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Students of Mseke Secondary School in Iringa Region enjoy their first computer application lab class yesterday, only days after a Tanzania non-profit and a UK-based firm gifted the school 33 computers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

WFP hands NFRA \$22m to buy maize

60,000 tonnes order to help save the now idle harvest, says minister

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) intends to spend \$22m to purchase 60,000 tonnes of maize from farmers from July 15 to 20, following an accord with the World Food Programme (WFP).

Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe said after the contract signing with the WFP here yesterday that the government seeks to save the last season's harvest from being wasted.

"NFRA is currently preparing contracts for purchases and selecting purchasing centres before setting out prices," he said, hailing the cooperation with WFP.

He said it started decades ago, enabling the purchase of white maize, beans and millet, while at the moment the agreement is set to purchase 60,000 tonnes of maize.

The Cereals and Other Produce Board (CPB) and NFRA will be engaged in capacity

building on the proper storage of maize and other cereals, he said.

Sarah Gordon-Gibson, the WFP country representative, underscored the excellent ties the UN agency has with CPB and NFRA.

The link is vital in ensuring food availability and safety within the country through different interventions, she stated, pointing at purchases of over 223,000 tonnes of white maize and 4,000 tonnes of millet priced at \$60m.

The consignments were obtained from NFRA across 2011 to 2023, she said, remarking that this is the background to the new memorandum of understanding to purchase 60,000 tonnes.

WFP has been renting NFRA warehouses in Dodoma during the period at the rental cost of \$213,000 for the whole period, she said.

Dr Andrew Komba, the NFRA chief executive officer, reaffirmed the cordial relations

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PM: Equalise teachers in rural, urban schools

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday directed district executive directors and education officers to review teachers' recruitment processes to ensure equal allocation for rural and urban settings.

This instruction was issued in the National Assembly during the PM's weekly direct questions hour, where concern was raised on imbalance of teachers in rural and urban areas.

Kenneth Nollo (Bah) demanded to know if the government can allow district councils and cities with financial ability to hire teachers, to help solve existing shortages especially in schools located in remote areas.

The premier said that the central government is responsible for supervising recruitment, affirming the shortage of teachers is mostly contributed by poor allocation in some districts.

"There are many teachers in urban settings compared to those in rural areas. We need to have a database of all the teachers to be able to assign them accordingly," he declared, instructing that districts should have an allocation of teachers regardless of their financial

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Diaspora visas relaxed, land occupancy upheld

"So this is a very big achievement because earlier the country's loan amount from that source didn't exceed \$1bn"

By Guardian Reporter, Seoul

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan said that the government is set to review and amend the Immigration Act, Cap. 54 and Land Act, Cap 113 to provide an opportunity for Tanzanians in the Diaspora to access occupancy titles on land and develop it to stimulate development.

Addressing members of the Diaspora living in South Korea, on the last day of a six-day tour, the president briefed the Diaspora community on the review of the National Foreign Policy of 2001.

This has been completed and recognises Tanzanians who obtained citizenship elsewhere as now be granted special status, in-

cluding ability to take up residence without tough visa conditions.

This is meant to stimulate the participation of people with Tanzanian origin in various development initiatives, she stated, pointing out that people in the Diaspora contribute a lot to the country's economic expectations.

They send money (remittances) to family members for investment, which generates capital, expertise and technology application, thus contributing to improving crop production, industrial goods and various services.

Tanzanians in the Diaspora have invested billions through purchasing modern

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ICTC and SIDO sign MoU to incubate youth innovators

By Francis Kajubi

THE Information and Communication Technologies Commission (ICTC) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) pegged at 8bn/- with the Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) for establishing regional innovation incubation hubs.

Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga, the ICTC director general, told journalists at the MoU signing event in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the national digital innovation acceleration programme involves extending funds to SIDO to develop the hubs.

The hubs under ICTC custody will enable the youth to acquire skills needed in setting up start-up companies.

The programme comes when Tanzania is doing all it can in ensuring that it brings up competitive young people for the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) market, he said.

Six digital innovation hubs and two equipment innovation hubs will be set up first in six regions until it covers the whole country in phases, he explained, noting that the digital hubs will be put up in Mwanza, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Tanga,

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with WFP for over ten years, highlighting that WFP purchases grain as well as promoting agriculture.

The new agreement will also help in staff capacity building in different areas including purchasing of maize, storage as well as financial skills, he added.

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houses and plots and thus stimulating economic development, she said, highlighting that last year a total of 280bn/- was channelled into the housing sector from the Diaspora.

Others bought shares totalling 6.45bn/- in the UTT Asset Management and Investors Services PLC (UTT AMIS), she stated, indicating that the legal improvement of their status will help boost this trend.

Elaborating on achievements of the tour, the president said Tanzania has received a long-term loan at a negligible interest rate of 0.01 percent due to its firm leadership in supervising credit flows.

The notable example was a loan which facilitated construction of the Tanzanite Bridge connecting the civil servants' suburb with central government offices in the commercial capital.

Other examples of positive use of credit funds are those directed at improved agriculture and irrigation, she stated, underlining the quiet astonishment when the interest rate was mentioned.

"So this is a very big achievement because earlier the country's loan amount from that source didn't exceed \$1bn," she stated.

January Makamba, the Foreign Af-

fairs and East African Cooperation minister, said the tour was a historic event heightening diplomatic ties with South Korea.

He said that the president's visits to various countries have brought positive outcomes in various sectors including trade, investment, tourism, export openings and others, thus stimulating the country's development.

Ambassador Mavura Togolani who is posted in Seoul, said President Samia's visit to the Asian country has opened up doors of investment in the blue economy and critical minerals investments, while enabling the country to obtain the \$2.5bn concessional loan.

Tanzanians living in South Korea urged the government to put in place policies, guidelines and regulations that will attract investments, plus ensuring that commercial agreements do not hurt growth prospects.

They urged strengthening embassy capacity by increasing human resources as a priority, further improving services and marketing investment opportunities.

Similarly, the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) needs to create a friendly environment in tax compliance, stopping predatory habits on taxpayers as enemies as this affects investment decisions, they added.

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Mbeya and Lindi.

However, the two digital equipment innovation hubs shall be set up in Arusha and Dar es Salaam, he said, pointing out that youths form upwards of 21m out of the 61.7m total population by August 2022.

They need to fully engage in regional and continental digital economy opportunities, he said, underlining that the goal is to facilitate start-ups in mining, tourism, commerce, agriculture and transportation, among others.

"This is a strategic partnership bearing in mind that SIDO is the oldest small industries incubator in the country," he said, setting out the mission as building a digital economy ecosystem exploring opportunities in the domestic market plus the regional and continent levels.

Innovation centers will be specified places where youths incubate innovative ideas to use in developing start-ups, which the government believes will have multiplier effects to the economy.

Their key impact is in creating decent jobs for the youth, potentially doubling the current two percent contribution of ICT to the country's GDP, he stated.

Prof Sylvester Mpanduji, the SIDO director general, said that innovation hubs will be centers of excel-

lence in grooming innovators of solutions-led applications.

The two digital equipment innovation hubs will be used for maintenance of learning equipment for all hubs, he specified, affirming that enrolment will take into consideration youth attaining different levels of education.

They will be graduating from a one year technical and practical training programme enabling them to develop innovative solutions-led applications, he stated.

Those applications will be filed to SIDO regional offices, also accepting youth innovations from colleges and universities in those regions, he added.



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abilities.

The premier affirmed that labour laws and regulations require that an employee works for eight hours, usually from 7:30am to 3:30pm, responding to Mariam Kisangi (Special Seats).

The MP demanded why some civil servants in the same profession have different times to leave office, as teachers in urban areas differ in working time compared to their counterparts in rural areas.

The premier said that teachers work for eight hours, with the vari-

ation that those in urban areas work for eight consecutive hours while their rural counterparts have time for lunch break.

This break is compensated by working extra hours in which case all teachers work for eight hours, he specified, affirming that this schedule of work was seen to be appropriate given the different school settings.

"Those in urban areas cannot go home and come back to school on time due to transport challenges, but their counterparts in rural areas walk home and report back to school conveniently," he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured in Seoul on Wednesday brandishing copies of 'A Taste of East Africa'. It was shortly after she launched the book, authored by Chaba Mavura (L), at an event attended mainly by Tanzanians living in South Korea. Photo: State House

Anti-stunting crusade to promote healthy eating

By Getrude Mbago

THE government and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) have launched a nutrition campaign meant to develop healthy eating habits based on locally available foods to fight stunting and malnutrition.

Dubbed 'Daladala Healthy Diets,' the one-month initiative expects to reach residents in Dar es Salaam and Mbeya regions as well as Zanzibar and is implemented through the European Union-funded AGRICONNECT programme.

Speaking during the launch of the campaign in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, Kinondoni District Commissioner Saad Mtambule said the campaign seeks to create a lasting impact on the nutritional wellbeing of Tanzanians by promoting sustainable healthy eating habits for a healthier future.

He said Tanzania Food and

Nutrition Centre (TFNC) and FAO will work together to educate passengers on various commuter buses on healthy diets which will also go along with providing passengers with tickets to travel free.

Mtambule said that despite significant progress made by Tanzania in addressing all forms of malnutrition among children under five over the last decade, the prevalence of chronic malnutrition in the country is still high, with stunting at 30 percent as per report of the Ministry of Health and National Bureau of Statistics.

