honor of the Mandela legacy and aims specifically to raise funds and awareness for addressing period poverty and keeping girls in school in the ABF Sugar operatives' surroundings.

Victor Byemelwa, Kilombo Sugar's Communications and Stakeholder Relations Manager elaborated that the



Residents of Nkulugano village in Bahi District, Dodoma Region, stand before their relatives' graves at the weekend amid complaints of attempts to dispossess them of the site. Photo: Correspondent Paul Mabeja

expedition aims to raise funds for a program addressing Period Poverty in a local Tanzanian community and other communities across our operations and to raise awareness of this cause. The aim is to showcase diversity and inclusion through the participation of various climbers in this group to highlight the beauty of Tanzania as the host country for

this group and to emphasize Mt. Kilimanjaro as a tourist attraction with a conscience.

Fimbo Butallah, Kilombo Sugar's commercial director stated that the firm together with other ABF Sugar subsidiaries, is today handing over 2,400 pieces of sanitary pads to the school as part of our business commitment to thriving the commu-

nity we serve.

Butallah added that he is pleased that about 60% of the students at this school are girls, emphasizing the aim to keep girls in school by combating period poverty. He shared plans to continue addressing this agenda by donating to other schools in different regions in the following months.

State to protect PwDs' interests

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to review laws, policies and regulations governing people with disabilities in effort to enable them fully access their rights, it has been revealed.

It also intends to soon start visiting the private sector employers to see if they comply with the requirements for the people with disabilities at work places.

Patrobas Katambi, Deputy Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities) made the statement here over the weekend when officiating the meeting to discuss challenges facing people with disabilities in public offices.

Katambi stressed that the push to revisit matters of PwDs is spearheaded by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

He added that while the law is quite clear, some employers fringe people with disabilities of their rights.

He said while the Persons with Disabilities Act, No 9 of 2010 clearly stipulate the rights, most employers do not adhere to it, adding that even some offices do not have their friendly infrastructures and equipment.

The meeting convened by Ikupa Ttrust Fund brought together over 150 people with disabilities from across the country to discuss challenges facing them.

He said the president has directed the ministry to do all the needful to help solve challenges facing PwDs.

According to the deputy minister, it is on that spirit that she has approved a 3bn/- budget for the renovation of colleges of people with disabilities and similar amount for construction of two new ones in Mwanza and Kigoma.

"Leaders at all levels including local government authorities should implement the people with disabilities act failure of which tantamount to discrimination" said Katambi.

He added that the government considers establishing special fund for the support of people with disabilities in the country.

Earlier, the chairperson, workers with disability group, Hamisi Sekejo, Procurement Officer at the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO) in Mtera aired several challenges facing PwDs at work.

He cited lack of support equipment and infrastructure in most public offices, negative perception that PwDs should be given light duties or easy tasks and lack of database of people with disabilities, their levels of education and expertise.

Other challenges, he said include lack of experts to empower PwDs to cope and benefit at different environments in the country and the need for special allowances to enable them attend training, seminars and courses.

This, he said should enable them pay for upkeep of their assistants.

Founder and Executive Director, Ikupa Ttrust Fund, Stella Ikupa said the meeting was to focus on success and challenges facing PwDs at work places.

She noted that despite efforts put in place to improve the working environment, PwDs still face several challenges with infrastructure leading on the list.

However, she thanked the government for the understanding and renewed initiatives to improve the situation.

AfDB approves \$46m grant funding for agricultural productivity, food security and resilience in S. Sudan

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THE Board of Directors of the African Development Bank Group has approved a \$46.2 million grant to support the first phase of the Climate Resilient Agri-Food System Transformation Programme in South Sudan. This initiative aims to boost agricultural productivity, improve food security and enhance the country's resilience.

South Sudan is the third most fragile country in the world and the fifth most vulnerable country to climate change globally.

Agriculture is the primary source of income for about 95 percent of the South Sudanese population, employing around 70.5 percent of the country's labour force. Despite 95 percent of the land being suitable for agriculture, only 4.5 percent is currently utilised.

The country's numerous rivers and lakes also offer abundant fish resources and untapped irrigation potential. Despite this potential, South Sudan faces severe food insecurity, with more than 71 million people (63.1% of population) struggling to access sufficient and nutritious food.

At the "Feed Africa" Dakar 2 Summit, South Sudan developed a Food and Agriculture Delivery Compact to achieve food self-sufficiency in four key staples: sorghum, rice, sesame and fisheries.

Martin Fregene, the Bank's Director for Agriculture and Agro-Industries, noted that "This programme marks the Bank Group's first investment under the Country Food and Agriculture Delivery Compact presented by the Government of South Sudan at the "Feed Africa" Dakar 2 Summit held in Senegal in January 2023.

The Compact aims to contribute directly to increasing production and productivity and improving food security and nutrition in line with government strategies. It prioritises four strategic value chains with clear production targets on sorghum, rice, sesame and fisheries".

The project, set to be implemented over six years from September 2024 to December 2030, comprises four main components: large-scale deployment of climate-smart technologies and production systems; strengthening the priority value chains of businesses led by women and young people; promoting digital agricultural and climate advisory solutions; and developing professional, technical and entrepreneurial skills to create more jobs for women and young people.

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Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Plc is fully committed in upholding Environment, Social and Governance framework – commonly referred to as ESG pillars – in its day-to-day business operations by adhering to sustainable, socially responsible and ethical governance practices.

In observation of the first ESG pillar of Environment, the bank has adopted a robust e-waste management guideline that promotes recycling and re-usage of all computers and electronic gadgets. Annually, the bank declares approximately 20-30% of its computers obsolete or other words termed as E-waste. The obsolete computers are refurbished for a new life and donated to public sector schools for establishment of computer labs that promotes ICT learning. Other beneficiaries of this program include police force and non-profit entities within our communities.

Diamond Trust Bank's e-waste management program prevents ground dumping or burning of electronics which are both very harmful to the environment by polluting waters sources, increases soil acidity and Green Houses Gases (GHG) emission into the air. On a positive note, the obsolete gadgets are recycled into useful ICT learning materials that further enhances efficiency in community governance level.

The Bank has cumulatively donated 130 recycled computers under the e-waste management program in 2024. The beneficiaries include Songoro Mnyonge Secondary School [30], Centre for Women's Children assistance [20], Lauren Education Promotion Centre [20], Daniel Chongolo Secondary [10], Benaco Primary [5], Kambangwa Secondary [10], Kilimahewa Secondary School [5] and Gongo la Mboto Primary School [25].

Maturubai Police Station [5] in Temeke District was also a beneficiary. These computers shall immensely improve operational efficiency and data management, thereby enhancing community safety.

This initiative highlights Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania's dedication to environmental sustainability and supporting critical community services, the bank is making a lasting positive impact in our communities while instilling behavioural change towards positive utilities consumption within its workforce.



Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Plc Staff educating students of Kambangwa Secondary School on Financial literacy as part of its CSR initiative.



Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Plc Staff handing over donated computers to Kambangwa Secondary School as part of its CSR initiative.



Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Plc Staff handing over the donated computers to Benaco Primary School and Kilimahewa Secondary School as part of its CSR initiative.



Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Plc Staff handing over the donated computers to Daniel Chongolo Secondary School as part of its CSR initiative.



Diamond Trust Bank Tanzania Plc Staff handing over donated computers to Maturubai Police Station as part of its CSR initiative.



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Global scientists call for African-led research to untie human evolution

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

INTERNATIONAL scientists have called on for home-grown research in Africa aimed at understanding genetic composition of early humans and their gradual revolution, describing the continent as the cradle of humanity.

The consortium of scientists in a paper published by the American Journal of Human Genetics observed that collaborative research in Africa's immense human genetic diversity is key to shedding light on how societies emerged from pre-historic age.

A team of 36 scientists from Africa, North America, Asia, Europe, and Australia co-authored the paper that was launched in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, calling for enhancing the capacity of African countries to conduct genomics research.

Fredrick Manthi, director of Antiquities, Sites, and Monuments at National Museums of Kenya, noted that Africa is a repository of fossils and tools used by early humans that should be studied to help societies appreciate their interconnectedness.

"The support for home-grown research on human ancestry is key to appreciating our common heritage despite our cultural, racial and ethnic diversity," Manthi said.

Manthi stressed that African researchers should collaborate with their counterparts from the Global North and South to study and promote understanding of the genetic composition of ancient man.

Elizabeth Sawchuk, associate curator of human evolution at Cleveland Museum of Natu-

ral History in the United States, said sustaining African-led research on evolution of species requires investments in supportive infrastructure like DNA labs alongside training of local scientists.

According to Sawchuk, African policymakers, scientists, and local communities should be at the center of designing a more inclusive and equitable genomics research agenda.

The scientific paper calls for developing a roadmap for ethical research on human evolution in Africa to win trust of local custodians of archeological sites where fossils and ancient tools are preserved.

Christine Ogola, head of Archeology at the National Museums of Kenya, said that African scientists are committed to establishing a dynamic research ecosystem to revitalize studies on human evolution.

In addition, Ogola said that African research institutions should foster community outreach aimed at improving understanding of genetic makeup of ancient and present human societies.



The support for home-grown research on human ancestry is key to appreciating our common heritage despite our cultural, racial and ethnic diversity



Shinyanga Urban legislator Patrobas Katambi, Deputy Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), has a word with CCM members from the constituency's Mwawaza, Ndala, Masekelo and Kambage wards on Saturday on progress in the implementation of various development projects. Photo: Correspondent Marko Maduhu

EABC appoints new acting executive director

By Guardian Reporter

THE Board of the East African Business Council (EABC) has appointed Adrian Raphael Njau as the new Acting Executive Director, effective July 12, 2024.

In a statement issued yesterday, Njau takes over from John Bosco Kalisa.

Njau served as the Trade and Policy Advisor of the East African Business Council (EABC) and holds

a Master's Degree in International Trade and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, both obtained from the University of Dar es Salaam.

"His academic background is complemented by professional certifications and specialized training in trade, investment, policy and regional integration from Switzerland, Singapore, and Sweden, among others," the EABC statement reads in part.

With over two decades of experi-

ence, Njau has been instrumental in research and policy advocacy to reduce trade barriers and investment restrictions, and to enhance market access for EAC businesses. His expertise also spans in negotiating and interpreting regional, continental, and international agreements, including the EAC Protocols and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA), and EAC-EU Economic Partnership

Agreement, among others. Adrian's dedication to fostering a conducive business environment in East Africa is reflected in his work on capacity-building initiatives for businesses to leverage trade opportunities. He brings a wealth of experience in championing public-private dialogue and formulating business-centric policies to drive the EAC region's integration agenda.

Njau has a rich network of in-

ternational development partners such as the German Development Cooperation (GIZ), International Trade Centre (ITC), TradeMark Africa (TMA), Association of German Industries (BDI), African Development Bank (AfDB), World Bank, Commonwealth Foundation and International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty (ILEAP).

As the Acting Executive Director, he will lead the EABC Secretariat team to implement the strategic

plan in collaboration with EABC National Focal Points, members, and the business community in the region. He will also work closely with East African Community Secretariat Organs and Institutions. Njau will spearhead resource mobilization and high-level advocacy at the Heads of State and Ministerial levels to advance the EABC's purpose and vision of a borderless East Africa for increased business and investment.

Tree planting initiative is launched to promote environmental conservation

By Guardian Correspondent

CELEBRATING over 100 years of dedicated service, Rotarians across six countries - Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Southern Sudan - have embarked in a significant tree-planting initiative aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and community well-being.

The mission commenced over the weekend in Dar es Salaam where Rotary in Tanzania planted 1,600 trees as part of the 30,000 trees targeted to be planted annually in the country and Uganda which forms the Rotary District 9214. The event underscores the commitment of the District to foster environmental stewardship and community development.

Highlighting this momentous occasion, Tanzania proudly welcomed its third woman governor,

District Governor (DG) Agnes Batengas, who will be at the forefront of this initiative in partnership with other stakeholders including the government of Tanzania through the ministry responsible for environment as well as institutions such as schools and communities at large.

Speaking during the tree planting event at Mtakuja Primary School over the weekend, the new Rotary District Governor Agnes said the world needs collective efforts in combating environmental degradation and Rotarians are all out to save the world by playing their role in conserving the environment by undertaking different environmental projects such as the tree planting campaign.

The District Governor urged Tanzanians to join the campaign and make an impactful result.

"I urge the communities to join

us as we commemorate a century of service and look forward to a future of continued impact," said Agnes, adding: "We invite community members and partners to join us in this tree-planting initiative. Together, we can make a lasting difference and contribute to a sustainable and vibrant environment for generations to come".

Kunduchi Ward Councillor Michael Urio, who represented Kinondoni District Council, hailed Rotary for its huge support to community affairs.

He said Rotary has been a key partner through their projects and that the tree planting project came at a perfect time as the government is intensifying its efforts in conserving the environment.

He urged the beneficiary communities to extend their full support and make sure the trees are well looked after.



A Pangani District Council official (L) pictured at the weekend briefing Pangani district commissioner Mussa Kilakala (2nd-L) who had just made an inspection tour of various development projects, including a secondary school, a modern fishing market and a hospital. Photo: Correspondent Cheji Bakari



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ACT calls for free and fair elections

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Opposition- ACT Wazalendo has called on for free and fair civic polls and next year's general election to promote peace and prosperity in Zanzibar.

Ismail Jussa Ladhu, ACT-Wazalendo Vice Chairman (Zanzibar) made the call yesterday when addressing a public rally at Tomondo Mshelisheli grounds in Urban West Region, Zanzibar.

Jussa said that free and fair elections are essential ingredients of the democratic process in Zanzibar and elsewhere.

"We've experienced chaos and challenges in previous elections with some people losing their lives and we don't want this to repeat," he said.

He also revealed that Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi and the late party's leader Maalim Seif Sharif Hamad had agreed on

the issue of power sharing for district and regional commissioners' positions, "but this hasn't happened."

"We are aware that the two leaders agreed to share positions in various areas, where some ACT-Wazalendo officials could have been appointed to lead regions and districts, but also others appointed as members of the Zanzibar House of Representative and ministerial positions, but nothing has been done so far," he said.

According to him, the party is just reminding the public on the agreement and it is not that it is hungry of leadership positions

Othman Msoud Othman, ACT-Wazalendo Chairman in Zanzibar said it was shocking seeing no changes in the Zanzibar Electoral Commission (ZEC)'s secretariat despite its bad performance in the 2020 general election.

He emphasised on the need to

make major leadership reforms in the Isles in order to make Zanzibar grow as it has all the opportunities for its economy to go higher while also improving people's livelihoods.

Salum Bimani, the party's public relations secretary said there are some operations which are conducted by government institutions and adversely affect people's development, noting that there are some people who have been arrested for failing to pay the cleanliness levy.

"We all know that people are living a very difficult life but we impose multi-taxes and levies that in turn affect their progress," he said.

ACT-Wazalendo is conducting public rallies as part of its strategy to visit various constituencies in Unguja, spending much of its time talking about the incidents of corruption and its impacts.



Sikudhani Simbeye of the Dar es Salaam-based Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (L) readies a resident of the city for blood pressure screening at the just-ended 48th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Correspondent Hamis Mussa

Govt acknowledges stakeholders' role in promoting adult learning

By Getrude Mbagu

THE government has hailed the Germany-based Institute for International Cooperation of the 'Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband' (DVV International) for its major efforts to help eradicate illiteracy and poverty among youth and adults in the country.

This comes after positive outcomes recorded at a Community Learning Centre (CLC) located in Kibaha District Council in Coast Region which has helped over 150 adults defeat illiteracy with support from the organisation.

Michael Ng'umbi, Director of the Institute of Adult Education (IAE) made the remarks over the weekend during a peer learning visit at Ruvu JKT Community Learning Centre of Mtambani Ward in Kibaha DC.

He said that in recent years, DVV

International has invested efforts to construct CLCs which are located in Kisarawe District, Coast region as well as Dodoma region also benefiting hundreds of people in the society.

Ng'umbi noted that provision of alternative education is also vital in achieving the country's goals of having a literate society.

He said the established centres do not only focus on eradicating illiteracy but also equip beneficiaries with vocational training, environment education and entrepreneurship skills such as fish keeping as well as production of various products to improve individual income.

He further said that the institute is currently implementing a special five-year National Literacy and Mass Education Rolling Strategy which is expected to reach over five million people across Tanzania.

Ng'umbi said that the strategy has considered several reform measures and restructuring in order to effectively and efficiently deliver adult and non-formal education services in the country.

Frauke Heinze, DVV International Regional Director adult learning programmes can provide numerous opportunities and provide skills that can contribute to the country's development and sustained livelihoods.

"DVV International is committed to revitalizing adult education in Tanzania, supporting the review and implementation of the Integrated Community-Based Adult Education (ICBAE) programme, and building the capacity of ALE partners in the country," she said.

Heinze said the peer learning visit is a testament to the organisation's ongoing efforts to strengthen adult learning systems and support sustainable development in

the region.

Matteo Mwita, capacity building advisor at DVV International said prior to the establishment of the Adult and Non-Formal Education (ANFE) project, the organisation conducted a comprehensive need assessment to ensure that the CLCs meet the specific needs of people.

He said to effectively implement integrated functional literacy in the centres, DVV International also invested on building the capacity of district adult education officers in the pilot districts for them to pass on their knowledge to community facilitators, who are responsible for training learner groups.

"With an increasing illiteracy rate of 18.2 percent (NBS, 2022) and a significant number of students discontinuing their education (329,918 in 2022 alone), DVV International, dedicated to the

field of Adult Learning and Education (ALE), supporting the government to revitalize the ANFE sector since 2021," he noted.

Martha Kayoka, facilitator at Ruvu JKT Community CLC said equipping populations with literacy greatly helps reduce poverty.

"A number of people turning to this area have benefited from literacy and numeracy skills as well as entrepreneurship, agriculture and fish keeping, livestock keeping, tailoring, making of batiks and other skills," he said.

She said through the diverse entrepreneurship skills that the centre offers, most of the beneficiaries have managed to join groups and establish businesses which help improve their livelihoods.

Nuru John, one of the centre's beneficiaries said that the programme has greatly assisted her to eradicate illiteracy as she was unable to read and write.

"Apart from knowing how to read and write I have also received life and entrepreneurship skills which have changed my life," she said.



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Electric vehicles transforming livelihoods of Kenyan drivers

NAIROBI

PAUL Mwai sat in his parked car as he scrolled through his cell phone to confirm his next customer on his digital app.

The 33-year-old taxi driver had just received an order to transport a client to a mall in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, which was about 12 kilometers away from his current location.

It was a few minutes before noon, and Mwai had already ferried more than 10 passengers to their various destinations in the fast-growing capital and its satellite towns since morning.

"My electric vehicle (EV) is very popular among customers who are conscious about the environment," Mwai said during a recent interview. Mwai recently purchased a brand-new Neta V, a Chinese EV brand that has been introduced to the Kenyan market.

He was able to afford the 4-million-Kenyan-shilling (about 31,000 U.S. dollars) price tag thanks to a partnership between Moja EV Kenya, the local distributor of the Neta V brand, and a local bank that provides loans for the purchase of the vehicles.

Mwai said his decision to switch to an electric vehicle after operating a petrol-powered vehicle in the taxi business for the past seven years has yielded many benefits.

His daily income fluctuates between 6,000 and 7,000 shillings (about 46.5 to 54.2 dollars), while his expenses include 31 dollars to repay

the car loan and 6.2 dollars in electric charging costs. This compares favorably against the profit he generated daily when he operated a fossil fuel taxi car because earnings averaged 34.8 dollars per day, while expenses consisted of 9.3 dollars to repay the loan on the conventional car and 19.38 dollars for fuel.

Mwai noted that a key reason for his increased earnings is that e-vehicles have lower maintenance costs as they lack an engine and gearbox, while the cost of charging is lower than the cost of fuel for running the vehicle.

According to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority, as of December 2023, Kenya had 3,753 EVs, constituting 1.62 percent of the vehicles registered in the country.

Wang Aiping, chief executive officer of Moja EV Kenya, said most taxi drivers in the country use imported second-hand fossil fuel vehicles, leading to high maintenance, fuel, and operational costs that consume a significant portion of their daily earnings.

Wang noted that in contrast, choosing a brand-new Neta V electric vehicle offers a smooth, safe, and comfortable experience with a driving range of 380 kilometers on a full charge. He added that the Neta V brand is ideal for the taxi business because it comes with a complimentary AC charging station that can be installed at home and a portable onboard charger that can be connected to any electric socket.



