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EAC states adopt AfCFTA Category A trade list offer

By Guardian Reporter

EAST African Community partner states have adopted the EAC tariff offer for Category A products amounting to 90.2 per cent (5,129 tariff lines out of a total 5,688 lines) to be fully liberalised in 10 years after the start of trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

The EAC is now among the state parties meeting the minimum requirements for Category A to start trading on a provisional basis under AfCFTA, as the zone is negotiating the AfCFTA rollout as a bloc.

A ministerial council meeting on trade, industry, finance and investment in Arusha on Friday directed the EAC Secretariat to submit the Category A list to the AfCFTA Secretariat as soon as possible, while also asking the EAC Secretariat to convene an experts meeting by 15th April to consider categories B and C of the EAC tariff offer.

The offers will now be subjected to verification by the AfCFTA Secretariat in

On the other hand, industrial production increases under each of the three proposed maximum CET rates, with the highest rate of 35 per cent conferring the greatest gains in projected regional industrial output

the Ghanaian capital of Accra, with AfCFTA having so far verified 29 tariff offers to ensure that they meet the protocol framework modalities, with the EAC listing the number to 34 countries once the EAC offers are verified.

Verification of the tariff offers will ensure that AfCFTA member states meeting the minimum requirements start trading under the Continental Free Trade Area Agreement, officials said.

Dr Kevit Desai (pictured), Kenya's permanent secretary for EAC Affairs, said at a media briefing after chairing the ministerial council meeting that consultations will start on the determination of the maximum rate for the Common External Tariff (CET) for various products, in the wake of the EAC offer.

The partner states need to consult stakeholders on the analysis undertaken by the EAC Secretariat on the proposed maximum CET rates and submit comments on the proposed maximum CET rates of 30 per cent, 33 per cent and 35 per cent to the Secretariat by mid next month.

The ministers directed the secretariat to

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Dar eyes medical hub status with 15.5bn/- diagnosis tool



It's already a whole five sacks of charcoal on his motorcycle but, surprise, surprise, this small trader is far from satisfied. Roving correspondent Jumanne Juma caught up with him in Mkuranga District, Coast Region, at the weekend hunting for customers as he headed for Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

'Kili cable car impacts can ruin green ranking'

■ Hiking is a unique experience, not arriving by rope, consultants affirm

By Guardian Reporter

A SECTION of international travel agents have raised a red flag against a planned cable car project on Mount Kilimanjaro, cautioning that nature-minded travel groups could advise travellers to avoid Africa's highest summit.

US-based travel agent and consultant, Wil Smith who has been promoting the Mount Kilimanjaro for twenty years wrote a letter saying: "If the proposed cable car is constructed, we will no longer promote Kilimanjaro as a natural and scenic destination, and we will advise our travelers

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to avoid the area."

Smith who is a director of the Deeper Africa outfitter says that a cable car on Mount Kilimanjaro will be an unnatural eyesore and a public nuisance.

Writing an open letter to the Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, he said the core values of the Kilimanjaro mountain climbing destination that draw the trekkers comprise its wild, scenic setting and the challenge of trekking to the summit.

"The construction of a high-capacity tourist conveyance will urbanise the

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Farmers in 150bn/- sales with new markets - AGRA

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIAN farmers accessed formal markets for agricultural produce worth over 150bn/- from 2017 to 2021, thanks to combined efforts by the government, the private sector and development partners.



Prof Adolf Mkenda

Farmers sold 153bn/- worth of produce in contract farming and articulated demand based production with layers of input and market support systems, on the basis of a report by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA).

The report titled 'How integration enhances the competitiveness of agribusinesses and smallholder farming systems' with a Tanzania case study lists the work of different organisations, businesses and government agencies in the consortia model supporting farmers in the south

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By Correspondent James Kandoya

STATE of the art cancer screening equipment being installed at the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) is expected to save over 5bn/- spent on diagnosis overseas and make Tanzania a regional hub for medical tourism.

Once operational within four months, the positron emission tomography/computed tomography and cyclotron (PET/CT) that cost over 15.5bn/- will add Tanzania to a handful of African countries capable of diagnosing cancer at an early stage.

Health deputy minister Dr Godwin Mollele made these observations during an inspection tour with members of the standing committee for Social Welfare and Community Development of the National Assembly at the health facility, noting that the new equipment will be the first such installation in the East African region.

The new equipment helps to push the government industrialization policy as it involves building a factory to produce radio isotopes used in the scanning of tumours, he said, highlighting that the government's goal is to improve early screening within the country and serve foreign visitors as well.

Using the new equipment will increase revenues to the health facility as people seek its services, thus improving ORCI internal finances, reducing subsidies from the government, he said, noting that radio isotopes produced at the proposed plant will be sold to other hospitals internally and regionally where a similar machine is available.

Since PET/CT Scan machines are not available in most of Sub-Saharan countries

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save for Kenya and South Africa, patients from other nearby countries are likely to fly to ORCI for medical examination, making the centre double as a tourism hub.

ORCI executive director Dr Julius Mwaeselage said the institute receives over 2000 patients from nearby countries, collecting revenues amounting to 3.2bn/- annually through scanning services.

The building housing the new equipment had reached 80 per cent construction and installation of the machine is expected before end of June, with testing and handing over the cyclotron and PET/CT Scan slated for July, he stated.

A PET scan can find abnormal activity and it is more sensitive to tumour cell motion than other imaging tests. It may also show changes in the body more rapidly, and in that case doctors use PET-CT scans to provide more detailed information about incipient cancers, he explained.

ORCI has already trained three nuclear medicine physicians, four nuclear machine technologists, nuclear machine medical physicists, biomedical engineers and radio pharmacists he stated, expressing the ORCI wish to promote these services in hospitals across the sub-region in order to improve medical tourism and increase revenues.

At present ORCI attends 7000 patients annually, while 45,000 to 50,000 patients await making a second visit, with the cost of screening using the new equipment billed at

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CRDB Bank Plc corporate affairs director Tully Esther Mwambapa (3rd-R) pictured in Zanzibar at the weekend presenting a dummy cheque for 36.6m/- to the founder and chairperson of Zanzibar's just-launched Maisha Bora Foundation, Zanzibar First Lady Mariam Mwinyi. The money is meant to supplement efforts to help children and women lead better lives. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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1.6m/- per person, the director noted. Stanislus Nyongo, chairman of the committee, expressed satisfaction with the progress reached, urging the institute to engage the private sector to increase supplies of radio isotopes by opening branches in neighbouring countries.

ORCI needs to come up with a treatment business plan on how to extend services to clients in a more cost rationalized manner, he added.

222 streets in 41 wards set to receive postcode addresses in Dodoma City

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

A TOTAL of 222 streets in 41 wards of Dodoma City Council are expected to receive postcode addresses to simplify the provision of various services.

It has been said yesterday by the coordinator of the installation of postcode address system for Dodoma city Joseph Nkuba.

Nkuba said the streets will increase efficiency in various areas for goods delivery and reduce loss and for the residents to identify their areas.

He named other benefits of the postcode address system as simplifying defence and security of the areas, identification of goods and access to various statistics needed.

"Others include facilitation of rescue operations during disasters, collection of various taxes in time and fight against criminal activities, and statistics regarding immigration issues and tourism in general," he added.

He added that installation of postcode address system began December 13 2021 for identifying

boundaries for 153 streets and so far 69 streets remain which will be finalised by May 22 this year.

He said the exercise for the City of Dodoma is expected to employ 100 qualified youth including form IV education, people with computer knowledge and those able to read maps, and they will work for 45 days.

However, Nkuba warned residents not to associate the postcode address system exercise with land surveying; instead they should offer their utmost cooperation.

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mountain and disfigure the landscape. Kilimanjaro will lose its reputation as a grand and beautiful wonder, becoming instead a cheap and easy distraction of no great consequence," the consultant asserted.

The travel agent further suggests that the project will also be a public health hazard, intimating that a "cable car rapidly lifting unprepared tourists to extreme altitudes will cause illness, injury and death."

Mingmar Sherpa, the managing director of Boss Adventure Treks & Expedition based at Kathmandu in Nepal, north of India, insisted that the cable car project be dropped. Nepal is a living example of how ropeway could be destructive to the trekking industry, he stated.

Explaining why he doesn't support the cable car project, he said that the value of Kilimanjaro will be compromised as the experience that hikers get by trekking to the top will not be the same by ropeway.

"We will not feel that pride and cheerfulness of getting to the top. Just imagine getting to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro or Everest on ropeway or any other medium. What will be the value?" he demanded.

He puts it clearly that his clients don't prefer to trek in those regions where there are rope ways as they want to trek and experience nature, enjoy the surrounding, interact with the local people, and so on.

"I had an opportunity to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in 2019 and I wish my children and the future generation would have the same experience rather than getting to the top by ropeway," he elaborated.

Thomas Zwahlen, managing director of Alpenschule (mountain school) who has been leading trekker groups from Switzerland for three decades now said that the national park authorities are expected to protect the landscape and the unique flora and fauna of Mount Kilimanjaro and to preserve it for the future.

Tourism development of the Alps (a mountain range in the Swiss, Italian and French border zone) in the past brought up the lesson that intact nature and undeveloped peaks are the basis for sustainable development of the industry as it peeps into the future, he stated.

"We urge you to stop the project and thus preserve the unique Mount Kilimanjaro because

it's the best and most beautiful figurehead of Tanzania," he further remarked.

Meinrad Bittel, a Swiss mountain guide regularly climbing Kilimanjaro for 30 years said that hearing that a cable car was being planned to climb to the summit of Kilimanjaro was shocking. "Kilimanjaro is a symbol of Tanzania. This mountain belongs to the Seven Summits! So it cannot be that a person can climb this beautiful mountain with a cable car. Just imagine what would happen to the landscape," he declared.

Karl Kobler, the founder and managing director of Aconcagua Vision, Kobler & Partners in Switzerland and Himalaya Vision in Nepal has been selling the trekking safaris to Kilimanjaro for 35 years said that tourists choose Kilimanjaro as their destination because of its pristine landscape as a unique free-standing mountain, and is also a World Heritage Site.

"Kilimanjaro would lose its attractiveness for trekkers and mountaineers. It would be nothing special anymore. Nowhere in the world has a cable car ever been built on one of the Seven Summits. It would be a big financial loss for the whole tourism industry and this could not be compensated with a cable car," he writes to the government.

In an earlier response, the minister had stated that the cable car project is driven by good intentions, to enable even the disabled to gain access to Mount Kilimanjaro.

"The debate over the plan is still underway, and we are organizing a major stakeholders' forum on March 8 in Moshi specifically to deliberate on the issue, to seek a consensus on the way forward.

"If a majority will oppose the plan then we will not implement the project. The government of the day is people centered and issues oriented," he stated, explaining the position at an editors' forum in Dar es Salaam.

Tourism sector international players' opposition to the project follows local voices including tour operators and guides who say the project imperils the allure of climbing the mountain, apart from ruining job openings for thousands of porters and other service providers.

Back in 2019, the ministry announced a plan for a cable car installed on Mount Kilimanjaro as part of a strategy to quadruple the number of tourists visiting Africa's highest mountain, from 50,000 to 200,000 annually, so as to increased earnings in the sector.

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western regions, the western zone and the northern part of the country.

The report was compiled with inputs from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the MasterCard Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation as well as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UK Aid and its US version, USAID.

Organisational support included providing funding, strategic support, access to markets and financing as well as linkages to inputs and output markets, where at the launching ceremony, former President Jakaya Kikwete, an AGRA board member said that this approach was paying dividends.

"Over the years, we have learnt that supporting agricultural systems in isolation does not guarantee scale and sustainability. The consortia model evolved as we worked with the government, private sector and development partners, building synergies to unlock more value and drive farmers' adoption of technologies to catalyze sustainable agribusiness relationships and delivery models," he explained.

AGRA has invested \$8.7m to support consortia working in the four zones, an initiative reaching more than 720,000 farmers who accessed structured markets, yielding 12 percent more rice and obtaining 47 percent higher factory gate prices for higher quality maize.

In addition, beans export sales increased from \$239,130 to \$19.5m, with \$13.3m worth of fertilizer sold to the participating farmers. Similarly, \$16m worth of seed produced sold by seed companies and agro-sector dealers were taken up by farmers, he elaborated.

Prof Adolf Mkenda, who previously held the Agriculture portfolio, said the book provides an opportunity for stakeholders to learn from one another and to provide feedback and accountability on the performance of

agricultural investments.

AGRA has been supporting Tanzania's agriculture sector since 2006 to develop crop varieties, train scientists and research infrastructure, strengthen extension services, providing market and finance linkages, supporting agro-dealers and espousing policy reforms.

Over the last four years, the integrated approach has shown how synergies between agricultural systems create more value, leading to the adoption of technologies at scale while creating sustainable agribusiness relationships and delivery models, he said.

Prof. Jean Jacques Muhinda, AGRA's regional head for East Africa, said the foundation's partners under the partnership for inclusive agricultural transformation in Africa (PIATA) facilitated integrated delivery model within the agro-economic zones and across value chains.

"This partnership enabled us to leverage public and private investments to build sustainable systems that will transition agriculture from subsistence into a profitable enterprise," he said, as the former president's week-long tour of agriculture projects supported by AGRA and partners had just been concluded.

He covered over 3,000 kilometres on the road, traversing seven out of 25 regions of the Mainland across the southern, western and central parts of the country, accompanied by deputy minister Anthony Mavunde.

A cross-section of public officials, private sector executives and civil society actors travelled with the former president, witnessing first-hand agricultural enterprises changing the faces of the rural areas and regional townships, he affirmed.

"Tanzania, with smallholder farmers at the centre, can scale gains made in agriculture and agro-industrialization into a formidable individual and national development vehicle translating into a fast-developing and prosperous nation for the majority of citizens," he added.



Members of the Mirerani branch - in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region - of the Tanzania Women Mining Association pictured at the weekend with tanzanite ready for value-addition. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

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convene another extraordinary meeting of the council on March 18 to deliberate on proposed revisions to the maximum CET rates, with the secretariat saying in its preliminary analysis that measures of benefits for products listed in the maximum tariff band are positive except for welfare loss, which it said would be transitory.

The various maximum CET rates will have diverse macroeconomic impacts, with the average potential short-term impact on EAC Partner States total tax revenues as increasing by 3.9 per cent for the 30 per cent maximum

rate, 4.9 per cent increase for 33 per cent and 5.5 per cent increase for 35 per cent maximum external tariff, he elaborated.

Employment generation was likely to increase marginally at 0.02 per cent (implying about 5,055 job openings) under the maximum rate of 30 per cent; 0.03 per cent increase or 6,089 openings with a maximum rate of 33 per cent being applied; and 0.03 per cent or 6,781 employed persons increased in average EAC formal employment under the maximum rate of 35 per cent.

Potential trade diversion into the EAC (intra-EAC trade) increases are pegged at \$13.03m under the 30 per cent maximum

rate, \$16.51m with a maximum rate of 33 per cent and \$18.9m with the highest rate of 35 per cent, he stated.

On the other hand, industrial production increases under each of the three proposed maximum CET rates, with the highest rate of 35 per cent conferring the greatest gains in projected regional industrial output. EAC experts affirm that there is a 0.02 percent (\$7.7m in value) increase in industrial output with an applied maximum rate of 30 per cent, 0.03 per cent (\$10.3m) increase in production with a rate of 33 per cent and 0.04 per cent (\$12.1m) increase in output with the highest rate at 35 per cent, he added.



Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdullah (2nd-L) presents a certificate of appreciation to Vicky Bishubo, NMB Bank Plc's Head of Government Business, at a ceremony held in Zanzibar last week to congratulate Zanzibar House of Representatives teams which took part in tournaments for East African Community partner states. Left is the Zanzibar legislative body's Speaker, Zuber Ali Maulid. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mainland, Z'bar cooperation in oil, gas sectors officially sealed

By Guardian Reporter

CONTRACT pacts for cooperation in the oil and gas sector among institutions dealing with the sector from both parts of the Union have been signed, thereby formalizing the cooperation.

The signing event took place last Saturday in Unguja Urban West Region witnessed by the Permanent Secretary in the Union Minerals ministry Eng Felchesmi Mramba, Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar Water, Energy and Mineral ministry Dr Mngereza Miraji Mzee, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Union's Minerals ministry, Kheri Mahimbali, Unguja Urban West District Commissioner, Rashid Msaraka (on behalf of the Regional Commissioner) AND ZANZIBAR City Mayor, Mahmoud Mussa.

Other officials who witnessed the event included heads of various institutions managing oil and gas sector from both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar and chairpersons of their respective Boards.

The Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar Water, Energy and Mineral ministry Dr Mngereza Miraji Mzee mentioned the institutions that signed the agreement as including Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) and Zanzibar Petroleum Development Corporation (ZPDC), Petroleum Upstream Regulatory Authority (PURA), Zanzibar Petroleum (Upstream) Regulatory Authority (ZPRA), Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) and

Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA).

He said TPDC and ZPODC will cooperate in various fields including building of the capacity for experts, exchange of experience, technology tools in oil and gas exploration in both sides of the Union, exchange of experience in the processing, interpreting and storing of statistics and various other data regarding oil and gas exploration and production of oil and gas resources in the country.

He mentioned some of the signed agreement between PURA and ZPRA as including the exchange of experience in the preparation and formulation of various guidelines and regulations for the administration of petrol drilling activities, enhancing knowledge in the inspection of contracts for income allocation and exchange experience in the administration and storage various data and reports on exploration and development of petroleum resources.

Unguja Urban West District Commissioner, Rashid Msaraka who represented the Regional Commissioner at the signing event said the signing of the agreements is a result of huge efforts by top leaders from both sides of the Union as well as ministers managing the sectors.

