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Food vendors assembled at a point in Dar es Salaam's Vingunguti suburb look on forlornly from the debris of stalls where they were based until Wednesday evening. That was only hours before tragedy struck - with a midnight demolition operation by the city militia. Photo

Ministry in land bank plan to ease investments

By Henry Mwangonde

INVESTMENTS ministry authorities want local governments to profile land suitable for investment to be part of a national land database accessible to investors instead of dealing with village leaders as is the case now.

The minister, Geoffrey Mwambe told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that apart from having a clear map of land suitable for every type of investment, "this will bring to an end the current bureaucracy and corruption."

"Currently converting land to

investment takes long because the Land Act and the Village Land Act require approval from the president, which takes time," he said.

The minister asserted that the plan engenders a review of investment law to update it and remove snags in the process, urging mindset change among civil servants on investments facilitation saying his ministry wants to improve coordination of the same with an aim of attracting more investors into the

"Every civil servant and government TURN TO PAGE 2

PM hands three ministries | 'Clove sub-sector won't be privatised' agro-sector uplifting tasks

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa directed ministers for agriculture, industry and trade as well as investment to brainstorm and come up with a strategy to modernise agriculture.

The plan should clearly outline how farmers can utilise modern methods of agriculture including mechanisation, access to quality seeds and reliable markets for enhanced productivity.

He issued this directive here

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vesterday at the inauguration of Serengeti Breweries Distillery, underlining the need for the ministries to make sure of availability of reliable markets, and farm inputs to reduce farmers' costs.

The ministries need to come up with a strategy that would help farmers sell strategic crops to factories that need them, he said, noting that it was the responsibility of every Tanzanian to make sure of using locally produced products in

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Those falling off trees while picking cloves must report for accident insurance

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR Second Vice President Suleiman Abdallah (pictured) says the cloves sector will not be privatized and called farmers to sell their crop through the Zanzibar State Trading Corporation (ZSTC).

He made the remarks here on Wednesday when adjourning the September meeting of the House of Representatives at Chukwani.

of income for the government and farmers while the government continues to provide various services to clove farmers including



Cloves still remain a major source soft loans for the development of the crop.

Other services the government was providing to clove farmers include free quality seeds and

mobilising them to establish blocks of seedlings in their areas, he stated. These efforts aim at ensuring that farmers improve production of the

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'EAC banks upbeat despite COVID-19'

By Guardian Reporter

DELOITTE yesterday released the East Africa Banking Industry Trends 2021/2022 for Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda showing the business has seen "better times" despite COVID-19 disruptions.

A statement released yesterday by the global consulting firm said the publication themed 'Fortifying Resilience' shows however that the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has posed significant threats and



shocks to the wider economy.

Banks are being forced to rethink how they operate their businesses to remain relevant by adopting

digitalization, the report underlined. Prior to the outbreak of the pandemic, the financial services industry was evolving at a steady pace, driven mainly by changing consumer expectations, heightened competition, evolving regulations and advancements in technology.

Within a short time, COVID-19 has compelled far reaching adaptations in customer behaviour, moving significant portions of the economy online and increasing customers' willingness to engage digitally, he firm said in a briefing.

Charles Luo, leader of the Deloitte East Africa financial institutions services team (FIST) stated that the

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan, who is in New York for the 76th session of the UN General Assembly (September 14-27), addresses members of the Tanzanian and American business communities in New York. The thrust of her remarks was on the need to strengthen business links between Tanzania and the US for the benefit of both countries. Photo: State House

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the national interest.

"I will not tire calling on Tanzanians to continue preferring our own goods. We have instructed our institutions to use our own goods including clothing, shoes, gas, iron rods, cement and others that would contribute to more job

opportunities and economic growth," he said. He urged the minister for Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba to organise a round table with the country's financial institutions to see how they can provide traders with loans to conduct their business activities for economic growth.

Laying the cornerstone for the modern Ngangamfumuni bus stand that will cost more than 27bn/- in Moshi municipality, Majaliwa said the project was supposed to be completed early January next year, but it was held down by various challenges including water seeping from

Hence the government stopped financing it, he stated, elaborating that after visiting the current

project, we found it without any such challenges, so the government will start providing funds any

John Ulanga, the board chairman for Serengeti Bwararize Distillery, said the firm has provided regular jobs to over 800 people and more than 14,000 people in casual employment, more than 70 per cent of them locals.

"Around 85 per cent of raw materials used by the factory are locally produced and we have entered into agreement with upwards of 400 farmers in Arusha, Manyara and Morogoro to cultivate barley, wheat and maize as raw materials for us," he said.

Exaud Kugahe, the deputy minister for Industry and Trade, said the ministry has procedures to meet with investors and solve challenges they face as part of efforts to create a friendly environment for local and foreign enterprises.

Mark Ocititi, the distillery managing director, said the construction of the distillery has cost

Ministry floats land bank plan to ease investments

institution must be investment-oriented, must understand that their habits in one way or another discourage or encourage investments,' he declared.

From March to August this year the number of new investment projects registered in the country rose to 133, estimated to add to about \$2.98bn, he stated, elaborating that the new investment projects registered by the Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) are likely to create jobs for upwards of 29,000 people.

The rise in registered investment projects a more comprehensive way, he added.

in 2021 is related to the massive reforms being undertaken by directives issued under President Samia Suluhu Hassan, aimed at making the investment environment more conducive.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic that has affected economies across the globe, TIC continued to register local and foreign investments in agriculture, construction, trade, energy, infrastructure, financial institutions, human resources, industries, transportation and

Measures taken by the government through TIC include introduction of one-stop services in



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings in Moshi yesterday with Serengeti Breweries Limited officials including managing director Mark Ocitti, board chairman John Ulanga and director of operations Anthony Njenga. This was on the occasion of the company's commemoration of the firm's third year of investment in its plant based in the municipality. Photo:

'Clove sub-sector won't be privatised'

crop for more income, in which case there is no reason to engage in the the plant," the VP underlined. smuggling of cloves, he emphasised.

"I would like to inform clove farmers that the government will continue to strengthen the sector and will not

farmers of soft loans and free seeds of

He also called on farmers who fall off from clove trees while harvesting to report to ZSTC for payment of accident insurance, noting that the procedure for

privatize it and the government assures accident insurance payment exists and is well known to cloves pickers.

> "The cloves picking exercise continues everywhere and those who are involved in accidents while doing so should immediately inform ZSTC for compensation," he reiterated.



Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (2nd-R) presents an elephant carving to Grumeti Fund workers including general manager Noel Mbise (3rd-R) in Serengeti District on Tuesday. This was in recognition of the organisation's contribution to the conservation of elephants and other wild animals in Tanzania. Right is Serengeti district commissioner Dr Vincent Mashinji. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mwinyi launches entrepreneurs' IDs to formalise business, stimulate economy

President ZANZIBAR Hussein Ali Mwinyi has launched entrepreneurs' identification cards (IDs) initiative, describing the move as vital in formalizing businesses and stimulating economic growth in

Dr Mwinyi said the IDs, vendors and small scale entrepreneurs (SMEs) will be highly trusted by the financial institutions including in the banks and thus access loans to improve their projects.

Speaking during the launch of the initiative yesterday President Mwinyi said the IDs will make it easier for the entrepreneurs to access other services smoothly as they will be legally recognized.

"I am happy that today we have managed to fulfill our pledge that we gave to the petty traders here in Zanzibar. The government

of petty traders in the country's economic growth, so we will continue to improve the business environment for the small-scale entrepreneurs to enable them conduct their activities smoothly,"

President Mwinyi said the move is in line with the implementation of various promises issued by the government and by adhering to several laws relating to entrepreneurs including Act No. 7 of 2014, which aims to create a conducive environment to support entrepreneurs groups of youth,

women and people with disabilities. He said the government will issue 50bn/- out of the promised 100bn/so as to support vendors and SMEs in essential training, loans and capital;

as well as market opportunities. Dr Mwinyi said the remaining 50bn/- will be issued by some banks

recognizes the huge contribution that have expressed interest to support the initiative.

Apart from that, President Mwinyi assured the entrepreneurs that the revolutionary government of Zanzibar is committed to ensure that it creates a good environment for traders to conduct their business freely.

He said that the government has already started negotiations with investors in a move aimed at facilitating construction of markets for them to conduct their businesses.

He said the government of Zanzibar was on the final stage of discussions which will have a different view from the current one.

"Today we are making history in ensuring that traders conduct their businesses freely," he said.

He asked the traders to follow directives issued by regional and district commissioners especially when they allocate places to do their

Dr Mwinyi hailed AIM Group Limited of Dar es Salaam for creating a better environment for doing business.

Earlier, president Mwinyi held talks with minister for Defense and National service Dr Stergomena Tax at State House in Zanzibar.

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'EAC banks upbeat despite COVID-19'

global and regional banking industry leaders have had to navigate through substantial financial, operational, and talent challenges.

Regionally, this has necessitated accelerated digitization in an industry that is almost always undergoing digital transformation, he further noted, elaborating that the report highlights major trends that regional and global banking specialists consider to be essential in current strategies.

"They focus on ensuring that banks strengthen their financial and operational resilience and thrive in going forward in a still highly unpredictable environment," he asserted.

The report dives into key banking industry trends, like accelerating digital transformation, operational strengthening resilience, recovering credit loss, mitigating the rise of cyber-crimes, adapting to the evolving regulatory environment and emergence of inorganic growth, arising from buying other businesses or opening new locations.

"We have used available historical data to assess the banking industry performance in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania, and to give our insights on how bankers can change the trajectory going forward," the summary intoned.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken approximately six million lives worldwide and seen economic stimulus packages in most countries, totaling to well beyond \$13trn, four times more than the response to the 2008 - 2009 financial crisis.

"Considered the black swan of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged through economies both globally and at an East Africa level, with far reaching effects witnessed across several sectors. The pandemic is now considered part of the new normal, though navigating through this new reality is expected to be bumpy and slow with full recovery and rebound in

2021 still largely uncertain," the firm underlined.

Timothy Machira, FIST senior has faced momentous headwinds manager remarked further that in in the recent past, with business a constantly evolving environment, banking institutions that take advantage of opportunities arising from such change and plan for attendant financial and operational challenges will most likely thrive and outperform their peers.

> "Banks' strategic focus should be on taking advantage of these opportunities and having in place measures to mitigate adverse consequences of anticipated challenges. We hope that the key trends highlighted in our report will provide insights to banks' decision makers in these areas."

"The Banking Industry Trends Report 2021/2022 is based on firsthand experience and insights of Deloitte's specialists, and we hope you find it thought-provoking and bankers can contemplate on their strategic priorities and adjust your agenda for the year ahead," he

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going forward





Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega addresses herders and farmers at Nangurugai in Ruangwa District yesterday at a meeting called

NCDs responsible for 27 percent of deaths in Tanzania - TANCDA

By Guardian Reporter

THE number of sufferers of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) in the world has been increasing and in the case of Tanzania, 27 per cent of all deaths are caused by the

Research conducted in Tanzania in 2012 showed that in every 100 people of 25 years old and above. Nine had diabetes, 26 had blood pressure, 25 had excess fats in the blood and 34 were overweight.

on Wednesday by the Chairman of Tanzania Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance (TANCDA), Prof Andrew Swai saying that if Tanzanians will not change their ways of life, the diseases could cause more deaths.

He mentioned some of the things that cause NCDs as including unplanned diets, use of excessive

amounts of salt, sugar and fat. mobilization week to fight NCDs

This was revealed to reporters that is expected to take place from October 6 to 13 this year.

He named some of the NCDs as including heart diseases, blood pressure, kidneys failure, diabetes and toot diseases and said more than 15 million people in the world die from these diseases every year, many of who from developing countries.

He said in 1991 the government spent nine per cent of its budget to Prof Swai was speaking on the treat diabetes sufferers, and added that the government, through the

Health Ministry, spends USD 37 per day per person while the income per capita is USD 950.

In regard to how to protect against these diseases, TANCDA expert on physical exercises, Waziri Ndonde said people should do regular exercises instead of remaining idle.

He said doing exercises makes one become energetic, with good bodily health, adding that remaining idle is same as taking the fourth spot on global deaths.

USAID celebrates life-saving project's success in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

REPRESENTATIVES of the United States government and their Tanzanian counterparts yesterday participated in a virtual conference to celebrate achievements of the US Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Boresha Afya Lake and Western Zone activity.

A statement released by USAID said the initiative was meant to improve health outcomes for millions of Tanzanians in Kigoma, Simiyu, Geita, Mwanza, Kagera, Shinyanga, Mara regions Zanzibar.

It added that participants celebrated the many achievements of the activity and discussed opportunities to further improve the provision of high-quality health services.

USAID also commits to pursuing this same level of collaboration and partnership moving forward as this partnership helps to achieve the best results for the Tanzanian people.

Dr Aifello Sichalwe, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly, and Children was the guest of honour.

According to the advisory, the five-year, US\$ 59 million Boresha Afya activity enabled Tanzanian women, children, adolescents and their caregivers to utilize improved malaria, reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent (RMNCAH) services. And when the world changed with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic,

It later expanded its support to include important actions to combat the spread of COVID-19, including over US\$1 million supporting case management, emergency, and critical care in both Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania.

The activity generated a sustainable demand for health services, reduced barriers to access and uptake of (RMNCAH) and malaria. USAID said it has achieved

tremendous improvements in the quality of RMNCAH and malaria services and improvements of key health performance indicators that we have achieved, including reduction of the number of maternal deaths in Kagera, Mara and Geita from 231 in 2016 to 170 in 2020 (26 per cent), adding that in Zanzibar, it reduced the number of maternal deaths in supported hospitals from 67 in 2016 to 47 in 2020 (30 per

This was accomplished by conducting reviews and addressing identified gaps, according to USAID.

The activity also increased postpartum family planning uptake from 12 per cent in 2016/17 to 29 per cent in 2019/20, ensuring that couples have access to quality family planning services immediately after giving birth and supporting healthy birth interval and the wellbeing of both mother and child.

It also increased protection against malaria for expectant mothers and unborn babies through uptake of intermittent preventive therapy (IPTp3+), with usage increasing from 28 per cent in 2016 to 66 per cent in 2021 in the 7 focus regions.

the Speaking at USAID Mission Director V. Kate Somvongsiri remarked, "At USAID, we are committed to investing in health systems strengthening and breakthrough innovations to prevent maternal, newborns, children and adolescents' deaths by helping women and children access essential, and often lifesaving, health services. These priorities are reflected in our Country Development Cooperation Strategy - which places children and adolescents at the heart of our fiveyear plan. Moving forward, we are excited to continue partnering with you all to further reduce maternal and newborn deaths. Through a new activity that is under procurement, we will build on the lessons learned from Boresha Afya and leverage the capacity and energy that continues to grow and shine in this country."

EABC pushes for swift execution of regional coordinated action on Covid-19 measures

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African **Business** (EABC) is pushing for regional the implementation of EAC coordinated approach on Covid-19 measures to avoid Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs).

director John Bosco Kalisa made the remarks yesterday when he visited the Private Sector Federation in Rwanda and forged a stronger partnership set to boost cross-border business operations and economic recovery resilience Covid-19.

Kalisa noted that digitalization and e-commerce are key tools to support trade, and economic recovery, commending Rwanda for vaccinating over 14.5 percent of the population following the robust vaccination drives.

Не also urged for more bilateral engagements between national apex private sector associations to unlock trade barriers in order to hasten the implementation the resolution of the recent bilateral Heads of State Visits and Engagements.

Kalisa further said that businesses should seize the benefits availed by African Continental Trade Area Free and push for its implementation.

chief executive officer Stephen Ruzibiza Council urged EABC to champion vaccination campaigns to build back better the economy of the EAC bloc.

Ruzibiza elaborated that the pandemic disrupted executive and hit hard the tourism, transport and logistics sectors increasing the cost of trading and shipping costs. He said that under the

new norm, businesses have to comply with Covid-19 measures and still cover fixed operating costs. He urged for trust-building among the EAC Partner States to facilitate trade and eliminate Covid-19 related NTBs.

Geoffrey Kamanzi, EABC policy expert elaborated on the importance of continuity regional value chains and industrialization as the EAC bloc is set to commence trading under AfCFTA.

Kamanzi urged the PSF and Rwanda Manufacturers

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The meeting preceded the EABC -PSF CEO Round Table on EAC Regional Integration under the theme "Enhancing a Private Sector led Integration & East Africa" scheduled for today in Kigali.



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Govt, stakeholders to organise walk for tourism development

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

GOVERNMENT Officials in Mbeya Region, in collaboration with tourism stakeholders from the southern highlands regions, have organised a special walk aimed at mobilising Tanzanians to visit tourist attractions in the areas.

The remarks were made here on Wednesday by Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera at the launching of Tourism Week during which he said the stakeholders will conduct the walk in the streets of Mbeya City during which they will be mobilising people to visit tourist attractions.

He said the stakeholders will also tour various tourist attractions in Rungwe District where they will put up a one-day camp at Lake Kisiba area.

He said there will be various kinds of entertainment including traditional ngomas, swimming in the Lake and roasting of game meat that will be sent to the area.

"Our region has very many tourist attractions, tourism in natural entities including Lakes Ngosi and Kisiba, Lake Nyasa beaches, hence we invite tourists to visit tese tourist attractions," RC Homera said.

He said the Tourism Week apex will be on September 27 which is the day set globally for tourist and environment stakeholders will be displaying various items on tourism.

Head of Tourism in the Southern Highlands Zone, Tuli Kulangwa called on Tanzanians to adopt the habit of visiting internal tourist attractions to see various resources the country has been endowed with.

Tuli said in the Zone's regions there were very many tourist attractions, many of which were not being visited due to little mobilisation.

Some of the stakeholders and organisers of the Week of Tourism in Mbeya Region said have organised various strategies to mobilise tourists to visit the existing attractions.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee, Gabriel Shawa said they plan to send adequate quantities of game meat for people who will be camping at the Lake Kisiba area.

He also said they have arranged special areas for accommodation for those who will want to sleep at the camp and that the cost for the round trip to the area is 20,000/- per person and 40,000/- for those who will decide to stay for the night.



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Ruvuma regional commissioner Brig Gen Wilbert Ibuge (L) shows Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (2nd-L) bags of maize bags piled up at Mbinga District's Makita market earlier this week. The minister was out to assess progress in the purchase of the crop from farmers after the government released 50bn/- recently for the purpose. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent

WORKS and Transport minister Prof. Makame Mbarawa has called on Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) managers to make sure they remove all the sand and other debris under bridges to avoid flooding during rains.

He said they should learn from what happened to the Kiyegeya Bridge in ensuring they supervise well road infrastructures countrywide to avoid similar disasters.

Inspecting construction work of the Kiyegeya Bridge that is 81 per cent complete, Prof Mbarawa

Take away sand under bridges to forestall flooding - TanRoads told

called on the project contractor to highway for cargo and passenger complete it before seasonal rains

"This bridge is important for the country's economy because apart from its being a link that connects Dar es Salaam, coast, and Morogoro regions with the country's capital of Dodoma, it is also an important link for Lake Zone regions, and neighbouring countries of Rwanda and Burundi that depend on this

transport," said the Minister.

He called on TANROADS to strengthen its follow-up department to identify roads and bridges that show signs of collapse for timely rectification.

For his part, Morogoro region's Acting TANROADS Manager, Eng. Baraka Mwambage assured the Minister that the project was now 81 per cent complete and that work on foundations, all 270 pillars and the bridge surface was now complete.

He said work on 1 km approach roads was going on and was 65 per cent complete.

The construction of the new Kiyegeya Bridge follows the collapse of the old bridge 18 months ago forcing the government to construct a temporary bridge nearby that has been in use ever since.



National Social Security Fund planning, investment and projects director Gabriel Silayo (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday updating Jenista Mhagama (4th-L, with documents in hand), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament Labour, Employment and People with Disabilities), on the Fund's Mtoni Kijichi housing project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Special Correspondent

THE African Union's (AU) top health official called Britain's lack of recognition for coronavirus vaccines administered in Africa regrettable, saying yesterday it sent a confusing public health message.

England announced last week that it would expand the list of countries from which it recognises vaccines, adding 17 others beyond the initial list of the United States and Europe. None of those countries are in Africa. The British government sets coronavirus policy for England, while Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are in charge of their own rules

"We regret that the UK would

'UK's non-recognition of vaccines administered in Africa regrettable'

on them to review this because it doesn't speak to the spirit of true solidarity and cooperation," said Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention director John

Nkengasong. "If ... you send us vaccines and we use those vaccines and you say you don't recognise people that have been immunised with those vaccines... it sends a very challenging

message for us," he said.

with the Kenyan Health Ministry on Tuesday that it takes time to set up a system to recognise vaccine certificates for international travel.

Richard Mihigo, a World Health Organization official, echoed this, saying the issue is fundamentally about certificates.