"The campaign has come at a time when the government and stakeholders have invested heavily in efforts to promote healthy living not only to curb stunting and malnutrition but also heighten efforts against the rising burden of non-communicable diseases," he said.

Dr Nyabenyi Tipu, FAO Country

Representative, said over the course of one month, the campaign expects to reach 9,000 people directly and 10 million people via social media platforms.

She said the initiative will strictly adhere to Tanzania's Food-Based Dietary Guidelines (FBDGs), providing comprehensive recommendations on six food groups, alongside non-nutritional guidance on safe food handling, alcohol and tobacco consumption and physical activity.

The FBDGs are based on the local nutrition situation, food availability and eating habits and are tailored to the cultural context of Tanzania. They will provide evidence-based recommendations on healthy diets and lifestyles for prevention of various forms of malnutrition and non-communicable diseases, she said.

"The campaign will also employ a setting-based health promotion approach to communicate essential

nutrition messages to the public to increase knowledge and adoption of good nutrition practices among Tanzanians," she said.

Dr Tipu further said that this multifaceted approach aims to address challenges associated with weak, mixed and conflicting nutrition messages, fostering a unified and clear understanding of healthy dietary practices.

Dr Germana Leyna, TFNC Managing Director, said the initiative aims to propel change of lifestyles in the country by encouraging people to adopt healthy diets.

She said the government can improve nutrition by encouraging more investment in agriculture, food production and nutrition education to increase availability and accessibility of healthy diets through improved agriculture productivity and a better understanding of the importance of healthy diets.



Zanzibar's Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children minister, Riziki Pembe Juma, tables the ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2024/2025 in the Zanzibar House of Representatives yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chinese nationals guilty of cybercrime in Zambia

LUSAKA

TWENTY-TWO Chinese nationals have pleaded guilty to committing cyber-related crimes in Zambia.

They are among 77 suspects who were arrested in April in connection to what authorities described as a "sophisticated internet fraud syndicate".

The swoop on a Chinese-run company in the capital, Lusaka, followed an alarming rise in internet fraud cases in the country, targeting people in countries around the world.

The Chinese nationals are set to be sentenced on Friday, local media report.

There have been increasing cases of Zambians losing money from their mobile and bank accounts through money-laundering schemes which extend to other for-

eign countries, the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) said in April.

People in countries including Singapore, Peru, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and others across Africa have also been targeted in the online scam, Zambian authorities said.

Dozens of young Zambians were also arrested after allegedly being recruited to be call-centre agents in the fraudulent activities, including internet fraud and online scams, the DEC said during the arrests.

After a trial lasting several weeks, the 22 Chinese nationals, including one female, pleaded guilty to three charges - computer-related misrepresentation, identity-related crimes, and illegally operating a network or service.

The 22, along with a Cameroonian national, were charged with

manipulating people's identities online with intent to scam them.

The accused hold different positions in the Chinese-run Golden Top Support Services, the company at the centre of the raid.

The company, located in Roma, an upmarket suburb of Lusaka, is yet to comment on the allegations.

Li Xianlin, believed to be the director of the company, was charged with operating the network without a licence from the Zambian authorities.

On Tuesday, the state prosecutor requested the court to include more details about the charges.

The Zambian nationals were charged in April and released on bail so they could help the authorities with their investigations.

Authorities said the Zambians involved had been tasked "with engaging in deceptive conversations

with unsuspecting mobile users across various platforms such as WhatsApp, Telegram, chatrooms and others, using scripted dialogues".

Among equipment seized were devices allowing callers to disguise their location and thousands of Sim cards.

During the raid, 11 Sim boxes were discovered - these are devices that can route calls across genuine phone networks.

More than 13,000 Sim cards, both local and foreign, were also confiscated, demonstrating "the extent of the operation's reach," according to the DEC.

Two firearms and about 78 rounds of ammunition were confiscated and two vehicles, belonging to a Chinese national linked to the business, were also impounded during the raid.



Abbamweska Kamulali (R), a conservation agricultural coordinator, imparts tree planting skills to students of Imbafi Secondary School at Itundwi village in Kondo District earlier this week. Photo: Polycarp Machira.

Residents plant 1500 trees to mark World Environment Day

By Polycarp Machira, Kondo

VILLAGERS, pupils and teachers in Kondo District Council marked the World Environment Day on Wednesday in style by planting over 1500 trees, promising to help promote environment conservation measures spearheaded by the government.

Speaking during events held at Imbafu Secondary School grounds in Itundwi village and Salare Primary School in Salare village,

they underscored the need for environment conservation, noting that trees provide a lot of benefits.

Itundwi Village Executive Officer Saidi Abuu expressed appreciation for the initiatives meant to help conserve the environment in the village.

“On behalf of the villagers I promise to support these initiatives by ensuring that we help protect the environment as always encouraged by the government” he said.

Similar sentiments were shared by Christopher Bwiro, environment teacher at Salare Primary School where pupils planted over 250 trees, saying: “Such exercises have helped boost the numbers of trees in the school and we highly appreciate it.”

He noted that last year, the school planted over 450 trees of which about 420 survived the drought and some had started producing fruits while others provided shade.

The aim of the campaign conducted

in Kondo and Chemba districts was to create public awareness on the need to involve every living person in the preservation of the ecosystems.

The campaign involve the Kondo and Chemba communities as well as their local government authorities in a mass tree planting campaign

The event was part of a series of environmental protection events organized by Inades-Formation Tanzania (IFTz), Bread for the World (BftW) and Vi Agroforestry (ViA).



Tanzania Albinism Society national chairman Godson Mollle (L) addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the recent abduction of a child with albinism in Kagera Region. To his left is the society's Dar es Salaam regional chairman, Gabriel Aruga. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

AU, FAO laud Tanzania on support to small-scale fishers

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Union (AU) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) have commended Tanzania for its initiatives to promote development of small-scale fishers in Africa.

Representatives of the two entities made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when speaking at the African Small-Scale Fisheries Summit 2024, themed ‘A decade of progress; charting a prosperous future for small-scale fisheries’.

The first-ever summit brought on board more than 1000 people from

various African countries with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Energy, Dotto Biteko gracing its opening.

Hellen Moepi-Guebama, Fisheries Officer at the African Union - InterAfrican Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) said the meeting involving small-scale fishers and people from different countries in Africa, aimed at looking at the best way to liberate small-scale fishers in Africa.

Moepi-Guebama who spoke on behalf of the AU-IBAR director, said: “We recognize the contribution of President Samia Suluhu Hassan to establish and support small-scale fishermen, especially in the form

of interpreting policies, guidelines, regulations as well as a work plan aimed at helping this important fishing subsector in Africa.”

“We have witnessed a large meeting of small fishermen with the aim of gathering the opinions of fishermen that will be worked on at the next International Conference in Italy.”

FAO Country Representative Dr Nyabenyi Tipu said that the successful completion of the small-scale fisheries event was a result of efforts made by the government.

“Last year, Minister for Fisheries Abdallah Ulega promised that Tanzania would organise this meeting, which

today we see has been successful,” she said.

According to her, if the small fishing industry is developed and given cooperation, the society will benefit because the industry is also used as a source of income for many people.

Minister Ulega thanked the stakeholders for participating in the meeting, while saying that Tanzania has a mission to raise small-scale fishing by ensuring that it works on the various challenges they face so that the subsector is beneficial to all.

He said that small-scale fishing subsector covers 95 percent of all fishing in the country.

Drive to curb human vs wildlife conflicts going on in Ruvuma

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is implementing a number of initiatives meant to mitigate Human Wildlife Conflicts (HWC) countrywide with a focus in Ruvuma Region which is one of the areas with the highest recorded number of incidences.

The Ruvuma landscape is one of the HWC hotspots identified by the government, hence the various efforts to ensure co-existence between human beings and wildlife, said Dr Fortunata Msoffe, Director of Wildlife in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.

She spoke in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a breakfast debate which was jointly organized by the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET).

The Mitigation of Human Wildlife Conflicts in Tanzania project is implemented in the Ruvuma landscape targeting rural populations in villages south of the Nyerere National Park and the Selous Game Reserve in Masasi District, Mtwara Region and Namtumbo and Tunduru in Ruvuma Region.

Dr Msoffe said villagers will be assisted to come up with land use plans as well as enabling them to be able to immediately notify relevant authorities when they see wild animals in their areas.

“We want elephants to be taken back to the national parks; this will help in reducing destructive impacts into people's homes and farms. We are going to empower villagers with skills on how to scare away the big animals using traditional methods with assistance from Village Game Scouts (VGS),” she said.

She said villagers are being educated to plant crops that cannot be eaten by elephants around their fields such as establishment of chilli farms as the smell of chilli drives away elephants, giving farmers a break from always being on guard to curb their destructive visits.

Dr Msoffe added that Tanzania is among the first countries to have the National Human Wildlife Conflict Management Strategy (NHWCMS 2020-2024). The strategy, she said, aims to improve the coexistence of people and wildlife, and to protect the communities' right to development and wellbeing through conservation.

She said the ministry supports villagers bordering national parks to establish Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) whereas the number has now reached 38.

Hawa Mwechaga, Chief Wildlife Officer and Coordinator of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change in the President's Office (Regional Administrations and Local Government) said HWC are fuelled by climate change as wild animals move from national parks and game reserved areas in search of food and water.