Finance ministry deputy permanent secretary Jenifa Omolo (L) pictured at the weekend presenting a consignment of foodstuffs and various other home use items to the head of rural Dodoma's SAFAAD orphanage, Adolf Alfred. It was a "token of support" to the centre from the ministry's women's group on a visit to the centre. Photo courtesy of Finance ministry

Aviation leaders call on tourism boards to boost Africa air routes

By Special Correspondent

AFRICA'S vast tourism potential remains untapped due to a lack of air connectivity, with Africa currently accounting for just 1.9 percent of global passenger and cargo traffic. However, aviation experts believe national tourism boards have a unique opportunity to drive new airline routes and spur economic growth.

At a recent AviaDev Africa workshop, which was hosted in collaboration with the SADC Business Council Tourism Alliance, airline executives stressed tourism boards' power lies in leverag-

ing market data and industry relationships to convince skeptical carriers of new routes' long-term viability.

"Tourism is more than just leisure; it's a critical economic activity that requires strategic thinking and collaboration across sectors," said Kojo Bentum-Williams, UN Tourism's Senior Africa Communications Expert.

Sylvain Bosc, former Chief Commercial Officer of SAA and Fastjet, stressed the importance of demonstrating sustained profitability. "Destination marketing organisations (DMOs) must sell a long-term vision highlighting the

destination's growth prospects and economic impact," he said. "Creative incentives like co-marketing, reducing airline costs, and quantifying passenger volumes can be more powerful than direct subsidies."

Bosc noted DMOs need to "bring new light" to data airlines already have by offering insights into upcoming local economic developments like new mines or infrastructure projects that could drive corporate traffic. "Local insights can provide airlines with the confidence they need to invest in new routes," he said.

Natalia Rosa, Project Lead

of the SADC Business Council Tourism Alliance, underscored the critical role of aviation in regional development: "Aviation is not a luxury, it's the lifeblood of a modern regional economy. Improved air connectivity unlocks a range of benefits: it streamlines travel, opens doors for new tourism markets, and strengthens regional economic ties."

Gavin Eccles, Head of Vertical at BAE Ventures, emphasised tourism boards must be "at the table" with compelling cases backed by local market insights, travel trade ties and unique selling points that airlines often lack.

"Tourism boards should not only provide data but also offer a local perspective that airlines may not have," Eccles said, citing India's successful "Incredible India" branding undermined by poor connectivity.

Regional coordination like aligned visa policies, joint itinerary promotion and tapping conservation funds can also help finance route development. But Tim Harris of Helm Growth Advisors cautioned: "Retaining and expanding existing airline services should be the priority before attracting new routes."

While direct subsidies face sus-

tainability questions, Bentum-Williams said other incentives enable an "environment of trust" for profit-focused airlines.

"There's a need to change the narrative from just paying airlines to fly routes to creating an environment of trust and confidence," he said.

Jillian Blackbeard, CEO of Africa's Eden Tourism Association, highlighted successful collaboration with Proflight through local stakeholder and trade backing, building airline confidence without major incentives.

"We worked closely with Prof-

light and local stakeholders to



Opposition Civic United Front national Chairman Prof Ibrahim Lipumba (R) and secretary general Hamad Masoud Hamad (L) pictured at a meeting in Kondoa District yesterday introducing Othman Dunga, who they said had just defected to the party. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

Kenya ex-chief justice to lead EAC observer team in Rwanda

By Special Correspondent

KENYA'S former chief justice David Maraga will lead the East African Community (EAC) observer mission to Rwanda, his first such assignment since he retired in 2021.

His mission includes 55 officials drawn from the EAC Partner States, and the East African Legislative Assembly. On Friday, it formally deployed to all 30 districts in the four (4) provinces and the City of Kigali, in Rwanda as candidates finalised campaigns.

Rwanda will hold presidential and parliamentary elections on July 15, next week,

when President Paul Kagame will seek to extend his roughly three decades in control of the country.

Voting for president and 53 deputies in the lower house of parliament will take place across the country on July 15, and the remaining 27 deputies would be elected on July 16.

"The EAC underscores that election observation helps to improve electoral processes in the Partner States. It is against this backdrop that, the Treaty for the establishment of the EAC mandates us to deploy election observation mission in all our

eight (8) Partner States," said Ms Veronica Nduva, Secretary General of the EAC during the official launch that took place at a hotel in Kigali on Friday.

"It is therefore my sole honor this morning to officially announce to the people of Rwanda that, within my mandate, I have appointed Chief Justice (Emeritus) David Maraga of Kenya to lead the EAC election observation mission to the Rwanda general election 2024." Justice Maraga's observer team will run from July 8 to 18 this month.

Speaking during the launch, Justice Maraga said the mission arrived in Rwanda

this week and would file reports that will be released on 17th July 2024.

"The EAC constituted an election observation mission to Rwanda which arrived in Kigali on Monday, 8th July 2024," said Justice Maraga during the official launch held at a hotel in Kigali on Friday.

"A peaceful and successful general election will not just be a victory for Rwanda but the entire East African Community."

The EAC observers have been grouped into 14 observation teams that will be dispatched to all parts of the country where they will observe the elections with a view

to assessing the level of preparedness and participation of electoral stakeholders for the election.

"The team will be assessing the level of compliance with the electoral processes and management to the international, regional and national established laws, principles and practices," said Maraga.

"It will also be assessing adherence to the democratic principles of the EAC as enshrined in the Treaty; and offering objective recommendations for continuous improvement for the conduct of such elections."

Children in Mara, Arusha regions to partake in games to bolster learning

By Henry Mwangonde

CHILDREN including those with special needs in Arusha and Mara regions are set to participate in education inspiration activities designed to encourage learning through play.

The activities will be conducted following the launch of roadshows, titled "The Building Brains Tour" by Africa's leading children's edutainment organization, Ubongo in partnership with the Vodacom Tanzania Foundation and Hope and Healing International.

The tour aims to deliver engaging and impactful educational experiences to children and caregivers across Tanzania.

It is expected to kick off in Mara and Arusha regions on July 15, 2024, bringing Africa's most beloved cartoon characters and shows directly to children, including children with disabilities.

"At Ubongo, we are dedicated to providing accessible educational content that empowers the next generation of African leaders," said Iman Lipumba, Director of

Communications and Development. "The Building Brains Tour is a testament to our commitment to reaching children in every corner of Tanzania, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities to thrive."

They will engage children with educational games and competitions, including weekend festivals in each region where children and their caregivers can participate in various activities. "During these festivals, children and caregivers will receive exclusive merchandise and educational materials to support their learning journey," she said.

Additionally, the tour will feature demonstrations and activations of the Ubongo PlayRoom app and Vodacom Tanzania Foundation's e-Fahamu platform.

The Ubongo PlayRoom app provides a safe and uninterrupted learning environment, featuring a curated selection of videos, audio, ebooks, and games. Designed as a one-stop shop, the app gathers all of Ubongo's original content in one space, ensuring easy navigation and

content discovery.

e-Fahamu provides teachers with materials to enhance their lesson delivery and offers students access to extensive learning content, enabling self-learning and a deeper understanding of classroom teachings.

"We are excited to support Ubongo's 2024 Building Brains Tour as part of our commitment to improving children's learning in Tanzania. We believe, together, we'll make quality education accessible to every child," said Sandra Oswald, Manager at Vodacom Tanzania Foundation.

Through this partnership, Vodacom Foundation's innovative e-Fahamu platform will be integrated with Ubongo's engaging educational content, providing a powerful combination of technology and creativity.

"We are committed to ensuring children with disabilities in Tanzania can freely participate in Ubongo's fun, education, and confidence-building programming!" said Kendra-Lee Heney, Child Development Specialist at Hope and Healing International.

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Lower middle-income status calls for even wider reforms

MANY consultations between the government and multilateral institutions enable informed observers to peep into the nooks and crannies of such engagement.

It is thus not surprising that the government can list a range of unmet promises, as institutions like the World Bank Group can attest to an even longer list of opportunities being missed out under our very eyes. These 'gaps' are often quite visible, but not shouted about loudly.

One reason these contentions do not come out that stridently is usually that international organisations are steadfast on the respect of sovereignty, among whose cardinal rules is not calling the bluff in any situation.

That would amount to joining the country's opposition or any other supposed ill-wishers, and that isn't the role of multilateral organisations.

In other words, the public can expect to hear plaudits on the government's achievements, areas calling for more consultations or where particular activities need to be taken up more energetically in a certain direction, etc.

It all requires a bit of extra effort to decipher the direction of such discussions and potential outcomes. That is what obtains in looking at the newly unfolded country partnership framework (CPF) which is updating the previous collaboration or, more accurately, lending framework.

Countries designated as poor are extensively eligible for loans under the global lender's International Development Association (IDA), while middle income countries at lower levels are not entitled to substantial IDA lending.

The exception would be on disaster issues or strategic needs where elements of lingering poverty are part of the difficulties.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has had occasion to caution the public, or indeed administrators at top levels of the government, to tune their attitudes to the whole reality of being a lower middle-income economy.

But as it obtains elsewhere, few countries wish to be pushed into reforms in order to engage with multilateral agencies differently.

The issue is that when a country is lower middle income it means that it has tradable property that is relevant to the world market, and thus eligibility to loans relates to such entities being created and being capable of taking up and repaying commercial loans.

This is basically what emerges in looking at the World Bank country operational platform as issued late last week, with the World Bank country director saying in a statement that the strategy covering 2025-2029 embodies the One-WBG approach taking up synergies of a different sort.

It still involves the strengths of the IDA lending and grant sphere through the International Finance Corporation (IFC), which focuses on the private sector, comes up especially strongly.

There is similarly the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) for strategic lending operations, which requires vast new large companies to make use of them. The lender says that the One-WBG approach takes up lower middle-income status while enhancing human development and supporting global poverty eradication efforts.

The way some officials understand the issue is that we are being praised following the new status and the bank supports our other efforts.

Storms, heatwaves: Climate change reaction needs first gear component

WITH each passing day bringing about more storms and devastation either directly from sea currents or from sea-influenced torrential rains, current global wisdom about climate change does not show promise that climate will one day return to normal.

If anything, each new event shows that vast portions of so many countries are becoming increasingly unlivable.

Indeed, no one knows if the storms that descended there back in December would be back a year later or earlier. Resilience is effectively a matter of chance, where one happens to live in a particular country since birth or otherwise.

While there is a lot of pressure on migrants commonly arising from conflicts around the world, there are likely to be greater inward migrations from people being displaced by climate change reducing land use potential.

For Tanzania, experience during the 1970s indicated that people being moved from ancestral areas where land demarcation was clear and guided by decades of laid-down parameters of clan allocation of land suffered heavy damage. It is becoming normal to see large parts of a city being swept away by rains that raise water levels up to the roof and, unless the bricks are of truly best quality, torrential rains usually induce devastating flooding.

In sum, climate change demands vastly adaptable agriculture, housing and fully insured modes of life, all of which clash with traditional models of society where people are tied to the ground and are insured by their

ownership of land at clan or communal level.

This model of economy or demography falls far short of demands arising from climate change, and few countries can cope. For any community or country to cope, there needs to be a massive influx of capital from outside and the taking up of land in exposed areas.

This is to talk of having the means to engage in smart farming or any other type of agribusiness, complete with AI applications that reduce the need for labour layoffs.

Any senior official hearing that kind of suggestion would be excused to jump to the conclusion that people will not have land and will thus be thrown into greater poverty, failing to notice that most commodities will be far cheaper.

The clincher could be ensuring that the government has enough revenues to pay subsistence allowances not just for elders but also unemployed youth, a major condition here being the vast mechanisation of agriculture for cheap grain. The ready assumption might be that people would engage in whatever sphere of the services industry available, without hoping for or expecting hand-outs.

Additionally, with vast urbanisation, governments would have greater capacity to lease out vast tracts of arid and semi-arid lands for reforestation. Hopefully, much like it was with American civil rights activist and Baptist minister Martin Luther King Jr. during the August 28, 1963 march on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, it is a dream we all have...

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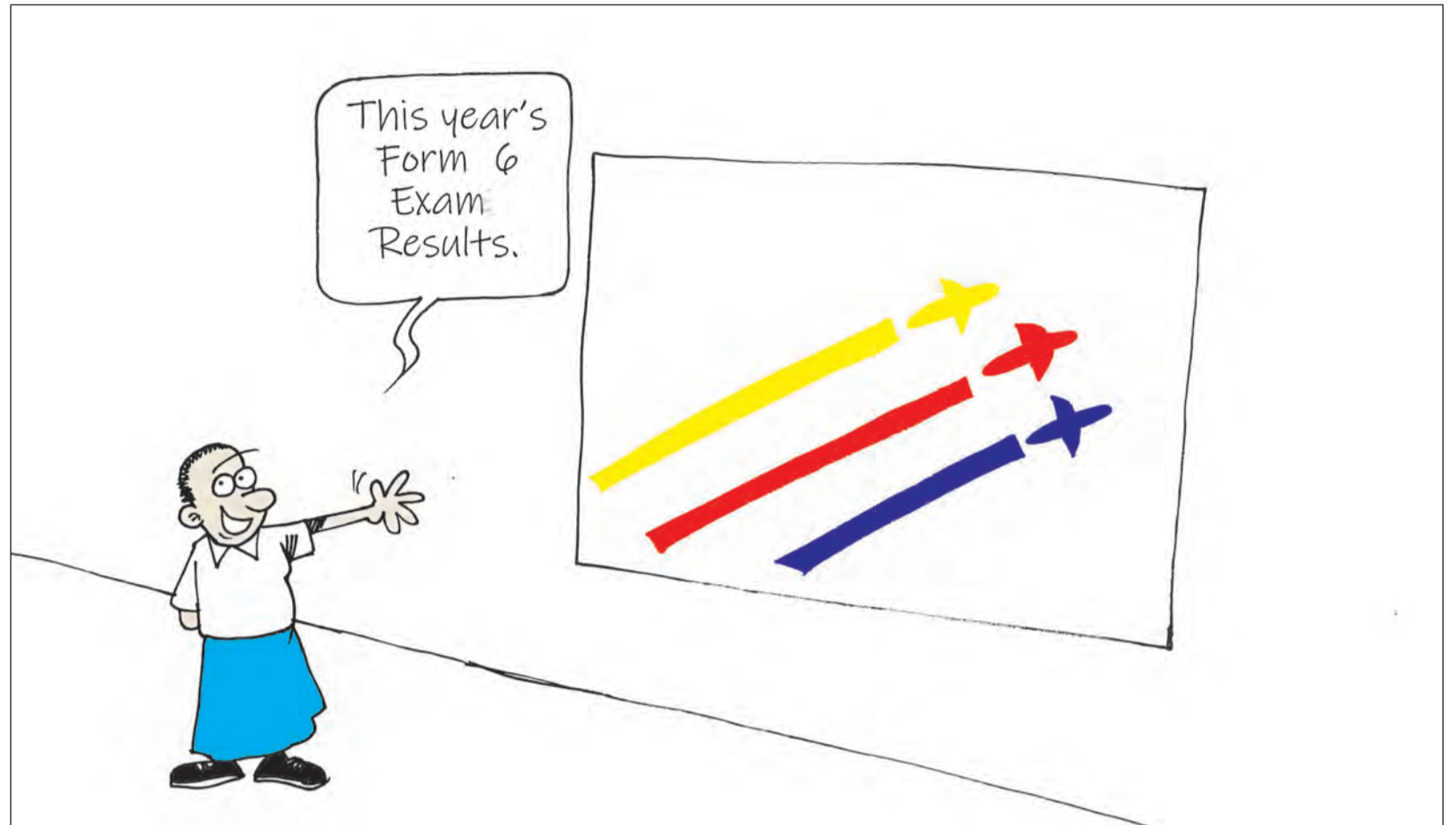
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Beyond compliance: Ethical leadership in state-owned enterprises

By Kettie Chipeta

IN the high-stakes realm of corporate governance, a monumental struggle unfolds concerning Board Independence (BI). This clash of ideologies contrasts first-generation BI with its more advanced, second-generation counterpart.

For state-owned enterprises (SOEs), navigating these debates is crucial as they balance economic influence with public trust. The core of this debate surpasses mere compliance; it seeks to fundamentally redefine ethical and effective governance. The first-generation of BI swooped in with a mission to clean up corporate governance after scandals like Enron rocked the business world. This approach is all about strict regulatory criteria, ensuring that directors are true 'outsiders' with no financial ties or cozy personal relationships with the companies they oversee.

This status-based approach scrutinises every potential connection, applying rigorous materiality tests to weed out any financial ties, family links or past relationships. NASDAQ and NYSE lay down specific thresholds and timelines, demanding no substantial financial transactions within the previous three years.

Regulatory giants like the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) further define what it means to be an independent director, aiming to create a fortress of preventive mistrust. The goal is simple: to create a governance system free from bias and undue influence - a noble mission to protect against corruption and mismanagement.

The first-generation BI, like a Hollywood set, dazzled superficially but lacked depth. Directors appeared spotless on paper, free from financial or familial ties, yet they still navigated subtle webs of influence and expectation during decision-making.

This approach primarily assessed a director's independence at the time of appointment, neglecting the potential evolution of relationships that could compromise impartiality over time.

Thus, while the BI fortress had walls, it left gates open to more insidious influences. Compliance became a static checkbox rather than a dynamic pursuit of ethical leadership. Directors avoided pitfalls but seldom rose to the ethical high ground, fostering a complacency that allowed biases and influences to quietly seep in.

In response to the limitations of first-generation BI, advocates championed second-generation BI, waving banners of virtue and ethical leadership to redefine independence beyond mere formalities and regulatory checklists.

This approach views independence as an ongoing practice rooted in deeper, virtue-based principles, unlike the status-focused and conflict-of-interest-free stance of its predecessor.

At its core, the second-generation BI emphasizes the integral vision of the individual, encompassing virtues and character alongside formal qualifications.

It is emphatic that true independence is not just about avoiding financial ties or past relationships but embodies virtues like integrity, fairness and truthfulness.

These are guided by phronesis, a type of wisdom or intelligence concerned with

practical action and implying both good judgment and excellence of character and habits. Aristotle's concept of practical wisdom is central here, highlighting the ability to make morally right decisions in the right way and for the right purpose. Autarky is commonly defined as an economic system of self-sufficiency and limited trade. A country is said to be in a complete state of autarky if it has a closed economy, meaning that it does not engage in international trade with any other country.

Independence, in this context, requires autonomy and autarky, enabling directors to act without undue influence.

This form of independence demands a continuous commitment to ethical leadership, ensuring that decisions are made in the best interest of the company and its stakeholders, while emphasizing self-governance, self-control and the capacity to present and sustain opinions without external interference.

In essence, second-generation BI nurtures a culture of ethical leadership. It goes beyond mere compliance, evolving into a dynamic, ongoing process that cultivates genuine independence.

Directors who embrace this approach lead by example, embodying honesty and a steadfast commitment to ethical governance. They drive their companies towards sustainable success and earn public trust through their actions. In the realm of corporate governance, particularly within SOEs, the battle over BI represents a clash of ideas with profound real-world implications.

Unlike their private counterparts, SOEs must navigate the dual challenge of achieving commercial success while fulfilling public service obligations.

However, traditional, first-generation BI models often fall short in this regard, focusing narrowly on compliance rather than broader responsibilities to public trust and societal impact. This disparity is starkly illustrated in cases like Eskom, South Africa's dominant electricity provider.

Under a rigid first-generation BI framework, Eskom's board appeared impeccable on paper - free from conflicts of interest and compromising ties, presenting itself as a paragon of governance excellence.

Yet, when pivotal decisions concerning sustainable energy investments arose, these ostensibly flawless directors stumbled. Their decisions lacked not overt conflicts of interest but essential ethical foresight and a commitment to uphold public accountability.

The result? Eskom found itself embroiled in controversies, beset by operational inefficiencies and tarnished by allegations of corruption.

Despite rigid adherence to compliance standards, the company's governance structure faltered, exposing the inherent limitations of a BI approach solely centred on formalities and regulations.

Conversely, in Norway, Statoil (now Equinor), a leading SOE in the oil and gas sector, has embraced a second-generation BI approach. Here, board members not only meet formal independence criteria but also demonstrate a dedication to environmental sustainability and social responsibility. Equinor stands out as a global exemplar in ethical governance, actively engaging with stakeholders to balance their interests with broader societal concerns.

This proactive stance has not only bolstered Equinor's reputation but also attracted investment from socially responsible funds, underscoring the financial benefits of ethical leadership and long-term sustainability.

In this context, the contrast between Eskom's struggles under first-generation BI and Equinor's success with second-generation BI underscores a fundamental dichotomy in corporate governance philosophies.

Eskom's challenges highlight the limitations of a compliance-driven approach, where rigid adherence to rules alone proved insufficient to navigate complex decisions effectively. In contrast, Equinor exemplifies how integrating ethical values into governance practices can lead to transformative outcomes.

By prioritising transparency, accountability and societal impact, Equinor not only enhances its operational resilience but also earns trust and support from stakeholders.

