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President Samia Suluhu Hassan swears in Angellah Jasmine Kairuki (46) as Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Related photo on Page 2. Photo: State House

## Samia stresses loyalty basics at swearing-in of 3 ministers

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has warned ministers not to overstep their authority, know their limits and boundaries while observing the constitution in execution of their tasks.

At a swearing-in ceremony following a minor cabinet reshuffle late on Sunday, she said at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday, that ministers must always be aware that the country has a union structure and boundaries within this structure.

"When you want to cross them, you must get permission from higher authority," she said in relation to exercising ministerial functions on behalf of heads of state and government. She reminded the new appointees to work carefully and keep government secrets for efficiency, as revealing government secrets demands that one "should also know how to navigate the repercussions."

Ministers must keep secrets of both

parts of the union as all decisions by the government belong to cabinet ministers as well.

Ministers must stand by decisions they make, not distance themselves by saying that they made the decisions because they were told to do so by top authorities.

"What is decided by the government should be yours. You cannot say that I have been told to do so, you can't distance yourself from a government decision as a minister," she reiterated the basic instruction to new appointees and those serving in various positions.

The warning by the President came amid speculations on reasons for dropping former Foreign minister, Ambassador Liberata Mulamula. The veteran diplomat was sidelined in the late Sunday reshuffle.

The Directorate of Presidential Communications said in the late weekend statement that Dr Stergomena Tax was replacing Ambassador Mulamula

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## EU team fronts plans for forum to attract investors

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE European Union (EU) is planning to organise a business forum to attract investors and increase foreign investments in Tanzania.

Cedric Merel (pictured), the head of cooperation at the EU Delegation in the country, said this during the launch of a project for strengthening plant health services for enhancing food security, which took place here lately.

The project has t €10m in beneficiary support from the EU, in part targeting improvement of beekeeping value chains in tandem with selected private agri-business, market and extension concerns.

The projected forum is expected to attract high profile investors from various EU countries, with a focus on helping Tanzania to accelerate development in key economic sectors.

It will cement long standing bilateral working relationships to put in capital and skills into agriculture, energy, logistics and management, as well as the blue economy, he stated.

"The core vision of the forum is to create a vital platform for key investors to take greater awareness of investment opportunities that Tanzania offers, improving the chance of committing capital or starting projects," he said.

The delegation expects to support selected projects in various sectors, including the euro100m Agri-connect project.

It supports value chains and private sector development in the agricultural

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## Ministry trains personnel in tight Ebola surveillance

By Guardian Correspondent, Bukoba

THE death of a 37-year-old Tanzanian doctor who was pursuing Master of Medicine in Surgery programme at the Kampala International University in Uganda has heightened local preparations to forestall an outbreak on the Tanzanian side of the common border.

Dr Daniel Chochole, the Misenyi District medical officer in Kagera Region, said at the weekend that the government had started taking resilient measures to prevent an outbreak of the disease in border districts.

Authorities are strengthening surveillance along border points, with health personnel posted to conduct screening of people entering the country, he said at an orientation by the Ministry of Health to doctors and

health service providers grouped from eight district councils in the region.

The training was meant to enable the health service providers to sharpen techniques on identifying symptoms of the disease were any case to be reported, he said.

Teams in border areas are screening people entering the country for any signs of the disease, he said, noting that there was no Ebola case in the district. Effort was being directed in educating the public to take preventive measures, he specified.

Dr Beatrice Mutayoba, the ministerial director of preventive services, when opening the training, urged district officials to strengthen monitoring and provide information to authorities in case

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## TARURA set to embark on Msimbazi creek new bridge

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

CONSTRUCTION of a bridge across the Msimbazi creek in Dar es Salaam Region is expected to start in two months.

Victor Seif, the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) chief executive officer, said that the bridge will check the disruption of motor traffic owing to frequent flooding that covers the bridge standing at the road stretch.

Briefing journalists yesterday on the agency's plans and projects for the 2022/2023 financial year.

The bridge project and physical development of the Msimbazi River valley is estimated to cost \$260m by current projections, he said, noting that the project is

in its preparatory stages.

Feasibility studies on various aspects have been completed, entailing land use issues and compensation for the surrounding communities and protection of the environment, he affirmed.

Mapping out feasible infrastructure around the sporadic water passage after the regular river dried up has been finalised, with agreement for a World Bank loan for the purpose signed at the end of last month, he elaborated.

The procedure to get contractors start next month and work on the project is scheduled to be completed in phases, commencing in the current financial year and stretching for three years at most, he

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sector, while a euro 10m programme on beekeeping will support value chains and their exports.

It also involves a regional programme, MarkUP agri-business development tied with marketing and export of Tanzanian agricultural products, he stated.

The listed EU programmes cover a wide extension field, with Tabora, Kigoma, Katavi, Singida, Shinyanga, Arusha and Dodoma regions cited first, along with the southern highland regions of Njombe, Iringa and Mbeya.

The European Union (EU) has been conducting a joint development approach in a number of areas for the past decades, since the Lome Convention in 1975 and the Cotonou Agreement in 2000.

"This positive bilateral cooperation is based on contractual understandings, some based on international conventions which Tanzania and the European Union have ratified," the diplomat noted.

The EU Delegation dates back to 1991, illustrating harmonious strategies among EU states and convergence with Tanzanian government policies, he added.

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of any signs of the disease.

The training will help hospital staff strengthen precautionary measures at health centres and communities, at ward and village level, she said, underlining that motorcycle riders are another exposed group.

They are the ones who carry people from one place to another, so they need to know how they can help being infected if any such passenger comes around, she said.

Smartphones will be distributed to 90 health staff at the community level to relay information in various ways in case any of them is exposed to signs of the disease where they are stationed, she stated.

Menadi Beyanga, acting director of the National Health Laboratory, said apart from the provision of Ebola screening equipment at Kabyaire Hospital, other equipment were in place to test for other

diseases.

Since a limited Ebola outbreak came up in Mubende district in central Uganda mid last month, infections were later reported in Kassanda, Kyegegwa and Kagadi districts, he said.

The Ebola death toll in Uganda lately stood at seven people including a Tanzanian graduate student. World Health Organization experts say the disease is transmitted to people from animals and spreads mainly by touching an infected person.

The Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda's neighbour to the west, has battled a stationary Ebola outbreak for years, a virus infection causing a deadly hemorrhagic fever.

Uganda has had three previous Ebola outbreaks, the deadliest ravaging the country 22 years ago and killed hundreds, authorities recalled.

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specified.

He earlier noted that fiscal 2022/2023 is the second year in the implementation of the agency's second strategic plan, where a total of \$38.16bn/- has been allocated.

During the current financial year TARURA will be conducting routine repairs on 21,595.72 kilometres of roads, refurbishing 422.72 km of roads at tarmac level and 11,074.56 km of roads at gravel level. A number of bridges will be built as well, he said.

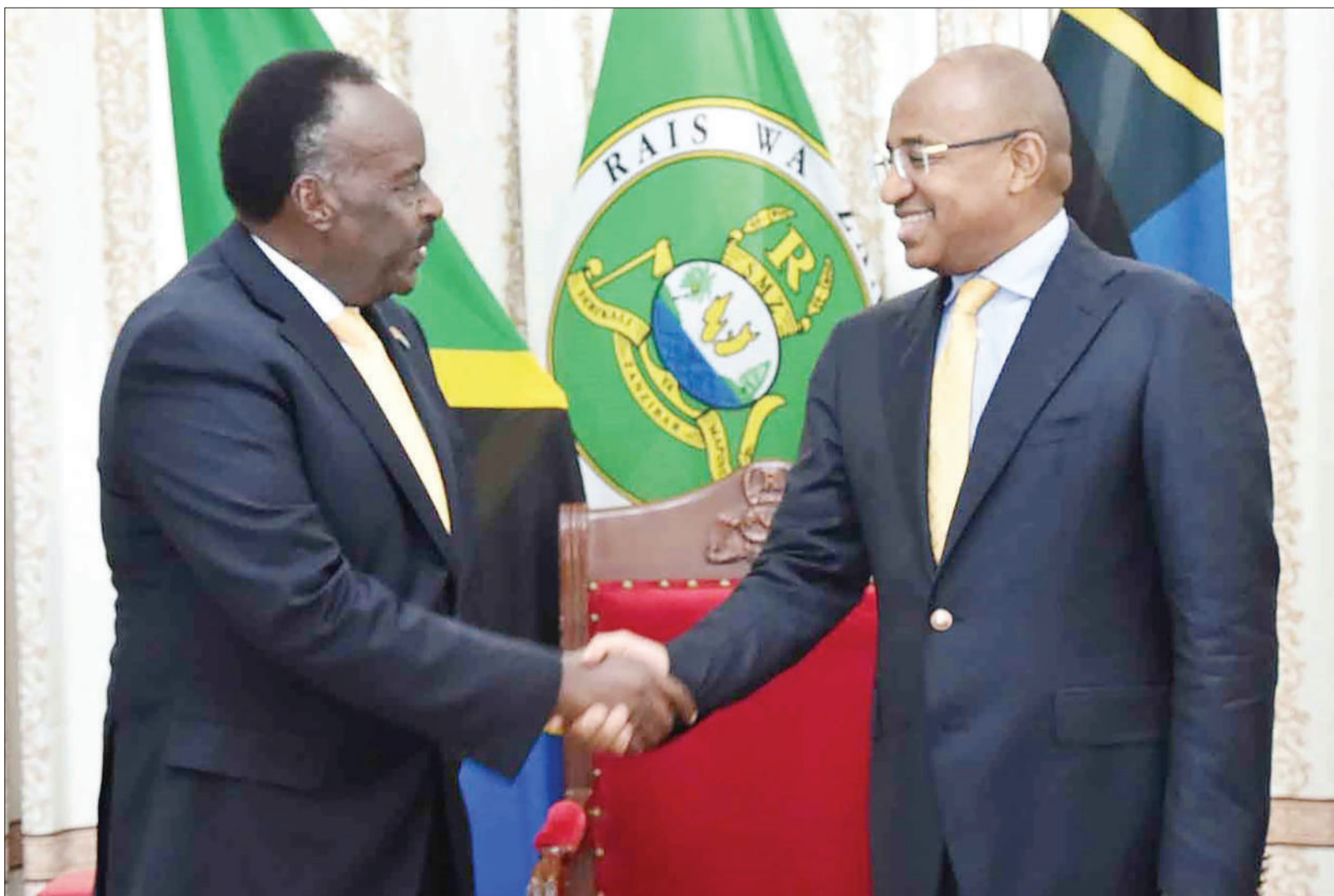
For the 2022/23 schedule, altogether 1,702 tenders valued at 621.66bn/- are expected to be floated, with 60 per cent of budget funds, equivalent to 1,085 tenders valued at 378.56bn/- to be set out firstly.

Work has started on the second phase holding 40 per cent of budget funds with 969 contracts signed during the first phase for various parts of the country, he stated.

There are 45 projects under the 'Tanzania Cities' Transforming Infrastructure and Competitiveness (TACTIC) billed at \$268m tied to soft loans from the World Bank.

Preparations for the project are being finalised, with feasibility studies for the first 12 towns completed. The soft loan for the purpose from the World Bank was signed in mid-June, he specified.

Gerson Msigwa, the director of Information and chief spokesman to the government, had earlier said that for two years TARURA and TanRoads were provided with a total of 4.7trn/- for boosting the country's road infrastructure.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi exchanges greetings with Uganda's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Col (rtd) Fred Mwesigye (L), who called on him at State House in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

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at Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation.

Her old appointment at Defense and National Service was taken up by experienced cabinet minister Innocent Bashungwa, shifting from the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments).

President Samia also brought back Angellah Kairuki to the

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cabinet, replacing Bashungwa at PO-RALG.

Ambassador Mulamula has served in that capacity from March 31, 2021 where she was appointed a Member

of Parliament and replacing Prof Palamagamba Kabudi in the docket

Mulamula, a seasoned diplomat, served as Tanzania's ambassador to the United States and Mexico, then became permanent secretary for Foreign Affairs and advisor to fourth phase president Jakaya Kikwete before retiring from the public service.



Newly appointed ministers take the Oath of Leadership Ethics before President Samia Suluhu Hassan at State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. From-R: Angellah Jasmine Kairuki, Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments); Innocent Lugha Bashungwa, Defence and National Service; and Dr Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation. Photo: State House

## Embassy supports thirty-one Mbeya women entrepreneurs

By Guardian Reporter, Mbeya

THIRTY-ONE women entrepreneurs from Mbeya today concluded 13-weeks of specialized training in business and entrepreneurship funded by the U.S. government through its Academy of Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) programme.

The women were applauded and urged to continue with their revenue-generating activities during a graduation ceremony attended by Speaker of the National Assembly of Tanzania Dr Tulia Ackson, Mbeya District Commissioner Dr Rashid Mohammed Chuachua, Vice Chancellor of Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST) Prof Aloyce Mvuma, and many other distinguished guests. Speaking on behalf of the U.S. Embassy was Ambassador Donald Wright.

AWE is a global initiative of the U.S. government seeking to promote women's economic empowerment with the goal of helping 50 million women worldwide fulfill their economic potential. AWE is committed to providing women with the knowledge, networks, and access they need to turn their ideas into reality.

Speaking to the graduates during the ceremony, Ambassador Wright described the impact of the training that AWE provides. "The thirteen weeks of training you received as part of this programme gave you the practical skills to create sustainable businesses and a network of mentors and like-minded entrepreneurs in the

United States," he said.

He further added that empowering women economically is the fastest way to change society. "Women have a strong multiplier effect on the wider community because when women succeed, they are more likely to invest their earnings into their families and their communities, paying for things like their children's education and health care.

The economic benefits of your accomplishments support future generations. Your creativity is already having an impact on the society and the economy of Tanzania," he said.

The Mbeya cohort is the sixth group of women to participate in AWE. The first group of 20 women graduated on September 9, 2019, in Dar es Salaam. The second group of 25 women entrepreneurs from Iringa completed their programme on December 16, 2020.

The third group of 17 entrepreneurs from Zanzibar graduated June 28, 2021. The fourth group of 32 entrepreneurs from Mwanza graduated November 8, 2021, and the fifth group of 31 entrepreneurs from Dodoma graduated on June 6, 2022.

Through a partnership with the U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF), entrepreneurs participating in the AWE programme are eligible for additional seed funds from USADF ranging up to \$25,000 to expand their businesses.

## SUA puts 50,000 tree seedlings at water sources in Mbarali to restore vegetation

By Guardian Reporter

THE Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) has prepared more than 50,000 tree seedlings friendly to water sources to be planted so as to protect the sustainability of Mbarali River in efforts to restore natural vegetation to various water sources in the country.

The seedlings which will be planted in Mbarali and Wanging'ombe districts in Mbeya and Njombe regions respectively, are part of the implementation of the sustainable catchment management through enhanced environmental flow assessment (EFLAWS).

Speaking about the initiative last week, researcher and EFLAWS project coordinator from SUA, Dr Winfred Mbungu said that the trees will greatly help restore natural vegetation and protect water sources.

"Mbarali River starts in Njombe Region where its sources are but it flows and ends in the Mbarali District and its water enters the Ruaha Mkuu river where we have seen great damage in its sources and along the River due to extreme human activities, so as a project we should not only do research but also participate in restoring the natural vegetation in the whole area,"

he said

He said that the seeds of the planted seedlings were taken from friendly trees that were found in those sources and along the river that the community has recommended and confirmed are water-friendly trees to ensure that all the trees planted are the right trees that do not damage the sources and banks of the rivers.

EFLAWS project leader, Prof Japhet Kashaigili said that the tree planting exercise will be done in close collaboration with the Tanzania Forestry Agency (TFS) who will help provide expertise and management together with the Mbarali water user communities (JUWAMBA) the aim is for the exercise to be sustainable.

"We are planting these trees so that all the people who live along this river and its water sources see the importance of taking care of rivers in the sense that if the environment is well taken care of from where the river begins to where it ends, it will result in water flowing throughout the year but the river will also flow water which is safe for humans who use them along the way along with fish and other insects in the river and those in the sea where the river ends" Prof Kashaigili said.

Assistant project researcher, Nyemo Chilagane said that the nursery started

to be prepared in April this year in collaboration with JUWAMBA by collecting the seeds of wild purple and purple trees along the river and then putting them in jars and starting serving it until now where it has reached the stage of being planted.

Asheri Kilasi, chairman of the Water User Association in Wanging'ombe District (MBUMTILU) thanked the researchers for facilitating the finding of the water-friendly tree nursery because they have been struggling to make such nurseries for a long time without success.

He said that in the area that their community manages there are 176 river sources that contribute water to the Mbarali river but in those sources there are some that are in a bad condition due to being destroyed and there are some that are still in good condition but efforts are needed to maintain them.

"At the moment we have received education, all members of the community know the methods of planting nursery trees and trees suitable for planting in water sources and along rivers and we are ready for the exercise, our main goal is to ensure that our river and its sources are covered by friendly trees and water flow throughout the year because we need water to survive," Kilasi said.



The Guardian managing editor Wallace Muggo (R) briefs ACT-Wazalendo Vice Chairperson and shadow prime minister Dorothy Semu (L) on newspaper production when she led the opposition party's delegation on a familiarisation tour of The Guardian Limited offices in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Prof Mkenda clarifies on 'Samia Scholarship' students' eligibility

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE government has clarified that 62 per cent of students who will benefit from the newly announced President Samia Suluhu Hassan's higher education scholarship programme will be drawn from public schools.

Education, Science and Technology minister, Prof Adolf Mkenda said yesterday here at the northern zone forum when responding to questions from various education stakeholders, politicians, academicians from various cadres.

Prof Mkenda said 640 students who will benefit from the sponsorship will be encouraged to study science, engineering and medicine.

"In this we shall pick the best ones, we will encourage them to study science, engineering and medicine. We should not mix up this issue with the need to distribute education opportunities on equal basis, as equality is more important but has its own strategies," he said.

He added: "We want to reduce waves of Form VI graduates to study business and such like and evade science, technology and medicine. If we do not do that we shall remain people who complain and reach nowhere. Remember that it is not minerals or other minerals that raises the country, it is only science and technology."

Prof Mkenda stressed that the plan does not remove national needs for students to study science, technology and medicine.

In regard to the issue of discrimination, Prof Mkenda explained that to him equality and rights are very important issues and that his Ministry likes to assure Tanzanians that won't be any discrimination.

According to him, one of the criteria to receive the sponsorship is for a student to be enrolled to internal universities in the three fields, science, technology and medicine.

He said a student who will be

enrolled in subjects other than these, will not benefit by the sponsorship even if his/her name is on the list.

According Prof Mkenda, the ministry has set aside 3bn/- for the programme, enough to cover 640 students during the first academic year.

Analysts have also come forward to hail President Samia's higher education sponsorship initiative as it gears to give the country more women scientists.

This year's Form VI examination results show that 640 girls scored high marks in science subjects, and thus were encouraged to apply for higher education via the presidential scholarships.

In separate interviews, analysts described the Samia scholarships as timely, making it easier for bright high school learners to aspire to the initiative's identified science-based fields.

Prof Haji Semboja, a veteran analyst on economic issues said the sponsorship means a lot for the nation as it will add more scientists to the workforce.

The community has been viewing the girl child in a fixed gender mood, but girls who were enabled to develop themselves are now top professionals in public and private sector fields, he said.

Dr Lilian Mnabwiru, the Medical Association of Tanzania (MAT) secretary general and gynaecologist at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) said that the move builds confidence among girl students.

"In this year's Form VI examinations, those who scored high marks in science subjects were mostly girls," she stated, pointing out that out of the 10 top scorers eight were girls.

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## TCU opens the final round of application of degree courses

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) has opened the final round of application of degree programmes for the 2022/23 academic year calling eligible candidates to apply as 62,150 vacancies are yet to be filled.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday, TCU director of admissions coordination and data management, Dr Kokuberwa Katunzi urged those who missed in the last three rounds to send

their applications in the respective universities by looking at the courses which they fit in as per set criteria.

She said the fourth and final round commences officially from October 3 and will go up to October 7, this year.

She said that among those who have applied in the first round, 110,608 candidates have already been confirmed and enrolled in their respective universities.

"In total, we have 172,168 university opportunities for this

year, but so far a total of 110,608 candidates have been enrolled in various universities, so all eligible applicants are welcomed to utilize the second window to send their applications," she said.

Dr Katunzi wanted those who have sent applicants and enrolled in multiple universities to ensure that they confirm only to one varsity before October 24, this year.

She further warned the applicants and the general public to avoid being misled by dishonest people who claim to provide services

on how to join higher education institutions in the country.

"We have three groups of people who are eligible to apply for higher studies and these are form six leavers, ordinary diploma and those with foundation courses from the Open University of Tanzania (OUT). All information on how to apply and minimum requirements are found in the TCU website and respective varsities," she said.

She reminded those with certificates obtained from foreign countries should submit them to the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) or National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTEVET) so as to obtain certification on their qualifications before applying.

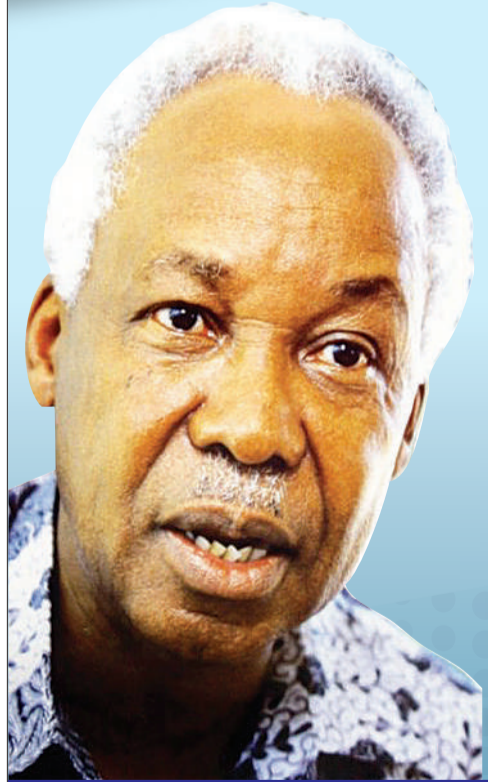
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Shareholders of Tanga Cement are referred to (i) the joint announcement made by HeidelbergCement AG ("HeidelbergCement") and AfriSam Mauritius Investment Holdings Limited ("AfriSam") on 26 October 2021 ("Joint Announcement"), (ii) the further joint announcement made on 1 July 2022 ("First Extension Announcement") and (iii) the further joint announcement made on 1 August 2022 ("Second Extension Announcement"), which announcements relate to the proposed acquisition by Scancem, a subsidiary of HeidelbergCement, of 43,504,403 ordinary shares in Tanga Cement from AfriSam, which shares constitute 68.33% of the issued share capital of Tanga Cement ("Acquisition"). The Acquisition is regulated by a share purchase agreement concluded between Scancem, AfriSam and AfriSam (South Africa) Proprietary Limited on 22 October 2021 ("SPA"), as amended.

Terms written with a capital letter in this Announcement bear the meaning ascribed thereto in the Joint Announcement, the First Extension Announcement and the Second Extension Announcement.

Shareholders are advised that on 23 September 2022, the Fair Competition Tribunal ("FCT") informed Tanga Cement and Scancem of its decision in relation to the appeals filed by (i) Chalinze Cement Limited and (ii) Tanzania Consumer Advocacy Society against the merger clearance certificate (with conditions) issued by the Fair Competition Commission ("FCC") in relation to the Acquisition dated 6 April 2022 ("Conditional Approval"). The FCT held that the Conditional Approval should not have been granted by the FCC and declared it void. The FCT's informal ruling means that the Acquisition cannot proceed until the requisite outstanding approval is obtained. HeidelbergCement and AfriSam are considering how to proceed, but the FCT ruling has placed the Acquisition at great risk of not being implemented.

The parties are awaiting the formal ruling from the FCT and will then seek appropriate advice in this regard. The parties continue to be convinced of the Acquisition's benefits to the Tanzanian economy and its consumers. Furthermore, the transaction is well aligned with the Tanzanian government's investment drive and believe that it will benefit the country in its large infrastructure investment program. Conversely, the purported interest of the appellants in the transaction has not become clear in the proceedings before the FCT.