"We need to see how some of these certificates that are generated could be mutually recognised by different countries," Mihigo, coordinator The British High Commission for the WHO's Immunization and

take this position. We are calling in Kenya said in a joint statement Vaccines Development Programme Africa, told a news conference on Thursday.

> However, Africa's vaccination rate is still very low. Just 4% of Africans have been vaccinated and much of the continent remains in the midst of a third wave, Nkengasong said

> Monthly vaccine shipments to the continent would have to jump sevenfold to reach a United Nations goal of 70% immunisation of the population by September 2022, WHO Africa said in a separate statement.

Hygienic milk handling and processing vital for livestock keepers, says TDB registrar

By Guardian Correspondent, Mvomero

LIVESTOCK keepers and milk processors in the country have been called to adhere to proper storage and cleanliness for their raw materials to protect the health of their consumers as well as to add value to the products.

The remarks were made here yesterday by Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) registrar Dr. George Msalva during the handing over of equipment to be used in the whole chain regarding collection, storage and distribution of milk to women livestock keepers' groups in Mvomero and Kilosa districts in Morogoro Region provided by Heifer International.

Msalya said even though Tanzania producing 3 billion litres of milk, only three per cent enters formal milk sales, the other is lost through unhygienic unofficial sales including in plastic bottles, while the rest gets bad through improper storage.

He said milk is economy, business and food with lots of vitamins, proteins, fats minerals and other nutrients, all of which were important in one's diet, hence processors and distributers must store the commodity properly.

Mvomero District Commissioner, Halima Okash called on women who received the equipment and training to utilize well the opportunities so as to make other women to be trusted for similar assistance.

He said for a long time it was discovered that women were people staying in homes without any activities for their economic wellbeing, but now they are at the forefront in productive economic activities.

Morogoro Region Livestock Keepers Chairman, Shambakubwa Longido said men in the Maasai communities were now happy for their women engaging in income generation for their families.

For his part, the Secretary of Newengai Women Group from

Wami-Dakawa in District, Eva Ikoneti who also is beneficiaries of the hand out of the dairy equipment said as for now they were collecting much more milk using the equipment provided by Heifer International, including motorcycles, a generator and a freezer.

> For his part, Heifer International Director, Mark Tsoxo said the project has reached more than 1,000 livestock keepers, equivalent to one per cent of their set target.

> He said the equipment provided included two 10,000-litre storage tanks for milk, a 20KVA power generator all valued at 254.9m/-.

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Tigo Pesa chief officer Angelica Pesha briefs journalists in Zanzibar on Wednesday on the firm's partnership with the Zanzibar government under which Zanzibar residents can now easily settle their bills to the government through Tigo Pesa. This will be done using the Zanzibar Government's Electronic Payment Gateway (GEPG) QR code. She is with People's Bank of Zanzibar executive director Dr Muhsin Salum Masoud. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Our people need development, not new Constitution - Simbachawene

By Guardian Reporter

HOME Affairs Minister George Simbachawene has said the current Tanzania constitution is strong as it has brought peace, love, cooperation and the fast development pace hence there is no need to process for a new constitution.

He added that opposition parties calling for the new constitution were not doing so for Tanzanians' interest, but for their own interests.

He further admitted that the current constitutios has some

deficiencies in some sections, but the union constitution is the one hence opposition parties have to say which areas need amendments, and not calling for an entirely new constitution, as the current one has brought great development to the country.

Simbachawene made the remarks when addressing hundreds of Makose and Chogola villagers, Masa Ward in his Kibakwe Constituency, Mpwapwa District.

"You find a man criticizing only one article in the current constitution regarding the electoral commission, that made us live in harmony and peace this far," he said.

"The main issue is not a new constitution but the urge for a few to use an easy way into power, but for the majority of Tanzanians, the present constitution serves them well as it has carried us through difficult periods, else there could have been a breach of the peace along the way," he said.

In his constituency, he said people have mentioned various issues of importance including water, dispensaries, good roads, more schools and others, but never talked about the need for a new

He also called on Masa Ward residents to make sure they preserve the environment by not engaging themselves in wanton cutting of trees that destroy water sources and infrastructures.

Simbachawene wound up his visit in his Kibakwe Constituency by inspecting various development projects and addressed various challenges facing his constituents.

Young environmentalists: Govts across Africa must prioritise climate change

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

YOUNG environmentalists have called on African governments to prioritize the fight against climate change even as they tackle traditional challenges like illiteracy, unemployment and poverty.

The activists noted that many African countries are tackling climate change last, yet it is the one fanning traditional problems that have dogged nations for years.

"Africa is not handling climate change well by putting it on top of its priority list. Africa has put climate change last, tackling poverty first yet droughts and floods are worsening poverty levels," Anita Soina, a Kenyan environmental activist said during an online debate on climate change organised by Climate Story Lab Africa.

She believed that if Africa is going to address food insecurity, unemployment and rural-urban migration, it must handle climate change first.

Shermaine Moloto, a South African climate campaigner, said African governments have gotten it wrong by putting climate change on the sidelines.

"We cannot fight poverty without winning the war on climate change. We must respect and protect green spaces. The youth should participate in farming and plant more trees, this is what African governments should promote," she said.

Joshua Weshuli, a Kenyan climate activist, said most African nations and communities have taken a waitand-see attitude, hoping that climate change will end.

"Climate change is serious, thus we must give it priority. Climate change is an emergency thus must be tackled first," said Weshuli, while calling on African communities to come together and see that there is a crisis unfolding.

Stephen Omukoko, a Kenyan climate change activist, said Africa must realize that tackling climate change can't wait because the challenge now determines all the other aspects of life, including economic growth.



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NEW EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR

EXPLORATION DRILLING SERVICES TO THE CHILALO GRAHITE PROJECT

Evolution Energy Minerals Ltd and its subsidiary Ngwena Tanzania (Ngwena) both wholly owned subsidiaries of Marvel Gold Ltd, a development and exploration company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX:MVL).

Ngwena is developing the Chilalo Graphite Project ("Chilalo" or the "Project") which is located in the Ruangwa District of the Lindi Region in south-east Tanzania, 100 km north of the border with Mozambique, approximately 180 km west of the coastal port city of Mtwara on the Indian Ocean and 400 km south of Tanzania's largest city, Dar es Salaam.

Ngwena wishes to undertake exploration drilling over the proposed Project area, and hereby invites all and any interested Parties to submit their expressions of interest to be included in the list of potential service providers.

The drill sites are within the Project licence area and include:

• Further regional target testing – of up to 1000 metres of RC drilling (angled holes up to 50 metres in depth).

Expressions of interest should be accompanied by supporting documents, confirming the following requirements can be met:

- Full compliance with Tanzanian Mining (Local Content Regulations) 2018.
- A track record of a minimum of 3 years continuous drilling operations in Tanzania.
- A list of all drilling projects undertaken and a list of references from reputable mining companies operating in Tanzania. · A copy of their OHSE policy in line with international mining standards.
- Proof of a well maintained and operational fleet of equipment, located in Tanzania and available
- for immediate deployment, and supported by an OEM trained in-house technical team. The ability to provide RC drilling services. Ability to provide technical support and spare parts to their drilling personnel and equipment
- within 24 hours.
- Ability to provide all required consumables (fuel, lubricants, oil) · Ability to provide their own accommodation, and catering facilities and be completely independent for all board and lodging requirements.

Any interested parties are requested to provide electronically their expressions of interest to the following email address info@marvelgold.com.au, marked for attention of the Exploration Drilling Tender Evaluation Team.

Last date for acceptance of Expressions of Interest will be 30th September 2021

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NBC's 'Shambani' product attracts cashew farmers in Lindi and Mtwara

By Guardian Reporter, Lindi

CASHEWNUT farmers in Lindi and Mtwara regions have warmly welcomed the 'Vuna zaidi na NBC Shambani' campaign run by NBC Bank in the regions, noting that the product has solved their long-standing financial challenges including credit delays and extreme deductions on financial transactions.

Speaking during the campaign launch held in Lindi region recently, the crop growers said the advent of the campaign has further encouraged them to join NBC's Shambani product so that they can get rid of the existing challenges that hamper their efforts to get rid of poverty through the cultivation of the crop.

The occasion was attended by different agriculture stakeholders including government officials and representatives from Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies (AMCOS)

"Let alone the presence of various gifts announced in the campaign that include bicycles, motorcycles, spray pumps, tractors and many more, we are also very interested in the account as it answers a number of challenges we were facing in financial services including credit delays and extreme deductions," said Swalehe Juma, chairman of Nachunyu AMCOS based in the region.

"We are grateful to see that NBC has decided to design such a product specifically for us... being leaders of various AMCOS in the region we have well received the product and we are committed

to ensure that it reaches all our members," he promised.

Speaking on the campaign, NBC's Small and Medium Enterprises Manager, Raymond Urassa said the bank has designed it to ensure every cashew grower is aware of the product so that they can both achieve the common goal which is to revolutionize the agricultural sector through joint efforts.

'Vuna zaidi na NBC Shambani' is a campaign aimed at promoting the cashew farming revolution in Lindi and Mtwara regions and that is why even the prizes offered through the campaign such as motorcycles, spray pumps and tractors are aimed at helping the crop farmers to increase their productions," he explained.

Speaking while launching the campaign on behalf of Lindi Regional Commissioner, Investment Coordinator in the Regional Commissioner's Office. Gaudence Nyamwihura, urged farmers and AMCOS to embrace the campaign, while insisting them to have priorities in place even before borrowing money from financial institutions so that they can make good use of the loans they receive.

The launch of the campaign coincided with the launch of a health insurance scheme for crop growers in the region offered by the bank in collaboration with the National Health Insurance Fund

bank also donated motorcycles and bicycles to a number of AMCOS based in the region to facilitate their day-to-day operations.



By Correspondent James Kandoya

OVER 1,000 girls in Morogoro Region have dropped out from school due to early pregnancy between July 2020 and July this year.

Regional social welfare Officer Jessica Kagunila disclosed this recently in a meeting that brought together different stakeholders at the St Francis Referral Hospital in Ifakara town under the coordination of Plan International (PI) that advances children's rights and equality for girls.

Kagunila said early pregnancy and marriages are among big challenges causing school dropout hence failure to realise their dreams.

"Moral decay and poverty are among other reasons contributing to the problem fueled by tendency of many parents to be busy with their farm work leaving their children at home," she stated.

The regional welfare officer said during farming season, the parents shift to the farms for months leaving their children at home unprotected and without enough financial budget to sustain them hence they fall into temptations.

She added that as a result both parents and children become busy to the extent that parents cannot talk with their sons about ethics and

"Every person in a society has a responsibility to prevent and report all evils done to their children to the police," she said, insisting that according to the Child Act No 95 of 2019 it is clearly stated that the society has a big role to prevent all evils done to the children.

For her part, the Plan International Programme Manager for Ifakara Emmanuel Asaph mentioned that the organisation has been working in the Kilombero District complement government's efforts assuring quality health and

He said in the last financial year, the organisation has contributed a lot to reduce maternal and child mortality rate through its mobile

Asaph underscored that Plan International in collaboration with other development stakeholders have to a greater extent reduced pregnancies and early marriage to children below 18 years.

He also said that they have increased community and parent's involvement in revealing all evils done to the children living in their respective places.

When citing challenges faced by the organization during the 2021-2022 financial year, he said there is need to increase awareness among stakeholders including children themselves through their clubs.

Executive Officer at Mlimba District Council, Janeth Hetela said dealing with children who have been harassed is a big challenge since they do not get full cooperation from the police.

"We, as executive officers, live with children and receive complaints but we are sometimes discouraged by the police because they don't give us full cooperation," she lamented.

"Even when you report to the police, it is normal to see the accused is walking free in the streets and the case is missing in the police files," she emphasized.

On his part, Ifakara Town Council chairman Kasim Nakapala assured that action will be taken against all those found to be part of the problem including parents.

"It has become normal to see girls getting pregnant but parents don't give full cooperation to end the problem. Instead they remain silent without knowing the future impacts it might cause to the girl," he said.

Kilombero District Commissioner Hanji Godigodi directed the two councils to give full cooperation to the Plan International in the efforts to end early marriage and pregnancies.

"I would like to thank our development partner - Plan International for a commendable job, my office will cooperate with you to improve the well-being of our people," he affirmed.



Gaudence Nyamwihura (C), an investment coordinator in the Lindi Regional Commissioner's Office, test-drives one of the tractors due for presentation to the winners of NBC Bank's 'Vuna Zaidi na NBC' campaign. It was at the launch of the drive as held in Lindi municipality earlier this week. The drive is targeting cashewnut farmers in Lindi and Mtwara regions. Looking on are NBC head of products and sales Abel Kaseko (R) and Lindi Branch manager

By Guardian Reporter

SMALLHOLDER farmers can now order farm inputs needed for the season and track availability following the launch of a digital platform aimed at complementing efforts to address challenges facing them.

platform The dubbed; MkulimaHub has been established by six firms focusing in agriculture with an aim of helping farmers access farm inputs, markets and

It enables farmers to store data such as their agriculture activity, type of crops cultivated, size of the farms as well as access to agriculture inputs like fertiliser, seeds, pesticides

MkulimaHub is the product of Rotai company in collaboration with BRITEN in implementing the Cooperative launches digital platform to help farmers to access farm inputs Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA) program, a coalition of Yara, Syngenta, Rabobank, Bayer, World the Food Programme (WFP) and the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). It also assists farmers to access financing and trade

insurance. platform "This connects smallholder farmers with three to five hectares. We target them with suppliers of inputs, fertilizers, financial institutions such as banks, insurance, markets and crop buyers," said Wiston Simkoko, Business Development Director of

MkulimaHub.

opportunities including loans and

Through the platform farmers are also able to order inputs such as the amount of fertilizer needed for the season and track the availability. The app also provides online and offline agricultural information and weather reports

He added that despite the contribution significant agriculture to GDP, small-scale farmers earn less, but there are also challenges in accessing various services such as finance, marketing, extension services and professional advice, thus reducing the likelihood of increasing profits in their businesses

Currently there are 357 groups in Njombe, Rukwa and Katavi and their goal is to have 15,000

"Now through this system we are working with farmers in groups and not just one, we train and bring them together in one platform, so far we have groups in Njombe, Katavi and Rukwa regions. We have invested in this system for more than five years," added Simkoko.

In addition Simkoko said there is still a challenge of infrastructure and knowledge on how to use modern technologies since most farmers are older so they need help in using the platform.

to farmers.



Entrepreneurs empowered by Barrick Gold pictured yesterday displaying their products at a national exhibition organised by the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) that is now in progress at Umoja grounds in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Barrick-sponsored entrepreneurs vow to use national SIDO exhibition to boost businesses

By Guardian Correspondent, Kasulu

ENTREPRENEURS from villages close to Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine in Msalala District Council in Shinyanga Region have vowed to explore business opportunities available at the ongoing 3rd national SIDO exhibition in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region to boost their businesses.

The ten-day showcasing event brought on board entrepreneurs from different parts of the country and is being organized by the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO)

Wednesday by Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango.

The exhibition is meant to provide an opportunity to expand the scope of markets for products produced by small industries, to exchange knowledge and experience for entrepreneurs and manufacturers as well as to display various technologies produced in the country.

Speaking on behalf of his fellow entrepreneurs sponsored by Barrick to participate in the officer, Sebastian Antony said the

Regional Commissioner's Office. specializes in tailoring and costume It was officially launched on design, thanked the company for sponsoring them to participate in the exhibition, which will enable them to learn various things that will enable them to grow their businesses.

> "Through this exhibition we got the opportunity to showcase the products we produce, also we acquired skills on packaging, formalization of our business and how to open more marketing opportunities," said Felix.

Barrick's community relations

collaboration with the Kigoma exhibition, Clementina Felix, who company through its CSR policy of supporting social services in the community around its workplace has been empowering these entrepreneurs by providing them with entrepreneurship education, those engaged in agriculture are provided with seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides so that they can run their business successfully.

Antony commended SIDO for organising the exhibition that brings together entrepreneurs and various stakeholders in the small scale and medium businesses development

Expert challenges contractors to be familiar with tax laws, financial management issues

Correspondent

Mwendapole, Mwanza

CONTRACTORS have been challenged to be familiar with tax laws and financial management issues so as to get rid of unnecessary penalties and interest rates which are sometimes caused by their ignorance.

Joseph

Financial expert, Wesley Nsomba threw the challenge here on Wednesday when presenting a paper on financial decisions and working capital management to local contractors in a three days training that is organised by Contractors Registration Board (CRB).

The training also will cover taxations and compliance, risk management, elements of financial statements and the importance of using electronic system in procurement (Tanzania National e-Procurement System (TANePS).

The expert cited ignorance on financial management, tax laws, and regulations as among the challenges facing building companies in Tanzania causing many of them to get penalties and high-interest rates of taxes from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).

must be familiar with tax laws and financial management so that they avoid unnecessary penalties and interest rates which sometimes is caused by their ignorance on that issues

He said many local contractors companies do not hire competent in trouble with penalties and tax tax consultants something which lead them to fail to comply with tax laws and eventually get penalties and tax interest rates from TRA.

"Owners of construction companies must be conversant with finance management and tax laws because when TRA knock your door to audit your revenues you become mum and sometimes they can take advantage of your ignorance to punish you. That is why CRB decided to conduct this training to enable you to be competent in tax laws and financial management," he said.

He urged owners of construction companies to make sure they audit their revenues by using tax consultants that are recognised by TRA to avoid unnecessary penalties and tax interest rates.

make sure you sign a contract with their employers about the changes him so that it become easy for you something which may cause to hold him responsible when he confusion during the tax audit.

Nsomba said all contractors mess things up. It is high risk to work with tax consultant without having a signed contract because when things go harder he might deceive you and run away," he said.

One of the participants, Riziki Kyoba admitted that many of construction companies have been interest rates from TRA because of using incompetent tax consultants.

He said regularly when a tax consultant fails to answer some questions from TRA they call the owner of the company to attend to the authority for tax clarifications.

"Tax consultant is the one who is responsible to clarify on tax issues to TRA, so how come he call for the owner to do his job? Many company owners are not conversant with tax laws and they might end up in trouble and get penalties only because of their ignorance so we need regular training on finance management and tax issues," he said.

He added that it happened many times that government changes tax laws and regulations but many tax "And if you hire a tax consultant consultants don't bother to inform



National Assembly Deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (2nd-L) has a quick word with Ramadhan Mwanielile of Mbeya municipality's Hasanga Street, who developed paralysis four years ago, after presenting a wheelchair to him yesterday following a request by his family. Photo: Corres

Chadema to address challenges facing 'machingas'

By Guardian Correspondents

THE main opposition Chadema has launched an investigation campaign aimed at addressing challenges facing petty traders in Dar es Salaam including doing businesses in unauthorized places.

Party's deputy secretary general, Benson Kigaila told reporters recently that the probe is also meant to come up with appropriate measures and recommendations to the government on how better to deal with it.

He expressed disparity to what the government is doing at the moment,

lead to harm.

"This issue is very big, we're doing serious research to know its impact. We know every year this country produces young people from various colleges and universities who are unemployed," he said.

"We know this country does not produce any jobs, this country is not well organized that is why we are talking about "machinga"," he mentioned, highlighting that they are people who engage in petty trading after completing their university or college studies so as to earn a living.

Не therefore announced insisting that taking decisions that the party is set to conduct Leyla Joho and Pauline Lugaziya, without thorough analysis will only comprehensive study so as to have **TUDARCo**

an answer to the situation adding that Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) do not have the answers concerning "machinga" problems.

An appointed MP Humphrey

Polepole (CCM) once underscored that it was important to focus on stakeholder analysis on the market access point for "machinga" before reallocating them.

Recently, President Samia Suluhu Hassan directed district and regional commissioners to plan well, warning that she does not want to see these petty traders being ill-treated as the case used to be.

Written by Enock Charles,

Grumeti Fund donates office building for national prosecution service in Serengeti

By Guardian Correspondent, Mugumu

THE Grumeti Fund has handed the ultra-modern office building to the National Prosecution Service (NPS) in Serengeti District, Mara Region to bring legal services closer to people, and curbing poaching in the area.

Constitution and Legal Affairs minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi received the building on behalf of the government.

The building was built by Grumeti Fund at a cost of approximately 284m/-. The 288 square foot building has nine offices, a conference room, kitchen, store and three bathrooms.

"Besides bringing prosecution services closer to citizens, the prosecutions office will help curb large and small scale poaching activities" said Prof Kabudi at the official opening of the building on

"The best part is that other Grumeti Fund stakeholders, TAWA National Parks) will also have their offices in this new building," Prof Kabudi said, lauding Grumeti Reserves for investing heavily on tourism, conservation and community development activities.

He added that the Grumeti Fund's scholarship programme has immensely benefited hundreds of students in the surrounding communities.