Both cases emphasize the critical need for SOEs to tran-

scend mere regulatory compliance and adopt governance models that prioritise ethical leadership marking a paradigm shift from strict regulatory compliance to a broader commitment to ethical governance.

This evolution requires expanding director qualifications beyond technical credentials to include personal virtues and a strong ethical commitment.

Boards must actively recruit directors who embody these values, ensuring that ethical conduct becomes a guiding principle in every decision and action taken.

For SOEs, adopting second-generation BI represents a transformative shift in corporate governance. This approach prioritises ethics and transparency, challenging boards to move beyond compliance towards proactive ethical decision-making and accountability.

By embedding directors who embody virtues like integrity, fairness and social responsibility, SOEs enhance their ability to balance commercial objectives with broader public service obligations.

These ethical leaders guide the organisation towards decisions that consider not only profitability but also societal impact and stakeholder interests.

Embracing second-generation BI also fosters a culture of accountability within SOEs. Directors committed to ethical principles set a precedent for transparency and responsible governance, strengthening relationships with stakeholders and safeguarding against reputational risks.

This proactive stance positions SOEs as leaders in ethical governance, appealing to investors and partners who place a premium on sustainability and ethical conduct.

This evolution in governance underscores SOEs' potential to comply with regulatory standards while also leading by example, driving societal impact and sustainable growth. By aligning their operations with ethical values and transparency, SOEs can secure trust, attract investments and contribute meaningfully to national development goals.

However, implementing second-generation BI in countries like Tanzania presents unique challenges. The cultural norms, institutional frameworks, regulatory landscapes and political dynamics in the country pose significant hurdles. Historically, governance in Tanzania has grappled with ethical challenges, making it imperative to adopt a tailored approach to implementing robust BI practices.

To navigate these challenges effectively, Tanzanian policymakers, regulatory bodies and SOE leaders need to adapt ethical frameworks to align with local cultural values and institutional realities.

This involves more than just transplanting Western models; it requires integrating ethical practices that resonate with Tanzanian societal norms and expectations.

Investing in comprehensive training and development programmes for directors becomes crucial, ensuring that they possess the necessary skills and ethical awareness to navigate complex governance issues.

Enhanced regulatory oversight is equally vital, reinforcing ethical standards and holding directors accountable for their decisions. Mitigating political risks through transparent governance practices and promoting stakeholder engagement are additional imperatives.

By fostering a collaborative environment where stakeholders are involved in decision-making processes, SOEs can build trust and credibility, essential for sustaining ethical leadership initiatives.

Ultimately, successfully implementing second-generation BI in Tanzanian SOEs is pivotal for enhancing their integrity, attracting investment and contributing to national development goals.

By embracing ethical governance practices, Tanzania not only strengthens its SOEs but also sets a regional benchmark for ethical leadership - a testament to its commitment to transparency, accountability and sustainable growth.

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Businesses crucial in supporting govt efforts to mitigate climate change challenges

By Henry Mwangonde

BUSINESSES have a significant impact on climate change, primarily through their carbon footprints. Industries such as energy, transportation, and manufacturing are major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions.

However, many forward-thinking companies are not waiting for regulations to catch up—they are already taking action.

Globally, influential companies leverage opportunities by using renewable energy, deploying innovative low-carbon technologies, sustainably sourcing resources, and developing transformative solutions. These initiatives highlight the proactive steps businesses can take to address climate change.

According to an assessment of the Solid Waste Management Ecosystem in Tanzania by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and the Centre for Science and Environment, industries and commercial areas contribute nearly 20 per cent of solid waste, second only to households, which contribute 75 per cent.

The report shows that over 70 per cent of this waste—including garden, wood, food, and ash—is biodegradable. This indicates a substantial opportunity for businesses to innovate and lead in the low-carbon transition, securing a sustainable future.

Sustainable development and climate change are two sides of the same coin. Business is key in addressing climate change challenges as the world's most powerful economic force, responsible for spending, wealth creation, and investment. Where businesses lead, others will follow.

Innovative business initiatives are part of a global shift that unlocks large-scale opportunities to combat climate change and improve lives. In Tanzania, a quiet revolution is underway, demonstrating the potential for businesses to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Despite its small contribution to global emissions, Tanzania has committed to robust climate change mitigation goals. For years, individual businesses have been embracing environmentally friendly technologies. Climate change poses a significant threat to living things, and human activities have induced rapid changes, leading to social challenges and significant environmental impacts. This shift has brought new ex-

pectations for organisations from governments, investors, and society.

Tanzania has made notable efforts to promote sustainable practices such as the adoption of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which include tackling climate change, providing clean water and sanitation, supplying affordable and clean energy, and building sustainable cities and communities.

For businesses, we are starting to see a shift whereby corporate success is now measured beyond financial performance and takes into consideration sustainability which tracks performance on economic, social and environmental (ESG) parameters. Businesses in Tanzania are launching initiatives to complement government efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Through the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOt), businesses are working on cultivating sustainable practices by equipping leaders and stakeholders to adapt, mitigate, and transition to sustainable business operations.

The CEOt's Business and Sustainability

Agenda, funded by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), achieves its goals through capacity building, driving awareness, partnership and collaboration, and knowledge-sharing. This agenda builds a business case showcasing how sustainable practices improve business performance.

"Many businesses are still on the journey to understanding the risks posed by climate change and how these risks will impact their activities. We aim to bridge this information gap by utilising resources and expertise to organize knowledge-sharing sessions to enhance awareness and develop pathways towards becoming a sustainable business," said Santina Benson, Executive Director of the CEOt.

The programme supports building capacity within member organisations through training and development sessions to enhance the technical skills and internal expertise needed for effective climate action measures.

Under the CEOt's Business and Sustainability agenda, priority areas of focus will be on enhanc-

ing sustainable practices within Tanzanian businesses and supporting the government's climate goal of reducing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) from 10-20 per cent to 30-35 per cent by 2030.

For several years, CEOt members have recognised the importance of adopting practices that positively impact the environment and society.

Devang Vussonji, Chairman of the Business and Sustainability Committee at the CEOt, noted that climate change is among the factors affecting businesses. However, he also sees it as an opportunity for businesses to tap into areas such as the green

economy.

"Facilitating dialogues, developing policies, and creating guidelines are essential steps in transitioning to sustainable business practices. By partnering and collaborating with key stakeholders and experts, we can collectively contribute to the climate agenda and drive meaningful impact," Vussonji added.

This collaborative effort between businesses and government highlights the critical role businesses can play in climate action, ensuring a sustainable future for Tanzania and beyond.



Through the recently launched CEO Roundtable of Tanzania (CEOt), businesses work on sustainable practices by equipping leaders and stakeholders to adapt, mitigate, and transition to sustainable business operations. Photo courtesy of CEOt



LEGAL SERVICES FACILITY

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Legal Services Facility (LSF) is a registered non-government Organization (NGO) with Registration No. 00NGO/R2/00011. The LSF is equipping organizations which are providing legal aid and paralegal services in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. The LSF advocates for inclusive access to justice, including supporting individuals to claim their rights, redress grievances and protect their fundamental human rights.

The LSF's overall goal is to increase access to justice through a legal empowerment approach, in particular for women and girls.

NO.	POSITION	JOB PURPOSE	MINIMUM QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE
1.	Program/ Advocacy Manager	The Program Manager will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate LSF program activities implementation and advocacy initiatives by the LSF as an institution and LSF's grantees towards achieving expected results in accordance with the LSF annual strategic plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Master's degree in Social Sciences or related field. Knowledge of programme implementation and management Knowledge of legal aid, legal education, human rights awareness creation and legal empowerment A minimum of 7 - 10 years relevant experience in programme management and advocacy Demonstrated experience in programme planning, monitoring and coordination of CSOs.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: If you are Tanzanian and qualified for the above post, please apply through <https://lsftz.org/jobs/job-search>; The application deadline is Monday 29th July, 2024. Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

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Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Supply of Toyota Light Vehicle Maintenance Spare Parts to AUMS GEOFIELDS (T) Ltd operations at Geita Gold Mine in Tanzania.

AUMS Geofields (T) Ltd invites eligible, qualified, and experienced Tanzanian companies to express their interest in the **Supply of Toyota Light Vehicle Maintenance Spare Parts**, to support its operation at Geita Gold Mine in Tanzania.

1. Schedule and deadline for submission

The contract (FPA) is to be awarded through a competitive tender process. If your company wishes to be considered for pre-qualification please submit an EOI by email to ContractsTanzania@aumsgh.com by not later than **16:00HRS Local Time on 20/07/2024** quoting "EOI Supply of Toyota LV- Spare Parts" in the subject line of your email.

Please submit an EOI on your company letterhead with the following mandatory information:

- Company Profile, Shareholders IDs, Director's list, Organogram, Number of employers with a foreign to national ratio indicated.
- Valid Tax Compliance, VAT Registration & TIN certificates
- Certificate of Incorporation, Valid Business Permit/Licenses
- Industry Regulatory Compliance Licenses, Manufacturer Authorizations, Exclusive Distributorship Certificates. Along with any other relevant Industry Documentation
- Summary of Court proceedings (pending and completed), Court Judgments and /or insolvency/bankruptcy proceedings if any, against your company and or any of your shareholders, directors and/or senior leadership/management team over the last 3 years.
- Occupational, Health, Safety and Environmental Requirements
- Trade references, Sample POs and contracts, completion certificates
- Key Employees CV & Certificates
- Distribution points in Mwanza or Geita or list of satellite offices if applicable
- Compliance to Tanzania's Mining Local Content Requirements as per the Mining Local Content Regulations 2018.

Any response received beyond **16:00HRS Local Time on 20/07/2024** shall not be considered.

2. Assessment criteria

The mandatory information requested at paragraph 1 will be evaluated and scored to shortlist pre-qualified companies.

The pre-qualification of any company submitting an EOI shall be at the sole discretion of AUMS Geofields (T) Ltd.

The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the companies EOI. AUMS Geofields (T) Ltd shall not be responsible or liable for any costs incurred regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

For more information on **AUMS Geofields (T) Ltd** and its operations please refer to the following website www.aumsgh.com.

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Call for Bid to Offer External Audit

Background Information

Maternity Africa is a public, Christian charitable organization established for the sole purpose of developing a Centre of excellence for maternal health care, where doctors and midwives provide a high quality, professional service which is free of charge. The principle of the project is to demonstrate God's love to the poorest and most vulnerable women that we can serve.

Maternity Africa wishes to engage a competent and qualified audit firm to carry its Annual Audit for one year of 2024.

Contract Duration: 1 year

Working station: Arusha.

Nature of the work: Consultancy Service.

Purpose of the Service: To obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements reflect a true and fair view of the financial position of the organization. The audit shall be performed in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS") and International Standards of Auditing ("ISA") and will include such tests and controls as the auditor considers necessary under the circumstances. In conducting the audit, special attention should be paid to the following:

- All donor funds have been received and used to fulfill Maternity Africa objectives.
- Goods and services have been procured in accordance with the organisation's financial manual.
- All necessary supporting documents, records, and accounts have been kept in respect of the organisation's activities in accordance with the organisation's finance manual.
- The organisation's accounts have been prepared in accordance with consistently applied International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS").
- The organisation has an internal control structure and other control systems to provide reasonable assurance that it is managing its resources in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, organisation's policies and procedures.

Terms of Reference: Key duties and Responsibilities

- The audit firm has to carry out the audit of books of accounts to verify the utilization of funds in implementing Maternity Africa activities.
- The audit of accounts of Maternity Africa is to be carried out for the utilization of funds from January 1st, 2024 to December 31st, 2024.
- To assess and report on the receipt of funds disbursed by donors
- To check that Maternity Africa funds have been utilized according to the Maternity Africa financial regulations.
- Maternity Africa uses ERP Next accounting system for its operations and audit shall be carried out accordingly.

Output

- The Independent Auditors (Opinion) Report on the financial statements
- Management letter to include a statement of audit findings and recommendations affecting the financial statements, internal control, accounting systems, legality of actions, and any other material matters.

Key Qualifications and Experience

- The Audit firms bid for this tender must demonstrate to have an adequate experience in Auditing hospitals.
- The firms shall have qualified auditors with relevant experience and engaged in full time Audit work. A list of full time employed auditors with their complete bio-data, who are likely to be assigned the audit work to be enclosed.
- The firms must be registered with NBAA and quote their registration number.

How to apply: -

If you fit the above criteria, you are invited to submit the following:

(a) a cover letter clearly stating for tender you are applying including Name of the Firm; Contact Person(s); Registered Address; Tel No./Fax No; Name of the Chief Executive; Legal status of the Firm; Date of incorporation/Registration no. of NBAA; Details of Partners (i.e., Name of Partners, Age of Qualification Full time/Part-time, Experience); Number of Qualified Staff (CPA); List of Assignments handled in last 5 years; Organizational Chart (to be enclosed)(b) expected consultant fee for Assignment (c) an updated Firm Profile.

All applications should be submitted not later than **20th August 2024 to the email address: info@maternityafrica.org.**

OR: Send to the:
Country Director
Maternity Africa
Kivulini Maternity Centre
Plot 181, Kivulini Estate
P.o.box 16464,
Ngaramtoni Ya Chini
Arusha, Tanzania

Chinese hospital ship Ark Peace to offer medical services in Dar

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Chinese naval hospital ship Ark Peace, consisting of more than one hundred medical personnel is next week expected to arrive at the Dar es Salaam port for a friendly visit and humanitarian medical service.

During their stay, the medical personnel will provide medical services to local patients with on-board facilities, while sending medical teams to carry out free clinic and academic exchange activities in local hospitals and communities.

Accompanying the Chinese hospital ship Ark Peace are mid-to-senior-level professionals in specialized technical positions (74 percent) while 39 percent have graduate degrees and 67 percent of them have carried out major medical operations.

Since its commission, Ark Peace has carried out the mission harmony to provide medical service for nine times (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2022 and 2023), visited 46 countries and regions across three oceans and six continents, provided medical services to over 290,000 people. Thus, it is reputed as the ship of life.

Designed and built by China, the hospital ship was commissioned in December 2008 with the hull number 866. It is 178 meters long, 24 meters wide and 35.5 meters high. Her loaded draft is 8.5 meters

and full displacement 14,300 tons. She has got Force 12 wind resistance and 20 knots top speed. One rescue helicopter is available on-board.

It has five medical areas for casualty transfer, triage, outpatient, inpatient and evacuation with eight operation rooms. Ark Peace is equipped with medical facilities such as CT scanners, DR systems, colour Doppler ultrasounds, gastroscopies, fully automatic biochemical analysers, multi-function monitors, ventilators, high-pressure sterilization cabinets, etc., with up to 2,030 sets of medical devices of 250 different types.

Offered services

The hospital ship is the primary platform for treating patients. Available Diagnostic and Treatment Services on-board Ark Peace include physical examination services such as height, weight, blood pressure measurement; routine blood tests, blood biochemistry (liver and kidney functions, electrolytes, and blood lipids); routine urine and stool tests; multi-lead ECG, abdominal ultrasound, gynaecological ultrasound; chest X-ray examination.

More on that, the ship will also conduct laboratory blood tests, blood type, blood biochemistry (liver and kidney functions, electrolytes, blood lipids), coagulation function, immune function testing (hepatitis A, B, C, syphilis, HIV), cardiac enzyme spectrum, etc.; routine



The Chinese naval hospital ship Ark Peace is expected at the Dar es Salaam port tomorrow. Photo: courtesy of Chinese Embassy



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PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Issued pursuant to regulations 7 and 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2024 (Amount in Million Tshs)

	30TH JUNE 2024	31ST MARCH 2024
A ASSETS		
1 Cash	486.11	396.39
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	3,928.41	7,082.37
3 Investment in Government Securities	34,930.89	38,183.73
4 Balances with other banks and Financial Institution	546.79	401.75
5 Cheques and item for Clearing	(12.20)	(13.38)
6 Inter branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customer Liabilities for Acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loan Receivables	9,249.55	1,522.40
10 Investment in other securities	-	-
11 Loans, advances and Overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable losses)	41,861.81	43,090.28
12 Other Assets	1,909.89	1,740.43
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting Accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	1,343.37	1,087.53
16 TOTAL ASSETS	94,244.61	93,491.50
B LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits From Other Banks	-	771.00
18 Customer Deposits	50,177.65	48,532.45
19 Cash Letters of Credit	-	-
20 Special Deposits	-	-
21 Payment Orders /Transfers Payable	-	-
22 Bankers cheques and Drafts issued	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	1,571.15	1,480.30
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	-	-
27 Other Liabilities	378.06	705.93
28 Borrowings	-	-
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	52,126.87	51,489.68
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) 16 Minus 29	42,117.75	42,001.83
C SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS		
31 Paid Up Share Capital	32,830.00	32,830.00
32 Capital Reserves	157.47	230.53
33 Retained Earnings	8,320.13	8,247.06
34 Profit/(Loss) Account	810.15	694.23
35 Other Capital Accounts	-	-
36 Minority Interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	42,117.75	42,001.83
38 Contingent Liabilities	5,475.59	4,288.42
39 Non Performing Loans and advances	306.11	410.12
40 Allowances for Probable Losses	66.26	75.68
41 Other non performing Assets	-	-
D SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	44.69%	44.93%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	0.73%	0.95%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to Total Deposits	83.54%	87.54%
(iv) Loans and advances to Total assets	44.42%	46.09%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	91.88%	88.99%
(vi) Deposit Growth	1.77%	-15.11%
(vii) Assets Growth	0.81%	-8.52%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024 (Amount in Million Tshs)

	Current Quarter	Comparative Quarter	Current Year	Comparative Year
	30TH JUNE 2024	30TH JUNE 2023	30TH JUNE 2024	30TH JUNE 2023
1 Interest Income	2,114.76	2,120.77	4,513.15	4,234.02
2 Interest Expenses	585.33	791.75	1,196.47	1,595.61
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	1,529.43	1,329.02	3,316.68	2,638.41
4 Bad debts written off	51.51	-	53.16	-
5 Impairment Losses on loans and Advances	7.42	113.27	(95.03)	123.75
6 Non-Interest Income	64.09	94.51	208.27	301.78
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	5.01	34.70	53.04	82.93
6.2 Fees and Commission	59.08	59.80	156.23	218.86
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	-	-	-	-
7 Non-Interest Expenses	1,268.67	1,018.64	2,457.67	1,961.41
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	513.81	374.59	993.85	797.35
7.2 Fees and Commissions	10.55	5.71	13.70	11.57
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	744.32	638.33	1,450.12	1,152.48
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	265.92	291.62	1,110.15	855.04
9 Income Tax Provision	150.00	155.00	300.00	440.00
10 Net Income (loss) after income tax	115.92	136.62	810.15	415.04
11 Number of Employees	26	24	26	24
12 Basic Earnings Per Share	4	4	25	13
13 Diluted Earnings Per Share	4	4	25	13
14 Number of branches	1	1	1	1
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on average total assets (%) Annualized	0.49%	0.51%	1.72%	0.77%
(ii) Return on average shareholders' funds (%) Annualized	1.10%	1.33%	3.87%	2.03%
(iii) Non interest expenses to gross income (%)	79.61%	71.56%	69.70%	66.71%
(iv) Net Interest Income to average earning assets Annualized (%)	7.18%	5.40%	7.78%	5.30%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024 (Amount in Million Tshs)

	CURRENT QUARTER	PREVIOUS QUARTER	CURRENT YEAR CUMULATIVE	PREVIOUS YEAR CUMULATIVE
	30TH JUNE 2024	31ST MARCH 2024	30TH JUNE 2024	30TH JUNE 2023
I Cash flow from operating activities				
Net Income (Loss)	115.92	694.23	810.15	136.62
Adjustment for:	-	-	-	-
Impairment/Amortization	209.04	85.05	294.09	96.03
-Net change in loans and advances	1,228.47	3,682.45	4,910.92	2,591.13
Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
-Net change in Deposits	874.20	(8,774.87)	(7,900.67)	(3,789.20)
-Net change in Short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
-Net Change in Other Liabilities	5.18	(494.11)	(442.94)	(11.26)
-Net change in Other Assets	350.59	258.91	609.50	(536.65)
-Tax paid	(150.00)	(150.00)	(300.00)	(155.00)
-Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	2,679.39	(4,698.34)	(2,018.95)	(1,658.32)
II Cash flow from investment activities				
Dividend Received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(464.89)	(348.38)	(813.27)	(1.54)
Proceeds from sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	3,240.59	6,442.89	9,683.47	(1,988.09)
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	2,775.70	6,094.51	8,870.21	(1,989.63)
III Cash flow from financing activities				
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
Others - Payment of lease liability	(138.37)	0.00	(138.37)	(66.32)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(138.37)	0.00	(138.37)	(66.32)
IV Cash and Cash Equivalents:				
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	5,316.72	1,396.17	6,712.89	(3,714.26)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the Quarter/Year	12,355.14	10,958.97	10,958.97	17,337.24
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	17,671.86	12,355.14	17,671.86	13,622.97

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30TH JUNE 2024 (Amount in Million Tshs)

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total
Current Year 30/06/2024							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	32,830.00	-	8,216.29	261.30	-	-	41,307.59
Profit for the year	-	-	810.15	-	-	-	810.15
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	(164.15)	-	-	-	(164.15)
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	103.83	(103.83)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the current period	32,830.00	-	9,130.28	157.47	-	-	42,117.75
Previous Year 31/12/2023							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	32,830.00	-	7,344.16	467.69	-	-	40,641.86
Profit for the year	-	-	829.89	-	-	-	829.89
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	(164.15)	-	-	-	(164.15)
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	206.39	(206.39)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the previous period	32,830.00	-	8,216.29	261.30	-	-	41,307.59

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8)

Name	Title	Signature	Date
RAJISHEKHAR SOMASHETTY	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(Signed)	12-07-2024
FADHILU PETRO SANGA	HEAD OF FINANCE	(Signed)	12-07-2024
FREDRICK HIPPOLITE	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR	(Signed)	12-07-2024

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Title	Signature	Date
INDIAEL DANIEL KAAAYA	DIRECTOR	(Signed)	12-07-2024
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urine and stool tests;

Special Examination Room: multi-lead ECG, echocardiography, abdominal ultrasound, gynaecological ultrasound, superficial organ ultrasound examinations.