The economic merger analyses prepared as part of the initial filing with the FCC from November 2021 have illustrated that the combined market share of Tanzania Portland Cement PLC and Tanga Cement PLC (based on installed cement capacity) is less than the thresholds typically applied by the FCC. Additionally, further capacity additions from other market participants after the filing of the Acquisition with the FCC have further reduced the market share of Tanzania Portland Cement PLC and Tanga Cement PLC.

Shareholders are advised that the parties concluded a further addendum to the SPA on 30 September 2022 in terms of which the Longstop Date has been further extended from 30 September 2022 to 16 January 2023 or such later date as the parties may agree. In terms of this further addendum, the enterprise value has been set to an aggregate amount of USD 155 million for Tanga Cement. This translates to an indicative price of TZS 2,265 per share. It is important to note that material uncertainty exists currently on the final Acquisition Price, which remains subject to adjustments related to debt, working capital, other expenses and other potential adjustments post-closing.

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## TFRA organises Global Fertiliser Day commemoration to be held in Songwe

By Francis Kajubi

TANZANIA Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) is organising a three-day Global Fertiliser Day commemoration to be held in Songwe region at a national level.

Briefing journalists yesterday in Dar es Salaam, TFRA Executive Director Dr Stephan Ngailo said the commemoration will feature experts from research institutions, fertiliser manufacturers, universities, non-government organisations and other stakeholders from the agriculture sector.

According to him, this year's commemoration goes under the theme 'Agenda 10/30: Proper usage of subsidised fertiliser for productive agriculture'.

"The commemoration will commence on 11th October to the climax on 13th October. The theme is recognition of the government's initiatives for placing a 150 billion/- fertiliser subsidy intended at enabling peasants access fertiliser at affordable prices," said Ngailo.

He asserted that since 2016/17 to last month almost 447 types of fertilisers have been registered by the authority to be traded at the local market.

He said industrial fertiliser consumption by peasants had increased to 363,599 tonnes during the 2021/22 farming season from 296,036 tonnes in 2015/16.

Dr Ngailo said the fertiliser sector has been growing on a daily basis. He said that fertiliser production factories have increased to 18 as of July this year compared to only four firms in 2016. The firms include fertiliser supplements.

"Of the 18 factories three

are fertiliser supplements that particularly process lime and gypsum. The rest 15 firms produce solid and liquid fertilisers.

The factories are in Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Pwani, Manyara, Dar es Salaam and Dodoma regions," said Dr Ngailo.

He called upon stakeholders in the agriculture sector to register on the Fertiliser Information System (FIS) so that they can benefit from the fertiliser subsidy scheme. The stakeholders include peasants, suppliers, manufacturers and transporters of fertiliser.

He said the government has issued the 150bn/- with the intention of reducing the burden of fertiliser prices by paying a certain amount of money that consumers would have been paying.

According to him, A bag of DAP that was sold for 131,676 now cost 70,000/- only, while that of Urea, which used to fetch 124,734/- now cost 70,000/- only.

A bag of CAN, which used to fetch 108,156/- will now sell at 60,000/- while that of NPKs, which cost 122,695/- now cost 70,000/-.

"Under the subsidy arrangement, the government pays 52,000/- subsidy for an NPK bag. The same applies to other kinds of fertilisers as I mentioned," he said.

The Global Fertiliser Day is celebrated on 13 October to commemorate one of the greatest inventions, the harvesting of the nitrogen from air.

The Haber-Bosch patent on synthesis of ammonia from air in 1908 laid the foundation of the modern fertilisers industry and thanks to their invention billions of people were saved from famine.

## Indian govt ready to offer scholarships in maritime studies to Tanzanians

By Correspondent James Kandoyo

INDIAN government has expressed its readiness to offer scholarships and train more Tanzanian professionals in the maritime industry so as to enable them tap opportunities in the blue economy.

India High Commissioner to Tanzania Binaya Srikanta Pradhan said this during the weekend at the International conference on India-Tanzania relations held in Dar es Salaam.

The conference was organised by the High Commission of India in collaboration with Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India and National Museum of Tanzania and brought together think tanks, officials from the government, higher learning institutions and Diasporas.

It deliberated on India's cultural and historical linkages with Tanzania, strengthening people-to-people connect through tourism, health and education and rebooting India-Tanzania partnership.

Others were culture programme maritime cooperation and Coast security management and moving through histories: Indian Diasporas and East Africa.

He said despite the fact that India has been offering scholarships up to 700, there were no Tanzanian students who applied for maritime studies.

He said the Indian government will now specifically offer maritime scholarships to Tanzania students to enable the country to utilise untapped opportunities in the blue economy.

Also, to enable the country to have enough experts in the maritime industry which is very important for the country's economy.

"India is now ready to offer scholarships in maritime studies to enable Tanzania to explore opportunities in the blue economy which is one of its top priorities. We call on more Tanzanians to apply for maritime studies when the window is opened expressing hope to see more applying for the course," he added.

The envoy added that Tanzania and India have strong collaboration in areas of trade, agriculture

technology, education and ICT adding that maritime scholarships will open new opportunities to the Tanzania citizens.

Pradhan highlighted the need for think tanks and Civil Society Organisations (CSO) to play their role to help the government to achieve its goals.

The envoy said India and Tanzania have enjoyed cordial diplomatic relationships in different areas including trade and economy, reaffirming the commitment of cementing bilateral relationships.

Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI) acting Rector Dr Tumaini Gurumo said that the new scholarship will help Tanzania government achieve its goals of utilising opportunity in the blue economy.

She said qualified and trained professionals in the maritime sector are very important for the country to achieve the goal of utilising the blue economy.

She admitted that currently, the maritime sector is facing a shortage of qualified professionals, thanks to the Indian government for the new initiatives to support the Tanzania government to realise its goal of boosting the blue economy.

"I encourage more Tanzanian students, especially females to apply for the courses to support government initiatives of utilising the blue economy when the window is opened," she said.

She said the high cost of training is one of the major challenges leading to shortage of professionals in the sector, noting that the cost of training one maritime officer is estimated to reach between 60m/- and 100m/-.

According to her, low awareness, taboo and parents' mind-set contributed to a low number of professionals in marine technology especially women making it to be a "male dominated" profession.

She said her institute also was facing shortage nearly half of the total professionals needed.

Dr Achlies Bufure, director of Museum and House of Culture highlighted the importance of culture, political and economic relationships adding that have been shining and growing.



TIB Development Bank acting managing director Lilian Mbassy (C) cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday to launch the commemoration of the bank's Customer Service Week. She is with public relations and marketing manager Said Mkabakuli (L) and legal officer Rose Mponguliana. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Biteko commends construction of Geita Gold Mine substations

By Guardian Reporter

MINERALS minister Dr Dotto Biteko has expressed his satisfaction with the speed of the construction of the substation being built by the Geita Gold Mining Company (GGML).

The construction will enable the mine to abandon oil-based electricity production and move to the cheaper National Grid electricity.

Biteko said this recently during his visit to the GGML Mine located in Geita where among other things, he said he believes that by March 2023,

GGML will start using electricity from the National Grid.

The GGML mine is building the plant that will be able to transmit electricity with 13 kilovolts to its plants where until its completion it is expected to cost 50bn/-.

In addition, the Tanzania Electricity Company (TANESCO) is also building a line to send electricity to the mine with a length of six kilometres.

"GGML wants to move from the use of oil-generated electricity to Tanesco electricity, the substation being built will use 20 million US dollars, and they have made a good

step, I believe that until March next year, we will turn on Tanesco's electricity to run our mine," said Dr Biteko.

Vice President of GGML's parent company, AngloGold Ashanti, Simon Shayo, who handles sustainable projects in Ghana and Tanzania, said that the completion of the project will reduce the cost of mine operation and electricity production by more than 50 percent.

He said the GGML mine is using more than 40 MW produced using diesel generators fuel since 2018.

"Now we are in the process of

building a power plant worth about 50bn/- and TANESCO will build a six-kilometre line to reach here. So by March 2023, we will be using TANESCO electricity, and we will have reduced our electricity cost by 50 percent, from one unit for 19 cents to one unit for nine cents," he said.

In addition, it was stated that the completion of the project to deliver electricity to the GGML Company is expected to enable the Tanzania Electricity Corporation (TANESCO) to earn five billion shillings per month from electricity sales.



Members of the Information and Knowledge Centre based in Saranga ward in Dar es Salaam's Ubungo municipality pictured at the weekend wedding placards bearing various messages relating to the economic and other challenges they commonly face owing to budgetary constraints. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

## Tanzania voted as new member of ITU Council

By Guardian Correspondent, Bucharest

TANZANIA has been elected to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)'s Council and it will serve for four years from 2023 - 2026.

Tanzania is among 13 countries which represent Africa at the ongoing ITU General Assembly in Bucharest, Romania.

Commenting after the win, Nape Nnauye, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Minister said that the victory is the efforts that has made by the

government and "this is the results."

"The world recognises the good work done by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in managing ICT locally and internationally and has resoundingly won to be a Member of this council," the minister noted.

Nnauye promised the participants that Tanzania will cooperate with members, secretariat and regional offices for ITU to foster social and economic development.

In the meeting, Tanzania was represented by experts in the Communications sector from the Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology, accompanied by other experts from Tanzania

Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) and Tanzania Telecommunications Company Limited (TTCL).

The process of vying for that position began after the formation of the National Committee of the Conference which coordinated various tasks that enabled Tanzania to return to the important council in the communication sector.

The election of Tanzania to the council as a member representing Group 'D' involving African countries for the year 2023-2026, gives the country an important and noble opportunity to defend the

communication issues related to the development of technologies, communication and ways that affect people's lives every day.

The International Telecommunications Union has elected Doreen Bogdan-Martin of the United States as secretary-general, the first woman to lead the organisation in its 157-year history.

The International Telecommunication Union is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for many matters related to information and communication technologies. It was established on 17 May 1865 as the International Telegraph Union, making it the oldest UN agency.



A member of the Airtel customer service department staff (R) makes remarks at the launch of the firm's Customer Service Week commemoration in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is Airtel Tanzania managing director Dinesh Balsingh, followed by customer service director Adriana Lyamba. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt reiterates commitment to improve links with NGOs

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has reiterated its commitment to work closely with the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs), saying they are both partners in nation building and improving services to the people.

Mwamutumu Mahiza, the NGO Coordination Board Chairperson, made the statement here yesterday, noting that both President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Isle's counterpart, President Hussein Ali Mwinyi hold no grudges with the NGOs.

In a brief opening remark at the NGO's Annual Forum 2022, the board chair noted that the two presidents acknowledge contributions of the organisation in helping push for development.

Mwamutumu who was appointed to the position in August 2022, said this was her first engagement with the NGOs, promising to continue building on the good relationship that has existed.

She pointed out that where there are challenges, both parties should find amicable ways of solving them. "The government is not against NGOs as some people purportedly believe" she said, adding that the two parties are working to build one nation, Tanzania.

She called on the organisations' leaders to be patriotic in everything they do and don't make irrational decisions they can regret after leaving office.

The chairperson urged NGOs to cooperate with her and build trust with the government.

Earlier, the Foundation for Civil Societies (FCS)'s Executive Director, Francis Kiwanga said the forum is an opportunity for the NGOs to share experiences, challenges and try to find the way forward.

He noted that the 2022 annual event has big improvements in comparison to the previous one as its theme strongly focuses on continuity of the sector.

Some of the key areas that the

forum aims at improving, he said, include financial management, progressive programmes that deeply bring meaningful changes in society.

Others he said are accountability to the common people on the ground where the programmes are implemented. He said NGOs should tell the public their potentiality in the projects they implement.

"People should know that they have the role to bring accountability on the projects implemented in their areas and track the resources," he said.

He explained that several projects fail to be realised as expected simply because the public do not demand to know their implementations.

On concerns that several NGOs do not comply with the government requirements, Kiwanga said a lot of abrupt changes in policies, regulations for compliance.

He said the changes come with new ways of operations and deadlines for the NGOs to meet, saying this calls for a lot of preparedness both financially and timely.

"The new changes have come with several challenges to NGO as they need enough time to prepare and accumulate resources too, thus the evidence that some are non-compliant," he added.

Earlier, the National Non-Governmental Organisations (NaCoNGO) Secretary General, Revocatus Sono, said most of the NGOs still face several challenges.

He noted that some do not have offices at project areas, making it difficult to be reached by the government officials.

Sono also observed that there are 8,000 registered NGOs but very few work in accordance with the government and that many NGOs do not go deep in the rural areas.

*"People should know that they have the role to bring accountability on the projects implemented in their areas and track the resources"*

## Dr Mwinyi underlines importance of intra-EA cooperation

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said it is important for the people in the East African Community (EAC) to continue with the existing cooperation and brotherly relations among them.

Dr Mwinyi made the remarks at Zanzibar State House yesterday when he met and held talks with the Uganda High Commissioner to Tanzania, Fred Mwesigye who paid him the visit for introduction.

He said people in the EAC have historical brotherly relations, hence it would be better to visit each other and cooperate in various issues.

He explained that Zanzibar was a small island where the tourism sector has been accorded priority, adding that there are also various areas for cooperation. He added that it is important to boost cooperation in trade between Uganda, Zanzibar and Tanzania in general with leaders holding discussions on how to develop trade relations.

He also used the opportunity to thank Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni for the invitation extended to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to visit the country at a date to be announced in which he will represent Tanzania president.

Meanwhile, Uganda High Commissioner to Tanzania said the country is in need of teachers from Zanzibar to teach Kiswahili after his government reached the decision to include the language in all schools in Uganda.

He said through his position as High Commissioner, he will use the visit to advertise Zanzibar's tourism in Uganda as a step to strengthen trade relations between the two countries.

He further said Uganda values the great contribution of the government and Tanzanians, especially in the struggles to topple the former Ugandan dictator in 1978 as well in its relentless stand in the issue of Africa's liberation.

## Outline policy, tax challenges facing textile industry, stakeholders urged

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER for Investment, Industry and Trade Dr Ashatu Kijaji has urged stakeholders in the textile industry to outline policy and tax challenges facing the sector so that they are worked on by the government.

Dr Kijaji made the statement over the weekend in Dodoma Region during her meeting with textile stakeholders under the Textile and Garment Manufacturers Association of Tanzania (TEGAMAT). The meeting aimed to discuss the various challenges facing the sector.

She however urged them to avoid closing the factories because garment manufacturing is among the sectors which employ a good number of people.

"Let us discuss the available challenges together; we need to strategise to ensure the factories continue to operate. The

government is ready to listen to your concerns and work on them," said the minister, adding the government would wish to see Tanzanian industries becoming competitive in the East African region and abroad.

TEGAMAT Executive Secretary, Adam Zuku called upon the government to ensure fair competition between garment importers and local manufacturers. He said creating a level playing field would enable local manufacturers to compete in local and international markets.

Zuku added that garment manufacturers in the country are determined to utilise market opportunities in the Southern African Development Community (SADC), East African Community (EAC) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

In separate interviews, the stakeholders called upon the government to take appropriate measures to increase the number of experts in the textile industry. They also appealed for review of the various taxes charged to textile manufacturers, saying they add-up to operation thus affecting their competitiveness in the market.

Earlier, tabling the ministry's budget for 2022/2023 in the National Assembly, Dr Kijaji said the government is eyeing to increase the number of large industries by nearly 12-fold come 2025 as it implements a new industrial scheme that is expected to employ 100,000 people directly.

She said Tanzania has 618 large-scale industries but only 41 of them can employ over 500 people each, noting the number is expected to increase to 541 come 2025.



### INVITATION FOR TENDER

Rikolto in Tanzania is a non-profit making organization (NGO) registered according to the Non-Governmental Organization Act 2002 with registration Number INGO/R1/002, with its regional office in Arusha, Tanzania.

Rikolto Tanzania, has worked in Tanzania for over 40 years and is part of an international network of non-profit organizations in 17 countries worldwide. Rikolto globally works to transform food chains and ensure that food is produced with respect for people and planet. We build bridges of trust and trade between the food industry, governments, research institutions, financial institutions, and farmers' organizations around one central question: **'What will we eat tomorrow?'**

Rikolto Tanzania intends to procure 1 programme car with the following specification **D/Cabin 2.8L 4WD** for its DGD programme 2022-2026.

In this light, Rikolto invites qualified and competent bidders to bid for the **supply of one (1) programme car D/Cabin 2.8L 4WD**.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
RFP NUMBER - (TAHA/RFP/005/2022)  
ISSUE DATE: 03.10.2022  
CLOSING DATE: 13.10.2022 AT 05:00 PM EAT**

#### 1.1 Background

TAHA is an apex private sector member-based Organization that promotes horticulture transformation and commercialization in Tanzania. In supporting the transformation and commercialization of horticulture in the country, TAHA provides extension services to small-, medium- and large-scale farmers, and also works with input dealers (for fertilizers and plant protection substances - both biological and industrial), processors and off takers.

TAHA is in receipt of a three-year (2022 - 2025) project funded by Sida, called "Growing Wealth Through Horticulture" (GROWTH), which will potentially operate in selected Regions of Tanzania in the Northern zone, Central Zone, Southern Growth Corridor and the Coastal Zone. Among other thematic areas, the project will focus on thematic areas that may affect the environment, including productivity (practices and technologies like land clearance & tillage, pesticide and fertilizer application, staking, and use of water); reforestation using fruit trees through establishment of commercial nurseries in collaboration with key stakeholders such as AMAGRO, WWF, etc.

Based on this background, TAHA is in the inception stages of the project, and is desirous to conduct a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to assess the potential effect (positive and negative) of the practices and technologies that will be promoted by TAHA to farmers, and come up with remedial plans to mitigate the negative effects, and uphold the positive effects on land, air and water.

It is on this ground that, TAHA seeks for competitive and detailed proposal guiding TAHA through a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), which will result in producing a detailed technical report for general execution of the project.

Interested parties may submit their intent for Expression of interest and request for a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) containing all necessary instructions to;

Chief Executive Officer, TAHA, Head Office, Kanisa Road, House No: 3, Arusha, Tanzania.

Due date for submission of the proposal is by 05:00 PM EAT on 13/10/2022. The letter for expression of interest/intent for this tender should be emailed to [procurement@taha.or.tz](mailto:procurement@taha.or.tz), clearly identifying company name, email address of the person who will serve as key contact for all correspondences.

**Issued by:  
Chief Executive Officer,  
TAHA  
Kanisa Road, House No: 3,  
P.O. Box 16520  
Arusha Tanzania**

## Tigo Tanzania opens Customer Service Week 2022 in Mwanza

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

TIGO Tanzania has launched its annual Customer Service Week in Mwanza Region, and thereafter across all Tigo shops. The weeklong celebrations seek to recognise the value of service and the contributions of the frontline customer service providers who strived to ensure Tigo customers get the best services across the country.

In a bid to reinforce a customer-focused culture and align with this year's theme; Celebrate Service, frontline service providers across the country will celebrate and reconnect with customers in an array of planned week-long activities. The activities include parading, customer engagement activities, market visits to conduct feedback sessions. Additionally, customers will get a chance to speak directly to Tigo top executives at the Tigo call centre and shops in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking at the launch held at the Tigo shop at the Rock City Mall in Mwanza, Tigo Head of Customer Experience, Mwangaza Matotola said: "As a business, it is important for us to understand what our customers value, on the other hand we also have to give a pat on

the back to our frontline service providers. During this week, Tigo management will join service centre staff to serve, interact and listen to customers with the main objective of appreciating them and seeking feedback on our products and services."

The week-long festivities will see Tigo customers enjoy free trials for some selected digital services, discounts on the purchase of selected devices bundled with up to 8GB FREE internet per month, as well as lots of freebie giveaways at Tigo shops across the country.

"Providing excellent customer service is essential in all that we do. This is another demonstration of our commitment to enriching the lives of our frontline service providers', just as this year's theme connotes," said Matotola.

Matotola concluded the lake zone region event by thanking Tigo's loyal and valued customers and service providers for their continued service and commitment to the organisation: "Our frontline service providers have kept the company in business over the years and it is only appropriate for us to show our appreciation to them during this special week."



Tigo Tanzania members of staff come together in cutting a cake in Mwanza city yesterday to launch the firm's commemoration of Customer Service Week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Ndejemi to officiate at 12th Annual Human Resource Summit in Arusha

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister in the President's Office-Public Service Management and Good Governance, Deogratias Ndejemi is expected to grace the 12th Annual Human Resource Summit and Master Class, slated from October 17 to 22, this year in Arusha.

The summit will focus on the best way to manage an unsettled and unpredictable VUCA world, which requires addressing volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity in the work environment to ensure measurable outputs. VUCA is an acronym for volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous. Among other issues, the summit will examine how Human Resource professionals and top niche executives have to change in leading themselves to lead others into higher and more extraordinary achievements.

Phylisiah Mnene-Mcheni, the founder and convener of the 12th Annual Human Resource Summit said that Tanzania's and East Africa's premier and most significant annual gathering of top-notch human resources practitioners.

She said that the summit, over the years, has become a gathering of the minds of top executives and HR players. It has been instrumental in uplifting participants from leading banks, telecoms, airlines, hotels, retailers, and other cross-industry companies, Non-profit organisations, leading parastatals and public sector bodies that need to register efficient productivity, profits or positive work-related results.

"The conventional HR is gone. We have a hybrid workplace. For best production, results and profitability, accelerating work simplification, and adopting new technology makeup, often outside the conventional spheres, is now the order of the day. It calls for excellent leadership and transformation, starting with the self, which can be reflected on others, to change and shine," she noted.

The 12th Annual HR Summit & Master Classes are designed to discuss and tackle emerging issues and trends in the world of work, which has become digitalised and involves hybrid workplaces, she noted.

The interactive master classes and HR Summit involves C-level experts sharing key strategies on effective HR transformation, automation, diversity and inclusion in the battle to beat emerging challenges- policy, environmental, health, and so on.

The HR of today is supposed to provide critical decision-making for the future of any business or corporate entity.

"The summit provides great opportunities to gain new knowledge, valuable experience, inspiration, and insights from

top leaders as well as establish important HR contacts," noted Phylisiah Mnene-Mcheni.

Some of the Pan Africa key speakers at the pre-summit event include Lulu Ng'wanakilala, CEO of Legal Service Facility Tanzania, who will speak on mastering ethical and responsible leadership. Dr Edward Hosea, President of Tanganyika Law Society, will address sustainable business practices.

Speakers for the main summit include Mampai Motsau - South Africa, Yohana Mpagama - Tanzania, Mariam Bayumi - Tanzania, among others.

Renowned regional experts will conduct the Leadership Master classes, Professor Michael Munkumba - Zambia, Dr Justine Chinoperekweyi - Zimbabwe, Tim Mwai - Kenya and Matungwa Byabato, Tanzania.

HR Master Classes will focus on "Strategic Leadership: Transitioning from functional leader to organisational leader" and the trainer includes Prof Michael Munkumba, Executive Director, Mihatchi Group Zambia. The expected outcome is developing emerging leaders with a unique perspective on leadership to adapt to the challenges organisations face in a changing environment.

Another trainer, Tim Mwai, noted: "The programme takes you on a learning journey to lead yourself - and then translates that knowledge into leading high-performance teams and the organisation. It will equip you with the skills and strategic frameworks necessary to overcome the constraints of moving from functional to organisation-wide leadership."

The world of work is undergoing a massive revolution in both private and public sectors, which requires upskills to manage work, workforce, and workplace for positive and profitable results.

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## Fear grips rice farmers after delay in revamping irrigation schemes

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

WORRIES have gripped rice farmers in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region following delay in the refurbishment of irrigation schemes on which they so much depend.

They expressed their worries at the weekend during the event in which the government handed over the contracts for the revamping of four schemes whose work is expected to start later this month.

Jafary Mwinjuma, one of the farmers said the time for construction of the new irrigation infrastructures will mean the old ones will stop providing water to their farms.