For his part the Permanent Secretary in the Union Minerals ministry Eng Felchesmi Mramba said the signing of the agreements for cooperation aims to improve to strengthen research activities in regard to oil and gas and for both Mainland and Isles, over 57 trillion cubic feet of natural gas has been discovered.

By Guardian Correspondent, Chalinze

SWARMS of armyworms have invaded farms in Chalinze district, Coast region destroying crops.

This was reported at the weekend during Chalinze District Councillors' Meeting by Councillor Ubena Geoffrey Kamugisha who called on the government to take urgent steps to rescue farmers' crops.

Kamugisha said in case urgent steps are not taken there is the possibility for the district to be hit by famine.

Chalinze District Council Chairman Hassan Mwinikondo said the vermin have spread in all wards of the district

Fall armyworms invade farms in Chalinze district

and that already they have instructed the District Agriculture Officer to conduct an evaluation of the problem.

He said he also instructed him to refer the issue to the ministry of agriculture for sending spray teams to the Areas before the crops were completely wiped out.

"The problem with armyworms is a big one in our district, we have already instructed the District agriculture officer to report the matter to the agriculture Ministry for urgent insecticide spraying, else the district stands to face famine," he said.

Meanwhile, the Bagamoyo District Administrative Secretary (DAS) has reminded Council officials to adhere to ethics while performing their duties.

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CALL FOR PROPOSAL

Request For Proposal For Comprehensive Review of the HR Functions For The Central Board of Education.

The Central Board of Education (CBE) requests qualified firms to submit a proposal to provide professional services to complete a comprehensive review of the HR Functions.

Project Description:

The Central Board of Education (CBE) is requesting proposals from qualified consultants for a comprehensive review of HR functions, identify areas of improvement, propose a plan in line with the CBE mission and vision, assist in implementation of the same, and carry out a post-implementation review.

The Consultant must adopt a transparent, inclusive, and participatory approach to the review, and will be required to:

1. Review and analyze the following HR policies and processes to ensure alignment with KSJ - CBE's vision, mission, objectives and operational requirement, as well as Tanzanian law, and taking into consideration several factors, including but not limited to:

- Organization structure and recommended key roles
- Job descriptions and KPIs (including academic and non-academic) for all positions;
- Remuneration package for local & expatriate positions (salary, bonus, benefits);
- Mechanism of remuneration framework (including but not limited to salary scale and range; criteria for awarding bonus, annual increment and promotion);
- Staff performance policy as it relates to the award of bonus and annual increment as well as the link to staff development and KPI's
- Leave Management
- ISO 9001 Compliance

Submission Guidelines :

The following submission guidelines apply to this Request for Proposal:

- * Only qualified and experienced individuals or firms should submit proposals in response to this Request for Proposal.
- * Interested parties should register their intent to submit a proposal by email to: board@almuntazir.org; and receive a confirmation of receipt.
- * All submissions must be received by: **5 pm on Monday 28th February 2022.**

For full details visit link <https://www.almuntazir.org/requestforproposal.pdf>

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF SECURITY GUARDING AND SECURITY RECEPTIONIST SERVICES FOR DAR ES SALAAM OFFICE REFERENCE NO. 0010007504

East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Ltd, invites experienced and reputable organizations to express their interest in providing security guard and receptionist services for the Dar es Salaam Office to the EACOP project.
The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Kabaale District, Uganda to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- Provision of 24/7 manned guarding services for office premises.
- Provision of reception services during normal office hours – English Speaking.
- Provision of Security Control Room monitoring services 24/7 – English Speaking.
- Provision of a dedicated Security Supervisor.
- Provision of Security Information reporting services for the East African Region, especially Tanzania and Uganda.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- ISO 18788 Certification.
- Proof of commitment to upholding the VPSHR.
- Proof that hiring practices avoid the recruitment of personnel involved in human rights violations.
- Demonstrate the capacity to manage security operations, to provide training and that he implements a robust Corporate Social Responsibility policy in line with national labour regulations.
- Sample of employee training materials for guard, receptionist, SCR operator, and supervisor. *
- Sample of Incident investigation and reporting procedure and templates.
- References of similar services.
- Proof of good financial solvency to deliver the services.
- Proof of Business licenses and all regulatory licenses or certifications required for providing these services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.

*Note; the training materials should be a sample only, submission of full training manual is NOT required. However, an overview of the syllabus and details of typical training / retraining schedule should be included.

Companies which have the ability, capacity and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to ecop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **4th March 2022**. Email subject should be **0010007504**.

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

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16 Kazakhstan tourists arrive

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

SIXTEEN tourists from Kazakhstan arrived at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) at the weekend and received by officials of Tanzania National Park (TANAPA), Tanzania Tourist Board, the Office of Honorary Kazakhstan members community in Tanzania and Alteza Company, their hosts.

Speaking after receiving the visitors, Assistant Commissioner of Conservation, Angela Nyaki, on behalf of TANAPA Commissioner of Conservation said this is a new market and will make sure they get better hospitality so as they act as good ambassadors of Tanzania's tourism.

"The visitors expect to climb Mt Kilimanjaro, visit Serengeti and Tarangire National parks. I believe for the reception they have received they will make good ambassadors of our tourism," she said.

For his part, a consultant from the Office of Honorary Kazakhstan Members Community in Tanzania, George Lengeju said their office was looking of establishing hired planes trips from Kazakhstan to Tanzania

and hence the number of tourists from their country is expected to rise.

Lengeju also called on Tanzania youth to grab the opportunity to learn foreign languages, in particular Russian to make easy communication between the visitors and their hosts' in Tanzania.

He also allayed fears on the visitors that there is a large community in Tanzania who speak Russian, the language being taught at the University of Dodoma (UDOM).

A total of 40 tourists from Kazakhstan arrived in Tanzania in the past week, in three different groups.

It is the result of efforts by TANAPA and other stakeholders to make sure that tourists from traditional markets come to Tanzania as well as those from new markets.



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'Gold mining is threatening Amani nature forest reserve'

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Muheza

AS people claim to have discovered gold in the Amani Nature Forest, the important ecological reserve mapped within Muheza and Korogwe districts in Tanga region faces serious environmental destruction.

Amani Nature Forest Reserve chief conservator Fikiri David Maiba, admitted that treasure hunters who keep invading the forest looking for (and actually digging) gold, started with local youth from nearby villages, but as time went by, aliens from other districts and region started flocking to Muheza in their quest for the gilded underground trophies.

"It is usually an on-and-off affair, depending on the season, in the past the trespassers destroyed more than 20 hectares of the forest as they fell trees, set bushes on fire and dug deep trenches, searching for gold," explained Maiba.

At least 20 villages surround the Amani Nature Forest Reserve located in the East Usambara mountain ranges, but according to local residents, people who actually infiltrate the woodland looking for gold were those coming from Sakale Village.

Gold hunters are also causing a series of conflicts, some of them becoming lethal as they get confronted by Forest Wardens and other villagers during their illegal treasure trove missions.

Hamza Salim Maghembe, the chairperson of Antakae Village, told Journalists that most villagers are actively taking part in conserving the newly hatched Derema Protected Natural Corridor reserve into which a number of their farms were annexed for its formation.

"We don't dig for gold ourselves, the issue is an isolated case among the young people aged between 16 and 20 in the Sakale area," said Maghembe, adding that, it has been a long belief since colonial days, that the Amani Forest Reserve had gold reserves.

Both Amani and Nilo Nature Forests contribute to the Derema Protected Corridor which also encompasses, among other reserves, the Derema Forest, Kambali, Semo, Kwa-Marimba, Kizingata and Handei. The Corridor measures more than 900 hectares.

The reporters were members of the Journalist' Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET), who visited the area, covering issues surrounding the Derema Corridor, precisely learning how communities living adjacent to protected reserves are involved in conservation efforts.

The media environmental mission in the Muheza section of East Usambara Mountains, of Tanga Region, was supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

People's awareness on HIV/Aids self-testing initiative goes up in Manyara

By Guardian Correspondent, Manyara

A NEW initiative for people to get tested for HIV in Manyara Region has increased people's awareness of their health status and starting antiretroviral drugs (ARVs).

Regional AIDS Control Coordinator, Dr Charles Shija unveiled this here on Thursday that there is rapidly increase uptake of HIV testing services in the region.

He said that the new method known as 'Jipime' whereby HIV self-testing allows people to take an HIV test and find out their result in their own home or other private location and after testing they send the results to a health care provider at a service center.

"In this initiative, a person can test her/himself under the supervision of a service provider or without supervision after being given instructions," he said, adding one approach is HIV self-testing, where a person collects his or her own specimen (oral fluid or blood) and then performs an HIV test.

The expert said the test was introduced in April last year and the results have been good, it lasted for two years due shortage of equipment, but will now start working soon.

He also said that a person who assesses what he/she is doing on a rectangle in which he stays for some time reads the answers.

"Any response he receives, whether

positive or negative, will have to come to the health facility and provide it to providers," he said, noting that the success of the measure was to increase the speed of self-testing and the goal was for people to identify their condition.

According to the 2016/2017 survey Manyara accounted for 2.3 percent of HIV infections while nationally it was 4.7 percent while five years ago the prevalence was 1.5 percent per region.

He cited the causes of rising infections as behaviors and circumstances that lead people to engage in the sex trade, men having sex with men injecting drugs through injections.

Babati resident Amina Ally said the test would help identify people who were afraid to come forward to find out their status.

He advised that more education be provided so that more people can identify themselves and know their status so that the government can help them.

Introducing the Comprehensive client centered Health program HIV and Tuberculosis (C3HP) project, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric Aids Foundation (EGPAF Tanzania) Country Director Dr Sajida Kimambo assured the regional leadership that they would raise HIV-positive people in each district council and introduce drugs and capacity building professionals to help those living with HIV.



Smallholder farmers Saringo Medidini (L) and Meshack Saringo of Kwekisanga village in Kilindi District, Tanga Region, use an ox-drawn plough in preparing their farm for the upcoming season. Photo: Correspondent Dege Masoli

By Guardian Correspondent, Kishapu

RC hands over modern house to a TASAF beneficiary in Kishapu

SHINYANGA regional commissioner Sophia Mjema has fulfilled her promise by building a modern house for the beneficiary of the Tanzania Social Development Fund (TASAF) Mwash Masanja (70), a resident of Ipeja village in Kishapu District.

On January 11, this year, the RC made a visit to Kishapu District to see how TASAF beneficiaries are progressing, and when she arrived at the elderly woman Mwash Masanja's household and found her living in an unstable house and promising to build her another house.

The victim was living with her two grandchildren who are still young in a mud house despite it has been roofed with corrugated iron sheets through TASAF funds, where heavy rains could

fall the house, then the RC was touched and decided to give 3.5m / -, to build a better house for herself and her grandchildren.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan wants us to help his people who live in slums, especially the elderly, and the money I have given to build this TASAF target house comes from her, and today I officially hand over her house that I promised to build for her," said RC Mjema.

"This house that I have handed over to this TASAF beneficiary is one-room, has solar panels, water storage

tank, and has a modern toilet," she added.

Shinyanga regional member of CCM's National Executive Committee (NEC) Gaspel Kileo supported the Regional Commissioner and bought the TASAF beneficiary a bed, mattress and sheets to sleep in a comfortable place.

Itilima Ward Councilor in Kishapu District Lameck Msubato handed over the TASAF beneficiary with two goats that she will rear get more goats and empower her economically.

TASAF Beneficiary Mwash

Masanja thanked the RC for building a modern house for him and his grandchildren, and thanked her and other stakeholders who helped the woman, while praying for good health for President Samia to continue to lead the nation well.

Kishapu District Commissioner Joseph Mkude said the construction of the TASAF beneficiary house started on February 5, this year, and was completed on the February 17, at the price of 5.3m/- where other stakeholders contributed 1.9m/- and he personally provided 400,000/-.



Kinondoni district commissioner Godwin Gondwe (L) is 'honoured' with a Tanzania Scouts tie in Dar es Salaam yesterday on arrival at an event held to mark the February 22, 1857 birth of British Army Officer Lord Robert Baden-Powell as the founder and first Chief Scout of the worldwide Scout Movement and founder, with his sister Agnes, of the worldwide Girl Guide/Girl Scout Movement. Photo: Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

Sailors rescued in L. Tanganyika as their vessel capsizes

By Guardian Correspondent, Rukwa

ELEVEN sailors have been rescued in critical condition from Burundi registered ship - MV Mbayamwezi with Reg No. BY 0074 after it was hit by a fierce storm and sank in Lake Tanganyika as it was sailing from Zambia to Burundi.

Briefing reporters here on Saturday Rukwa Regional Police Commander

William Mwampagale said the vessel, owned by Rafiki Ibrahim and operated by Red Marine, a Burundian firm sank off Kabwe area in Nkasi district, Rukwa Region after it was hit by a fierce storm February 17 at around 11:00 am.

RPC Mwampagale said after sinking, the sailors put on safety gear and stayed afloat in the water for nearly 24 hours before they were rescued by members

of the Police, TPDF and fishermen and rushed to Kirando Health Centre for treatment and were reportedly doing well.

The vessel's captain, Ramadhani Katambo Morris said as the vessel was sinking he was the first person who emerged and swam while screaming for help from nearby fishermen who rushed to the scene to rescue him and fellow sailors.

He said the vessel with an 18 tonnes load capacity was carrying 17 tonnes of cargo, but the storm struck them and sank.

Kirando Health Centre Doctor in Charge Benedict Tilamasi confirmed to have received 11 patients, six of them were in critical condition and received first aid and medical treatment and that they were doing well.

SAGCOT supports better land use for commercial farming

By Guardian Reporter

THE Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) has received reports of various researches conducted by various world universities, including the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) that spell out the importance in adhering to better plans for land use for commercial farming.

Speaking after receiving the research reports, SAGCOT Managing Director Geoffrey Kirenga hailed the reports, saying their universities aims is to make sure farmers conduct profitable farming practices and called for sustainable use of better farm inputs to attain higher achievements.

Kirenga also reminded farmers in better use of land resources to provide positive aims in the farming sector and added that SAGCOT is working closely with stakeholders from the government and the private sectors and in particular small farmers who are potentially good investors in the future.

“The researches are a continuation of the results of cooperation with various stakeholders

in strengthening the farming sector to contribute to the national development,” he said.

For his part, the Kilombero SAGCOT Manager, John Banga said the meeting aims to provide education in adhering to better land use to commercialize agriculture.

“Better land use and other resources in the value chain in agriculture in Kilombero and Ithemi areas will provide the impetus to farmers to engage themselves in commercial farming - to farm in small areas and reap big harvests,” said Banga.

For his part, Prof Pantaleo Munishi from SUA said the aim of the researches is to make sure farmers engage themselves in profitable farming activities that will not the environment and ecology of their areas.

“The researches are a continuation of the results of cooperation with various stakeholders in strengthening the farming sector to contribute to the national development”



Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) CEO Geoffrey Kirenga speaks at a meeting held at the weekend where the findings of research commissioned by the agency and conducted by various Tanzanian and foreign universities including Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) were tabled and discussed. The study sought to provide impetus within Tanzania's Ithemi and Kilombero clusters to increase productivity in crop production as well as sustainable use of quality agricultural inputs. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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FARU GRAPHITE CORPORATION LIMITED: MAHENGE GRAPHITE PROJECT Requests the submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced parties wanting to participate in providing Mining Services.

Enquiry Number: BR/MGP/001

INTRODUCTION

Faru Graphite Corporation Limited (FGCL) is a joint venture company formed via the Framework Agreement signed 13th December 2021 between Mahenge Resources Limited (MRL) owning 84 % and the Government of Tanzania (GoT) owning 16 % Free Carried Interest for the development of the Graphite deposits in Morogoro Region. Under the Framework Agreement terms, FGCL has been formally established for the mining, processing, and refining of Graphite.

The mining operations are designed to feed the Stage 1 processing facility with run of mine (RoM) graphite ore from the Ulanzi graphite deposit into a variety of saleable graphite concentrates. Stage 1 is the first of four stages for the life of mine operation for the Mahenge Graphite Project each of which will mine and process 1 million tonnes per year of ore to produce approximately 83,000 t/y of graphite concentrate.

FGCL invites 'Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and experienced companies interested in being selected as preferred contractor to deliver mining services work as defined in the Scope of Work.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work shall include the provision of all mining services for the Project. The Mining Services will include, but are not limited to:

- Drill and Blast services;
- Excavation and movement of material to RoM(s) and waste stockpiles;
- Clearing and topsoil stockpiling according to Environmental procedures;
- Rehabilitation activities as directed;
- Establishment of site services (power, water, sewage) to contractors' facilities; Administration buildings, ablutions, workshops to support the contract;
- Construction and management of the Tailings Storage Facilities (TSF);
- Establishing and maintenance of mine haulage and access roadways;
- Establishing and maintaining radio communications across all mining areas; and Provision of Mine support services activities will include personnel transport, road maintenance, pit dewatering and lighting, dump management and dust suppression.

Further details of the Mahenge Graphite Project can be found at www.blackrockmining.com.au.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

If your company would like to be considered for selection to participate in the Mining Services tender process, please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead together with the following minimum information and/or documentation:

1. COMMERCIAL

- Full Company Profile.
- Company Code of Conduct.
- Company Code of Ethics.
- Certified Copy of Registration/ Incorporation Certificate.
- Certified Copy of a valid Tax Clearance Certificate.

- Certified Copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association/ Partnership Deed.
- Certified Copy of TIN and VRN Certificate.
- Certified Copy of Business Licence/ Sectorial Permit.
- Certified Copy of current BRELA standard search.
- Company Shareholding structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share Certificates and Passport/ Voter or National ID Card for Management and Shareholders.
- Demonstrate compliance with The Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content Plan approved by the Mining Commission and Local Company definition.