“Villages in the Ruvuma landscape have been seriously affected by climate change taking into consideration that most of them use firewood and charcoal as their main source of energy, hence massive destruction of forests,” she said, adding that efforts were directed at tree planting.

Dr Stephen Nindi, Principal Research Officer at Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) underscored the need for villages to have land use plans to clearly demarcate areas for agriculture, grazing land as well as wildlife corridors.

He said regions in the southern part of Tanzania namely Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma see many herds of cattle, most of them moved from Mbarali in Mbeya Region for purposes of protecting the Ihefu wetlands.

He said Tanzania implements a land use plan that was formed in 2013 which recognises areas such as national parks, game reserves, forest reserve, mining, agriculture and grazing land among others.

CCM throws weight behind gvt's clean cooking agenda

By Henry Mwangonde, Moshi

CCM has expressed support for the clean cooking energy agenda spearheaded by the government, saying this is the only tool to mitigate effects of climate change and improve health of Tanzanians, especially women.

CCM Secretary General Dr Emanuel Nchimbi made the remarks yesterday while addressing residents of Moshi District in Kilimanjaro Region.

Dr Nchimbi said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has championed the agenda to a global stage, saying people should support the important agenda.

“In the last few years women were being killed on suspicion of witchcraft because their eyes were red but now things are changing for the better as we mitigate climate change effects,” he said.

Dr Nchimbi commended Moshi Municipality for being voted the cleanest over the years, saying it has taken a leading role in planting trees to restore vegetation cover.

He said the number of tourists has increased following the good work done by the government through promoting the country's tourist attractions.

In another development, Dr Nchimbi said there is a need to promote and enhance national unity, saying this was a hard-earned national value that ought to be maintained. “Our unity is our safety as a nation; therefore, we have a role to play in ensuring that as Tanzanians we collaborate in maintaining it,” he said.

He said every Tanzanian should feel proud to work for the development of their country without leaving it in the hands of others.

Speaking on the grievances raised, mostly land conflicts, Dr Nchimbi asked the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development and the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) to meet and resolve land conflicts at Manyema market located within the municipality which is dormant.



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Barrick Bulyanhulu workers engaged in environmental cleanliness at the Bugarama health centre in Msalala District, Shinyanga Region, on Wednesday (May 5) in marking World Environment Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Chief court administrator reports efficiency after heavy investment

By Correspondent Peter Mkwavila, Dodoma

CHIEF Court Administrator Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel has said that investments made in the judiciary during the last three years have increased efficiency hence improved services.

Prof Ole Gabriel said this yesterday here when speaking to journalists, noting that during that period, major improvements have been made thanks to financial investments made by the government.

"The investment has helped the judiciary run its operations in a modern way and enabled it to resolve various issues that were

pending for a long time," he said.

Prof. Ole Gabriel also said other things that happened during that time include good diplomatic relations between Tanzania and other countries.

He said the government's decision to improve services provided by the judiciary increased efficiency in various areas, including buildings, the use of information and communication technology and the increase of staff.

He said that the government has given special impetus by enabling the judiciary to have a good working environment and move services closer to the people.

He said that currently, there is ongoing construction of six

Integrated Justice Centres (IJs) in Songea, Katavi, Geita, Njombe, Simiyu and Songwe regions.

The three other areas where construction of such buildings is expected to start are Singida, Lindi and Pemba, adding that contractors for the three centres have already been engaged and will start work any time.

He also stated that the government has increased the number of Judges of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania from 16 to 35 and the High Court from 76 to 105.

He said the increase has made it possible to have ten panels for the Court of Appeal sessions and has reduced the backlog of proceedings in both the Court of Appeal and the High Court.

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Government, health sector stakeholders chat how to lift medical tourism

By Getrude Mbagu

THE government and stakeholders in the health sector have met to discuss how to transform systems, invest in technology and skilled human resources for high quality and cost-effective services to promote medical tourism.

Reports show that the medical tourism industry has continued to surge globally with healthcare providers adopting international best practices to serve local and foreign patients.

Speaking at a stakeholders meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dr Asha Mahita, Medical Tourism Coordinator in the Ministry of Health, said that there is a rising demand for quality health services globally which will drive the overall medical tourism segment growth over the next years, something which calls for Tanzania to invest heavily in the area.

Dubbed 'Strategising on Certification and Accreditation to Unlock Tanzania's Medical Tourism Potential', the meeting brought together owners and leaders of various hospitals in the country and stakeholders to discuss how they can work jointly to tap opportunities in medical tourism to spur development.

Dr Mahita underscored the need for health facilities to focus on improving health care and be internationally accredited and certified in order to market Tanzania and attract more people for medical services.

"We need to improve quality of care from the start when a patient enters a health facility to treatment processes and discharge. A patient should experience specialised care which is provided on time and in a friendly manner," she said.

She added that the government has invested a lot in quality infrastructure and competent experts and now what is needed is for hospitals both public and private to invest in quality customer care and treatment to attract more patients to the facilities.

She said statistics show that due to efforts taken by the government and stakeholders to improve health services, the number of foreign patients who visit the country for medical services has increased from 5,705 in 2022 to 6,931 patients in 2023.

Dr Heri Marwa, Country Director of PharmAccess, said investing in medical tourism doesn't only improve provision of quality services but also increases income as this attracts patients from across the globe.

"If we put more effort into universal health coverage, we need to ensure that we improve the quality of health services by ensuring that our facilities provide excellent services which go in line with good customer care, cost and time-saving," he said.

Abdulmalik Mollle, Vice Chairman of the National Medical Tourism Committee, said Tanzania is ready to invest in medical tourism and become a centre of excellence in Sub-Saharan countries with strategies set for both private and public health facilities to implement initiatives designed to improve quality of care.

As medical tourism involves quality transport, accommodation and hospitality, sectors in the value chain also have to invest in improving quality of services to achieve the intended goals," he said.

Mpango calls for collaboration in environmental conservation

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has emphasized the need for cooperation between all sectors of society to effectively address environmental degradation.

Speaking during World Environment Day celebrations in Dodoma on Wednesday, Dr Mpango stressed the importance of collaboration between the government, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, artists, religious institutions, traditional leaders and the general public.

The ceremony was attended by high-ranking officials, including Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Minister of State in the Office of the Vice President (Union and Environment) Dr Seleman Jafo, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Mussa Zungu and environmental conservation advocates.

"Only through concerted efforts can we hope to reduce and ultimately eliminate the environmental challenges facing our nation," he said.

To underscore this commitment to collaboration, Dr Mpango presented special awards to various stakeholders.

The companies were recognized for their significant contributions to environmental conservation. In addition to recognizing the efforts of environmental stakeholders, Dr Mpango urged local authorities to promote industries that specialise in transforming waste into reusable products. He also called on citizens and the private sector to embrace opportunities in waste collection and recycling.

"By working together, we can create a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable Tanzania for generations to come," he said.



Shinyanga Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Authority director Yusuph Katopola (gesturing) briefs Shinyanga municipal councillors yesterday on progress in the implementation of a sludge plant project at Mwagala in the municipality. Similar plants are to be built at Ihapa, Kituli and Mwamakalanga, all as part of the execution of a programme funded by the French Development Agency. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

RITA calls on marriage celebrants to register

By Guardian Reporter

THE Registration, Insolvency and Trusteehip Agency (RITA) has called on all marriage celebrants in the country to register on its digital system called eRITA to be recognised by the government.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, RITA Chief Executive Officer Frank Kanyusi said that registration exercise

which started in January this year is expected to end on Monday whereby 3,635 celebrants had already registered.

"The eRITA system helps to increase efficiency and eases getting new licences electronically," he said.

According to him, the exercise involves marriage celebrants from all religions and denominations, adding that it is easy unlike in the past when the process was

done manually.

"It is my optimism that the exercise will be accomplished as earlier planned," he said.

He said registering via eRITA system is compulsory for both marriage celebrants who were registered manually and still have their valid licences and those whose licences have expired and need to renew them.

Kanyusi said going forward, all marriage celebrants will be required to use eRITA and get licences from authorities for them to exercise powers bestowed upon them to officiate marriage.

Kanyusi said RITA has continued to improve its services electronically to enable Tanzanians access them easily and affordably.



Commissioner General of Immigration Dr Anna Makakala (R) exchanges greetings with Mbeya regional commissioner Juma Homera shortly after arriving in the region yesterday ready for the commissioning of Immigration officers on behalf of Commander-in-Chief President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Bring affordable clean energy solutions to eradicate pollution, innovators urged

STAKEHOLDERS in renewable energy have been asked to speed up innovation of affordable solutions to reduce the use of firewood and charcoal and protect forests and people's health.

Innocent Luoga, Commissioner of Energy and Renewable Energy in the Ministry of Energy made the call in Dares Salaam yesterday when opening this year's Renewable Energy Week themed 'Renewable Energy for Inclusive and Green Economy'.

Luoga said that 80 percent of Tanzanian households still use firewood and charcoal which contribute to destruction of the environment and also affect human health.

"There is a need to evaluate where we are in implementation of electricity projects and make more efforts in renewable energy because our goal is to ensure that 80 percent of Tanzanians use clean energy by 2034," he said.