He added that rice farming in many areas in the district depends on irrigation and that serious consequences will follow in case the construction of the infrastructures thereof is delayed.

"We farmers at Uturo Irrigation Scheme, the infrastructures will be demolished for a distance of 60 metres, now we do not know whether they will complete rebuilding it in one month because so far they have not started any work, and this worries us whether we shall be able to cultivate this season or not," he added.

Earlier, Emmanuel Kidolelo, another rice farmer, appealed to contractors who were awarded tenders to revamp irrigation

infrastructures to involve farmers in time so that cultivation can proceed as normal.

He said farmers have no expertise in building the infrastructures, they only know about farming, but they know about trouble spots, so their involvement is vital for building robust infrastructures.

Representative from Mbeya National Irrigation Commission (NIRC), John Chacha said the tasks to be done by contractors is to erect enclosures and dig up canals to enable flow of water to the farms.

He added that the four contracts signed are valued at 52m/- and that all awarded contractors were local ones.

He added that NIRC will make sure it will closely supervise the work to ensure it is completed in time.

Meanwhile, Mbeya Regional Administrative Secretary (Economy and Production) Juma Maditto said the government will not extend the period of contracts as signed.

Mbarali District Commissioner, Reuben Mfune said the district has 85 irrigation schemes being used by farmers, but only 34 have good infrastructures.

He said as for now, the government plans to revamp all irrigation schemes at different phases, hence he appealed to farmers to prepare themselves to increase rice cultivation.



Motorbike taxi rider Onesmo Ndarusanze conducts sensitisation training on protection against sexual corruption to students of Dar es Salaam's Salma Kikwete Secondary School at the weekend. It was all in continuation of the 'Safe Travel Without Sexual Corruption is Possible' run by the WAJIKI, a Dar es Salaam women's community-based organisation. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

## TaCRI: The year's coffee crop has been extensively disrupted by climate change

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

TANZANIA Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) says the coffee crop in some regions in the country has been affected extensively following failure by berries to produce flowers and seeds due to the effects of climate change.

This is contained in a report from TaCRI director general, Dr Deusdedit Kilambo issued at the

weekend at the opening of the Coffee Festival held here.

"Lack of adequate seasonal rains at the beginning of this year is among the main reasons, because the rains were below average needed for coffee production," he said.

Dr Kilambo noted that apart from this deficiency, the crop lacked growth thereby contributing to sluggishness of the coffee sector.

In the circumstances, Dr Kilambo added, TaCRI continues to research on quality coffee seeds that can withstand drought as plant diseases to instill new hope to coffee farmers in the country.

"What we are doing at TaCRI right now is to teach farmers how to store moisture in the soil by spreading leaves around coffee stems to make them grow," he said.

He also said he expects to submit

the seeds to Tanzania Official Seeds Certification Institute (TOSCI) in Morogoro Region for approval and later send them to the ministry of agriculture for publication.

"Already we have conducted research on the seeds in Rombo, Tarime, Buhigwe, Kigoma and Mbozi districts for later submission to TOSCI for certification and distribution to farmers," he said.

TaCRI board chairman, Yahaya Morisa said due to climate change it is necessary for researchers to come up with new seeds that will withstand the current environment.



Bank of Africa managing director and CEO Adam Mihayo (2nd-R) has a word with journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the launch of the bank's Customer Service Week commemoration. He is with deputy MDs Wasia Mushi (R) and Samir Yassine (2nd-L) as well as head of customer services Anna Mango. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## BOA celebrates 'Customer Service Week' in style

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Africa (BOA) has celebrated this year's Customer Service Week in a style, which included Service Quiz competition for staff, thematic dress codes and decorations in an effort to appreciate the bank's clients for their loyalty and continuous engagement with the bank.

Themed: "Celebrate Service", the celebrations were marked with activities across all the bank's branches nationwide and esteemed customers were treated with special appreciation packages including treats and souvenirs.

Adam Mihayo, BOA managing director and CEO said yesterday that the bank acknowledges and recognizes the crucial role played by its staff in ensuring the highest standards of excellence and customer experience are met in all branches of BOA.

He said: "Customer satisfaction and feedback forms the bedrock of our operations. We believe that the day we cease to evaluate our business and how our service affects customers is the day

we lose the essence of our existence. That is why, we continuously rededicate ourselves to serving our customers and enhancing our operations."

The annual celebrations of Customer Service Week is used to bring focus on issues facing consumers and finding innovative ways of addressing them. As a customer centric bank, BOA has over the years used the celebrations to highlight its superior customer service, a key component of its core values as well as solicit customer feedback while appreciating them for their brand loyalty and decision to do business with the bank.

"In understanding the importance of financial inclusion and to better our customer experience, the bank has made investments to enhance its digital platforms including mobile banking solutions, Internet banking solutions in support of building a cashless society. Automatic teller machines (ATM) software upgrade for seamless experience," he explained.

The bank also expanded its array of payment and collection solutions to

customers by introducing of BOA Pay platforms that enable customers to make payments and collections at the comfort of their premises.

BOA stands proud with a strong group synergy behind all operations. The bank tends to maximize the strength it has from the group by optimizing its trade corridors from BMCE Bank of Africa networks. The group has always put focus on its mission and vision of ensuring development of its stakeholders, driving growth of economies where the bank operates in improving customer experience and become a preferred bank in the markets.

The bank employs a combination of operational techniques that have proven efficient in 18 countries.

Innovation, customer service and customer experience continues to be the key focus for Bank of Africa. To achieve high results in the bank's business, Bank of Africa pledges to continue providing best customer experience as explained in its service charter—fairness, confidentiality, reliability and transparency, values that are embedded and led by the bank's staff.

## 'Over 2.8 billion/- issued as loans to vulnerable groups in Ubungu MC not yet paid back'

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

MORE than 2.8bn/-, part of loans from Ubungu Municipal Council, Dar es Salaam to vulnerable groups has not been paid back.

This was revealed at the weekend by Edward Lazier, the Municipal Council's Chairman for Community Services Department, who is also Saranga Ward Councillor at a meeting that discussed the budget for the ward.

The meeting was organised by the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) and involved various stakeholders including local government officials.

"Up to the closing of FY 2021/22, more than 2.8bn/- loaned to the groups was yet to be repaid, the situation that denies other people the loans as well," he said.

Lazier said the Municipal Council is still following up the unpaid money and that the government has directed for new procedures of loans issuing to do away with mistrust.

Nonetheless, explained, women have displayed greater trust than men in repaying the loans in time and that other people should emulate the example.

This comes six months from the time

municipal officials met to discuss sluggishness in the repayment of interest free loans to the three vulnerable groups.

Acting Head of the municipal's community services department, Mercy Ndekano said that in FY 2017/18 to 2020/22, the municipal councils provided a total of 6.7bn/- to various vulnerable groups and that by March this year, only 1.96bn/- had been repaid, while 4.79bn/- was still outstanding.

Meanwhile, at the weekend meeting in regard to loans repaying feedback, the Chairman of Saranga ward Centre for Knowledge and Information, Maria Mwiguna called on for the improvement of community services. "We understand that the 2022/23 government budget is 4trn/- and our Saranga Ward has been allocated 1.2bn/- for development activities, we therefore appeal for boosting of education and health services," Maria said.

She said the ward has nine streets, seven primary schools including Kimara B, King'ongo, Mavurunza, Jitihada, Stop Over, Upendo primary schools as well as King'ongo and Saranga secondary schools all concentrated in one area.

## DC rallies farmers to register for govt subsidized fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

FARMERS in Chunya District, Mbeya Region have been required to continue registering themselves in designated areas to benefit from government subsidized fertiliser for the coming farming season.

Chunya District Commissioner, Mayeka Simon Mayeka made the appeal at the weekend as he was addressing residents of the district at different times during his inspection of the ongoing registration exercise.

He said beginning this farming season the fertiliser will be sold by specially registered agents as opposed to the practice in the past.

He said as for now, all farmers are being registered via a special system to enable the government to monitor the buyers and their

farms.

"Make sure every farmer needing to purchase the subsidized fertiliser is registered, village officials should continue registering farmers in your areas, and I request you to understand that ours is among districts that produce both food and cash crops, but we need to increase production of these crops," he said.

He added that in his recent visit he found out that there was a very good response to the registration exercise, especially in rural areas.

However, he called upon fertiliser distributors to make sure the fertiliser reaches the farmers in time as there are areas which are inaccessible once rains start and added that in these areas the fertiliser should be distributed as early as possible.

## Shein underlines need for special programme to take care of elderly

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

FORMER President of Zanzibar, Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has underscored the need for the government to have a place for a common programme to take care of the elderly and solve their challenges.

He gave the advice here yesterday when opening an experts' workshop on elderly and the best practice to address their challenges organized by HelpAge International in collaboration with Mwalimu

Nyerere Foundation.

"Being an older person is a situation which no one can skip if he is blessed with so many years on earth, we have to ensure their challenges are addressed and have in place sustainable social protection programmes" said Dr Shein.

He said in most African nations, the elders are wisdom banks to rely on, thus they must be provided with a safe space where they can congregate and socialise, as well as access to health services and

psychosocial support.

Dr Shein insisted on the need to have in place a common programme which among others can provide them with essential items to improve their wellbeing and in case they have mobility difficulties, be provided transportation to reach the social services.

He said the government can come up with a module to take care of the elders while being aligned with the country's traditions, norms and culture, as being an older person is a respect to the community.

The retired Zanzibar President said the elderly need to be given opportunities to make their age healthy, happy but to attain those goals, the public needs to have positive thinking on the older person and their actions towards them must change for the better.

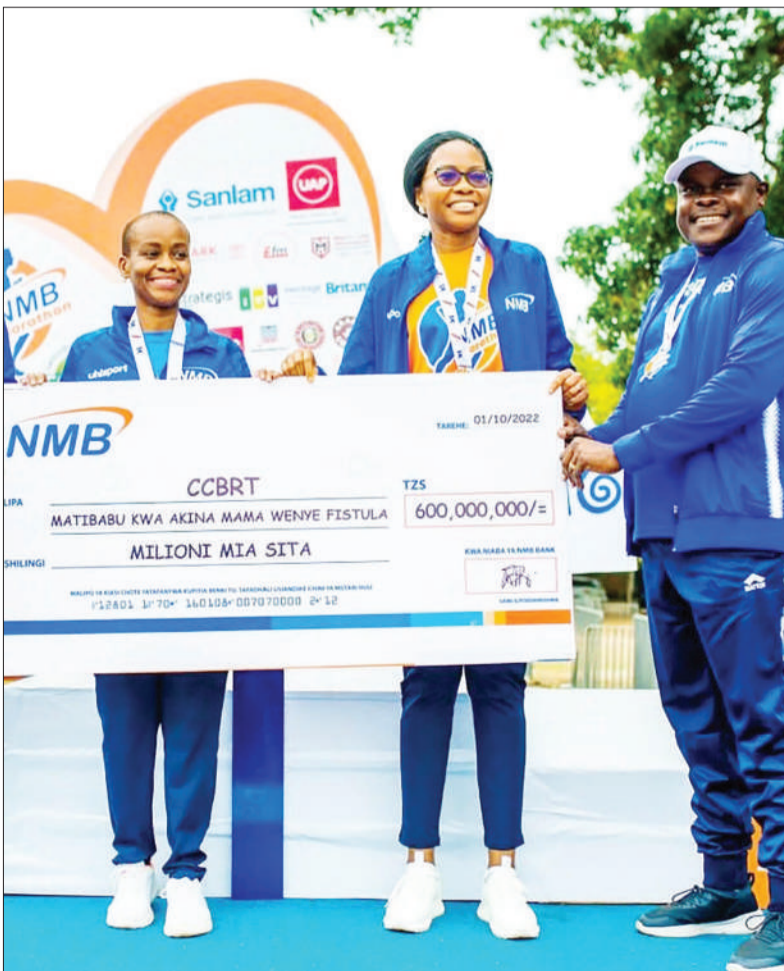
"There are negative notions on elderly, especially among the youth, they must be assisted and get awareness so that they change their mindset so that households and communities must not look at them as a burden but rather as a blessing and banks of wisdom," he insisted.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation, Joseph Butiku said the workshop is intended to draw attention among the public and government on the need to have programmes and strategies to take care of the elderly.

Presenting a paper during the workshop, Chairperson of civil society organisations dealing with people with older age, Clotilda Kokupima advised the mainland government to come up with a programme of pension to the elderly as it is the case in Zanzibar.

Moreover, he said, the free health service for older people should be to all, not only those who cannot afford to pay their medical bills.

*"There are negative notions on elderly, especially among the youth, they must be assisted and get awareness so that they change their mindset so that households and communities must not look at them as a burden but rather as a blessing and banks of wisdom"*



Sanlam Life Insurance Tanzania CEO Julius Magabe (R), who doubles as Sanlam Pan Africa's regional executive for East Africa, pictured with NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (C) and Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) CEO Brenda Msangi in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. It was moments after the handing over to CCBRT of a dummy cheque for 600m/- in funds raised through the recent 2022 NMB Charity Marathon to ease the burden of obstetric fistula treatment in the country. Sanlam Life was the main sponsor of the fundraising race, which Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa graced. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



## PRESS RELEASE

On 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Director General of Zanzibar Airports Authority (ZAA) issued a notice/directive which gave the Dubai based company - DNATA Zanzibar Aviation Services Limited, an exclusive access to the newly constructed Terminal III at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport in Zanzibar (AAKIA). According to the notice, DNATA shall be the exclusive provider for ground handling and the Marhaba Lounge Services. Effectively from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, other service providers shall be barred from operating (or providing services) at terminal III of the AAKIA.

The Tanzania Air Operators Association (TAOA/ the Association), a private sector association that serves as a representative voice for all stakeholders and actors in the local aviation industry, understands the recruitment of DNATA was without publication of any tender for procurement of such services.

The Association notes with concerns that the notice seems to be in violation of applicable procurement regulations and prevailing ground handling services procedures and regulations. Regulation 20 of the Civil Aviation (Ground Handling Services) Regulations of 2012, requires the selection procedures of ground handlers to adhere to principles of transparent, non-discrimination and international competitive tendering.

Thus, from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the market at terminal III of AAKIA will be dominated by DNATA and airlines will be forced to use a singular service provider. The Association understands this is contrary to the decision of the Board of Directors of Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority (TCAA) No. 01 of 2022 which prohibits, among other thing, monopolization and segregation of terminals. This anticompetitive environment is not ideal for consumers which the law seeks to protect.

In engaging DNATA without tendering process, ZAA does not only sets a dangerous precedent in the aviation industry but also makes a huge dent on the country's efforts to attract international investors. It goes against established international best practices in such services. The conduct draws a negative inference and could affect investors' confidence in the long run.

Just in a recent past, TCAA had granted ZAA a permit to engage a third ground handler at AAKIA due to the increasing volume of business. Thus, the ZAA notice seems to be not only in direct contravention to the mandate it received from TCAA but also Fair Competition Laws which discourage monopolistic practices.

The Association understand TCAA as established under section 20 of Civil Aviation Act, has a duty to promote effective competition, administer the provision of Civil Aviation Act and to facilitate the resolution of complaints and disputes.

The Association urges TCAA to intervene and direct ZAA to reconsider this directive, given the immense impact it has on the rule of law, local and international airline operators, airport ground handlers and airport users.

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## World Teachers' Day a reminder of its tasks in challenging times

COMMEMORATING at the global level the status and inspiring role of the teaching profession goes back to the mid-1990s, with the day being an upgrading by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). It was seeking to raise awareness of higher education personnel not just as professional researchers and instructors but also as teachers. These are global discussions that don't always percolate into our immediate environment.

Marking the World Teachers' Day, also known as the International Teachers Day, is held annually on 5th October, since 1994. That date was poked in view of the signing of the 1966 recommendation concerning the status of teachers, which a UNESCO chronicler says it is a standard-setting instrument that addresses the status and situations of teachers around the world. It was a way of formalising teachers' aspirations, bringing about an instrument that teachers in each country can rely upon in discussions with authorities, as most countries adhere to the UN.

The key recommendations outlined standards relating to education personnel policy, recruitment and initial training, as well as the continuing education of teachers, in their employment. Hypothetical issues could be cited as to how far local authorities can employ part time teachers, what roles would they have and what could be the impact on educational continuity. It isn't just a trade union issue but matters of broader interest, of how far teachers are committed to their jobs, etc.

The chronicler says World Teachers' Day aims at focusing on appreciating, assessing and improving educators of the world, to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers' welfare

and teaching as a whole. This is vital because in many countries teachers are the biggest block of civil servants, behind health sector employees. In the latter case the sensitivity of the profession to life is clear, while with teachers authorities may sit on various demands; no one is hurt.

In its annual commemorations to celebrate World Teachers' Day, UNESCO and an activist organisation, Education International, mount a campaign to help raise awareness for a better understanding of teachers and the role in society. While there are specific themes that target teachers or arise from teachers' needs as such, more importantly they prepare teachers for educating others in society on what needs to be done. Role of teachers is cross cutting in gender, health, youth issues.

While the day focuses on teachers as a group and how authorities are sensitive to issues they pose to improve the sector, increasingly teachers' organisations need active partnerships with private sector agencies like media organisations to achieve any objectives. This leads to selecting different themes each year to bring about a slight variation in the focus enabling different settings for media research, use of data or experience over the year, etc. "Empowering Teachers" was the theme for 2017, when World Teachers' Day commemorated the 20th anniversary of the 1997 UNESCO recommendation concerning the status of higher education teaching personnel. The chronicler says it brought this sometimes-neglected area into the conversation about the status of the teacher. Most of them don't take up the theme.

With faster development in the field of communications, practically everyone is a teacher in being able to influence public discussion. Teaching is the second most affected profession after journalism by social media. Politics isn't too far off either.

## Having lowest data pricing level in East African zone is positive

REPORTS say that Tanzania has some of the cheapest rates in data downloading costs in the Eastern Africa region, on the basis the 2021/2022 worldwide mobile data pricing report. This information has been circulated by the regulatory agency following some media intervention on the matter. They said media reports across the border - where the rates are much higher - attempted to give the picture that Tanzanian rates are higher, to take the steam off the regulation agencies, it seems.

A communications monitoring network in the UK, CableUK is credited with collecting the data as part of consumer spending analysis for the telecoms sector. It affirmed definitely that Tanzania leads in comparable quality and lower internet costs, having culled data towards ends of 2020 to early 2021 and using a few months to make comparisons with other countries or regions in Africa. It took much of the past year for an analyst to make the data, sort out currency values, etc.

When the UK data report and analysis completed last month was picked up by African communications networks, it was incontestable as to the reliability of the comparative data for internet pricing and quality. That is why local regulatory officials could affirm without exaggeration that Tanzania has the cheapest internet prices in East Africa. Admittedly the competition was somewhat disconcerting as earlier it was Somalia that was cheapest, but the UK analyst noted that it no longer offers the most affordable mobile internet in Africa, and had moved to third place.

What is unclear is how far economic efficiency and political stability assure reliable and low cost internet,

as Sudan and Algeria took the first and second places respectively in the cheapest data placing for the continent. The background to the two countries is dissimilar, and thus observers can't make out what sets the data pricing environment, if it is taxation or specific primary costs by service providers. The regulators here emphasized the background service like the broadband backbone, which is also attached to international networks for scale.

The three aside, it was affirmed that Tanzania has the cheapest data in East Africa at \$0.75 for every gigabyte of data, with Rwanda following at \$1.25 per gigabyte, Uganda (\$1.56) and Burundi (\$2.10). Surprisingly Kenya, which was second in East Africa last year charging \$1.04, had reviewed its charges to \$2.25 per gigabyte. No direct explanations can be fielded there but with all sorts of economic disruptions like the oil price hikes at mid-year, a levy to mitigate its effects could have altered structural parameters in internet service provision, raising controversy.

There was some unfinished discussion as to the relationship between pricing and quality, but it was unlikely that quality was too dependent on country-level facilities. The broadband backbone is multinational in character and at most some countries may have to pay a fee when the sea-based cable is spread over land to landlocked countries, but the fees are minimal. More significantly there are regulatory conditions like taxes or levies that regulators demand, and these have to do with budgeting exercises more specifically. We are doing well, all the same and neither in the taxation nor in levies is the data service charge too high here, as yet.



By Ilaria Fevola

TRANSPARENCY of Big Tech firms is important so users can operate in a predictable environment, and know the possibilities and limits on their behaviour online, with clarity on terms of services and content moderation decisions

Today, Sept. 28, is the International Day for Universal Access to Information, that recognises the importance for every individual to be able to access information held by public institutions. Traditionally, it has been an opportunity to examine whether countries have adopted a law on access to information and if, in practice, public bodies adhere to their transparency obligations.

At present, 126 countries have access to information laws. This means 91% of the world's population lives in a country where they can formally request information from a state or local authority.

But we know that the right to know doesn't end with the existence of a law. It is a right that empowers people to participate in decisions that affect them; a tool to hold entities that make such decisions accountable.

Information is power, as we often say.

However, it is not just governments that make those decisions. From

Answering the challenges posed by antimicrobial resistance

By Pascale Ondoa and Yewande Alimi

STAPHYLOCOCCUS aureus is the source of a skin infection that can turn deadly if drug resistant. Estimates regarding the most common resistant variation, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), exceed 100,000 deaths globally in 2019.

But up until recently, we did not have a solid grasp on how much of a problem MRSA - or any other antimicrobial resistant pathogen - was in Africa. It turns out, after testing 187,000 samples from 14 countries for antibiotic resistance, our colleagues found that 40% of all Staph infections were MRSA.

Africa, like every other continent, has an AMR problem. But Africa stands out because we have not invested in the capacity and resources needed to determine the scope of the problem, or how to fix it. Take MRSA. We still don't know what's causing the bacteria to become resistant, nor do we know the full extent of the problem.

We are failing to take AMR seriously, perhaps because it is not glamorous and relatable. The technology that we currently use to identify resistant pathogens is not fancy or futuristic looking. Combatting AMR does not involve miracle drugs, expensive treatments, or fancy diagnostic tests. Instead, we have bacteria and other pathogens that are commonplace and have learned how to shrug off the

## Big tech and the right to know

the extractive industry to Big Tech, private corporations hold enormous power over individuals, both online and offline.

Yet, laws do not make them accountable in the same way that access to information laws do public institutions. They are not obliged to be transparent, and individuals do not have the guarantees that the right to know gives them. So far, only data protection laws have tried to fill this gap, allowing people whose data have been processed by companies to ask how it is being used.

Until very recently, the importance of the right to know for corporate transparency has been neglected, or perhaps just ignored. Nowhere is this more visible than on social media.

Social media platforms are no longer considered as just private companies whose users simply accept terms and conditions. They are spaces where free expression, democratic debate and participation are realised. Given their power, transparency of Big Tech firms is becoming increasingly important.

There is a massive concentration of market power in a handful of companies that have total control over the content that is distributed

and consumed: they actively control, select and censor what we see online.

This much power cannot be left unchecked.

The European Union has recently taken a major step towards addressing this issue, by introducing regulations in the digital sphere. The Digital Services Act (DSA) is meant to ensure that users are able to choose from a wide range of products and services online, while the Digital Markets Act (DMA) is aimed at allowing businesses to freely and fairly compete online. The European Commission's initiative sets transparent and clear rules for companies, and outlines sanctions if they fail to respect them.

Crucially, the legislations put a strong emphasis on transparency, to shed light on issues such as platforms' content moderation practices. That way, users can operate in a predictable environment and know the possibilities and limits on their behaviour online. Platforms will be required to explain and publish their terms of services, explain their content moderation decisions and make them publicly available.

Social media companies will also have to produce transparency reports, including information about requests

from governments to remove user-generated content, notices submitted to flag alleged illegal content, and information about measures against misuse. This will benefit researchers, oversight bodies, and the public who will be able to better understand how content moderation decisions are made.

But while a law is a key and fundamental step, for it to be effective, it requires implementation on two sides. One, institutions need to know the law well and see it with a positive, instead of a suspicious, attitude. Second, people need to know that a law exists and that they can use it freely to ask for information.