2. EXPERIENCE and CAPABILITY

- Overview of your recent Mining Services history with clients and projects of this scale, nature, and location. In particular, the company shall demonstrate competent mining capability for graphite or similar ore types.
- Details of workload projection for the next six to twelve months in terms of projects.
- Brief method statement of how your company would execute the Mining Services including drill and blast, excavation and material movement, TSF construction and management, and support services required to maintain production rates.
- Curriculum Vitae outlining years of service and experience of key personnel to be assigned to the project.

3. FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE

- Financial capacity to complete the services required including submission of audited and certified financial statements (2019-2020).
- At least one (1) reference from the applicant's banker regarding their credit position.
- Pathway considerations that your company could offer to FGCL providing benefits to FGCL from either a financial and/or scheduling aspect.

4. SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

- Certified OSHA Compliance Certificate.
- Certified Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance.
- Environmental Management Plan/Programme/Policy.
- Health and Safety Programme.

EOI SUBMISSIONS

Interested companies with the capability to provide the services should express their interest by sending a response to the stated Minimum Requirements by email to tenders@farugraphitecorp.co.tz by 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT) on **Monday 28 February 2022**. Please quote the reference number in the subject line of your email.

FGCL will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to select preferred contractors for the Mining Services Contract. Pre-qualification of any company submitting an **"Expression of Interest"** and selection of preferred contractors shall be at the sole discretion of Faru Graphite Corporation Limited.

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DCB launches special club for its customers

By Guardian Reporter

DCB Commercial Bank has launched a special club for customers of its education account dubbed: 'Skonga Club', which have different advantages for parents, guardians and the targeted children.

Speaking at club launch, DCB Managing Director, Godfrey Ndalaha said in Dar es Salaam at the weekend that it is one of the milestone events for the bank, calling it an opportunity for clients as the bank celebrates its 20th anniversary since its establishment.

He said that the launch of Skonga Club is in tandem with achievements registered since the launch of Skonga Account on September 10, 2019, with the aim of guaranteeing child education up to university level.

"The bank has recorded a lot of success of the account including improving the lives of our customers as this account enables a customer to set aside money every month for a predetermined period from three years onwards, another success is the increase of customers for Skonga to reach three thousand, with deposits of over one billion," he said.

"DCB Skonga Club has been launched as an offshoot of DCB Skonga, with the aim of adding value to customer satisfaction. This club features a lot of benefits, it is a club of its own formed to cater for all, from parents, guardians and children, it is my expectation that parents will utilise the services effectively by signing up to DCB Skonga Account.

In securing members of the club, Ndalaha said a parent is supposed to open the DCB Skonga Account and start implementing the monthly deposit plan starting with 100,000/- or more per month for the education of the child and is automatically registered with Skonga Club.

Among the benefits, noted Ndalaha, the parent or guardian is entitled to the VISA credit card, school fees loans, emergency loan of up to 90 per cent of the deposited amount, financial education for the children, counselling for children, to

join a special program for financial and investment issues and various sport.

In addition, he said that Skonga Club members will be entitled to attend various events including exchange of ideas, leadership programs, and get discount rates for goods and services from business partners who have entered agreement with the bank like hotels, playing courts for children and national parks.

The MD added " DCB Skonga Club is full of economic, education and recreational benefits for children and parents, because via this club children will information on various schools, employment exhibitions, link with DCB programmes for employment of graduates, and on top of that attend training on entrepreneurship that will be offered by our bank."

"Skonga Club is a place to make new friends and to make historic events in sports, education and financial issues, life skills, at the same time we work to identify and nurture child talents, and to make Skonga Club attractive to children of various ages, DCB has grouped them into four categories depending on their ages, under which they will take part in various sport, training and talent development activities.

Ndalaha said that through DCB Skonga a parent decides the amount to be deposited every month to realise the child's dream, but at the same time get guarantee of education for the child because in the case of any calamity that will cause death or permanent disability before expiration of the term, the dependant will be refunded all cost from the beginning and the child will have all cost of education including accompanying school needs for the remainder of the contract term.

He noted that through the DCB Skonga a child is assured of the security of deposited funds, education up to university level, a hefty bonus every year, assurance of emergency loan of up to 90 per cent of deposited amount, funeral insurance in case of the death of the account holder, child, wife, husband or child.



Ayubu Fungo of Mkimbizi in Iringa Region pictured at the weekend showing maize he had just harvested from his farm for home use. The harvest is courtesy of the short rains. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

TFS plants 200,000 trees in Iramba

By Guardian Correspondent, Iramba

TANZANIA Forest Service Agency (TFS) in Iramba District, Singida Region has planted 200,000 trees out of the targeted 250,000 in an area of 625 hectare.

TFS manager for Iramba district Shabani Nyamasagara revealed this when issuing a report during a tree planting exercise held at Mayanzani village.

"We had about 250,000 nursery trees which we expected to plant and as we are talking we have planted a number of trees," he said.

According to the TFS official Wembere forest reserve which was earlier equipped with many kinds of trees but was later the situation changed due to human activities saying there is need for more efforts to return biodiversity as it was.

"We expected to plant 300,000 trees but we have planted 250,000 and we target that by the end of the year we expect to plant 350,000 by the end of the year," he said.

Speaking when launching the tree planting exercise, District Commissioner Selemu Yusufu Mwenda emphasized on the need for pastoralists not to take their animals in the forest for grazing.

According to the DC the government in the district will intensify patrols saying anyone who will be found, serious legal actions will be taken.

For his part the Ward Councilor for Urughu ward Saimon Tyosela said the exercise should be continuous adding that the move can create employment to surrounding communities.

"The six wards of Iramba district depend on the forest, therefore there is the need for communities to conserve the forest reserve for their wellbeing," he said.

TE and NHO organise training for Zanzibar women parliamentarians

By Guardian Reporter

THE Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) and the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises (NHO) have launched training of the "Female Future Programme" to the women parliamentarians of the Zanzibar House of Representatives.

The programme is part of the association to help enhance the inclusion of women in leadership positions in the corporate world, putting in place a knowledge base for best practices, and how to increase participation in women leadership in Tanzania.

Zanzibar House of Representatives' Deputy Speaker, Mgeni Hassan Juma graced the event on Thursday in Zanzibar and commended ATE and NHO for introducing the programme to the women legislators.

He said the training was vital as it is going to increase efficiency and thus become a catalyst for the positive changes in the country's development

"I would like to encourage the women parliamentarians to take advantage of this opportunity and participate fully in all courses. My office will provide required cooperation to ensure this training is successful for the wider benefit of the country," he said.

"This programme is going to be beneficial and will connect the ladies strategically to improve their performance, personal and organizational success and we believe this will enhance productivity at workplaces and an organization will feel the importance of grooming talents they wish to motivate."

He said that the programme also grills women to become more potential leaders capable of overcoming fear and managing fright when negotiating in various issues.

Suzanne Ndomba, ATE executive director said the training is part of the implementation of the advice issued by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who recommended extension of the

programme to female parliamentarians, when she presided over the 3rd ATE Annual Conference in March, 2021.

He said the training programme will be provided in partnership with the Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI).

"After her recommendation, ATE in collaboration with ESAMI commended preparations of the training by ensuring that important components are included in line with the current needs of the lawmakers," she said.

She said the training is aimed at increasing the efficiency of the MPs in the implementation of their activities as representatives of the people, law and policy makers as well as assisting the government in fulfilling its daily responsibilities.

Ndomba said the Female Future programme, an initiative by ATE in partnership with NHO which was launched in 2016 and it is still the most relevant and successful program which has been shaping women from different industries within middle management to be able to take up top positions as well as take their seats on various boards.

On his part, Prof Bonard Mwape, Director General of ESAMI said the Institute and ATE have been running the course since 2016. We have done 7 cohorts so far.

"I am glad to say that the women who have gone through this programme have performed excellently indeed. We also launched the same for women this year, 2021."

He said the launched programme to the women MPs in the House of Representatives has three components of governance, leadership and rhetoric with its objectives on developing leadership skills and personal effectiveness of women, enhance level of emotional intelligence, discovering the power within, developing personal brand as well as understanding parliamentary practices and procedures



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (5th-R) has a word at Mawenzi Secondary School in Moshi municipality last week with Vodacom Tanzania Plc managing director Sitholizwe Mdlalose (3rd R), Vodacom Tanzania Foundation corporate affairs director Rosalynn Mworira (2nd-R) and other Vodacom officials. It was shortly after the firm presented computers to Kilimanjaro Region as part of the launch of School Connectivity Project, which is meant to cover 50 public schools in ten regions. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Mary Kadoke

VODACOM Tanzania will have invested 600bn/- to complement government's initiatives of digitising economy, education, agriculture, and health sectors by 2026.

During his visit to The Guardian Limited's premises on Wednesday, Vodacom managing director Sitholizwe Mdlalose said the investment is part of the mobile phone firm's initiatives to support the country's development endeavors.

"There are a lot of things that we're working and adhering to what the government is doing. We've for example a project that looks to reducing infant and maternal mortality rate by 30 percent in the year 2026," he said.

The official also said that through strengthening their platforms people seeking for medical health will be

Vodacom Tanzania to invest 600bn/- to complement initiatives by government

able to call in, distress, and get linked to like an ambulance services at work through created connectivity and platforms that plug in people into the ecosystem.

He further noted that the company's move, that will usher education diversity in the country through Internet connectivity.

"We want to continue connecting all rural schools in Tanzania. Our personal goal set ahead, is to connect at least 1500 rural schools which currently do not have connectivity to the Internet."

He added: "The connection will be through a platform called Jifahamu, an educational content consuming no data charge, that anyone can access

that. We want to ensure that over a million people have an access to that by 2025."

Innovating entrepreneurs' digital platform is the other company's drive he spoke of towards the digital economy saying; "Internally we have what we call spirit of Vodacom it's how we challenge ourselves everyday looking at opportunities like digitizing education, farming, government and thought towards driving efficiency and scale to achieve the relative economy.

Detailing more on the support, he spoke of plans to maintain being the super network through investing innovative areas with Internet of

Things (IOT). "Over the next 3 years we will be focused to ensure that we maintain the super network that will be able to service our customers firstly and secondly start connecting to areas of innovation, investing in things like IOT-- the Internet that connect physical objects to Internet utilizing both from corporate and consumer perspective.

"Over the past four years we have invested 600bn/- into our network, having thought of having the widest networks over 3400 towers across the country with over 4000 kilometers of fibers. Therefore our plan to support the government is continuous," he said.

Be closer to children for better academic performance, parents, guardians advised

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PARENTS and guardians have been urged to be close to their children so that they can easily monitor their morals and academic development instead of leaving the task to teachers.

St. Mary's Mbezi Beach Deputy Head Teacher, Balele Rajab made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend by, when speaking during an award-giving ceremony to 52 students who scored division one in last year's Form Two examinations.

Among 52 Forms Two students who got division one in last year's Form two examinations, 12 of them scored division 1.7 and they were both awarded certificates and cash money.

He said many parents don't have time with their children and they pay much attention to their economic activities assuming that teachers will take care of them morally and academically.

"It is sad to see that even during the opening of the school we see many Bodaboda coming with students and the situation is the same during the closure of the midterm. Many students are picked by housemaids or bodaboda crews instead of their parents. This trend is very bad and you must change," he said

He said the school is proud to see the increase of morals among the students the move that has driven the school management to abolish punishment, adding that the situation will help the school to do wonders in this year's Form Four results.

He said morals and good academic performances are like twins so the current tremendous performance of the school does not come from heaven but is the results of morals and ethics they have shaped to their students and the hardworking spirit of their teachers.

He said the school has been doing the best in Form Two examinations and form four for its students to score division one, two, and three adding that parents should expect good things in the future.

"If you hear a school doing better academically then it is obvious that the said school is also doing better morally and if you hear a school has poor academic performances also they are bad morally. That is the fact you can't separate good performances and morals status," he said

He stresses that due to the hardworking spirit of teachers, 15 students from the school managed to score division one in the 2020 Form Four examinations and promised that the school will do the best in the

coming national examinations.

He said the evidence of good work of St. Mary's teachers is this year's Mock examinations whereby its 54 students scored division one in Form Two and no one got zero.

"But you must bear it in mind that this performance does not come accidentally it is because there are peoples who don't sleep. Our teachers are committed to ensuring that students do better and better in their national examinations. And if we continue with this spirit don't be surprised to see us in 10 ten this year," he said

Earlier, St Mary's Board Chairman, Dallas Muhoja said the schools are on the right track and urged parents happy to be happy and confident that their children are in good hands.

"You should not worry about anything because you have made the right choice to bring your child here, our academic performance is good and you can go through the internet and crosscheck so we need you to be our ambassadors to tell people our good things," he said

He said for the school to continue doing better it needs triangle collaboration between parents, students, and teachers adding that if that will be done the school will move to another level.



Dallas Muhoja (R), St Mary's Schools board chairman, presents certificates of appreciation to 52 students of St Mary's Secondary based at Mbezi Beach in Dar es Salaam who scored Division One in last year Form Two national examinations. The ceremony was held at the yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

TASO appeals to government to retake Nanenane grounds

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agriculture Support Organization (TASO) has requested the government to give back ownership of the NaneNane Grounds which are illegally operated by regional governments.

The organization also wants the government to restore the NaneNane farmer's agricultural exhibition which was shelved by the Ministry of Agriculture to allow evaluation of the contribution of the exhibition since its inception.

TASO Secretary General, Herry Beji made the statement yesterday when presenting a report of the organization's national central committee to delegates who attended the annual general meeting.

Beji claimed that despite the government's decision to take over operation of the NaneNane grounds; it has also taken responsibility to coordinate all the activities which were previously under TASO.

He was concerned that TASO can hardly operate over lack of resources because all the sources of funds it

relied on have been taken over by regional governments.

"We appeal to the government to give us back the NaneNane grounds and allow us to continue organizing the popular NaneNane agricultural exhibition because we are mandated by the law," said the SG.

He mentioned the NaneNane farmers' grounds in question as Nzuguni in Dodoma, Morogoro, Mbeya, Arusha and Lindi.

"All these five grounds were operated by TASO; we are responsible for preparation and coordination of the farmers' agricultural exhibition. The government took over the grounds and stopped us from organizing the exhibition for three years," said Beji.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Said Amanzi said the organization was de-registered in 2017 due to the various challenges. He said during that period, the government took over operationalization of the grounds from TASO and placed its ownership under regional governments.

"We want back the exhibition grounds because we are already registered. The regional governments

are not ready to return the grounds and others have begun processes to change ownership," he said.

According to Amanzi TASO is now struggling to get resources because it depended on the taken grounds. He said that financial constraints they face affects their operations; thus failing to assist farmers to achieve their goals.

"For the country to achieve its industrialization goals, TASO should be allowed to implement its responsibilities of helping farmers in organizing agricultural exhibitions as well as provision of education and training on good agricultural practices," said Amanzi.

TASO leader in the southern highland zone, Nkoswe Noel highlighted the need for the government to meet with TASO for the benefits of farmers as well as the nation.

"We appeal for government support so that we can continue to serve farmers and provide them with training. Workers celebrate their day on May 1st, we also want to continue celebrating our day and conduct exhibitions to show the various technologies and innovations," said Noel.

THE CONFEDERATION OF TANZANIA INDUSTRIES



PRESS RELEASE

Cement Manufacturers not Responsible for shortages reported

Dar es Salaam, February 21, 2022.

The Confederation of Tanzanian Industries (CTI) would like to comment on the media reports in the past months regarding the rising prices and availability of cement in the country.

Recently, it has been widely reported that the country is facing cement shortages and higher prices, and further linking the price increases and shortages to manufacturers.

Cement manufactures, most of whom being members of CTI, wish to announce that the status indicated by the media differs from the reality on the ground.

It is worth noting that at the meeting which was held on **31st January 2022** between cement manufacturers and the Minister of Industry, Investment and Trade (MIIT), **Hon. Dr. Ashatu Kijaji (MP)**, cement manufacturers clearly indicated that cement is sold mostly by manufacturers at ex-factory prices which have not been increased in recent years.

Cement manufacturers further stated that the ex-factory prices have remained unchanged despite the increase in the cost of production resulting from the hike in the cost of fuel, transportation, and the inflationary spiral, among other things. It should also be noted that the cement industry is a capital-intensive venture that requires continuous investment and substantial maintenance costs to operate efficiently and remain competitive.

Most of the cement volume in the country is sold at an ex-factory price but transport cost has a significant impact on the landed price of the end product and fuel prices have increased worldwide. Despite the fuel prices increasing by 45% over the last 18 months, the wholesale price of cement has remained stable in the main consumption centres.

Tanzania average cement manufacturing capacity utilization is around 60%, which means the supply is far above the country's total demand. With the country's new production capacities following the entrance of new manufacturers, any sudden demand spikes should be easily fulfilled.

Furthermore, despite the increase in cement production capacity, cement manufacturers have been observing an increase in the influx of foreign cement from the neighbouring countries. CTI believes that such an influx in imports do jeopardize the future development of the cement industry in our country due to their competitive advantages in terms of logistics, port efficiencies and charges, energy and other infrastructures.

In view of the above facts, Cement manufacturers would like to inform cement consumers and the public of the availability of surplus cement in the country and further urge the media to carry out a thorough investigation on the shortages and prices of cement as and when such reports arise. Cement manufactures wish to offer their full cooperation on the matter. They will readily provide you with the necessary information on the stock position of the various producers and whole sales as and when required.

By the CTI Secretariat

We need to act now to conserve African nature

WE must rebrand Africa as 'the conservation continent' to take full advantage of our core strength. Although Africa has contributed the least to climate change, it is already experiencing devastating climate impacts and will bear the brunt of future global warming in terms of agricultural losses.

Wildlife traditionally refers to undomesticated animal species, but has come to include all plants, fungi, and other organisms that grow or live wild in an area without being introduced by humans.