Luoga said that clean cooking energy elevates the economy, conserves the environment and improves the health of the users.

The commissioner said that the use of firewood has been associated with gender-based violence because women

spend a lot of time fetching firewood, their spouses using that as an excuse to abuse them because they return home late. Mathew Matimbwi, Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (TAREA) executive secretary asked the government to consider assisting consumers because most renewable energy imported into the country tends to be costly.

"As TAREA we are trying to make sure that access to renewable energy

becomes less expensive, especially cooking energy," he said.

He said that the renewable energy exhibition involves solar power, wind, geothermal and stoves along with workshops on various topics about renewable energy.

Matimbwi added that at the exhibition there are development stakeholders, private companies and public and private institutions that provide education and showcase various renewable energy products.

Centre appeals to farmers to produce healthy foods

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE World Vegetable Centre has embarked on a mission to educate farmers in Tanzania on best ways of growing healthy foods for proper diet.

Dr Simon Boniface, an entomologist at the Arusha-based centre for Eastern and Southern Africa said this yesterday while addressing farmers during field training at Embaseni Village in Meru District where WVC was introducing its 'Fresh' concept which is an abbreviation for 'Fruits and Vegetables for Sustainable Diet.'

"The whole world is undergoing

a transformation in which people consume food as medicine instead of being driven to consume medicine as food," he said.

Farmers in Meru District were cautioned against excessive usage of chemicals in their fields, especially weed killers, pesticides and compound fertilizers that eventually become intoxicant in the end products.

"With ample arable land and adequate water sources, all the farmers in Arumeru need is quality seeds, especially the improved varieties that can withstand harsh weather conditions," he said.

Jonas Nnko, a farmer based in Embaseni

Ward admitted that things have changed drastically nowadays as far as farming is concerned.

"These days agricultural activities start from up to the bottom; that is people begin with securing markets before getting down to the actual farming," he said, adding

that growers are more oriented to selling than consuming.

"Farmers deal with plants that command huge markets and sometimes are compelled to apply chemicals to ensure fast and good harvests," he said.

And when taking the shortcut

routes, sometimes farmers end up with wrong or counterfeit farm inputs, he cautioned.

Agriculture expert Ladislaus Mkufya said farm inputs, especially kernels and seedlings, must take into consideration the needs of growers and consumers, which

is a rather challenging balance to maintain.

"While farmers want disease and drought resistant seeds, consumers demand palatable and tasty fruits and vegetables. It is the task of kernel producers to ensure that their products satisfy both sides," he said.

According to the World Vegetable Centre, the vegetable sub sector in Africa, precisely south of the Sahara, remains underdeveloped. On the other hand, vegetable and fruits consumption in most parts of the continent is extremely low.

However, due to Africa's diverse agro-climatic zones, there is a great potential for smallholder growers to produce a variety of vegetable crops for domestic use as well as selling to international markets.

Vegetables are described as the most important source of income for smallholder farmers in Tanzania and indigenous greens provide an important source of nutrition, particularly in low income communities.



Alliance for Democratic Change secretary general Doyo Hassan Doyo briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on his intention to vie for the opposition party's national chairmanship in the forthcoming election. He is with the party's women's wing chairperson, Zuwena Abdallah (L), and secretary Hadija Tambwe. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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Call for policy to fasten seaweed development

By Jenifer Gilla

PERMANENT Secretary in the Ministry of Fisheries Prof Riziki Shemdoe has recommended formulation of a policy to guide implementation of seaweed development for the crop to bring more income to farmers and stimulate national economic growth.

The call comes as seaweed farmers continue to lament over challenges they face, including unreliable markets and brokers setting purchase prices which discourage their production efforts.

Prof Shemdoe made the remarks yesterday at a side event discussing the state of seaweed in the country organized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) during African Small-Scale Fisheries summit 2024 taking place in Dar es Salaam.

He said that in 2005 the government prepared the Seaweed Development Strategic Plan but its implementation was not successful, possibly due to the lack of a guiding policy, adding that the policy would also provide guidance to associations or unions that formed to help farmers benefit more from the efforts they put into producing the crop.

“So, my advice to those who will be given the task, led by ministry officials, is to look at what we need to have in place. If you choose a policy, I will continue to carry it and take it to the technical committee of the cabinet,” he said.

He said that the ministry is committed to creating an enabling environment for seaweed farmers in the country by addressing their challenges, including ensuring that they sell their produce at prices that are fair to them and buyers.

WWF Marine Programme Lead Dr Modesta Medard said that the biggest challenge facing seaweed farmers is price, and urged the government to put in place measures to regulate brokers to prevent them from setting prices that hurt farmers, given the significant effort they put into production.

Presenting the state of

seaweed in the country, Zanzibar Seaweed Cluster Initiative (ZaSCI) chairperson Dr Flower Msuya said that despite Tanzania being the largest seaweed producer in Africa, it still faces challenges of market shortages, brokers exploiting farmers and a shortage of modern processing facility.

He said that to improve the business, there is a need to use modern technology so that farmers can have the capacity to produce in both shallow and deep water and dry the crop without compromising its quality.

Fatma Machalila, a seaweed farmer from Pemba, said that they make small profits compared to the efforts they invest because brokers who buy from them have been setting their own prices, which sets them back and discourages them from continuing to produce.

Machano Ally, another farmer, also called on the government to find customers who can buy seaweed while it is still raw to reduce farmers' drying costs as this adds to their losses and lowers the quality of the crop due to poor drying facilities.



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Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister Dr Doto Biteko (L) is briefed at an exhibition pavilion shortly after opening a meeting for small fishermen in Africa held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. To his left is Livestock and Fisheries minister Abdullah Ulega, followed by deputy permanent secretary (Fisheries) Dr Edwin Mhede. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

KAMPALA

BEEKEEPING is thriving in Uganda, with the country producing between 100,000 and 200,000 metric tonnes of honey annually, according to Uganda Investment Authority. The growing demand suggests significant potential for further expansion.

Sandra Ejang, a bee farmer and honey entrepreneur, began keeping bees as a hobby inspired by her grandmother's backyard beehives. “As a child, my grandmother had beehives in her backyard, and before we started, the only experience I had with honey was eating it from a comb,” she said.

Sweet future for entrepreneurs as beekeeping grows fast in Uganda

For nearly a decade, Ejang has turned her passion into a profitable business. Her brand: ‘Asali wa Moyo’ has become a staple on store shelves. “This year, we are pulling up greatly as we become more commercial. We cater to everybody, from higher-end customers to hotels and restaurants,” she said.

Ejang's business isn't limited to honey; she also produces beeswax, medicinal products and honey-based beauty items. “The European

markets have a demand for Ugandan honey. However, there are many aspects to consider for exportation and we are focusing on increasing production,” Ejang noted.

Despite the successes, challenges remain. The Uganda Investment Authority highlights the need to boost production volumes and protect the declining bee population.

Antonio Querido, FAO Representative in Uganda said:

“As we develop, it is important to be conscious of the role bees play in agrifood systems and adopt practices that foster their development.”

Ejang's ambition is clear: “We want to be the best on the continent, providing delightful pleasure for honey lovers to savour.”

The beekeeping sector in Uganda holds promise, and with entrepreneurs like Ejang leading the way, the future looks sweet.



Inspector of Police Sospeter Oyuke pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday running an open-air sensitisation session on children's rights for pupils from the city's Magurumbasi Primary School, as part of the countdown to the commemoration of the International Day of the African Child (June 16). Photo: Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

Chinese language competition in Ethiopia celebrates cultures

ADDIS ABABA

THE ‘Chinese Bridge’ language proficiency competition for Ethiopian college students was held in Addis Ababa on Wednesday.

The competition was jointly hosted by the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia, the Confucius Institute at Addis Ababa University (AAU) and the Confucius Institute at the FDRE Technical and Vocational Training Institute (TVTI).

At the 2024 edition of the final Chinese proficiency competition in Ethiopia, contestants were challenged to deliver a speech, answer two questions related to Chinese culture and present a talent show in the presence of senior Ethiopian government officials, the Chinese diplomatic community in the country as well as academia and fellow Chinese language students drawn from across Confucius Institutes in the country.

A total of 11 Ethiopian students from across the country participated in the annual worldwide Chinese-speaking and performance event at TVTI.

Alemu Seyoum, a third-year Chinese language student from the Confucius Institute at the AAU, secured the first prize as he received rounds of applause from the audience for his energetic speech and vibrant traditional Chinese music performance.

“In preparation for the final competition, we have passed through rigorous selection process among our classmates. I am very happy to have won this competition.

For me, to be recognized as the winner of this national competition is a very good achievement and it gives me additional motivation to further excel in my Chinese language studies,” Seyoum said.

Addressing the awarding ceremony for winners of this year's competition, Ethiopia's State Minister of Education Kora Tushune underscored the crucial role of language and cultural exchange in fostering Sino-Ethiopian people-to-people relations.

“The establishment of the Confucius Institute at the AAU and the opening of similar centers in different higher education institutions of the country has created social and cultural bridges, and has promoted public diplomacy, global understanding and people-to-people relationships,” Tushune said.

Shen Qinmin, charge d'affaires at the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia, on his part called on the contestants in particular and other Chinese language students to serve as the connecting bridges between the two brotherly peoples.