The same needs to happen with Big Tech. Companies need to understand how transparency will benefit them in the long run, through building trust with their users and the public at large.

It is also crucial that users are informed about their right to know and know how to use it. This two-way awareness of transparency is a long process and we're just getting started. The road ahead is long but one thing is clear: companies have a duty to respect human rights, and the right to know is one of them.

public health ambition of the African Union and Africa Center for Disease Control (CDC). The challenge is to find the funding to expand this initiative to cover the entire African continent.

AMR containment requires a long-term focus - especially in Africa, where health systems are chronically underfunded, while also being disproportionately challenged by infectious threats. More funding needs to be dedicated to the problem and this cannot only come from international aid.

We urge African governments to honour past commitments and allocate more domestic funding to their health systems in general, and to solving the crisis of AMR in particular. We also call upon bilateral funders and global stakeholders to focus their priorities on improving the health of African peoples. This might require more attention to locally relevant evidence to inform investments and less attention to profit-driven market interventions, as well as prioritizing the scale-up of technologies and strategies proven to work, whether or not they are innovations.

Containing AMR means we have to fix African health systems. The work starts now.

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By Guardian Reporter

# Plastic waste in oceans scares the great life circle

NOT too long ago, over 5 thousand used plastic water bottles, not even leaving a square inch of its towering Roman pillars to be seen, greeted one when entering into the Colosseum Health Club in Masaki, at its entrance.

This intricately designed art project, previously created by Shafina Jafer to commemorate Earth Day, has now itself been transformed - and recycled - into a new art installation by the Tanzanian artist. Titled: We Are Drowning. Shafina Jafer, who is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Painting at the prestigious Royal College of Art in London, United Kingdom, has populated the 25m swimming pool with the same plastic bottles from the previous exhibition. This time, meticulously threading them into ring shapes, with each different bottle coloured with a different colour of a rainbow to commemorate World Peace Day.

This exhibition, which took over 90 days to produce, comes amidst a period where society must understand the vulnerability of our environments. Ongoing climate crises, even in this month, in 2022 have only served to remind us -that our world, although vast, is fragile. This exhibition hence aims to enlighten society of what the facts are saying and not to turn blind eyes.

Therefore, Shafina's latest art piece is making a strong statement to the community of Dar Es Salaam by raising awareness of the global pollution crisis we are facing. She demonstrated in front of the media and school children by swimming through the plastic, showing how difficult it is for marine life to navigate themselves in the water through the layers of plastic waste, as they struggle to breathe, see and also inadvertently choke while feeding on plastic wastes. Most impressive is that her use of recycled material being further recycled again through a second project shows the mileage and durability of plastic in itself - whilst also making a statement about the topic of pollution in various ways.

In other symbolism, the plastic rings floating on the pool bear a striking resemblance of the same shape as a ring buoy that one would throw into the water to save drowning people. Making it out of plastic shows that our oceans themselves are drowning in this plastic that we are throwing into them.

According to her, the most unfortunate thing about the whole situation is that our daily habits of consumption are the reasons for it. She believes that we should all be more mindful about our use of single-use plastics.

Especially given how easy it is just to use your own water bottle and refill it, or not use plastic cutlery, she believes that we can all adjust our daily habits with ease whilst also creating positive impact, being mindful of how much plastic we use and how incorrect disposal litters our city.

Each year, 8 million tonnes of plastic goes into the ocean. The same as if one truckload was dumped into the sea every minute of the day. From there, its reach goes far and wide into all water environments. It enters the ecosystems, causing harm to marine life. Plastic is unavoidable in our daily lives in the 21st Century. It is used to make everything from packaging, to



clothing, furniture, computer parts and car parts. It is so durable that it doesn't biodegrade into the soil. Plastics can take between a few decades and up to an astounding millions of years to disintegrate.

As a result, unless it's burned, which itself causes pollution,

nearly every piece of plastic ever manufactured still exists today - and when it enters the ocean, its effects can be felt for centuries.

To make matters worse, 50-percent of the plastic we produce is single use, meaning it's intended to be thrown away immediately after it has served its purpose - like straws, plastic carrier bags

and plastic water bottles.

Because it's so frequently produced and so rapidly discarded, single-use plastic increases the amount of waste entering into the environment.

Even more underlying, the devastation that occurs through the ingestion of plastic by marine life.

Microplastics look similar to plankton, which is food for hundreds of species at the base of the food chain.

As a result, plastic infiltrates entire ecosystems. Its estimation suggest that there could be upwards of 5 trillion individual pieces of plastic floating in the ocean. At the current rates, the amount of plastic in the ocean could outweigh all the fish in the sea by 2050. Moreover, research shows that more than 800 coastal and marine species are directly affected by plastic waste through entanglement, ingestion or damage to their habitats.

According to global studies 90-percent of seabirds, and 52-percent of all turtles on the planet have consumed plastic. Finally, a million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die annually because of plastic waste.

Shafina's art installation will remain up at the Colosseum Fitness Club in Oyster Bay from Tuesday, 20th September to Sunday 25th September for visitors to come and see.

It will be there as a reminder to all viewers that they should be more environmentally conscious and live a life of awareness not only for our generation but also for the next generation.

The rings of plastic symbolize the fact that we are all connected through our actions in the great "Circle of Life."

# Convenience stores deliver robust performance as retail sector slows

By Wang Wenzheng

THE Chinese retail sector, especially the supermarket business, has been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020.

However, convenience stores bucked the trend.

The sales of Chinese convenience stores have maintained a rapid growth of more than 10 percent for three consecutive years, according to a recent report jointly released by the China Chain Store and Franchise Association and KPMG.

Total convenience stores sales in China were 349.2 billion yuan (\$48.5 billion) in 2021, up 17.7 percent year on year, the report said.

Compared with bigger-sized supermarkets and department stores, convenience stores feature longer operation hours and a high degree of automation. They are very popular in densely-populated megacities where large numbers of business districts and office buildings are constructed.

What's more, with better services, lower prices and more diversified commodities, convenience stores are winning more shares today in lower-tier markets.

They have played a critical role in the supply of consumer goods since the outbreak of COVID-19, thanks to their wide distribution and mature supply chain. The report said consumers prefer brick-and-mortar retailers that are close to them and less crowded due to the pandemic, and that's why convenience stores have come into favor.

Besides, convenience stores also enjoy many advantages in the new retail model of one-click ordering.



Visitors shop at an unattended convenience store at the second China International Consumer Products Expo, July 28, 2022. (Photo by Yuan Chen/People's Daily Online)

They are able to deliver food, beverages, fruits and vegetables, groceries, as well as medicines to the doorsteps of consumers within an hour through third-party deliverers or their own logistics systems.

According to statistics, in the first seven

months of this year, convenience stores saw a year-on-year growth of 39 percent in orders on Meituan, a Chinese shopping platform for locally found consumer products and retail services. One-click ordering has become a new choice for consumers.

With fast delivery, diverse commodities and high distribution density, more and more convenience stores are employing one-click ordering to seek integrated online-offline development. The report showed that 88 percent of convenience stores in China launched online

services last year, up from 29 percent in 2016. Over 70 percent of them launched online services in cooperation with a third party, according to the report.

In May last year, the Ministry of Commerce said the country would build 15-minute community life circles and introduce more convenience stores into neighborhoods. It also encouraged major enterprises to give a boost to the sector in terms of branding, standard-setting, management and services. It also stated that major enterprises should cooperate with local governments and communities to further integrate themselves into urban public services.

Beijing is seeing an accelerated and integrated development of consumer services. According to an official with the Beijing Municipal Commerce Bureau, the Chinese capital had over 90,000 providers of consumer services at the end of last year, including convenience stores and barber-shops. They covered almost all communities in Beijing.

In Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu province, large numbers of charging poles, convenience stores and wet markets have been built, which not only smooths the "micro cycle" of the urban economy, but also facilitates the life of the citizens.

Insiders believe that convenience stores, seeking high-quality development, will go beyond the scenarios of traditional retailing and become a "generalist" in consumer services.

People's Daily

# Youth vital for Sudan's post-coup stability in nation where 68% of population is under 30

By Maram Mahd

**S**UDANESE youth drove the demonstrations and uprising that toppled former president Omar al-Bashir's nearly 30-year-long rule. They were instrumental in mobilising and creating a social movement urging the military to eventually step in to remove al-Bashir from power in a popular coup in April 2019.

Two and a half years later, the military staged another coup in October 2021 following a fragile transitional period. As a response to the October coup, Sudanese youth continue to organise almost weekly demonstrations and protests rejecting military rule while the one-year coup anniversary fast approaches.

Despite being the major driving force behind calls for a free, democratic and prosperous Sudan, youth are largely excluded from avenues and platforms to implement transitional outcomes. Instrumentalised but not trusted to lead, perhaps?

In July, army chief and coup leader Abdel-Fattah al-Burhan announced that the military would abstain from political negotiations to allow room for civilians to form a new transitional government. This announcement received widespread condemnation, largely perceived as a ploy to stall the transitional process further. The Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC), Sudan's main civilian bloc, rejected this announcement urging people to continue protesting.

These calls for further civil disobedience and demonstrations raise two pertinent issues. First, youth are often expected to carry out and sustain demonstrations, often becoming collateral damage. Youth disproportionately bear the burden of the state's heavy-handed security response to protests. Since the 2021 coup, more than 100 protesters, mostly youth, including 18 children, have been killed. Second, despite being mobilised to exert pressure, youth are largely excluded from political processes such as conflict resolution efforts and transitional processes.

Approximately 68% of Sudan's population is under 30. This has significant current and long-term political, social and economic implications. The fact that over two-thirds, approximately 31 million people, are youth creates two possible long-term scenarios. The first is that youth demand for improved services, employment, healthcare and education will likely continue. Socio-economic hardships and grievances were the root cause of the 2019 revolution, and the persistent lack of opportunities will continue to shape Sudan's domestic politics as youth seek better democratic dividends.

The second scenario is that Sudanese youth will continue making dangerous journeys to Europe and the Middle East searching for better life prospects. In 2022 alone, the International Organization for Migration estimates that 15,000 Sudanese will emigrate. While fertility rates and population growth are slowly dropping, 60% of Sudan's population is still projected to be under the age of 30 in 2043. With a large dependency ratio, youth are likely to seek better futures elsewhere, further draining skills and capacity domestically – skills needed for any future state-building efforts.

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For those youth who choose to stay in Sudan and put their lives on the line to achieve democracy, there are no guarantees of a role in the tran-

sitional or future government.

Sudanese youth served as change agents in toppling the former regime. Yet young people responsible for catalysing al-Bashir's downfall were largely side-lined during the formation of the transitional government. Youth played little to no role in key decision-making bodies and peace-making processes, including drafting the Juba Peace Agreement and the constitutional charter. Out of a cabinet of 25, only one youth minister was selected to lead the Ministry of Youth and Sport, perpetuating the same clichés regarding youth participation in leadership positions.

Sudan has a laundry list of challenges. These include constituting a civilian-led transitional government, ushering in a transitional justice process, and breathing life into a failing economy. It also includes securing food and energy for millions in a region experiencing its worst droughts in decades and resulting from the implications of the Russia-Ukraine crisis. But excluding the needs and interests of two-thirds of the population in any peace-making process is likely to lead to poor outcomes.

Realistically, a highly divisive political environment means little room for prioritising youth interests as national, regional and international actors rush to resolve the political crisis. The trilateral partnership between the United Nations, African Union and Intergovernmental Authority on Development has engaged youth groups. But these consultations haven't translated into a meaningful role for young people in the draft transitional frameworks written by various civilian groups including the proposals drafted by the FFC and the Sudanese Bar Association.

Political parties, professional unions and resistance committees calling for a civilian-only transitional government should harness youth energy through increased inclusion in political processes such as constitution-making and the formation of a transitional government. It's the only way to guard against anti-coup groups instrumentalising the youth. Anti-coup does not equate to pro-youth.

There are few opportunities and many obstacles to placing the youth agenda on the table in a complex post-coup environment. Regardless, Sudan's youth have proven to be the country's most effective change agents. That has to reflect in the formation of a transitional post-coup government.

An added opportunity is that youth interests augment the interests of the pro-democracy factions calling largely for the same demands and democratic dividends including better education, healthcare and service delivery. Youth groups should capitalise on the surge of popular support for democracy and human rights and ensure that youth interests are adequately represented.

In the short term, increased and enhanced avenues for youth inclusion and participation can occur through grassroots mobilisation. Youth groups should equally demand greater representation in professional bodies, unions and political parties, structures that have traditionally side-lined them. Coalitions such as the FFC and political parties should give youth a larger platform to influence the national dialogue process, trilateral consultations and any future mediation or conflict resolution efforts.

Youth wield massive social capital in Sudan that can help secure democratic and equitable outcomes. To achieve the demands of the 2019 revolution – freedom, peace and justice – greater and more meaningful youth inclusion is vital. DM



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### POSITION- RANGELAND ECOLOGIST

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The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) invites applications for the position of Rangeland Ecologist. The Rangeland Ecologist will provide support to local Scientists, Government including the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, NGO and communities in implementing participatory rangeland management plans and rangeland restoration in central Tanzania.

The successful applicant will join the Sustainable Livestock Systems program of ILRI and will contribute to the One CGIAR initiative Livestock, Climate and System Resilience (LCSR) which seeks to improve understanding on how to develop and strengthen resilient, low-emission livestock agri-food systems.

**Duty Station:** This is a Nationally Recruited Position, and the incumbent will be based in in Kabaya town, Kiteto district, Manyara region- Tanzania, with anticipated occasional travel to other pastoral areas.

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Coordinating the undertaking of a physical baseline in action-research intervention areas using LAND PKS and participatory community data collection tools,
- Ongoing monitoring of ecological changes,
- Establishment of action-research trials on rangelands restoration with communities, trainings of stakeholders as required, and liaison with government, NGOs and other researchers
- Facilitating visits and research being undertaken by ILRI scientists and partners.

This work will be embedded in a participatory rangeland management (PRM) approach, that ILRI and partners have developed and which is in the process of being scaled-up. It is also anticipated that the ecologist will play a role in influencing a more enabling policy environment for PRM and engage with the private sector to develop partnerships for investment in rangeland restoration and/or payments for ecosystem services.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- Master degree in rangeland ecology, dryland ecology, agriculture or related subject.
- At least two years working as a rangeland ecologist in pastoral areas of Tanzania including in rangeland restoration.
- Proven training and community facilitation skills.
- Experience in participatory or community-based rangeland management and monitoring.
- Experience in participatory land use planning an advantage.
- Knowledge of remote sensing an advantage.
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Swahili, and knowledge of Maa an advantage.

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# 'Bagamoyo Port construction plans will surely be executed'

By Guardian Correspondent and Agencies

THE Director General of the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA), Placide Mbossa has said that construction of Bagamoyo port will not have to wait any longer for investors to kick off.

While speaking to the board of directors of the East African Business Council (EABC) at the TPA's headquarters, Mbossa said investors would join them on the way. He reaffirmed that a number of multinational companies have expressed interest in developing and running the \$10 billion Bagamoyo port project.

Since they were still in the preliminary engagement stage, Mbossa declined to reveal the names of the companies.

He stated that they are dedicated to building the Bagamoyo port in an attempt to relieve the Dar es Salaam port's congestion. Mbossa said that they are also looking to bring in their customers.

As per the data, the Dar port currently handles 17,025 million tonnes of cargo annually. The port plans to reach 30 million tonnes by 2030. Mbossa said that congestion is still a problem they are facing. He added that they are doing everything to address it. He stated that TPA was evaluating its legal framework to address issues hindering the Dar port from performing effectively. Mbossa said that they were working with a number of organizations. The organizations will include, the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC), among others.

To offer opportunities for their clients to use logistics at a lower cost, according to Mbossa, the country is striving actively to develop multimodal transport. In terms of costs for storage and demurrage, he added, they are also working to create predictability.

To accommodate larger vessels, he said that berths were being strengthened and deepened. The Dar port can currently handle ships that can carry 6,000-8,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). This is an improvement over the previous 2,000 TEUs.

He claimed that about \$10 billion was set aside for the purchase of equipment in the current financial year. The EABC Chairperson, Angelina Ngalula, stated earlier that the region's private sector was keen on using the Dar port.

The Bagamoyo Port project is being implemented in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. It is expected to be one of the largest government infrastructure projects in the country. The Bagamoyo port and its affiliate industrial zone are meant to address congestion at the old port and



support Tanzania to become East Africa's leading shipping and logistics centre.

Expected to be the largest port in East Africa, the US \$10bn port is set to handle 20 million TEU by 2045; that is 25 times the amount of cargo Dar es Salaam Port handles. The tri-gov-

ernment venture between Tanzania, China, and Oman also involves the construction of a Special economic zone adjacent to the port.

The 190 industries, including the manure processing industry that will be put up by the government of Oman will be

constructed around the port. When fully developed, the Bagamoyo Special Economic Zone will attract about 700 industries. The project is backed by an Omani sovereign wealth fund.

# Government proposes device to test drivers on narcotics use

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

THE government has recommended for having a special device for testing motor drivers who use narcotics, especially marijuana and khat (mirungu) so that when they are identified, they should be stopped to drive the vehicles to avert frequent accidents.

Deputy Home Affairs Minister, Jumanne Sagini issued

the recommendation here at the weekend when opening the national road safety Ambassadors forum that brought together various stakeholders.

Sagini said some accidents that happen have been caused by such drivers hence they become incompetent in controlling their vehicles.

He said as for now, road traffic police have devices

for testing drunken drivers, but they have no devices for testing them if they had taken narcotics.

Meanwhile, the deputy minister instructed the country's police road traffic division to have in place sustainable strategies in collaboration with the Fire Brigade and Rescue Services Department in regard to prompt assistance to people who sustain injuries in road

accidents.

He said if there is good collaboration between the two units, road accidents fatalities will drop.

He called upon the two units to go in tandem in areas of road accidents aimed at providing quick assistance to accident victims.

Road safety ambassadors said they have been conducting frequent training to have the expertise to edu-

cate all road users in order to reduce road accidents.

The chairman of the national road safety ambassadors, John Seka said as for now they exchange strategies on how to collaborate with the Police and the Fire Department in the fight against road accidents.

He said they have also been collaborating with other institutions involved in the issues of road accidents,

"and we hope that there will be a time when our roads will be free of accidents."

The chairman of the national road safety ambassadors for Mbeya Region, Rajab Ghuliku appealed to the government to speed up the construction of the four-lane from Igawa in Mbarali District to Tunduma, Songwe Region to reduce road accidents along the stretch.

He said in some areas with

steep slopes including the notorious Inyala slope many fatal accidents have been happening, with great human toll.

ACO Adam Maro, representative from the national traffic police division, said at present the road safety situation is strengthening due to education being provided as well as improvements to the road infrastructure.

# OIKOS provides conservation education to 3,000+ students

By Guardian Correspondent, Longido

OIKOS East Africa, a Non-Governmental Organisation has provided education to more than 3,000 students from each village of Gelai Merugoi and Gelai Lumbwa wards in Longido District, Arusha Region.

This has been possible through the transboundary Tushumu project, which has been funded by the European Union under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)-Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) programme. The programme is meant to raise awareness on rangeland degradation and promote human-wildlife coexistence.

Briefing journalists here recently, Oikos education officer, Rebecca Mnguruta said these wards are surrounded by forest reserves and wildlife corridors. This activity started to be implemented in May 2021 and is expected to end October this year.

Oikos Director Mary Birdi said the main focus of the project is to increase knowledge on how to manage rangelands more sustainably, including identification of invasive plants, respect of grazing calendars and minimize conflict with between herders, farmers and wildlife who share the same ecosystem and have conflicting interests, and how to safely deal with wildlife and understand their needs and behaviour to minimise risk.

The use of drama performances acted by the children was taken to local markets and public meetings, where the children engaged with a public of adult herders to disseminate knowledge.

"The lessons have been well received," Rebecca said. The project also organised two sport events, the Rangeland Olympics, which engaged stu-



Oikos education officer, Rebecca (R) displays pictures of wild animals to Lekule secondary school students in Gilai Lumbwa ward, Longido District, aimed at reducing human-wildlife conflicts. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Sabuni

dents in a day of quizzes and sport games. Winners received schools' bags handmade by the Ketumbeine women group, another initiative supported by the Biopama-Tushumu project, which, through Oikos, also promotes women-led sustainable enterprises among Southern Kenya communities.

One of the students who benefited from the training from Gelai Bomba primary school, Sara Musa said the education received has been taken to their homes where they constructed live fencing using thorny plants called "esilalei" in Maasai language to keep dangerous wildlife away from their livestock.

Another student from Gelai Lumbwa primary school, Saitoti Sarun said they have taken the education they received to their community as the villagers have allocated livestock grazing areas that are reserved for dry seasons.

Gelai Merugoi Ward Councillor, Anna Mtera said three villages - Merugoi, Magadini and Loondolow have set aside 53 hectares of grassland that are expected to serve as grass reserves for livestock during dry spells.

# SADC committee seeks to improve food security

By Guardian Reporter

THE Food and Nutrition Security Committee in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has agreed on common areas of concern that need regional coordination and focus in order to improve food security and nutrition.

The committee, which convened a hybrid meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa, recently took stock on member states' implementation of the

Ministers decisions related to food and nutrition security, agreed on the need to advocate for public financing for food security and nutrition to the heads of state and government through platforms such as the Africa Leaders for Nutrition (ALN).

Opening the meeting, chairperson of the committee, Dr Bruno Bindamba, director of the national nutrition department of the Democratic Republic of Congo, noted the rising vulnerabilities in the

region with a total of 55 million people being food insecure and almost 19 million children under the age of five years being stunted. He said climate change is responsible for escalating the extent and prevalence of droughts, high temperatures and rainfall variability in Africa. COVID-19 pandemic compounding issues such as imposed lockdown restrictions have caused major job and income losses and worsened the food and nutrition insecurity in the Region. Director

of social and human development in the SADC Secretariat, Duduzile Simelane, noted that the AU Commission declared 2022 as the year of nutrition under the theme "Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on the African Continent".

She emphasised the need to harness a systems approach to tackle malnutrition and food insecurity in the Region.

Through the support of UNICEF, the SADC Secretariat has developed a tool on the

complementary feeding action framework which aims at improving the diets of young children. Simelane urged member states to catalyse the food, health, water, sanitation and hygiene, and social protection systems to improve the diets of young children.

She commended member states that have adopted the action framework such as Eswatini, Tanzania and Zimbabwe and urged member states to start adopting such tools as guidance to improve the nutri-

situation of young children. Hale from food, agricultural and natural resources policy analysis network (FARNPAN), emphasised the importance of member states working towards achieving the CAADP set target of food and nutrition security and encouraged member states to establish and institutionalise inclusive mutual accountability systems in food security and nutrition and address capacity gaps in multi-sectoral coordination structures and mechanisms, unified

data collection instruments, methodologies and information platforms and budget allocation to food and nutrition security strategies.

Chris Rudert, regional nutrition advisor from UNICEF eastern and southern Africa regional office, highlighted that the food environment in the SADC region is in transition and becoming more obesogenic which is reflected by growing numbers of children, adolescents and adults who are overweight and obese.

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations is planning to introduce a new "mobility policy" under which staffers based in New York and other Western capitals will be mandated to serve in overseas missions and field services in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, including the UN's 12 peacekeeping operations.

According to the proposed plan, the new policy will run in parallel with the staff selection system (vacancy management), which will continue to be the only way to progress to a higher level.

It covers all P (professional), D (Director) and FS (Field Service) staff in all functions. Only Assistant-Secretaries-General and Under Secretaries-General (ASGs/USGs), plus staff in the Secretary-General's office, staff on temporary appointments and a small percentage of posts designated as non-rotational, are exempted.

Currently, 93 percent of all posts are classified as rotational. The remaining seven percent includes project posts and those that are highly specialized and cannot be found in other duty stations.

All staff subject to the Mobility policy will be required to move laterally to another duty station every 2 to 5 years (depending on the duty station's hardship level). Staff not required to move in a given year may also join the annual exercise voluntarily.