For his part, Director of Public Prosecutions (DDP) Sylvester Mwakitalu described the opening of the Serengeti district prosecutions office building as a historical event.

"Today is an important day. This is a big event; Serengeti has become the first district to have its own building for national prosecutions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Grumeti Fund for constructing this building for us," Mwakitalu said.

Mwakitalu added that the Serengeti District has the largest

(Tanzania Wildlife Management number of criminal offences Authority) and TANAPA (Tanzania associated with violation of wildlife conservation laws. A large part of Serengeti district is home to wildlife conservations areas including the Serengeti National Park, Ikorongo/ Grumeti Reserves and Ikona Wildlife Management Area.

The DDP pledged to increase the number of public prosecutors and other staff at the district prosecutions office.

The Grumeti Fund constructed the building to enhance the performance of the district prosecution offices. "Grumeti Fund will continue to be a key supporter and partner in conserving the Serengeti ecosystem, and improving the welfare of the local communities in the Serengeti and Bunda districts," said Noel Mbise, general manager at Grumeti Fund. Grumeti Fund is a non-profit organisation that supports conservation and community development activities in Serengeti District.

AMREF HEALTH AFRICA TANZANIA



Tender No. Amref/2021/C/01 **FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS TO SUPPORT PROJECT ATIVITIES**

Invitation for Expression of Interest

- . Amref Health Africa Tanzania is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO) whose mission is "to improve the health of people by partnering with and empowering communities and strengthening health systems". Amref Health Africa Tanzania is largely supported by Multilateral Bilateral and national donors, implementing several programmes including HIV/Aids/TB/Malaria, Reproductive, maternal, New-born and Child health, Water and sanitation, Research and advocacy, capacity building programme and clinical outreach.
- 2. Amref Health Africa Tanzania would like to pre-qualify/shortlist various consultants (both firm(s) and Individual Consultants) who are capable and experienced in carrying out various specific assignments as mentioned below.
- 3. Areas of consultancy services

Lot No.	Description of Services	Thematic area
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2	Consultancy services for carrying out financial/project audits	Finance, Procurement, Human resources, Technical
3	Consultancy services for carrying out Baseline, Midterm and End term project evaluation and mapping assignments	Disease control and prevention programmes (HIV and AIDS/TB, malaria, Clinical Outreach, Fistula, Laboratory strengthening, Reproductive, maternal, New born, child & adolescent health, capacity building, WASH, emerging pandemics, Human resources for Health and other related health programs.
4	Consultancy services for proposal writing, facilitation of workshops and training in leadership, management and governance, Training manual development, Training needs assessment, Organization capacity analysis, review of training contents, Curriculum review etc	capacity building for health systems and Business development
5	Consultancy services for protocol development, Data collection and analysis, Manuscript writing & publication, short term research support	Research, advocacy plus Monitoring and Evaluation
6	Consultancy services for designing, printing various documents and promotional materials (Leaflets, brochures, profiles, Annual reports, banners, books, folders, IEC Materials, Translation services etc	Communication and Printing
7	Consultancy services for advertising, Media campaign of various projects in both print and Electronic, SBCC Package TV Spots/Radio spots/ Behavioural change campaigns	Communication and Documentation
8	Consultancy services for Provision of Legal Services (Court cases, Legal advices on various aspects, Contract drafting, contract negotiations etc.	Legal services
9.	Consultancy services for Provision of Tax compliance issues and other statutory matters.	Tax compliance and Statutory matters

- 4. Amref health Africa Tanzania now invites eligible Consultants to express their interest in the provision of the above services. Interested Consultants must submit application(s) for the assignment(s) and provide information indicating their qualification and experience for performing the services as per each above lot(s). The expression of interest for firms should include documentation regarding the legal status of the firm and other supporting information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of assignments of similar nature undertaken by the Consultant in the last five years, and availability of competent professional staff to manage the assignment). Individual Consultants should submit their application enclosing detailed Cv's indicating clearly their qualifications and experience in the specific lots applying for including copies of academic and professional qualifications.
- 5. For each project performed, the consultant (both firms/Individual Consultants) shall provide the name and address of the client, description of the consultancy performed, value, date (s) of execution plus contact details.
- 6. Short-listing and final selection of consultants will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Amref health Africa Tanzania Procurement Manual of April 2021.
- 7. Interested eligible firms may obtain further information from the office of the Secretary, Amref health Africa Tanzania Tender Committee, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P.O. Box 2773, Dar es Salaam from 0800 to 1630 hrs, Monday through Friday inclusive, except on Public Holidays.
- 8. Expressions of Interest (EOI) indicating the above Tender Number and Lot (s) applying for must be delivered to the address below at or before Friday 8th October 2021 at 12.00 hrs Local time.
- 9. Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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Release of 2018 seized forex will boost investor assurance

OVERNMENT agencies are going through procedural action meant to sort out some bottlenecks to the business environment which have piled up over the last few years.

One such situation is where owners of bureaux de change in Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions whose money and office equipment were seized in a central bank and police operation in 2018 are asking that they get their property back.

The matter is being discussed at middle and higher levels of financial institutions, especially at the Bank of Tanzania. However, the aggrieved parties have since decided to come out and make a direct appeal to President Samia Suluhu Hassan to do the needful.

Reports from Arusha indicate that the various operators have been handed back their licences but that, without having the money back, it would imply that they are starting

This would be the case whereas they were not taken to court for any suspicions, while their assets were confiscated.

This has largely to do with an administrative measure by regulatory and law-enforcement authorities and so ought to be handled in an administrative manner, as there is a change in goodwill towards private investors.

Psychologically speaking, the idea that there is something next to sacred in handling foreign exchange is a hangover from a past when any issuance of forex required allocation by the State House.

Those days are long gone. However, the reflexes are still with us, creating a huge matter from the margins forex traders obtain in the difference between purchasing and selling Kenyan shillings or US

Strictly speaking, though, it doesn't differ much with buying and selling Serengeti Light or Coca-Cola, from the depot and then to the bar.

OVERNMENT agencies A good boxer earns lots more in one are going through night than a forex dealer across two procedural action months.

Portions of the regulatory and law-enforcement system have an issue with the bureaux de change on account of what is known as money laundering, dealing in drugs, or terrorism financing.

But small arms can be imported even by fishermen's boats, with explanations relating to "terrorism" usually locally bred and not caused by intrepid travellers with bags of cash for would-be terrorists.

In any case, it is up to those charged with inspections to follow up any transactions at an individual level, rather than shutting down private forex business to aid, say, some commercial banks.

There is much we need to care about what the forex traders said in trying to show what needs to be corrected. For instance, that many of them - along with members of their families - say they suffered psychologically and otherwise following the 2018 crackdown.

Quite a few developed blood pressure challenges or heart conditions and were now laying all their hopes in the vision and sense of justice shown by the government, thus making a direct appeal for the president's intervention.

Talks initiated with the Treasury, the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and other relevant agencies or authorities led to the "restoring" of the traders' licences but not of their seized assets.

Wooing Tanzanian and foreign investors is now easier than obtained previously - so long conditions improve on and on.

Foreign investment thrives on goodwill generally but much more specifically from the government and its agencies - among them the central bank, TRA and lawenforcement organs.

All these ought to speak the language, and do so unambiguously and assertively. Their efforts will likely fail if too many voices tell markets a different story.

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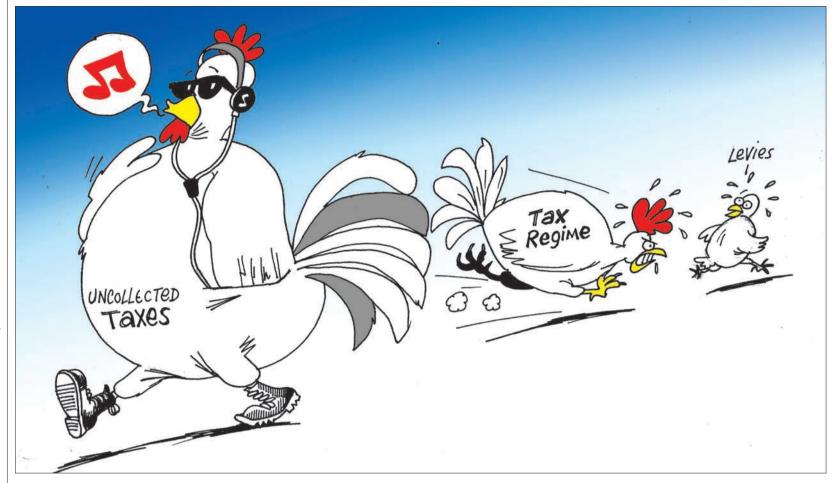
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How to improve access to medication for chronic illnesses

By Andreas Seiter, Prashant Yadav and Austen Davis

NON-COMMUNICABLE diseases (NCDs) have been increasing as a proportion disease burden for many years - and in nearly every part of the world.

In all but the poorest countries, NCDs are now a public health priority. The World Bank, in partnership with Access Accelerated, is working with more than 30 countries to help them better understand their NCD burden - and develop strategies to prevent, control and improve services at primary care level.

Many chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular diseases and diabetes as well as chronic respiratory diseases including asthma and some cancers, are manageable with pharmaceuticals - delivered through strong primary health systems that can enhance and extend life.

However, many people living with NCDs - most notably in lower-income countries - struggle to get early and effective diagnosis alongside accessing the affordable quality medicines they need.

Higher costs, reduced access

Studies in more than 40 countries have shown that, in both the public sector and the private one, generic medicines for the treatment of chronic diseases are generally much more difficult to find than acute disease medicines.

In many countries, according to an NCD Alliance report, out-of-pocket prices for NCD medicines far exceed actual procurement prices. The result: either patients go without treatment or their families fall into poverty.

If governments could reliably source quality medicines at an affordable price, it would obviously create potential for the expansion of services and treatment to a broader section of the public.

To expand equitable access to medicines, some have recommended the setting up of mechanisms that pool the procurement of NCD medicines.

Pooled procurement seeks to aggregate market demand and enhance demand transparency. It can give producers easier market entry and buyers greater negotiating power to secure quality and supply assurance at affordable prices.

In principle, pooled procurement can also reduce transaction costs, consolidate fragmented markets and allow for more accurate collection of market data.

Models of success

Some global pooled procurement initiatives have improved access to HIV/AIDS and malaria treatments - particularly in lower- and middle-

income countries.

For example, the Global Fund's Pooled Procurement Mechanism has "managed approximately US\$1 billion in orders, serving grant implementers in 63 countries", and it generated an estimated US\$174 million in cost savings for HIV and malaria-related treatments and diagnostics in 2019 alone.

Similarly, the regional initiative PAHO Strategic Fund has served 49 entities in 35 countries with more than US\$580 million worth of essential medicines procured since 2018

Impediments to pooled procurement

But applying those models to NCD medicines is not as simple as it sounds. According to Prashant Yadav, that leap might be more complicated than many might imagine.

"There are no magic bullets," Yadav said at a July 2021 WHO-hosted webinar on pooled procurement for NCD medicines.

Yadav noted that there are vastly more medicines for NDCs (excluding those for cancer) and many more manufacturers than, for example, for HIV or tuberculosis.

There is competition, which in principle can drive down prices and increase efficiencies. But, Yadav said, "when you look at the number of such manufacturers that are registered in countries, then the market structure changes. For some drugs you see that many global manufacturers are registered and, for others, very few are registered".

Ultimately, Yadav says, the market is failing for a different set of reasons - many of which relate to local demand and procurement capacity and policies. And so, we need different solutions - often changing from country to country.

Pooled procurement of NCD medicines is also hobbled by a lack

of resources. In many countries there is little, if any, public money for NCDs.

Inefficiencies of government procurement and supply chain management - which are common in many low-income countries - can easily cancel out the benefits of pooled procurement.

There are many examples

of centrally managed public procurement and supply systems suffering from leakage, losses due to expired medicines and lack of inventory management systems that can match central supply with demand at health facility level.

Larger countries may opt out of regional pools if they already benefit from economies of scale, and that can weaken the pool's bargaining power.

Opportunities worth pursuing

But what if we try to address the issue at the point where most patients get their medicines - the private pharmacy?

Studies in Africa have shown that retail prices are high because the market is fragmented, with many middlemen in the supply chain who make money on every transactional link in that chain.

Increasingly, local entrepreneurs are consolidating the market into pharmacy chains that aggregate demand and buy directly from importers or manufacturers, allowing for lower prices and higher supply security.

For example, a pharmacy chain called mPharma (covered in a World Bank blog post last year) is a potential partner for governments. Several more such innovators are covered in a recent report from Salient Advisory.

Governments interested in better access to NCD medicines could contact such private pharmacy chains on the possibility of negotiating framework contracts for government health facilities.

Another would allow patients to get selected medicines from retail pharmacies at agreed prices.

But these solutions need to be developed within a framework of well-defined and prioritised basic packages of care - algorithmic treatment - and with insurance and private service providers to ensure coherent diagnosis and treatment protocols.

Bringing markets together would then mean that governments or donors could essentially subsidise the purchase of medicines to the poor or uninsured through vouchers or mobile apps.

Civil society organisations such as the NCD Alliance can help monitor compliance and empower their members with knowledge and tools to utilise the new model.

While "traditional" pooled public procurement should not be entirely ruled out as a solution, we believe that in many places the NCD challenge can only work in the long term when we muster the courage to try something new: that is, work at scale and across public and private sectors.

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World ready to help with vaccines, but uptake readiness must improve

NY doubts remaining as to how far the world is prepared to push on with global vaccination to stem the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic, especially in Africa, Asia and South America, must have cleared.

This is on the basis of what is taking place in the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

US President Joe Biden has pledged something one billion or so doses for countries around the world, the vaccines produced in the US for use under the COVAX mechanism.

Observers said that this scale of donation was equivalent to donating three doses for use in other countries for each dose expected to be used in the US, which more or less covers entire needs for global vaccine outreach.

Tanzania has been taking up a new initiative - including introducing mobile vaccination units to boost a Covid-19 jabs uptake which has remained fairly low since the rollout began in late July.

According to the Health ministry, the move followed insufficient public response to appeals to go to vaccination centres scattered across the country.

This was somewhat surprising in that it suggested that scores of people are too busy to mind their health! Whatever the merits of that

NY doubts remaining explanation, the government has as to how far the world been fighting to rectify matters.

It is surprising that initially there were 550 vaccination centres put up rather rapidly when President Samia Suluhu Hassan flagged off the rollout, the number then rising to at least 1,500 countrywide.

Hospital staff at those centres are far from busy, given the low response levels, as if people were waiting to see if there will be deaths close enough to themselves before going for the jab.

African countries, where vaccine hesitancy is well above levels in developed countries, will still need the vaccine as infection breakout trends are high even in countries with widespread vaccination.

No one wishes that the spate of infections goes up here or in neighbouring countries. However, with the low take-up largely due to faulty reasoning that Covid-19 is for so and so rather than for 'me', infections will spread. It can't be otherwise.

That is why making vaccination much more accessible, with vans moving around and being close to villages or outlying areas even with a day's is sure to help. When word goes out, at times with loudspeakers blaring it all over, people will think harder and longer as to whether they do or don't need the jab. It may just work; reminders can push untaken



For Desmond Tutu on his 90th birthday: The archbishop for all people, even those on the edge

his legacy, and the Anglican Church's

s we approach Archbishop continued rejection of the LGBTQIA+ Desmond Tutu's 90th community. This is an extract from birthday on 7 October 2021, Ahrends' second anthology of poetry, Chris Ahrends ponders Sacred Awakening - a Collection of Poems, Reflections and Illustrations, due

for release in November.

One still crying in the wilderness

Sadly, the Anglican Church, both locally and universally, has a long history of not answering the questions asked by those on the edge and who may appear different.

Among the latest of these rejections of the questions was the response of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa to recommendations put to the church's 2019 Provincial Synod (the highest decision-making body) regarding the inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community. The Anglican Church has refused to recognise gay marriages and to date has forbidden its clergy to perform such marriages or even bless such ceremonies. The homophobia displayed by some members of the church, even at the Synod, was tremendously hurtful.

What made this more disappointing, more painful, was that this was the same church that under Desmond Tutu's leadership had come out so forcibly against apartheid's abuse of human rights. Now, contesting yet another of the human rights desperately needing recognition, the same church was turning its back.

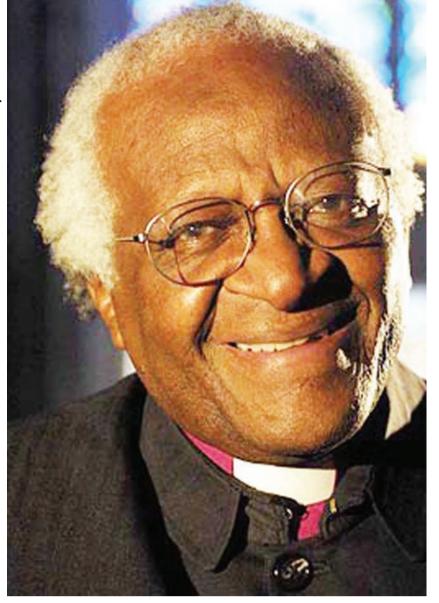
Desmond Tutu's long and illustrious ministry in the church had always reflected the best of Anglican values. His ministry marvellously mirrored the essential teachings of forward-thinking Anglican theology - a theology based on love, inclusion, forgiveness, acceptance, participation, justice and liberation. Tutu seemed infused with a daily experience of a God who cares for everyone on this planet and indeed, for the planet too!

This gave him the ability to see the specialness within every person. He longed and worked for a world in which every person counted and was able to share their special giftedness without fear - a world in which the colour of our skin, our gender, our sexual orientation, or even the size of our nose, he would add, could penalise us from being who we are.

That's why he had fought against the rabid racism of his time. That's why he fought for the ordination of women in the church and that's why he's spoken out clearly in favour of the full inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community in the church, saying, on one occasion, that if God was homophobic, he'd rather go to the warmer place!

The sad truth is, however, that on this issue, Tutu and the church weren't aligned. When one of his daughters was to marry her woman partner, Tutu wasn't allowed by the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa to say a prayer of blessing at the wedding ceremony.

In an extraordinary twist of fate, the Anglican Bishops of his church - the church he had served with such dedication and distinction and with such loyalty and steadfast faith -



were able to do the one thing that the apartheid government couldn't do in years - shut Tutu up!

In his 90th year, I know the church will make every effort to honour this remarkable prophet within its midst - a priest and bishop who should be remembered for his undying longing to see every person awaken to their God-given, wonderful unique self and have the right to share it with the world.

Here is my inadequate tribute to Desmond Tutu as well as my very inadequate recognition of all who have felt the church's rejection over many, many years - those on the edge, whose questions aren't heard or answered. To all who feel unheard by the church, especially the LGBTQIA+ community, please know that there is an Archbishop who has consistently sought to make a place for everyone in God's world...

The poem is distinctly imperfect and even a little childlike - exactly as, I believe, Tutu thinks of himself: imperfect and always chuckling at how odd it was that God should use him for such a task.

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RIO DE JANEIRO

mid scepticism and a lack of public interest, domestic crises and the backdrop of Covid-19, last week the BRICS countries delivered on their commitment to hold an annual summit without showing the signs of disunity that has beset the group in recent years.

So what still holds the bloc of so-called emerging nations together?

In a virtual event, the heads of state of host country India, Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa renewed the group's pledge of cooperation for the thirteenth time, in an event that passed without incident, unlike the barbs of last year. It also failed to attract much public interest.

Internet searches for BRICS-related news during the summit fell to one of their lowest points levels in the group's history, according to Google Trends. Online searches usually peak in popularity during the event but have rarely sparked as much interest as the 2014 summit, when the bloc launched the New Development Bank (NDB).

Scepticism towards the progress of the bloc pervades. It launched in 2009 with industrialised nations in the grip of the financial crisis with great - perhaps too great - expectations over its potential to redefine global governance. Today, not even one of the BRICS' most enthusiastic supporters, the economist Jim O'Neill, who coined the group's acronym two decades ago, seems impressed with the latest developments.

"The bloc's ongoing failure to develop substantive policies through its annual summitry has become increasingly glaring," O'Neill wrote after the event.

BRICS' first decade of success

O'Neill's frustration derives from what he recalls the "roaring success" of the four founding BRICS nations first decade. South Africa joined the group

In 2009, Russia hosted the first summit, seeking a more active voice on global economic affairs in response to the devastating financial crisis.

In its early years, "countries pushed for reforms of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and offered an alternative to the international financial order by creating the NDB," said Karin Costa Vazquez, of the Center for BRICS Studies at Fudan University.

BRICS puts on annual show of unity



At that time, and excluding Russia, countries formed the BASIC group, offering an alternative voice in international climate negotiations after the "failure of developed countries to define a climate agenda" and the collapse [of COP15] in Copenhagen", said Izabella Teixeira, who was Brazil's environment minister from 2010 to 2016.