Essential departments available in the hospital ship includes cardiology, pulmonology, gastroenterology; general surgery, orthopaedics; otorhinolaryngology, ophthalmology, obstetrics and gynaecology, dentistry, paediatrics, dermatology, traditional Chinese medicine physical therapy; special examination room (Ultrasound, ECG), imaging department (Digital Radiography, CT).

Dispatch of expert and medical teams

Expert teams can be sent to local hospitals to conduct joint ward rounds, diagnose, and perform surgeries, and engage in medical exchanges. Medical personnel of visited countries can also be invited to use the hospital ship's main platform to carry out the aforementioned activities.

Dispatch of medical teams can be dispatched to rural areas, communities, military bases, islands, nursing homes, etc., to provide medical services.

With a scope of medical services that includes preliminary diagnosis and medication treatment suggestions for common diseases, such as respiratory infections, gastrointestinal diseases, surgical injuries, skin diseases, health guidance for chronic diseases, such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease medication adjustment, and lifestyle advice and Health consultations to help the local population understand their health status and provide lifestyle recommendations;

Teams composed of medical personnel and cultural elites can be sent to schools, orphanages, welfare homes, nursing homes, Confucius Institutes, and disability centres to carry out health services and cultural exchange activities. These include lectures on hygiene knowledge, oral health care, song and dance performances, and demonstrations of Chinese Kung Fu, tea ceremony, painting, calligraphy, and celebrating birthdays for orphans.

Maintenance teams

Medical equipment maintenance engineers can be dispatched to military and civilian medical institutions to repair and maintain radiological, electronic, and laboratory medical equipment, or to provide on-site suggestions for equipment maintenance.

Epidemic prevention teams

Epidemic prevention teams are sent to embassies, schools, nursing homes, communities, and military bases to organize environmental sanitation extermination and to teach knowledge on health and epidemic prevention.

Trainings

Professional medical personnel base on providing training in basic life support and advanced cardiovascular life support to foreign medical personnel and conduct technical guidance and assessments for the trainees.

Demonstrations of aseptic operation skills, infant and toddler care skills, basic nursing skills, and etiquettes.

Depending on the situation, joint casualty medical evacuation drills with military medical institutions of visited countries can be conducted, including organizing drills of rescue of persons overboard, on-site first aid, mass casualty triage, emergency surgery, and comprehensive evacuation.

Combat injury treatment experts can be dispatched to militaries of visited countries to provide "ventilation, hemostasis, bandaging, immobilization, transport" and other battlefield emergency medical techniques, and to teach advanced theories on modern combat injury treatment.

China emerges as crucial partner in Africa's green energy transition

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AS night falls, many remote African villages are enveloped in absolute darkness, relying solely on candles and kerosene lamps for light. Even in African metropolises with electrical grids, frequent power outages disrupt daily life.

Despite the continent's immense renewable energy potential, around 600 million people in Africa still live without electricity. Nevertheless, with the increasing availability of affordable Chinese clean and renewable energy products and technologies in Africa, a bright future driven by a green transition is in sight.

ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Africa boasts rich renewable energy resources like solar and wind power. The Sahara Desert's vast sunlight makes it ideal for developing the photovoltaic industry, while Africa's extensive coastline provides perfect conditions for offshore wind energy development.

In some remote African villages, photovoltaic panels are used to develop small solar power stations that provide electricity to nearby households. Although these stations are small in scale, they have significantly improved the living conditions of local residents.

With nighttime lighting, children can read and families can cook and boil water. Some villages have used the lighting to boost economic activity.

According to the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority, Kenya generates around 87 percent of its electricity from renewable sources, such as geothermal, hydro, solar and wind energy.

Hannington Gochi, a renewable energy expert at Kenya's Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation, said that the Garissa Solar Power Plant, constructed by a Chinese company, has been connected to Kenya's national grid and is gradually improving the production and living conditions of people in the northern region of Kenya. The 55-megawatt facility is the largest grid-connected solar power plant in East and Central Africa.

Elizabeth Wanjiku, who owns a food stall in Garissa town in northeastern Kenya, said that in the past, she relied on generators to run her business, especially for powering the refrigerator where she preserved her food. "The town is now connected to the national grid thanks to the solar plant, and we are experiencing fewer power blackouts and enjoying the benefits of a more reliable electricity supply," she said.

Such initiatives, often supported by international partners like China, show promising results. Zimbabwean economist Brains Muchemwa said Africa has benefited immensely from China's booming green energy industry through the supply of affordable green energy products such as solar panels and batteries.

Muchemwa told Xinhua in a recent interview that the new green energy products have significantly improved the lives of many Africans despite Western criticism of China's growing green industry production capacity.



Garissa Solar Power Plant in northeastern Kenya.

At the first African Climate Summit in September 2023, China announced that it would launch an "Africa Solar Belt" program with 100 million yuan (about 14 million U.S. dollars) in funding for solar projects in regions not served by main electrical grids. The program aims to support at least 50,000 families.

At the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, a project was launched to promote more small, innovative, clean energy projects between China and Africa.

The project primarily focuses on small and medium-sized solar projects in under-developed regions of Africa. Small-scale infrastructure, such as microgrids, can constitute

reasonable energy solutions in rural areas of Africa and many other isolated regions worldwide, according to Marco Lambertini, a special envoy of the World Wide Fund for Nature.

PARTNER IN GREEN TRANSITION

Africa is home to the largest number of developing countries. The success of its green transition is crucial for creating a sustainable development ecosystem on a global scale.

Many African countries have made significant strides toward a green energy transition in a relatively short time. Over 70 percent of African countries have prioritized clean energy in their Nationally Determined Contributions. China has played a

central role in this shift by leveraging its expertise in renewable technologies and providing affordable equipment.

From Kenya's Garissa Solar Power Plant, the first large solar power plant tapping into the country's vast solar resources, to South Africa's De Ar Wind Farm, more than 100 green energy initiatives jointly led by China and Africa under the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation are bolstering Africa's green transition.

Rhoda Wachira, head of the energy unit in the Africa office of the United Nations Environment Program, said these partnerships are vital as they enable African countries to access advanced technologies

and financial support from China, which is crucial for a successful energy transition. The perspective is shared by Yang Baorong, a researcher at the China-Africa Institute, who said that China provides Africa with high-quality and affordable green energy technologies and products, making them accessible to more African people. Yang said that such green energy cooperation can transform Africa's vast resource potential into real economic growth.

"China is a reliable partner for Africa in its pursuit of high-quality green energy," Yang said. "Africa and China can jointly overcome the challenges of climate change and move toward a cleaner, more sustainable and prosperous future."



Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

SNV Office in Dar es Salaam is seeking expressions of interest from registered local businesses and/or non-profit organizations to supply electric cooking (e-cooking) products to partners of the Energising Development (EnDev) programme.

1. Introduction

SNV is a mission-driven global development partner working in more than 20 countries across Africa and Asia. We strengthen capacities and catalyse partnerships that transform the agri-food, energy, and water systems, which enable sustainable and more equitable lives for all.

SNV is the implementing agency of the Energising Development (EnDev) programme in Tanzania, a multi-donor partnership, funded by the governments of Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland. EnDev Tanzania for the 2023-2025 period focuses on the development of markets and sustainable supply of improved cook stoves (ICS) and e-cooking technologies.




2. Background

Under the EnDev Tanzania programme, SNV is supporting local partners including Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS) and solar energy suppliers to create awareness, promote, sell, and finance e-cooking products across the country. SNV seeks to link our partners with quality-verified suppliers of e-cooking products to increase access to clean cooking in Tanzania in accordance with the Government of Tanzania's national Clean Cooking agenda. The Programme expects that over the course of one year at least 3,000 e-cooking product units will be purchased by our partners.

3. E-Cooking Product Specifications

Electric Pressure Cookers (EPC) to be supplied must meet Verasol quality assurance for Electric Pressure Cookers (as featured via their website: <https://data.verasol.org/products/epc>). Other products listed in the table below must be in compliance with Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and ISO certification for electric cooking quality provisions (e.g., brands such as Panasonic, Sharp, Philips, Samsung, LG, Simper, Hitachi, etc.).

Table 1. Examples of Eligible e-Cooking Product Types

Product Type	Description
 <p>Rice Cookers</p>	Rice cookers are one of the most common e-cooking technologies in Tanzania with high potential in the rural market. The provide basic functions (boil, simmer, stew) with a simple user interface for 'Warming' and 'Cooking' settings.
 <p>Induction Cookers</p>	Induction cookers employ the use of electro-magnetic waves to directly heat cooking pots. They appear similar to electric hotplates and provide specific, digital temperature controls to the users. They do also require the use of cooking pots that are (i) flat bottomed (ii) magnetic (steel, not aluminium).
 <p>Electric Pressure Cookers (EPCs)</p>	EPCs cook food faster with less energy than other e-cooking technologies with a greater degree of control by users. They are similar in appearance to some rice and multi-cookers with the addition of a prominent locking mechanism to trap steam and the addition of pressure release controls.

4. Criteria and EOI Requirements

For the interested companies/enterprises to be eligible for qualifying for the pre-qualified list of suppliers of e-Cooking products, they need to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) by replying to this email tanzaniaprocedure@snv.org together with the fulfilment of three conditions below:

- Provide evidence of ability to supply at least 100 units of the electric cooking products per month.
- Provide their statutory details (trade licenses, registration, etc.) by filling the (EOI) form that will be shared by email once we get response of your interest.
- Pass a due-diligence inspection to ensure product authenticity and firm operations.

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TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



TENDER No. TP/06/2024/NCB/W/018

PROVISION OF EXTERNAL ANTI-CORROSION PAINTING OF TANKS NO. S2, S3, S12 AND S13

15 July, 2024

- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Co Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
- TIPER hereby invites via National Competitive Bidding (NCB) experienced and reputable mechanical contractors(eligible) to bid for the Provision of External Anti-Corrosion Painting of Tanks No. S2, S3, S12 and S13
- Eligible bidders are reputable and experienced contractors registered by the Contractors Registration Board (CRB) in mechanical engineering with class II and above. Bidders MUST have at least five (5) years of experience.
- Bidders who don't meet condition stated in line 3 above are not eligible to bid for this tender.
- Interested and eligible bidders may request an electronic copy of the tender document by sending their signed and stamped application letter(s) and copies of CRB certificates through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz from date 15 July, 2024 to 26 July, 2024 between 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Bidders MUST visit the site before bidding. The site visit will be conducted on **Thursday 18 July, 2024** from **10:30 am to 12:30 pm** local time.
- During the site visit all bidders will be required to come with their own PPE(Personal Protective Equipment) which meets TIPER standards. This includes **Steel Toe Safety Boots, Cotton Overcoat, and helmets**. Static Reflective vests are not allowed onto site. Bidders without PPE will not be allowed onto the site.
- Bids MUST be submitted in hard copies only in envelopes sealed with postal seals or fire seals. Softcopies of bids should be submitted via a USB flash driver embedded in the hardcopies of bid submitted. No bid should be submitted by email.
- All bids submitted in plain sealed envelopes in one original plus one copy, properly filled and marked **TENDER NO.TP/06/2024/NCB/W/018 FOR PROVISION OF EXTERNAL ANTI-CORROSION PAINTING OF TANKS NO. S2, S3, S12 AND S13**. All bids must be delivered physically to: **The Secretary, Tender Committee, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.**
- The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be 4.00 P.M. local time on 29 July, 2024.
- There shall be NO public opening of bids.
- Late bids, a portion of bids, and electronic bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- TIPER is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid.

THE SECRETARY, TENDER COMMITTEE,
TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LIMITED (TIPER),
P.O. BOX 2608,
KIGAMBONI, DAR ES SALAAM.

By Felister Peter

Food Planet Prize: Supporting initiatives that promote proper actions for the food industry

THE Stockholm based Curt Bergfors has since 2019 been awarding initiatives that execute projects within the food industry. Each year, the Food Planet Prize, the \$2-million environmental award sees one winner pocketing the sum of money to amplify their projects thus impacting more people.

On June 28 this year, C40 Food Systems was announced the winner of the Food Planet Prize, for making millions of meals in major cities healthier and more sustainable.

C40's Food Systems Network works directly with its 50+ member cities from around the world to make it easier for residents to eat food that is good for people, the planet, and prosperity by developing healthy, equitable, and accessible food systems that also reduce food loss and waste.

Impact to the community

Stefania Amato, C40 Head of Food Strategy told The Guardian that winning the award is relevant to them as they are present in more than 60 cities around the globe.

"Mayors are working to help the climate break down. With the award we will be able to give more support to our cities to deliver specific actions and faster," she asserted.

Amato added: "The award will have a huge impact on communities as we are responsible for transforming urban systems and diets. We are committed to transforming the global food systems and ensure a healthier food future."

She however talked on some specific things that are complicated when it comes to delivering actions that are relevant for the food and climate, mentioning them as misalignment in the vision between local and national authorities, insisting Mayors have to work hard to find the right path to deliver.

According to her, there is a problem with information and awareness on what is sustainable and healthy food.

The jury

In awarding the prize to C40 Food Systems, Food Planet Prize Jury Co-Chair Johan Rockström who is the Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and Professor in Earth System Science at the University of Potsdam said that C40 has a long track-record in climate action and increasingly food systems, and can provide city-led leverage towards positive tipping points that can radically shift the global trajectory towards a sustainable food future.

"The Food Planet Prize jury sees that C40, a locally anchored global force, can work with cities across the world, supporting them in areas of food policy, public procurement and school food programs to reduce food loss and waste, and improve governance. C40 has a unique opportunity to build synergies with other urban sustainability networks on food and provide a city-led global acceleration for our food system."

Prof Lindiwe Sibanda, the CGIAR System Board Chair was among the jury members, she said the prize went to cities because 70 percent of the food is consumed in cities. She said cities have by-laws that can control food loss and waste as well as by-laws that control key policies that influence the food system.

"We want to believe that when we touch the 100 cities that are under C40, we are showcasing what the right conducive policies on environment can do to scale up sustainable food systems thus help the planet and help the food industry," explained Prof Sibanda, adding the winner came out of seven submissions of which were all of high standards because they came out of a thousand submissions that were received.

As the jury we unanimously agreed to C40 Food Systems as the winner, Libanda, a professor at the University of Pretoria told The Guardian, noting they are expecting the prize will result in big impact by getting the mayors under C40 to work together on a particular challenge on what can be done to produce sustainable food within the food system.

Previous winners

Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu is the CEO and Founder of Nigeria's Cold Hubs Limited, which was founded in 2015. The company operates solar powered cold rooms at major markets.



Winner of the Food Planet Prize 2024: C40 Food Systems. Zachary Tofias, Director of Food and Waste, and Stefania Amato, Head of Food Strategy at C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, posing with the winner's diploma together with the Co-Chairs of the Food Planet Prize jury, Johan Rockström (left), Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and Magnus Nilsson (right), Michelin Star Chef, organic apple farmer and Director-General of the Curt Bergfors Foundation. Photo: Courtesy of Curt Bergfors Foundation.

"There was a problem with food storage facilities along the food supply chain in Nigeria. When in Nigeria it is normal to see food that would have been consumed by human beings dumped on the roadside due to lack of storage facilities. Our food markets are large, some with over 5000 people coming up with baskets full of tomatoes, fruits and vegetables. This made us come up with an idea of having a refrigerator at a market to help in food storage," said Ikegwuonu.

Ikegwuonu said the cold rooms are a game changer to Nigerian smallholder farmers, retailers and wholesalers as the facilities help them to extend the shelf life of perishable foods such as vegetables, tomatoes and fruits.

"We can keep the food for between two and seven days," he added, noting

as the company, their plan is to have ice blocks at every cold room across Nigeria as Retailers and wholesalers use the ice blocks when transporting meat, milk and fish from one point to another.

Farmers pay as small as \$26 cents to store vegetables and \$1.23 to store 5 kilograms of either fish or meat inside the cold rooms. Cold Hub operates 58 cold rooms in 28 states across Nigeria.

He said the project has an impact as farmers and traders are having a new income as a result of cold storage facilities. "Some of them tell us that they are now get-

ting a new income of between 50 and 60 percent. This is because we help them keep the vegetables fresh instead of reducing prices during sunny hours."

Last year, the company was able to save 36 million kilograms of food from spoilage and it is now saving 9,000 small scale farmers, retailers and wholesalers.

"We have created a number of jobs for women after winning the food planet prize in 2022; we started doing large scale procurement to build more cold rooms. 40 million kilograms of food will be saved after completion of the newly constructed storage facilities," said Ikegwuonu.

The company will save 100 users in each location while its newly constructed 40 facilities will save 4,000 small scale farmers, retailers and wholesalers as well as creating 40 new jobs, of whom mostly will be women.

"All our cold rooms are solarized thus giving us reliable energy. We anticipate saving more than 770 kilograms of food from the new installations," he added.

2024 nominees

Diana Orembe is the Co-founder and CEO of NovFeed—a technology start-up company that aims to cut down carbon dioxide emissions and fight climate change through production of alternative protein for the aquaculture industry as well as producing bio-fertilizer that helps in lowering the reliance in chemical fertilizer and support the regenerative agriculture and protect the biodiversity and water bodies.

Expressing her feeling after being nominated, Orembe said: "I never expected that a project that I started six years ago would one day made it to the Food Planet Prize short list—one of the biggest environmental prizes. Being short listed with this big organization means a world to us; the promotion, support and connection they gave us is something which we would have not achieved in any way."

The nomination made a valuable contribution in my company, she said, adding the nomination has given the company the recognition that it needed as well as a networking opportunity.

Orembe said: "I had wanted to do something that will have an impact on the peoples' lives and on the planet. Human beings are visitors to the earth, and like any other visitor, when you visit someone's home you always want to leave everything in place and even better than the way you find them. I wanted that when my time comes, I will leave this earth in a better way than I found it. NovFeed was born to do that; to come up with innovative products that nourish the environment and people's lives."

RADIO One

RATIBA YA VIPINDI

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Imported electricity up by 12 pc in March 2024

By Guardian Reporter

Imported generated electricity increased by 12 percent to 51,145MWh during the first quarter of this year, an increase from 45,699MWh recorded during the first quarter of last year.

Provisional data by Tanzania Electricity Supply Company Limited (Tanesco) and Bank of Tanzania (BoT) indicate that the highest increase was recorded by the Southern Highlands, which imports electricity from Zambia.

Data shows the imported electricity accounts for 1.9 percent of all power generated in Tanzania, while 98.1 percent is generated domestically.

Imported electricity from Zambia increased by 25.5 percent to 14,705MWh during the first quarter of this year from 11,717MWh recorded during similar period of last year, but was lower than 15,146MWh recorded during the fourth quarter of last year.

Southern highlands regions of Songwe, Katavi and Rukwa have been depending on imported electricity from Zambia as many areas were still isolated from the national grids.

However, Katavi region,



The operationalization of one turbine at Julius Nyerere Hydro-Power Plant has helped to increase the generation of electricity. File Photo

which has been isolated for decades, will now be connected to the national grid by September this year, after President Samia Suluhu Hassan recently inspected the construction of KV132 transmission line from Tabora located in Mpanda.

According to the data, the imported electricity from Uganda, also recorded the increased trend during the reported period as 36,439MWh were imported in Q1, 2024, compared to 33,952MWh which were imported during the first three months of last year, which is an in-

crease of 7.3 percent.