The Mobility exercises will be annual. Staff who have reached their time limit at a duty station (2 to 5 years) will be placed in one of two compendia (one for P staff and another for FS), along with those who join the exercise voluntarily.

They must express interest in up to ten posts in their compendium at other duty stations. If they are not selected for any of the posts they requested, they may be matched to other positions.

A special constraints panel will be set up to consider appeals from staff members who cannot take part in the exercise or have reasons not to move to a proposed position or location.

There is no credit for past geographic moves. The first mobility exercise is expected to begin shortly, according to the plan.

Aitor Arauz, President of the UN Staff Union (UNSU) and General Secretary, UN International Civil Servants Federation (UNISERV), told IPS the Staff Union in New York is fully committed to a fair, viable and sustainable Mobility scheme that contributes to UN staff's career development, rotation through hardship duty stations and better awareness of the organization's range of operations and challenges on a global scale.

"However, precisely due to UN Secretariat's diversity of roles and specializations, we are not convinced that all UN staff can simply be moved around at regular intervals without risking a loss of expertise and programme continuity".

The cost-benefit analysis of such a huge disruption to people's life and family plans just doesn't add up at this time, he pointed out.

A fully rotational workforce needs to be supported by continuous learn-

# UN plans a new mobility scheme where staffers will be forced to work overseas



The United Nations Staff Union is the Labour Union representing New York secretariat staff, locally recruited staff in the field, and staff members of UN information centres. File photo.

ing (with dedicated resources for internal and external studies); robust knowledge-sharing platforms free of digital divides; genuine results-based management; and an atmosphere of trust and collaboration where colleagues on all levels are willing to share information and support each other's learning and success, he argued.

Though efforts are being made, these conditions are far from being met across the board. Furthermore, meaningful rotation out of hardship locations will only be achieved by removing artificial barriers between the GS, F and P categories, he noted.

"We are working with the Administration to ensure the rollout of a Mobility scheme that remains voluntary for now, so we can get people moving while we iron out the issues that will inevitably arise and continue to build a conducive environment of genuine trust, collaboration and knowledge sharing across the Secretariat," declared Arauz, who presides over a 7,500-strong Staff Union, including 6,000 constituents in New York and 1,500 more in other offices around the globe.

According to UN estimates last year, the total strength of its staff worldwide is more than 315,000 in over 56 overseas offices, with approximately 9,300 in New York. A former UN staffer who served in New York and later in Africa, told IPS: "If you are designated an 'international civil servant' - as all UN staffers are - you cannot work all your professional life only in New York, Geneva, Rome or Vienna, which are not considered 'hardship' stations."

All staffers are also entitled to "hazard pay" - over and above their regular salaries - for working in "dangerous peacekeeping locations". Those who serve in the field - outside Europe and North America - get hardship pay, mobility incentive (depending on how many moves they have done in the past), and non-family allowance - if it is a location that you can't bring your family to

Ian Richards, former President of the Coordinating Committee of International Staff Unions and Associations, and an economist at the Geneva-based UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), told IPS "To be clear, we support mobility. Staff join the UN to work in different parts of the world. But we should distinguish mobility from hyper-mobility."

The Secretary-General, he pointed out, wants to force

staff to another country every two to five years, which is more frequent than many diplomatic services.

"He twice asked our member states at the General Assembly to approve this package but they did not. He says he will go ahead with it anyway".

"We are told this is to help staff in peacekeeping missions. But it will apply to all staff. I don't understand how moving translators and their families back and forth across the Atlantic between New York, Geneva and Vienna will address the situation of colleagues in Mali. Nor if it is wise to completely change the staff of the regional economic commissions every five years".

Richards said each move of a staff member and their family can cost the organization \$75,000. With this policy in place, you could be looking at an extra \$300,000 per staff member over their career.

With 20,000 international staff, member states are facing a liability of \$6 billion just in moving costs. I'm not sure if they're ready to pay for this right now.

"We have put forward sensible and cost-effective alternatives which we hope he will consider," he declared.

The total UN budget for 2021-2022 is \$4.8 billion compared with \$4.4 billion in 2018-2019.

Dr Palitha Kohona, a former Chief of the UN Treaty Section who also served as a member of the Secretary-General's Results-based Budgeting Group, told IPS: "This is a great idea of the Secretary-General - but not new".

He pointed out that former Secretary-General Kofi Annan initiated the mobility program and implemented it in a modified form. Experience in the field was going to be made a requirement for promotion.

"I myself was nearly assigned to Baghdad with Sergio, but due to the bombing this movement did not happen". (In August 2003, the top UN envoy in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, was killed when terrorists blew up the UN headquarters in Baghdad, also killing at least 14 others)

Two or three of my staff voluntarily went to Bosnia and performed well, said Kohona, a former Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations.

He said most national diplomatic staff get rotated every two to three years and acquire excellent experience and skills. No one is irreplaceable.

"You shouldn't become an international civil servant so as to secure the privilege of living in New York and

Geneva, acquiring real estate and sending your children to expensive schools at the expense of the taxpayer," he declared.

A former senior staffer at the UN children's fund told IPS: "UNICEF had a mobility program, which specified that NY was a five-year duty station and staff could be moved after 5 years. The exceptions were specialized positions which were New York-based, but even in these specialized posts incumbents could be asked to rotate".

"I don't know the UN policies, but if I recall, we work within UN regulations which calls us to work where needed. It's time for New York staff to work in duty stations that require assistance," he added.

Roderic Grigson, who worked at the UN Secretariat in the '70s and '80s as a technology innovations officer and later served in peacekeeping forces in the Middle East, told IPS: "Yes, my overseas assignment was voluntary. I arrived in 1974 and left for the Middle East in 1978, less than 5-years later, so that I would have met the program's criteria."

"I think it's a good thing to do, although I can see why the Staff Union will protest. All the 'fat cats' in HQ who have never been in a humanitarian or conflict zone should experience what it is like living in those conditions. I do not doubt they will be the better for it."

"I clearly remember when I came back a couple of years later

to New York after serving in the Middle East, I was amazed at the lack of knowledge or sympathy my colleagues had for those of us working in the field."

"They held themselves almost superior to those who often put their lives on the line and had to live in conditions worse than what you find in the worst slums in a big city," said Grigson, a published author of three books, now working on a fourth.

"Frankly, it pains me to say this, but many segments of the world's first-world population consider the UN almost irrelevant. If the UN wants to stay at the forefront of peace-keeping and humanitarian relief efforts, it must begin reforming itself from within and show the world that it can play an essential role in the future," he pointed out.

"What I am saying, in effect, is that they have to do a much better role in marketing themselves to their global constituents and change the way people view the organization as a whole. We are moving inexorably towards major big-power conflicts in Europe and Asia, which could shape the world in ways no one would have anticipated a few years ago".

"I support the SG in trying to do something even as small as this, which would allow people to see the UN in a better light".

"It might also attract a better calibre of people without political connections to take on essential jobs in the field where they are needed," said Grigson, currently a retired corporate executive based in Melbourne, who works with local community organizations teaching refugees and new migrants how to use computers and employability courses.

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## Contract farming transforms the lives of 4,524 farmers

By Guardian Reporter

THE implementation of contract farming in the regions of Arusha, Dodoma and Manyara has transformed lives of 4,524 barley, sorghum and grape farmers, through providing them with income security especially after being capacitated with right skills, technology and access to market opportunities.

Implemented by the Tanzania Tanzania Breweries Ltd (TBL PLC) and AB InBev, the programme which was commenced in 2019 has left joy to the farmers and families with the government hailing the initiative.

The newly released TBL's Smart Agriculture Report 2022 confirmed that 62 percent of farmers who are part of the arrangement worry less about their children's tomorrow because the school fees challenge is now a thing of the past.

The report also shows that 51 percent of farmers were able to build their own good houses.

"This farming has helped me a lot and I thank TBL as through this my income has improved, I have built a good house as well well covering costs for my children's education," said Mathew Musa, a barley farmer from Arusha.

Moloiwet Sane, a barley farmer at Emerete village in Arusha said he has recorded a number of achievements through farming as it has significantly increased yields and income.

Abel Daniel, a sorghum farmer from Manyara Region said contract farming has changed the lives of farmers and within a few years he has been able to purchase tractors to help ease the farming.

A grape farmer from Dodoma, Elizabeth Nelson said TBL has been supporting them to access funds from various financial institutions, something which has expanded their capital and expanded fields.

"We are able to access loans in banks, and this is because TBL supports us, it could have



Agriculture Deputy Minister Anthony Mavunde (2nd-L) cuts ribbon to launch the TBL smart agriculture initiative report in Dar es Salaam last week. Second right is TBL managing director, Jose Daniel Moran Ramirez.

been so hard without them, we thank them for coming up with the project which has transformed our lives," she said.

Speaking during the launch of the report in Dar es Salaam last week, deputy minister for Agriculture Anthony Mavunde said this in Dar es Salaam said investing heavily in smart and sustainable agriculture initiatives that engages closely with the private sector, will help create a competitive economy and transform the lives of the majority of small-scale farmers in the country.

Mavunde said that to ensure that the country achieves this and see the majority of farmers changing for the better, the government was working closely with the private sector to implement and achieve the Agenda 10/30 which aimed to attain a 10 percent annual growth rate for the agriculture sector by 2030.

He said the government will work closely with the private sector to stimulate and ensure that there is increased productivity, enhanced marketing level, value addition, farmer income, food and nutrition security and Gross Domestic Product.

"Smart agriculture initiatives create valuable connections, imparts skills and expert lessons, and gives Tanzanian farmers the tools they need to build sus-

tainable livelihoods by focusing on financial inclusion, on research and development, and on the adoption of best-practice technology and processes drives innovation and development, we thank TBL for supporting and implementing strategies that complements the government's efforts," he said.

He said this includes the implantation of the third-Five Year National Development Plan (FYDP-III) which will support efforts to build a competitive economy that is strong, middle-income and semi-industrialized, and able to compete effectively internationally while serving human development goals.

He said the FYDP-III's key objective is to transform the agricultural sector (crops, livestock & fisheries) towards higher productivity, commercialization level and smallholder farmer income for improved livelihood, food security and nutrition.

"Its overall strategy is to transform subsistence smallholders into sustainable commercial farmers by enhancing and activating sector drivers and supporting smallholder farmers to increase productivity of target commodities within sustainable production systems and forge sustainable market linkages for competitive surplus commercialization and value

chain development," he explained.

He added that AB InBev and TBL are doing more every day to support the livelihoods of Tanzanians, establish more sustainable practices, and assist local communities to lead better lives.

TBL managing director, Jose Daniel Moran said through the Smart Agriculture Initiative, TBL Plc is the country's active player in the agriculture value chain directly empowering farmers of its main agricultural inputs: sorghum, barley and grapes.

He said the Smart Agriculture Initiative has a goal to achieve 100 percent skilled, connected and financially empowered TBL direct farmers by 2025.

"Smallholder farmers are a key contributor to the success of Tanzania Distillers Limited, and ensuring we can decrease the barriers they face in running successful farms will not only benefit us as a business, but also help ensure they are financially able to run a profitable business."

Moran said by supporting these farmers to be skilled, connected and financially empowered, TBL has helped them improve their productivity, their profitability, and their efficient use of natural resources such as soil and water.

"Through our Smart Agriculture Value-Chains Analysis Project, we focus on showcasing and communicating the findings of our socio-economic impact in our agricultural value chains. The purpose of this evaluation was to assess the impact of the initiative on smallholder farmers, its broader socio-economic impact, and identify areas of possible improvement," he said.

He cited that research, knowledge, technology and financing are the key to transforming agriculture at scale and TBL had leveraged these to advance agricultural development and the impact of Tanzanian farmers through improved yields, resource-efficiency, soil health and smallholder incomes.

The MD said due to the huge gap of men and women in the farming, TBL will address this and make sure that its farming programmes attract gender into farming, specifically grape farming.

He noted that women are vital to the agriculture industry, and the company remains committed to empowering female farmers by incorporating initiatives that will promote gender equality, impart agronomic information and skills to improve business and financial skills development.



Kinondoni district commissioner Godwin Gondwe (2nd R) hands over a gift to CRDB Bank customer Redempta Mbatia (L) during the inauguration of International Customer Week at Oysterbay branch in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are chief of finance Fredrick Nshakanabo (2nd L), head of customer services Yolanda Uriyo. PHOTO,CRDB

## 'We are working on your feedback,' CRDB's finance chief tells customer

By Guardian Reporter

As corporate in the world are commemorating the "International Customer Week 2022", CRDB Bank Plc has started the week by thanking its customers for their feedbacks and advices, saying have helped to improve services delivery at international standards.

The remarks were made by the bank's chief of finance Fredrick Nshakanabo during the ICW 2022 inauguration at Oysterbay branch in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Nshakanabo said customers have remained the foundation of CRDB Bank in all achievements it has recorded over years to be recognized as "The Best Tanzanian Bank".

"Guided by our slogan "The bank that listens", we have been receiving feedbacks and advices from our clients, and to large extent, they have resulted into improvement of the quality of goods and services of our bank. This shows how our client has been given top priority in preparing and implementing our business strategies," he said.

Nshakanabo said the bank has also invested on employees training to improve their skills in handling

customers as well as improving processes of services delivery to meet customer expectations.

The bank's head of customer services department Yolanda Urio said apart from recognizing the role of their customer in services offering, during this year's International Customer Week, they have decided to celebrate those who helped the bank to offer quality services.

"As the whole world is commemorating this week through a theme "Celebrate Service", which means to celebrate services, we at CRDB Bank, this is means more than a theme, because all successes we have; motivate us to celebrate those who have made us the best; including customers and staff," she said.

Uriyo said CRDB Bank will use the International Customer Week to thank and celebrate customers who have been the catalyst of best customer services issued by the bank as well as member of staff who have been providers of such best services professionally with great creativity.

CRDB Bank has been named as the Best Tanzanian banks in offering best services in international standards including the recent recognition and prestigious award by UK based Euro Money Magazine.

Late last year, CRDB Bank has also awarded "Quality Award" by the European Society for Quality Research.

In recent years, CRDB Bank has been given priorities in heavily investing in customer services through modern digital systems in offering services including communication systems, which have helped to improve efficiencies in its 260 branches across the country.

The investment has helped to create alternative services delivery channels including 22,000 agency banking, 550 Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), SimBanking, SimAccount and Interne banking.

CRDB Bank is one of top banks in East Africa, providing services to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as well as large customers include personal banking, treasury services, bank assurance services, commercial loans, agriculture financing and entrepreneurship capacity building for small entrepreneurs.

It was first in Tanzania to be recognized by Moody's Investors Services among of top ten stable banks in investment. Moody's rated CRDB Bank Plc, which is also listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), a B1 ranking, which is one of the top ranking among banks in Sub Saharan Africa.

By Guardian Reporter

## Absa enhances digital solutions in services offering

ABSA Tanzania has said will continue enhancing innovative ways of serving customer; include leveraging digital solutions in offering banking services.

This was said by the bank's director of finance Obedi Laiser (pictured) on his message towards the start of the International Customer Week (ICW) which started yesterday.

The theme for this year is to "Celebrate Service" with the aim of appreciating service providers across the world that have poured their time, care, and compassion into the

work of serving customers. "In commemoration of this year's Customer Service Week, we want to assure our esteemed customers that we are committed in making your banking experience with us the most pleasant, in line with our customer centric vision of being "obsessed with our customers," he said.

"We continue to deploy multiple solutions, products, services that meet and surpass your needs."

Laiser said the voice of customers is extremely important to Absa Tanzania, hence the bank is embedded multiple feedback channels and solutions that allows to capture feedback in real time across all touch points.

"Our goal is "Designing for the customer of the FUTURE, today" hence

we have built a strong management structure and continue to build strong relationships with regulatory frameworks to allow us to serve you in the most innovative and convenient way possible," he said.

Laiser noted that personalization of services, customer milestones celebrations, 99 percent system & channels availability which is way above the market average, enhanced conventional digital channels with self-support capabilities and lifestyle banking programs, are among the few of the bank's success stories.

He said the bank commits to pro-



vide safe solutions to create speed and efficiency in service delivery to customers.

Few months ago, the bank successfully launched the first QR Code ATM withdrawal in Tanzania whereby customers can withdraw money from any Absa ATM with the Absa Mobile Banking App using a QR code to bank safely and simply with contactless and card-free cash withdrawals.

"That means less risk of card loss, cloning or skimming, safer no-touch transactions, and faster withdrawals. All these come at no additional cost to the customer," he said.

"As we continue our journey to becoming a digitally led bank, we recently deployed an innovative queue management system in our branches that uses WhatsApp. Our

branch queue management solution is designed to improve customer experience by allowing them to bank with us on their convenience while managing their time effectively."

The head of finance said Absa's purpose is to bring possibilities to life and in a bid to address the changing needs and growing importance of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the country.

"We have revamped our SME proposition and this move goes to show how important SME are to the country, and as such, important to us at Absa Bank Tanzania," he said.

## INTERVIEW

## Vodacom's role in promoting technological innovations landscape

DIGITAL innovations continue to create opportunities among Tanzanians, mainly youths; as many are taking full advantage of advancing technology through own initiatives or supports from both public and private sector. Our reporter Francis Kajubi, spoke to Vodacom's Director of Digital and Value Added Services (VAS) Nguvu Kamando (pictured) on the role of the company in promoting digital innovations, excepts;

**Question:** How do you describe the innovations landscape in Tanzania?

**Answer:** Innovation in Tanzania is quite robust and moving at the right pace. Despite the several challenges, I see deliberate efforts on fostering a conducive environment for innovation from different stakeholders including the government, development partners and private sector.

Over the past years we have seen a vibrancy like never seen before from all the innovation ecosystem players and I am convinced that Tanzania is becoming a force to reckon with.

**Q:** What roles has Vodacom Tanzania Plc played towards promoting technological innovations?

**A:** Our contribution to the innovation sector is two folds: First is by being an enabler of innovation through our network.

As a mobile telecommunication company, connections are our core business. We currently connect over 15 million Tanzanians through our vast network helping to make the digital economy a reality. The impact of the ICT revolution is evident in virtually all countries, Tanzania, inclusive.

Vodacom Tanzania continues to heavily invest in the network recently introducing 5G technology which is a game-changer as far as innovation goes. Our products and services have also been an accelerator of Innovation for example M-Pesa has been a basis for fintech solutions in the country.

Secondly, we have been an active player and contributor to the innovation ecosystem through engagements such as dialogues with stakeholders for example innovation week, Data Tamasha, Innovation and Technology forums to name a few.

As a company we also have our own initiatives and programmes which foster innovation. For example, Vodacom has been conducting internal hackathon programs as well as ones touching the tech startup ecosystem directly like the Vodacom Digital Accelerator which is on its second season and through it we've so far seen massive success for innovators.

As a tech company we also roll out innovative products addressing the challenges in the country in voice, data,



financial inclusion, education, health, entertainment, agriculture and many more.

These are the likes of M-Pesa that has greatly involved since its introduction in 2008 to accommodate other innovative products like M-Koba, Songesha, Pay by phone (Lipa kwa Simu), M-Pawa, International Money Transfer (IMT), M-Pesa Visa and Halal Pesa.

Others are M-Kulima, m-mama, Voda Bima, Paisha to mention a few. We have a bigger purpose to connect Tanzania to a better future and this is hinged on Innovation.

**Q:** How have you been participating in bridging the skills and knowledge gap among young innovators?

**A:** Through Vodacom Digital Accelerator, we have been addressing a number of gaps in the innovation ecosystem including the skills gap through mentorship and knowledge transfer not just on the technical side of things but also on how to take their product to market through strategy formulation, marketing and branding and how to form equitable partnerships with potential investors and funders.

But that's not all, we also have the Code Like a Girl program that has been running since 2018 to impart coding and digital literacy skills to girls across the country reaching over 1400 girls and counting.

This year we went a step further to introduce the VodaCoder program which is a replica of Code Like a Girl that caters to children of our own staff.

**Q:** What are the prospects of technological innovations financing in Tanzania?

**A:** While Tanzania is yet to get massive (angel) investment in this space unlike our neighbors Kenya or even Nigeria, the appetite is there and more and more we are seeing hubs, development partners and private companies like ourselves investing time and energy to unlock the potential that exists in the country through capacity building, hackathons and the likes.

We are firm believers in the potential for innovations to change lives given the positive impact brought to our country by our mobile money solution (M-Pesa) with its related services that has brought about huge opportunities on the fintech side and financial inclusion in general.

It is for this reason among others that we continue to work with other stakeholders to unleash further the potential in the innovation space.

**Q:** Do you see much encouraging of youths in executing government programmes and projects such as the recent population and housing census? What should be done to maximize their involvement?

**A:** Definitely. The innovation space is occupied by youths and I am certain that the results of the national census will unlock many more potentials on the digital economy because it will provide us with key data on the socio-economic state of the country and with that opportunities will arise. It is clear that innovation is a special vehicle to deliver and address unemployment and a sustainable economy for the youth because the future will be entirely digitalized.

There is a critical need for the government to embrace, empower and give the youth these opportunities and it is already encouraging to see that the government is on the trajectory to achieve a digital society by 2030.

**Q:** How do you describe the current internet coverage, accessibility and affordability in Tanzania? What are the shortfalls and what should be done towards realizing a digitalized Tanzania?

**A:** Based on the recent Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) report, internet and broadband coverage has reached more than 68 percent of the population coverage and the government has set itself an ambitious target to reach 85 percent by 2025.

Internet penetration is on an upward trajectory too however to achieve a digitized Tanzania; people have to be able to tap into the technology that we are investing in and this means they need to afford smartphones.

As a company we have put in place measures to make smartphones affordable but a review of device taxation is imperative because in this day and age, a smartphone is a need as opposed to being a luxury.

**Q:** You have over 15 years of experience in innovation and technology, what areas do you think

the government and partners should invest more in to enable common Tanzanians to participate in the digital economy?

**A:** It all starts with universal access to telecommunication services particularly in rural areas (In this we have been collaborating with Universal Communication Services Access Fund - UCSAF).

Partnerships are critical for capacity building programs in rural and urban settings with government agencies such as COSTECH working with the likes of UNDP, UNCDF and innovation hubs to upskill Tanzanians and invoke their appetite to be part of the digital economy.

On the other hand, we plead to the government to add digital literacy in the education curriculum so that students can start learning from a young age.

Recently during the Tanzania Startups Association (TSA) Annual General Meeting, the Minister Nape Nnaye promised to continue engaging and address the challenges facing startups and Innovation Hubs hence attracting more investors.

One of the results is a move by the government to allow early stage small and medium innovation startups to access USSDs for free.

I believe more can be done since the government is welcoming for example there has been a general call to create Sandboxes to allow for disruptive innovations within a set regulatory framework

**Q:** How do you describe the state of Data protection in Tanzania?

**A:** Privacy and Data Protection are essential pillars of a digital and recently our sectorial Minister Nape Nnaye has been stressing on the importance of having an Act, promising that the bill will soon be tabled to the Parliament.

At Vodacom, being a global company we comply with the Global Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which means we have several technical and organizational security controls to protect personal data against unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or loss. Also, several initiatives are in place to create internal awareness among our staff and ensure that they understand the importance of privacy and data protection.

We acknowledge that data security is a critical part of our business, and we are fully committed to safeguarding all customer information entrusted to us. We have established policies that guide how we collect, process and store data.

These policies define the accountability for data management, specify essential data governance standards and ensure consistent enforcement throughout.

Having a law on privacy and data protection will ensure that the same does not hinge on individual company efforts but will rather be applicable across the board and we welcome this as a step in the right direction for our country.

**Q:** The Bank of Tanzania has remained cautious in adopting cryptocurrency in Tanzania. Why these all fears and what is the best way to ensure Tanzanians exploit growing block chain technology?

**A:** I don't think there are fears rather caution. The Central Bank is looking for proper solutions and models that will fit our environment without impacting the nation negatively.

I understand that the Central Bank is undertaking research and studies on this subject and recently H.E President Samia Suluhu Hassan called on them to crosscheck the benefits of block-chain technology seeing the world is moving towards this direction.