"The BRICS were an environment of important political dialogue," Teixeira told Diálogo Chino. "It was a super interesting moment of confidence building. There was an informality in the conversation among the ministers." The group's diplomatic role, Teixeira added, "was absolutely important" in the negotiations that would later culminate in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

From then on, however, experts chart the emptying of the BRICS as a group, as economic and political crises burdened member countries. It witnessed recession in Russia, South Africa and Brazil, tensions between China and India and the belligerent anti-China rhetoric of Jair Bolsonaro, who became president in 2018 and began to deconstruct environmental policies and isolate himself diplomatically.

"The country has gone against the world," Teixeira said.

BRICS retains relevance

Although the heyday may be behind it, BRICS is still relevant today, according

to Costa Vazquez. "The BRICS is the only space that the largest emerging economies in the world have to coordinate positions and propose initiatives of common interest to the five members. This is no small thing when we are talking about

more than 30% of world GDP," she said. Vazquez argues that in order to keep functioning, the multilateralism of the bloc has given way to more bilateral agreements. As such, it is more flexible, limiting cooperation when interests diverge and resuming and expanding it when they converge.

Since BRICS doesn't function as an economic bloc, it does not have a formal statute of rules that dictate its behaviour. The cost of membership is low, and

the diplomatic benefits are still significant, according to Oliver Stuenkel, from the Getulio Vargas Foundation.

Stronger diplomatic relations can also reflect booming bilateral trade. For example, trade between Brazil and China should hit a new record in 2021. Last year, bilateral trade topped US\$100 billion for the first time and as of last month, it had already surpassed US\$93 billion.

Unsurprisingly, Bolsonaro adopted a milder tone on China at the recent BRICS summit. Meanwhile, China's President Xi Jinping said that, regardless of the difficulties, the BRICS will maintain solid and constant cooperation.

NDB offers hope

Despite few new articulations on historic areas of cooperation such as climate, the main product of the BRICS, the NDB, is gaining momentum. Paulo Nogueira Batista Júnior, and economist who was vice-president of the bank between 2015 and 2017, criticised the slowness of the NDB to produce results and fulfil its aspirations of becoming a global development bank.

Today, however, Batista Junior sees advances. "In the last two years, the bank seems to have moved a little more and achieved some results," he said. "For example, it has approved projects, including support programs to combat Covid-19, continues to hire employees, built its headquarters, developed technically and opened the process of inaugurating new members."

In early September, the NDB announced the addition of Uruguay, the United Arab Emirates and Bangladesh to its membership. In its six years of operation, the bank has approved some 80 projects, with investments totalling US\$30 billion. The bank has also made US\$10 billion available to BRICS member countries to combat Covid-19.

"The bank is already part of the landscape," said Batista Junior. Can the same still be said of the BRICS bloc?

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Women leaders hailed over COVID-19 response

OMINICA, BANGLADESH

n September 20, Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina accepted an award from the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network for her country's 'striking' progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

That progress includes an adult literacy rate that jumped from 21 percent in 1981 to 75 percent in 2019 and a spike in access to electricity from 14 percent in 1991 to 92 percent today. The country has also drastically reduced the childhood mortality rate. Fifty years ago, 225 of every 1,000 children died before the age of five. By 2019, that figure was down to 31.

"Even though we are in the midst of a big crisis globally everywhere, we still want to celebrate Bangladesh's achievements. When we analyze, as the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network does each year, countries' progress toward the SDGs, Bangladesh came first in the world in most progress between 2015 and 2020," said Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and Network President.

Sheikh Hasina has led Bangladesh for most of the award period. The four-time Prime Minister (1996-2001, 2009-2013, 2014-2018, 2018 to present) was honored for her commitment to sweeping education, healthcare, and social reform and her tireless focus on gender equity.

She credited her success with SDG progress to a vow to 'leave no one be-

And it is that drive, along with her firm, decisive and science-driven approach to issues of sustainable development that has marked her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Known as dynamic and visionary, Prime Minister Hasina is among women leaders whose stewardship of their countries during COVID-19 has been instructive and inspiring for the world.

Her administration issued a strict 'no mask, no service' policy in 2020. An early intervention saw students transitioning to online learning. They returned to the classroom last week, after 18 months. The government disbursed 26 stimulus packages totaling \$14.6 billion to keep the economy afloat and expanded its social safety net programs to include 11 million people, most of them women and chil-

Bangladesh has rolled out a massive, free vaccination campaign.

In June, Hasina told the country's parliament that it aims to have 80 percent of the population vaccinated and promised to procure the vaccines 'no matter how much' it costs.

To date, just over 11 percent of the eligible population is fully vaccinated.

This year, the leader who usually uses her time at the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for climate financing and gender equity is adding vaccine equity to her mission.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has upset







the world. It has taken countless lives and upset livelihoods. Millions of people worldwide have been reduced to poverty and hunger. Education is facing huge disruptions, especially of children," she

"We want vaccines for everyone everywhere. There are many poor countries that cannot buy vaccines. Vaccines should be made available to them. Developed and rich countries can come forward."

One day after Prime Minister Hasina addressed the 9th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development, a fellow revered female leader, the Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley, made her case for support for vulnerable

Prime Minister Mottley has been hailed across the Caribbean and internationally as a well-spoken, forthright, and no-nonsense leader, providing the decisive leadership needed in a pandemic.

She is the first woman to lead the Caribbean country, and like Hasina, Mottley carries the weight of steering a climatevulnerable country through a protracted

crisis. The worst pandemic in over 100 years has dealt a blow to her country's, economy with a 17 percent decline in GDP in the last year. In April this year, a volcanic eruption on nearby St. Vincent doused Barbados in ash. It was the worst ash fall in over a century. Then in July, Elsa became the first hurricane to hit Barbados

Through it all, Mottley, the Caribbean's only female Prime Minister, has remained resolute in steering her country through its multiple crises. Caribbean nationals regularly tune in to her national addresses - talks to her people that are tough when necessary, interspersed with light-hearted moments, but always clear and consistent messaging that has led many to refer to her as Prime Minister of the Caribbean.'

"You really inspire us. Your leadership is absolutely wonderful, and the power of your vision is just what we need," Professor Sachs told the Barbados leader.

Mottley's goal now is to ramp up vaccination numbers. According to the Barbados Government Information Service, about 36 percent of the eligible population is fully vaccinated, with the country recording just under 6,500 vaccinations weekly.

Mottley is aiming for 10,000 vaccinations a week,

"If we can do that, and we can maintain that each week for the next five weeks, then we will have the majority of those persons fully vaccinated before the end of November... We may, as a country, consider then the options of significant review and removal of restrictions that we have in place," she said this week.

On a different island, this time in the South Pacific, another popular female leader assured her country that 90 percent vaccination coverage or higher would bring significant ease in restric-

"High vaccination raters will undoubtedly be a game-changer for New Zealand, but the key there is high," said Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.

Ardern's administration has launched an 'elimination' strategy for COVID-19. According to the country's health ministry, it is a targeted means of 'finding the virus and stamping it out. It is hinged on vaccination as protection.

The leader, now in her second term in office, was a popular figure pre-COVID a young mother, the country's youngest female Prime Minister who gained international admiration for her poise, empathy, and stoic leadership through crises such as the March 2019 terror attacks and a volcanic eruption nine months later.

During the pandemic, Arden again grabbed global attention for stewardship in crisis.

A former communications major, her regular press appearances show a world leader taking clear, tough decisions based on science, justice and equity.

Like Prime Ministers Hasina and Mottley, Arden is exhibiting the best of female leadership even in the worst of times.

She continues to take early action against potential COVID-19 case surges - even when her decisions raise eyebrows. In August, New Zealand dominated international headlines when Ardern announced a swift, national lockdown over a single case of the Delta virus.

This week, she said that decision saved her country from a potential explosion in cases.

"With Delta, we knew we couldn't take chances, and the immediate move to Level Four, initially to understand the breadth of the outbreak and then to get it under control, was the right move and has worked," she told a September 19 post-cabinet press briefing.

"Modelers tell us that, had we waited just one more week to act, we would be sitting at around 5,000 cases by now," she said.

According to UN Women, women are heads of state and government in only 21 countries, but they continue to be applauded for their more efficient management of the COVID-19 health crisis.

"They are being recognized for the rapidity of the response they are leading, which has not only included measures to 'flatten the curve'--such as confinement measures, social distancing, and widespread testing--but also the transparent and compassionate communication of fact-based public health information.

The leaders face their fair share of challenges.

Prime Minister Hasina has stated that COVID-19 is threatening her country's ambitious plans to further accelerate health, education, and climate initiative, on the journey of successfully achieving the SDGs. Prime Minister Mottley is leading a small island state in a stubbornly vaccine-hesitant region, and Prime Minister Arden's lockdown and elimination strategies have earned her some caustic criticism.

What the three have shown, however, is that women leaders have the resolve and strength to make hard decisions - along with the compassion, sensitivity, and empathy to help their countries survive the toughest of times.

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Huawei trains public professionals in ICT for improved delivery of services

By Guardian Reporter

NFORMATION and Communication Technology (ICT) Commission China's company Huawei have completed training 19 ICT professionals from government and public sectors in order to bring them the latest knowledge on big data processing, ICT project management, cyber security among others.

Closing the training in Dar es Salaam vesterday, the official representative from Huawei Tanzania, Yohana Mathias said the training is the catalyst in continuing to innovate new innovations in the ICT sector.

He said the seven-day training was a good example of how Huawei is partnering with the Government in sharpening more Tanzanians to be able to do more work on data processing instead of depending on experts from abroad.

"As the country prepares itself to adapt the fourth industrial revolution, it is critical to up



A representative of Huawei Tanzania, Yohana Mathias (2nd-L), presents a certificate of completion to Rweyemamu Barongo, one of the participants in the just ended data processing training conducted by the Information and Communication Technology Commission and Huawei Tanzania. Left is the director of ICT operations from the Commission Engineer Jasson Ndanguzi. Photo: **Guardian Correspondent**

will enable the country to take advantage of ICT to power economic growth and deliver public services efficiently and effectively across the country. Huawei is proud and delighted to be able to share our global expertise to contribute." He

For his part, the Director of ICT Operations from the ICTC, skill our workforce; this Engineer Jasson Ndanguzi, the development of ICT in the them so that we can know

apart from thanking Huawei for the efforts, he said the training was one of the Commission's strategies in developing a three-year national development plan.

He said the program also aims to register ICT professionals, as well as develop them by building their capacity to keep up with

In the fourth industrial revolution high technology is much needed and that's why the Commission has seen the need to sharpen the skills of our officials. We are very grateful to Huawei for their efforts in achieving this goal."

"So apart from training the officials we are also registering

how many experts we have as a country so that we also know of Tanzania (BoT) said the how they can benefit from the training is going to take opportunities available in the them to a new world.

sector" he said. ment has been improving the and add new innovations ICT infrastructure but now it for our benefit and the is starting to focus on improv- benefit of the country as a ing human resources so that whole... and more I thank Tanzania has enough profes- Huawei for making this

"So this training is about big data analysis, that is the processing of big data that can help provide accurate information and enable us to make the right administrative and developmental decisions," he said.

He said since launching the training program in April this year, a total of 157 participants have benefited from the training and thus increased skills in a number of areas including in big data processing, ICT management, and cyber security among others.

One of the program trainers from Huawei, Oscar Mashauri said the training would help the officials as many of them were finding it difficult to process big data in their offices because they did not have the technique or expertise to do so.

Speaking of the program, one of the beneficiary Rweyemamu Barongo, ICT specialist from the Bank

"We are confident it will He added that the Govern- help us in our workplaces possible," he said.

Banks across Africa turn to IBM Hybrid Cloud, AI solutions in bid to accelerate digital innovations

By Guardian Reporter

IBM has announced that major financial institutions across Africa have selected hybrid cloud and AI-capabilities from IBM to unlock digital innovation and continue their work to develop digital-first solutions, ultimately broadening access to financial services on the continent.

COVID-19 continues to accelerate the already rapid changes that were happening across the financial services sector in Africa, fast-tracking the adoption of digital technologies to boost financial inclusion. With over 475 million Africans expected to be mobile internet users by 2025 GSMA -The mobile economy sub-Saharan Africa 2020, digital and mobile play a critical role in facilitating the delivery of digital financial services to consumers who transact on their mobile phones. As banks focus their efforts on open innovation, security and high-value services, hybrid cloud solutions have become increasingly important to deliver seamless and secure digital banking experiences.

"Enterprises, especially those in highly regulated industries like financial services, face unique challenges when it comes to balancing innovation and regulatory compliance," says Alan Peacock, IBM Cloud General Manager. "For decades, IBM has been fuelling the transformation of the financial services industry, bringing IBM's trusted industry experience and leadership in security and data privacy to help banks modernize, transform operations and drive innovation."

According to IBM's COVID-19 future of business study, more than 59% of the organisations that participated said that the pandemic accelerated digital transformation and more than 75% of responding executives indicated they expect changed customer behaviour to continue after COVID-19. As companies in the financial services sector are speeding up transformation, IBM hybrid cloud and AI solutions are supporting their drive to accelerate digitalization in different parts of the continent.

"In the past year we have seen banks navigate changes brought on by a growing preference for digital and mobile solutions, increasing smartphone penetration and the demand for convenience, innovation, and simplicity from today's modern consumer, says Angela Kyerematen-Jimoh, Regional, General Manager for IBM North, East and West Africa. "As banks across the continent take advantage of the opportunity to provide digital financial services which boost financial inclusion, IBM is working with Africa's leading financial groups to deliver intelligent, cloud-based, digital-first innovation through IBM's hybrid cloud and AI capabilities."

Geita mining expo offers platform to scale up technology adoption for sector growth

By Guardian Correspond-

ent, Geita

STAKEHOLDERS are banking on the ongoing mining technology and investment exhibition in Geita Region as a platform to share ideas and experiences on how to use technology to scale up the country's mining sector.

OreCorp Tanzania Limited (OreCorp) is one of the mining firms that supported the annual event held at the Bombambili grounds in the region that kicked off on September 16 and 26, this year. Speaking at the firm's

booth, OreCorp general manager, Damien Valente described the exhibition as a huge success as it provide a platform for mining stakeholders to exchange views and share experiences on how to boost the sector.

He said that the exhibition comes at a pivotal time for OreCorp follow-



ing recent approval by the government of a Special Mining Licence application to develop the 670bn/- Nyanzaga Gold Project south of Ngoma in the Sengerema District.

"The project is now on track

to be the first large-scale gold mine to be built in Tanzania in over a decade and the first-ever large-scale mine in the Sengerema District." According to Valente, the Nyanzaga Gold Project is located in the Sengerema

District of the Mwanza Region in the Lake Victoria Goldfields. The deposit hosts an estimated three million ounces of gold and will produce approximately 200,000 ounces (six tonnes) of gold per annum and will cost an

estimated 670bn/- to build.

In addition to the Cabinet

approval of the Special Mining Licence application an environmental and social impact assessment has been undertaken and an Environmental Impact Assessment Certificate has been granted by the National Environment Management Council.

The project will also deliver additional benefits to the region including education, health facilities, and infrastructure via the Company's generous community enhancement scheme.

Opening a ten-day showcasing event, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa reaffirmed that government's strong commitment to continue safeguarding national resources and ensure they contribute more to the country's socio-economic development.

Majaliwa stated that one of the means would be to continuously implement reforms on guidelines and procedures governing mining and trade activities in order to attract more investment in those sectors.

Ghana inks deal to host Du Bois museum in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

GHANA has signed an agreement to host a state-of-the-art museum complex to honour the legacy of world-renown black intellectual and civil rights pioneer Dr W.E.B Du

A statement released yesterday said the signing took place yesterday in New York, the US.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the government of Ghana by Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of Finance of Ghana, and Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Awal, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture. Signing for the W.E.B. Du Bois Museum Foundation were Japhet Aryiku, Executive Director of the foundation in the U.S., and Humphrey Ayim-Darke, Board Member of the W.E.B. Du Bois Mu- at Harvard University and foreseum Foundation, Ghana.

"Mr. President, let me reassure you of our commitment to making your beloved Ghana a hub of Pan-African research and heritage tourism," said Daniel Rose, Chairman of the W.E.B. Du Bois Museum Foundation, as he kicked off the ceremony. Rose is a philanthropist and leading real estate developer with deep ties to Ghana.

The Du Bois Memorial Centre in Accra where Dr. Du Bois and his wife, Shirley Graham Du Bois, are buried, opened to the public in 1985, but in recent years had required additional upkeep and maintenance. Two years ago, Rose and two board members of the foundation, Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., a professor most scholar on Dr. Du Bois, and Dr. Kwame Anthony Appiah, a professor at New York University whose father had worked with Dr. Du Bois, approached President Akufo-Addo about transforming the Du Bois Memorial Centre into a world-class living museum for scholars and heritage tourists.

The partnership arrangement will grant authority for the W.E.B Du Bois Museum Foundation to construct a multi-million dollar museum complex to preserve Dr. Du Bois' legacy over a 50-year period. The complex will be designed by Sir David Adjaye, renowned Ghanaian architect and designer of the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

The Foundation's goal is to realize the Du Bois Museum's full potential as an international treasure and historic memorial honoring one of the leading and most revered black voices in world history. The ambitious project features a museum, library and reading room, event hall, outdoor auditorium and amphitheater, lecture space, guest house for visiting scholars and the refurbished bungalow where Dr. Du Bois lived and worked until his death. The complex also includes a Memorial Pavilion, housing the remains of Dr. Du Bois and the cremated ashes of his wife.

Dr. Du Bois, who was a confidant of Ghana's first president Kwame Nkrumah, became a citizen of Gha-

na and resided in the country until Bois Museum Foundation. Aryiku, a his death in 1963. While living in Ghana, Du Bois envisioned building a unified ancestral home for Africans in the diaspora around the

President Akufo-Addo has invited the Africans Diaspora to follow the footsteps of Du Bois by making Africa their home and contributing to the continent's development through the government's "Year of Return" and "Beyond the Return" campaigns.

"The 'Beyond the Year of Return' campaign promotes economic empowerment and encourages people in the Diaspora to come to Africa to invest, to live, and to do more to uplift the continent, "said Japhet Aryiku, Executive Director, W.E.B. Du

Ghanaian American with more than 40 years of experience in corporate America and the philanthropic community, was inspired at a young age by Du Bois' writings and ideals.

Other speakers at the ceremony included Kwame Anthony Appiah, novelist and professor of philosophy and ethics, New York University and board member, W.E.B Du Bois Museum Foundation; and guests included Hon. Shirley Aryorkor Botchwey, Minister of Foreign Affairs, H. E Hajia Alima Mahama , Ghana's Ambassador to the USA, Akwasi Agyeman, CEO, Ghana Tourism Authority and Humphrey Ayim-Darke of the Du Bois Museum Foundation, Ghana.



DA's 2021 election dilemma: Is the record of good delivery enough to garner votes?

By Stephen Grootes

his bad showing could have huge consequences. Already the party has lost several prominent black leaders. If it loses more black voters, the DA may well have to make difficult choices about coalition partners after this election. And those choices could have a big impact on how it does in the next national election in 2024.

With DA posters going up on lamp-posts all around the country, the party's slogan "the DA gets things done" is being seen more and more often. The party obviously believes the focus on service delivery is correct and will win it more votes.

The one independent assessor we have of municipalities, the Auditor-General, is clear in her reports that the councils in the Western Cape are better run than in other provinces. And it is also obvious that service delivery in most other municipalities, run by the ANC, is almost non-existent.

DA members might well believe this sets them up to gain more support, that what President Cyril Ramaphosa called the "palpable sense of anger at the ANC" will surely help them.

Within all of this is the recent DA strategy.

The party challenged the Electoral Commission's decision to reopen the candidate registration process after the ANC failed to get all of its candidates in on time. It lost that application. It has also complained to the IEC that it believes there is evidence that the EFF is lying about the amount of money it has, after it failed to register any donations above R100,000.

This suggests that the party is continuing its longterm policy of using the rules to win political battles. While many voters might have supported its long-running legal battles against former president Jacob Zuma, this strategy might not win more votes now. Instead, it may suggest the DA is more interested in using the rules to remove players, rather than just play the game.

It may also leave the party open to the long-standing claim that it is good at criticising the ANC, but does not necessarily propose proper alternatives.

To be fair, the DA has generally spent much time on efforts to produce alternative policies, and believes it has solutions to solve the country's problems. But these can get drowned out by the debate around race-based redress.

It is worth restating that in a country where most voters may believe in race-based redress, opposing it is unlikely to help you win elections.

Worse, it allows the ANC and others to claim that the DA is not interested in real change and is defending the status-quo. The status-quo in this case will be defined as our racialised inequality.