“I feel so proud to be here and to see the fruits of the two countries exchanges in culture, education and language,” he said. “After a hard competition, you all stand out as proud competitors.”

The competition also featured distinctive Chinese cultural activities, including Chinese traditional songs, cultural performance and classical Chinese poems performed by Ethiopian Chinese language students.

Outcry as over 100 villagers massacred in Sudan conflict

KHARTOUM

AT least 150 people are feared dead in a massacre in a village in central Sudan blamed on the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), the paramilitary group fighting the army.

The rivals have been battling over control of the country for more than 13 months.

The RSF has not commented on the accusations but yesterday boasted of attacking two army positions.

Footage circulating on social media after Wednesday's raid showed dozens of bodies wrapped in white shrouds prepared for burial in Wad al-Nourah in Gezira state.

That video was filmed by activists from a neighbourhood resistance committee, part of a network of local groups across the country which back a return to civilian rule.

The Madani Resistance Committee said it was “waiting for a confirmed toll of the dead and injured.”

The circumstances of the killings remain unclear - it is alleged the village was attacked twice by the RSF fighters on Wednesday.

Hafiz Mohamad, from leading human rights group Justice Africa Sudan, has told the BBC that many more people are still missing but that it was “difficult to count all the dead” because “RSF elements are still around the area looting.”

Sudan's military government has called for international condemnation of the Wad al-Nourah attack.

The RSF took control of Gezira state, to the south of the capital, Khartoum, in December and has been accused of carrying out numerous abuses against civilians there - which it denies.

Meanwhile, intense battles continue between the RSF and military in El Fasher, a city in Darfur in the west of the country.

Across the country, more than 15,000 people are estimated to have been killed since the conflict started in April 2023.

Several rounds of peace talks have failed to end the war, which began

when the two generals leading the army and RSF fell out.

UN agencies say the fighting has sparked the world's largest displacement crisis and that millions are facing a hunger catastrophe as a result.

Martin Griffiths, the UN's under-secretary general for humanitarian affairs, said this week that up to five million people were highly likely to be at risk of famine.

“I don't think we've ever had this kind of number at risk of famine,” he said, adding that “this was an avoidable conflict.” “It is a place where two men decided that they were going to resolve their differences through fighting and take their country down,” he said.

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Focus on private sector to bridge Africa's infrastructure shortfalls

A NOTE of urgency was raised during the first working day of the Korea-Africa Infrastructure Forum, at the last stage of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's just-ended six-day visit to South Korea.

In a keynote address, the participants were reminded that Africa's infrastructure budgetary needs are pegged at US\$170 billion annually but the amounts available are limited to US\$62 billion.

What could be gleaned from that was that more efforts are needed for the imbalance to be rectified via bilateral assistance and multilateral cooperation as an extension.

In the remarks, the president pointed out that the budgets of African countries are faced with the challenge of competing priorities including the prioritising of the provision of social services, this explaining the unavoidable insufficiency of the budgets.

With multilateral cooperation on climate change having snagged in relation to obtaining a US\$100 billion fund to help mitigation efforts in low-income countries, finding similar amounts of money for Africa's infrastructure needs sound a bit peculiar.

However, it remains essential that the situation be laid out in graphic terms so that there is adequate reflection on what is actually needed.

Indeed, infrastructure needs are at the heart of any country's economy and the most needs to be put on the table, if development on the continent is to gain momentum.

There was also a clear invitation to the private sector in South Korea, in its capacity as the 12th largest economy in the world overall, to take up such investments. That would be especially areas like railways, natural gas distribution and digital infrastructure.

All this was perfectly valid and spot-on, perhaps the only difference being that the approach to private

sector involvement in infrastructure looks somewhat overly pragmatic and selective. Critics may see it as not being a systematic one with open market end-game elements.

Praising the fact that Africa is the world's second largest continent with more than 1.3 billion people and an abundance of resources can only marginally make headway with investors. Infrastructure in Africa on a national scale is prohibitively costly, as African countries tend to be vaster than most developed countries.

This is particularly if one uses simple examples like all of Western Europe fitting into the Democratic Republic of Congo or all of Germany neatly folding into Selous-Nyerere extended ecosystem.

The president's visit provided an occasion for extended discussions and the infrastructure summit being an additional reason for that subject, with part of the issue covered in bilateral talks with our South Korean hosts.

Noticeable agreements centred on the blue economy, a prospective 600-bed referral hospital and exploration accords on critical minerals as everyone wants rare metals for renewable energy equipment.

Africa has yet to fully accept privatisation for its efficiency gains and the expansion of economic activities even as it has a huge problem in sorting out budget deficits without privatisation.

There are quite a few limitations related to state domination of economic activity. Many conferences, with the recent one in Seoul by no means an exception, would commonly focus on the scope of global cooperation needed to arrest critical shortages relating to infrastructure, climate change mitigation and unemployment. True, Rome was not built in a day, and there is thus still hope that many pressing needs of African countries will one day make this option normal and not something to be avoided like the plague.

Conflicts cause migrations, while routes in the Sahel are getting more dangerous

AFRICANS, particularly youths, are having it really hard in countries known to be shutting off escape routes for those dreaming of migrating but with few viable options of doing so safely.

After South Africa ditched apartheid, its economy looked like a rough copy of a Western economy, many youths made an effort to migrate, with varying tales of success or harrowing disappointment.

Violence was soon being directed against them as relatively successful small traders or odd jobs hands-on people spending cash.

United Nations agencies like UNHCR are as good as finding it impossible to come up with lasting solutions to the situation in Africa, South America or the Middle East, their concern shifting to extending enhanced care to migrants.

For its part, UNHCR said in a recent report that conflicts in the Sudan and across the Sahel region have compromised protection of migrants crossing from sub-Saharan Africa.

By 'protection', it is possible this meant ensuring the presence of open skies without serious impediments, either guarded borders or armed groups, but the area is now rife with gun toppers.

UNHCR sheds tears that for the hundreds of thousands of refugees and migrants attempting to cross from sub-Saharan African countries to Europe, the journey is extremely dangerous.

The report highlights the dangers and dreams about protection but takes rather lightly the whole issue of migration as the world has one reason pervading all discussion: climate change.

Yet it isn't climate change that removes people from ancient lands

or countries but total lack of reform, meaning that lands that would anchor prosperity for others gradually become hellish for Africans.

Instead of using up UN resources to make it easier to cross to Europe, where most countries face a political emergency holding back migrants and repatriating those denied asylum as they usually wish to claim, trying to make it easier for the refugees to reach Europe is counterproductive.

The UN needs to reassume its role of a global problem-solving machinery rather than a database merely for urgent humanitarian action while in substance that cause is practically a non-starter.

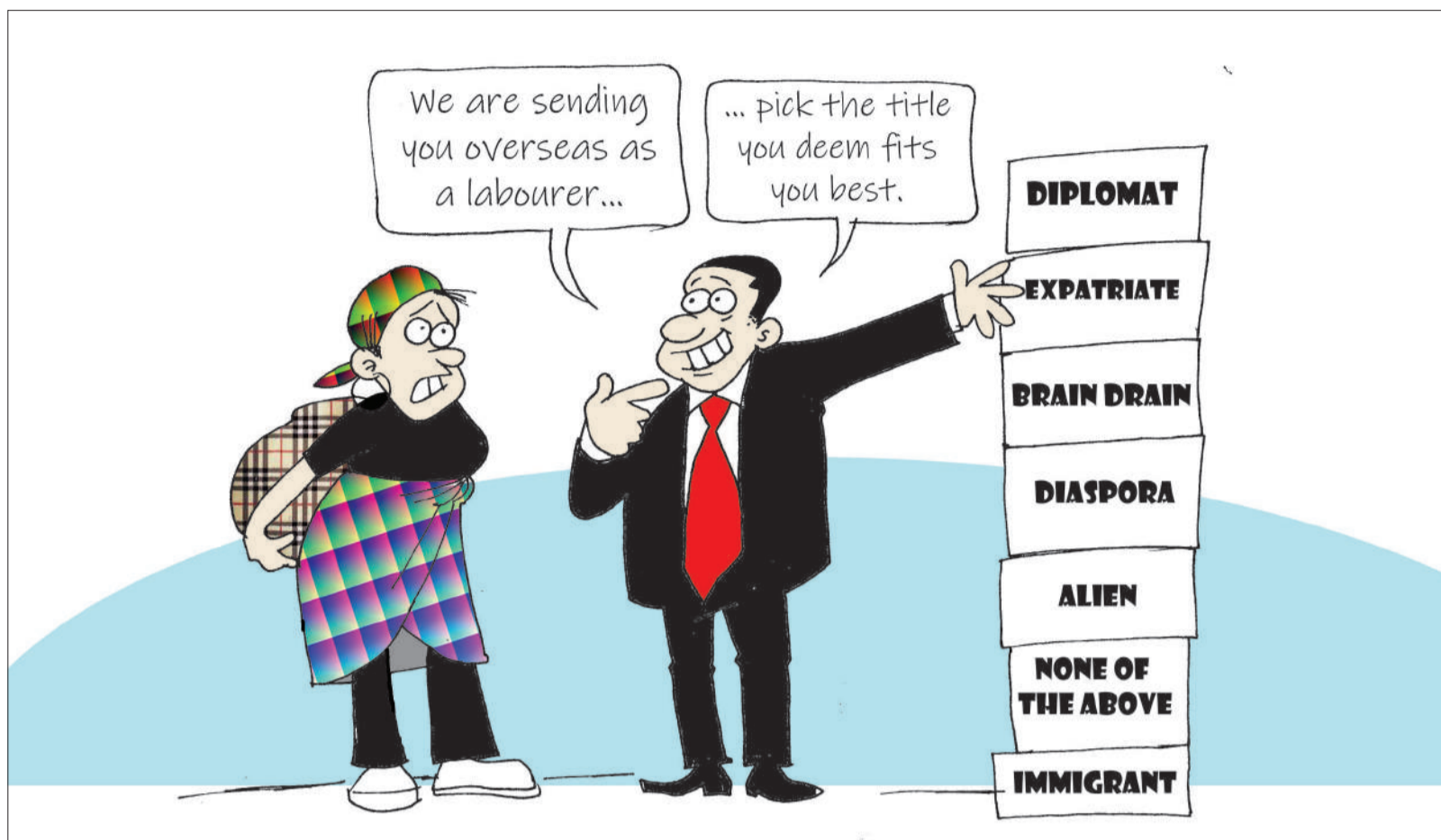
But the UN is only the sum total of its members. So, if we in Africa do not yet see the urgency of ending migrations or use the waves to seek more funds for expenditure that produces the same results, we shall be seeking pity and losing our dignity in the process.