## NBC pledges to further investing in digital banking

By Guardian Reporter

NBC Bank has pledged further investments in the digital banking space in order to enhance customer convenience and experience.

Speaking to customers at the bank's Mlimani City branch at the launch of customer service week, the NBC Bank Managing Director, Theobald Sabi, said the bank continues to expand its network both traditionally and digitally to meet the customers' expectations.

"We will continue to invest more in digital banking systems and expand our service network to enhance our customers' convenience and experience while banking with us. During this year, we have opened two new outlets, one in Bunge in Dodoma and Kigamboni in Dar es Salaam, but we have also invested heavily in our mobile banking product of NBC Kigamboni and the NBC-Connect, which is an online platform for the corporate segment," he said.

He said in a bid to deepen its partnership and connection with its customers, NBC Bank, known for innovative process, will join the rest of the world to celebrate the annual Customer Service Week. This year's theme will be "Celebrate Service."

During this week, NBC Bank is expected to use the slogan "We Value You" showcasing and recognizing customers for making NBC Bank their first choice bank.



NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (R) addresses customers at the launch of International Customer Week in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

## Private sector investments transform Tanzania's agricultural sector growth

By Guardian Reporter

PRIVATE companies are now at the forefront of increasing the availability of agricultural inputs such as improved seeds, agrochemicals, fertilizers, veterinary services, transportation, and information to rural smallholder farmers across Tanzania.

Tanzania Agribusiness Window - a programme funded by the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) and the Swedish International Cooperation Development Agency (Sida) and implemented by the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF), surfaced innovative business models best poised to address challenges faced by smallholder farmers.

Such challenges include the availability, acceptability, affordability, and accessibility of agricultural produce and products as well as access to processing infrastructure in both rural and remote areas.

TZAW availed funding to agricultural-oriented private sector companies in a wide range of value chains ranging from seed companies, horticulture, fruit and vegetables, potatoes, fertilizer, and cashew nuts.

The program has impacted over half a million households, introduced innovative technologies, and changed how markets work for the poor.

Victoria Sabula, CEO of the AECF said, "The programme has proven the case for investing in start-up and early-stage agribusinesses especially those turning research into innovative products to fill a proven demand. We have seen amazing technologies and innovations being introduced in Tanzania such as soil testing, seed quality verification through USSD and innovative insect-derived protein used as feed supplement for livestock among others."

Furthermore, the programme

"Our promise to our customers is that we will continue with our efforts to strengthen the bank's service delivery by providing the best services and to always be close to our customers as per our bank's motto 'Conveniently everywhere', in making sure that we always listen to meet and even exceed their expectations," Sabi noted.

For the year 2022, the bank has continued to strengthen its services by making several improvements in customer service delivery, including expanding the bank's service network to move closer to its customers whereby, along with the 47 branches across the country, the bank recently opened new branches in Dodoma and Dar es Salaam regions.

The bank has also made major improvements to ATM services, which have now reached 183 machines, and increased the network of NBC agents to more than 7,000 agents across the country.

"Our customers' experience and satisfaction sit at the top of our agendas. At NBC Bank we pride ourselves of being obsessed with our customers and their satisfaction is our ultimate goal. We understand the convenience that is brought by the digital innovation and we are willing and able to capitalize in that area of banking," he stressed.

Sabi also thanked the bank's customers for continuing to trust and support NBC Bank and making it the first bank of their choice.

has proven the case for investing in end markets development by enhancing the ability of firms to process niche products and services for niche markets, extruding maximum benefits from respective value chains such as cashew nuts, macadamia, avocado and vanilla.

The AECF is an African development funder that supports innovative commercial businesses in the agribusiness, renewable energy and adaptation to climate change technology sectors. It aims to reduce rural poverty, promote resilient communities and create jobs through private sector development.

Launched in 2008, the AECF has mobilized over \$420 million, leveraged more than \$771 million in matching capital, improved the lives of more than 30 million people, created, and sustained over 26,500 direct jobs.

Kemi Williams, Development Director, British High Commission in Tanzania said, "We believe that market-based approaches represent a proven development model and through this TZAW programme we have been able to demonstrate that through a private sector approach it is possible to transform the livelihoods of rural and marginalized people."

Stephen Mwakifamba, Senior Advisor, Embassy of Sweden in Tanzania said, "Availing agricultural inputs in an efficient and affordable way is transformational for agriculture in Tanzania. The companies funded by this programme have supported smallholder farmers to access seed, fertilizer, equipment and technology that was previously unavailable or unaffordable. This has changed how agriculture is practiced in Tanzania and the benefits that smallholder farmers get."

TZAW has been transformational for Tanzania and has contributed to efforts to increase the production and productivity of smallholder farmers.

# Know three Warren Buffett's 'secrets' towards getting rich

BY BRIAN J. O'CONNOR

**W**ARREN Buffett is widely considered to be one of the most successful investors of all time.

He began investing in stocks at age 10, and was a millionaire by his early 30s, when he began buying Berkshire Hathaway stock at \$7.60 per share. Today, Berkshire trades at about \$400,000 and Buffett has a net worth of \$97 billion.

Buffett is well-known for his approach of buying big chunks of blue-chip companies with underestimated prospects and strong management. Then he holds those shares for years, if not decades. The secret of his success, he says, is following two rules:

"Rule No.1: Never lose money. Rule No.2: Never forget rule No.1."

But there are three lesser-known tactics Buffett has used to build his fortune that savvy investors might want to borrow – even if they sometimes run counter to his better-known investing strategies.

## 1. Selling put options

You'd think that someone like Buffett who seems devoted to blue-chip stocks would steer clear of complicated derivatives, but you'd be wrong.

Throughout his investing career, Buffett has capitalized on the advanced options-trading technique of selling naked put options as a hedging strategy. In fact, in Berkshire Hathaway's 2007 annual report, the company acknowledged that it had 94 derivative contracts, which over the year generated \$77 billion in premiums.

This strategy involves selling an option where you promise to buy a stock at a specific strike price below its current value sometime in the future. This immediately gives you



money from the sale of the option. If the share price doesn't fall, you keep the money.

If the price does fall below the strike price, you purchase the stock at a price that's less than you would have paid at the time you sold the option, with the cash from the option sale further reducing your cost basis. This is a good strategy on a stock that you wouldn't mind owning in the first place. In 1993, Buffett used put options to pocket nearly \$7.5 million in income while waiting for the price of Coca-Cola shares to drop.

The option is considered "naked" because you haven't secured another option to buy the stock, such as shorting shares of that same stock to offset your purchase cost.

But keep in mind that this given the risk involved, this isn't something a newbie investor should try on their own.

## 2. Investing in small-cap stocks

When you're throwing around the kind of cash that's measured in billions, scooping up shares of promising emerging companies won't work. Shares of small-cap growth stocks of companies typically worth \$300 million to \$2 billion would simply move too much if the Oracle of Omaha made a purchase that was big enough to make it worth his while.

"I have to look for elephants," Buffett once said in discussing his investment options. "It may be that the elephants are not as attractive as the mosquitoes. But that is the universe I must live in."

Of course, it wasn't always like that. Buffett

started out his career primarily investing in small-cap companies. He invested more than half of his net worth in GEICO – when it was still relatively small – in 1951 at the age of 20.

One reason those so-called "mosquitoes" are attractive is because shares demonstrate the most growth in the early days of a company's operation. But just because those little outfits are off-limits to Buffett today doesn't mean you can't go after them.

## 3. Cutting losses when necessary

Buffett's "buy and hold" approach doesn't extend to never admitting that even he sometimes gets it wrong. Once losses set in at a well-managed company, that's a sign that the economics of that business may have changed in a way that's going to create losses for a long time to come.

As for Buffett, his big misstep recently was investing in airline companies. Berkshire Hathaway once owned a stake in all four major American airlines: Delta, American Airlines, Southwest and United. While he only added these companies to his roster in 2016, by the end of 2020, he'd dropped them all – at a relatively big loss.

Buffett took responsibility for the failed strategy, but was clear he didn't see a future in airlines and even went so far as to call the industry a "bottomless pit."

"We will not fund a company that – where we think that it is going to chew up money in the future," he said at the time.

# NCBA Bank insists on digital-first approach

By Guardian Reporter

THE NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited (NCBA) has reiterated its commitment to invest in digital innovation to drive customer satisfaction that ultimately propels the country to financial inclusion.

Bank's acting managing director, Julius Konyani, during the customer service week ceremony attended by staff and NCBA customers at the bank's headquarter branch located at Ohio Street, Amani Place in Dar es Salaam.

Konyani said, "Through our digital-first approach, we will continue to innovate and share the best-in-class technological advancements and customer service as we provide exceptional financial services and products that exceed customer expectations, with internationally accepted standards."

He continued: "Size and scale in key businesses now allow NCBA to offer their valued customers and clients a wide choice of products and delivery methods. Our robust technology builds strong connectivity and seamlessness for customers across various

product lines and subsidiaries.

Konyani urged NCBA staff to keep up the hard work to inspire customers to greatness by offering a first-class customer experience by serving customers with unprecedented efficiency, consistency, and responsiveness.

Amina Ally, NCBA's customer pointed out her stern commitment and joy towards NCBA banking services.

She said: "I really enjoy their services, they are attentive to details and attend to my queries in time, especially when I am in need of a loan".

On the other hand, Seraphin Lusala another NCBA customer, noted: "NCBA's credit card services are great to me. I truly appreciate their customer support services."

The remarks remain true following the bank's recent milestone of clinching the 2022 Global Banking & Finance Awards from the Global Finance Review.

This year, the bank celebrated its customer service week by visiting customers to listen to them in order to learn their challenges for improving bank services and inspire customer's growth.

# Africa suffers as China now scales back lending

BEIJING

DEVELOPING countries in Africa are losing a champion that for years allowed them to borrow at cheaper rates than they could find in capital markets.

China, Africa's largest bilateral creditor, has been scaling back lending in the region amid its worsening growth woes. That comes at a time of rising interest rates globally and shrinking liquidity, factors that have already sent bonds of the riskiest African borrowers such as Ghana and Zambia crashing, and currencies including South Africa's rand to near pandemic lows.

The evolving debt dynamics with Beijing – whose lending is focused toward long-term infrastructure projects – threaten to push reluctant governments into the arms of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank for balance of payments support. Economic programs from the fund often restrict commercial borrowing, and require Chinese lenders to sit around the restructuring table with Western lenders.

"The concern we've had with China is that we would like to see more transparency and more accountability in these loans," said Kevin Daly, a portfolio manager at abrdn in London, which has overweight positions in bonds of Zambia, Angola and Nigeria. "They have to be more willing to join other creditors to provide more comprehensive debt relief."

High-yielding bonds issued by frontier economies have been among the worst performers globally, with many already in distress before Russia's invasion of Ukraine upended inflation and growth trajectories. Loss of market access, depreciating currencies and elevated energy and food costs are now heightening social and political tensions as well, according to analysts at JPMorgan Chase & Co. including Milo Gunasinghe and Amy Ho.

Yields on African dollar debt are at levels last seen during the global financial crisis levels after the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates in September

and said it would do whatever it takes to get inflation under control.

Average yields on sub-Saharan debt jumped more than 100 basis points in the past week to trade at about 14.3%.

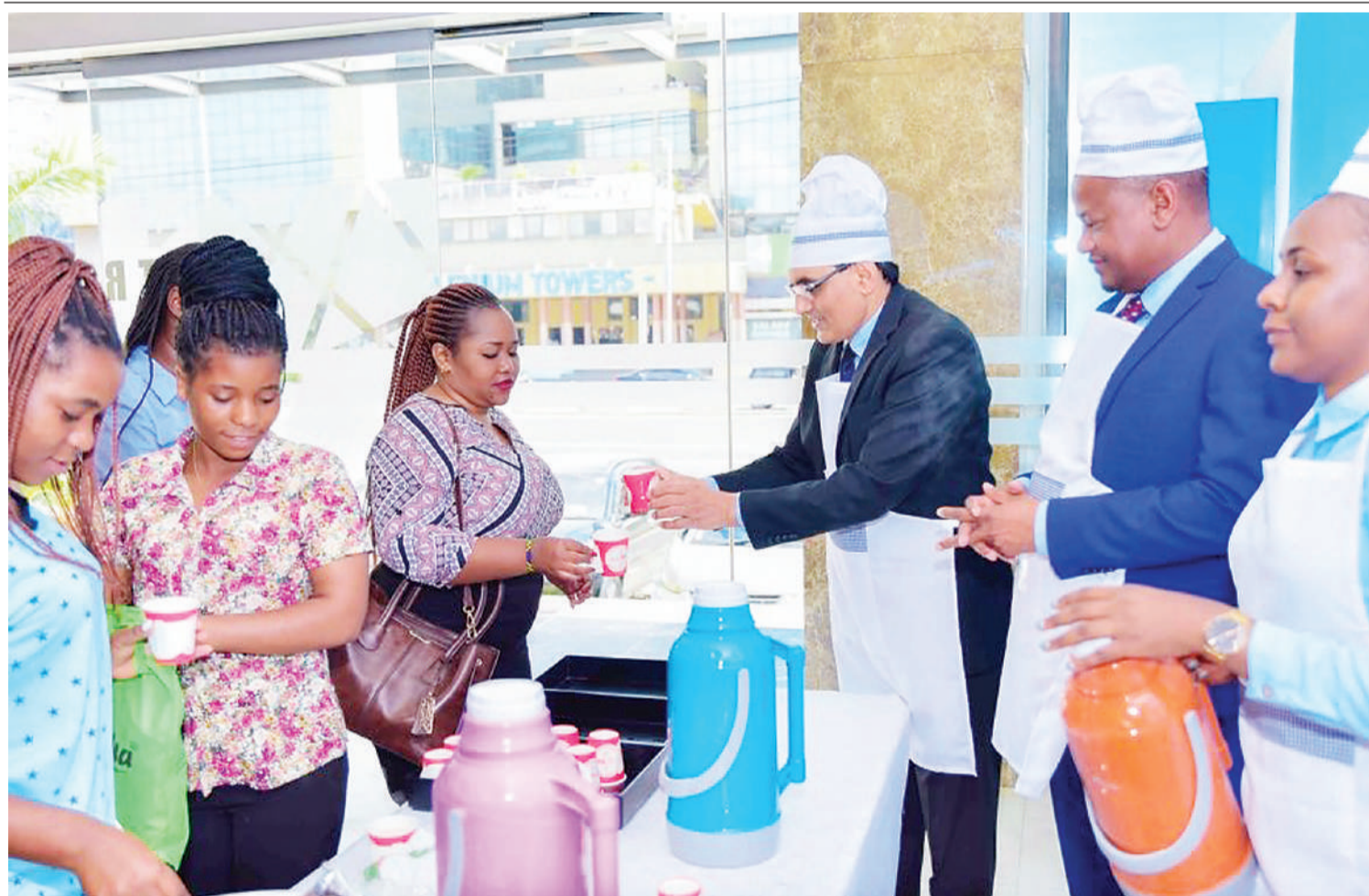
That compares with the 50-basis-point increase for the emerging-market average to 8%. With China stepping away, heading to international bond markets may be the only option to get financing – but for some, that's becoming prohibitively expensive.

"US dollar strength, high commodity prices, higher US rates, quantitative tightening are making it significantly more challenging for frontier markets to roll over their maturing debt, or to fund their budget deficits," said Gergely Urmossy, a London-based emerging-market strategist at Societe Generale SA. "Covering their hard-currency needs, for example to plug the current-account deficit, is another major challenge."

From 2000 to 2020, the top 10 African government recipients of Chinese loans were Angola, Ethiopia, Zambia, Kenya, Egypt, Nigeria, Cameroon, South Africa, Republic of Congo and Ghana, according to data from the Boston University Global Development Policy Center.

Of those, Ethiopia has been flagged by JPMorgan Chase & Co. as carrying high repayment risk, and under threat of reserve depletion by the end of 2023. Zambia, which is in default on its eurobonds, and Ghana have approached the IMF for bailouts that may involve debt restructuring, while Egypt is seeking a new loan.

China is Zambia's biggest creditor, accounting for almost 75% of bilateral borrowings, and is co-chairing a committee negotiating a debt restructuring after the country became Africa's first pandemic-era sovereign defaulter in 2020. President Hakainde Hichilema had criticized the cost of Chinese projects before he won power last year, and has since forged closer links with nations including the US and the UK.



Mwanga Hakika Bank managing director Jagjit Singh (3rdR) serves breakfast to a bank customer during the inauguration of the International Customer Week at the Mwanga Tower branch located at New Bagamoyo Road in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Second right is head of commerce Project Massawe PHOTO/ COURTESY OF MWANGA HAKIKA BANK

# Sanlam CSR generosity impresses Premier Majaliwa

By Guardian Correspondent

THE government has said it is appreciating the role of insurance financing in national building, saying through social investments, insurers also make means a lot in the development journey of the country.

Saluting the risk management industry late last week in Dar es Salaam for corporate philanthropy, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said the authorities equally recognise the role of insurers in complementing efforts of the government to improve delivery of social services.

Premier Majaliwa said the corporate giving generosity of market leaders like Sanlam Life Insurance Tanzania was so impressive that its sectoral peers and other corporate entities should readily embrace it.

He lauded the life insurer for making a

huge difference in the lives of many people through its social investment programmes on Saturday at the end of the 2022 NMB Charity Marathon.

The fundraising race raised 600mn/- for treatment of women suffering from obstetric fistula of which Sanlam Life donated a quarter of the total amount.

"We in government also recognise the social investments being made by insurance companies, which in this case of NMB raising funds for the anti-fistula campaign, Sanlam Life Insurance has contributed 150mn/- to be used for treating our mothers, sisters and children suffering from the malady," Prime Minister Majaliwa noted in his speech to close the season.

Speaking earlier, the Chief Executive Officer of Sanlam Life Insurance, Mr Julius Magabe, said the company has been the main sponsor of the two NMB Marathon races.

NMB embarked on the initiative in 2021 to raise 1bn/- in four years with a target of 250mn/- every year. With overwhelming support from its main partners led by Sanlam Life, the bank managed to

raise 150mn/- more above target.

The superb performance prompted the lender to resolve to raise the remaining 600mn/- this year, a goal Sanlam Life said it greatly helped to accomplish.

"Sanlam Life has been actively involved in the NMB marathons because our two organisations share the same view on the pivotal role of corporate giving in adding value to social investments," Mr Magabe said at the charity race event.

"We strongly believe in corporate social responsibility (CSR) that delivers value but we also cherish mutually beneficial partnerships like the one we have nurtured with NMB Bank," he told this reporter in an exclusive interview at the Leaders Club grounds.

According to him, Sanlam Life is the leading seller of life insurance policies in the country with a command of the market exceeding 66 per cent. The company offers insurance cover to companies and individuals as well as the largely untapped market segment of informal groups.

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## WORLD

## UK: Truss's government makes U-turn on tax plan

LONDON

THE government of British Prime Minister Liz Truss was forced yesterday into a humiliating U-turn, reversing plans to cut the highest rate of income tax that helped to spark a rebellion in her party and turmoil in financial markets.

Truss, and her finance minister Kwasi Kwarteng, announced a new "growth plan" on Sept 23 that would cut taxes and regulation, funded by vast government borrowing to snap the economy out of years of stagnant growth.

But the plan triggered a crisis of confidence in the government, hammering the value of the pound and government bond prices and jolting global markets to such an extent that the Bank of Eng-

land had to intervene with a 65 billion pound (US\$73 billion) program to settle the gilt market.

"It is clear that the abolition of the 45p tax rate has become a distraction from our overriding mission to tackle the challenges facing our country," Kwarteng said in a statement.

"As a result, I'm announcing we are not proceeding with the abolition of the 45p tax rate. We get it, and we have listened."

The decision to reverse course is likely to put Truss and Kwarteng under huge pressure, less than four weeks after they came to power. Britain has had four prime ministers in the last six politically turbulent years.

Truss, Britain's 47-year-old former foreign minister who took office on



Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng (L) and Britain's Prime Minister Liz Truss attend the opening day of the annual Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham, central England, on Sunday. AFP

Sept 6 after winning a leadership contest among Conservative Party members, and not the country, admitted on Sunday that she should have done more to "lay the ground" for the policy.

While the removal of the top rate of tax was only expected to cost around 2 billion out of a 45 billion pound tax-cutting plan, it was the most eye-catching element of a fiscal package that was to be funded by government borrowing, with Kwarteng not explaining how it would be paid for in the long-term.

Truss has also not denied that it would require spending cuts for public services and on Sunday she refused to commit to increasing welfare benefits in line with inflation - a toxic combination that would be seized on by opposition parties.

The pound has clawed back all of its losses against the US since Kwarteng delivered the mini-budget and was at US\$1.125 at 0617 GMT, up 0.8 percent on the day.

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## Official says Russia collects facts on Nord Stream sabotage, sees Western trace

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Intelligence Service Director Sergey Naryshkin has said Russia continues to collect facts regarding the sabotage against the Nord Stream, but some indirect data point to a Western trace.

He made the statement in an interview on the Rossiya-1 television channel's program 'Moscow. Kremlin. Putin.'

"We continue to collect facts. They are so far indirect. But the indirect data, both the data that were earlier published and the data that aren't yet in the public domain, of course point to a Western trace," he said, fielding questions from journalist Pavel Zarubin.

On Tuesday, the Nord Stream AG company reported that three threads of the Nord Stream 1 and 2 offshore gas pipelines had suffered unprecedented damage on September 26. Swedish seismologists later reported that two explosions had been recorded along the Nord Stream pipelines.

The Danish Energy Agency reported that a large amount of gas had spilled into the sea. Aircraft and ships are barred from approaching the site any closer than five nautical miles.

President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen described the incidents as sabotage, saying any deliberate disruption of European energy infrastructure is unacceptable and would be met with a decisive response.

Russian President Vladimir Putin placed the responsibility for the situation on the West. According to Putin, the Anglo-Saxons "in effect started to destroy pan-European energy infrastructure." He said that, "It's clear to everyone who benefits from it."



## Burkinabe coup leader says situation under control

OUAGADOUGOU

BURKINA Faso's self-declared military leader Captain Ibrahim Traore said Sunday that the situation was under control after he announced the eviction of President Lieutenant Colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba late on Friday.

"We would like to inform the population that the situation is under control and that things are gradually returning to order," said Traore on the public television RTB.

He urged the population to freely go about their business and to refrain from any act of violence and vandalism, especially those that target the French embassy and the French military base which reportedly had sheltered Damiba who was planning a counter-offensive. France denied that the base had hosted Damiba after his ouster on Friday.

Damiba agreed to step down on Sunday in order to avoid confrontations with serious human and material consequences, re-

ligious and community leaders said in a statement.

Gunshots were heard in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso's capital on Friday morning, and access to the presidential palace, the public television, and certain strategic points in the city were blocked by soldiers.

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat on Friday condemned the latest violence in the West African country and called upon the Burkina Faso military to immediately and totally refrain from any acts of violence or threats to the civilian population, civil liberties, and human rights and ensure strict compliance with the electoral deadline for the restoration of constitutional order by July 1, 2024, at the latest.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Saturday also expressed deep concern over the situation in Burkina Faso following a coup that ousted Damiba. The secretary-general "strongly condemns any attempt to seize power by the force of arms and



Burkina Faso's new self-proclaimed leader captain Ibrahim Traore (center) attends a meeting in Ouagadougou on Sunday. AFP

calls on all actors to refrain from violence and seek dialogue," said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for Guterres, in a statement.

Also on Sunday, the Economic Community of West African States urged the people of Burkina Faso to settle their differences through dialogue.

In a statement, Umaro Sissoco Embalo, current chairman of the ECOWAS and president of Guinea-Bissau, also called on the Burkinabe authorities to "respect the commitment made

with ECOWAS."

Embalo also announced that as part of ECOWAS' commitment to peace and stability in Burkina Faso, an ECOWAS delegation will be sent to Burkina Faso.