Then there is the position of the DA's leader. Steenhuisen is an experienced, clever and sharp politician. In Parliament he is very adept, and adroit at holding the ANC to account.

But there is no evidence yet that he is able to convince people who have never voted for the DA before to do so now. It may be that he is more comfortable with the DA's base, or, to over-simplify, mainly with white voters.

This may be important in that the DA believes that it lost many votes in the 2019 election to the FF+ (considering the DA lost support and the FF+ grew this is very likely).

But it is also not clear that all of the white people who voted for the DA in the past will vote for them again. Some white people may well believe in transformation and affirmative action, perhaps even thinking that affirmative action is an acceptable price to pay for the privilege they have.

There may be some evidence that many people voted for the DA because they believed in the leadership of Mmusi Maimane. His life story, growing up in Meadowlands, marrying a white woman and bringing up mixedrace children in our society may have been a symbol of what some people believe the future of our country should be. And his mixture of constitutionalism, upbringing and current life experience may well turn out to have been important for the DA.

Now, to have Steenhuisen posing next to a DA poster in isiZulu may allow its political opponents to ridicule him, fairly or unfairly.

All of that said, what happens on the campaign trail does matter. In a low turnout election the importance of getting your voters to polling stations is amplified. The DA is probably better able to do this than other parties. Especially when the ANC is battling in many communi-

There are also the incidents within the elections and how the campaigning is done. Are there any mistakes on the trail, do the party's leaders get sucked into identity debates, or can they keep on their service delivery talking points? These issues matter.

There is also scope for clever politics. The DA's Cape Town mayoral candidate, Geordin Hill-Lewis is calling for the land occupied by Acacia Park, which houses MPs in Cape Town, to be released for public use. The person in charge of the land is the Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Patricia de Lille. She is also the leader of the Good Party and former DA mayor in Cape Town.

This may be effective. Hill-Lewis can argue there is a shortage of land for public use in Cape Town, and why should MPs get to occupy it? Especially when there is widespread anger at the political class. De Lille has to defend the current policy. She has already donned her

verbal boxing gloves, calling Hill-Lewis' "stupid" over his suggestion.

But Hill-Lewis shoots back that De Lille supported the plan when she was the mayor. This puts De Lille under pressure. She now has the contradiction of her previous position while possibly having to explain her decision to join the ANC-led Cabinet.

Meanwhile, the DA may face some very tough decisions after the elections.

It is possible that the result of the polls is that the DA and the EFF together can form coalitions. Or that the EFF could attempt to repeat its 2016 policy of voting with the DA for the position of mayors and speakers, and then support its administrations on a case-by-case basis. But the DA may feel that one of the reasons it lost support to the FF+ was the perception that it was working too closely with the EFF after 2016, particularly in

This means that it may be risky for the DA to be seen to be doing business with the EFF this time around.

In essence this could boil down to a choice between the short-term gain of being able to lead a coalition in councils and metros involving the EFF, and the longterm risk of some voters turning against the DA as a result in the national elections in three years' time.

The DA may not be the only party to face difficult choices like this. Other parties may also find that the shorter-term decisions to make after the elections could carry longer-term risks.

But the big risk to the party is that it suffers a significant loss of support in this election; greater than the loss it suffered in 2019. If that happens, it may well be the end of Steenhuisen's leadership, and the start of greater turmoil within the party.

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PM COMMENDS SBL FOR 166BN/- INVESTMENT TO **EXPAND PRODUCTION CAPACITY**

By Property Watch Reporter, Moshi

HE 166bn/- investment by Serengeti Breweries Limited which includes 15.6bn/- new spirits manufacturing facility at the brewer's Moshi factory will boost government revenue while also creating employment.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said mid this week while unveiling the spirits manufacturing plant that the government will continue putting in place better investment conditions so that the private sector can create jobs while paying state

"I commend Serengeti Breweries for the additional investment into the country which will improve livelihoods of the people and stimulate economic growth," Majaliwa said while reiterating the government's commitment to support serious investors such as SBL.

Briefing the PM on the expansion project, SBL's Managing Director, Mark Ocitti said under a three-year investment plan worth 166bn/-, the brewer is increasing production capacity its breweries in Dar es Salaam and Mwanza also.

Ocitti said the project which started in 2019 will see the brewer boost its production in its three breweries in addition to



SBL's manufacturing plant in Moshi municipality.

establishing the state of the art spirit manufacturing facility in Moshi municipality of Kilimanjaro region.

"This expansion will create increased demand for cereals that SBL buys from local farmers who cultivate maize, barley and sorghum for beer production. It will create more direct and indirect job opportunities and expand the company product distribution footprint nationally," he noted.

The SBL chief stated that the expansion also means generating more revenue for Treasury in terms of taxes, fees and levies. "The new spirits production facility will produce mainstream spirit products locally and, in so doing, enable SBL to become more competitive in the spirits business," Ocitti added while pointing out that prior to opening of the facility, the brewer was a net importer of spirits brands.

The new spirits making facility can produce various brands including those currently imported while also introducing new brand known as Bongo Don, which Ocitti described as being a truly local product of world-class quality. SBL currently employs over 800 staff both directly and many others indirectly.

Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL is the second largest beer company in the country with its beer brands accounting for over 25 percent of the market share by volume. Since the creation of SBL in 2002, the business has grown its portfolio of brands year on year. The majority stake acquisition by East African Breweries Limited, a subsidiary of London based Diageo Plc in 2010 has seen increased investment in international quality standards leading to greater job opportunities for local people.

SBL's major brands in the market include: Serengeti Premium Lager, Serengeti Lite, Pilsner Lager, Pilsner King, Tusker Lager, Tusker Lite, Kibo Gold, Guinness stout and Senator. The company is also home to world's renowned spirits such as Johnnie Walker Whisky, Smirnoff Vodka, Gordon's Gin, Captain Morgan Rum and Baileys Irish

Eastgate's solar trees continue to efficiently provide light

JOHANNESBURG

Liberty Two Degrees' (L2D) **Eastgate Shopping Centre introduced** three solar trees late last year to the centre's rooftop piazza to provide a source of renewable solar energy to the centre and increase the public's awareness of alternative and responsible energy sources, while providing an architecturally enriched identity.

The solar trees are self-reliant, harnessing energy from the sun to illuminate at night. With a bespoke installation of lights, the trees also contribute to feature lighting in the piazza for approximately 5 to 6 hours, while operating off the grid.

Jonathan Sinden, chief operations officer at L2D comments: "The solar trees at Eastgate are an exciting initiative as we aim to implement renewable energy projects throughout our portfolio, while creating sustained value for our stakeholders. This initiative also aims to inspire customers to adopt sustainability practices in their everyday lives for the benefit of the natural environment."

This initiative is in partnership with Architects Batley Partners, which took on the function of conceptualising a vision that would be befitting of the physical space, while matching the overall ethos of the centre with the ultimate goal of uplifting the atmosphere of the piazza for the benefit of its patrons.

The solar tree concept, inspired by a visit to Baine' Baobabs in the Botswana Nxai Pan National Park, doubles as public art and further aims to bring new energy to the area, enabling photo opportunities and a sense of community and connectedness between visitors.

The aesthetics of the solar trees was dictated by the scale of the trees and their relationship to the shopping centre. Three is the smallest nuclear family unit in nature and with this, an ensemble comprising a large 'father' tree which towers at 13.5m in height and 14m in diameter, a slightly smaller 'mother' tree, and the smallest being a 'child' tree, was conceptualised. This concept speaks to Eastgate's philosophy of creating family-focused activities, thus forming relatable, community-driven and memorable experiences.

The trees consist of tubular hollow steel sections that have a 20-year lifespan, requiring minor maintenance. The hollow steel sections mostly resemble tree 'trunks' and 'branches' and are extremely flexible, allowing for the necessary bendability, and convenient transporting and installation.

The solar panels are set to operate for 10 years and are easily replaced. The solar trees are covered in a stainless-steel net called Jakob Webnet procured from Switzerland, and within this net, infills were placed to create an architectural effect. Several solar photovoltaic panels mounted on top of each spiral are able to provide light.

Hotel owners fail in bid to stop Mombasa county levies

MOMBASA

and restaurant Mombasa in suffered a setback after a court dismissed their petition challenging a decision by the county government to effect or impose taxes, levies or penalties for last year as a pre-condition for paying the current fees for licence for this year.

Justice Eric Ogola, sitting at the High Court in Mombasa ruled that the petition by Mombasa County Bars, Hotels, Restaurants & Guest House Association which was also challenging the County Finance Act, lacked merit. "I find and hold that the petitioners have failed to discharge the burden of proof placed upon them by Section 107 (2) of the evidence Act," ruled Justice Ogola.

He noted that the petitioners wanted the court to believe that the devolved unit denied them the right to pay for licences for the current financial year by requiring them to settle charges that were due for the last financial year they alleged were unable to trade since they remained closed.

"The burden of proving the allegations lay squarely upon the petitioners," ruled Justice Ogola who further said the petitioners should seek to participate in the next County Finance Act to have their views considered rather than seeking to suspend or prohibit the implementation of the current Finance Act which is about to be outdated.

"For avoidance of doubt, this court finds and holds that there was adequate public participation promulgation the Finance Act,"

said Justice Ogola. In its suit documents, the association claimed that the county government was coercing them to pay charges, levies, taxes and penalties for last year before being issued with operating licenses for

association argued that the county government had ignored the fact that the National Government had ordered closure of their businesses last year due to Covid-19 and they have not fully reopened to date.

The association which filed its petition together with Coast Legal Aid and Resource Foundation (Clarf), sued the County Government of Mombasa, Clerk of the Mombasa County Assembly and County Executive Committee Finance &Economic Planning.

According to the petitioners, there was no public participation in the enactment of Mombasa County Finance Act. "The respondents denied residents of Mombasa a chance to participate in the process of enacting the Mombasa County Finance Act 2021," argued the petitioners.

They were seeking a declaration that the respondents' actions violated their rights and the constitution to an extent that there was no public participation in the process of making and enacting Act. According to the petitioners, they also wanted a declaration that the respondents action to impose payments and taxes for last year before receiving payments and issuing licenses was illegal.

On its part, the county government opposed the petition saying



Holiday makers at a Mombasa beach hotel.

that it had an obligation to impose property rates, entertainment taxes and any other tax that is authorised

Parliament.

It argued that due process was followed in the enactment of the Act from to be imposed by an Act of its inception to conclusion views from the public and relevant stakeholders. The devolved unit also argued this year's licences.

including public participation that the petitioners failed being conducted to collect to prove that there was a precondition set by the respondents for payments of



Solar trees at Eastgate Shopping Centre.

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CONSTRUCTION

ECOGRAF OUTLINES BENEFITS DODOMA WILL GET FROM EPANKO GRAPHITE PROJECT

By Property Watch Reporter

HE country stands to benefit economically through creation of an estimated 300 jobs; generation of U\$211 million pre-tax revenue and contribute a whopping U\$3 billion if Mahenge based Epanko Graphite Mine is implemented.

In its annual results for the year ending Iune 2021, Australian based EcoGraf said the project will also make a long-term, intergenerational contribution to economic, industrial and social development within Tanzania."It is expected to operate for over 40 years, during which time it is forecast to directly contribute over US\$3 billion to Tanzania through local employment, procurement, royalties, taxes dividends," the company said.

It further added that over 95 percent of the 300 permanent staff will be Tanzanian, with an estimated 4,500 indirect jobs to be supported by the operation. Describing the Epanko Graphite Project as being highly profitable, EcoGraf which operates locally through its subsidiary, TanzGraf said the project is forecast to produce 60,000 metric tonnes of natural flake graphite products each year. Natural flake graphite is used in the manufacturing of electric vehicles.

"Extensive work has been completed at Epanko to establish a development ready new graphite mine, including: Completion of a bankable feasibility study that demonstrates a highly attractive development opportunity with a modest investment of U\$89 million and a robust business case, generating annual gross revenue of U\$44.5 million," EcoGraf's annual results stated.

The report said with the government granting of a mining licence and environmental approvals plus the comprehensive independent engineer's review by SRK Consulting on behalf of



EcoGraf finalising plans for new battery graphite facility in Australia.

lenders which confirmed technical aspects of the proposed development and that the Equator Principles, the project is also compliant of International Finance Corporation performance standards and

and Safety Guidelines.

The Australian investor has already secured flake graphite markets in key markets in Asia through Sojitz Corporation and Europe through Thyssenkrupp which World Bank Group Environmental, Health is a large European graphite trading group.

"EcoGraf continues to progress debt financing arrangements for construction of the Epanko Graphite Project that have been developed with German Government development bank KfW IPEX-Bank," the report noted.

Green Building emissions by 2030

PARIS

The World Green **Building Council (WorldGBC)** today called on the global construction industry to cut emissions from the construction and operation of buildings by half before 2030 and to reach net zero life-cycle emissions for all buildings no later than 2050.

It said an "unprecedented shift" was needed in the way buildings are designed, built, renovated and re-used in order to keep global heating below 1.5°C as outlined in the Paris Agreement. The built environment is responsible for almost 40% of global carbon emissions, with 10% of that arising from embodied carbon from materials and construction processes.

From 1 January 2023, businesses and organisations who have signed up to the council's Net Zero Carbon **Buildings Commitment will** be required to account for all operational carbon emissions in all building assets within their direct control.

They will also have to account for the wholelifecycle impact of new buildings and major renovations, mandating that they are built to be highly efficient, powered by renewables, with maximum reductions in embodied carbon and compensation of all residual upfront emissions. This includes choosing low carbon materials and cutting fossil fuels from the construction process.

Signatories will have to develop their own decarbonisation roadmap. WorldGBC expects organisations to keep using offsetting approaches until alternatives to fossil fuel consumption and highembodied carbon materials emerge, but wants this to reduce over time.

Cristina Gamboa, chief executive of the World Green **Building Council, said the** new commitment "elevates the ambition for the building and construction sector to go further and faster to decarbonise." "Achieving our vision of sustainable buildings for everyone, everywhere means acting now to tackle upfront carbon, whilst planning with whole life carbon in mind," she said.

Alberto Carrillo Pineda, managing director of the **Science Based Targets** initiative, said: "Bold action is vital to limit the worst effects of climate breakdown and that's why the Net **Zero Carbon Buildings** Commitment from the WorldGBC is so important. This leadership sets the direction for the building and construction industry.

Considering the state of the climate emergency, we are calling on all world leaders, businesses and individuals to take urgent action to decarbonise the built environment at the pace and scale required by science." The Commitment now has 143 signatories, with 109 businesses and organisations, 28 cities and six states and regions.

Nyungwe National Park's economic value estimated at US\$4.8 bn - study

KIGALI

A report on the State of the Wildlife Economy in Rwanda has disclosed that the value of Nyungwe National Park is estimated at \$4.8 billion.

The overall aim of the report is to highlight the potential of the wildlife economy and encourage more public and private investments in protected and conserved areas to improve biodiversity outcomes and support economic development.

Success, it says, would include turning conservation into a growth industry, attracting young inspired leaders, increasing private sector investment in wildlife resources and related businesses as well as involving communities in nature and wildlife related

It also aims to ensure that governments see wildlife as a key strategic asset and, therefore, create an enabling environment for the wildlife economy and the conservation of related wildlife resources. "The ecosystem services provided by Nyungwe are estimated at US\$4.8 billion," reads the

Nyungwe is one of the oldest rainforests in Africa, covering 1,019 km2 of dense forests, bamboo-covered slopes, grasslands and wetlands and it is the largest expanse of forest remaining in Rwanda. The park feeds two of the world's largest rivers, the Congo and the Nile, and provides 70 per cent of the country's freshwater.

The park is also a regional biodiversity hotspot, supporting 1,068 recorded plant species, 322 bird species, 75 known mammal species and 13 different primate species. Nyungwe Park also features a swamp with a variety of species.

Kamiranzovu swamp is the largest swamp located in Nyungwe National forest and it is the mother of the great waterfall of Nyungwe national park called "Kamiranzovu waterfall." The water flows about 3km to form a waterfall which flows through Lake Kivu, Congo River, Tanganyika until the Atlantic

Despite the valuable resources, Nyungwe is exposed to a variety of threats including poaching, illegal mining, and encroachment from agriculture which have together



Main entrance to Nyungwe National Park in Rwanda.

endangered the integrity of its flora and fauna.

In October 2020, RDB and African Parks signed a new 20-year partnership agreement for Nyungwe National Park,to ensure sustainable management of the park, promoting conservation and providing benefits to local people. The report commends Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) initiative that is also aimed to protect the park.

Payments for Ecosystem Services is the name given to a variety of arrangements through which the beneficiaries of environmental services, from watershed protection and forest conservation to carbon sequestration and landscape beauty, reward those whose lands provide these

services with subsidies or market payments. A PES two-year pilot research project reliant on EU funds and known as the ReDirect project has been implemented in Nyungwe, it shows.

In the Rwanda ReDirect project, for example, valuation was used to determine payment levels based on estimated opportunity and conservation costs, by calculating average forest-based income for households living near Nyungwe National Park.

In addition to household-level payments, a certain percentage of funds are paid directly to the villages or cells commune to be spent on community activities. There are opportunities for Rwanda to generate significant revenue and to create employment through PES, it says.

Several institutions led by the Rwanda National Commission on UNESCO have embarked on a proposal to have Nyungwe National Park added to the world heritage list. The State of the Wildlife Economy indicates that total monetary value of Rugezi wetlands is \$374.3 million. The total economic value of Mukura Landscape was estimated at \$1.4 million per year.

The monetary benefits from the Mukura landscape translate into a value of \$ 803 per hectare per year, which is comparable to the most productive forest landscapes. "The total value of the Akagera Wetland Complex includes a stock value (carbon storage) of \$1.1 billion and an annual flow value of \$11.9 million," the report shows.

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EVERGRANDE CRISIS IS NOT A 'LEHMAN MOMENT' FOR CHINA YET, S&P SAYS

BEIJING

vergrande Group, China's second-biggest property developer by sales, is not yet experiencing a "Lehman moment" despite being on the brink of default with \$300 billion in outstanding debt, according to ratings agency S&P.

"It is unlikely that it would become one. The issue is largely a Chinese domestic issue and more than likely will play out that way," Gavin Gunning, senior director of financial institutions at S&P, said during a webinar organised by the ratings agency on Tuesday.

In September 2008, US investment bank Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, marking the biggest corporate failure in US history, which had reverberations across the world and led to the consolidation of financial institutions and the demise of others. It also led to some companies selling large stakes to governments in order to be bailed out. The Wall Street titan of its time, Lehman Bothers drowned under huge losses linked to subprime mortgages.

Evergrande, the world's most debt-ridden property developer, has come under increasing scrutiny in recent months as the company grapples with a severe liquidity crisis due to a staggering debt pile of \$300bn, stoking broader concerns about the reach of the crisis beyond China's borders and the property market in the world's second-larg-



Apartment buildings and recreational facilities at a China Evergrande Group development in Qidong, Jiangsu province.

sparked a sell off, dragging stock marseen on other borrowers," he added. kets down with the decline also mirrored across cryptocurrencies.

However, a global spill over of the current crisis in China's property market is unlikely, according to S&P. Evergrande has less than 600bn Chinese yuan (\$92.79bn) in government loans, according to Kim Eng Tan, senior director and sector lead of sovereign ratings for APAC at S&P.

"The Chinese government remains very much in control of the country's liquidity situation. There are no opers in the country - Hengda and spillovers that are expected to cause Tianji - to "CC" from "CCC." est economy. On Monday, concerns chaos in China and no large impact is

Evergrande's stock price is down 85 per cent since the start of the year.

On Tuesday, its shares slipped further after S&P said that the developer could default on its payments. The company's share price dropped as much as 7 per cent on Hong Kong's benchmark Hang Seng stock index before paring back losses to 0.4 per cent - a near 10-year closing low. Last week, S&P downgraded Evergrande's ratings, along with two other devel-

Earlier this month, Evergrande

hired financial advisers, highlighting a probable debt restructuring of the company that would be viewed as a default if it went ahead, S&P said. Banks, home buyers, investors, bondholders, suppliers and contractors are among those affected by the company's default risk.

"The government would prevent a default if they believe that it could increase the risk ... if the contagion will cause a systemic risk to the economy," Mr Kim said. "The government will not wait for the Evergrande problem to become a property sector problem," he added.

default. They will look to minimise economic losses. They would also try to reduce the risk to home buyers." A bailout by the government will only come if they see any systemic risk or political troubles increasing, according to S&P. "But we don't see that happening right now," Mr Kim said. Meanwhile, Chinese banks' exposure to Evergrande is relatively small, according to S&P. However, two banks in particular are expected to be most affected by the company's debt crisis: the affiliated Shengjing Bank and national Minsheng Bank, S&P said.