An indication of the diminishing capacity to do things the old way is noticeable, going by UNHCR officials' comments on their efforts in the situation.

That there is clear exposure of would-be or 'aspiring' refugees to harm is obvious. It is therefore high time activist organisations, which have greater space or leg room than government officials to address the matter, worked on a revised project from their current textbook.

Instead of hankering after ways to take Africans, South Americans and those living in Western Asia to Europe on asylum pretences, the activists should map out how to help make Africa generally a better place to live.

The presumption here is that, with this meaning fighting for lasting peace across the continent, even the African Union would have no qualms.



Quiet revolution in progress as IFAD's innovative solutions continue rising to global rural challenges

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TECHNOLOGY and innovation are at the center of the International Fund for Agricultural Development's strategy to fulfill its global mission to eradicate poverty and hunger in the developing world, IFAD's President Alvaro Lario told IPS in an exclusive interview.

According to Lario, IFAD's work centers around innovation in funding, agriculture, climate change, and development. This mission aims to foster groundbreaking, life-transforming solutions from the forefront of technology and digital innovation, supporting communities in remote rural areas facing a debilitating climate onslaught. The challenges are great, considering small-scale farmers produce one-third of the world's food and nearly 80 percent of the world's extremely poor people live in rural areas.

As IFAD is both a UN organization and an International Financial Institution (IFI), Lario, who is a seasoned international development finance leader with a PhD in Financial Economics, has steered the organization to become the first and only United Nations body and specialized agency, other than the World Bank Group, to enter the capital markets and obtain a credit rating. This enabled the UN agency to expand resource mobilization efforts to the private sector. IFAD issued its first Australian Dollar (AUD) private placement on May 9, 2024. An investor, one of Japan's leading life insurers, bought a 15-year AUD 75 million sustainable bond to support IFAD's mission to accelerate sustainable growth and inclusive development in developing countries' rural areas.

"We are now innovatively bringing the private sector on board and are the first UN agency to use its own balance sheet to invest and co-invest with the private sector. Being a financial institution, we incentivize and mobilize private sector investment through an innovative risk-sharing mechanism—the Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Finance Mechanism (ARCAFIM). Launched at COP28, this risk sharing mechanism will support local banks to de-risk some of the loans in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda to enable hundreds of thousands of small-scale farmers to access loans for climate adaptation," he says.

The UN specialized agency has long been at the forefront of AI adoption, even before it was well known, and was one of the



IFAD President Alvaro Lario and farmer Gilbert Muriuki harvest healthy cabbages at his farm in Embu County, which benefited from the Karimari Rutune Community Irrigation Project. Credit: IFAD

first multilateral organizations to leverage AI technology, using Microsoft AI solutions to build Omnidata, a centralized analytics platform that connects data, dashboards, visualizations, and analytics powered by machine learning and AI to address small-scale farmers' needs through targeted investments. It is essentially a tool that enables the agency to have all the data they need at their fingertips, allowing IFAD to make responsive and evidence-based decisions. For instance, AI can track weather patterns, simulate potential impacts on rural communities, intervene, and build resilience to climate shocks.

"Data is key to effective decision-making. In Kenya, for instance, we are investing in and supporting a small start-up called Farmers Lifeline Technologies. They use solar-powered cameras to scan the farms regularly and identify potential threats such as pests and diseases. The data is processed through AI and the results are sent back as a phone message to the respective farmer, providing them with timely, critical advice on how to neutralize the threat. We also use drones and satellites to collect data and make informed, time-sensitive decisions," says the IFAD President.

"We work with the European Space Agency on geographical information systems to facilitate the use of satellites to support, analyze, and take decisions with regard to, say, how deforestation and climate change affect small-scale farmers and, in turn, using the satellite images to develop much-needed solutions."

In February 2024, IFAD and the Inter-American Development Bank Group Innovation Lab (IDB

LAB) announced a partnership to build AgroWeb 3, a global digital public good infrastructure using blockchain and Web3 technology, enabling rural people to easily receive and make digital payments and protect their data. The collaboration aims to provide access to universal digital wallets tailored to the needs of small-scale farmers.

IFAD plans to roll out the initiative globally, accelerating the inclusion and resilience of rural people and vulnerable groups, especially in remote rural areas where poverty and hunger are deepest, so that rural populations are not left behind and can lift themselves out of poverty.

"The complexity and diversity of rural poverty call for new, better solutions. We have a program in the Sahel providing loans to local banks at a zero percent rate so that small-scale farmers have access to funds for climate investments and adaptation to climate change," says Lario, explaining some of their projects aimed at increasing resilience.

"Further afield, we have been working in Indonesia with a private sector cocoa farmers to become 'cocoa doctors' which is a way of improving the health of the cocoa plant by addressing pressing challenges such as soil health and pests and a practical example for other farmers to emulate."

The UN agency seeks to collaborate widely in an inclusive process where no one is left behind, including women, as they are a critical pillar of food and nutrition security, while ensuring that their children access an education to break the cycle of vulnerability, risk,

and poverty. These objectives are at the heart of IFAD's application of the latest tools and technologies to design and implement programs that work for rural people.

Looking to the future, IFAD's goal is to move towards open innovation that transcends sectors and geography. It has already co-founded the Moonshots for Development (M4D) network, which harnesses AI and works collectively to launch ambitious solutions to global development challenges using emerging technologies, as well as holding regular open innovation challenges.

However, it is not only state-of-the-art technology they are proud of—even the humble tractor can make a difference, says Lario, explaining that innovation can manifest in various forms and across various locations.

He recounts a visit to Bolivia, where he recently joined Bolivia's President in celebrating the International Year of Camelids, considered heroes of deserts and highlands because of the roles they play in the lives of people, particularly Indigenous Peoples, who live in hostile environments.

"It's not always cutting-edge technology. For decades, we have invested in the value chains of camelids by partnering with a small start-up named Halo Tractor, also known as 'call a tractor', to provide these tractors to farmers for hire," he explains. "As farmers search for greener pastures, they can move and fence in their llamas to graze within a protected area in just two hours, as opposed to the five to seven days it took to build a mobile fence to protect their livestock."



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) MAINTAINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT GEITA MINE SITE

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company"), a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti ("AGA") is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of prequalifying service providers for ICT maintenance and support services at Geita mine site and is, therefore, inviting eligible and interested service providers to submit expressions of interest as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS SERVICE. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of Service

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
GGME01877	PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) MAINTAINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT GEITA MINE SITE

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
COMMERCIAL
Company Profile and updated organogram
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate
NSSF Compliance Certificate
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.
FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE
Applicants audited financial statements for the latest three years.
Bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
OSHA Compliance Certificate
Environmental compliance Certificate
Workers' compensation fund Certificate
Safety and Environmental Policy
OTHER POLICIES
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment
Grievance Procedure
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme
PAST EXPERIENCE
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01877)
Evidence of recent experience (minimum two years) for similar preventive maintenance contracts.
Submit recommendation letters from previous or current clients. (Within two years)
Submit copy of valid business license in the Information and Communication Technology field.
Submit list of technical personnel along with their respective qualifications
Submit Data Protection Policy which defines and ensures how customer data is secure
Proof of having office in Geita (Provide details of the physical office location)

III. Interested applicants must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **GGME01877 - PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) MAINTAINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT GEITA MINE SITE on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to the Company, which states the full name, address, telephone, and e-mail address of the company, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company (Geita Gold Mining Limited). Submissions must not be later than **8.30 AM (EAT)** on the **20TH June 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

V. Shortlisted Candidates will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Candidates not contacted within the forty-five (45) calendar days should consider themselves unsuccessful.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EXPLORATION EARTHWORK PROJECTS

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying major earthwork contractors to execute all exploration earthwork projects under Geology Department to support exploration activities at mine sites. The Company is therefore, inviting interested eligible contractors to express interest for the provision of this work as detailed below.