Damiba came to power after former Burkinabe President Roch Marc Christian Kabore was overthrown in a coup on Jan 24. Damiba was sworn in as the new president of Burkina Faso on Feb 16. Xinhua

## Hurricane Ian death toll climbs to 83, officials defend response

MIAMI

THE death toll from Hurricane Ian climbed past 80 on Sunday as embattled residents in Florida and the Carolinas faced a recovery expected to cost tens of billions of dollars, and some officials faced criticism over their response to the storm.

The death toll was expected to keep rising as floodwaters receded and search teams pushed farther into areas initially cut off from the outside world. Hundreds of people have been rescued as emergency workers sifted through homes and buildings inundated with water or completely washed away.

At least 85 storm-related deaths have been confirmed since Ian crashed ashore Flori-

da's Gulf Coast with catastrophic force on Wednesday as a Category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 240 km per hour.

Florida accounted for all but four of the fatalities, with 42 tallied by the sheriff's office in coastal Lee County, which bore the brunt of the storm when it made landfall, and 39 other deaths reported by officials in four neighboring counties.

Officials in Lee County, which includes Fort Myers and Cape Coral and is on the Gulf Coast, have faced questions over whether they mandated evacuations in time.

Cecil Pendergrass, chairman of the county's board of commissioners, said on Sunday that once the county was forecast to be in the cone, or the probable

track of the hurricane's center, evacuation orders were given. Even then, some people chose to ride the storm out, Pendergrass said.

"I respect their choices," he said at a press conference. "But I'm sure a lot of them regret it now." President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden will see the devastation in Florida firsthand on Wednesday, the White House said in a statement on Saturday. The Bidens will visit Puerto Rico on Monday, where hundreds of thousands of people were still without power two weeks after Hurricane Fiona hit the island.

Cuba is restoring power after Ian knocked out electricity to the whole country of 11 million people, flattened homes and obliterated agricultural fields. North Carolina authorities

said at least four people had been killed there. No deaths were immediately reported in South Carolina, where Ian made another US landfall on Friday, Chugging over land since then, Ian has diminished into an ever-weakening post-tropical cyclone.

The National Hurricane Center forecast more heavy rainfall was possible across parts of West Virginia and western Maryland into Sunday morning, and "major to record flooding" in central Florida.

Washed away

As the full scope of devastation became clearer, officials said some of the heaviest damage was inflicted by wind-driven ocean surf that raged into seaside communities and washed

buildings away.

Satellite images from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed beach cottages and a motel that lined the shores of Florida's Sanibel Island had been demolished by storm surges. Although most homes appeared to still be standing, roof damage to all was evident.

Surveys from the ground showed that the barrier island, a popular tourist getaway that was home to some 6,000, was devastated.

"It's all just completely gone," Sanibel's city manager, Dana Souza, said. "Our electric system is pretty much destroyed, our sewer system has been damaged badly and our public water supply is under assessment."

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## Algeria must be sanctioned, said 27 US lawmakers

WASHINGTON

AFTER the letter sent by Senator Marco Rubio to the US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, in which he asked for economic sanctions to be placed against Algeria, due to its arms deals with Russia, a bipartisan group of 27 US lawmakers sent a similar letter to Blinken, voicing concerns over Algeria's growing ties with Russia and calling for sanctions against officials in the Algerian government for an arms deal with Moscow.

The letter, seen by Al Arabiya English and led by Congresswoman Lisa McClain, follows a similar call from Senator Marco Rubio for the Biden administration to issue sanctions against Algeria.

Reports indicated that Algeria signed arms deal with Russia last year worth more than \$7 billion. The deal reportedly would see Russia sell Su-57 fighter jets, air defense systems, and more.

Under the Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), which Congress passed in 2017, sanctions are to be imposed against countries that strike defense or intelligence deals with several countries, including Russia.

"This recent Algeria-Russia arms purchase would clearly be categorized as 'a significant transaction' under CAATSA. Yet, no sanctions available to you have been crafted by the State Department," read the letter to Blinken, which 27 members of Congress signed.

The Trump administration issued sanctions, using CAATSA, against Turkey after it went ahead with a deal to acquire Russian S-400 air defense systems.

US lawmakers from both political parties have been pressing the administration to crack down on countries or individuals that engage with Putin and his government, which ordered a further invasion of Ukraine in February.

"The United States needs to send a clear message to the world that the support for Vladimir Putin and his regime's barbaric war efforts will not be tolerated," the letter to Blinken read. "Therefore, we request you begin to immediately implement significant sanctions on those in the Algerian government who were involved in the purchase of Russian arms."

Thursday's letter cited Russia's desperate need for funds to continue its war on Ukraine and the Kremlin's subsequent efforts to punish the EU's involvement by blocking natural gas sales to European countries.

Saying that Russia is likely to continue to push for additional arms sales to other countries, the US lawmakers said: "It is critical that President Biden and his administration prepare to sanction those who attempt to fund the Russian government, and its war machine, through the purchase of military equipment."

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## Israel welcomes US proposal for Lebanon maritime border

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Yair Lapid on Sunday welcomed a US-brokered proposal for demarcating a maritime border with Lebanon, saying it could increase profits for both countries from natural gas production.

Lapid (pictured) told his weekly cabinet meeting that Israel and Lebanon received the US Energy Envoy Amos Hochstein's proposal for an agreement on a maritime line between the two countries over the weekend.

The dispute concerns an area of some 860 square km of the Mediterranean Sea.

He said the proposal is undergoing legal review, adding the approval of the deal would be decided in a cabinet vote and a first cabinet discussion was scheduled for Thursday.

"The proposal safeguards Israel's full security-diplomatic interests, as well as our economic interests," the Israeli leader said.

The US-proposed deal grants Lebanon the rights to the Qana natural gas field, located partially in the disputed area, with Israel receiving some of the revenues, according to media reports.

"We do not oppose the development of an additional Lebanese gas field, from which



we will receive the share we deserve," Lapid said. "Such a field will weaken Lebanon's dependence on Iran, restrain Hezbollah and promote regional stability," he added.

Israel has been trying to reach such a deal "for over a decade," as an agreement between the two countries would "strengthen the security of the north," Lapid concluded.

However, former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a right-wing leader running against centrist Lapid heading an interim government ahead of the Nov 1 elections, accused Lapid of avoiding bringing the deal for a vote in the parliament.

A day earlier, Lebanese President Michel

Aoun said he had received Hochstein's proposal on the maritime border demarcation with Israel and was studying how to provide Lebanon's response "as soon as possible."

Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah, a powerful Lebanese Shiite party that had threatened to attack the rig of the disputed Karish gas field in the Mediterranean, described the proposal as "an important move."

Israel built a gas rig in the Karish field, which Israel claims is within its economic zone but Lebanon says in disputed waters. Agencies



# Indonesia to probe stampede; 32 children reported among dead

MALANG

INDONESIA has set up an independent team to investigate a crowd crush at a soccer stadium that killed 125 people, including 32 children, authorities said yesterday, as the country's human rights commission questioned the police use of tear gas.

Panic-stricken spectators stampeded as they tried to escape the overpacked stadium in Malang, East Java, on Saturday after police fired tear gas to disperse fans from the losing home side who ran onto the pitch at the end of the BRI Liga 1 match in the domestic league.

At least 32 of the victims were children between 3 and 17, Nahar, an official at the women's empowerment and child protection ministry, told Reuters. The official has earlier put the death toll of children at 17.

"My family and I didn't think it would turn out like this," said Endah Wahyuni, the elder sister of two boys, Ahmad Cahyo, 15, and Muhammad Farel, 14, who died after being caught in the melee.

"They loved soccer, but never watched Arema live at Kanjuruhan stadium, this was their first time," she added at her brothers' funeral on Sunday, referring to the home side they backed. FIFA, the governing body for world soccer, says in its safety regulations that firearms or "crowd control gas" should not be used at matches.

"If there hadn't been any tear gas

maybe there wouldn't have been chaos," Choirul Anam, a commissioner at Indonesia's National Commission on Human Rights, known as Komnas Ham, told a briefing at the stadium.

Police and sport officials have been sent to Malang to investigate what is one of the world's deadliest stadium disasters. President Joko Widodo ordered the football association to suspend all Liga 1 matches until the investigation is completed.

In 1964, 328 people were killed in a crush when Peru hosted Argentina at the Estadio Nacional in Lima.

In a 1989 British disaster, 96 Liverpool supporters were crushed to death when an overcrowded and fenced-in enclosure collapsed at the Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield.

Indonesia's chief security minister Mahfud MD said the government would form an independent fact-finding team, including academics and soccer experts as well as government officials, to probe what happened.

The team will investigate for the next few weeks with the aim of finding out who was responsible for the tragedy, he said.

Violence and hooliganism have long been features of Indonesian football, especially in places such as Jakarta, the capital, but the scale of Saturday's disaster in this town in Java has left the small community numb.

### 'Our football tragedy'

Indonesian daily Koran Tempo ran



Indonesian football supporters named Ultras pray during a candlelight vigil to show their condolences to victims of a stampede, in Jakarta on Sunday. AFP

a black front page on Monday, centred on the words "Our Football Tragedy" printed in red along with a list of the dead.

Home side Arema FC had lost the match 3-2 to Persebaya Surabaya, though authorities had said tickets were not issued to Persebaya fans over security concerns.

Mahfud said on Sunday the stadium had been filled beyond capacity. Some 42,000 tickets had been issued for a stadium designed to hold 38,000 people, he said. A tearful Arema FC president Gi-

lang Widya Pramana apologised on Monday to the victims of the stampede and said he took full responsibility. "Lives are more precious than soccer," he told a news conference.

In an address on Sunday, Pope Francis said he had prayed for those who have lost their lives and for the injured from the disaster.

FIFA, which called incident a "dark day for all involved in football and a tragedy beyond comprehension", has asked Indonesian football authorities for a report on the incident. **Agencies**

## Treaties on accession of Donbass and other liberated territories to Russia signed

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and the heads of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics and the Zaporozhye and Kherson Regions have signed treaties on uniting these territories with Russia.

The ceremony took place on Friday in the Grand Kremlin Palace's St. George's Hall. Before signing the historic documents, Putin delivered a speech about these territories joining Russia.

Two tables had been set up in the hall for the signing ceremony. At one of them sat the heads of the four regions, who each took turns signing the document. Putin was seated at the other table - he approved the treaties on behalf of the Russian Federation.

After that the politicians stood up and gathered in the middle of the room for a joint handshake and a photo session.

The entire St. George's Hall, where the entire political leadership of the country, including the cabinet of ministers and governors, gathered, applauded them. Rising from their seats, the ceremony participants began applauding and chanting "Russia." Putin, smiling, cheered them on and joined the chant.

## Africa welcomes its election into ICAO governing council

JOHANNESBURG,

THE South African Deputy Minister of Transport Sindiwe Chikunga on Sunday welcomed the country's election as a member of the governing council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

South Africa was elected on Saturday with 151 votes, the fourth highest in Part II voting, to retain the council seat first gained in 2003 in Montreal, Canada. "Our contribution to the world in the sector speaks volumes just as the voting showed. South Africa will continue in playing a role that drives the advancement and the fruition of the civil aviation sector."

# UN envoy announces failure of truce renewal in Yemen

SANAA

UN Special Envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg announced on Sunday that no agreement has been reached to renew the expired truce between the Yemeni warring parties.

"The UN Special Envoy regrets that an agreement has not been reached today, as an extended and expanded truce would provide additional critical benefits to the population," his office said in a statement.

"I appreciate the position of the Government of Yemen on engaging positively with

my proposal. I will continue to work with both sides to try and find solutions," Grundberg was quoted as saying.

He noted that the proposal submitted to the warring parties on Saturday includes the extension of the truce for another six months, salary and pension payment for civil servants, and the opening of specific roads into the besieged government-controlled city of Taiz and other provinces.

It also includes additional destinations for flights to and from the Houthi-controlled airport in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa, and unhindered en-

try of fuel ships into the Red Sea port of Hodeidah held by the Houthis.

Thousands of civil servants in the Houthi-controlled cities have not been paid for more than seven years.

The Yemeni government has agreed to the UN proposal, welcoming the United Nations' efforts to end the civil war in Yemen, according to the state media outlets.

Yemen's Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmed Awad Bin Mubarak told Xinhua earlier in the day that his government already sent Grundberg its approval for the extension agreement.



Although the Saturday proposal has reflected the main terms that the Houthis have been demanding since the truce began on April 2, the Houthis have yet to make a statement on why they re-

jected the UN proposal, and claimed that the government side did not remain committed to the previous six months of the truce, threatening to launch cross-border missile attacks on the oil facilities in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

"The (Houthi) Armed Forces give the oil companies operating in the UAE and Saudi Arabia an opportunity to arrange their status and leave," Houthi military spokesman Yehya Sarea said in a statement aired by the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV minutes after Grundberg announces the truce extension failure on the

UN website.

"The truce has reached a dead end," the Houthi military spokesman added.

Breakthroughs in the past six months of the truce include the resumption of commercial flights to and from the Sanaa airport and the entry of fuel ships into the port of Hodeidah. However, the siege on Taiz city has not been lifted yet.

On April 2, the Yemeni government and the Houthis agreed upon a two-month truce brokered by the United Nations. The truce was later renewed twice through Oct 2. **Xinhua**

# Wicker weaving injects new vitality into rural development in E China's Shandong

WICKER weaving, a Chinese national intangible cultural heritage, has been well developed into an industry in Boxing county, Binzhou, east China's Shandong province, contributing to rural vitalization.

The online sales of wicker products reported by the county's Wantou village alone reached 460 million yuan (\$63.92 million) in 2020. Over 10,000 people were directly engaged in the business, and the business also created more than 60,000 relevant jobs for residents from surrounding villages.

In 2021, Wantou was honored as a "million-yuan village" by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, which meant its collective income from the featured business notched up 1 million yuan.

Boxing County made its name as a major base of wicker production. Its history of wicker weaving dates back more than 800 years ago. Wicker weaving has long been a traditional industry in the county.

Wicker products made in the county are soft, economical and environmentally friendly. They carry distinctive local features and styles, and the technique was listed as a national intangible cultural heritage in May 2011.

In recent years, a group of craftspeople in the county have worked to improve wicker weaving skills and make their products more innovative. As a result, the old craft has taken on a new look.

For instance, craftsman Jia Liuyuan from Boxing weaved over 10,000 burr puzzles with wicker and made them into a huge lantern as tall as a person. Later, the septuagenarian made a series of delicate handicrafts using wicker, such as weaved tigers, pavilions and an-



People buy grass weaving products at a grass and wicker weaving-themed industrial park in Boxing county, Binzhou, east China's Shandong province, Aug. 9, 2022. (Photo by Chen Bin/People's Daily Online)

cient structures.

Wicker weaving is not only used to make handicrafts. It is also employed in construction. The Spanish Pavilion at the World Expo 2010 held in Shanghai was an example. It had a wicker facade over a steel structure, which made it look like waves from a distance and a basket from above.

This huge "basket" was weaved by Sun Janguang from Chongde village, Boxing County, with numerous slices of wicker in 2009. The precision was controlled at a millimeter level, and the work went through 10 procedures such as antiseptic treatment, drying and shaping.

Instead of employing traditional techniques, Sun developed new ones and tackled a series of challenges in anticorrosion and fireproofing. The whole project took

Sun and his team three months and consumed 120 tons of wicker.

When the facade was completed, Sun said their efforts were worthwhile because they presented wicker weaving to the world.

After the World Expo 2010 concluded, Sun kept digging into wicker weaving skills for green and innovative construction. He used his new techniques in B&B buildings, festive archways and sculptures in scenic areas.

"I must keep innovating to instill more cultural connotation in architecture and revitalize the culture of wicker weaving," Sun said.

Apart from making innovations in wicker products, craftspeople in Boxing County have also expanded the promotion and sales channels of their products through e-commerce. Villagers are now selling their products via online shops

and livestream platforms, which also helps expand the influence of the traditional skill.

Over recent years, Boxing County has built a grass and wicker weaving-themed industrial park and inked cooperative agreements with universities and colleges to jointly develop featured wicker products.

The industrial park is listed as an internship base for university students, where senior craftspeople would give lectures to students.

It is also a complex that works as both an exhibition area and a processing base, and gathers a number of e-commerce companies and express service centers. Generating creative ideas, it is injecting new impetus into the development of the wicker weaving industry. **People's Daily**

# National Archives: Trump staffers not returning White House records

WASHINGTON

FORMER President Donald Trump's administration has not turned over all presidential records and the National Archives will consult with the Justice Department on whether to move to get them back, the agency has told Congress.

A congressional panel on Sept 13 sought an urgent review by the National Archives and Records Administration after agency staff members acknowledged that they did not know if all presidential records from Trump's White House had been turned over.

"While there is no easy way to establish absolute accountability, we do know that we do not have custody of everything we should," acting Archivist Debra Wall said in a letter Friday to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

The Archives knows some White House staffers conducted official business on personal electronic messaging accounts that were that were not copied or forwarded to their official accounts, in violation of the Presidential Records Act, Wall said.

"NARA has been able to obtain such records from a number of former officials and will continue to pursue the return of similar types of presidential records from former officials," Wall said in the letter, first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

She said the Archives, the federal agency charged with preserving government re-

ords, would consult with the Department of Justice on "whether to initiate an action for the recovery of records unlawfully removed."

The Oversight Committee's chairwoman, representative Carolyn Maloney, said in a statement she would do everything in her power to ensure the return of all records and prevent future abuses.

"Former President Trump and his senior staff have shown an utter disregard for the rule of law and our national security by failing to return presidential records as the law requires," Maloney, whose committee shared a copy of the letter with Reuters, said in a statement.

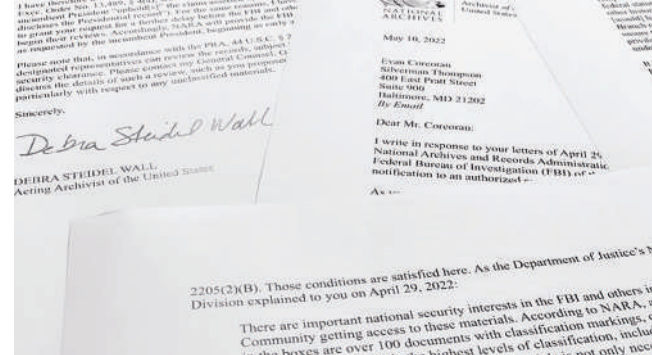
Representatives for Trump did not return a request for comment on the matter.

Trump is facing a criminal investigation by the Justice Department for retaining government records - some marked as highly classified, including "top secret" - at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida after leaving office in January 2021.

The FBI seized more than 11,000 records, including about 100 documents marked as classified, in a court-approved Aug. 8 search at Mar-a-Lago.

The Justice Department and

Trump's lawyers have been locked in a legal battle over how the records are handled. Government lawyers have been granted access to the classified documents but on Friday asked an appeals court to expedite its ability to access the non-classified documents seized in Florida.



A letter from acting archivist of the United States Debra Steidel Wall to former President Donald Trump's legal team is photographed on Aug 23, 2022. AP

# SPORT



Morning Star football team's player Salvator Chenyele (L) tussles for possession with teammate Godfrey William during training at a ground located outside Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

## 2022 National Athletics Championships plunge into uncertainty

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

UNCERTAINTY has surrounded the hosting of this year's National Athletics Championships, Athletics Tanzania (AT) announced yesterday.

Michael Mwasha, AT Technical Director, said the Executive Committee of the association which convened a meeting in Dar es Salaam last Saturday could not come up with the dates for the National Championships.

He said the dates could not be set as the meeting was informed that between November and December there will be Samia Taifa Cup which will include athletics, Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC)'s athletics event and Tanzania's Defense Forces Sports Council (BAMMATA) Games.

According to Mwasha, all three games will involve athletes from across the country and will be under the supervision of AT.

He, however, said in case one of the events fails to take place AT will host the National Championships.

Mwasha revealed: "The AT Executive Committee which convened a meeting on Saturday could not come up with a date for the National Championships, this came about because between November and December there will be many national athletics events which will involve many athletes from across the country, so, it will be difficult for AT to hold National Championships."

"In case one of the above events fails to take place AT will step in to host the National Championships," he said.

The hosting of this year's National Championships has been a wayward issue at AT.

The championships were initially scheduled

for last June at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium but were postponed in the eleventh hour as AT's leadership said the postponement was meant to pave way for the venue to host the East and Central Africa (EAAR) U-17 and U-20 Championships.

Since 2015 AT has been failing to host the National Championships, it took the intervention of the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) which, in 2020 through funding from Olympic Solidarity (OS) and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (Anoca), sponsored the championships which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Last year the championships were held at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha.

Meanwhile, AT Acting Secretary-General Jackson Ndaweka said the association has mentioned five members of the Election Committee who will be in office for two years.

He mentioned the members as Meinrad Menino, the committee's Chairman, and vice-chairman Benjamin Kalume, while the members are Hamad Ndee, Mwinga Mwanjala, and Morris Okinda.

He also said AT will host its Annual General Meeting on November 27 at a venue to be announced later.

One of the agendas for the Annual General Meeting is holding a by-election to fill vacant posts at the association.

The vacant posts at AT are vice-president and Executive Committee member from Coast Region.

The two posts were held by John Bayo and Robert Kalyahe respectively, the two resigned from their positions last year.

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SPORTS

## Tanzania Prisons gives Azam FC wake-up call

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AFTER a hard-fought 1-0 away win against Mbeya City FC in the fourth round of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League campaign, a game against Tanzania Prisons held at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya provided Azam FC with a big opportunity.

A win would have taken Azam FC to the summit for the first time this season.

Though they would have been at the top of the table temporarily, it was an opportunity for the outfit to build momentum and more importantly catch up with the other two title contenders, Young Africans SC alias Yanga, and Simba SC.

This was a game that came only a few hours after the newly promoted Yanga's information officer Ali Kamwe had dismissed Azam FC as nothing but a club with a modest team mentality.

Kamwe was referring to Azam FC's continuous reference to the thrilling 2-2 with Yanga in a Premier League duel held in Dar es Salaam last month.

Azam FC had chances aplenty in the clash against Prisons but Lyanga, Tepsie Evance, and Idris Mbombo in particular failed to take advantage.

As one Premier League die-hard supporter Salim Masoud puts it: "Azam FC ended up losing a game they shouldn't have lost, it was Prisons' only clear-cut chance, some mistakes can be very costly."

Masoud stated: "Same kind of game as last season- losing games they should be drawing, drawing games they should be winning."

Another fan, Thomas Kibwana, summed up the game for Azam FC, noting: "In this match, Azam FC had the bark of a chihuahua and absolutely no bite, you see the quality but frustratingly nothing to show for it."

A return of eight points out of a possible 15 is simply not good enough for a club with high standards.

Azam FC knows by the time both Simba SC and Yanga are likely to go clear by at least three points by the end of the fifth round of matches next week.

Though it is still early, it should be a concern if both Simba SC and Yanga pull ahead by five points at this stage of the season.



Azam FC's attacker Prince Dube (R) dribbles past Tanzania Prisons' defender Ezekiel Mwashilindi in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash that was held in Mbeya last week. Azam FC suffered a 1-0 defeat to Tanzania Prisons. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

It is not likely both of them will stutter for Azam FC to catch up. It is not lost to keen observers that Azam FC eventually finished 23 points off the champions Yanga last season.

Right on cue, it would not be a surprise to see some Azam FC fans overreact after the game and completely write head coach Dennis Lavagne off, saying it was just the same as under his predecessor, Abdihamid Moallin, and other coaches who took charge of the squad previously.

In all fairness, it was, sort of, but what did we expect? Miracles from Lavagne when it only happened to be his second competitive game in charge of Azam FC?

Deep down, it has always been obvious that Lavagne does not have a magic wand and things were never going to change immensely in either one or two games.

Having been appointed last month, he has only had a few training sessions with these players, so any changes in either system or style of play are going to have to wait a little bit longer I am afraid.

If Lavagne is going to change any of this, he needs time to implement it and people should not even be thinking about writing him off after either one or two games. Improvements will come but they will not happen overnight.

If Azam FC is to emerge as a serious title contender this season, the side needs more fluidity and threat in its attack.