"Banks [in China] will have some measures to help the property developers to potentially tide over the short-term liquidity shocks," Ming Tan, director of financial institutions at S&P, said. "From what we understand, the [Chinese] government tends to give the banking system time to adjust, including to the property exposure."

Chinese banks have started to trim down their exposure to Evergrande amid credit tightening and negative news headlines, Matthew Chow, director of

"I don't believe they [the corporate ratings at S&P, government] would stop a added. "Negative news contributed to downwards spiral of Evergrande," Mr Chow said. However, investors in the Chinese property market will have to bear some losses eventually, "especially the high-net-worth ones and institutional investors", according to Mr Tan. "It will lead to a loss of confidence in the short term, but confidence will return in the longer term," he said.

> Protests by homebuyers and investors demanding their money back and seeking answers from company executives have broken out in recent days at Evergrande's headquarters in the southern city of Shenzhen, as well as its offices across the country.

> Evergrande Real Estate owns more than 1,300 projects in 280 or more cities in China, serving about 12 million home owners, according to its website. Its property services arm, which listed on Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing in December 2020, has about 2,800 projects in more than 310 cities in China. Evergrande has a bond interest payment of \$669 million due this year, including a \$83.5m note due on September 23.

Saudi Arabia to channel 50 percent of its investments into renewable energy

Saudi Arabia plans to deploy 50 per cent of its investments in renewable and sustainable power sources and will issue a green sukuk soon, the governor of the kingdom's Public Investment Fund and Saudi Aramco chairman said.

"The kingdom aims to deploy 50 per cent of its investments in renewable and sustainable power sources, more than two-thirds from investment. We are one of the most efficient countries when it comes to sustainability and renewable energy," Yasir Al Rumayyan said during a virtual roundtable organised by the Future Investment Institute in New York on Tuesday.

Although Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil exporter, it fares much better than other producers when it comes to carbon dioxide emissions, Mr Al Rumayyan said. Saudi Arabia is Opec's largest producer and accounts for 12.5 per cent of all oil production, according to the BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2021.

Under its Vision 2030 initiative, the kingdom is taking measures to diversify its economy away from hydrocarbons and to decarbonise its utility systems. The country plans to generate up to 50 per cent of its electricity from clean sources.

The PIF has been given the mandate to develop nearly 70 per cent of renewable projects in Saudi Arabia. Utilities and renewables are



A solar farm in Riyadh.

among the 13 sectors identified by the fund as part of its Vision 2030 strategy.

Saudi Arabia's \$430 billion sovereign wealth fund will announce its first green sukuk issuance soon, as it looks to increase the role that environmental, social and governance principles (ESG) play in its investments, Mr Al Rumayyan said.

"We will be the first sovereign wealth fund to issue green debt. Some of our portfolio companies have already issued green debt. The Red Sea [Development] Company issued green debt worth \$3.7bn," Aramco's chairman added.

The PIF is also working with the world's

largest asset manager BlackRock to develop an ESG framework, Mr Al Rumayyan said. "We're working with many partners from all over the world, domestically and internationally, to have a better ESG compliance in all the things

that we do," he added. The fund is also working with ratings agencies to standardise the ESG framework and address the inconsistencies in rankings from different agencies. As part of developing its own ESG framework, the PIF is looking to "gradually" turn down investments that lack sustainability plans, he added.

The PIF has been investing more in businesses that focus on pivoting away from

fossil fuels. It boosted its stake in utility developer ACWA Power International, which is spending heavily on renewable energy, and also invested in electric vehicle manufacturer Lucid.

Oil "should be used more efficiently, such as in crude to chemical, which produces zero emissions. We don't want to exploit all our resources overnight," Mr Al Rumayyan said. Saudi Arabia has been meeting future sustainability targets set by global initiatives for the past several years, he added.

"About 70 per cent of our population is under the age of 35. We want to think about the future generations of Saudi Arabia. You cannot separate health from economies and from sustainability," the PIF governor said. He added that the cost of solar power production in Saudi Arabia stands at 1.2 cents per kilowatt/hour, versus 15 cents for other producers.

The PIF and the Arab world's biggest bourse Tadawul announced a plan this month to set up the Riyadh Voluntary Exchange Platform for offsets and carbon credits within the Middle East and North Africa.

The platform will become the primary destination for companies and institutions that target reducing their emissions, or contributing towards reductions, through the trading of verified, approved and high quality carbon equivalent credits certificates, according to the state-run Saudi Press Agency.

Worsening chip \$210bn in sales

The cost of the intractable semiconductor shortage has ballooned by more than 90%, pushing the total hit to 2021 revenue for the world's automakers to \$210 billion.

That's the latest dire forecast from AlixPartners, which predicted global automakers will build 7.7 million fewer vehicles due to the chip crisis this year. That's almost double the consultant's previous estimate of 3.9 million. Despite ongoing efforts to shore up the supply chain, semiconductor availability has worsened as automakers exhaust stockpiles and other industries have no more to

"The barrel is empty, there's nothing left to scrape," Dan Hearsch, managing director of AlixPartners automotive and industrial practice, said in an interview. "Going forward, sales will suffer. Sales hadn't suffered because there was enough inventory to draw from. It's not there anymore."

Automakers have begun warning the problems are metastasizing and could crimp third quarter earnings, with Volkswagen AG's truck unit Traton SE the latest to sound the alarm. Key supply centers in Southeast Asia have been hit with factory shutdowns as Covid-19 outbreaks spread. It now takes a record 21 weeks to fill chip orders and auto executives say the shortage could last for years. "It certainly feels like the most protracted supply shortage the industry has seen because it's not over," Hearsch said. "It's certainly the most farreaching. This is every place. This is everybody."

As inventory on dealers' lots has dwindled, car prices have skyrocketed, reaching a record \$43 355 in the US in August, according to researcher Cox Automotive. Supply is so constrained, some dealers have resorted to renting cars so they have something to display in their showrooms, Hearsch said. The chip shortage began late last year when automakers underestimated demand as pandemic restrictions loosened. The crisis has defied resolution, thanks to acts of nature, fire and Covid-19.

Damac founder gets regulatory approval to make company private

Dubai developer Hussain Sajwani is relaunching a bid to take Damac Properties private after securing approval from the securities regulator of the UAE to buy shares in the company.

Maple Invest, the investment vehicle backed by Mr Sajwani, will continue the process to acquire publicly traded shares in Damac, the company said in a statement to the Dubai Financial Market,

where its shares are traded. "An update to the offer submitted by

Maple Invest on June 9 to acquire shares of the company will be released within 14 days," it said on Thursday. But such updates are expected only to address the process involved in acquisition and "will not affect the material parameters of the offer, including the offer price, which remains at Dh1.30 per share", Damac said.

The company's share price was up 2.43 per cent on Thursday at 11.49am UAE time after closing at Dh1.23 on Wednesday. Maple Invest plans to own a minimum of 90 per cent and up to 100 per cent of Damac, it said in the June 9 statement.

of Damac before making the offer earlier this year. On June 15, the Dubai developer named vice chairman Farooq Arjomand as his replacement, while Ali Binjab was appointed as vice chairman of the company, Damac said.

Damac, which built the Middle East's only Trump-branded golf course, has reported seven successive quarterly losses and its share price has fallen by more than 60 per cent from its most recent peak in August 2017. The company, which has projects in the UAE, Lebanon,

Mr Sajwani resigned as the chairman the UK, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, narrowed its second-quarter loss this year amid continued recovery of the UAE property market.

The company reported a loss of Dh101 million (\$27.5m) in the second quarter, compared with a Dh280m loss in the same period in 2020. Revenue for the reporting period fell to Dh735.75m, from Dh1.14 billion a year earlier. Damac, which has a market capitalisation of more than \$2bn, reported booked sales of Dh2.6bn for the first six months of the year and the delivery of 2,700 units in Dubai.

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WORLD

Biden talks peace, but serves up hypocrisy

By Zhao Ruinan

IN his debut speech at the United Nations General Assembly, US President Joe Biden said the United States is not "seeking a new Cold War or a world divided into rigid blocs". But, for many experts, the rhetoric is laden with hypocrisy in standing in sharp contrast with Washington's actions in recent months.

Biden's speech on Tuesday came as world leaders, in person and on screen, returned to the United Nations' foremost gathering for the first time in the pandemic era, with the climate crisis and the world's worsening divisions taking center

Biden said the US will "compete vigorously" with other major powers while emphasizing that the country does not want a new Cold War or the emergence of "rigid blocs".

He also told world leaders that the US is moving from "relentless war" to "relentless diplomacy", stressing the need for global unity to address the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change.

"We're opening a new era of relentless diplomacy, of using the power of our development aid to invest in new ways

of lifting people up around the world," Biden said.

But Xu Liping, a researcher at the National Institute of International Strategy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said Biden's speech runs counter to what the US has been doing.

"The speech is actually a slap in the face to the US. The so-called new Cold War refers to the actions that take another country as an 'imaginary enemy' who holds a different ideology, and decouple with the target country, throw sanctions on it and even threaten it, as well as care only about the interests of small blocs with its allies," Xu said.

"The US has been curbing Chinese technological companies, decoupling from China in scientific and technology fields and strengthening its military presence in the South China Sea. Aren't these gestures of a new Cold War?"

Biden also boasted that the US, under his watch, had reached a turning point with the end of military operations in Afghanistan last month, closing out the country's longest war. That set the stage, he said, for his administration to shift its attention to intensive diplomacy at a moment when there is no shortage of crises



US President Joe Biden

facing the globe.

"Today, many of our greatest concerns cannot be solved or even addressed by the force of arms," he said. "Bombs and bullets cannot defend against COVID-19 or its future variants."

Political propaganda

Chen Xiangyang, director of the Institute of World Political Studies at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, said Biden's speech amounts to a heavy dose of political propaganda.

"Biden's wording demonstrates hypocrisy and duplicity, aimed at building a good and friendly image of the US. But the words are inconsistent with the deeds," said Chen, cautioning the international community to observe the US' moves while listening to its words.

Biden's debut at the UN General Assembly also came amid Washington's rift with Paris. The blowup resulted from a threeway agreement between the US, the United Kingdom and Australia that undercut a more than US\$60 billion submarine deal with France in favor of a plan to equip Australia with nuclear-powered submarines.

The three sides also announced a new

security partnership known as AUKUS, which has sparked strong criticism from leaders of the European Union. French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said on Monday there was a "crisis of trust" with the US as a result of the episode.

Biden wasn't so concerned. Asked by a reporter as he arrived at the UN on Tuesday on how he planned to repair relations with the French, Biden responded with two words: "They're great."

Biden explicitly said that the US is not seeking a new Cold War. However, the advent of AUKUS sends a different signal, said Muhammad Abdul Basit, a political scientist in Pakistan with a focus on international relations and sociopolitical issues.

Chen said: "It's obvious that the rift between the US and its allies is enlarging because the US continues to promote the 'America First' and is self-centered. The fragmentation is the result of its self-serving policies." Agencies and Jan Yumul in Hong Kong contributed to this story.

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Wang called on the United

States and NATO countries

to assume the primary re-

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Afghanistan speed up its re-

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of a complex immigration

Wang said China supports

the United Nations in playing

its role as the main channel

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stability in Afghanistan and

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Australia disputes French version of submarine letter denied

AUSTRALIA yesterday an assertion by France that Canberra had re-committed to a \$60 billion contract to buy French submarines in a letter sent just before it announced it was buying subs from the United States and Britain instead.

Canberra's decision to exit the French submarine

contract while forming an alliance known as AUKUS with Washington and London has sparked a diplomatic quarrel. France said it was blindsided by an Australian "stab in the back".

Earlier this week, France's Armed Forces Ministry spokesman wrote on Twitter that Australia had sent a letter to France on the day of the AUKUS announcement, stating satisfaction with the progress of the program.

"In short: forward to launching the next phase of the contract," spokesman Herve Grandjean wrote.

However Australia's defence department on Thursday said the letter, which it said was sent the day before the announcement, included no new commitment.

"This correspondence did not refer to or authorise commencement of the next phase of the programme, which remained subject to the announcement of decisions by the Australian Government," a Department of Defence spokesperson said in a statement to Reuters.

The letter, dated September 15, advised French defence contractor Naval Group that it had formally exited a review begun in January, the spokesperson said. The contract between Australia and Naval Group included off-ramps in which Australia could pay to exit the project.

Naval Group has said Australia terminated the contract on "convenience" grounds.

British top diplomat, Lavrov discuss need for Iran to resume nuclear talks – spokesperson

LONDON

BRITISH Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov held a meeting on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, discussing the need for Tehran to return to talks on



the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on Iran's nuclear program, a Foreign Office Spokesperson told TASS, commenting on the meeting's outcome.

"They discussed the need for Iran to return to nuclear talks. They also discussed stability and security in Afghanistan, including the need for the Taliban to form an inclusive government. They looked forward to the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November," the spokesperson specified.

It was the first meeting between Lavrov and Truss, who was appointed as British foreign secretary last week in a cabinet reshuffle carried out by Prime Minister Boris John-

The talks involving Iran and the five world powers (Russia, the United Kingdom, Germany, China, and France) on restoring the nuclear deal in its original form have been underway in Vienna since April.

The agenda includes issues related to the lifting of US sanctions on Iran, Tehran's implementation of its nuclear obligations and Washington's return to the JCPOA. The nuclear deal's participants are also holding separate consultations with the US, which don't involve Iran.

The delegations initially intended to wrap up the endeavor by late May. Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Tuesday that the talks would resume in Vienna in the next few weeks.

Kenyan scientists urge action on antibiotic resistance to pathogens

NAIROBI

KENYAN scientists on Wednesday urged evidencebased research, public awareness and regulatory reforms to boost action on antimicrobial resistance that has become a public health crisis.

Samuel Kariuki, acting director general of Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) said there was a need to educate the public and highlight some of the leading causes of drug resistance to infections caused by pathogens.

Anti-microbial resistance poses a great challenge as most citizens and community members are unaware of the risk associated with over or under dosing of drugs and buying drugs over the counter without a prescription, Kariuki told journalists in Nairobi.

A report by Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development Data says that many first-line drugs have become less effective against pathogens like bacteria and viruses.

Wang urges lifting of sanctions on Afghanistan at G20 meeting

BEIJING

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi yesterday attended a video conference of the foreign ministers of the Group of 20 on the Afghan issue and urged lifting unilateral sanctions and restrictions on Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's foreign exchange reserves are national assets and should belong to and be used by the Afghan people, Wang said, adding that they cannot be used as a bargaining chip to exert political pressure on the country.

The Chinese foreign minister put forward several propositions on the Afghan issue at the meeting.

He said it is necessary to increase the intensity and speed of aid to Afghanistan, especially to provide timely assistance to the most urgent needs of the Afghan people.

China has decided to provide Afghanistan with 200 million yuan (\$30.95 million) worth of aid materials, including the donation of the first batch of 3 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, Wang said, expressing the hope that countries responsible for the current situation in Afghanistan will seriously reflect on what it has done, do more to alleviate the difficulties faced by the Afghan people as soon as possible, and fulfill its due responsibili-

Calling on G20 members to actively take practical measures to help Afghani-



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi

stan ease the current liquidity pressure, Wang said international financial institutions should also provide financing support for poverty reduction in Afghanistan, sustainable development, people's livelihood and infrastructure projects.

Under the premise of respecting Afghanistan's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, the Afghan people should be supported to independently choose a development path that suits their national conditions, and a broad

and inclusive political structure should be formed finally, Wang said.

On the issue of counter-terrorism, Wang said Afghanistan must earnestly fulfill its commitments, draw a clear line with various international terrorist forc-

munity must stand for a shared future for mankind, build a united front against terrorism, oppose double standards and se-

es, and resolutely crack down on them.

lective approaches to counter-terrorism,

He added that the international comurging the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and various UN agencies to per-

Uganda reopens worship places to further ease COVID-19 restrictions

KAMPALA

UGANDAN president Yoweri Museveni on Wednesday ordered the reopening of worship centers as the country continues to register a decline in new COVID-19 cases.

Museveni (pictured) in a televised address on the update of the COVID-19 situation in the East African country said

places of worship can reopen bars, as long as they keep a maximum quota of 200 people and strictly adhere to the prevention measures including social distancing, face mask wearing and sanitization. Places of worship were closed in early June as the country faced the second wave of the pandemic.

The president directed that

cotheques, musical shows remain closed as they tend to congre-

gate large numbers of people and are difficult to control. "With the level of vaccina-

tion still low, I direct that these entertainment centers like remain closed until at least the

4.8 million priority population is vaccinated," the president said.e said the country aims to finish vaccinating the priority population by the year end. The people in the priority groups include health workers, teachers, security personnel, elderly people aged 50 and above, people with comorbidities and 330,000 students in post-sec-

As of Wednesday, over 1.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines had been administered since the vaccination exercise started in March this year, according to the Ministry of Health data. The country aims at vaccinat-

ing about 22 million people, or nearly half of the population as a measure to keep the pandemic at bay.

China launches campaign to make smart devices more friendly to seniors

ondary institutions.

CHINA is currently working to make smart facilities more friendly to the elderly, as a way to bring the charm of the ever-changing digital technology to the gradually expanding aging

A woman surnamed Wang in her seventies is quite a binge watcher. However, a recent cataract surgery made TV watching a little bit harder for her. In addition, the complicated user interface of the smart TV also stood in the way.

Thanks to an "elderly mode" which supports voice control on her Mi TV, produced by a Chinese designer and manufacturer of consumer electronvenient for her to control the smart device. Once the TV works under the "elderly mode," the font size on the screen becomes enlarged and bold, and the pictures would also turn less sharp automatically.

Apart from TVs, smart phones, as the most frequently used mobile terminals by the elderly, are also turning more and more friendly to the aged.

For instance, an AI voice assistant on the mobile phone of a senior citizen surnamed Wang in Anqing, east China's Anhui province, is making his life much more easier. "Hi Xiaobu, open the WeChat QR code scanner."

ics Xiaomi, it has become more con- As he spoke, the phone automatically turned to the mobile payment page on social app WeChat.

"It took long for me to open this page by tapping on the phone, especially when I was doing grocery shopping every day. Now it's much more convenient with the voice control," Wang told People's Daily.

This AI-based voice control function was specifically tailored for senior users by Chinese phone maker OPPO. As long as the users make voice command to the phone by saying "open the simple mode," the phone will present everything in a bigger form, from the font to the icons. Besides, the volume of the phone will be turned up, too. This mode offers over 60 convenient functions for the senior users.

"It has solved nearly five million problems frequently encountered by senior users since it was launched, and is activated by over 600,000 users every day," said Liu Haifeng, President of Data & AI Engineering at OPPO.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) issued a notice in February this year, requesting to expand the supply of smart terminals that are friendly to seniors, and urged relevant parties to solve the difficulties frequently encountered by seniors when they use smart products and enjoy smart services.

Recently, technical standards on senior-friendly mobile terminals and smart TVs were published, making the display, audio control, voice interaction, remote control and emergency response of smart terminals more friendly to senior users.

Seniors often suffer from vision problems, loss of hearing and touch, as well as declining cognitive capability and comprehension, said Zhang Rui, deputy chief engineer of China Telecommunication Technology Labs, explaining that upgrades are mostly made to tackle these problems for seniors when they use smart devices.

Under the same standards, enterprises are increasing the supply of senior-friendly terminals, to make senior users dare and able to control modern devices. It is reported that in the second half of this year, all relevant enterprises will launch senior-friendly products that conform to the stan-

"It is a constant process during which the standards must be upgraded to conform to the development of new technologies and products, based on how the seniors are using the devices," Zhang said.

People's Daily

Guardian

Kenya's youth take climate action as negative effects manifest in communities

LESEIN Mutunkei, a Kenyan youth, loves playing football and one thing that makes him passionate about the game is the part of scoring goals.

The 16-year-old said it gives him satisfaction to score goals because that makes him fulfill his love for nature and the environment. He has given himself a target that whenever he scores a goal, he plants 11 trees. "Initially,

I was planting one tree for every goal scored, then I increased this to 10 and now to 11 to represent each of the football players," Mutunkei said recently.

To actualize his love for conservation, he founded an organization called Trees 4 Goals, through which he has planted more than 1,000 trees in over two years.

"My initiative of planting trees is helping fight climate change. I developed interest in environmental conservation when I was young and decided to do something," he said.

Mutunkei is among youths in Kenya and across Africa who are taking small but formidable steps in fighting climate change. "My focus is mainly in rural areas where the impact of climate change is greater. This is where farming is taking place.

When it does not rain, rural people suffer most. There are floods and mudslides. Planting trees help to mitigate such effects," he said, adding that it is time African governments and societies start supporting young people to tackle climate change from the grassroots.