Wildlife can be found in all ecosystems. Deserts, forests, rain forests, plains, grasslands and other areas including the most developed urban areas, all have distinct forms of wildlife. While the term in popular culture usually refers to animals that are untouched by human factors, most scientists agree that much wildlife is affected by human activities.

Humans have historically tended to separate civilisation from wildlife in a number of ways including the legal, social, and moral sense. Some animals, however, have adapted to suburban environments. This includes such animals as domesticated cats, dogs, mice, and gerbils. Some religions declare certain animals to be sacred, and in modern times concern for the natural environment has provoked activists to protest against the exploitation of wildlife for human benefit or entertainment.

The global wildlife population decreased by 52 per cent between 1970 and 2014, according to a report by the World Wildlife Fund.

Indeed the world is full of amazing creatures from every possible medium. From the birds of the air to the majestic whales of the sea, wildlife abounds in the most unusual and unexpected

places. Wildlife benefits us in many ways, and has since time out of mind. World Wildlife Day is a day to remind us of our responsibilities to our world and the life forms we share it with.

On March 3rd, 1973 the United Nations General Assembly took a stand against to protect endangered species throughout the world. Whether plant or animal, the importance of these species in every area of human life, from culinary to medical, could not be understated.

At this time hundreds of endangered species were being threatened every year, and extinction was at a staggeringly high rate. CITES was put into place (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) to ensure that the world did not continue to hemorrhage species that would never be seen from again.

On December 20th, 2013 another step was taken to help spread awareness of the fragility of endangered species in the world.

The first thing that always comes to mind when we think about World Wildlife Day is heading out to our local zoo or botanical conservatory and reminding ourselves of the vast variety of life our world offers. If you're feeling particularly adventurous, an outdoor excursion with a book of local flora and fauna (That's plants and animals) can help make that connection come even closer to home.

Tanzania's natural beauty and sheer density of plant and wildlife species make it a top destination for ecotourists. Almost a third of the country is protected, providing habitat for scores of species across 14 national parks. A fifth of Africa's large mammals can be found within its borders, including lions, hippos, elephants, zebra, and wildebeest, whose mass migration through the Serengeti is a major draw for safaris.

Future success of mobile money depends on industry to adapt to changing landscape

TANZANIA one of the first countries in the world with an industry-agreed interoperable market for mobile financial services, according to the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

The IFC is an international financial institution that offers investment, advisory, and asset-management services to encourage private-sector development in developing countries. The IFC is a member of the World Bank Group and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. The project, the statement noted, was rolled out from March to September in 2017 and IFC has appointed Fern Tanzania Ltd, a Tanzanian marketing firm to lead the campaign, in collaboration with the mobile phone operators.

In September 2014, Tanzania's four major mobile phone operators—Vodafone, Tigo, Airtel and Zantel—reached an interoperability agreement to allow their customers to interact with each other while transacting.

This agreement enabled customers to make payments from the mobile money account of one provider to the mobile money account of another provider.

GSMA released in 2015 state of the industry report on mobile money. Now in its fifth year, the report provided stakeholders with a comprehensive quantitative assessment of the mobile money industry for unbanked and underserved people.

Mobile money is reaching more than 411 million people globally. Moreover, it is available in 85 per cent of countries where the vast majority of the population lacks access to a formal financial institution. This is an extraordinary achievement, demonstrating the power of mobile, underpinned by the critical role mobile network operators have played in building this industry.

However, while the success to date is to be celebrated, the future success of mobile money depends on the industry's capacity to adapt to a changing landscape. The findings from the 2015 report provided insights on both current and future trends, giving better visibility on what is changing and how to adapt.

First, with an increasingly active customer base, further development of the mobile money ecosystem will be essential to diversify customer usage. Second, operational foundations and agent management remain critical to digitise cash.

Third, greater investment will be key for providers to compete in an online world. Fourth, while mobile money is reaching further than ever before, there is still an opportunity to reach underserved segments, particularly women and rural consumers.

In the same vein, the country's mobile money industry has continued to attract global attentions thanks to better regulation which has allowed interoperable mobile money services become a reality. IFC launched a consumer education campaign to raise awareness about interoperable mobile money services that helped to promote financial inclusion in Tanzania.

The IFC, with the support of Bank of Tanzania, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Financial Sector Deepening Trust had facilitated the industry-led discussions that have led to an agreement among the four operators and continues to work with key actors in the market to deepen and strengthen financial inclusion.

In a report christened, 'Achieving Interoperability in Mobile Financial Services: Tanzania Case Study,' IFC said it identified limited awareness of interoperability, coupled with competitive pressures and lack of trust among operators as key barriers to growth in the sector.

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How youths changed Zambian politics forever

By Lawrence Mukuka

THE August 12, 2021, general elections in Zambia stand out in the country's history as a watershed moment in which the Zambian youths changed the nation's politics forever.

The term "youths" is used here to refer to the Zambian teenagers and young people aged between 18 and 40 years old and also residing in urban areas.

These are the youths who in 2021, decisively and largely, changed the course of Zambian politics forever.

This group of Zambians has fresh minds, aspires for positive and many great things in life, and is highly exposed, literate and trainable.

This column identifies four major changes which the Zambian youths introduced into the country's politics to transform it for many centuries to come.

First, Zambian youths, through what they see, hear, read about, imitate, dream about, watch and imagine, from the global coverage of BBC, CNN and other sources of information and technology, including social media, have realized that they too can be, do and have what their counterparts elsewhere in the world can be, do and have.

Above all, these youths are more "hi-tech" than their parents who were mostly born before Facebook and definitely before social media, in as far as accessing, processing and applying modern information and technology is concerned.

As a result, these youths have been exposed to what is globally known as "positive mind-set."

If you listen to them, they say, "We want new people."

What do they really mean? They mean new faces with new and positive ideas to make Zambia prosperous.

It is 'new wine in new wineskin' kind of positive and creative thinking, where 'new wine' refers to 'prosperity' and 'new wineskin' refers to 'positive mindset', its container.

The positive mindset is the only container and source of prosperity in the universe, just as the negative mindset is the only container and source of poverty in the universe.

Therefore, the first major change which the Zambian youths have introduced forever into politics is the concept of positive mindset change; a major attitudinal and behavioural shift in thinking, talking and doing things from a negative mindset of poverty to a positive mindset of prosperity.

A positive mindset is characterized by love, the positive and greatest magnetic energy in existence.

Its symptoms include faith (in God,



yourself, other people, opportunities and resources of

Zambia and those of the world at large); rejoicing in others' success; forgiveness; honesty; discipline; goal-oriented-personality; courage; self confidence; responsibility; respecting what belongs to others; concern; and prosperity.

Its opposite is a negative mindset that is characterized by fear, a negative and weakest magnetic energy in existence.

Its symptoms include anger; jealousy; suspicion; self doubt; hatred; revenge; superstition; corruption; timidity; selfishness; blame; worry; and poverty.

One acquires a positive mindset by being positive, honest and doing to others what one would want others to do to oneself.

A positive mind set change is a must-take journey from strive to peace, stagnation to progress; and poverty to prosperity.

The positive mindset change works the same for individuals, groups, communities, organizations and countries.

It is a game changer in every area of life.

The Zambian youths know both formulae of prosperity and poverty: prosperity = positive mindset + resources (like Zambians themselves, copper, emerald, gold, masuku and so on).

Poverty = negative mindset + resources (like Zambians themselves and their mineral and other natural resources).

Therefore, the Zambian teenagers and young people want an increased positive mindset or positive identity, at every citizen's personal level.

This will create a national positive and transparent culture that recognizes the best and brightest citizens and rewards everyone based on talent,

hard-work and merit.

Second, the strong belief and conviction of Zambian youths in a positive mindset change serendipitously leads to summarize, for developmental purposes, the 72 Zambian language groups (i.e., Bemba, Chewa, Lozi, Lunda, Lungu, Mambwe, Mbunda, Sala, Tonga, etc.) into only two Zambian language groups (i.e., those who have already gone through positive mindset change and are now positive and speak positive language, and those who are yet to go through positive mindset change and are now negative and speak negative language.

Therefore, the second major change which the Zambian youths have introduced forever into the Zambian politics is this great positive transformation of the country from comprising, at practice level, of 72 language groups to only two.

This is excellent because all national peace, progress and prosperity is a result of only a positive mindset!

It means all the previous nepotistic, regional and tribal politics of 1964 until August, 2021, general elections will always belong to the dustbin of the country's history.

Third, as a result of their strong belief and conviction in a positive mindset change, the youths have introduced forever into the Zambian politics the need for integrity or honesty for peace, progress and prosperity for every Zambian citizen.

The teenagers and young people have come to learn and realize that honesty or integrity is what leads to prosperity while corruption or deceit is what leads to poverty.

Fourth, the 2021 general election, which took place under strict COVID-19 pandemic regulations, convincingly demonstrated that while open and public political rallies provide

bonding and discussions among party members, they are not absolutely necessary to win an election.

An effectively-run social media political campaign can deliver great victories.

Therefore, the fourth major change which the Zambian youths have introduced forever into politics is the application of social media in political campaigns.

It was the Barack Obama presidential campaign, in the USA in 2008 under the campaign slogan

"Yes We Can", that introduced the first significant application of social media in a political campaign.

In Zambia, the COVID-19 Pandemic only confirmed the effectiveness of this new and 21st Century political strategy.

Party regalia, like political rallies, suffered the same fate.

The Zambian youths in the 2021 general elections clearly demonstrated that one can comfortably win an election minus any political regalia, borrowed, local or imported.

One's political vision, mission, goal and objectives are much more important than one's regalia, T-shirts, chitenges of anything else.

The Zambian youths will continue to be the "king-maker" of Zambian politics for many generations to come.

This is good for the country because it elevates Zambian politics from negativity to positivity, from corruption to honesty, from strive to peace, from stagnation to progress and from poverty to prosperity.

Go through your own personal positive mind-set change to be positive and speak positive language; possess integrity or honesty; and achieve continuing personal success in your life.

The author is a specialist in positive mind-set change.

START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

As we promote Kiswahili, let's also preserve indigenous languages

GREETINGS for the coming week and I hope I haven't conveyed the message badly as I'm awaiting some new reading glasses which I hope will 'shoot' me off the page, into perfect literary, when they arrive for use!

Well, we've already got a subject for today....as the 35th meeting for African Union (AU) Head of State has endorsed Tanzania's request for the Kiswahili to be used in the Union's activities.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango submitted the request at the Heads of State meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, recently.

He also said that Kiswahili is among the languages widely used in Africa, adding it is spoken by over 100 million people on the continent.

Furthermore, the language is already being used by various regional blocs on the continent, including the East African community (EAC) Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and is also taught in many African countries.

So, it's cheering to know that Kiswahili has become the first indigenous language to be used by the organisation at an interstate level, though it's already an official one at the African Union. magic!

But if Kiswahili is magical, what about the wonderful tribal languages and why don't Tanzanians value them?

When I first asked that question years ago, I was told they were 'divisive', but the many differing cultural customs and habits which back them can also be alienating, and not just the varying tongues. So, should the customs be done away with as well, along with the languages? And what about homogenising everything like the western world has done? Or should all tribal identities be merged into one cultural soup, rendering them meaningless?...surely not.

Look how boring the world has become since English and American English have dominated, and globalised the planet along with promoting the capitalist culture.

Though this dominance appears benign, it can cause a degradation of the spirit, as well as eroding clan values in countries having indigenous peoples.

And let's not forget, crushing indigenous languages, was often the way to conquer the local people with barbaric actions, and subservience from the conquered.



The glorious Maasai adored by many tourists and helping to bring in the mighty dollar have sustained their culture over many centuries and their mother tongue is unlikely to die out soon. But other local indigenous languages are at big risk owing to the ongoing popularity of Kiswahili and English. File photo

Writing in the Guardian, Dr Victor Oladokun, from the African Development Bank, who is passionate about safeguarding tribal tongues say...."Language is all encompassing, and not just a means of communicating. It's also a depository of values, customs, culture and history.....it's a sad scenario.

In short, it is the embodiment of who we are as a people. Therefore, the loss or extinction of a language is simply not only an inability to speak in a way or manner that is generally understood, it's the loss of identity, linguistically, cultur-

ally, psychologically and historically."

Many people would agree with that, and Dr Oladokun says that economic migration to the cities can end up leaving the old speakers of local languages behind in their rural communities.

.....but since a language cannot survive without children learning to speak it, and the elderly locals gradually dying off, so do the languages along with them. And something precious is gone forever, it's a sad scenario.

Though Dr Oladokun points out

that the family and community members should play collective roles as custodians of local languages, but the problem is that in the 21st century, many young adults are linguistically challenged and as such are in need of tutoring and learning.

But for those of Nigerian and other African elite who do know these languages, he questions why they neglect to pass the knowledge on, and in what he calls linguistic snobbery, boast instead about the command their children have of the English idiom!

To add to the dismal forecast, we have a tech-driven world today that is dominated by less than a dozen global languages. Consequently, social media, TV and digital programmes, computer games, mobile apps and news content, certainly don't utilise indigenous tongues.

But Oladukun thinks that today policy makers, content producers, advertisers and the private and public sectors could team up to create regionally televised elementary and high school debates in indigenous languages. To motivate the younger generation, awards could include generous academic prizes and scholarships... and the opportunity to meet and be honored by well known national leaders.

This seems ambitious but implementable. But how do we get those in a position power to act? Maybe appeals should be made to the tourism officials here... like in Kenya, where tribalism and all that goes with it, has been glamourised for tourism purposes. But does this degrade the culture of 'keep it alive' or possibly both?

Finally, Dr Oladukun says..."eachone of us can daily brush up on our own language skills, and do so with pride. For too long we have brought into the idea that 'local' is bad and not attractive at all. Yet, every African language is a repository of oral history and collective values. Proficiency therefore provides speakers with an intuitive sense of who they are, where they have come from, who they can potentially be, and where they are going". Admirably said!

Tanzania has also behaved well on the issue of the famous Kihansi Spray Toads, gaining approval for the care spent on ensuring their survival. While serving as Minister of State in the Vice Presidents Office, George Simbachawene reaffirmed the need to protect their ecosystem, for the betterment of the current and future generations.

Yes, these toads are unique...just as the nation's indigenous languages are...so let's safeguard them also for the betterment of coming generations of Tanzania before Europeans start coming here to do their PhDs in the dying tribal languages...Oh yeah!

I used this last week also, so I think it's now my 'war cry' to be used whenever I'm in battle mode...which is quite often!

China's winter sports boom opens new avenue for China-Europe cooperation

ROME

HOSTING the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics has advanced the Chinese people's understanding of the allure of ice and snow, and the grand event has been a catalyst for a booming winter sports economy in China and beyond.

The trend opens up a new avenue for Alpine countries and others in Europe, which boast a splendid history of snow culture, to reap mutual benefits from businesses with the Chinese market.

Even after the glare of this year's Winter Olympics subsides, European experts and business insiders expect a vast terrain ahead, saying China's further involvement in winter sports will inject fresh momentum into long-term cooperation between Europe and China.

SHOP WINDOW TO WORLD

The Olympic Games involves not only athletic competitions at the highest levels, but the competition between equipment makers behind the scenes.

European makers of professional gear and equipment find their presence at the venues in Beijing a rewarding business. Maurizio Tedesco, who works at the public relations department of Italian equipment maker Leitner, said that for companies like Leitner, the Olympics can be a "shop window to the world."

With a history of 134 years, Leitner is a major manufacturer of snow groomers, ski lifts, and funiculars. In 2019, it won a bidding process to supply a fleet of snow groomers for the Beijing Winter Olympics.

Those vehicles are used on the slopes at the games. "It is the best way to be seen as a high-quality supplier," Tedesco told Xinhua. "This is one of the reasons we work so hard to refine and develop our products."

Other Italian companies with important roles in the Beijing Winter Olympics include TechnoAlpin, which provides machines to make artificial snow, and iconic fashion brand Giorgio Armani, which produced the uniforms for the Italian team. German company Schneestern participated in the design and build-up work of a snow Great Wall-shaped track for slopestyle events in Genting Snow Park at Zhangjiakou, as well as the Big Air Shougang in Beijing, the venue for the Big Air competitions.

"I'm still overwhelmed that we've made it this far with our sport," Dirk Scheumann, the company's founder and a former freeskiier, told German newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung in an interview.



Chinese athlete Gu Ailing competes during the freestyle skiing women's freeski halfpipe final of Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics at Genting Snow Park in Zhangjiakou, north China's Hebei Province, Feb. 18, 2022. Xinhua

BET ON CHINESE MARKET

As more Chinese are taking to the slopes, European nations see ample opportunities to attract mass tourists and winter sports enthusiasts to their renowned ski resorts, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic's heavy blow on tourism worldwide.

Chamonix-Mont-Blanc in southeastern France was the site of the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924. The economy of the commune heavily relies on winter tourism.

"Tourism is the major economic activity in the Chamonix Valley," Nicolas Durochat, director of the valley's tourist office, told Xinhua, adding that nearly 45 percent of their customers are foreigners.

"The Winter Olympics is an absolute catalyst for the sports," and the number of Chinese people that came there to ski grew obviously in recent years, said Durochat. "I'm sure it's just a beginning, when the health crisis is over and the traveling restrictions

are lifted, more Chinese people will come here to ski."

The pandemic has hit the Swiss tourism industry hard, said Simon Bosshart, head of Markets East at Switzerland Tourism.

"The business came to a standstill. We are at roughly 2 percent of the business that we had in 2019 ... Our team has been grounded for two years now and many events have simply not been possible to execute," Bosshart said. Bosshart said the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics had opened up massive business opportunities for the landlocked, mountainous country.

"The need is there, and we absolutely believe in this potential in the future," Bosshart said.