The club needs to kill matches off and win when it is not at its fluid best, the talent is there.

The next few rounds of games will be fascinating and show us a lot about the club's direction under Lavagne.

What this defeat to a team that only avoided relegation through the playoffs last season did was teach Azam FC some lessons that perhaps the draw with Yanga and victory over Mbeya City FC had glossed over.

It is still early on, the outfit should get back to its home venue of Azam Complex Stadium at Chamazi and kick on.



Morogoro Regional Commissioner Fatma Abubakar Mwasa (L), hands over a trophy and certificate for Agricultural Brand of the Year prize to the Business Affairs Manager of Kilombero Sugar Company, Bruno Daniel, at a presentation ceremony for winners in the agricultural sector during the climax of Agricultural Exhibitions and Marathon, termed 'Kilimo Marathon', held at Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Lwiza John appointed as AT information officer

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) has appointed the country's former athlete Lwiza John as the association's new information officer with immediate effect.

Lwiza replaces Rogath Stephen who resigned from the position several months ago.

Jackson Ndaweka, AT's Acting Secretary-General, said the association's Executive Committee meeting which was convened in Dar es Salaam last Saturday appointed Lwiza for the post.

He called upon all athletics stakeholders and their counterparts in other sports disciplines to support her.

"The meeting which was convened on Saturday had, among other issues, agreed to appoint Lwiza as our new information officer, we hope she will

work for the improvement of athletics in the country," he said.

Lwiza is a veteran athlete whose best time of 1.59.58 in 800m she posted in 2000 still stands, she has also won medals in various events.

She won a gold medal in Afro-Asian Games in 2003 and, in the same year, she garnered a bronze medal in All-Africa Games and later won a gold medal in East Africa Championships.

In 2001 she won a gold medal in East Africa Championships and emerged fourth in the 2001 World Indoor Championships.

Accepting her appointment, she said she is ready for the task. She said: "I'm ready to work for the improvement of athletics in the country and I'm very excited about the new assignment."

The former athlete disclosed: "I'm looking forward to the challenge, I'm asking all sports stakeholders to support me."

Stephen that now serves as secretary-general for Arusha Regional Athletics Association said recently he informed AT's leadership of his resignation on Thursday last week.

After his resignation, Stephen promised that he will concentrate on his new role at Arusha Regional Athletics Association.

## Ronaldo missed City rout out of respect - Ten Hag

Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

MANCHESTER United boss Erik ten Hag left Cristiano Ronaldo on the bench during the side's 6-3 defeat to Manchester City out of "respect" for the striker, he said.

Ronaldo was an unused substitute at the Etihad Stadium despite United finding themselves 4-0 down at half-time.

Victor Lindelof, Anthony Martial, Fred, Casemiro and Luke Shaw all came off the bench ahead of Ronaldo, with Ten Hag insisting afterward the 37-year-old did not deserve to be subjected to humiliation at the hands of Pep Guardiola's champions.

"I wouldn't bring him in out of respect for Cristiano, for his big career," Ten Hag said.

"The other thing was the advantage that I could bring on Anthony Martial. He needs the minutes, but I don't want to point it out like that."

Phil Foden and Erling Haaland both scored hat tricks as City ended United's run of four straight Premier League wins.

Martial came off the bench to score twice after Antony had pulled one back in the second half, but Ten Hag said the damage had been done during a disastrous first half and accused his players of showing the wrong attitude from kick-off.

"It's quite simple, it's a lack of belief," Ten Hag added.

"When you don't believe on the pitch, then you can't win games; that is unacceptable. We get undisciplined at following rules and you get hammered, that's happened today.

"All the credit to City, but it's nothing to do with City, our performance was not good. It had to do with the belief as individuals and as a team.

"From the first minute I felt it, and at half-time we changed things and we changed attitude.

"In this moment I can't think about positives. We let our fans down, we let ourselves down and we're hugely disappointed."

Meanwhile, City have extended their unbeaten start to the season and have now scored 29 goals in just eight league games.

Guardiola insisted there was still room for improvement but praised Haaland after the Norwegian improved his record this season to 17 goals in just 11 games.

"The quality we have alongside him helps him to score goals," Guardiola said. "But what he has done, I didn't teach him once. When the ball is right, and he attacks the box, how he moves behind the central defender away from the action, he has incredible instincts that the ball will arrive there and it comes from his mum and dad, he was born with that and just to help him produce more goals.

"What I like in the last period of the game is that he is involved. He said, 'I prefer to touch the ball five times and score five goals.' I don't like that, I want him to touch the ball more and more, so he became a football player to score goals.

"I like that he's part more for the situations, but don't forget his biggest talent is to put the ball in the net."

## Haaland is the best player in the world, and Man City should blow past everyone

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ERLING Haaland is the best player in the world right now, and he has transformed Manchester City from a great team into one that is capable of blowing everyone else away this season.

Just ask Manchester United, beaten 6-3 at the Etihad on Sunday, following another Haaland hat trick.

Phil Foden also scored a hat trick on a remarkable day for Pep Guardiola's team, but the star of the show once again was Haaland, the £51 million summer signing from Borussia Dortmund who is rampaging through Premier League defences like a teenager playing against 9-year-olds.

Haaland, 22, has 14 goals in the Premier League this season -- more goals than 14 other teams in the league -- and 17 goals in 11 games across all competitions for City. That includes hat tricks in successive home games against Crystal Palace, Nottingham Forest and now United.

Just to underscore how much of an impact Haaland has made so far in a City shirt, he can now claim to have scored as many career Premier League hat tricks (three) as Cristiano Ronaldo. Haaland has pulled level with the United forward after just eight games.

Michael Owen had been the quickest player to score three Premier League hat tricks. He took 48 games for Liverpool to bag his third, so Haaland is simply obliterating records that had been expected to stand for decades.

There was something poignant about the fact that Ronaldo spent the full 90 minutes on the United substitutes' bench as Haaland tore his team apart. Ronaldo has been at the summit of the world game for more than a decade, sharing the billing as the world's best player with Lionel Messi throughout that period -- but the 37-year-old will now know that the baton has firmly passed to Haaland after watching him up close at the Etihad.

"What Erling is doing, he has done



Manchester City's Erling Haaland celebrates after scoring his side's fifth goal and his personal hat trick during the English Premier League soccer match between Manchester City and Manchester United at Etihad stadium in Manchester, England, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022. (AP Photo)

in Norway, Austria and Germany, that's the reality," City manager Guardiola said. "With the quality we have alongside him, it helps him score goals.

"What he has done -- how he scores, how he moves, his incredible instinct to know when the ball is coming -- I have never taught him anything. He got all that from his parents.

"I have had incredible centre-forwards in my career, but what I like about Erling is that even in the end of the game, he is still involved and wants to be part of the situation. But his talent is to put the ball in the back of the net -- he is a fantastic, fantastic striker."

Kylian Mbappe is perhaps the only footballer who could argue that he should be placed higher than Haaland as the best in the world, but the France forward has only -- only -- 11 goals in 10 games

for Paris Saint-Germain this season. His numbers pale into insignificance when compared with Haaland's.

Haaland and Mbappe are going to dominate the world stage in the years ahead just as Messi and Ronaldo did during the past decade. Neither has won a Champions League yet, but it would be a pretty safe bet to suggest that one or the other will do it soon.

It is just a huge shame for football that Haaland won't be at the World Cup this year due to Norway failing to qualify -- the game's biggest competition without its best player will certainly lack something in Qatar.

But Haaland's absence from the World Cup is only likely to make him and City better this season. While his rivals are spending physical and psychological energy in Qatar, he will be resting up and preparing to go again, fresher than the

rest, in the second half of the season.

It is an ominous prospect for City's rivals. They were already the best team in England before Haaland arrived, but although they still trail early leaders Arsenal in the title race, it seems to be only a matter of time before Guardiola's juggernaut go top and pull clear before disappearing over the horizon.

United were the first Big Six team to face City and Haaland this season. Prior to the derby, it could have been suggested that a soft start to the campaign had helped Haaland embellish his stats and that the first big challenge would give us a clearer picture of his capabilities.

After United's 6-3 thrashing, however, we got a clear picture right enough, and it's the same as it was before: Haaland is virtually unstoppable.

He has pace, power and fantastic movement. He also has a true goal scorer's instinct, which enables him to get into positions that most strikers don't see. His second goal against United, when he slid in at the far post to convert Kevin De Bruyne's cross, was a classic example of Haaland spotting a gap when others wouldn't.

United had no answer to Haaland, but Foden was equally potent and damaging to Erik ten Hag's team. Haaland and Foden appear to have struck an instant rapport at City, and it is showing in their understanding of each other's runs around the penalty area.

Haaland could have marked his first Manchester derby by scoring five goals, such was his ability to create chances. United got away with it, but another team will be less fortunate. No player has ever scored six in a Premier League game -- Sergio Aguero, Alan Shearer and Andy Cole are among a small group to have scored five -- but if anyone can do it, it will be Haaland.

The bitter reality for United is that they almost signed him three years ago. But when former manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer believed he had a deal for the player he handed a debut to as a teenager at Molde, the United hierarchy refused to sanction a buyout clause in Haaland's contract, and he instead left FC Salzburg for Borussia Dortmund.

## Football losing battle with US sports - Real president

MADRID

FLORENTINO Perez said that football is "sick" and "losing the global entertainment battle" with U.S. sports, and he backed the dormant European Super League (ESL) project as the way to retain its position as the world's most popular sport.

The Real Madrid president -- who was speaking at the club's annual general meeting on Sunday -- has been one of the breakaway competition's most high-profile backers since its attempted launch in April 2021.

The ESL and football's governing bodies are awaiting a ruling from the European Court of Justice, due in December, on whether UEFA's attempts to block the Super League breached European competition laws.

"To fix a problem, you have to first recognise that you have a problem," Perez said. "Our sport is sick. It's losing its leadership as a global sport ... We mustn't be confused by the impact of Real Madrid's European Cup run [in the Champions League last season] when we were involved in seven games of the highest intensity and interest.

"That was the result of the draw, and of the quality and greatness of our team. It was a spectacle that helped bring excitement back to the viewers. That's why we believe European competitions must change, to offer fans top-level games year-round between the strongest teams, with the best players competing."

Perez compared the number of times that major European clubs face each other to the number of top-level meetings in other sports.

"In tennis, [Rafa] Nadal and [Roger] Federer have played 40 times in 15 years. Nadal and [Novak] Djokovic have played 59 matches in 16 years," he said. "In football we've only played Liverpool nine times in 67 years. We've played Chelsea four times in the history of the European Cup. What sense does it make to deprive fans of all these games?"

Perez highlighted a recent Forbes ranking that suggested football clubs are falling behind United States teams.

"We were top in all sports, and now we've fallen to 13th," he said. "We've been overtaken by 12 clubs from American sports. They must be doing something very well in the United States and very badly in Europe ... Football is losing the global entertainment battle against other sports and other platforms."

Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus are the remaining three of the ESL's 12 founding clubs that have maintained their public support for the project, after the withdrawal of its six Premier League members -- Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United and Tottenham -- sparked its collapse in April 2021.

"We need a professional, modern, transparent management, not based on old structures designed in the last century," Perez said. "Recently the chairman of the European Clubs' Association [Paris Saint-Germain president Nasser Al-Khelaifi] said -- talking about the Super League -- that Real Madrid are afraid of the competition. Maybe the president of the ECA has to be reminded who Real Madrid are. Competition is in our DNA."

The annual general meeting saw members approve Real Madrid's accounts for the 2021-22 season, which showed a narrow €13 million profit, and confirm the appointment of club legend Amancio Amaro as its honorary president following the death of Paco Gento.

Members also voted in favour of a plan to revive the club's third team, known as Real Madrid C -- which was dissolved in 2015 -- by absorbing Madrid's Club RSC Internacional FC.

The move is intended to provide a smoother transition between the club's academy teams up to under-19 level and the reserve team, Castilla.

Meanwhile, in an extraordinary general meeting held after the AGM, members voted almost unanimously -- with 1500 v

(Agencies)

## Stadium tragedy exposes Indonesia's troubled soccer history

SEOUL, South Korea

GAINING the right to host next year's Under-20 World Cup was a major milestone in Indonesia's soccer development, raising hopes that a successful tournament would turn around long-standing problems that have blighted the sport in this country of 277 million people.

The death of at least 125 people at a league game between host Arema FC of East Java's Malang city and Persebaya Surabaya on Saturday is a tragic reminder, however, that Indonesia is one of the most dangerous countries in which to attend a game.

"Do remember that the FIFA U-20 World Cup will be the worldwide spotlight since the event will be joined by 24 countries from five continents," Indonesia's President Joko Widodo said last month as he pushed for thorough preparations for the tournament.

Since Saturday, the domestic league has been suspended. Widodo has ordered the sports minister, the national police chief and the soccer federation to conduct a thorough investigation into the deadly stadium crush.

Indonesia was the first Asian team ever to play at a World Cup -- participating in 1938 as Dutch East Indies -- but despite an undoubted national passion for the sport, it has never returned to the global stage because of years of corruption, violence and mismanagement.

Data from Indonesia's soccer watchdog, Save Our Soccer, showed 78 people have died in game-related incidents over the past 28 years.

Those accused are often associated with supporter groups that attach themselves to clubs, with the biggest boasting hundreds of thousands of members.

Arema's intense rivalry with Surabaya meant that no visiting fans were allowed in the stadium on the weekend. Yet violence broke out when the home team lost 3-2 and some of

the 42,000 Arema fans, known as "Aremania," threw bottles and other objects at players and soccer officials.

Restrictions on visiting fans also have failed in the past. In 2016, despite Persib Bandung supporters being banned from a game with bitter rival Persija Jakarta, they were blamed for the death of a Jakarta supporter.

A month earlier, a Persib fan had been beaten to death by Jakarta followers.

In 2018, local media reported a seventh death in six years related to Indonesia's biggest soccer rivalry.

Soccer fans have accused security officials of being heavy-handed in the past and on the weekend, with witnesses describing officers beating them with sticks and shields before shooting tear gas canisters directly into the crowds. In 2016, police were accused of killing 16-year-old supporter Muhammad Falreza at a game between Persija and Persela Lamongan, resulting in mass demonstrations demanding an end to police brutality.

"The police who were in charge of security violated FIFA stadium safety and security regulations," soccer analyst Akmal Marhali told Indonesian media on Sunday, referring to the use of tear gas on Malang fans who entered the pitch after their team's defeat. That sparked a rush for exits in an overcrowded stadium.

"The Indonesia Football Associa-

tion may have been negligent for not informing the police that security procedures at a football match are not the same as those at a demonstration."

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, advises against the use of tear gas at stadiums by on-field security or police who control and have responsibility for safety operations.

Indonesia's national soccer association, known locally as PSSI, has long struggled to manage the game domestically.

In 2007, Nurdin Halid was imprisoned on corruption charges but was able to continue as the organization's president until 2011. After Halid was banned from running for another term, a rival league, federation and national team emerged.

But chaotic administration continued until FIFA suspended Indonesia in 2015, a sanction that was lifted the following year.

In 2019, when FIFA awarded Indonesia hosting rights for the Under-20 World Cup, it was seen as a vote of confidence.

In June, a FIFA panel inspected the country's soccer facilities and planning for the May 20-June 11 tournament and proclaimed its satisfaction.

"We are very pleased to see the preparations in Indonesia," Roberto Grassi, Head of Youth Tournaments for FIFA said. "A lot of refurbishment

work has been done already. We have had an encouraging visit and are confident of support from all stakeholders involved."

Kanjuruhan Stadium, the site of the disaster on Saturday, is not among the six venues listed for the Under-20 World Cup, although nearby Surabaya Stadium is scheduled to host games.

FIFA has not yet commented on any potential impact on the Under-20 World Cup but the weekend tragedy is likely to damage Indonesia's bid to host the 2023 Asian Cup. It is vying with South Korea and Qatar to become host of the continental championship after China relinquished its staging rights in May.

Indonesia has already co-hosted the tournament, sharing the event in 2007 with Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam and hosting the final in Jakarta, where Iraq beat Saudi Arabia for the title.

That was the last time Indonesia staged a major international soccer tournament. The Asian Football Confederation is expected to announce its decision on the 2023 tournament on Oct. 17.

There is unlikely to be any soccer played before then as people in Indonesia, and football followers around the globe, come to terms with one of the deadliest disasters ever at a sporting event.

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Tanzania's Chief of Defense Forces (CDF) Jacob John Nkunda (2nd L), presents a trophy to NMB Bank's staff Abdallah Gunda (R), who won the 2022 NMB CDF Trophy tournament's sponsors category, during the tournament's closing ceremony at the Lugalo Golf Club in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Others are NMB Bank's Chief of Retail Banking Filbert Mponzi (2nd R), and Malawi's Chief of Defense Forces Vincent Nundwe (L). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## NMB Bank pledges to continue sponsoring CDF Trophy tournament

By Guardian Reporter

THE NMB Bank has reassured the Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF) Chief of Defense Forces (CDF) Jacob Nkunda that it will continue to sponsor the CDF Golf Trophy tournament that celebrates the birth of the TPDF.

The institution, according to its officials, will keep on putting its weight behind the competition as part of its commitment to the development of the sport.

The assurance was issued by NMB Bank's Chief of Retail Banking Filbert Mponzi during the presentation ceremony for this year's edition of the showdown, termed 2022 NMB CDF Trophy tournament, held at Lugalo Golf Club's course in Dar es Salaam last weekend whilst involving 243 golfers.

Mponzi that represented NMB Bank Chief Executive Officer Ruth Zaipuna, and the institution's Board Chairman Edwin Mhede in the function congratulated Nkunda for earning President Samia Suluhu Hassan's trust and garnering the appointment.

The NMB Bank official promised to support Nkunda to carry out his duties effectively.

Mponzi stated: "In recognizing the importance of the game of golf and the relations between NMB Bank and TPDF, we have seen the importance of continuing to sponsor this tournament, and we have done so for six years now."

The NMB Bank official disclosed: "In this year's CDF Trophy tournament, NMB Bank has donated 1m/- to cover various gifts and golf equipment."

Mponzi revealed: "I promise Nkunda that NMB Bank, as a patriotic bank with plenty of shares bought by the government, and the fact that we are one of the major stakeholders of the government and recognizing the importance of TPDF, we will continue to sponsor the CDF Trophy tournament for many years to come."

He added: "Therefore, you should realize that you will be with us for many years to come in this competition, we have supported our forces in many competitions held nationally and internationally," emphasized Mponzi insisted.

Mponzi also promised to buy shoes and jerseys for children who participated in the competition after receiving a request from the junior golfers' coach.

"When we were presenting gifts to the children, the coach complained that his youths lacked shoes, and NMB Bank took that after having being told that 5m/- will help the junior golfers get shoes and jerseys and participate effectively in this game and achieve success," he said.

Mponzi further explained to Nkunda that NMB Bank has several special branches in the country for private banking, adding that in Dar es Salaam the bank has Oyster Plaza and Headquarters branches, thus welcoming army generals and other officers to be served.

Nkunda congratulated NMB Bank for sponsoring the competition on an international level while stressing that he is optimistic the bank will continue supporting TPDF and the government.

The CDF revealed: "I am pleased with NMB Bank's sponsorship for the sixth year in a row, this shows and confirms how NMB Bank is not only close to TPDF but also uses the opportunity to give back to the community."

"I call on government institutions and other organizations to follow the example set by NMB Bank and other sponsors in collaborating with the army by sponsoring these competitions and supporting the participation of armed forces teams in competitions in the country," he stressed.

Nkunda added that the NMB CDF Trophy tournament is a competition with unique importance in TPDF's history, revealing that after his appointment he was entrusted with the guardianship of the army's golf team by his predecessor Venance Mabeyo while promising to improve the squad.

## Polisi Tanzania, Geita Gold FC aim to get off the mark

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

POLISI Tanzania and Geita Gold FC will be searching for their maiden wins in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season today afternoon when they take on each other at Ushirika Stadium in Moshi.

It already looks like crunch time for both Polisi Tanzania and Geita Gold FC, as both teams got off to rough starts to the new season.

If either team loses they will be fighting an uphill battle from here to achieve their respective ambitions.

The hosts have slowly seen some players return to injury, with forward Vitalis Mayanga giving the attacking department a big boost.

Polisi Tanzania has lacked a reliable center-forward option since his injury last season.

He is the most complete forward they have had for a while and the team could immediately benefit from his presence in front of opponents' goal.

Ahead of the tie, Polisi Tanzania's assistant coach John Tamba said: "We are all well, as the technical bench, we have prepared the squad, improved on areas that we had previously shown weaknesses."

The tactician stated: "We have worked hard to correct the mistakes that bogged us down and are optimistic of getting a victory."

Geita Gold FC's head coach Fred Felix 'Minziro' will view Polisi Tanzania as the perfect moment for his outfit to put their difficulties behind them and rediscover some of their attacking verve of last season that pushed them to the enviable fourth position in their debut top-flight campaign.

They will need to play better than they did in their last outing against Dodoma Jiji FC if they are to get the bragging rights today and more importantly will expect a better performance from their key striker George Mpole.

Mpole has started the season slowly, having notched only one goal so far, there is pressure for the last season's top goal scorer to prove he deserves his status as one of the league's best players once again.

In head-to-head stats, Polisi Tanzania and Geita Gold FC have met in just two previous league matches.

Both encounters took place last season, with Geita Gold FC claiming a double by winning 3-1 in their home clash thanks to goals netted by Amos Kadikilo and Mpole.

The Premier League's second phase bringing together the two sides, which took place at the Ushirika venue, saw Geita Gold FC claim a hard-fought 1-0 victory as they surged to the fourth position.

## Winless Ihefu SC, Prisons FC renew rivalry in Premier League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

BOTTOM-placed Ihefu SC faces yet another stern test in the club's quest to get off the mark with a tough clash at home to city rivals Tanzania Prisons FC in the fifth round of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League at Highland Estates Stadium in Mbeya.

Ihefu SC is the only side in the NBC Premier League which has yet to post a point and, even though it feels much too soon to say the club must beat Prisons FC, the former's head coach Juma Mwambusi must surely feel his side needs to jumpstart the season with an important win to avoid another freefall into the Championship League.

In that dreadful run, Ihefu SC lost to Ruvu Shooting, Mtibwa Sugar, Namungo FC, and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

In Prisons FC, Ihefu SC faces a side high on confidence after earning a win at home against Azam FC in Mbeya last week.

The Ihefu SC head coach stated: "We are done with our preparation, we did our last training sessions and 95 percent of our players are fit and ready for the game."

The gaffer noted: "We shall miss some players, Joseph Kimwaga, Omar Hamisi, and goalkeeper Shaban Kado who is on the national beach football team's duty."

Speaking to the press ahead of the game, Ihefu SC's assistant coach Themi Felix said the international break has given them time to work on their squad as they look to recover from the poor start to the season.

The gaffer noted: "After the league break, we had time to work on our weaknesses and to improve on other areas so that we redeem ourselves from our current status."

He disclosed: "We expect a tough game because Prisons are a good side with a good technical bench. We call upon our fans to come out and support us at our stadium."

Head coach Mwambusi could again trust strikers Andrew Simchimba and Zambian Obrey Chirwa to score against Prisons FC, a side that is beaming with confidence.

The two forwards were wasteful against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in the previous game and need to be lethal if they are to leave Highland Estates Stadium with anything in the bag.



Ihefu SC's players participate in a warm-up session before participating in a recent 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash that took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF IHEFU SC

Prisons FC, under the tutelage of Kenyan Patrick Odhiambo, is sighing a breath of relief after the side registered four points in the last two games.

They will be desperate to keep this trend going and it seems that they have a good opportunity coming up, the reason being they are pitted against a struggling side.

In head-to-head stats, Ihefu SC and Prisons FC have met in just two previous

league matches.

Both encounters took place in the 2020/21 season, with the wardens winning 1-0 in their home clash thanks to a late goal netted by Marco Mhilo.

The second phase's game held in Mbarali saw Ihefu SC claim revenge with a 1-0 triumph, thanks to an early goal netted by midfielder Raphael Daudi.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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