Omar Ibrahim, a Kenyan climate change activist said initially for many youths, their focus was on education and employment but they are now taking interest in climate change as rains become scarce. "We realized that it is easier for people to take care of fruit trees than

We are thus giving people in Kibra, the biggest informal settlement in Nairobi, fruit trees to plant to help mitigate climate change and environment pollution,"

He noted that youths have also taken up garbage collection to enhance environmental conservation. Dorcas Lung'ashi, a climate activist in Nairobi, said the youth have no choice but to take action to mitigate the risks of climate change.

"Many youths initially didn't understand the role to play to mitigate the climate risks. But they now know they should take care of the environment and they are doing it," she said.

US lifts all Japanese food import restriction

TOKYO

DESPITE lingering concerns over food quality, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries said on Wednesday that the United States had lifted all restrictions on food imports from Japan following the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster.

The announcement came one day before Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's departure to Washington in what will likely be his last overseas trip as prime minister. Suga will be in the US from Thursday to Sunday to attend the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue summit.

The lifting of restrictions marks a big leap forward following years of efforts by former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe and then Suga to revitalize the region through food safety and promoting its exports.

"It is a move that people in the disaster-hit areas have been waiting for, and something that will greatly contribute to the recovery of those places. Japan welcomes this step very much," wrote Suga on Twitter on Wednesday, adding that the Japanese government "needs to continue its efforts in order to have similar import restrictions lifted in other countries and regions as well".

This means that US restrictions on 100 agricultural products, including rice, mushrooms, edible wild plants and leafy vegetables produced in the Fukushima prefecture and some other products from 13 other prefectures, have been lifted.

The US is the third-largest importer of Japanese farm and food products, and Japan's agricultural ministry hopes the US' decision "will have a great impact on other countries and regions". In 2020, Japanese exports of farm products and food to the US totaled US\$1.09 bil-

Ongoing efforts

Since the 2011 meltdown of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant following a massive tsunami and earthquake, 55 countries and regions had placed restrictions on the imports of Japanese farm and food products over fears of potential radioactive contamina-

That number dropped to 14 after the US lifted its restrictions, but the Japanese government is still trying to persuade some of its major importers, including China, its largest importer, and South Korea, its fifth-largest importer, to lift their restrictions on its products.

Japan still forbids a number of its food products to be shipped overseas. In February, radioactive cesium five times above permitted levels had been detected in black rockfish caught near Fukushima. Agencies

Russian economy recovered despite unstable global situation – Putin

THE Russian economy has recovered, although the situation on global markets remains difficult and volatile, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at a meeting on economic policy on Tuesday.

"Let me note that, despite the general unstable situation in the global economy, complex processes in world markets, the Russian economy has recovered," the head of state said.

"Just recently, we still said "it has generally recovered," now we can already say that it has recovered," the head of state noted.

Putin noted the elections to the State Duma, lower house of parliament, that were held in Russia last weekend.

UN holds high-level event to mark 20th anniversary of adoption of Durban Declaration

UNITED NATIONS

THE UN General Assembly on Wednesday held a highlevel meeting to mark the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and adopted a political declaration to carry forward the fight against racism and racial discrimination.

In his opening remarks, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on all member states to take concrete actions, including policy measures, legislation and more granular data collection, to build on the current momentum against racism.

"A movement for racial justice and equality has emerged with unprecedented force, reach and impact. This new awakening, often led by women and young people, has created momentum we must seize upon," he said.

"Together, we must work to recognize the contemporary resonance of past crimes that continue to haunt our present: the lingering traumas, the transgenerational suffering, the structural inequalities so deeply rooted in centuries of enslavement and colonial exploitation. And we must reverse the consequences of generations of exclusion and discrimination, including their obvious social and economic dimensions through reparatory justice frameworks," he said.

The 20th anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action offers an important opportunity to reflect on the status quo and future actions, said Guterres.

Racism and racial discrimination still permeate institutions, social structures, and everyday life in every society. Structural racism and systematic injustice still deny people their fundamental human rights, he said.

Africans and people of African descent, minority communities, indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees, displaced persons, and so many others, all continue to confront hatred, stigmatization, scapegoating, discrimination, and violence. Xenophobia, misogyny, hateful conspiracies, white supremacy and Neo-Nazi ideologies are spreading -amplified in echo chambers of hate, he said.

From glaring infringements to creeping transgressions, human rights are under assault. Racism is often the cruel catalyst. The linkages between racism and gender inequality are unmistakable, said Guterres.

"We are witnessing a troubling rise in anti-Semitism, a harbinger throughout history of discrimination against others. We must condemn, without reservation or hesitation, the racism and discrimination of growing anti-Muslim bigotry, the mistreatment of minority Christians, and other forms of intolerance around the world."

The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action was meant to break the vicious cycle, in which discrimi-



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres addresses a high-level meeting to mark the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action at the UN headquarters in New York, on Wednesday, Xinhua

nation leads to deprivation, and poverty deepens discrimination, he said. "We can overcome these harmful afflictions and heal ... if, and only if, we stand together as one human family. Rich in diversity, equal in dignity and rights, united in solidarity."

Abdulla Shahid, president of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, said the international community has not done enough 20 years after the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

"When the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action was adopted in 2001, it was done with emphasis to tackle racial discrimination and intoler-

Sadly, two decades later, the doctrine is still being pursued. This is not to say that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action has failed, but rather that we have not done enough," he told the high-level meeting.

"We, as a global community, have not done enough to tackle the pervasiveness of racism, racial discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia. Tackling racism in all its forms is a moral responsibility for justice. Racism begets violence, displacement, and inequality. It lives on because we allow it to. It penetrates society because we fail to acknowledge diversity," said Shahid.

The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action is a comprehensive toolkit to address racism. It makes references to various groups of people, such as Africans and people of African descent, Asians and people of Asian descent, indigenous peoples, minorities, youth, women, and children, he noted.

He stressed the importance of acknowledging the past, whether in the form of a formal apology or through other means.

"You cannot move past what is not addressed," he said. "I encourage the international community, individuals, leaders, and stakeholders to engage in deeper and honest dialogue to address this global issue," said Shahid.

At the high-level meeting, the General Assembly adopted a political declaration to reaffirm that the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and subsequent documents provide a comprehensive UN framework and solid foundation for combating racism. racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and to reaffirm member states' commitment to their full and effective implementation.

The political declaration welcomes the

progress made in many parts of the world in the elimination of the scourge in the past 20 years, while acknowledging with concern that the scourge still persists in all parts of the world and countless human beings continue to be victims to the present day.

It acknowledges with deep concern the rise in discrimination, hate speech, stigmatization, racism, systemic racism, stereotypes, racial profiling, violence, xenophobia and intolerance, both in-person and online, directed against, among others, Africans and people of African descent, Asians and people of Asian descent, indigenous peoples, Roma and persons belonging to other racial, ethnic, linguistic or religious minorities, as well as motivated by prejudices against persons based on their religions or beliefs, such as Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and Christianophobia, and against women and children, migrants, refugees, forcibly displaced persons, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, persons with disabilities, older persons, youth and other persons in vulnerable situations.

The political declaration vows to pursue the common goal of ensuring the effective enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, while continuing to promote respect for human rights and to enhance democratic governance, the rule of law, independent judicial institutions and the fight against impunity nationally and internationally. Xinhua

Shenzhou-12 astronauts return home safely after completing three-month space station construction mission

By Yu Jianbin

THREE Chinese astronauts, Nie Haisheng, Liu Boming, and Tang Hongbo, who were sent into space onboard the Shenzhou-12 spaceship for the space station construction mission on June 17, departed from the Tianhe core module of China's space station about 400 kilometers above the Earth and landed successfully at the Dongfeng landing site in north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region on Sept. 17, 2021, Beijing time.

The successful manned mission marks the second time within five years that China's Shenzhou manned spaceships have taken Chinese astronauts to space and brought them back home safely, represents the complete success of China's first crewed space flight during the construction of the country's Tiangong space station, and bears great significance for the country's advancing its space station project

Spending 90 days at the space station, the Shenzhou-12 crew have set a new record for China's manned space mission duration and gained rich experience for future space flights.

From the big smile on the faces of the three astronauts after their landing on the Earth, people saw another stride of China on its space exploration journey.

As China's first manned space flight mission during the construction of the Tiangong space station, Shenzhou-12 manned space mission is of profound significance and has achieved rich

From building Chinese people's "new home in space" to entering the space station and carrying out extravehicular activities twice in one space mission, and from one day of the Shenzhou-5 to 90 days of the Shenzhou-12 in space, China's footprints in outer space represent the progress of its space program and the results of the efforts of people working for the program.

As bigger and bigger leaps were made in space technology and more and more challenging tasks were completed during China's seven crewed missions to space, Chinese astronauts' living and working conditions in space were improved constantly. Meanwhile, their sense of responsibility, perseverance, and resolve to strive for sci-tech self-reliance and self-strengthening have never changed.

Young aerospace workers of the country, who are calm and confident, have fully demonstrated the spirit of



Chinese astronauts Nie Haisheng (middle), Liu Boming (right) and Tang Hongbo, who were sent into space onboard the Shenzhou-12 spaceship for space station construction mission, wave to the crowd after returning to the Earth safely at the Dongfeng landing site in north China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region. Sept. 17, 2021. Xinhua

aerospace in their work. They give instructions to start the countdown for the launch of satellites in a clear voice and with confidence. are scrupulous about every little detail in the assembly of satellites and spaceships, and work wholeheartedly so that the astronauts can get out of the return capsules safely.

It is countless Chinese aerospace workers, either at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China, the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in south China's Hainan province, or spacecraft monitoring and control stations and space tracking ships on the ocean, who have helped send astronauts into space and build the Tiangong space station.

To greet astronauts in the most reliable, safest, and warmest way when they return home, members of the search and rescue team of the landing sites prepare themselves for tasks all year round. They often pass through depopulated areas and brave storms, freezing cold and intense heat on plateaus, grasslands, and in deserts, eventually equipping themselves with excellent search and rescue skills.

Generations of aerospace workers in China have cultivated a spirit featuring toughness, braveness, professionalism, and devotion. Moreover, the spirit has constantly inspired and motivated followers.

As the country gains more experience in manned space flight missions, Chinese astronauts have become more confident, and Chinese people who become familiar with space flight scenarios have also found more pleasure from reading news and watching videos of astronauts' life in space.

Chinese netizens joked that the three Shenzhou-12 crew members returned to the Earth from a business trip to space just in time for the Mid-Autumn Festival. During the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the Shenzhou-12 crew congratulated Chinese athletes on their excellent performances, and the latter expressed their gratitude and wishes to the astronauts. The communication between them has become one of the most discussed topics on the country's social media platforms. Besides, the magnificent pictures taken by Shenzhou-12 astronauts have amazed numerous Internet users.

The fun interactions between Chinese astronauts on the space station and netizens have revealed a kind of beauty and joy brought by advances in science and technology and the increasing prosperity and strength of the country.

At the same time, the sci-tech innovations behind astronauts' wonderful life in the space station and the stunning pictures taken from space have become a bond linking China's space program with the country's teenagers and adults. It motives teenagers to dream of exploring the unknown, encourages adults to work hard and pursue progress, and attracts everyone in the country to setting off for a beautiful future.

People's Daily

New WHO air-quality guidelines aim to save 'millions of lives'

GENEVA

THE World Health Organization (WHO) tightened its air quality guidelines on Wednesday for the first time since 2005, hoping to spur countries toward clean energy and prevent deaths and illness caused by air pollu-

The new recommendations targeting pollutants including particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide, both of which are found in fossil fuel emissions, could save "millions of lives", it said.

Air pollution kills at least 7 million people prematurely each year. Even at very low levels, research has shown "air pollution affects all parts of the body, from the brain to a growing baby in a mother's womb," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a news conference.

The United Nations body hopes the revisions encourage their 194 member countries toward actions that slash fossil fuel emissions, which are also driving climate change. Globally, countries are under pressure to pledge bold emissions-cutting plans ahead of the UN climate conference in November in Glasgow, Scotland.

Scientists applauded the new guidelines, but worried that some countries would have trouble implementing them, given that much of the world was failing to meet the older, less stringent standards.

In 2019, a full 90 percent of the global population was breathing air considered unhealthy by the 2005 guidelines, according to WHO data. And some countries, such as India, still have national standards that are looser than those 2005 recommendations.

In the European Union, which has standards that are significantly higher than the WHO's older recommendations, some countries failed to keep average annual pollution levels within legal limits in 2020, even with the industry and transportation shutdowns due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Experts said that efforts to curb pollution by reducing fossil fuel use would provide a double benefit, in both improving public health conditions and bringing down climate-warming emissions.

"The two go hand in hand," said Kurt Straif, a former scientist with the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer, who is a visiting professor and co-director of the Global Observatory on Pollution at Boston College. "While implementation is extremely challenging, it is also a once-in-a-generation opportunity in the post-COVID recovery."

Better health

The new recommendations slash in half the WHO limits for a measure called PM2.5, which stands for particulate matter smaller than 2.5 micrometers - or less than one-thirtieth the width of a human hair. That is small enough to travel deep into the lungs and even enter the

According to the new limits, average annual PM2.5 concentrations should be no higher than 5 micrograms per cubic meter.

The old recommendations set the average annual limit at 10.

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An up-and-coming Dar es Salaam artist, 'Mac Voice'.

Rayvanny set to unveil first record label signee

By Elizabeth Richard, TUDARCo

TANZANIA's Wasafi Classic Baby (WCB) troupe's artist, Raymond Mwakyusa, popularly known as 'Rayvanny', is today expected to unveil his first signee under his record label, Next Level Music.

He took to his Instagram account to announce the name of the new artist, who is known as 'Mac Voice'.

'Rayvanny' also announced that the official unveiling will be done today, together with the introduction of a new project.

The artist wrote: "God bless you @ macvoice_tz 24/9/2021 it is your day All the best!!!"

He expressed hope that 'Mac Voice' will excel in Bongo Flava and also issued the latter advice on how to achieve success in the domestic music

The artist revealed: "God gave you talent so it can help you and in life, you have to consider three issues, God, discipline, and effort."

'Ravvanny' disclosed: 'If you consider those aspects, you will achieve success. What's left is support from music lovers so that you can also help others in the future."

'Mac Voice' is not a completely new artist in Tanzania's Bongo Flava scene.

Before signing with Next Level Music, he was managed by legendary Bongo Flava musician, Chege Chigunda, popularly known by his first name Chege.

The up-and-coming artist, thereafter, stopped working due to unknown circumstances.

Under Chege's management, the artist was able to record and release songs such as 'Te Amo', 'Valentine', 'Utarudi', 'Damu ya Jana', and 'Bamba' among others.

'Rayvanny' had launched his record label, Next Level Music, shortened as NLM, back on March 9, 2021.

He revealed that he had always wanted to launch his record label so he can provide a great opportunity for young musicians to showcase their talents.

The label received a lot of praise from the artist and even WCB Chief Executive Officer and singer, Naseeb Abdul, 'Diamond Platnumz'.

The WCB boss stated in an interview: "I'm not sure if I'm allowed to talk about this but 'Rayvanny' is starting his label very soon.'

"That label is big. I was looking at his studios and told him, 'Rayvanny', this studio is big'.'

The artist revealed: "The day he will

post it, as we speak, it will be the number one studio in the country."

Dar to host weightlifting tournament in December

By Correspondent Faustine Feliciane

A major weightlifting competition is scheduled for December 3, this year, in Dar es Salaam and will involve participants from all regions of Mainland Tanzania.

The competition is co-organized by DCL in partnership with the Institute of Social Welfare's Creative Unit and a domestic broadcasting media outlet.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the competition's coordinator, Fred Mwakisito, said that the idea of organizing the competition has been worked on by the three institutions.

Commenting on the competition, Mwakasito said that it will involve people from various regions that will be divided into zones.

Each of the zones' winners will later battle it out in a national event to get the champion.

"This competition will be played in three stages, in the first step, a weight lifter will have to pull a small car for the appointed time, after which the participant will enter the second stage

to move a bag weighing 50kg from one place to another."

"The third stage will see a competitor throw heavy parcels," Mwakasito revealed.

In addition, he said the competition will be shown live on television where they will continue to provide information about the competition as

well as mention prizes for winners. Head of the Creative Unit at the Institute of Social Welfare, Riziki Michael, said the competition results from creativity at the college and its implementation is a success of the

"We are very grateful to the stakeholders we are working with for seeing to it this competition is a success, this is a positive result of our unit in designing various development issues for students and various people who come to this unit," Michael pointed out.

The competition will be for male and female weightlifters, with promoting a healthy lifestyle turning out to be the main criterion for the participants.

Stakeholders should value Ndolanga's good deeds in soccer administration

prominent former soccer administrator, Muhidin Ndolanga, was, during his life, hated by almost every football fan, except for about 60 members of the Football Association of Tanzania (FAT) general assembly, now known as Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), after a structural change in the early 2000s.

The football field in the country suffered a blow following his death which occurred on the evening of September 18, 2021, in Dar es Salaam.

Ndolanga was FAT Chairman from 1992 to 2004 when he lost in the association's general election held at the Golden Tulip Hotel in Dar es Salaam.

A lot had to be done to fight him at the ballot box. The number of delegates at the general assembly increased by increasing the number of participating parties and thus the size of the main ballpark expanded from about 70 members to about 140.

Ndolanga was eliminated in the first round after Michael Wambura took the lead, followed by Leodegar Tenga, so, voting was repeated for the winner to get at least 50 percent of all votes, and then Tenga beat Wambura and took the

It is true that during Ndolanga's leadership many did not agree with FAT's conduct and thus made great efforts to get him out of the associa-



Those who tried to use the ballot box failed badly in front of the delegates who were unusually accepting him.

But Ndolanga's popularity stemmed from those who wanted to overthrow him by using either other connections or government officials.

It was then that the FAT Chairman stood firm to ensure that the plans did not succeed and the power of the general assembly was respected.

For those who tried to get him out, it was impossible because he already had brave people who were supporting him.

Those who tried to use government officials were the ones who got into trouble.

Each time the minister announced the dissolution of FAT's leadership and set up interim committees, Ndolanga informed the world soccer governing body, FIFA, of the move.

dered the elected officials to return to power, Tanzania otherwise, would be banned from engaging in internation-

Africa Cup of Nations, in which Tanzania was supposed to participate as a nation, fear of losing it spread, and elected officials were immediately reinstated.

al football.

The issue arose so often that Ndolanga was seen as a tyrant unwilling to obey even government officials.

It seemed as if he was bribing members of the general assembly to take his side at all times.

Ndolanga's argument was only one, FAT leaders are only elected by the general assembly, not either government authorities or any other body.

The FAT General Assembly and FIFA are the ones that can either form a temporary FAT leadership or deal with the other way round.

FIFA immediately or- the association's leaders who are not performing well.

That was Ndolanga's stance and not that he was either a tyrant or that there was anything With the upcoming more than the argument he was relying on. wanted

procedures to be followed in either leaders removing holding them accountable.

Without following the procedures, the minister may look for any reason, then break the leadership and later appoint his officials.

That is what Ndolanga used to believe that in the saga of ousting him on several occasions, there was a minister, who wanted to have a person he roots for Ndolanga's taking position. Ndolanga, for that

matter, insisted that the man must use the process stipulated by the FAT constitution and not

There is a lot one can say to explain Ndolanga's toughness, but the biggest one is his ability to fight for the independence of the football decision-making bodies.

He did his best to fight for FAT independence and to uphold the constitution and procedures in appointing leaders.

He could have changed the constitution to make it harder for others to get the FAT chairmanship, but he was not interested in that amount of manipulation of the constitution for his gain.

What he wanted was for the existing constitution to be followed and that is why he was not a parody when it was announced that he did not get enough votes to enter the second round of voting.

And even when he came out he did not resort to fighting the new Chairman, he continued with his normal activities while being called to grace some football activities.

This freedom that Ndolanga fought for must be protected by everyone. It is not good to take authority of the TFF decision-making bodies and transfer them to individuals, especially politicians, for self-defense.

Football leaders need to be protected by their success in leadership as well as the constitution, they are not supposed to be protected by politi-

To do so is to celebrate the battle that Ndolanga fought for as long as he was FAT Chairman.

Goodbye Ndolanga, a hero who fought for Tanzanian football freedom.

KMC FC, Ruvu Shooting vow to end threehorse race in Mainland Premier League

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

IN less than a week, the new Mainland Premier League season will begin, raising the hype between clubs as they all plan to pose a challenge in the domestic top-flight title race.

On different occasions, Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC and Ruvu Shooting, stated that their teams aim to do well and possibly change history and win the Premier League title.

Dar es Salaam's KMC FC, on the one hand, revealed its plans to finish the new season in one of the top three positions.

The KMC FC information officer, Christina Mwangala, confirmed this, hinting they would achieve that goal by winning all home matches and make sure they leave with a point in the away fixtures.

Christina disclosed: "We will make sure that we leave with a point in all away games and secure three points in all home games because we have trained well during the pre-season."