Data show that electricity generation, both domestically and imported, grew by 9 percent during the first quarter of this year to 2.75 million MWh, compared with 2.52 million MWh generated in Q1, 2023, of which 2.70MWh were generated domestically.

Only Dar es Salaam and Southern highlands zones recorded the decline of generated electricity.

The electricity generation in Dar es Salaam, which accounts for 62 percent of all generated electricity, declined by 3.3 per-

cent to 1.73 million MWh, compared with 1.79 million MWh, while those of southern highlands, which accounts for 4.1 percent of total generated electricity decreased by 25.8 percent to 113,972MWh compared with 153,525MWh respectively.

The electricity generation in south eastern zone of Tanzania mainland, which accounts for 7.6 percent of total generated electricity increased to 208,309MWh at the end of March this year, compared with 42,046MWh recorded at the end of March last year.

The increase in the South-Eastern zone was largely due to the operationalization of one turbine at Julius Nyerere Hydro-Power Plant, Tanesco says.

In northern zone, where electricity generation accounts for 4.9 percent of total generation also increased to 135,122MWh from 35,099MWh, while in central zone, which accounts for 18.2 percent share, a total of 502,490MWh were generated, against 460,336MWh.

The increase of electricity generation in Northern zone was mainly due to the rise in water levels at Nyumba ya Mungu dam while those in central zone resulted into increase of water levels at Kihansi dam.

The Lake zone, which accounts for 2.2 percent of total generated electricity in Tanzania mainland, recorded the increase of 44.4 percent to 61,356MWh during the first quarter of this year, compared with 42,502MWh recorded at the end of March last year.

Power generation in the Lake zone increased mostly driven by Nyakato and Kigoma thermal power plants to compensate for the shortfall of the supply from the national grid.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussen Mwinyi listens to Mehboob Karmar (2nd R) when he was visiting exhibitors during the just ended Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt urged to set new rules on imports of used vehicles

By Guardian Reporter

The government has been urged to set out new rules that will proper govern the importation of used vehicles, in order to protect local assembling businesses.

The advice was given to the President of Zanzibar Hussein Mwinyi by Mahboob Karmar, the board chairman of the local vehicle assembling company, during his tour at the company's pavilion during the just ended Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

Karmar said used car has huge business in Tanzania, but the government should work on rules to ensure that the business is not hurting local assembling industries.

"We have the ability to assemble small vehicles, but we are failing to do so due to unhealthy competition against used vehicles importation," he said.

During the fair, the company emerged as the overall winner in the vehicle assembling and sale of construction machinery as well as transport & logistics and the machinery/equipment and technology categories.

Speaking during his tour, Dr Mwinyi requested the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tantrade) to continue securing for new markets within the African continent and provide information to business community on available exports opportunities.

Dr Mwinyi said that the opportunity to promote businesses has been well used by local companies, while explaining that more results will be seen through the flourishing of business, promoting employment and protecting local industries.

"I am instructing all the ministries responsible for managing trade and business related activities in the country to work together in order to find solution to all the challenges facing local businesses," said Dr Mwinyi.

Dr Mwinyi has said that the country can secure more market opportunities

in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the East African market (EA) and the Sub-Saharan African market (SADC).

He said that among the products that have a market in the country and abroad are fish, seafood, seaweed, sugar, cooking oil while he urged production to be sufficient, efficiency and robust.

"I have been told that there are nine foreign markets that have been found, including South Africa, Malawi, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, so you should increase your efforts so that we can reach these markets," said Dr Mwinyi.

"Also, the assessment shows that the exhibition has given them the opportunity to find business partners and create good relationships, so the Ministry of Industry and Trade in collaboration with Tantrade help remove non-tax' barriers."

He also wanted the removal of bureaucracy to foster business development while reiterated that the government will continue to creating conducive environment especially in strategic areas while removing taxes and fees, creating a good business environment and making systems compatible.

The 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair, which was closed by Dr Mwinyi, attracted more than 350 local and foreign companies from 26 countries.



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Africa to provide 9pc of global supply of rare earth

By Guardian Correspondent

China's control of the rare earth market has raised concerns in the West, prompting a search for alternative suppliers.

According to recent forecasts by Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, Africa could be this alternative in the coming years.

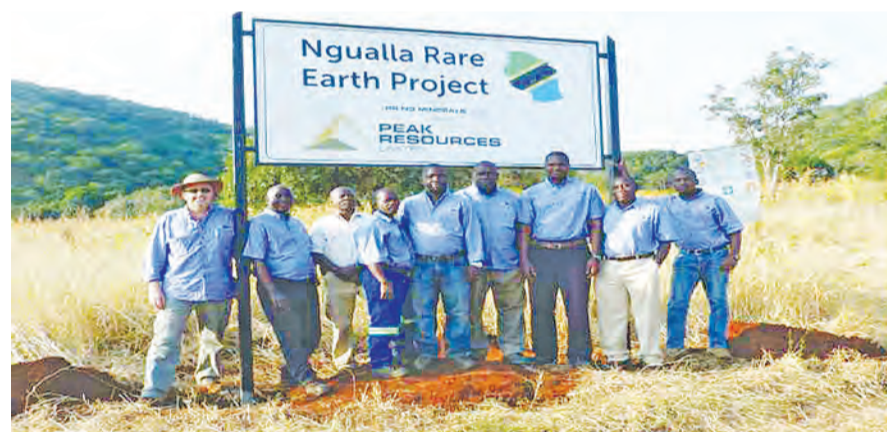
Currently a minor player in the rare earth market, Africa could provide 9 percent of the world's supply by 2029.

According to Benchmark Mineral Intelligence who made the forecast, eight new mines may be developed in Tanzania, Angola, Malawi, and South Africa.

In Tanzania, Peak Rare Earths is progressing on its Ngualla project, expected to deliver 16,200 tons of concentrate annually over a 24-year lifespan.

The Ngualla Project is a world-class rare earth development located near the Ngwala Village and approximately 150km from the City of Mbeya in the Songwe Region and on the edge of the East African Rift Valley.

Ngualla is also host to



The world-class Ngualla rare earth project in Tanzania. File photo

widespread, high grade niobium-tantalum, phosphate, fluorspar and barite mineralisation.

These additional commodities are at an early stage of evaluation and represent potential upside opportunities for additional products from the project.

Tanzania is politically stable and has a well-established mining culture, being the fourth largest gold producer in Africa.

Existing transport infrastructure together with a low tonnage, high value product will enable cost effective transport from Ngualla to the deep water port in Dar es Salaam.

In June this year, Peak

Rare Earths Limited announced the approval of its binding Offtake Agreement with Shenghe Resources (Singapore) Pte Ltd by the Tanzanian Mining Commission.

This follows the approval of the Offtake Agreement by Peak shareholders at a General Meeting on 17 June 2024 as all conditions precedent within the Offtake Agreement have now been either satisfied or waived.

"This marks yet another major de-risking milestone and further strengthens Ngualla's position as one of the world's most attractive and advanced rare earth projects. Our Offtake Agreement with Shenghe

delivers a higher level of payability and is supporting our rapidly advancing debt financing process," says Bardin Davis, the CEO of Peak.

In 2017, Burundi's Gakara mine, operated by Rainbow Rare Earths, became the first African rare earth project. However, operations have been suspended since 2021.

Currently, the company is in talks with the government to restart the mine, while also developing a new project in South Africa. The latter project, Phalaborwa, is set to launch in 2026.

While Gakara is Africa's only active rare earth mine, new projects are be-

ing developed across the continent.

In Malawi, Australian firm Lindian aims to start production at Kangankunde in 2025. In Uganda, Ionic Rare Earths expects its Makuutu mine to begin production in 2026.

Makuutu, according to the latest estimates, hosts 126,000 tons of neodymium and praseodymium.

In Angola, Pensana updated output forecasts for its Longonjo mine in October 2023.

The firm believes the project could deliver 38,000 tons per year of mixed rare earth sulfate. Meanwhile, Ecofin Pro, our platform dedicated to professionals, announces upcoming projects in Mozambique and Namibia (respectively the Monte Muambe and Lofdal projects).

Rare earths regroup 17 metals, some in high demand in industries like automotive, defense, wind energy, and electronics.

China currently dominates the global market, supplying over 70 percent of the world's rare earths, a position that has raised concerns among Western nations.

EU says X's blue tick accounts deceive users

LONDON

Elon Musk's social media site X has been accused by the European Union of breaching its online content rules, with its "verified" blue tick accounts having the potential to "deceive" users.

The bloc's tech regulator said users could be duped into thinking the identity of those with blue tick marks was verified, when in fact anybody can pay for a blue tick. It said it had found evidence of "malicious actors" abusing the system.

The investigation began under the EU's Digital Services Act (DSA).

It could lead to X being fined up to

6 percent of its global annual turnover and being forced to change how it operates in the bloc.

Musk reacted angrily: "The DSA is misinformation," he wrote on X.

The billionaire, who bought the platform for \$44bn in 2022, said the DSA rules amounted to "censored speech" which he said he found unacceptable.

X chief executive Linda Yaccarino also defended the company's practices.

"A democratised system, allowing everyone across Europe to access verification, is better than just the privileged few being verified," she wrote on the social media site.

The findings follow a seven month investigation under the DSA.

The law, which was introduced in 2022, requires big tech firms, like X, to take action to stop illegal content and safeguard the public.

ByteDance's TikTok, AliExpress and Meta Platforms are also being investigated under the act.

The Commission said its review of X had found a lack of transparency around advertising and that X did not provide data for research use as required under EU rules.

"In particular, X prohibits eligible researchers from independently accessing its public data, such as by scraping, as stated in its terms of ser-

vice", the Commission said.

The tech regulator also said that the way X designed and operated its interface for blue tick verified accounts did "not correspond to industry practice and deceives users".

"Since anyone can subscribe to obtain such a 'verified' status, it negatively affects users' ability to make free and informed decisions about the authenticity of the accounts and the content they interact with," it said.

"There is evidence of motivated malicious actors abusing the 'verified account' to deceive users," it added.

The Commission said X could

defend itself against the findings or resolve the issue by committing to changes that would bring it into compliance.

Any such deal would be made public, it added, in response to Mr Musk's claim that the commission had offered an "illegal secret deal".

"Back in the day, BlueChecks used to mean trustworthy sources of information," Thierry Breton, Commissioner for Internal Market, said.

"Now with X, our preliminary view is that they deceive users and infringe the DSA."

"X has now the right of defence - but if our view is confirmed, we will impose fines and require significant

changes."

The Commission pushed back against Musk's charge of censorship, saying its rules were aimed at ensuring "a safe and fair online environment for European citizens that is respectful of their rights, in particular freedom of expression".

Among its rules, it said, are requirements that companies inform users when their accounts are restricted and that users who are banned can contest those decisions.

The Commission said it was continuing investigations into X's practices around dissemination of illegal content, and how well it combats the spread of fake news.

Fishermen to benefit from UNDP-led project

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

OVER 400 people from 30 groups engaged in aquaculture and fishing activities along Indian Ocean coastline of Tanga city are expected to benefit from UNDP sponsored Bahari Maisha initiative project that expected to be implemented in the near future.

This was said by Tanga city executive director Frederick Sagamiko after the meeting between delegates from United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP), ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Institute of Regional Development Planning (IRDP)- Mwanza campus and those from University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) with Tanga city council management team at the end of last week.

He said the project aims to impart skills and techniques beneficiaries on how to add value sea products, to promote

aquaculture sector such as sea weed farmers, sea cucumber keepers, sea crab keepers, controlling of sea products remains as well as coastline environmental conservation.

The project will also focus on construction of sea products processing factory, providing education on value of sea products on livelihood incomes and economy, practical trains organized groups how to process and making products from seaweed materials, ocean environment preservation, adding value of sea foods products and avoiding the use of chemicals.

Bahari Maisha initiative aims to strengthen the governance of the marine and coastal environment including local communities to become vital stewards of the three habitats including mangroves, coral reefs and seaweeds which are backbones of the global ocean economy.

The closed-door meeting among other things discussed the implementation of Bahari



Tanga City executive director Frederick Sagamiko (L) follows proceeding of meeting between delegates from United Nations Development Programmes, IRDP Mwanza campus, ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and UDSM, who were discussing how to implement Bahari Maisha project in Tanga city aimed at benefiting coastal communities. Photo Cheji Bakari

Maisha project in Tanga city coastline communities.

After discussion, also the delegates visited 29 groups of seaweed farmers at Sahare Street,

and one group dealing with crabs farming at Machui street.

The team also visited fish growing centre owned by the ministry of livestock and fish-

eries. Meanwhile, the government through ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in collaboration with Pangani district council

plan to implement project of construction of international fish market worth 1.5bn/- at Kipumbwi fishing village on the outskirts of the Pangani

township during the current financial year.

Currently, the project is at feasibility study whereby according to Pangani district commissioner, Mussa Kilakala the ministry of livestock and fisheries is finalising procedure to start announcing the tender for construction.

He said once the project is complete, will stimulate the growth of income and providing employment opportunities to people in Pangani district, who mostly depending on fishing as their main livelihood activity.

"That modern market will have all infrastructures that meet international standards including freezers for making ices, cold rooms, stores, car parking and areas for restaurants," he said.

Fishing sector in Pangani is one of the main district revenues sources and employs good number of people through fishery-related activities.



Operators of Tanzanian startups on a visit to Huawei Exhibition Hall in Shenzhen, China.

Startups seek to uplift digital inclusion in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Shenzhen

SEVEN promising Tanzanian startups have been trained on best ways to uplift digital inclusion that ensure all individuals and communities, including the most disadvantaged, have access to and use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).

Held in Shenzhen, China, a week-long exchange learning programme has been

made possible by Huawei, in partnership with the local telecom company.

The Tanzanian startups had the opportunity to visit Huawei's cutting-edge facilities, including the Huawei Exhibition Hall, where they experienced smart driving and explored Huawei's comprehensive industry solutions.

They also visited prominent companies like Tencent, ByteDance, DJI, and Ubtech, where they partici-

pated in workshops with industry leaders and startup representatives, deepening their understanding of the market, customer needs, and entrepreneurial development.

Briefing journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend Nguvu Kamando, Vodacom's director of business said that the visit will undoubtedly enhance innovation within Tanzania.

"We appreciate Huawei's unwavering support in this

program, such initiatives are crucial for fostering a thriving digital ecosystem in Tanzania," said Kamondo.

Joyce Liu, director of the Tech4All Digital Inclusion Program Office highlighted Huawei's commitment to building a fully connected digital world.

"Huawei is dedicated to the digitalization of Tanzania. We will continue collaborating with Vodacom on a series of CSR activities, including initiatives like

DigiTruck, which aim to advance digital literacy and connectivity across the nation," Liu said.

Beyond their professional development, the startups also experienced China's rich cultural heritage, engaging with local communities, and visiting museums.

This cultural immersion provided a holistic experience that broadened their perspectives and enriched their entrepreneurial journey.

Liu added: "This trip to China marked the final phase of the three-month acceleration program, which aims to support and empower local startups to drive digitalization in Tanzania."

The programme is dedicated to supporting the ongoing digital transformation in Tanzania and look forward to launching more initiatives that foster innovation and connectivity in the country.

Tanga city council to collect 21 bn/- in 2024/25

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE TANGA City Council is projected to collect about 21.3bn/- revenue in the 2024/25 fiscal year from its own domestic sources, the proposed budget estimated has shown.

The collection will translate into an increment of 1.9bn/- from 19.4bn/- which were collected during the just ended financial year.

This was revealed by the city council officials during one-day workshop aimed at brainstorming the formation of the special task force to manage the collection of revenue.

The workshop was organized and run by city council through the accounting and finance department.

Among other things, the key objective of the training was to raise awareness to the council's officials who tasked to collect revenues from domestic sources.

Others are using of polite language, comply with the city's set by-laws as well as how to proper use of revenues collection systems in which the city focuses to collect it.

The training which was facilitated by city council treasurer Rumadha Mhando and other heads of departments and attended by city executive director, Frederick Sagamiko was officially opened by the city mayor Abdulrahman Shilow.

Nigeria's food importation 'to destroy' agriculture sector



Dr. Akinwumi Adesina

ABUJA

The President of the African Development Bank Group Dr. Akinwumi Adesina has said the decision by Nigeria's government to allow massive food importation risks destroying the country's agriculture.

This follows the announcement by Nigeria's Minister for Agriculture Abubakar Kyari on July 10 that the Federal Government would suspend duties, tariffs, and taxes on the importation of maize, husked brown rice, wheat, and cowpeas through the country's land and sea borders, for 150 days.

"Nigeria's recently announced policy (link is exter-

nal) to open its borders for massive food imports, just to tackle short-term food price hikes, is depressing," Adesina told African Primates of the Anglican Church at a Retreat in Abuja, Nigeria, on Friday.

He warned that the policy could undermine all the hard work and private investments that have gone into Nigeria's agriculture sector.

"Nigeria cannot rely on the importation of food to stabilize prices. Nigeria should be producing more food to stabilize food prices, while creating jobs and reducing foreign exchange spending, that will further help stabilize the Naira," said the African Development Bank president.

"Nigeria cannot import its way out of food insecurity," he said, "Nigeria must not be turned into a food import-dependent nation."

Speaking on the theme 'Food security and financial sustainability in Africa: The role of the Church', Adesina said Nigeria "must feed itself with pride," warning, "a nation that depends on others to feed itself, is independent only in name."

The clergymen assembled in Abuja under the umbrella of the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA), representing more than 40 million Anglicans across the continent.

In his opening remarks, the

host, His Grace the Most Reverend Henry C. Ndukuba, Primate of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), said the gathering was a unique opportunity for African Anglican leaders to deepen bonds of friendship and collaboration, and to share collective wisdom and experiences.

The chairperson of the event, Emeritus Nigerian Professor of Science Education, Olugbemiro Jegede, told Adesina: "You have the whole of Africa represented here. Every Primate represents a region. Behind these Primates are millions and millions of Anglicans who are listening to us here."

Noting that Africa accounts

for nearly a third of the more than 780 million people worldwide who are hungry, the African Development Bank president said agriculture is critical for the diversification of economies, and for the transformation of rural areas, where over 70 percent of the population of Africa live. "It is clear therefore that unless we transform agriculture, Africa cannot eliminate poverty," he insisted.

Adesina said Africa has 65 percent of the uncultivated arable land left in the world, to feed 9.5 billion people by 2050. Therefore, what Africa does with agriculture will determine the future of food in the world. "Essentially, food

is money. The size of the food and agriculture market in Africa will reach \$1 trillion by 2030."

Adesina briefed the Primates on the Bank's \$25 billion program to transform agriculture by providing high performing agricultural technologies for 40 million farmers and making Africa food self-sufficient by 2030.

Most Rev. Henry C. Ndukuba, Primate of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), thanks AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina (to the left) for his lecture on 'Food Security and Financial Sustainability in Africa' at the CAPA retreat in Abuja.

Trump victory trades to swell after shooting

NEW YORK

Saturday's shooting at US former President Donald Trump's election rally raises his odds of winning back the White House, and trades betting on his victory will increase this coming week, investors said on Sunday.

Trump was shot in the ear during the rally in Pennsylvania on Saturday in what the authorities were treating as an assassination attempt. Trump, his face spattered with blood, pumped his fist moments after the attack and his campaign said he was fine after the incident.

Before the shooting, markets had reacted to the prospect of a Trump presidency by pushing the dollar higher and positioning for a steeper US Treasury yield curve, and those trades could strengthen in the coming week, said Rong Ren Goh, a portfolio manager in the fixed income team at Eastspring Investments in Singapore.

The first shooting of a US president or major party candidate since a 1981 assassination attempt on Republican President Ronald Reagan could upend the Nov. 5 rematch between Republican Trump and President Joe Biden, a Democrat, which has been tight in opinion polls.

"From memory, Reagan went up 22 points in the polls after his assassination attempt. The election is likely to be a landslide. This probably reduces uncertainty," said Nick Ferres, chief investment officer at

Vantage Point Asset Management. World leaders and US politicians condemned the shooting, while some industry executives, including Tesla chief Elon Musk, declared their support for Trump.

Since a shaky performance against Trump in a presidential debate two weeks ago, Biden has faced growing doubts from donors, supporters and fellow Democrats about his ability to beat Trump and keep up with the demands of the job.

Immigration and economy have been the main issues for U.S. voters and, according to Reuters/Ipsos polls, they see Trump as the better candidate for the economy, even as Biden's White House seeks to benefit from a solid economy with inflation slowing and unemployment low.

Under Trump, market analysts expect a more hawkish trade policy, less regulation and looser climate change regulations.

Investors also expect an extension of corporate and personal tax cuts expiring next year, fuelling concerns about rising budget deficits under Trump.