NOT AN END POINT

Chinese people's Olympics-stirred enthusiasm for the excitement on snow and ice is not a short-lived craze, but will drive long-term

growth of the winter sports industry, European businesses and observers noted.

According to China's National Bureau of Statistics, 346 million Chinese, almost a quarter of the country's population, had participated in ice-and-snow sports as of October 2021.

Trips related to ice and snow tourism are forecast to reach 305 million during the 2021-2022 ice-snow tourism season, according to a recent report issued by the China Tourism Academy (CTA) and Mafengwo, a travel service and social networking platform.

Ice-snow tourism will become a major driver of China's winter tourism and ice-snow economy, with its total income expected to surpass 1.1 trillion yuan (157.8 billion U.S. dollars) by 2025, according to the CTA.

"We believe that even beyond the Olympics, the growth trend in winter sports in China will continue," Christian Gut, chief sales and marketing officer at Stockli Swiss Sports, told Xinhua.

"In recent years, we have seen massive investments in the Chinese market, in the country's ski resorts," said the executive of the leading Swiss producer of skis.

"China has the potential to become one of the world's biggest markets in the coming years." European nations are eyeing close cooperation with China in winter sports industry. Bosshart said that Switzerland Tourism will focus on four areas in China: the snow sports communities and influencers, cooperation with the winter sports industry such as ski resorts and fitness centers, classical tour operations and packages, and media promotion.

The Beijing Winter Olympics also offer inspirations to future Olympic bids. "Beijing 2022 is a good example of coexistence between emerging and classic sports," said Spanish sports newspaper Diario AS.

"This new world has allowed countries with less tradition, such as Spain, to fight for challenges that were previously distant."

Hermann Winkler, co-founder of Snow 51 ski training company, noted that China has a relatively young history for many winter sports, but the market is fast growing and highly dynamic, and has the potential to double the global winter sports market and its community.

"China will soon be a leading nation in winter sports, perhaps not rapidly in terms of overall medal tally, but in terms of participants and global influence.

The Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics is a starting point, not an end point," he said.

Xinhua

Limpopo villages still thirsty for access to clean water despite Lindiwe Sisulu's R143m-pledge

By Masego Mafata

VILLAGERS in Moutse, Limpopo have not had consistent running water for years. They rely on a handful of municipal boreholes and, those who can, buy water from private water tankers and boreholes in people's yards.

"We have three boreholes but only one works. There are no rivers or dams in Driefontein," says Dan Searame, from Driefontein, in Moutse West. Some villagers have resorted to fetching water from the quarries, where animals also drink.

Moutse is home to members of the Ndllovu Youth Choir who made international headlines as finalists on "America's Got Talent" in 2019. The area has about 40 villages and borders Limpopo and Mpumalanga.

Sekhukhune District Municipality, which is responsible for water services in Moutse, said water scarcity has been a challenge for villagers for many years due to the drought. The municipality said that in 2019 water shortages were aggravated when the Mkhombo Dam – a major water source for the area – started silting up.

Inconsistent water supply has also affected sanitation because many households still use pit toilets.

On 14 February 2020, Lindiwe Sisulu, then Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, visited Moutse. She pledged R143-million to fund "interim measures" to address water shortages while a R700-million bulk water project is completed.

Municipal spokesperson Moloko Moloto told GroundUp that R43-million of the pledged funds was spent on getting 20 water tankers meant to fill the villagers' tanks. When asked how 20 tankers could cost R43-million, he said the sum included operations and maintenance of the tankers for four months.

R32-million was spent on Jojo tanks, which the municipality was responsible for refilling, and R12-million on consultants and companies hired by the municipality for water delivery.

Sisulu also appointed Lepelle Northern Water to drill new boreholes and refurbish the existing ones. Moloto said at least R18-million had to date been spent on refurbishing nine boreholes in Moutse.

But villagers say very little has been done to help them access clean running water. They say the water tanks are not filled regularly and were last refilled in September 2021.

Moloto blamed this on a dispute with the community over the employment of truck drivers. "Efforts are now underway to amicably resolve this," he said.

"Villages are still without consistent water supply," said Mafata.



Maki Mlauza makes three or four trips per day to collect water from this municipal borehole tank in Tambo village. When there is no water, she says, villagers have to buy water at R3 for 5 litres. File photo

no Phora from Ntwane village near Dennilton. Phora, who is a member of the Ntwane Community Development Forum, said they wrote letters to the Minister's office, asking that she not appoint Lepelle and Sekhukhune as administrators of the funds because of allegations of fraud and corruption against both parties.

"We felt the best possible and sustainable way to provide water was through boreholes instead of using trucks and tanks," Phora said.

According to reports, Lepelle has been the subject of an investigation by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) for alleged corruption relat-

ing to an incomplete bulk water infrastructure project in and around Giyani.

The Sekhukhune District Municipality has also been the subject of an SIU investigation, including two recommendations from the investigation to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and referrals for disciplinary action against five officials made by the SIU in 2020.

Lepelle's spokesperson Yolande Nel said 1,690 tanks had been installed in Moutse. "The tanks are not installed per household but at points where they can be accessed by everyone," she said. Nel said they hoped to deliver

outstanding Jojo tanks by the end of March.

One borehole
Residents in Driefontein, Moutse West say they pay between R200 and R300 per week for about 250 litres of water.

"Many people in our community don't work and cannot afford to buy water. We are losing sleep over this water issue," said Solly Rabalao from the Driefontein Tribal Authority.

Rabalao said they were relieved when 26 tanks in the community were filled with water after Sisulu's intervention, but this quickly dwindled and the water trucks stopped coming. Most of the 2,000 villagers rely on one borehole for water.

According to the IDP, nearly 80% of households in the district are defined as "indigent", earning less than R1,500 a month. These households are supposed to get free basic services like water.

About 40 villages are expected to benefit from the R700-million Moutse West and East Bulk Water Supply Scheme launched in 2011. Moloto said that project had been delayed by a dispute between the municipality and contractors. He said work had resumed after a settlement but stopped again because of concerns raised by local business forums. Talks are ongoing, he said.

Ntwane Community Development Forum member Noto Madisa said they had written to the SIU on 8 September 2020, and the Auditor General and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (Scopa) in Limpopo, requesting investigations into millions of rands allocated to water projects in the area. He said they also approached the current Water and Sanitation Minister Senzo Mchunu for assistance, but are yet to receive responses.

GroundUp sent questions to the spokesperson for the Department of Water and Sanitation Sputnik Ratau, and Kamogelo Mogotsi, Minister Mchunu's spokesperson, on 9 February. In spite of follow-up phone calls our questions had not been answered by the time of publication.

DM

China employs digital technology for rural vitalisation

By Li Bin

FROM controlling humidity and ventilation in vegetable greenhouses via smart phones, to establishing household digital files of garbage sorting to reward the farmers who sort garbage, and to providing public services on online platforms, digital rural construction is injecting a strong impetus into China's rural vitalization.

Promoting the construction of digital villages is an important means to realize rural vitalization. It is also vital for building a digital China.

According to an action plan for the development of digital villages between 2022 and 2025 recently issued by the Chinese government, actions will be taken to upgrade digital infrastructure, innovate and develop intelligent agriculture, develop new types and models of businesses, enhance digital governance capacity, and improve other aspects.

At present, e-commerce, mobile social networks and digital entertainment are developing fast in rural China, but the construction of digital infrastructure is lagged. Besides, digital technologies are still exploring a way to better facilitate agricultural development, rural governance and the life of farmers. The action plan issued this time has set a direction, phased goals and approaches for the development or digital villages.

Thanks to the prospering development and wide application of digital technologies, remote areas are no longer remote and closed industries are opening up.

Last year, China's rural online retail sales reached 2.05



Employees of an intelligent farm in Meishan, southwest China's Sichuan province pick tomatoes cultivated with soilless technology, Feb. 12, 2022. [Photo by Yao Yongliang/People's Daily]

trillion yuan (\$316.4 billion), and online retail sales of agricultural products reached 422.1 billion yuan. The country has achieved remarkable progress in vitalizing rural areas with digital commerce, and witnessed continuous

improvement in the new infrastructure of rural e-commerce.

Compared with the tradi-

tional factors of farmland, labor, capital and technology, data is a new type of productive factor. To build digital villages is about not only bringing more capital, technologies, human resource and materials to rural areas, but also creating brand-new development and governance models for rural vitalization, so as to promote digital transition in traditional agricultural production, operation and trade.

Chinese rural areas differ in natural conditions, development levels, and local features. Digital rural construction is able to pave a road for rural vitalization with local characteristics.

Digital rural construction will open vast space for rural vitalization and high-quality agricultural development, be it the new agricultural production models of smart farms, smart grazing lands, and smart fish farms, the new business models of intelligent rural tourism, creative agriculture and customized agriculture, or the promotion of digital inclusive financing and e-commerce.

Besides, intelligent green villages,

digital rural governance, and rural internet culture are also important parts of digital rural construction.

To integrate rural vitalization with digitalization will help promote equal access to resources and opportunities between urban and rural areas. It has a profound impact on coordinating development between urban and rural areas, and between regions.

As a matter of fact, digital technologies have already played a huge role in China's poverty alleviation. For instance, information technology was used to spot those falling into poverty because of accidents, track follow-up development of those lifted out of poverty and make plans to prevent recurrence of poverty.

In the future, China will further promote mobile applications, e-governance, e-commerce logistics and livestream marketing among farmers according to reality, so as to constantly improve their digital literacy and bring them more development dividends in the digital era.

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China's policies make Sino-African relations stronger

By George Muntu

SINCE the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1949, China and African countries have always been good friends; who stand together through prosperity and adversity, good partners who share weal and woe, and good companions who fully trust each other in a shifting international landscape.

Over the years, China has been aiding Africa countries not only during the time of liberation struggle but also even in the time of new era. During the fight for national liberation and independence, China fought shoulder to shoulder with African countries until they were liberated and gained independence. After gaining independence, China continued to support them politically, militarily and economically.

What make China and Africa friendship be more unique, is their past experiences both side have passed through and China's commitment in helping the continent translate its strength in resources into advantages in development and realize independent and sustainable development. This has been the cornerstone of China's foreign policy and long-term strategy for developing solidarity and cooperation with African countries.

China-Africa friendship has been fostered throughout the years when China and Africa supported and stood alongside the other in trying times. Ever since, China has continued to help Africa by providing financial aid and technical assistance without prioritizing any conditions or interfering in the internal affairs of the country concerned.

The success of the China-Africa friendship stems from the fundamentals laid down by our early founding leaders as well as China's good foreign policy towards Africa. Due to China's non-interference policy, African countries have benefited greatly through this policy and have been able to build good relationship with China politically and commercially. China has always offered respect and support for Africa, it has shared weal and affliction and mutual assistance with African people.

To reassure Africa that China is a true friend and great partner, it declared five principles that are, sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and the principles of pursuing the greater good and shared interests that optimize China's policy to Africa. These principles represent the fundamental of Chinese culture and symbolize the historical traditions of China-Africa friendship. They are the overarching guiding principles for



China in building up solidarity and cooperation with Africa.

Through these principles, China is always considering solidarity and cooperation with African countries to be an essential element of its foreign policy which is beneficial to both parts. This is why it has committed and ready to reinforce mutual support with African countries on issues involving their core interests and has promised not to interfere in any country's internal political affairs. Rather, it

wants Africa countries to resolve their internal issues in their own way without foreign interference.

Over the years, China and the Chinese people have been treating Africans not only just friends but brothers and sisters that's why it has pursued a policy called "Win-Win Cooperation" in its foreign relations. This policy is fundamental for Africa's development because it offers an opportunity to share the benefits for all that is available.

By maintaining and strengthening further cooperation with Africa, China has set another five initiatives that guide China's engagement with Africa countries. These five initiatives are "Five-No" approach policy that is; no interference in African countries' pursuit of development paths that fit their national conditions; no interference in African countries' internal affairs; no imposition of China's will on African countries; no attachment of political strings

to assistance to Africa; and no seeking of selfish political gains in investment and financing cooperation with Africa.

In implementing these initiatives, China does not interfere in African countries to implement appropriate developmental approaches to their national status. It does not interfere in African internal affairs and does not use domestic and political disputes as a factor in preventing lending and financial assistance in the respective countries. China's non-interference policy has largely contributed to the availability of loans, financial aid and technical assistance in many African countries. China also does not prioritize its demands on African countries, so, African nations have opportunity to reap in China's success without any conditions.

The "Five-No" policy has not only provided opportunities for African nations to benefit directly from the loans and aid offered by the Chinese Government, but also offered an opportunity for each countries to choose a development path that suits its national conditions instead of being forced to pursue a given development path.

It should be noted that, China's Africa policies puts friendship first and follows the principle of giving more and taking less, giving before taking and giving without asking for return. Unlike the Western countries' arrogance and bias against Africans, China treats African nations as equals. It has never forced African countries to comply with its demands before granting loans or providing aid.

African nations needs partner who are committed to working with them to eliminate poverty and developing their economy while at the same time paying due respect to their country's sovereignty.

China-Africa relations are not based on colonialism or exploitation, but rather on brotherhood and good friendship. China has been a great help and a real saviour who has contributed to various development and brought about major economic reforms in Africa. Many of these new developments would not have been achieved without Chinese lending and good investment policy towards Africa, supported by its non-interference policy.

Morogoro NGOs team up in planting 10,000 trees

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa,

Morogoro

FOUR NGOs—Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT), Raleigh Tanzania, Morogoro Kwanza Mazingira and Mwanamke na Mazingira have pledged to team up and support Morogoro District Council's efforts towards planting 10,000 trees.

Launched on February 5, this year, with the target of planting trees in

water sources, open spaces, and public offices, the programme is also meant to combat climate changes.

SAT chief executive official, Janeth Maro said over the weekend when she handed over 2000 trees to Morogoro District Commissioner Albert Msando who inaugurated trees planting campaign at Kilakala Ward in Morogoro Municipality. Areas to be involved in the programme include Kigurunyembe, Lupanda St. Peter's Seminary, Kilakala second-

ary schools, and Kilakala and Mwande primary schools.

According to Janeth, SAT has sustainable programs of restoring the green of the region that have been disappeared due to deforestation and human activities mainly to residents along the slopes of Uluguru Mountain.

"Apart from providing 2,000 trees, SAT have been conducting seminars and practical training to smallholder farmers found around Uluguru mountain ranges on the land-wise-use and then have changed their culture of cutting down trees then shifted to species production whose price

per kilograms sold 50,000/- in the US," she said.

Raleigh Tanzania's spokesman, Abdallah Njajaha said that over 800,000 trees have already planted in Arusha, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa.

"Raleigh provides training to youths and women about the use of alternative energy as briquettes and gas as to be abandoned from charcoal consumption. That's another area Raleigh will support Morogoro residents apart from trees planting campaign," he said.

He also commended the Morogoro DC's efforts towards combating climate changes as early this

year with collaboration with Morogoro Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority (MOROWSSA) sent municipal officials for an environmental study tour in Lushoto district, a trip came back with 3million trees.

Pantaleo Makoa from St. Peter's Seminary, called on the government to have sustainable environmental protection and preservation culture from street levels even at household said seminarians taught how to care with the environment as a mother looks after her baby and at seminary have given various department about environmental control.

Creating young entrepreneurs praiseworthy - Canadian envoy

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

HEAD of cooperation at High Commission of Canada in Tanzania, Helen Fytche has said organising youth and women and equipping them with entrepreneurship knowledge and skills is real commendable.

The envoy made the remarks recently soon after visiting the Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) in Morogoro Region.

The visit was meant to create a platform for her to see how it works out to create young entrepreneurs who, some of them currently running their own agribusinesses. The youth and women have acquired knowledge such that they don't only grow crops but creating jobs for others.

Canada collaborates with SUGECO through CUSO International and its mission is to reduce poverty and inequality through the efforts of partners, donors, and volunteers. When women, girls and youth are uplifted, their families and communities prosper too.

Helen Fytche, Minister Counsellor (Development) at the High Commission of Canada said organising youth and women and equipping them with entrepreneurship knowledge and skills is real commendable.

"We have visited the projects. I have seen how the youth and women work in the field; I have seen how CUSO international placements of the youth volunteers from different countries come to work on this project. The work they are doing here to support youth and women and exchange knowledge and experience is real commendable," she said.

Canada is working with SUGECO through CUSO International. The collaboration with CUSO International is very productive and SUGECO should keep up the good work.

Coming of the CUSO international, African representatives and high level staff from the Canadian Embassy, it is a sign that they are also interested to see what happened with the support they do provide to SUGECO especially during the mapping. CUSO has supported us to map the land that we have identified in Mvomero, and also they helped us to clear around 100 acres. We appreciate their support and the support, the Ministry of agriculture and other development partners for supporting the youth dreams. These donors have

removed the youth from streets and put them into agriculture to realize their dreams. They are now contributing to the livelihoods and the growth of the economy.

"As SUGECO, we are happy to work with Canada and we are planning to strengthen our relationship. The staff from Canada has said they are happy working with SUGECO and probably they will enhance their partnership. For example, they have now extended the national volunteering programs for Tanzania. You know we have been receiving staff who works with us through CUSO international and it was about to end in march this year but now they have extended for another one year. This is a big plus for us as we continue working as one team. I also appreciate the efforts and collaboration with the government. I would like to urge the government that SUGECO has models that works very well so we need to sit together to develop those models. We may have several models but we need to screen and support those that have already proved success for the benefit of our youth and the entire Tanzanian community."

Last year, Cuso international supported the launching of Kizimba business model (KBM). CUSO Tanzania Country Representative, Romanus Mtung'e, said one of the key objectives of CUSO for the Kizimba initiative is to support SUGECO to reach many young farmers on agribusiness for creation of competent human resource in agribusiness sector relevant to market demand and potential to improve productivity and self-employment through the provision of market driven and gender responsive business development services.