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

Scope of Work

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
GGME01768 - 01	EXPLORATION EARTHWORK PROJECTS

List of Equipment Required (Provide Proof of Ownership):

1. Dozer D9 R/K: Dozer CAT/Komatsu or equivalent (must consist of a ripper)(1No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
2. Dozer D8 R/K: Dozer CAT/Komatsu or equivalent (must consist of a ripper)(3 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
3. Low bed Truck - 40Tonnes Capacity (Scania, Shackman, Howo or equivalent)(1No.) Max mileage 20000Km,
4. Light Plant - Mobile Lighting Tower of any capacity (1No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
5. Minibuses/Buses of 40-70 seating capacity (1No.) Max Usage 20000km,
6. Light Vehicle with 4WD (2No.) Max Usage 20000km.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
COMMERCIAL
Company Profile and updated organogram
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics
Copy of Current Business License
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate
NSSF Compliance certificate
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
OSHA Compliance Certificate
Environmental compliance certificate
Workers' compensation fund certificate
Safety and Environmental policy
OTHER POLICIES
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment
Grievance Procedure
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme
PAST EXPERIENCE
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01768 - 01)
CRB registration certificate and annual subscription receipt - Civil Works (Class I-II)
CV of Key Technical personnel: Site Manager (Professional Registered Civil Engineer)-1, HSE Officer (NOSCH 1&2/NEBOSH)-1, Maintenance Supervisor (Professional Registered Mechanical Technician)-1, HSE Officers (NOSCH 1)-2, Site supervisors (Professional Registered Civil Technicians)-2, Maintenance Planner (Diploma in Mechanics or other equivalent qualifications)-1, Mechanics (Certificate in mechanics)-4, Auto Electricians (Certificate in auto electrician)-1
Proof of Machines and Equipment Ownership (Hiring won't be acceptable).
Equipment maintenance, history, plans and maintenance strategy (inclusive of component life tracking and changeout strategy).
Proven experience in Exploration pad construction and other Earthwork projects executed in recent 2-3 years with their respective values (Proof of Contracts and Completion Certificates from the Clients).
Provide also summary sheet for current contracts commitments/work in progress.
Clearance certificate/letter from National Construction Council or Contractor Registration Board.

III. Interested companies must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **GGME01768 - 01 (EXPLORATION EARTHWORK PROJECTS)** on the subject of the email for submission of Letters of Interest (LOI). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicants full name, contact details and name of the principal contact.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company. Submission should not be later than **8.30 AM (EAT)** on the **20th June 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MIDTERM REVIEW OF HEALTH SECTOR STRATEGIC PLAN V (HSSP V), JULY 2021 – JUNE 2026

I. Background

The Health Sector Strategic Plan V (HSSP V) is the guiding framework for the detailed planning and implementation of activities by health sector stakeholders. Its development was guided by the National Health Policy 2007, Vision 2025, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the third Five Year Development Plan 2021/22 – 2025/26, as well as the ruling party election manifesto.

HSSP V considers several factors: Emerging strategic priorities, demand for new types of services by increased number of urban poor due to industrialization and urbanization, Globalization in trade and human travel leading to spread of emerging and re-emerging diseases like COVID-19, and unfinished business of HSSP IV. HSSP V consolidates existing Health Sector Reforms and retains key strategic priorities of HSSP IV such as Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Human Resource for Health, Non-Communicable Diseases, and outbreaks management.

The Mid Term Review (MTR) of the Health Sector Strategic Plan V (HSSP V) is planned in Chapter 8 on Monitoring and Evaluation, for the end of year 3 (2023), to inform the continued execution of HSSP V and the prospective shaping of HSSP VI. It will check if the service delivery and reforms objectives are on track. Issues identified in the MTR Report and associated pieces of work will inform the elaboration of Joint Annual Health Sector Technical Review and Technical Committee-SWAp Meeting policy recommendations.

In February 2024, a Donor agreement was signed by WHO country Office in Tanzania, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Irish embassy for the funding of the HSSP V mid-term review under the supervision of WHO team.

II. Objective of the consultancy

Under the supervision of Universal Health Coverage Life Course team, WHO is engaging a team of Technical Assistants to assess progress in attaining milestones and suggest corrective measures for the remaining lifespan of HSSP V.

III. Oversight of the review process

The Mid-Term Review (MTR) process will be executed under the guidance of a collaborative MTR Steering Committee (SC), chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health (MOH). The secretariat function for the steering committee will be managed by the Health Sector Resource Secretariat, operating within the Division of Policy and Planning at the MOH.

The Permanent secretary shall appoint a team of technical officers from relevant directorates and health programs, based on their experience and expertise, to ensure the quality assurance of the mid-term review. The team will be convened by the health secretariat to provide feedback on the inception report, preliminary analysis, and the draft MTR report before the submission to the steering committee for validation.

IV. Evaluation questions

- How effective and efficient has the planned financial resources been mobilized to achieve the HSSP v objectives?
 - What proportion of the HSSP V budget was mobilized?
 - To what extent were the financial resources mobilized equitably distributed across regions and services levels?
 - How effective was the use of disease specific resources in strengthening the functionality and performance of the Health System in Tanzania?
- How efficient was the distribution of mobilized Human resources to deliver the interventions planned at different levels of the health system?
- Is the Government on track in achieving the HSSP V objectives in the following areas?
 - Access (geographic and financial) to and utilization of essential health services?
 - Quality of services delivered at all levels of the health system.
 - Coverage of health interventions and availability of health infrastructures
 - Strengthening data system to track the achievements of the outputs and outcomes of the HSSP V
 - Changes in risk behaviors of the population
 - Value for money and coordination of interventions in the health sector
 - Implementation of health in all policy to address social determinants of health (SDH) from national to sub-national level.
 - Mainstreaming of gender perspective and promotion of equal access to health services by child, women, and men.
 - Empowerment of indigents and vulnerable population and improving their access to the health services.
 - Governance and Partnership Coordination.
- To what extent could the observed positive and negative changes in the health sector since 2021 be attributed to the implementation of the HSSP V?
- To what extent are Strategic Outcomes, theory of change and result framework of the HSSP V still relevant after the end of the Covid 19 pandemic?

V. Characteristics of the provider

Local institutions (Research institutions and Universities) only may apply for the lot 1 while individual consultants, local and international institutions may apply for the lot 2. Research institutions and Universities are encouraged to apply in consortium for one or both lots.

To ensure the credibility of the exercise, the consultants should not be current staff of the Ministry of Health or PO-RALG, and should not have been lead consultants involved in developing the HSSP V, the HRH strategic Plan, the One Plan 3 or the NCD strategic plan.

Applicant institutions will include the names and the profile of the lead contractor and proposed experts in their proposals.

VI. Timeline

The assignment is expected to commence in July 2024 for a duration of 3 months.

VII. Evaluation criteria

- Understanding of the tasks.
- Appropriateness of the policy mapping approach and the proposed evaluation approaches.
- Skill mix of the experts proposed for the assignment.
- Relevance of previous work related to the deliverables.
- Proposed timeframe for the completion of deliverables.
- Value for money of the financial proposal.

VIII. Qualified bidders are requested to submit:

- Cover letter/application.
- Curriculum vitae of the Lead contractor and other consultants.
- Examples of previous, relevant work related to the deliverables.
- Technical proposal with proposed method/approach to managing the project, showing understanding of tasks and the timeframe for completion of deliverables.
- Financial quote in TZS for the national consultants and US dollars for the international consultants.

IX. Financial proposal

The financial quote should clearly specify the workload (in man*days) and the costs related to the technical assistance. The maximum expected level of effort in full time days is indicated in the term of references. The cost of technical assistance include:

- Consultancy costs.
- Travel and accommodation costs.
- Communication costs.

The unit costs should not exceed the maximum amount set by the Office of the United Nation Resident Coordinator in Tanzania. If a Tanzanian national is proposed for the lot 2, national consultant's rates must be applied.

Data collection costs, meetings costs and any other costs are included in the activity costs. Including activity costs in the financial proposal is not mandatory.

X. Additional information

Question during the preparation of proposal: A prospective bidder requiring any clarification on technical, contractual, or commercial matters may notify WHO via email afwocztrem@who.int with a copy to fedjot@who.int no later than 14th June 2024 at 4PM.

The **deadline for submission** is 21st June 2024 at 4PM.

Proposals should be submitted via email address toafwocztrem@who.int, with a copy to fedjot@who.int.

TERMS OF REFERENCE Lot1: Assignment of National consultants for the mid-term review of the HSSP V

I. Purpose of the Consultancy

Under the supervision of the Universal Health Coverage Life Course cluster's team lead, a team of national senior public health experts will conduct the mid-term evaluation of the Health Sector Strategic plan V.