Trump said in an interview in February he would not re-appoint Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, whose second four-year term as chair will expire in 2026.

Longer-end Treasury yields have risen alongside the odds of a second Trump administration.

While the moves in the still-inverted Treasury curve have primarily been driven by changing ex-

pectations about the Fed's first rate cut in this cycle, the gap between 2-year and 30-year notes has narrowed to a negative 6 basis points from a negative 30 bps around the time of the Biden-Trump debate.

The more closely watched gap between two- and 10-year Treasury yields is at a negative 27 basis points, half the levels three weeks ago.

"Trump has always been more 'pro-market'. The key issue looking forward is whether fiscal policy remains irresponsibly loose and the implication that might have for (renewed) inflation and the future path of interest rates," said Ferres.

Stock prices have been rising. Both the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average indexes hit record highs on Friday and the S&P 500 is up 18 percent this year.

"Around the five presidential elections of the last 20 years, CEO confidence, consumer sentiment, and particularly small business optimism have shifted more favorably in response to Republican victories than Democratic victories," analysts at Goldman Sachs wrote.

"To the extent improved sentiment leads to an increase in spending and investment, a Trump victory could boost the earnings outlooks for some firms even without substantial policy changes."

Soon after the shooting, billionaire hedge fund manager Bill Ackman endorsed Trump. Musk also endorsed Trump, calling him "tough" on his social media platform X.



\$35m to boost food security in EA

KAMPALA

The agricultural sector in Uganda remains a cornerstone of the economy, employing approximately 72 percent of the population and contributing about 24.1 percent to the GDP.

The dairy sector alone is valued at US\$3.8 billion, with exports bringing in US\$106.2 million annually.

Milk and dairy products play a crucial role in combating hunger and ensuring food security in the region.

Despite impressive growth, the dairy sector faces challenges such as strong seasonal fluctuations in raw milk supplies, underutilized processing capacity, prevalent informal trade,

quality issues limiting international trade, and dependency on demand from key export markets like Kenya.

Household consumption of milk is also low, with Ugandans drinking only around 0.5 liters (550 milliliters) per day, significantly below the recommended intake by FAO and WHO.

In response, Uganda's Dairy Development Authority (DDA) has initiated the Dairy Policy Action Plan, adopted in August 2022.

This multi-year plan engages stakeholders to implement policy interventions aimed at boosting consumption, incentivizing production, improving quality, and accessing new markets.

In a development aimed at addressing these challenges, Delphos has secured USD 35 million in debt financing for Pearl Dairy Farms, an East African dairy processor.

The financing, provided by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Nederlandse Financierings-Maatschappij voor Ontwikkelingslanden NV (FMO), will upgrade Pearl Dairy Farms' powdered milk plant in Uganda and support the acquisition of a packing facility in Kenya.

This investment is expected to have a substantial impact on both Kenya and Uganda by improving access to the raw milk market for smallholder farmers.

World Bank extends \$1bn guarantee to African bank

JOHANNESBURG

The South African Absa Group has secured 13 guarantees totaling US\$1.1 billion from the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), a World Bank subsidiary, to support its investments in its subsidiaries across sub-Saharan Africa.

This initiative underscores the World Bank's commitment to bolstering African banking groups in the wake of multinational withdrawals from the retail banking sector.

These guarantees cover Absa's general banking operations in nine countries including Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

They will help reduce Absa's risk-weighted assets and improve the required capital to extend more loans.

This agreement is expected to generate approximately \$706 million in new loans, with \$489 million allocated to climate-related projects and the remainder supporting additional financing for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Hiroshi Matano, MIGA's Executive Vice President, stated, "Our partnership with Absa Group demonstrates our commitment to supporting climate finance. This collaboration significantly increases the availability of private credit in countries that are poor or affected by conflict and fragility."

This expanded partnership aligns with efforts to promote sustainability and economic development in Africa.

lights the crucial role the World Bank can play in supporting the expansion of pan-African banking groups, which may face capital challenges in their efforts to fill the void left by international banks.

The targeted countries, such as Tanzania, Ghana, Kenya, and Mozambique, show promising growth dynamics or significant economic activity.

However, mobilizing additional capital to meet the financing demands in these regions may still be challenging.

Absa Group's recent financial communications reveal a leverage ratio of 12 times, indicating the weight of debt compared to equity.

While not alarming, it is less comfortable than the South African financial sector's average of 4.8 times.

It will be interesting to see if MIGA's guarantees also enhance Absa's financial profitability, which stood at 13.5 percent over the past 12 months, significantly lower than direct competitors like Nedbank and Standard Bank.

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WORLD

FBI identifies Thomas Matthew Crooks as suspect in Trump rally shooting

BETHEL PARK, Pennsylvania

THE FBI identified 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania as the suspect in Saturday's attempted assassination of former US president Donald Trump at a campaign rally.

The suspect was shot and killed by the Secret Service seconds after he allegedly fired shots toward a stage where Trump and was speaking in Butler, Pennsylvania. The FBI said it was working to determine a motive for the attack, in which one rally attendee died and two other spectators were critically injured. Trump was shot in the ear.

State voter records show that Crooks was a registered Republican. The upcoming Nov 5 election would have been the first time Crooks had been old enough to vote in a presidential race.

Crooks lived about an hour away from

where the shooting took place in Butler. The Federal Aviation Administration said on Sunday that it closed the airspace over Bethel Park for "special security reasons."

When Crooks was 17 he made a \$15 donation to ActBlue, a political action committee that raises money for left-leaning and Democratic politicians, according to a 2021 Federal Election Commission filing. The donation was earmarked for the Progressive Turnout Project, a national group that rallies Democrats to vote. The groups did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment.

Crooks' father, Matthew Crooks, 53, told CNN that he was trying to figure out what happened and would wait until he spoke to law enforcement before speaking about his son.

Thomas Crooks graduated in 2022 from Bethel Park High School, according to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. He received



Republican presidential candidate former US president Donald Trump is shown covered by US Secret Service agents after an incident during a rally on Saturday in Butler, Pennsylvania. AFP

a \$500 "star award" from the National Math and Science Initiative, according to the newspaper.

A 2022 graduation ceremony video cited by the New York Times shows Crooks receiving his high school diploma to some applause. Video from that ceremony posted online shows Crooks with glasses in a black graduation gown and posing with a school official. Reuters could not immediately verify the authenticity of the video. Law enforcement officials said on Saturday that Crooks carried no identification to the site of the shooting and had to be identified using other methods.

"We're looking at photographs right now and we're trying to run his DNA and get biometric confirmation," Kevin Rojek, FBI special agent in charge, said during a press briefing.

USA Today reported that dozens of

law enforcement vehicles were stationed outside a residence listed at the address on Crooks' voter registration record. Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were on the scene and a bomb squad was at the residence, USA Today reported. The perimeter of the residence of the suspect was guarded on Sunday by yellow police caution tape. An Allegheny County Police vehicle was parked outside.

"It's insanity that anyone would do this," Dan Maloney, a 30-year-old resident from the area was quoted as saying by USA Today. Reuters could not immediately identify social media accounts or other online postings by Crooks. Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, did not immediately respond to questions on whether the platforms had removed any accounts related to the suspect.

US fostering hatred toward political opponents, says Russian MFA after Trump rally shooting

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova noted after the attempted assassination of former US President Donald Trump that Washington encourages fostering of hatred toward its political opponents.

"Two months ago, I paid attention to the fact that the US was literally fostering hatred toward political opponents, as well as provided examples of the American tradition of attempts and assassinations of presidents and presidential candidates," she wrote on her Telegram channel citing her post about the history of attempted assassinations of American politicians.

There was a shooting at a rally of Trump in Pennsylvania on Saturday. The Republican was wounded. According to recent reports, he is safe, the injury was minor - the bullet pierced his right ear.

The shooter was killed by members of the US Secret Service, which is responsible, in particular, for protecting the top officials of the state. The Associated Press reported that authorities were investigating the incident as an assassination attempt on Trump.

The shooting left one person killed and two injured. The Republican National Committee has stressed that its convention in Milwaukee, which was set to open on Monday and was expected to nominate Trump as its presidential candidate in the November election, would not be canceled or postponed. Trump will attend the convention, the committee confirmed.

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France will continue to support Ukraine without entering state of war with Russia, says Macron

PARIS

IN his address to French military personnel before the National Day (July 14) President Emmanuel Macron said that France will continue to support Ukraine without entering into a state of war with Russia.

"We will continue to support Ukraine and fulfill our obligations without seeking escalation and without entering into a state of war with Russia, because we have never been in one," the head of state said. His address was broadcast by the press service of the Elysee Palace.

According to Macron, "security in Europe is at stake." The French military knows how important the balance of power is, so one must understand the "determination [of the French leadership] not to allow Russia to win the war," Macron went on.

He underscored the important role of the French military in training Ukrainian soldiers and officers. "We will indeed continue to equip the Ukrainians so that they can defend themselves for as long as necessary," he said.

"Thanks to two laws on defense planning, we have doubled the defense budget [for the period] until 2030. The accelerating pace of events and increasing threats mean that new adjustments are required.

That is why I ask you to continue to analyze the consequences of the war as it is will be tomorrow, and not the way we imagined it yesterday, and prepare an adjustment to military planning for 2025," Macron said. Agencies

Ruto orders swift probe into mysterious killings

NAIROBI

KENYAN President William Ruto on Saturday directed security agencies to speed up investigation into the mysterious killings in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, after nine mutilated bodies were retrieved from a dumpsite in a slum.

Ruto, who spoke in Elgeyo-Marakwet County, northwest Kenya, assured citizens that those behind the killings will be held to account, saying no stone will be left unturned.

"Nine bodies have been retrieved from Kware dumpsite in Mukuru kwa Njenga (slum), majority being bodies of women and girls," he said and appealed to every Kenyan to uphold peace and conduct their business without breaking the law.

The president has been under intense pressure to take firm action on security officers who have been abducting young Kenyans who have been holding anti-government and anti-tax hikes demonstrations across the country. The bodies were well-wrapped in sacks and black polythene bags and later tied with ropes while some had burns and were decomposing.

How NATO's summit in Washington sabotages peace, fans confrontation

BEIJING

THE recently concluded Washington summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has aroused a wave of harsh criticism from politicians and scholars from the bloc's member states and other countries, who said the alliance has become more confrontational and less of a guardian of global peace.

Stephen Walt, the Robert and Renee Belfer professor of international relations at Harvard University, wrote an opinion piece in Foreign Policy titled, This time, NATO is in trouble for real.

While NATO celebrates its 75th anniversary, Walt noted the dark clouds casting shadows over the fest, including the rise of far-right forces in Europe, the division between Europe and the United States over the Ukraine crisis, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the regulation of digital technologies, among others.

"Questions about NATO's purpose began as soon as the Soviet Union broke up," Walt said. "Predictions that opened expansion eastward would lead to a Europe that was 'whole, free, and at peace' look rather hollow today."

The columnist challenged trans-Atlantic solidarity: "Europe and the United States are gradually drifting apart, and the only important question is how fast it will happen and how far it will go."

Meanwhile, many politicians and observers from NATO's European members voiced their discontent and disagreement over the alliance's antagonism towards certain countries and a shift from the original function it was built to serve.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban posted on social media that NATO must focus on winning peace rather than engaging in wars. He was posting from Washington, where he attended the summit earlier this week.

"NATO was established 75 years ago to protect the security of its members. However, it now seems to be moving away from its original goal, increasingly behaving like a war organization," Orban said in a video posted on his official Facebook page.

He said that this shift is demonstrated in NATO's increasingly active role in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. "We believe this is dangerous - even irresponsible, because no one can see where this will lead or where we will end up."

Uros Lipusec, a Slovenian political scientist, said that NATO is trying to advance in the Pacific region.

Attacks on sovereign countries outside the member area, unwavering support for illegal and illegitimate interventions by the United States, the expansion of NATO contrary to the agreements in such a way that it threatens Russia - all this has nothing to do with the basic goals of the NATO alliance, but became the dominant direction of development of this increasingly aggressive union, he said.

Slovenian politician and former member of the European Parliament Aurelio Juri wrote on X that NATO's



People walk inside the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, which has been decorated with signage in preparation for the NATO Summit, on July 8, 2024. VCG

sole purpose should be to maintain peace, not endless war.

"Perhaps we will finally understand that our entry into NATO in 2004 was not the wisest choice," Juri said, adding that membership in NATO "threatens our security rather than protects it."

Mladen Pleše, a Croatian political analyst, said that NATO should focus on preserving peace and preventing conflicts rather than starting or getting involved in wars and military conflicts around the world, as it has done in recent years under the guidance of the United States.

"The United States has used NATO to implement its policies and has a decisive influence on NATO; this is not good for the European partners. NATO must not be an extended arm of Washington, and more and more European countries are warning about this," Pleše said.

"NATO is being used in the name of American interests to tighten the

situation in the Asia-Pacific region, which does not correspond to the interests of Europe at all," Pleše added.

Officials and experts further criticized the US dominance over the bloc, saying the country has been turning the alliance into an extended arm to maintain global hegemony.

NATO is one of the "institutional frameworks" in the US military-security apparatus that underpin the US grand strategy, Jeffrey Sachs, a professor and director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, told Xinhua.

"The United States continues to have a foreign policy that is profoundly misguided and dangerous, based on the goal of hegemony, and with the consequence of confrontation with China, Russia, and most of the developing countries. NATO is part of this misguided and dangerous foreign policy," Sachs said.

Russian Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov noted the

Washington summit "showed that NATO has irrevocably embarked on the path of confrontation and material preparation for war."

"The United States and its satellites are mobilizing maximum resources to preserve their collapsing hegemony," Antonov said in the Telegram channel of the Russian Embassy in the United States. "Enemies are being declared as anyone who refuses to submit to the dictates and will of the West."

Antonov added that Europe alone is not enough for NATO, with the alliance's interests extending beyond the Euro-Atlantic region, primarily to Asia.

"It is important to emphasize that the outcome of the 'humanitarian' interventions by this allegedly defensive bloc is well-known - the destruction of states, war crimes, the rise of extremism, and the mass death of civilians."

Second woman takes office as global president of Rotary International

STEPHANIE Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, became the second woman to serve as president of Rotary International on 1 July 2024. During her one-year term, Urchick will focus on adapting Rotary to changing times and advancing peace.

Urchick will guide the 119-year-old organization, which boasts 1.4 million members globally, in implementing sustainable, community-driven projects. These projects aim to fight disease,

promote peace, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, grow local economies, and protect the environment.

The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charitable arm, has awarded over US\$5.5 billion to support these initiatives over the past century.

To ensure Rotary remains an attractive option for passionate about service and fellowship, Urchick encourages clubs to evaluate their strengths and areas for improvement. She advocates

for diverse meeting formats and membership styles to reflect the communities they serve in terms of gender, age, culture, and socioeconomic status.

"Embracing different viewpoints and creating peaceful, inclusive societies is at the heart of Rotary's work," Urchick said. "As president, I will prioritize advancing peace by helping to create stable and resilient societies where people can thrive."

Meanwhile, Agnes Baten-gas (pictured), a member



of the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Sunset, takes office as District Governor for Tanzania and Uganda. She joins

over 530 District Governors worldwide in overseeing Rotary's efforts in these regions, continuing the organization's legacy of impactful service.

Rotary, one of the world's largest membership service organizations, has made peace building a cornerstone of its mission. The organization addresses the root causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of education, and unequal resource distribution, through service projects and youth programs.

Rotary's Peace Centers, hosted by leading universities worldwide, empower and educate peace builders. Each year, Rotary awards 50 fully funded fellowships for master's degrees and up to 80 for certificate studies to peace and development leaders. Since 2002, the program has prepared over 1,800 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries.

Building on this momentum, Urchick will host a peace conference at Rotary's newest Peace Center in part-

nership with Bahçe ehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, in February 2025.

As president, Urchick will also oversee Rotary's top goal of eradicating polio. In collaboration with its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Rotary has achieved a 99.9% reduction in polio cases and contributed over US\$2.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect 3 billion children from the disease.

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How global political parties draw lessons from CPC's stewardship of China

BEIJING

OVER the past century, the Communist Party of China (CPC) has guided China through profound transformations, achieving remarkable success. It will continue to advance the country's reform and development.

Through interparty exchanges with the CPC, foreign political leaders have gained insights into the ruling party's governance approach, its commitment to a people-centered philosophy at home and its devotion to human well-being across the board. Leaders say they look forward to enhancing cooperation with the CPC to bolster the modernization drive in their own country and contribute to global prosperity.

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

In 2018, Bounnhang Vorachith, then general secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee and president of Laos, visited Shibadong, a village home to the Miao ethnic group in central China's Hunan Province that was once a poor mountain-locked village.

Bounnhang wrote to the villagers in 2019, acknowledging the village's success and highlighting its potential as an inspiration for his country's poverty reduction strategies.

The village, where Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, (pictured) first proposed "targeted poverty alleviation" in 2013, has become a model of success in poverty reduction. Having developed industries like tourism, bottled mineral water and Miao embroidery, residents' per capita income has surged from 1,688 yuan (232 U.S. dollars) in 2013 to 23,505 yuan (3,235 dollars) in 2022, and the collective economy has grown from zero to 3.8 million yuan (523,012 dollars).

Like Bounnhang, many from countries such as Spain, Namibia, Nepal and Singapore, who stepped foot in rural China, have witnessed firsthand the CPC's efforts to improve the well-being of people and their increasing recognition and trust in the ruling party, which they believe offers valuable insights for political parties in other countries.

"There is general satisfaction and comprehensive acceptance of the policies pursued by the Chinese state ... tangible results that are reflected in the reality of the lives of hundreds of millions of Chinese people," Ahmed Bahaa El-Din Shaaban, secretary-general of the Egyptian Socialist Party, told Xinhua, noting the leadership role of the CPC "appears to be a matter subject to historical consensus."

Shaaban participated in dozens of meetings with Chinese officials and visited multiple locations in the country. Shaaban said he was "amazed that social transformation was not limited to improving housing or education conditions or improving the economic conditions of these areas, but rather the success was completed by training farmers on how to sell their pro-

duce in a bid to further improve their economic standing.

Under the CPC's leadership, China has within a decade successfully helped around 100 million people leave absolute poverty behind, winning the battle against destitution in a country of 1.4 billion people. It also established the world's largest education, social security and healthcare systems.

The fundamental purpose of the century-old CPC has always been to be a political party of, by, and for the people.

The CPC has consistently adhered to the governance principle of "putting people first," serving as a valuable example for political parties worldwide, Sykhoun Bounvilay, a retired senior diplomat of Laos, told Xinhua.

Jose Luis Centella, president of the Communist Party of Spain, said the CPC has maintained close ties with the Chinese people, placing them at the center and treating their everyday concerns as a major priority. Under the leadership of the CPC, China has demonstrated to the world that a socialist system can create wealth, achieve social equity and lift hundreds of millions of people out of poverty, enabling them to enjoy a moderately prosperous life.

A PARTY OF REFORMERS

"The people's aspiration for a better life is what we have been striving for, and promoting reform and boosting development boils down to that ultimate goal as well," Xi said while presiding over a symposium attended by representatives from businesses and academia in May.

Throughout its 103-year history, the CPC has consistently demonstrated the courage and wisdom necessary for reform, say observers. During crucial moments in the country's development and pursuit of national rejuvenation, the party has demonstrated sharp insight and decisive action. This has led the people to confront challenges and overcome difficulties, constantly advancing the cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

"The CPC has always tried to resist dogmatism by going back to Marxism, rereading the classics constantly, creatively, dynamically, and rethinking the connections between theory and practice, adapting Marxism to concrete local conditions, said Vinnie Molina, president of the Communist Party of Australia (CPA), recognizing that this is one of the important experiences from the CPC in leading China to make continuous progress.

Since 1978, when China embarked on reform and opening up, there have been profound changes in the lives of ordinary people. In 2012, when Xi was elected general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, China had become the world's second-largest economy, with a per-capita GDP of over 6,000 dollars.

Instead of resting on past laurels, the CPC, under Xi's leadership, remains committed to con-



tinuing reforms.

"The easy part of the job has been done to the satisfaction of all. What is left are tough bones that are hard to chew," Xi said in 2012.

At the third plenary session of the 18th CPC Central Committee, held in 2013, Xi listed a series of challenges facing China's development, including corruption, unsustainable development and environmental issues. During this session, a decision on "major issues concerning comprehensively deepening reforms" was also approved.

In the ten years since then, the CPC has put forward more than 2,000 reform measures, enabling the country to address challenges like poverty alleviation, pollution control and anti-corruption with realistic and problem-oriented approaches.

The CPC's measures to strengthen discipline and combat corruption are areas of significant interest for many foreign political parties and experts seeking valuable practices to adopt.