He said, Cuso started its support by facilitating the mapping exercises of farms to create farm blocks (Kizimbos) which are now ready for distribution to the targets groups under lease and transfer system.

He further said, the success will mark another great milestone by gathering the key stakeholders that includes the key government officials, local manufacturers, financial service providers and the agricultural experts who together will be able to agree on key areas of supporting this crucial initiative. Thereafter, Cuso will keep supporting SUGECO in the entire business ecosystem of the Kizimba entrepreneurs. Cuso International's support will include bringing in country expert international volunteers to support SUGECO's



staff capacity building and the agribusiness entrepreneurs to be able to have effective access to knowledge (Business Development Services), market, finance, technology and business formalization processes

Kizimba business model (KBM) is a real estate business approach in agriculture and agribusi-

ness development that originates from local government authority's business infrastructure and facilities development. The facilities are developed with necessary infrastructure divided into units called KIZIMBA. So, this initiative adopted the same to establish Block farming for specific value chains. It follows systematic mod-

el approach of build, lease and transfer (BLT), or builds, operate and transfer (BOT) or build and transfer (BT) system design. The KBM model is adopted as innovative financial products best fit in agricultural and agribusiness value chains development under this partnership between Cuso International and SUGECO.

EFF's programme of action in 2022 signals a year of living even more dangerously

By Rebecca Davis

NO other South African political party can match the energy, focus and malignance with which the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has kicked off 2022. Barely six weeks into the year, the Fighters have repeatedly dominated the news cycle through actions of intimidation and sabotage: from their notorious "inspections" of Gauteng restaurants to violent disruptions of municipal council meetings and the hijacking of the interviews to select the new Chief Justice.

Amid the chaos the party evidently rejoices in fomenting, three themes have already emerged as likely to drive the EFF's programme of action in 2022: a move towards even more populist policies; accelerated attempts to destabilise governance and ensure the EFF's proximity to state resources; and an intensifying attack on the legitimacy of the judiciary and the South African criminal justice cluster as a whole.

Populism for the win

On 18 February, the EFF kicked off its 1 Million Membership campaign with a rally in Soweto. Party leader Julius Malema said in January that his key goal for the year is to have a million party members in good standing by December. It's unclear how far off the target the party currently is. In 2014, the EFF claimed to have 400,000 paid-up members, but fact-checking platform Africa Check concluded that, in the absence of any proof, "the EFF's stated membership figures have little value and cannot be regarded as credible".

The EFF needs a major push to swell its numbers, because the November

2021 local government elections cemented the fact that the EFF is not growing fast enough either to ensure meaningful political control in the hands of its leaders, or the guaranteed access to the state coffers the party needs for kickbacks and favours. Although the EFF grew its local government vote share from 8% in 2016 to 10% in 2021, there is a sense among analysts that the party may be hitting its organic support ceiling of about 10% nationally, as things stand.

Beginning early in January this year, the party has taken steps to capitalise on its electoral wins and mitigate its losses. Its most significant growth was recorded in KwaZulu-Natal, which is in many ways a prime site for an EFF power base: the extent to which the July 2021 unrest exploded in the province demonstrated tinderbox conditions ripe for populist exploitation.

To thank the people of KwaZulu-Natal for their support, the EFF held a celebratory rally in eThekweni on 8 January, including a "pre-feast" the evening before for the poverty-stricken township of Inanda. In Limpopo, meanwhile, the party has dissolved all provincial EFF structures as a result of the poor election showing.

Malema told the 8 January rally that the intention for this year was to "professionalise" the EFF, reboot its communications strategy, and generally rebuild and strengthen the movement in advance of the 2024 national elections. The party has been advertising internal positions like that of a human resource manager, while its social media machinery has already visibly been upgraded, churning out slick viral content - video clips of provocative Malema utterances, for instance - on a daily basis.



Julius Malema, leader of the EFF

One of the lessons of the 2021 municipal polls was that the EFF is in danger of losing ground to parties with unashamedly xenophobic policies, like the Patriotic Alliance. That lesson has clearly been absorbed.

Although the EFF's 19 January Gauteng restaurant "inspections" were dressed up as an attempt to monitor labour conditions for foreign nationals, the real purpose was clearly to send a message of intimidation to the local hospitality industry to warn against employing other African nationals over South Africans.

Malema has indicated that the visits to restaurants will continue, and are likely to be expanded to "different institutions, especially where we get tip-offs, in the security industry, hospitality industry and farms". Paying threatening visits to employers suspected of favouring foreigners is the definition of lowest common denominator politics. Regrettably, in a country with South Africa's unemployment rates and existing anti-foreigner sentiment, there is every possibility the tactic may bear fruit for a party previously accused, on social media at least, of pandering too hard to its former Pan-Africanist principles.

This is not the only indicator since the elections that the EFF intends to embrace populism with an even greater fervour. On New

Year's Day, deputy leader Floyd Shivambu could be found handing out school shoes and groceries in Tshwane. There have also been ostentatious house handovers, and a focus on policies amounting to low-hanging fruit rather than the party's more complex suggestions for transforming the economy. The clearest example has been the EFF's ever-more vocal call for Die Stem to be stripped from the national anthem. Another is the EFF's January protest calling for the immediate reopening of stadiums to big sports and music audiences: a guaranteed crowd-pleaser, particularly for younger supporters.

Disaffected youth are the EFF's most obvious target in its membership push. Part of the party's strategy to reach them, as became clear in Malema's contribution to Parliament's post-Sona debate, is a drive to paint the ANC and President Cyril Ramaphosa personally as being anti-youth. "You hate young people with a passion," was Malema's accusation against Ramaphosa.

Show us the money

Malema's post-election decision to have EFF councillors lend their vote to help install DA mayors in municipalities including Johannesburg and Tshwane was never going to be no-strings-attached. Daily Maverick's Ferial Haffajee pointed out at the time that this was likely part of a strategy to weaken Ramaphosa ahead of the ANC's electoral conference in December 2022, with Ramaphosa's enemies within the ANC able to point to the loss of control of key metros as evidence of the president's failure.

It has since also become clear that the EFF expected to be rewarded in return with key posts in municipal councils. The EFF's particular insistence in seeking the position of Municipal Public Accounts Committee chair in the City of Johannesburg is very revealing, as this would give the party access to influence over municipal spending.

This is in line with the EFF's history of offering political support in exchange for access to the dispensation of tenders and jobs. In 2017, EFF councillors saved erstwhile Johannesburg mayor Herman Mashaba from a vote of no confidence. There is evidence to suggest that Mashaba would go on to effectively cede control of certain departments and tenders to the EFF. amaBhungane showed in November 2018 how the R1.26-billion contract for Johannesburg's vehicle fleet was awarded to a company that had previously paid kickbacks to an EFF-linked account.

In terms of this key EFF strategy, the number of municipal seats held is less important than which municipal seats. The fact that both the IFP and the DA have thus far proved unyielding on issues such as the Municipal Public Accounts Committee chair post almost guarantees further disruption of council meetings - as already witnessed in January when City of Johannesburg council meetings descended into violent chaos. A sense of instability in governance suits the EFF regardless, as it plays into a longer-term strategy to force a populist realignment of South African politics. The EFF and the Radical Economic Transformation (RET) faction of the ANC are natural bedfellows. Although the EFF campaigned vociferously for former president Jacob Zuma's removal, recent years have seen evidence of a renewed intimacy between Zuma and the Fighters, culminating in a high-profile Nkandla tea party in late 2021 - the purpose of which Malema revealed in a recent Mail & Guardian interview was to try convince Zuma to abide by the Constitutional Court order compelling him to testify at the Zondo Commission. Malema described Zuma at the recent Judicial Service Commission (JSC) hearings as "the Mandela of KZN".

Attacks on the criminal justice system

In May 2021, legal academic Pierre de Vos wrote: "If Zuma could somehow persuade the EFF to join his all-out war on the judiciary and

the criminal justice system, they could have a devastating impact on the legitimacy of the judiciary."

The events since then have effectively seen that prophecy realised. Both Malema and Shivambu railed against the jailing of Zuma in July 2021 as an opportunity to cast aspersions on South Africa's judges. The EFF was vocal in its approval of Tourism Minister Lindiwe Sisulu's January attacks on the judiciary, and the widely criticised recent performance of Malema and former EFF chairperson Dali Mpofu during the JSC hearings provided a further public platform from which to launch attacks on Gauteng Judge President Dunstan Mlambo and acting Chief Justice Raymond Zondo.

The reason for the EFF's clear desire to delegitimise the judiciary is obvious. It is because it is plausible that EFF leaders will sooner or later end up in the dock themselves, charged with corruption relating to the VBS bank heist. Hand in hand with attacks on judges have gone insults aimed at the head of the National Prosecuting Authority, Shamila Batohi, whom Malema has accused of being a puppet of Minister Pravin Gordhan and Ramaphosa.

When head of the corruption-busting Investigating Directorate Hermione Cronje resigned in December 2021, Malema claimed without evidence that it was because Cronje had been given orders to charge "Malema [and] Shivambu before March" 2022. In Malema's contribution to the post-Sona debate this week, he made claims about widespread police corruption and described the entire security cluster as "rotten".

All this is evidently intended to lay the ground for a situation where the EFF claims its leaders are victims of a political plot should their arrests come to pass.

An attention-grabbing year ahead

Although the EFF's recent actions might seem just confusing and chaotic in isolation, the bigger picture that emerges is one of deeply strategic behaviour. A key element of the drive to sign up a million EFF members over the next 11 months will rely on the Fighters maintaining a high public profile. The EFF's current court battle against AfriForum over the "Kill the Boer" song has given Malema a perfect platform to lay out his political philosophy and rail against white supremacy. It has been clear that his intended audience is outside the courtroom walls. When conventional publicity routes prove unavailable, expect more attention-grabbing displays of violence. For evidence of this, consider the fact that the EFF was hobbled last week in any plan to cause disruption to President Ramaphosa's State of the Nation Address by the fact that the replacement venue - Cape Town's City Hall - does not have microphones available for its audience.

To compensate, the EFF did their level best - as video footage clearly showed - to provoke a confrontation with police before the event. A movement like Malema's relies heavily on the oxygen of publicity, however negative, for survival - and media outlets including this one will have to grapple with an overdue reckoning of how much of that oxygen it is responsible for giving. **DM**

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 11 TAARIFA
 12 UDONDZO
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 14 HABARI NYEPESI
 15 BIASHARA
 16 BRAND TALK
 17 KUMEPAMBAZUKA
 18 SHERIA
 19 MICHIZO
 20 YALIVOMO

CLUES: Across

1 Young nation in Africa
 5 female reproductive cells
 7 a church decree
 8 a tripod frame used to support an artist's canvas
 10 a donkey
 11 to choose, to pick
 13 a chemical substance soluble in water, sour in taste, that reddens litmus paper
 15 a literary composition expressing personal observation
 17 Judges in sports
 19 thought
 20 something forming a border

Down:

1 a thick soup
 2 a strong wish
 3 freehold tenure based on uninterrupted possession
 4 to awake
 6 the exchange of goods for money
 7 the middle
 9 responded to something
 12 lake Victoria in Kenya
 14 fear, horror
 16 a soft lustre on a surface
 17 one of many narrow bones surrounding the chest
 18 money charged for something

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BUSINESS

Uganda eclipses Rwanda as second destination for TZ's exports in Comesa

By Guardian Reporter

UGANDA has overtaken Rwanda as the second top Tanzania's exports destination within the Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa), behind Kenya.

Provisional data for 2021 and revise data for 2020 by Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Bank of Tanzania (BOT) computation have shown exports to Uganda reached 721.5bn/- in 2021

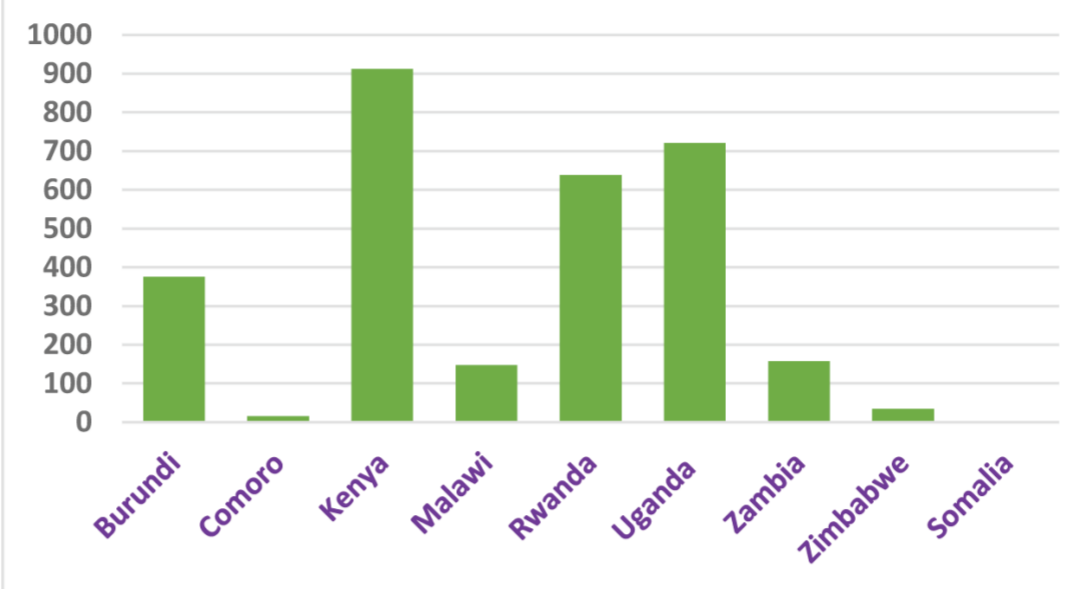
against Rwanda with 638.3bn/-.

Total Tanzania's exports to Comesa members grew by nearly 900b/- to 3trn/- last year from 2.1trn/- recorded in 2020.

In 2020, Rwanda was Tanzania's second top exports destination with 477.5bn/-, while Uganda imported goods and services valued 438.8bn/- from Tanzania.

The last time Uganda was ahead of Rwanda as second top destination was in 2018, as report shows Tanzania ex-

Tanzania Exports to Comesa member states 2021 in Billions



ported goods and services valued 269.6bn/- against 235.6bn/- which were exported to Rwanda.

In the following year, Rwanda overtook Uganda after import-

ing goods and services valued 436.8bn/- from Tanzania, against 282.9bn/- of Uganda.

Kenya, also member of East Africa Community (EAC) with Tan-

zania, has remained the major Tanzania's exports destination within Comesa with 912.8bn/- in 2021, from 528bn/- in 2020.

The fourth largest Tanzania

exports destination within Comesa was Burundi, which imported goods and services valued 375.1bn/- in 2021, down from 411.6bn/- recorded in 2020.

Another growth of exports value recorded on Zambia, a country which shares membership with Tanzania in Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), after importing goods and services valued 157.6bn/- against 124.1bn/- recorded a year before.

According to report. Other exports growths were recorded to Comoros from 10.8bn/- in 2020 to 15.3bn/- in 2021, Swaziland from 134.2bn/- to 336bn/-, Djibouti from 195bn/- to 619.6bn/- and Lesotho from 5.1bn/- to 68.9bn/- respectively.

Exports to Malawi also went up to 147.1bn/- in 2021 from 107.9bn/- in 2020.

However, the TRA report shows exports to other countries including Somalia, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Ethiopia went down during the reviewed years.

Tanzania exports to Zimbabwe slowed to 34.1bn/- from 48.4bn/-, Somalia went down to 1.2bn/- in 2021 from 3.6bn/- in 2020 while exports to Mauritius dropped to 403.7mn/- in 2021 from 2.4bn recorded in 2020.

According to the report, Kenya was the largest exporter to Tanzania among Comesa members with 949.3bn/- in 2021, followed by Uganda with 252.0bn/- and Zambia became third largest with 161.9bn/-.

Swaziland is also largest source of Tanzania's imports as the report shows a total goods and services valued 90.9 billion in 2021, followed by Malawi with 51.6bn/-.

The report shows Tanzania imported goods and services valued 1.59trn/-, which indicates Tanzania has trade surpluses with Comesa as a trading bloc.

Investor appetite down as DSE posts 1.5bn/- in turnover

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

APPETITE for shares at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) dived last week with the bourse recording an equity turnover of 1.5bn/- during last week's trading session as compared to a bullish 11.67bn/- turnover posted the previous week.

Three counters dominated the market share last week, with TOL leading the pack at 49.45 per cent followed by CRDB and NMB at 31.98 per cent and 11.16 per cent, respectively. Price movement was recorded on four domestic

traded equities this week.

TCCL/Simba cement counter appreciated the most by 10.91 per cent to end the week at 1,220/- per share, followed by the TPCC/Twiga cement share that increased by 10 per cent to close at 3,740/- per share while the NICO share also went up by 9.68 per cent and closed at 340/- per share.

The Jatu share price on the other hand, dropped by 8 per cent to end the week at 345/- per share.

According to data from the DSE, total market capitalization went up by 1.43 per cent to 16.3 billion while do-

mestic market capitalization also went up by 1.63 per cent to close at TZS 10.0 billion.

The Tanzania share index (TSI) closed at 3,789.46 points after increasing by 1.63 per cent while the All Share Index (DSEI) also increased by 1.43 per cent to close at 1,961.09 points.

Meanwhile, activities in the secondary market slightly increased comparative to the preceding week as the market began adjusting positions ahead of the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) re-opening a 20 year treasury bond. The value of bonds traded in the



secondary market was 67.83bn/- being an increase of 183.6% from 23.91bn/- recorded last week.

According to a forecast by brokerage firm Zan Secu-

rities, there will be more trading activity in the secondary market this week, since the Central Bank will not be conducting Treasury bond auctions.