She also noted that they believe any team can either clinch the Premier League title or finish in one of the top three

The KMC FC official stated they are the only contenders that have what it takes to eliminate one of the top three dominant teams.

She pointed out: "We have roped in quality players who will bring an enthusiastic challenge to each encounter and any team that will step in our home ground, Uhuru Stadium, or the away fixtures."

The KMC FC's newly signed footballers include Kenyan goalie, Farouk Shikhalo, fullback, Hassan Kessy, central defender, Mohamed Kassim, midfielder, Masoud Abdallah, and striker, Miraji Athumani.

Awesu Ally, and Iddi Kipagwile, to KMC FC, Simba SC's forward, Charles Ilamfya, is still at KMC FC on loan. Christina stated: "Our team's

Azam FC loaned midfielders,

goal is to finish in one of the top three spots, we must eliminate one of the three teams, Simba SC, Yanga or Azam FC."

"The three clubs dominated the top three positions for a while now."

"The tournament will be tough this season, and any team can either win the title or finish in one of the top three spots. KMC FC is one of such outfits."

Coast Region's Shooting's information officer, Masau Bwire, on the other hand, asserted they are well prepared for the coming season and they are determined to end the notion that either Simba or Yanga is an outfit with what it takes to clinch the league title.

Bwire stated: "Our goal is to challenge those top clubs that think they have the mandate to become the league champions."

The Ruvu Shooting official pointed out: "In addition, we aim to bring stiff competition

within our league and show the world how Tanzanian football has matured."

"We want to set an example for other clubs that it is possible to compete with Simba and Yanga and then, after our achievement, they will follow

"But, unfortunately, some teams underrate themselves, believing that they are probably not mature enough to challenge the two clubs, and are still participating in the league."

Simba SC is the Mainland Premier League defending champion, the club has won the title for the fourth successive season.



Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY

Martial, Man U reserves do little to suggest they deserve more

MANCHESTER, England

"OUR strength in depth is plain for everyone to see now," wrote Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in his programme notes ahead of West Ham United's visit to Old Trafford in the third round of the Carabao Cup on Wednesday. The Manchester United manager might need a rethink after watching his much-changed team lose 1-0, and with it one of four chances to win a trophy this season.

You can argue this was a United team filled with players without any sort of rhythm after watching the opening weeks of the season from the bench, but they should still have beaten West Ham, who made 10 changes of their own.

While Jesse Lingard, the match winner when the two teams met in the Premier League on Sunday, was bright, others like Anthony Martial were poor. The French player, without a goal since February, did nothing to suggest he will be anything more than a substitute when Aston Villa come to Old Trafford on Sunday. The regulars will be back for

"Every game is important, and you can see by the team selection that we've always used this competition when I've been here at the club to give minutes to the ones who need it," Solskjaer said. "It's a long, long season. I've never actually won this tournament; that hunt will keep going. It's a trophy I'd like to have. We made decisions to get the squad up to speed."

Solskjaer promised changes for United's first involvement in the Carabao Cup and made 11 for the second meeting with West Ham United in the space of four days. David de Gea, Luke Shaw, Harry Maguire, Raphael Varane and Cristiano Ronaldo were all given the night off to make room for squad players hoping to impress like Eric Bailly, Diogo Dalot and Donny van de Beek. Dean Henderson returned in goal to make his first senior appearance since recovering from COVID-19 contracted over the summer. And Alex Telles made his comeback following an ankle injury suffered during preseason.

The Brazilian left-back didn't enjoy the best start after being brushed aside by Andriy Yarmolenko in the opening two minutes. Telles was fortunate that Jarrod Bowen, the only player from either team to start here and at the London Stadium on Sunday, scuffed the resulting opportunity. Telles wasn't so lucky five minutes later when Ryan Fredericks blew past him on the left and squared for Manuel Lanzini to give West Ham an early lead that they never gave up.

CONCACAF launch probe over Suriname vice-president game

CONCACAF said Wednesday it had opened a disciplinary investigation in the wake of Suriname vice-president Ronnie Brunswijk's bizarre appearance in a regional club competition.

Brunswijk, the 60-year-old owner of Inter Moengotapoe, picked himself in the starting line-up for his team's CONCACAF League match against CD Olimpia of Honduras in Paramaribo on Tuesday.

Video circulated widely on social media following the game -- which saw Inter thrashed 6-0 -- showed Brunswijk appearing to distribute cash to Olimpia players in their locker room following

"We are extremely concerned at the content of a video circulating on social media which raises potential integrity issues surrounding the CONCA-CAF League match between Inter Moengotapoe and CD Olimpia," CONCACAF, the regional governing body for football in North America, Central America and the Caribbean said in a statement on Wednesday.

"The matter is being referred to the CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee who will commence a formal investigation and a further update will be provided when that process has concluded."

Brunswijk played for 54 minutes in Inter's defeat on Tuesday, appearing alongside Damian Brunswijk -- who happens to be his son.

The episode is just the latest in Brunswijk's colourful life and times. A former army sergeant and ex-rebel leader, Brunswijk participated in Suriname's civil war in the 1980s against then-dictator

Today Brunswijk is a wealthy businessman as well as a politician, but in 1999 he was found guilty in absentia of drug trafficking and sentenced to eight years in prison by a court in the Netherlands, Suriname's former colonial ruler.

A French court found him guilty for the same crime and in 2000 sentenced him to 10 years prison. Brunswijk however is safe at home, as Suriname does not extradite its citizens.

First elected to parliament in 2005, Brunswijk formed an alliance with the head of the main political opposition, former justice minister Chandrikapersad Santokhi.

Brunswijk will not join in his team's second leg game in Honduras, since he cannot leave the country without risk of facing legal trouble.

Why FIFA wants a biennial World Cup: Money is obvious, but it would address inequality

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

66 IT's all about the money." You've probably heard critics of FIFA's biennial proposed World Cup make that very point, and guess what? It largely is. And, from FIFA's perspective, there's nothing wrong with that. Their core mission is literally "develop the game, touch the world, build a better future."

All those things take money or, at the very least, are a heck of a lot easier to do with money. FIFA funds -- mostly the Forward Programme -is pretty much the only source of revenue for a majority of federations around the world, and because the World Cup is basically FIFA's only source of revenue to funds its member federations, why wouldn't they want to have twice as many World Cups per four-year cycle?

I have a colleague who likes to say "FIFA gonna FIFA," and he's right. Complaining about FIFA wanting to create more rich leagues halfway competitions to create more revenues so they can distribute more money to their members is a little bit like complaining about a union wanting more pay and better working conditions, or like a private equity fund squeezing an asset to maximise profits on behalf of their clients.

You can call it greed or lust for power or whatever you like, but it falls squarely within their the game in their own remit. And, frankly, it country. aligns nicely with the interests of their member note that I'm not endorsassociations.

Around two-thirds of FIFA member nations do not have a professional men's league, and much of the other third who does have a pro league offers facilities, wages and working conditions that are closer to League Two in England than the Premier League or La-

These countries feel they can't rely on the club game to grow organically -- the road map that I don't like quite so that built the game in Europe and South America -- because they're too far behind. In a globalised world, many sponsors and broadcasters would rather spend money on established products than whatever is on their own doorstep.

Next time you watch a Premier League game, note how many sponsors come from outside not just England, but Western Europe. Or consider the fact that even in the world's biggest economy, the United States, the this was done, either broadcast rights of the top local professional league (Major League Soccer) are worth less than those of the Premier League, Spain's La-Liga and Italy's Serie A.

What these federations see is the money in their own countries flowing out via sponsors and broadcasters to Europe's big leagues, and they ask themselves: how they can ever compete if even their local businesses would rather throw cash at already



Gianni Infantino

around the world?

This is where you may be tempted to say: "It's a global economy, shut up and deal with it." Fair enough, but don't be surprised if FIFA, whose power derives from their 211 members, might decide to cater to what a majority of their member associations want: more opportunities to play competitive matches and make money for

Now's a good time to ing Arsene Wenger's proposed biennial World Cup plan. I think there are some good elements to it, such as reducing the number of international breaks per year from five to three (or even two, in the more radical version), reducing the number of World Cup qualifiers, introducing mandatory rest periods after summer competition.

There are also some much, like the fact that they suddenly become vague when it comes to an expanded Club World Cup and where it would sit in the calendar, like the fact that a major international tournament every year might cannibalise sponsors and attention for the women's game, and that even with the rest period, we risk overworking a tiny group of players at the very top.

While we're at it, I really don't like the way -- by commissioning (at Saudi Arabia's request) a feasibility study with very little detail, and sending Wenger around the world to preach the biennial World Cup gospel without first consulting other stakeholders like the confederations, leagues and players.

It feels like a power play, and it's probably not surprising that UEFA, CONMEBOL, FIFPro (the global players' union), the World Leagues Forum, the European Club

Association and a number of other bodies have come out against it.

Imagine your spouse telling you they've made

with what looked like a fait accompli -- Wenger went so far as to say he hoped all this would be



plans to sell your house and move into a camper van without telling you: "Honey, I've made plans to sign the paperwork next week, but don't worry, I really do care about what you think too... in fact, you can help me choose the RV we'll be living in for the rest of our lives."

It's not surprising then, given the way it approved by December -- that UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin has floated plans to boycott a biennial World Cup.

Right now, it looks like a game of chicken, and as often happens, it may well end up with some sort of 11th-hour compromise. The clock is ticking, though, because the International Match Calendar -- the global

came about and faced Memorandum of Understanding between clubs, leagues, associations, confederations and FIFA governing when games are played -- expires in 2024 and to avoid wreaking havoc (and financial losses, since there are sponsorship and media rights contracts to be signed), a deal realistically must be in place by this time next year at the latest.

The thing to remember, though, is that each stakeholder is looking out for their members' interests. FIFA is pushing this due to the interests of a majority of FIFA nations (majority in number, not majority in terms of the cash they generate for the game).

This was evident by the fact that CONCACAF and the Asian Football Confederation said they were "open" to the proposal. So too did the African confederation while, as far as I can tell, the Oceania Football Confederation -- and their 11 full FIFA members -- are just happy to talk. **UEFA and CONMEBOL**

-- the folks who control most of the desirable (and lucrative) product -- are acting in the interest of their stakeholders. FIFPro and the domestic leagues are doing the same, which, when you think about it, is how it should be: special interests defending their patch.

But the overriding issue won't go away. The

game is wildly popular around the world, but the money flows mostly to two continents and, within that, to a handful of countries in those two continents (and, within that, a handful of clubs, all of them in western Europe). And it's not just an inequality of revenue; it's an inequality of opportunity, of development, of pathways to growth.

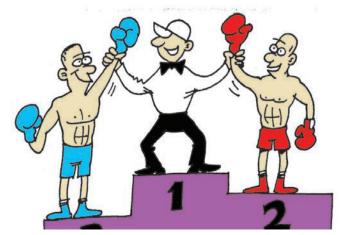
Depending on where you are politically, you may or may not see a problem with this. That's fine, but don't blame FIFA for addressing this and riding the "haves vs. have-nots" narrative. While their plan may have flaws, while the way they're pushing it is wrong and, maybe, their ultimate self-interest isn't purely altruistic (in football as in politics, if you control the pursestrings, you control the world, and if FIFA President Gianni Infantino gets to control an even bigger pot of money, then he becomes even more powerful), they are responding to what they think a majority of their members -- in particular, the poorer, less developed members who say they're suffering as a result of the status quo -- want.

So yeah, FIFA gonna

FIFA and while few of football's governing bodies have sterling reputations -- the last three permanent presidents of CONMEBOL (Nicolas Leoz, Eugenio Figuereido and Juan Angel Napout) were all accused of corruption and banned from the game, the last four presidents of CON-CACAF (Jack Warner, Lisle Austin, Alfredo Hawit, Jeffrey Webb) were all either indicted of banned, as were the last two presidents of CAF (Issa Hayatou and Ahmad Ahmad), Oceania (Reynald Temarii, David Chung) and the last presidents of the AFC (Mohamed bin Hammam) and UEFA (Michel Platini) -- the FIFA name. as Infantino himself admits, is still "toxic" to many, which is what happens when six years ago you were on the verge of being designated as a "criminal organization" by the U.S. Department of Justice.

But that doesn't mean that, by advocating on behalf of their poorer members -- which happen to be the majority -- they aren't doing their job. And that advocacy alone can't be the reason to oppose their proposed plans.

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CONCACAF launch probe over Suriname vicepresident game

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back-to-back defeats against

Nigeria's Rivers United FC and

The 59-year-old is being

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Yanga lost 1-0 to Rivers United FC on both legs of the 2021/22 CAF Champions League to bow out of the first preliminary round.

Previously, Yanga also lost 2-1 to Zanaco in Dar es Salaam in a friendly held in front of an expectant 60,000 crowd that had come out in numbers to celebrate the 'Wananchi Day.'

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Nabi now under pressure to lead

Yanga's Tunisian head coach, Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF

The Green and Yellow side was the top spender in Mainland Tanzania Premier League during the most recent window, forking out significant money on eleven new arrivals. But that outlay has not led to immediate results.

Outsiders might think it is too early but the reality is that Yanga is a club of big expectations.

There is no breathing space to learn on the job, to try and figure out what works and what does not work. If something does not succeed straight away, there is pressure and urgency.

Both the coach and the club's transfer business should not be judged until all of the players can be called upon.

The Tunisian can point to extenuating factors for the disappointing start to this season like losing key players due to administrative issues.

New signings, Djuma Shaban, Khalid Aucho, and Fiston Mayele, were brought to bolster the squad with the CAF Champions League in mind but unfortunately were sidelined due to lack of International Transfer Certifi-

There have also been injuries to the likes of David Bryson and Yassin Mustapha, while Mapinduzi Balama continues to ramp up his fitness following a long injury layoff that saw him miss out on the whole of last season football.

Against Rivers United FC, Nabi had just Heritier Makambo and Yusuph Athuman available up-

Their lack of firepower was seen as they did not get a shot on target until the last 10 minutes of the first leg encounter at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Sta-

Yanga out of the wilderness

The circumstances do not fully excuse Yanga's poor performances, of course, but the scale of the disruption- heightened by the pre-season chaosdoes at least provide some mitigation for a coach under mounting pressure.

One truth of football remains simple, though. Any situation can be saved with convincing results. Nabi needs to win his next two games.

Meetings with Simba SC in Community Shield tie tomorrow and Kagera Sugar in the Jangwani Street outfit's 2021/22 Mainland Premier League first match could hardly have come at a worse time for Nabi but they also present an opportunity to galvanize a frustrated fanbase and can buy him redemption.

The Community Shield offers him an opportunity to land Yanga's first silverware in four sea-

The squad will then hit the road to Bukoba to face Kagera Sugar in their first league game of the season on Wednesday next week.

Yanga's Acting Secretary-General, Simon Patrick, has suggested that under-fire boss Nabi's job is safe at the moment and he will not be judged based on three games. The hope is that the club

put their dismal start to the season behind them. What is most important to Nabi, though, is that the squad available to him in the league and Community Shield will look very different from the one he was forced to use in the CAF Champions League.

In all fairness, he should only be judged once his much-changed squad is up to full fitness and available for selection.

Nabi can conceivably pick his strongest defense from now on, assuming Bryson is deemed ready for a swift introduction, so there can be no excuses for any more below-par displays like the ones against Rivers United FC.

He must show he can bring discipline and resilience in the defensive performances and there is a need for drastic improvement at the other end of the pitch too. Makambo and Mayele should offer the much-needed bite in attack.

Mtibwa Sugar SC boasts of new signings

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

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MOROGORO's Mtibwa Sugar SC assistant coach, Vincent Barnabas, says the signings the club has made for the 2021/22 Mainland Premier League will bring them back to the success they had enjoyed

Mtibwa Sugar's recent seasons have not gone well and last season they survived relegation to the Championship.

Barnabas said the registration they made aims at restoring the team's success and making them one of the teams that will competently compete for the Premier League title.

The coach revealed: "We have had a difficult time in the last two seasons, but the leadership has seen that and this season we are coming up with something.

"Our goal is to get back to the championship race as it was in the past," Barnabas pointed out.

Barnabas, the former Kagera Sugar, and Yanga winger said the quality of registered players, who have great potential and experience in the Mainland Premier League, gives him confidence over the club's ability to perform well.

The team has signed several players this season, as well as roping in others on a loan basis.

The footballers include Abdi Banda from TS Galaxy of South Africa, Ibrahim Ame and Said Ndemla from Simba SC, Isaac Kachwele from Dar es Salaam-based Cambiasso Sports Center, Hassan Kibailo from Coastal Union, and George Chota from Mbeya City FC.

Banda, former Simba SC fullback, is set to inject experience in Mtibwa Sugar, thanks to his professional spell in South Africa.

The towering footballer had, on several occasions, also been selected for the senior national football

Chota is a skilful offensive midfielder who was instrumental in Mbeya City FC's ability to hold on to its place in the domestic top-flight in the previous

Kibailo, a promising overlapping fullback that had a good season with Coastal Union in the 2020/21 Premier League, has replaced Hassan Kessy that has moved to Dar es Salaam's Kinondoni Municipal

Central defender, Ame, and defensive midfielder, Ndemla, have joined Mtibwa Sugar SC on loan from Simba SC.

Barnabas said apart from seeking to clinch the top-flight trophy, the registration made by Mtibwa Sugar SC will restore the prestige of the team that has been lost in recent seasons.

Except for Simba SC and Yanga, Mtibwa Sugar SC is an outfit from outside Dar es Salaam to win the Mainland Premier League twice in a row.

The Morogoro side clinched the Premier League's top honour in 1999 and 2000.

The side moreover holds the longest-lasting record in the league, since it first won promotion to the Premier League in 1995.

Alliance Caravans' cricketers stretch winning run in DC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

THIS season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament hosts, Alliance Caravans, went up against Honest Logistics SKLPSC at Leaders Club venue in the city last Sunday, with the latter in very good form having posted victory in two

However, it was the hosts that won the toss, elected to bat first, and scored 133 runs dropping seven wickets in 20

The loss of early wickets, including that of the experienced all-rounder, Jitin Pratap Singh, put the position of Alliance Caravans in jeopardy.

However, Kassim Nassoro continued his hot streak, scoring 40 runs in 33 balls, and was well supported by the youngster, Wilbert Martin (16 runs in 23 balls), resulting in a 70-run partnership that stabilized the innings.

Captain, Sreejith Kumar, and Safvan Annarathodika's 41-run partnership ensured that the target was a respectable 134 runs.

In return, Honest Logistics SKLPSC started strongly, with openers Naran Vekariya and Dinesh Rabadiya registering a 30-run partnership in just four overs. However, the



Alliance Caravans' pacer, Issa Safari (R), receives the NGK Gathani Moment of the Match Award from Suseela Kumar of Petrofuel Limited for his blistering last-over exploits in his outfit's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament clash against Honest Logistics SKLPSC, played last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF **CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB**

disruption of this partnership resulted in the collapse of the chase, given Honest Logistics SKLPSC lost the remaining nine wickets with just 69 runs on the board.

This meant that Alliance Caravans, who did have a nervy start in the duel, managed to comfortably win the match by 64 runs.

For them, it was the U-19 pacers, Johnson Nyambo and Issa Safari,

who ripped the Honest Logistics SKLPSC's batting unit into shreds, with Nyambo registering four wickets for 14 runs and Safari, managing to clean up three tailenders without giving away a single run.

Their efforts meant that Nyambo went home with the Colourflex Man of the Match award and Safari's last over showing won him the NGK Gathani Moment of the Match

With the completion of this match, Alliance Caravans sit comfortably on the top of Group B with a match in hand over second-placed Honest Logistics SKLPSC.

Fixtures for the third week of the tournament tournament matches being played at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club oval and Annadil Burhani ground.

Qualification from Group A is at stake as Aruti Aces takes on FMED Upanga in a match which will see both teams aim for a win.

Elsewhere, NTS Bosch Gymkhana will take on Kaon Lions, Horizon Annadil Burhani will play Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and Group A toppers will be looking to cement their position against NTS Gymkhana.

The top performers of the tournament thus far have been Zafar Khan (105 runs) with the TATA Orange Cap, and Ally Mpeka (10 wickets) donning the Petrofuel Purple Cap.

The DC Caravans

T20 Cup has been held annually since 2015. Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of this year's tournament and is joined by Colourflex, TATA International, and Pepsi as the co-sponsors.

This vear's features have been released with the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

> The teams include Aruti Aces, Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, and FMED Upanga which have been put in Group A.

> Group B is made up of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers and hosts, Alliance Caravans.

> Other sponsors of the tournament include NGK Gathani, Jihusu, Flashnet, RAS Logistics, Mlimani City, AOne Bottlers, Kishen Enterprises, Samaki Samaki, Delta Africa, DeepHeat, and G1 Security.

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