Che Munyirith, president of the Cambodian Chinese Evolution Researcher Association, told Xinhua that what is most admirable about the CPC is its spirit of self-reform as a ruling party. This is a significant distinction between the CPC and many other political parties worldwide and is one of the key reasons for its long-term governance, Munyirith said.

He said China's remarkable developmental achievements are closely linked to the CPC's commitment to improving Party conduct, building integrity, and combating corruption. The CPC continuously works to enhance its systems for exercising thorough and effective self-governance within the Party.

Such practices provide valuable lessons for others, Munyirith added.

On July 15, the CPC will convene the third plenary session of its 20th Central Committee in Beijing. At this session, a series of reforms are expected to be discussed to chart the course for the world's second-largest economy.

The CPC has the ability "to keep moving, never losing the principles of dialectical materialism, always correcting errors and fronting up to new challenges," said Molina, noting that his party main-

tains regular communications with the CPC and that a report from a CPA delegation who visited China recently was "very positive."

COMMITMENT TO HUMAN PROGRESS

Led by the CPC, China is widely praised not only for its own development but also for leading the international community, especially developing countries, forward, said Jacques Cheminade, chairman of the French party Solidarity and Progress, noting that in the current global landscape, the CPC is a beacon of mutual learning and exchanges.

In March 2023, Xi put forward the Global Civilization Initiative at a dialogue between the CPC and other global political parties held via video link. It is a clear demonstration of the CPC's sincere willingness to work with political parties from different countries to advance modernization with distinct national characteristics, promote global civilization exchanges and mutual learning, and contribute to building a community with a shared future for mankind.

The CPC prizes interparty exchanges. These interactions have increased cooperation and provided numerous opportunities to learn from China's poverty alleviation measures. Munyirith, who has participated in bilateral poverty alleviation projects, told Xinhua that these measures are now bearing fruit in Cambodia.

Take the Cambodia-China Friendship Village for Poverty Alleviation Project. Under the project, concrete roads, clean drinking water system, solar power, drainage system in flood prevention, and other essential public facilities have been developed in the far-flung Tanorn village in Cambodia, bringing remarkable transformations to this small rural town.

Inter-party exchanges are vital for developing national relations. They provide opportunities for political parties from various countries to share experiences in governance and collaborate to find effective solutions to common problems and challenges.

In recent years, the CPC has actively promoted interparty exchanges and shared its wisdom at numerous high-level political dialogue platforms.

Many officials and experts say they appreciate the CPC's dedication to advancing human progress and promoting harmony worldwide.

"Through these interactions, we can work closely together and contribute to solving global issues such as climate change, poverty reduction and public health issues," said Mohammed Ali Mohamed, chairperson of Tanzania's Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Youth League.

Mohamed added that enhanced exchanges among political parties can also promote cultural understanding and build trust, which is essential to maintaining global peace and stability

Xinhua



Mourners await the body of the late Vice-President Saulos Chilima, at Kamuzu International Airport in Lilongwe, Malawi, June 11, 2024. AP

Black box audio retrieved from Malawi's plane wreckage

LILONGWE

THE German Federal Bureau of Aircraft Accident Investigation (BFU) says it has managed to retrieve audio and other material from the black box of the plane that crashed and killed Malawian Vice-President Saulos Chilima and eight others.

The BFU made the announcement on its website, saying this would help in the efforts to find the reasons of the crash of the aircraft, a military Dornier 228-202(K), on June 10.

"During the investigation of the wreckage, a Global Positioning System (GPS) was secured and later transported to the BFU. In the recorder and avionics laboratory of the BFU, the data of the accident flight and other flights stored in the GPS could be read out. These will now be analyzed very thoroughly. This will take some time," says the statement.

Upon request of the government of Malawi through the German government, BFU launched the investigation in collaboration with Malawi's Civil Aviation Authority and Malawi Defence Force.

Xinhua

South Sudan secures 46 mln USD grant to improve, agriculture, food security

JUBA

AFRICAN Development Bank Group (AfDB) said it has approved a 46.2-million-U.S.-dollar grant for South Sudan to boost agricultural productivity, improve food security and enhance the country's resilience.

The AfDB, a financial provider to African governments and private companies investing in the regional member countries, said the first phase of the climate resilient agri-food system transformation program in South Sudan is set to be implemented from September 2024 to December 2030.

Themba Bhebhe, the Bank Group's Country Manager for South Sudan, said in a statement issued in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, on Friday evening that the program's activities will help boost productivity and produce an additional 350,000 tonnes of cereals (rice and sorghum) and 2,450 tonnes of fish.

"They will strengthen agricultural value chains and entrepreneurship, creating at least 200 more agri-food businesses that are more profitable for women and young people," Bhebhe said.

He emphasized that developing digitalization and professional skills will create 179,200 direct jobs, including 50 percent for women and 60 percent for young people.

A domestic flight of the military airplane from Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi, to the northern city of Mzuzu ended tragically as the plane crashed into a hill within Chikangawa Forest reserve in what the BFU describes as "marginal weather conditions".

The German organization says they conducted investigations at the accident site, the aerodrome of departure and destination as well as the home base of the airplane.

According to BFU, the Interim Report will be published after the lengthy analysis and upon concluding the investigation, and will include the facts gathered to that point.

"The BFU will publish the analysis of the facts, the conclusions, causes and possible safety recommendations in a Final Report later on," the statement reads in part.

Following the accident and the death of the vice-president, calls for independent investigations were made by political parties, some civil society leaders, and the family of Chilima, to which President Lazarus Chakwera heeded.

Egypt aspires to win back shippers as Suez Canal revenues slashed amid Red Sea tension

CAIRO

REVENUES from Egypt's Suez Canal have been significantly slashed due to the rerouting of international shipping to avoid the risk of Yemeni Houthi attacks in the Red Sea.

The canal, carrying 12 percent of global trade, is a crucial source of foreign currency for Egypt, a country still grappling with persistent economic woes.

The transit receipts of the Suez Canal registered a staggering 57.2-percent year-on-year decrease to 959.3 million U.S. dollars in the first quarter of 2024, or the third quarter of fiscal year 2023/2024 starting July 2023, according to a statement released Monday by the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE).

The statement said the canal's transit receipts stood at 5.8 billion dollars in the first nine months of fiscal year 2023/2024, compared to 6.2 billion dollars during the same months of the previous fiscal year.

In the same period, the net tonnage declined by 15.6 percent to 944.9 million tons, with the number of transiting vessels down by 11.5 percent, added the central bank.

"These decreases stemmed primarily from the Red Sea traffic disruptions, which forced several commercial shipping companies to reroute their vessels," the CBE statement noted.

Since last November, Yemen's Houthi group has re-



A ship sails on the Suez Canal in Ismailia Governorate, Egypt, July 13, 2024. (Xinhua/Ahmed Gomaa)

peatedly attacked ships in the Red Sea that it said have links to Israel to show solidarity with Palestinians under Israeli attacks in the Gaza Strip.

As the Houthi attacks continue, traffic in the Suez Canal will be constantly hindered, which could further wors-

en Egypt's economic hardships, said Waleed Gaballah, a member of the Egyptian Association for Political Economy, Statistics, and Legislation.

International shipping giants, including Maersk, Hapag-Lloyd, Evergreen Line, and Mediterranean Shipping

Company, have rerouted some of their vessels around South Africa's Cape of Good Hope instead of the Suez Canal for safety concerns.

In June, Maersk stated, "To safeguard our crew, vessels, and customers' cargoes, we have continued to sail around the Cape of Good Hope, adding approximately 4,000 miles to the total voyage length, resulting in longer voyage time and higher operational expenses."

"Currently, we are experiencing an average 40 percent increase in fuel costs compared to when we sail through the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden," Maersk added.

In addition to global shipping giants, local businessmen also suffered from the Red Sea crisis.

Khaled Tony, who imports heavy printing machines from Asian countries, said his business was affected significantly.

Tony complained that he had to transport lightweight equipment by air at high costs, while maritime shipping taking longer routes also produces

high transport and insurance costs.

"I signed contracts with many factories last year, but I couldn't deliver their orders in due time and had to pay penalties for not fulfilling the contracts," he told Xinhua.

Also, local people relying on the canal to support families were frustrated by the sharp decline in shipping and port businesses, as "the Suez Canal provides a major source of income for many families living along the canal," said 60-year-old Samar Hamed, a canal resident.

To win back the shippers, Egypt's Suez Canal Authority (SCA) has extended incentives, including an up to 75 percent reduction in normal transit fees for vessels until the end of the year. Notably, the SCA announced last October a decision to raise transit fees by 5 to 15 percent starting on Jan. 15, 2024.

However, as SCA Chairman Osama Rabie ever said, the security concern to shippers could not be easily overcome with discounts or other incentives offered by the canal.



Pamba Jiji FC sign Kenyan central defender Oruchum

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

PAMBA Jiji Football Club continue to strengthen their squad in preparations for their return to the Tanzania Mainland Premier League by signing Kenyan central defender Christopher Oruchum on a two-year deal.

Pamba have released most of the players from last season's Championship League team as they aim to build a competitive squad for the upcoming season and embark on a long run in top-flight football.

Oruchum (pictured) joins the newly promoted Premier League side Pamba after parting ways with FKF Premier League side Posta Rangers, the club has announced. He returns to the fast-growing Tanzanian league after a brief stint with Namungo SC during the 2022/2023 season.

The former back-to-back FKFPL winner with Tusker, will now seek to advance his career in a competitive circuit after missing out on a reunion with AFC Leopards during the mid-season transfer window due to a recurring injury.

Pamba were promoted after finishing second in the Championship League with 67 points, three behind champions Kengold FC, and are looking to make a strong start in the top-flight league.

Oruchum is one of many new players they have brought on board. Other new signings include playmaker Ally Ramadhan from KMC, Congolese

midfielder Paul Lindanda from Tabora United, goalkeeper Paul Kamtewe from Kengold, and free agent Kennedy Juma from Simba SC.

Oruchum expressed his enthusiasm for joining Pamba Jiji FC, highlighting his determination to succeed with the Mwanza-based team.

"I'm delighted to be back in Tanzania, with a fast-growing league. I feel that Pamba Jiji FC's project is perfect for me and offers a great opportunity to thrive in my career. The recruitment team is working tirelessly, and the project is exciting," said the defender.

"Last time it didn't go well for me here, but it is a fresh start to help the team and create a winning environment. I will give my all to the club and ensure we remain in the league for many years to come," he added.

Pamba also have secured the services of veteran goalkeeper trainer Razack Siwa, who previously managed Bandari, Tabora United, Mtibwa Sugar, and Young Africans.

The club also hired coach Goran Kuponovic on a one-year deal to bring experience to their technical bench, replacing Mbwana Makata, who guided them to the promotion.

As they continue to build a strong team, Pamba aim to survive in the Premier League next season, marking their first attempt at top-flight football after over 20 years in lower-tier football.

Prime Minister Majaliwa to lead runners in Dodoma Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

THE upcoming 2024 Dodoma Marathon is set to be a momentous event, with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa leading over 8,000 participants in the fifth edition of the race on July 28th, 2024.

The national leader's presence will undoubtedly ignite the spirits of runners from various social groups, including institutions, organizations, local and international competitors, and individual enthusiasts.

The introduction of the Prime Minister as the guest of honor took place in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, where the organizers, NBC Bank, unveiled a stunning array of jerseys designed to captivate the runners. "Along with the presence of

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, who has been with us several times in this race, we are delighted to see that various stakeholders are continuing to come forward to support us in this noble cause," said Theobald Sabi, the MD of the bank.

Sabi further emphasized the importance of collaboration between different institutions in achieving a common goal in helping the community.

The Dodoma Marathon is more than just a race; it's a rallying cry for a noble cause. The primary objective of the event is to raise funds for the fight against cervical cancer and provide education sponsorship for midwives, a critical step in improving maternal health across the country.

This inspiring mission has

attracted the support of an impressive roster of sponsors.

The jerseys designed for the event are a true work of art, showcasing the organizers' dedication to creating a memorable visual experience for the runners.

David Raymond, another official from the organizers, explained that the five distinct colors - blue, yellow, white, red, and black - cater to the diverse preferences of the participants, while the addition of special reflectors ensures their safety during night-time training and after the race.

"The quality and creativity of these jerseys were given great consideration. We have made an effort to incorporate various markings that aim to create meaning, increase attractive-

ness, and most importantly, we have added special reflectors for their safety while on the road, especially during night-time training and after the race," Raymond stated.

For those eager to be a part of the momentous event, registration is now open through the website www.events.nbc.co.tz, with individual registration fees set at TZS 35,000 and group registration (for more than 25 people) at TZS 25,000.

As the nation gears up for the 2024 Dodoma Marathon, the presence of Prime Minister Majaliwa and the captivating jersey designs promise to create a truly unforgettable experience that celebrates the spirit of the Dodoma community and advances the crucial cause of maternal health.



Stakeholders of the fifth season of the Dodoma Marathon, including Theobald Sabi (in the middle), Julius Magabe (2nd R), Henry Esiaba (2nd L), Waziri Barnabas (R), and the chairman of the organizing committee, Tasiana Masimba (L), showcasing different jerseys that will be worn by the participants of the race, which is expected to take place on July 28, 2024, at the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma. The event took place over the weekend in Dar es Salaam; Photo: Correspondent

Barbora Krejčíková wins Wimbledon women's title

LONDON

BARBORA Krejčíková of the Czech Republic defeated Italy's Jasmine Paolini to win the Wimbledon women's title on Saturday, July 13, for her second Grand Slam singles triumph. Krejčíková, the 31st seed, won 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to add the 2024 All England Club crown to her 2021 French Open victory.

Her win comes 26 years after her mentor Jana Novotná, who died in 2017, claimed the Wimbledon title. "Before she passed away, she told me to go and win a Slam. I did that in Paris in 2021 but I never dreamed of winning the same trophy that Jana did," said the 28-year-old Krejčíková, who secured the title in a nervy final service game on a third championship point.

"It's unreal what just happened. The best day of my tennis career and the best day of my life. I was just telling myself to be brave. It was such a difficult match, a great final, a great competition and I'm super happy to be standing here enjoying this moment."

Krejčíková, who will return to the top 10 following her victory, came into Wimbledon after a testing season. A back injury and illness meant she went winless on the tour from February until June. "I was injured and ill and didn't have a good start to the season and now I'm Wimbledon winner. How did that



Czech Republic's Barbora Krejčíková kisses the Venus Rosewater Dish trophy after winning the final against Italy's Jasmine Paolini. July 13, 2024, London, England. REUTERS

happen? I think nobody's going to believe I won Wimbledon. I still can't believe it. Two weeks ago I had a very tough match, 7-5 in the third set and I wasn't in good shape."

The result meant seventh-seeded Paolini had lost two Grand Slam finals back-to-back after coming off second-best to Iga Świątek at the French Open last month. "I'm a little bit sad but I try to keep smiling. I have to remember today is still a good day," said Paolini, who had never won a grass-court match in her career until last month.

"I remember watching Wimbledon as a kid cheering for Roger Federer, so to be here now is crazy. It's been a beautiful two weeks." She added: "Barbora, you played unbelievable. You play such beautiful tennis. Congrats to you and your team."

Double faults Krejčíková set the tone immediately by breaking the Italian in the opening game and backing up the advantage with a hold to love. Paolini had to save two break points in the third game but she cracked under the strain again as the

composed Czech stormed into a double-break ahead for 4-1.

Krejčíková moved to three set points in the eighth game and only needed one as Paolini dumped a backhand return into the net. The nerve-wracked Italian managed to claim just four points on the Czech's serve in the 35-minute opener. Krejčíková hit 10 winners to the Italian's five.

Paolini dashed off Centre Court for a bathroom break and returned re-energized. She had also dropped the first set in her marathon semi-final triumph over Donna Vekić and on Saturday she launched another second-set fightback.

Breaks in the second and eighth games leveled the final after a set in which Krejčíková made 14 unforced errors to seven for her opponent and take her double-fault count to a tournament-high of 33. The Czech managed just four winners in the set as she went spectacularly off the boil.

However, momentum shifted dramatically back in her favor in the decider when Paolini double-faulted to surrender a break and fall 3-4 behind. Krejčíková held to love for 5-3 but endured a nervy conclusion, requiring three championship points and saving two break points in the 10th game to seal the title.

Bayi among legends at World Athletics fundraiser in France

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Olympics Committee (TOC) Secretary General Filbert Bayi will be one of three legendary athletes attending the World Athletics (WA) fundraising event for the Museum of World Athletics (Mowa) in France next month.

Bayi mentioned that the fundraising event, hosted by WA President Sebastian Coe, will celebrate the centenary of Finnish athlete Paavo Nurmi, who won five gold medals at the Paris Olympics in 1924.

The event, aimed at raising funds for the purchase of singlets, shorts, bibs, and spikes, will take place on August 6.

In addition to Nurmi and Bayi, Bill Mills from the United States will also be present at the fundraiser.

"I have been invited to attend the fundraising of the Museum of World Athletics. It's for legendary athletes only, and it will be hosted by World Athletics. We will make historical donations. I am happy to be part of this," Bayi said.

Bayi and Suleiman Nyambui are the only locals to have won medals at the Olympics.

Meanwhile, Bayi announced that the Tanzanian team traveling to Paris is expected to be flagged off next week, with the specific day to be announced later.

The team will travel in three groups.

The team includes Henry Tandau, the leader of the delegation (CDM), team doctor Elissa Mkongo, press representative Muhidin Michuzi, and coaches Anthony Mwingereza and Alexander Mwaipasi, who are responsible for athletics and swimming, respectively.

Others are judo coach Innocent Mallya, and athletes Alphonse Simbu, Gabriel Geay, Magdalena Shauri, and Jackline Sakili.

Other athletes in the team are swimmers Collins Saliboko and Sophia Latiff, and judoka Andrew Mlungu. TOC leaders in the team are Gulam Rashid and Bayi, who are the president and secretary general, respectively.

Suárez gets stoppage-time goal, Uruguay beats Canada 4-3 in shootout for 3rd place in Copa America

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

LUIS Suárez still has a knack for big plays. The 37-year-old Suárez, Uruguay's career scoring leader, tied the score two minutes into second-half stoppage time, and Uruguay beat Canada 4-3 on penalty kicks after a 2-2 draw on Saturday night to finish third in the Copa America.

Uruguay goalkeeper Sergio Rochet saved Ismael Koné's weak penalty kick after the shooter's stutter step on Canada's third attempt, and Alphonso Davies put Canada's fifth and final kick off the crossbar.

Federico Valverde, Rodrigo Bentancur, Giorgian de Arrascaeta and Suárez converted Uruguay's attempts past goalkeeper Dayne St. Clair while Jonathan David, Moïse Bombito and Mathieu Choinière made their kicks for Canada, which went first in the shootout.

"Uruguay is one of the three best teams of this tournament and taking into consideration that the tournament included Central, North and South America, and we finished third, allows us to be optimistic," Uruguay coach Marcelo Bielsa said through an interpreter.

"The draw was barely deserved," Bielsa said.

Bielsa praised Suárez's "physical skills and mental aptitude" after the match following his 69th international goal on a quick attack following a centering pass from José María Giménez.

"It is very well known what he has done throughout his career and having shared this time with him, I believe he is a top-notch player and a great teammate," Bielsa said of Suárez.

Canada, which hired American Jesse Marsch as coach in May, will consider the tournament one of its best performances since winning the 2000 CONCACAF Gold Cup. The Canadians reached the World Cup for the second time in 2022, the first since 1986.

Canada made six changes for its starting semifinal lineup and Uruguay made two. Davies, Canada's top player, entered in the 62nd minute after leaving the semifinal with a leg injury.

Marsch said his players made a "statement" and are well ahead of where he thought they'd be at this time.

"The players are disappointed in the way that we gave the match away," Marsch said. "But I was very positive with them. We have been together for about six weeks and to play against one of the best teams in the world and dominate the match – we were too much for them for most of the match – is pretty good."

He said his team simply gave the ball away too often in the final minutes.

"We should have been able to shut that game down," Marsch said. "But that savviness of how to handle those situations, we need to develop that – and we will."

Bentancur put Uruguay ahead in the eighth minute but Canada built a 2-1 lead on goals by Koné in the 22nd and David in the 80th.

St. Clair was given an unusual yellow card as Rochet was preparing for Bombito's penalty kick, possibly for trying to distract the goalkeeper.

The game was played on the same field where Uruguay players entered the stands and fought with Colombia fans following a 1-0 semifinal loss on Wednesday night.

This game was much more subdued than the heated semifinal, with an announced attendance of 24,386, compared to more than 70,000 – the overwhelming majority rooting for Colombia – on Wednesday night.

Defending champion Argentina and Lionel Messi play Colombia for the title on Sunday night at Miami Gardens, Florida. Argentina and Uruguay are tied for the most Copa titles with 15 each.