The company noted that there has been a return to the equities market as a result of falling treasury yields so far this year.

"This has coincided with a rise in the local equities market, which has gained 6.29% YTD with blue-chip stocks such as NMB and CRDB gaining 34% and 25% YTD respectively as investors seek higher returns"

Zan Securities noted that the equity market's resurgence has been fueled largely by falling fixed income rates, which have resulted in a liquidity exodus to the equities market.

"Rates are expected to continue falling, impacting on equities activity," according to the company

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE value of Exports of goods and services increased to \$9,818.6 million in the year ending December 2021, from \$8,555.5 million in the corresponding period in 2020 according to the Bank of Tanzania Monthly Economic Review for January 2022.

This was on account of a rise in exports of manufactured goods particularly sisal and sisal products, manufactured tobacco and other manufactured products as well as horticulture,

fish products and travel receipts.

The export of goods increased by 6.0 per cent to \$6,755.6 million, with non-traditional goods rising by 9.7 per cent to \$5,763.0 million.

According to the report, gold exports fell by 7.2 per cent to \$2,743.1 million and accounted for 40.6 percent of total goods exports, driven by the recent decline in world market prices.

Exports of manufactured goods rose to \$1,213.2 million in the year ending December 2021, from \$908.6 million in 2020, driven by sisal and sisal products, manufactured tobacco and other manufactured products particularly iron and steel, cosmetics, plastic and paper and paper products.

"On monthly basis, exports of non-traditional goods were \$465.2 million,

slightly higher than \$452.9 million in December 2020," the report said.

Exports of traditional goods declined to \$627.9 million from \$808.1 million in a similar period in 2020.

"Much decline was recorded in exports of cashew nuts, tobacco and cotton. On a monthly basis, traditional exports were largely unchanged at around \$ 135.0 million," the report

added.

Meanwhile, the value of Imports of goods and services increased to \$11,744.4 million in the year ending December 2021, from \$9,181.0 million in 2020.

The rise was largely observed in intermediate goods particularly oil, machinery and other consumer goods.

According to the central Bank fig-

ures, oil imports increased by 63.2 per cent to \$2,090.5 million, on account of both price and volume.

"Services payments amounted to \$ 1,719.5 million up from \$1,292.0 million in the year ending December 2021, largely due to rise in freight payments along with rise in import bill.

On month-to-month, services payments increased to \$205.8 million in December 2021, from \$106.9 million in December 2020, bolstered by freight payments.

Global oil prices rally more than 20 per cent

NEW YORK

OIL producers have had a great year with oil prices rallying by as much as 20% in 2022 alone.

Higher oil prices could incentivize upstream investments and help push more supply into the market.

"Historically, markets led higher by tightening product and crude inventories are difficult to solve absent a demand destruction event or a supply surge, neither of which appears to be on the horizon."

Fundamentals and geopolitics have pushed oil prices rallying by 20 percent so far this year to levels last seen in the autumn of 2014. The price at over \$90 a barrel is up by more than 60 percent from this time last year, and many analysts say that \$100 oil is now a matter of when, not if.

Oil majors and oil-producing countries part of the OPEC+ alliance have seen the benefits of rallying oil prices with huge cash flows and profits, and government oil revenues, respectively.

While these handsome benefits of the high oil prices are undoubtedly positive for the finances of the supermajors, OPEC members, and Russia, the market is already won-

dering at what price point demand destruction will kick in.

At this point, considering the very tight market right now, persistently high oil prices at over \$90—and possibly \$100 a barrel—could be one of the few 'cures' for high oil prices in the medium term.

In the longer term, \$90, or \$100, oil could incentivize more upstream investments, which have been woefully insufficient over the past two years, compared to the now rebounding post-COVID oil demand.

It could be \$100 oil that would 'cure' high oil prices. Yet, it's possible that demand growth will slow down—because of the high oil prices—before producers commit more investments in supply.

"The only way to balance this market over the medium term remains high oil prices to slow demand growth," analysts at Energy Aspects wrote in a note to clients this week cited by Bloomberg.

Bringing more supply, on the other hand, is now more challenging than before the pandemic. ESG issues and the energy transition for the international majors, as well as the new-found and still-largely-holding capital discipline of US shale producers, combine with



Oil firm worker in Nigeria

supply chain bottlenecks, labor shortages, and cost inflation.

\$100 oil could unleash a lot more US oil production, in theory, but supply chain constraints and record-high frac sand prices are likely to temper growth, analysts at Rystad Energy say.

Global investments in supply rose in 2021 compared to 2020 and are expected to rise this year as well, but they will still

lag pre-pandemic levels, all forecasters say.

The oil majors have not boosted exploration investments too much, while US shale basically needs to raise investment just to keep production flat.

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), the oil majors' share of overall upstream spending is now at 25 percent, compared with nearly 40 percent in

the mid-2010s.

Unlike oil majors, national oil companies, especially ADNOC of Abu Dhabi and Saudi Aramco, are investing more in new supply as they each look to raise their respective production capacities by 1 million barrels per day (bpd) by the end of this decade.

In the near term, however, the market fundamentals point that supply is lag-

ging behind the rebound in demand, pushing oil prices higher, together with the threat of a possible disruption in the Russian oil supply due to the Ukraine crisis.

Analysts say that the short-term cure for high oil prices is for them to reach the point at which they will start to weigh on demand. It seems that we are not there yet.

Longhorn reports Sh15m gain on schools reopening

NAIROBI

LONGHORN Publishers Plc recorded a net profit of Sh15 million in the year ended December, reversing a net loss of Sh145.3 million a year earlier.

The improved earnings was driven by higher sales which more than tripled to Sh960.9 million amid increased purchase of books and other learning materials. The company did not say whether it will pay a dividend.

"Across our various markets, we have seen a gradual improvement in the trading environment which supported the overall positive half-year performance of the Group," Longhorn said in a statement.

"In Kenya, the government's support for uninterrupted learning in schools, the new school calendar year in July 2021 and a gradual economic recovery drove the recovery of sales in our largest market."

The company added that despite the prolonged closure of schools in Uganda from March 2020 to last month due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it still managed to supply over 23,000 books to public primary

schools in that market.

Longhorn's operating expenses increased by 65 percent to Sh236.1 million, mainly attributed to the reinstatement of staff benefits that had been cut as a response to the pandemic's economic crisis.

Selling and distribution costs also rose but at a relatively slower pace compared to revenue, resulting in improved margins.

Finance costs reduced by 31 percent to Sh64.6 million on account of a 22.3 percent reduction in borrowings to Sh914.3 million.

The company said it reduced its debt load as cash flows increased from higher collections from customers. In the first half of the financial year, Longhorn saw additional title approvals in the market for the competency-based curriculum (CBC) Grade 6 and set books in Kenya, 51 secondary titles in Uganda and 9 titles in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

"We are now looking forward to a major launch of the revised Kamusi Kuu in Tanzania, approvals for CBC Grade 7 and complementary titles in Kenya and several titles in Cameroon," said Longhorn.



Longhorn Publishers Group Managing Director Maxwell Wahome.

Bad weather affects cashew production in Liwale district

By Sabato Kasika

PRODUCTION of cashewnuts in Liwale district fell by half during 2021/2022 season due to various reasons, but bad weather hit the most.

This also resulted in low collection of harvested cashewnuts at the Liwale Urban Primary, as during the ended 2021/2021 season only 1,758 tonnes

were collected against projected 3,000 tonnes.

The chairman of the cooperative Hassan Myao said the fall of collected cashewnuts against estimates was a result of low production, as seasonal rains were not enough to trigger production.

"The rains did not come on time and this resulted into low farming ac-

tivities, but I believe farmers hearts are not broken and they consider this as an opportunity in looking forward," he said.

He said rising and falling of production happen sometime and it is normal.

During the previous season, the price for first class cashew was ranging from 1,600/- to 2,395/- per kilogramme, while the second class cashew sold at

1,300/- per kilo.

According to cashewnuts board, the country was projected to produce 603,500 tonnes in 2024/25 - and over 537,000 tonnes in 2023/24.

Furthermore, the amended projections show that, over 441,000 tonnes of cashew nuts would be produced in the 2022/23, and 405,000 tonnes in the 2021/22 harvesting season.

Cashew nuts are grown in the Southern parts of Tanzania, on the opposite side of the border of the cashew-growing region of Mozambique.

About 90 percent of the area planted with cashew nuts are found in three regions of Mtwara, Lindi and Pwani.

Tanzania is one of the largest cashew producers in Africa, with exports providing 10-15 percent of the coun-

try's foreign exchange. The country is the eighth-largest grower of cashew nut in the world and ranks fourth in Africa.

The country provides 20% of Africa's cashew nut and only trails in production of Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire, and Guinea-Bissau, according to United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

Young female scientists encourage girls to study science



Young scientists participating as apprentices

By Guardian Correspondent

MEN are currently dominating every aspect of sciences not because they are brighter, but it is because the fear of female to pursue science subject in schools.

This comes due to the fact that females are always shying away from science subject, with many believe that the subjects were made for men and only brightest.

Young scientists who have just completed their apprentice programme at Seregeti Breweries Limited (SBL) revealed that science is made for everyone and female student should not be afraid of pursuing the because the opportunities are not highly competitive compared with business and humanities subjects.

They said most of girls are confident and competent, but many are giving up at the late stage of education because of the notion that science is made for male students.

One of the beneficiaries of the programme Lydia Masonda, BSC in food Science & Technology from Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) said it has helped to believe that females are equal

to males, and others can do more than men are doing.

"It is critical to recognize the contributions of young females in science since there are many of us competent and confident to undertake science works," she says.

"There are many of us who are capable of new discoveries and the knowledge to apply tools. For me, coming at SBL has made me believe in my journey once again. I am forever grateful to SBL for supporting me all the way."

Another beneficiary from Dar Es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) who pursue BSC in Engineering Electronics and Telecommunications Catherine Kagengere said "I feel that the best way to close the gender gap in science is for us young females to keep believing in ourselves more."

She said girls must overcome the stigma that females are less competent than males.

"I challenge all young females everywhere to make moves and

study science. If I hadn't done so, I would not have had the opportunity to work at SBL," she said.

The STEM Apprentice program, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, encourages women to pursue careers in these fields and to advance in them.

The goal is to bridge the societal gap that exists as a result of males outnumbering young females in science fields, according to SBL.

According to Saraphine Mwamaso, SBL Brand Change Manager, the STEM apprentice program aims to hire more young female scientists.

"Our company has identified a disparity in science for women and girls, and this action plan aims to alleviate this issue," she explained.

"As a society, we recognize the value of equality, as well as the value of assisting communities that are still lagging behind. "We saw a need to invest in science, and our target audience has been young females."

SBL program lines up with the government's campaign to increase the number of young females pursuing scientific careers by expanding the number of science schools for girls throughout the country.

The program entails employing a large number of ambitious young females with a Bachelor's degree or higher diploma or equivalent in electrical engineering, electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, mechanic engineering, food science and technology to work for the company for a year.

According to SBL brand change manager Saraphina Mwamaso since its inception in 2020, the STEM program has recruited ten young female scientists from various colleges in Tanzania.

"This program has also uplifted and enlightened young females through mentorship and coaching. We hope to improve and strengthen gender diversity in SBL, particularly in supply, by developing an inclusive talent pipeline," she said.

Local firm, TCB to distributed 3m robusta seedlings for free

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

KAGERA farmers will be supplied with free three million robusta seedlings as a way of motivating coffee farming, thanks to JJAD Kagera Farmers (T) Company and Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB).

JJAD Director General, Dr. Albert Katagira, said the seedlings will be distributed this week through the event to be held at Karengu village, Kaisho ward in Karagwe district.

This is part of 20 million seedlings the partners are planning to distribute to farmers in the next three years.

According to Dr. Katagira one seedling has the capacity to produce 2.5 kilograms of coffee in one year.

He said the company has drafted a long-term and strategic plan aimed at producing 1.5 million coffee seedlings in the year 2021-2022, 3 million (2022-2023), 4.5 million (2023-2024), 6 million and million 7 (2024-2025).

"Quality is the most important elements in coffee production worldwide, that's why has invested time and resources to process high-quality coffee which easily penetrates into the international markets," said JJAD director. The statement by TCB has therefore urged farmers from the region to take a chance so that they can benefit from the free high-quality seedlings, adding the seedlings are ready for planting.

Robusta coffee is grown in the western areas along Lake Victoria in Kagera region and constitutes 30% of the total coffee production in Tanzania, according to Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB).

Coffee production in Tanzania is a

significant aspect of its economy as it is Tanzania's largest export crop and production averages between 30 and 40,000 metric tons annually of which approximately 70% is Arabica and 30% is Robusta.

Tanzania is the fourth-largest coffee producer in Africa, behind Ethiopia, Uganda, and Cote D'Ivoire.

Despite this, the local coffee industry has faced challenges in recent years, with yields falling since a peak in the late 1990s. It is estimated that over 320,000 smallholder farming households are responsible for 95% of the coffee production in the country.

Despite this downward trend, coffee remains a key driver of the Tanzanian economy, and is the country's largest export crop.

Meanwhile, JJAD has said it scooped an award as the best fine coffee producer for 2021 in Tanzania.

He said the company emerged victorious as the top coffee producer during the competition organized by the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB) in Moshi, Kilimanjaro Region in a competition named Tanzania Fine Coffees Competition 2021.

The competition involved testing of 68 samples of coffee produced/processed by various companies and regions countrywide and the competition takes place every year involving coffee-processing/producing companies from different regions throughout the country.

JJAD is one of the companies which produce coffee from its 100 acre-farm located in Kyerwa, Kagera Region procure coffee beans locally and export markets.



JJAD Director General, Dr. Albert Katagira

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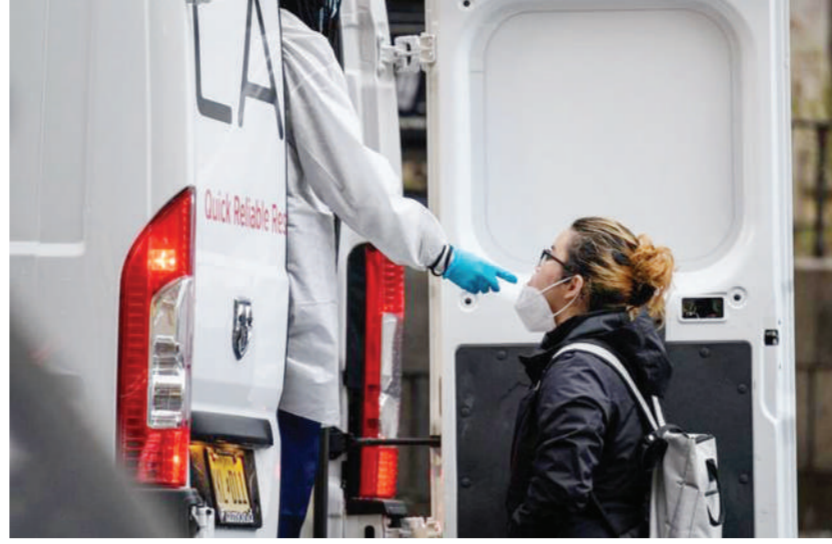
Report: US suffers more than 1m excess deaths during pandemic

LONDON / LJUBLJANA

THERE have been more than 1 million excess deaths in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic, The Guardian said in a recent report. The deaths are mainly attributable to COVID-19, as well as conditions that may have resulted from delayed medical care and overwhelmed health systems, the report quoted figures from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as saying. At least 923,000 Americans have died from confirmed COVID-19 cases, according to the US CDC. Other causes of death above the normally expected number include heart disease, hypertension and Alzheimer's disease. Excess deaths are also known as untimely or "early" deaths, The Guardian explained, adding while the majority of excess deaths in the United States occurred among those 65 and older, many

of those Americans had many years left to live. Excess deaths are calculated based on previous years' fatalities. In 2019, there were 2.8 million deaths in the United States. In 2020, it was approximately 3.3 million, the report noted. Many Americans delayed seeking care during the pandemic, and others saw the quality of their care worsen as the country's healthcare system was overburdened by COVID-19, it said. The United States is also in the midst of an overdose crisis, with more than 100,000 overdose deaths in the first year of the pandemic, the report added.

Britain British Prime Minister Boris Johnson intends to set out plans next week to remove self-isolation requirements for people infected with COVID-19, his office said on Saturday. Britain would become the first major Europe-



A person receives a COVID-19 test out of a mobile testing van on Jan 5, 2022 in New York City. AFP

an country to allow people who know they are infected with COVID-19 to freely use shops, public transport and go to work - a move many of his health advisors think is risky. "COVID will not suddenly disappear, and we need to learn to live with this virus and continue to protect ourselves without restricting our freedoms," Johnson said in a statement. Johnson will also give more details on how Britain will guard against future coronavirus variants through ongoing surveillance, amid reports that the government wants to end free testing and scale back public health studies.

Currently people in England are legally required to self-isolate for at least five days if instructed to by public health officials, and are advised to isolate even without a specific order if they have COVID-19 symptoms or test positive. Removing the COVID-19 self-isolation legal requirements and replacing them with voluntary guidance would bring the disease in line with how Britain treats most other infections. Some 85 percent of Britain's population aged 12 or over have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, and two thirds of the population - including the vast majority of those most at risk - have had three.

West will introduce sanctions against Russia in any case - Putin

MOSCOW



WESTERN Sanctions against Russia, as well as against Belarus, will be introduced in any case, a reason for this will be found, Russian President Vladimir Putin told a press conference following talks with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko. "Sanctions will be imposed in any case. Whether they have a reason today, for example, in connection with the events in Ukraine, or there is no such reason - it will be found, because the goal is different, in this case the goal is to slow down the development of Russia and Belarus," the Russian leader said. "With this aim, there will always be a reason to introduce certain illegitimate restrictions, and this is nothing more than unfair competition," the Russian leader added. He stressed that sanctions pressure "is absolutely illegitimate." "This is a gross violation of international law, but those who are now talking about it (about possible new sanctions - TASS) they care about it (the international law - TASS) only when it is advantageous to them. When it is not advantageous to them, they are happy to forget about all the norms of international public right," Putin said. He noted with regret that Moscow and Minsk have been living "in such a paradigm for many, many years, because those in power, [who] consider themselves the masters of today's life, they always interpret everything only in their own favor and neglect the interests of other [countries]." "There is only one way to overcome this state of affairs - to strengthen ourselves from within, and above all, of course, in the economy," the head of state stated.

Economic cooperation and import substitution

When asked who can help Russia and Belarus counter the sanctions, the Russian leader noted that Moscow and Minsk "should help themselves in this sense." "This is exactly what our today's meeting [with Lukashenko] is aimed at," Putin said, adding that it was about economic cooperation. Putin did not elaborate on how the two states will counter the sanctions, but said that "there is always a solution." The Russian leader also agreed with the statement of his Belarusian counterpart that the world is one cannot lock down everything. "I am joining this assessment," Putin said. He recalled over the last eight years Russia has done a lot in terms of import substitution. "We did not do everything that we planned, but in general it can be said that more than 90% of the tasks that we set for ourselves have been solved," the Russian leader said. However he noted that "much remains to be done" in this area in order to increase the level of economic sovereignty.

Many countries unhappy with sanctions

The Russian leader noted that today many countries face the consequences of sanctions, "even allies of the United States." "They simply keep their mouths shut, keep silent, tolerate it. But <...> nobody likes it: they don't like secondary sanctions, and they don't like direct sanctions pressure either," Putin said. "Sooner or later, this abscess, of course, will break through. But today it is important for us to raise the level of our economic sovereignty and be more capable, modern, and give new impetus to the development of modern areas of the economy," Putin stressed. **Agencies**

Ethiopians mark 85th anniversary of Martyrs' Day

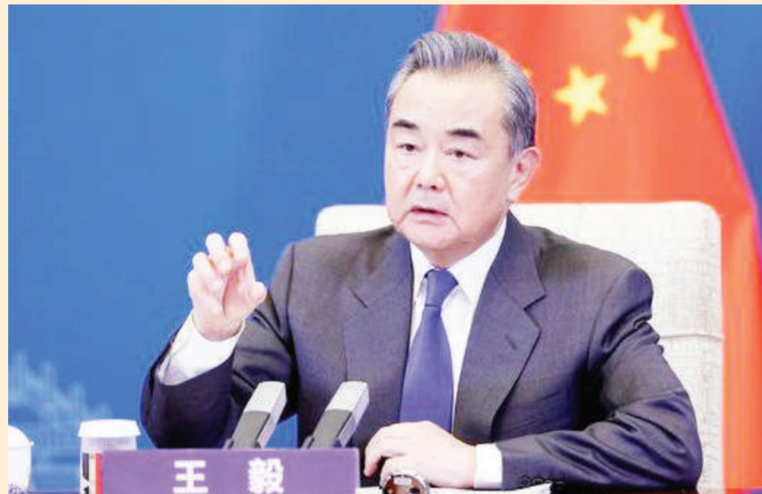
ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIANS on Saturday commemorated Martyrs' Day in remembrance of the tens of thousands of Ethiopians massacred by the colonizer forces in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, some 85 years ago. Marking this year's edition of the Martyrs' Day Commemoration, also known as "Yekatit 12," Ethiopian government officials, elders and the general public called for augmenting national unity and togetherness toward the country's prosperity. The commemorative event in Addis Ababa was marked by wreaths laying in memory of the deceased at the Martyr's Monument in the capital and by a huge crowd of people attending. The Martyrs' Day commemorates the indiscriminate killings of Ethiopians by the Italian colonizing forces following an attempted assassination of leaders of the colonizing forces. Official estimates show that as many as 30,000 Ethiopians were killed during the massacre that started on Feb. 19, 1937, and continued for three days. Every year the Martyrs' Day Commemoration is held at the dedicated monument erected in memory of the deceased after the East African country successfully repelled back the colonizing forces for the second time, making it the only African country to have never been colonized. **Xinhua**

Wang Yi calls for greater solidarity, cooperation

BEIJING

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Saturday attended the 58th Munich Security Conference (MSC) via video link, calling for greater solidarity and cooperation under the banner of multilateralism. Noting that the world faces once again the danger of division and confrontation, Wang said certain big power is reviving the Cold War mentality and stoking confrontation between blocs. "Only when countries row the oars together and cheer up each other, rather than undercut and come after one another, can we overcome the current challenges



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi

and sail into a bright future," he said. "In this process, the role and action of major countries are

critically important," he added. To make the world a better place, major countries must lead by example, countries must work in sync, and China and Europe must play their part, Wang said. "We expect all major countries to take the lead in supporting multilateralism, living up to their international commitments, acting on the purposes of the UN Charter, and contributing to world peace and development," he said. "We all must guard against and oppose any attempt for a 'new Cold War', and strive for a world of enduring peace," he said. Noting that China and Europe are two major forces and great

civilizations, Wang said they can and must provide more stability and positive energy for the world. The two sides need to stay committed to the China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership, respect each other's core interests, adhere to the basic international norm of non-interference in internal affairs, and expand mutually beneficial cooperation across the board, he said. "China is ready to work with all countries as passengers in the same boat and, with unity as the sail and cooperation as the oar, sail through the pandemic and toward a brighter future," Wang said. **Xinhua**

Russia holds exercise as tensions with Ukraine escalate

MOSCOW

UNDER the leadership of President Vladimir Putin, Russia's strategic deterrence forces conducted large-scale drills on Saturday as the Ukrainian crisis flared up. Putin watched the exercise from the situation center at the Kremlin together with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, the Kremlin said in a statement. Russia's Aerospace Forces, the Southern Military District, the Strategic Missile Forces, the Northern and Black Sea Fleets were involved in the drills, according to the statement. The Aerospace Forces launched Kinzhal hypersonic missiles, while ships and submarines of the Northern and Black Sea Fleets fired Kalibr cruise missiles and Tsirkon hypersonic missiles against sea and ground targets. An Iskander ground-based cruise missile was launched from a training ground in the Astrakhan region in southern Russia, and a Yars intercontinental ballistic missile was launched from



This handout video grab released by the Russian Defence Ministry on Saturday shows a Yars intercontinental ballistic missile launching during a training launch as part of the Grom-2022 Strategic Deterrence Force exercise at an undefined location in Russia. AFP

northwest Russia's Plesetsk cosmodrome against a target on the Kamchatka Peninsula. Tu-95MS strategic bombers fired cruise missiles, while the Karelia strategic nuclear submarine of the Northern Fleet launched a Sineva ballistic missile from the Barents

Sea towards the Kamchatka Peninsula. The Kremlin said that the strategic deterrence exercise was "planned previously," during which the combat readiness of the troops and the reliability of the weapons were checked.

All the tasks were completed in full and all the missiles hit the designated targets, it added. Meanwhile, Russia's Investigative Committee said Saturday that it has initiated a criminal case against an attempted murder after "Ukrainian paramilitaries

shelled the border area of Russia's Rostov region. From 5:00 to 6:00 am local time on Saturday, unidentified persons on the territory of Ukraine attacked the border area of the Rostov region by using a multiple launch rocket system, the committee said in a statement. No casualties among the civilians were reported, and an investigation is underway, it added. Explosions were reported in the border area of the Rostov region as a large number of refugees are fleeing from Ukraine's Donbass to Russia to escape a possible war. On Friday, Putin ordered the acting head of the emergencies ministry to urgently fly to the Rostov region to organize on-site work on providing refugees with accommodation, hot meals and other necessities, including medical care. Hours after the shelling was reported, Sputnik reported that the Ukrainian foreign ministry denied the allegation, saying Kiev made no such attacks. **Agencies**

Role of infrastructure in Africa's post-pandemic recovery to take center stage in upcoming PIDA Week

ADDIS ABABA

AFRICAN policymakers and experts are set to discuss the role of the infrastructure sector in injecting post-COVID-19 recovery, growth and resilience into Africa at the 7th Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Week slated next week. The 7th PIDA Week, which will be hosted in Nairobi, Kenya through a hybrid format from Feb. 28 to March 4, will among other things focus on how Africa can lead the way in the delivery of infrastructure in a post-COVID era as well as supporting the economic and social imperatives of

the continent in the digital age, the African Union (AU) announced Saturday. The pan-African bloc said this year's edition of the PIDA Week takes place amid the backdrop of continued global economic and social uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. "The prolonged COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating multifaceted economic and social consequences that have disproportionately affected Africa on human development indicators, economic interdependence, growth and resilience patterns," the AU said. In a bid to contain the spread and

the multifaceted impacts of the pandemic, African governments have prioritized their spending commitment mainly focusing on vaccinating their population and building resilience, eventually increasing their recurrent expenditure. According to the AU, the increase in African countries' COVID-19-related expenditure could impact the annual gap in infrastructure investment in the short to medium term. And the pandemic has also had a negative impact on cross-border trade. African countries were forced to shut down borders and, in some cases, apply trade restrictions that have affected supply chains inbound

and outbound within the regions and as a result recording trade deficit in volumes, exposing Africa's overdependence on external supply chains. "It is expected that once the pandemic is successfully contained, the focus will need to shift from crisis management to assisting to adequately invest in infrastructure for development, as well as preventing and mitigating the impact of future outbreaks," the AU said. The PIDA Week, among other things, envisages bringing together international and regional experts from multiple stakeholders to deliberate on the issues around infrastructure delivery in Africa.

The continental week will focus on how Africa can lead the way in the delivery of infrastructure in a post-COVID era, supporting the economic and social imperatives of the continent in the digital age. The PIDA Week will consider thematic issues including post-COVID 19 infrastructure financing, delivery, and resilience; the critical role of infrastructure in the implementation of the agreement for establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and in the post-COVID-19 recovery; and the transformation in demand for and consumption of transport, energy, ICT and social infrastructure.



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Kane saves Spurs' season and throws
Liverpool a title race lifeline

Congolese winger tipped to tackle Mtibwa Sugar attacking woes

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MTIBWA Sugar has confirmed that DR Congo winger, Deo Kanda, will soon be eligible to play for the club in the NBC Premier League after clearing contract issues.

The 32-year-old Congolese footballer that moved to Mtibwa Sugar in the mini transfer window has so far not played a minute for his new club.

For good reason, there are concerns related to the finalization of his contract which has been solved.

The controversy began in December last year after Mtibwa Sugar introduced Kanda as the outfit's new player while the Tabora outfit, Kitayosce, emerged sharply claiming the Congolese footballer was the side's legitimate player.

Earlier Kitayosce had Kanda coming to Tanzania from his home country ready for introduction and registration at the club which is participating in the Championship.

While Kanda was waiting to be seen feature for Kitayosce, he was suddenly introduced by Mtibwa Sugar, which is participating in the NBC Premier League, as having recruited the former winger who had previously served Simba SC and DRC's TP Mazembe.

Thobias Kifarur, Mtibwa Sugar Information Officer, confirmed that the outfit was unable to use the footballer because there were issues about his transfer that were not complete but now everything is fine.

It should be noted that the footballer once scored a goal in Simba SC's 2-2 draw with Yanga in a Premier League game when they met at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Kanda was on loan at Simba SC from Tout Puissant Mazembe and, despite his midfield command that saw the team win a treble, his stay was not extended.

The Democratic Republic of Congo footballer scored eight goals for the Tanzania football giants who are preparing for the top-flight title defense to make it five in a row.

Kifarur said: "We hope to start using Deo Kanda soon. The challenge was on the part of TP Mazembe's failure to send his working permit and approval."

"Kanda we registered him during the mini transfer window but he could not take the pitch because of his permission, communication has already been made with our colleagues."

"And if we will get it soon, he longs to serve Mtibwa Sugar. If all goes well he may play against Yanga at our home turf."

In his soccer career Kanda was introduced by DC Motema Pembe of DR Congo, then joined TP Mazembe, AS Vita Club, Morocco's Raja Casablanca, Simba SC and now moves to Mtibwa Sugar from TP Mazembe.



Lugalo Golf Club's Chairman, Michael Luwongo (L), hands over a trophy to Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL)'s Marketing Manager for Spirits, Lumuli Minga, during a press conference to announce the 2022 Johnnie Walker Waitara Trophy tournament held in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Brand spices 2022 General Waitara golf tournament

By Guardian Correspondent

GOLF, once considered elitist by most Tanzanians, is now attracting unprecedented national attention.

The retired General Waitara Golf Tournament, Tanzania's longest golf championship, has given the game new impetus since its inception in 2006.

The showdown is now known as the Johnnie Walker-Waitara Golf Tournament, as it is sponsored by the world's number one Scotch whisky, Johnnie Walker.

This year's 18-hole game, played at Lugalo Golf Club's course in Dar es Salaam last week, drew over 100 golfers, including top-tier local and international players, who coloured the game as they competed for the dazzling prizes on offer.

Arusha Gymkhana, Mufindi Club, Morogoro Gymkhana, Dar es Salaam Gymkhana, Zanzibar's Sea Cliff Golf Club, Kili Golf, TPC Golf Club, were among the participating clubs in the showpiece which also had other professional golfers taking part.

Every year, the Lugalo Golf Club organizes the Waitara Golf Tournament to honour retired General George Waitara, who inaugurated the golf course and made significant contributions to the game.

The tournament's sponsorship by Johnnie Walker comes as no surprise, as it is the brand's second time doing so, following the 2021 tournament, which was proudly sponsored by the brand.

(SBL) markets and distributes Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky, which was first produced in Scotland 200 years ago and has grown in leaps and bounds to stand out from its peers' crowds globally.

This year's tournament coincided with the 200th anniversary of the whisky.

SBL Managing Director, Mark Ocitti, said at the gala dinner to honour the top participants: "we will continue to be behind this tournament and others to come. We are committed to working with The Lugalo Golf Club to improve the game of golf in Tanzania."

Ocitti also reassured the audience that the SBL would continue to support the game because it contributes to the growth of sports in Tanzania.

Lumuli Minga, Spirits Marketing Manager, said that Johnnie Walker is proud to be associated with the Waitara Golf Tournament, which is rapidly gaining popularity in the country, and that Johnnie Walker will continue to support sports in the country, particularly golf.

The official noted: "Johnnie Walker is a brand that believes in progress, forwardness, quality, resilience, perseverance, and following through on commitments."

"As many golfers will attest, these are some of the characteristics that allow them to make it in the game," Lumuli said.

"SBL, through its world-class whisky Johnnie Walker, is proud to be the main sponsor of this year's Waitara Golf Tournament," she continued. Our participation in this tournament demonstrates our firm commitment to assisting the development of sports in the country."

Chairman of Lugalo Golf Club, Michael Luwongo, also spoke at the gala and expressed gratitude to SBL for sponsoring the event.

"We take great pride in SBL's support for the game of golf, and knowing that SBL is a great lover of sports in the country, we are very happy to be associated with a company that is committed to the development of all types of sports in Tanzania," he said.

The event's guest of honour, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Damas Ndumbaro, thanked SBL for its support of the country's sports sector, particularly golf.

When John Walker, an ordinary Scottish businessman, started his grocery business in Ayrshire and used various single malts and blended them to make his whisky tastier.

He eventually discovered a new blended whisky and named it Johnnie Walker, which is now the most preferred scotch whisky globally 200 years later.

Namungo, Mbeya City FC in pivotal top-four clash



Namungo FC. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NAMUNGO FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE race for the top four positions in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League, and the elusive Confederation of African Football's club tournaments' spots that come with it, is as close as it has ever been.

At the time of writing, seven points separate Mbeya City FC in fourth place and Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in 11th place.

As the race for the fourth spot is hotting up, Namungo FC has an opportunity to close the gap when they host Mbeya City FC in Lindi today afternoon.

Having floundered through the November-December period or so, Namungo FC now has a real opportunity to kick on and make meaningful inroads in the top-four race if the club can build on its last two back-to-back victories against Mtibwa Sugar and Coastal Union.

The hosts will look to forward, Reliants Lusajo, for goals. The top scorer in the league with nine goals to his name so far is in the form of his life having scored seven goals in the past seven league games.

Lusajo can hope to put a distance between him and Geita Gold FC's George Mpole and Yanga's Fiston Mayele who are both two goals behind him in the scoring charts.

Meanwhile, with 23 points in fourth place, a win will see Mbeya City FC leapfrog Azam FC which is not in action until Tuesday when the club comes up against Biashara United at Karume Stadium, Mara.

The league's first-half will climax on Wednesday when Mtibwa Sugar host leader, Yanga, at Manungu Stadium, Turiani.

Mbeya City FC under the flamboyant Ugandan coach, Mathias Lule, has only lost once on the road when a controversial last-minute penalty saw them suffer a 3-2 loss to Coastal Union.

However, the squad is yet to win away from the comforts of its home ground this season.

The visitors will rely on Aziz Andabwile. The 21-year old footballer has featured in all but two of the team's 14 fixtures in the 2021/22 season and they will be

counting on him to keep the mid-field engine ticking over against Namungo FC.

Richardson Ng'ondya is another crucial component to Mbeya City FC's success this season.

The 19-year-old winger has scored four goals and provided three assists for his teammates this term and will be hoping to supply the likes of goal-getters Paul Nonga and Juma Luizio who have eight goals between them.

In head-to-head stats, Namungo FC and Mbeya City FC have met in four league matches since 2019/20.

Namungo FC has claimed three wins compared to one for Mbeya City FC.

The most recent meeting took place on April 10, 2021, in which Mbeya City FC picked its first and only victory at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi.

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