Uruguay took the lead when Sebastián Cáreres headed a corner kick to Bentancur, who took a touch and spun as Luc de Fougerolles reacted slowly, then kicked the ball over St. Clair for his third international goal and his second of the tournament.

Canada tied the score 14 minutes later when Bombito won a header duel with Giménez and the ball popped up toward goal, and Koné's bicycle kick went over Rochet for his third international goal.

Facundo Pellistri slid the ball past St. Clair in the 23rd minute but was ruled offside.

Canada went ahead when Rochet parried Koné's initial shot and the rebound went to David, who tucked a right-foot shot just inside a post for his 28th international goal. David had entered in the 67th minute.

Spain phenom Lamine Yamal has electrified Euro 2024. In hometown, family, friends not surprised

MATARO, Spain

IN the working-class neighborhood where Spain's teenage phenom Lamine Yamal grew up, there are two soccer fields divided by a chain-link fence.

Next to the green carpet of the local soccer club, local lore has it that Yamal played with his friends on a small concrete slab where boys and girls now come daily to have a kickaround. Balls fly through the net-less goal frame and smack into a wall bearing the neighborhood's name in big graffiti-style letters: Rocafonda.

But Yamal's days of playing pickup games vanished as he blossomed into global soccer's newest rising star. Now instead of watching him from a bench, his neighbors will gather around televisions, smart phones, or a large screen installed in a park come Sunday to root for Yamal to lead Spain to victory over England in the final of the European Championship.

"He can no longer just take a walk down the street," said Juan Carlos Serrano, the owner of small bar where Yamal's father would bring him for breakfast before taking the 90-minute train ride south to practice with Barcelona, the club he joined at age 7.



Lamine Yamal

"The people are just all over him, and he is just 16 years old. He is just a kid," Serrano said. "People are just now discovering him, but we knew long before that he was going to stand out." The fervor caused by Yamal has also swept up his father, Mounir Nasraoui, who made a visit to see Serrano before going to Germany to celebrate his son's 17th birthday on Saturday.

"I am proud and happy," Nasraoui told The Associated Press while sitting at a table under the framed shirt of Yamal's debut with Barcelona's reserve team, making him the youngest player to do so at age 15.

Yamal quickly topped that with precocious debuts and scoring milestones for Barcelona's senior team and for

Spain. "I always thought he would get this far, but I kept that to myself," Nasraoui said. "Every father thinks that his son will be the best. Whether that will prove true, that depends on the destiny of each one of us."

As for Sunday's final, his dad said: "We will win for sure."

THREE-ZERO-FOUR Yamal holds up three fingers and makes a circle with his index finger and thumb, while extending four fingers on the other hand. Arms crossed over this chest, he flashes a smile – glimpse of braces included – to put the finishing touch on his particular goal celebration.

While undecipherable to millions of spectators, the peculiar hand sign Yamal made after scoring his first goals for club

and country represented the last three digits of the postal code of Rocafonda: 304.

Rocafonda is home to 10,000 of the 130,000 people who live in Mataro, a coastal town north of Barcelona. From the streets of the hilly area a blue strip of the Mediterranean Sea can be seen in the distance.

The diversity of Rocafonda, and a patchwork of similar neighborhoods in cities across Spain, is reflected on the streets. Immigrants run several of the local shops. Kids from all backgrounds play soccer while men in Muslim gowns trickle past on their way to a nearby mosque.

Son of a Moroccan father and a mother from Equatorial Guinea, Spain's former colony in sub-Saharan Africa, Yamal helps represent a new, multicultural Spain, a country undergoing a demographic shift where people immigrate while Spain's birth rate plummets.

"The (304 hand sign) has become popular across all the city, not just the Rocafonda neighborhood," said Rocafonda alderman José Antonio Ricis. "People from different postal codes are equally thrilled that he remembers the city, his neighborhood, his people."

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After being spotted by a scout, Yamal entered Barcelona's famed La Masia training academy, where he would follow in the footsteps of his idol, Lionel Messi.

The two players had already been linked by fate – or the soccer gods? – thanks to a photo shoot for a charity calendar that featured a long-haired Messi bathing a baby Yamal in a tiny plastic tub. The 2007 photo recently resurfaced after Yamal's father posted it online, causing a huge stir in both professional and social media with many fans seeing the chance encounter as a sort of anointing by Messi of his heir apparent.

"These are coincidences that happen in life, and later, it turns out this boy is good at soccer," Nasraoui called that twist of fate. "It is blessing from God."

Yamal went to live at Barcelona youth players' residence at age 13 while he quickly moved up through its under-age sides despite facing opponents sometimes three years older.

And those slick, gliding moves, those dribbling details, precise crosses, that Yamal has used to dazzle rivals in Germany were already there.

WHOSE TEARS? Yamal's meteoric rise has actually been going on since he was old

enough to kick a ball.

He spent his earliest years between Mataro and another town less than a half-an-hour away, where his mother went to live when he was a toddler.

Inocente Díez helps run the soccer program at Yamal's first club, La Torreta FC, near where his mother resided. She would bring him to practice, and when she couldn't, his father would. Or Díez said he would also pick him up sometimes because the child never wanted to miss practice.

Now the summer camp run by La Torreta bears the name of "Campus Lamine Yamal." Yamal's picture is on the poster for the camp, and one family stopped to take a photo of the field with Yamal's Spain shirt.

Díez said that in his 50 years in soccer he has never seen a talent like Yamal. The youngster played with kids two or three years older and was the leader of a team that won their league title.

"Lots of kids can at one given moment score a great goal or do something special, but he did it in every single game," Díez said. "He was a very quiet kid, very respectful, formal, and committed to playing with the ball."

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Will Argentina make Copa America history against Colombia in final?

By Tim Vickery - South American Football Writer

ARGENTINA face Colombia in today's Copa America final bidding to make history.

Victory for Lionel Messi's side in Miami will see them win the competition for an outright record 16th time.

Messi, who now plays for Inter Miami, was on the scoresheet as Argentina beat Canada 2-0 to reach the final, while Colombia overcame Uruguay 1-0 in a semi-final marred by an angry confrontation between some players and fans in the stands after the final whistle.

The match kicks off at 01:00 BST.

"A tale of two countries Football is one of the main threads linking the two countries at opposite ends of South America – and it is almost a father-and-son relationship."

Along with Uruguay, Argentina were first out of the blocks in South American football.

Of the continent's 10 nations, Colombia were the ninth to take part in the Copa, entering for the first time in the 18th edition, in 1945.

Soon afterwards, Colombia launched a pirate professional league. Outside the control of Fifa, it did not have to pay transfer fees.

At this very moment Argentina's players went on strike. And so Colombia lured many of the big names north – including the great Alfredo di Stefano, who starred up front for Millonari-

os of Bogota for a few years before going on to change European football with Real Madrid.

Since then there has always been a strong Argentine influence on Colombian football. Frequently the national team coach comes from Argentina, as is the case now, with one-time Swindon Town defender Nestor Lorenzo doing a fine job. Defending world and continental champions, Argentina have won the Copa 15 times. Victory on Sunday will put them one ahead of Uruguay as the most successful team in the competition's history.

Colombia have just one title to their name – on home ground in 2001, a tournament to which Argentina refused to turn up. The greatest triumph in Colombia's history was a 5-0 World Cup qualification rout of Argentina in Buenos Aires back in 1993 – the first time La Albiceleste had ever lost a qualifier at home.

However they get over the line, that win will be surpassed in prestige if Colombia can overcome their old mentor on Sunday with a title at stake.

"A tale of two number 10s At club level James Rodríguez is a forgotten man. In a career of ever-decreasing circles, he is currently surplus to requirements at Sao Paulo in Brazil. But with the national team he is shining once more.

In a highly structured side he is allowed to roam free, finding little pockets of space from

which to work his left-footed magic. His cross-pass for Daniel Muñoz to set up Colombia's opening goal against Paraguay was perhaps the outstanding moment of the tournament, a glorious piece of vision that took out the entire defence. Rodríguez turned 33 on Friday, and has used this tournament to show there is plenty of football still left in him.

But how much is left in Lionel Messi, who has reached 37 while the ball was rolling?

Sunday will be Angel di Maria's last match in the national team. Might it also be teammate Messi's, at least as far as tournaments are concerned? This is a real possibility.

Messi is using the Copa as a test to judge if he can do himself justice in the next World Cup. On the evidence so far he has clearly declined since Qatar.

He is finding it harder to kick away from defenders. Messi is still ca-

table of brilliance, but it is more sporadic.

Coach Lionel Scaloni confessed as much when he dropped Lautaro Martínez for the semi-final in favour of the running power and the extra man in the build-up of Julian Alvarez. This switch, of course, happened in Qatar. But then Martínez was out of form. Now he is the top scorer in the Copa, and even so he has found himself on the bench.

"How might the game play out?"

Argentina were placed

in by far the easier half of the draw, and have cruised – with the exception of the quarter-final against Ecuador. With a move to three in the centre of midfield, and Moises Caicedo free to run forward, Ecuador gave them real problems, until goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez once more came up with heroics in the penalty shootout.

Like Ecuador, Colombia are a physically strong team with three

in the centre of midfield, making it hard for Argentina to get into the rhythm of their passing game. Colombia are well coached, clear about where they want to press – either dropping deep and staying compact or hunting in packs higher up the field.

In open play Rodríguez is a splendid supply line for Luis Díaz. And his set-pieces can also be devastating – inviting an aerial assault from the likes of Davinson Sanchez and Jefferson Lerma.

All of this will worry an Argentina defence who are prone to a late collapse. It happened in the World Cup against France, the Netherlands and Australia, and it happened in the Copa against Ecuador – and also in the semi-final against Canada, who wasted two golden chances in the last five minutes. One day this will cost Argentina the game – but will it be Sunday?

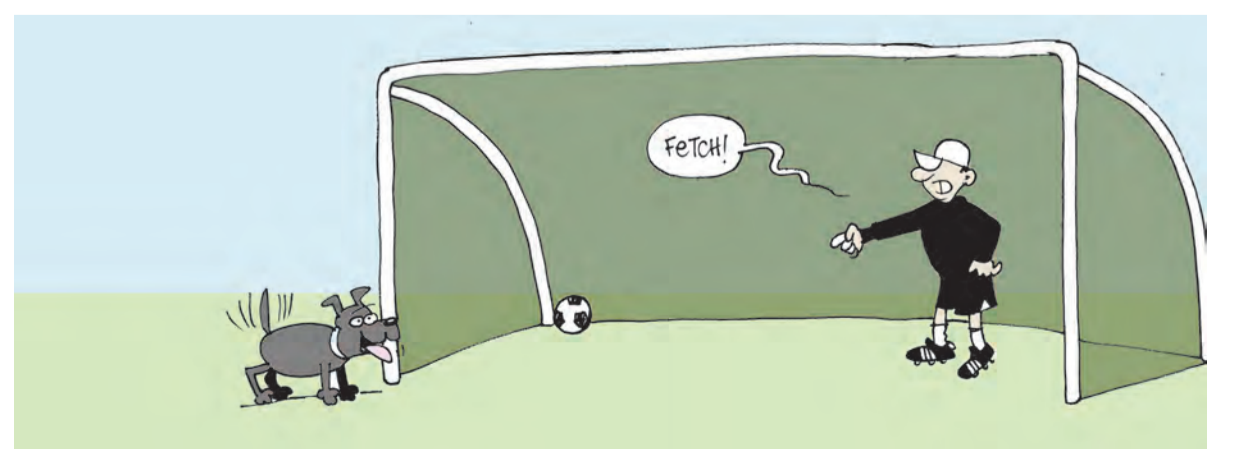
There are two key questions here. The first is emotional. England are not the only team playing their first final away from home. Colombia are unaccustomed to this kind of occasion. The fever in the stands from their devoted supporters can encourage or inhibit. How will the team react?

And the other question is physical. This has been a competition played in gruelling summer heat, which, even if some of the stadiums are air conditioned, has taken a toll.

Colombia have had a day less to rest – and they played the entire second half of their fiery semi-final against Uruguay with 10 men after a silly red card picked up by the otherwise excellent Muñoz, the Crystal Palace full-back.

How much has this taken out of them and do they have enough gas in the tank to bring the curtain down on the Messi show? BBC

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Coach Dabo praises new signings after convincing win against Zimamoto

By Guardian Correspondent

AZAM FC demonstrated their formidable form under the guidance of their coach, Youssouph Dabo, in a decisive 4-0 victory against Zimamoto FC. The friendly match, held over the weekend at the New Amaan Complex in Zanzibar, showcased the team's readiness for the upcoming season.

The scoring was opened by midfielder Feisal Salum Abdallah, known as 'Fei Toto', who found the net in the 34th minute. His second goal came in the 58th minute, further solidifying Azam's lead. New signing Colombian striker Jhonier Alfonso Blanco also made a significant impact, scoring twice - in the 37th minute and again from the penalty spot in the 82nd minute.

Coach Dabo expressed his satisfaction with the team's performance and highlighted the potential of the new players.

"It's only been a few days since we started preparations for the next season, but I'm pleased with what I see. We know we have tough competition ahead, starting with APR of Rwanda in the first round of the African Champions League. If we advance, we'll face the winners between Zanzibar's JKU and Pyramids FC from Egypt," he stated.

Dabo shared his anticipation about working with the new signings, emphasizing the importance of their integration into the team.

"This pre-season has been crucial for assessing and understanding the qualities of each player. Our primary goal is to ensure everyone is physically and mentally ready before the season kicks off. I'm glad to see our new players adapting well to our style of play and showcasing their individual skills."

The latest additions to Azam's roster include several promising talents. From Mali, Yoro Mamadou Diaby joins from Yeleen Olympique Academy. Frank Tiesse, the former captain of Stade Malien, comes from Ivory Coast, while Ever Meza, a midfielder with experience in the prestigious Copa Sudamericana, hails from Colombia.

The team also signed Colombian forward Jhonier Blanco, last season's top scorer in his domestic league. Additionally, local talents Nassor Saadun and Adam Adam have been recruited to strengthen the squad.

Discussing their upcoming challenges in the CAF Champions League, Dabo remained optimistic.

"Preparation is key. We need to be at our best, and facing strong opponents is part of the game. I don't see it as pressure; rather, it's an opportunity for us to distinguish ourselves and fight for our club's badge. We aim to reach the group stage - we are Azam, and we are determined," he said.

Following their successful stint in Zanzibar, Azam have returned to Dar es Salaam to finalize preparations for a two-week training camp in Morocco. This camp is designed to ensure the team is in peak condition before the new season begins.

Upon their return, Azam will compete in the Community Shield matches, starting with a clash against Coastal Union. Meanwhile, their rivals, Simba SC and Young Africans, will face off in the other semi-final.

Fadlu Davids pleased with Simba's progress in preseason camp



Simba SC players pictured on Saturday during a training session in Ismailia, Egypt. Photo: Courtesy of SSC

By Correspondents Michael Mwebi and Seth Mapoli

SIMBA head coach Fadlu Davids is pleased with the way his side are coming together after settling down in Egypt.

Simba jetted out of the country on Tuesday last week in preparation for the upcoming 2024/25 campaign.

Players and members of the technical team will spend almost three weeks in the North African country, where they are expected to train and play friendly matches against some top Egyptian teams.

Newly appointed coach Davids has a big task on his hands, with Simba needing to improve their league position after finishing 11 points adrift of champions Young Africans last season.

In Egypt, he will have an opportunity to find new key players and inspire some of the current players to get back to their best form ahead

of a gruelling 2024/25 season.

Speaking to the club's press, the South African coach said he is happy with the progress made after a few days of bonding and getting to know his squad.

"The first few days are about adaptability in relation to the weather here, in relation to the physical demands that I expect from them. We are feeding them information on what is going to be useful in terms of our playing style.

"We are getting used to the players, understanding them and of course they are getting to understand us. We have done a full analysis of the squad but you only get to know the players once you see them on the train-

ing pitch.

"That is the process that we are busy with now to create our playing style, step by step to feed them information on how we are going to play, do things and so far so good," he said.

After a major squad overhaul that includes ten new arrivals and more than seven exits, Simba will start the new season with a Community Shield semi-final game against arch-rivals Young Africans on August 8th.

Davids also emphasized the importance of instilling a fighting spirit among his players. His primary goal is to cultivate a mindset geared towards winning every match.

"We need to create a competitive spirit among

our players," Davids stated. "Players must fulfill their obligations and ensure they complete each task assigned to them. This should be the character of our team, helping us to create the team spirit we need."

Davids has begun implementing his preferred 4-2-3-1 formation, which involves four defenders, two midfielders, three attacking midfielders, and one striker. This system is designed to provide both defensive stability and attacking flexibility.

"After building the players' stamina and endurance, we are now focusing on tactical preparations," he explained.

In addition to the tactical drills, Davids stressed the

importance of unity and mutual support within the team.

"As a team, we have to love each other and be one. Let's fight to inspire our fans to be with us in every step we take. In this way, our fans will also increase our motivation and make us better," he said.

In the CAF Confederation Cup, Simba will face the winners of the preliminary match between Uhamiaji FC of Zanzibar and a Libyan club. As a seeded team, Simba will bypass the first preliminary round and enter the second preliminary stage.

The second preliminary stage matches are scheduled to take place between September 13-15 for the first leg and September 20-22 for the return leg. Simba will start the first leg away and play the return leg at home. The winners of this stage will advance to the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup.

Simba's pre-season preparations in Egypt are crucial for setting the tone for the upcoming season. With a focus on competitive spirit, tactical discipline, and team unity, Davids is optimistic about the team's potential to make significant strides both domestically and in continental competitions.

As the new season approaches, the fans' support and the players' dedication will be key elements in Simba's pursuit of success.

Yanga to play Bundesliga side Augsburg in Mpumalanga tournament opener

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans gear up for an intensive pre-season schedule in South Africa ahead of their much-anticipated Toyota Cup match against Kaizer Chiefs on July 28 as the NBC Premier League champions will first participate in the Mpumalanga Premier International Cup, which promises to be a crucial part of their preparation for the upcoming season.

According to the tournament's schedule, Young Africans will face FC Augsburg from the German Bundesliga on July 20, while TS Galaxy will take on Mbabane Swallows.

This tournament will provide Young Africans with an opportunity to test their mettle against international competition, ensuring they are well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

FC Augsburg will be making history by holding their first-ever summer training camp outside of Europe. They'll be in South Africa from July 18th to 28th.

After the Mpumalanga Premier International Cup, Young Africans will shift their focus to the Toyota Cup,



Young Africans head coach Miguel Gamondi (L) gives instructions to his players Clatous Chama, Prince Dube and Duke Abuaya during a training session at the team's pre-season camp in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Courtesy of YASAC

where they will go head-to-head with their hosts, Kaizer Chiefs.

The clash against Kaizer Chiefs is highly anticipated by fans and analysts alike and is expected to be a significant test of Young Africans' pre-season progress.

Young Africans have also received invitations from Kenya, with the possibility of

playing additional friendly matches before wrapping up their pre-season tour. These matches will further aid the team's preparation for the peak friendly in the 'Mwananchi Week', scheduled for August 4.

This year's pre-season activities mark one of the most comprehensive preparations Young Africans have had in

recent years. The club's management has ensured that the team engages in high-caliber matches to hone their skills and build team cohesion.

The team's pre-season activities are not limited to friendly matches. The team is also gearing up for the Premier League, Federation Cup, and CAF Champions League, where they will face Vital'O of Burundi in the first stage. The draw for this prestigious tournament took place in Egypt on July 11, 2024.

The first leg of the Champions League encounter will be an away match for Young Africans, scheduled between August 16 and 18. The return leg will take place in Tanzania between August 23 and 25.

Young Africans will be aiming for a strong start to their continental campaign, seeking victory on foreign soil before returning home for the decisive second leg.

The Jangwani-based side has bolstered their squad with several high-profile signings ahead of the new season. Notable players include Clatous Chama, Prince Dube, Chadrack Boka, Aziz Andabwile, and Duke Abuaya.

These additions are expected to enhance the team's per-

formance both domestically and internationally.

One player who has caught the attention of fans is Jean Baleke, a former Simba forward. Baleke, who had a successful stint with Simba, scoring 16 goals in one and a half seasons, moved to Al Ittihad in Libya. His previous performances have left a lasting impression, and there has been speculation about his potential return to Tanzania this time for Young Africans.

As Young Africans embark on this rigorous pre-season journey, the club's supporters are filled with anticipation and optimism. The combination of international tournaments, high-profile friendlies, and a star-studded squad sets the stage for an exciting and potentially successful season ahead.

The club's management, coaching staff, and players are all focused on achieving their objectives, both in domestic competitions and on the continental stage. With meticulous preparation and strategic planning, Young Africans are poised to make a significant impact in the upcoming season, starting with their pre-season tour in South Africa.

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