XI. Objective of the consultancy

The selected academic or research institution will be required to:

- Conduct a mapping of policies, strategic plans and regional frameworks governing the health sector since July 2021.
- Conduct an extensive desk review of, but not limited to:
 - Health Sector Strategic Plan V (HSSP V),
 - One Plan III 2020/21-2025/26,
 - Human Resource for Health Strategy (HRH) 2021-2026,
 - National strategic plan for the prevention and control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) for 2020/21-2025/2026,
 - Strategic and operational plans developed by Ministry of Health programs and directorates, the PO-RALG, and the regional and local Governments.
 - National Health Workforce Account report,
 - Health Facilities Assessment reports (Star rating),
 - Annual MOH National Health Accounts
 - Public Expenditures reviews,
 - Annual Health Sector Performance Profile Reports,
 - Annual health sector review documentation,
 - Endline review of HSSP IV,
 - Ministry of Finance and PO-RALG reports,
 - Reports of surveys conducted in the health sector¹

- Propose a single result framework for monitoring and evaluating of policies and plans governing the health sector. This result framework will also be used by SWAp Technical Working Groups for their quarterly and annual reporting.
- Collect, compile, and analyze data from District Health Information System records, reports from major national health programs, national surveys, and global reports on health published by relevant institutions, to inform the baseline, target, and milestones of health sector performance indicators.
- Collect qualitative data at national and subnational levels (during field visit with joint review team) to inform the analysis of trends in quantitative data, relevance of the HSSP V theory of change, and to document the community perspective on access to and quality of health services.
- Facilitate the steering committee meeting and the validation of the HSSP V report.

XII. Deliverables

The specific deliverables of the experts proposed for the Lot 1 are listed below.

Public Health policy and planning expert:

Key deliverables

- Inception report clarifying the objectives, evaluation method and detailed work plan for the HSSP V mid-term review.
- Repository of policies and strategies, including regional frameworks governing the health sector and multiyear plans developed by Ministry of Health programs and directorates.
- Health Sector Strategic Plan V mid-term evaluation report including:
 - Evolution of the policy context since the validation of the HSSP V;
 - Clarity and relevance of the HSSP V Theory of Change;
 - Proposed adjustment to the HSSP V theory of change, strategies, implementation modalities and costing for the remaining years of the HSSP V;
 - Implementation level of health in All policy to address social determinants of health (SDH) from national to sub-national level;
 - Efficiency and effectiveness of the working arrangement between development partners and government (including SWAp), and the intersectoral coordination for the achievement of the HSSP V targets;
 - Overall functionality of the SWAp Technical Working Groups (with specific focus on Governance and leadership, Public-Private Partnership), and their respective contribution in improving effectiveness of health sector coordination mechanisms and partnerships;
- Communication materials:
 - One policy brief;
 - Minimum of 6 fact sheets synthesizing the key findings from the end line review;
 - Brief synthesis of mid-term review report (2 to 3 pages) summarizing the answers to the evaluation questions;
- Final activity report including the assessment of the contribution of national consultants (lot 1) and international consultants (lot 2).

Estimated maximum level of efforts: 45 full time days, including the expertise of a Post Doc or PhD candidate.

Service delivery expert.

Key deliverables

- Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives and evaluation method for the evaluation of service delivery;
- List of selected quantitative indicators for the evaluation of the coverage of health interventions, access, utilization, and quality of essential health services;
- A contribution to mid-term evaluation report including the assessment of:
 - Health infrastructures, equipment, and health technologies coverage;
 - Specific contribution of PHC services in achieving HSSP V objectives;
 - Trends in promoting equal access to health services by children, women, and men.
 - Functionality of the service delivery, and Disease Epidemics and Disaster Preparedness and Response Technical Working Groups and their contribution in improving effectiveness of health sector coordination mechanisms and partnerships.
 - Challenges experienced, lessons learned, and best practices observed in extending the coverage of essential health services during the implementation of the HSSP V.
 - Proposed adjustment to HSSP V implementation modalities to accelerate the coverage extension for National essential health care intervention package - Tanzania.

Estimated maximum level of efforts: 25 full time days.

Result based monitoring and evaluation expert:

Key deliverables

- Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives, the type of evaluation, the selection of indicators, and the data collection methods;
- Review and comments on data collection tools;
- A contribution to mid-term evaluation report including:
 - Initial findings of quantitative indicators analysis and progress toward

achieving impact, outcomes and outputs targets defined in HSSP V monitoring framework;

- Availability and quality of data used to monitor the implementation of the HSSP V;
- Functionality of the Information Systems Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning Technical Working Groups and its contribution in improving effectiveness of health sector coordination mechanisms and partnerships, and use of credible information for decision making;
- Contextual factors impacting health system performance;
- Challenges experienced, lessons learned, and best practices observed during the implementation of the HSSP V interventions;
- Proposed adjustments of the HSSP V result framework with Revised targets and milestones.

Estimated maximum level of efforts: 22 full time days.

Data management expert.

Key deliverables

- Contribution to the inception report clarifying data collection methods, compilation of quantitative and qualitative data, management of the data base, and presentation of results.
- Baseline and milestones data for the selected indicators from District Health Information System, Health Sector Performance profile, reports from major national health programs, National surveys, and Global reports on health.
- Digital evaluation tool to be used by data collectors.
- Data quality assessment report.
- Clean dataset of quantitative and qualitative indicators.
- Compiled data, tables, and figures requested by technical teams.
- Presentation of key recommendations for strengthening data systems to track the achievements of the outputs and outcomes of the HSSP V.

Estimated maximum level of efforts: 28 full-time days.

Reproductive, maternal Child and adolescent health expert

Key deliverables

- Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives, evaluation method and detailed work plan for the review of the One Plan 3;
- Clarity and relevance of the One Plan 3 Theory of Change and alignment with HSSP V main document;
- List of quantitative indicators for the evaluation of One plan 3;
- Questionnaire for the qualitative evaluation of one plan 3 including the perceived quality of RMNCAH services delivery by communities.
- A specific evaluation report for the One Plan 3 including:
 - Trends of RMNCAH service delivery indicators,
 - Recovery of RMNCAH services after Covid 19 pandemic.
 - Drivers of maternal mortality reduction in Tanzania from 2015 to 2023
 - Functionality of the RMNCAH Technical Working Group and its contribution in improving effectiveness of health sector coordination mechanisms and partnerships.
 - Challenges experienced, lessons learned, and best practices observed during the implementation of the One Plan 3.
 - Proposed adjustment to One plan and HSSP V implementation modalities to accelerate the coverage extension for RMNCAH essential package;

Estimated maximum level of effort: 27 full-time days.

Control of non-communicable diseases expert

Key deliverables

- Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives and evaluation method for the review of the NCD strategic Plan;
- Clarity and relevance of NCD strategic plan theory of change and alignment with PEN+ and HSSP V main document;
- List of quantitative indicators for the evaluation of the NCD strategic plan.
- Questionnaire for the qualitative evaluation of the NCD strategic plan including the perceived quality of NCD services by communities.
- A specific evaluation report for NCD strategic plan including:
 - Analysis of NCD service delivery indicators trends
 - Recovery of NCD activities after Covid 19.
 - Challenges experienced, lessons learned, and best practices observed during the implementation of the NCD strategic plan.
 - Proposed adjustment to NCD strategic plan and HSSP V implementation modalities to accelerate the coverage extension for NCD essential package.
 - Proposed actions for enhancement of NCD coordination, monitoring, and reporting.

Estimated maximum level of effort: 22 full-time days.

Community engagement expert.

Key deliverables

- Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives and evaluation method for the community engagement;
- Clarity and relevance of HSSP V theory of change in improving community engagement and well being of the population;
- List of quantitative indicators for the evaluation of the community involvement in setting priority for health sector and changing risk behaviors of the population;
- Questionnaire for the qualitative evaluation of community health services and outreaches;
- A contribution to mid-term evaluation report including:
 - Alignment of Community Health Worker's program with HSSP V objectives;
 - Empowerment of indigents and vulnerable populations;
 - Improving access of indigents and vulnerable to quality health services;
 - Influence of community engagement in controlling epidemics, including Covid 19 pandemic;
 - Community perception of the availability, affordability, accessibility, and quality of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Services, and NCDs;
 - Proposed actions to improve the integration of Community health program with other interventions planned/implemented to achieve the HSSP V objectives.

Estimated maximum level of effort: 25 full-time days.

XIII. Characteristics of the provider

Local institutions (Research institutions and Universities) only may apply for the lot 1 Applicant institutions will include the name and the profile of the proposed experts in their proposals.

XIV. Minimum requirements the consultants:

Education:

- A master's degree in public health, Health Economics, Health Policy, Monitoring and Evaluation or any related field.

Experience:

- Relevant experience in project/program evaluation
- A good understanding of the Tanzanian healthcare system
- A relevant experience in one of the following domains of expertise:



A woman arranges freshly made briquettes at a sanctuary in Kampala, Uganda

Ugandan women turn agricultural waste into biofuel to save trees

KAMPALA

EVERY morning, Sheeba Kwagala and her colleague head to a sanctuary in the Ugandan capital of Kampala to mash agricultural waste, mainly banana peels and crop residues, with molasses and clay to make briquettes.

Briquettes, a type of renewable energy source and a form of solid bio-fuel, are said to be more energy-efficient than wood or charcoal, largely used in the East African country.

"We crush agricultural waste, then mix it with clay and molasses to solidify it. We put the mixture into a machine that forms the briquette. Learning how to make briquettes is easy, and I will share my skills with

other women," Kwagala, 20, said in a recent interview.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), biomass is the main source of energy in Uganda, accounting for 94 percent of all energy produced. Of the total biomass consumed, wood fuel accounts for about 80 percent, charcoal 10 percent, and crop residues 4 percent. Nine out of 10 households use either firewood or charcoal for cooking.

The FAO noted that charcoal production has far-reaching negative environmental, social and economic impacts.

Despite a recent increase in forest cover from 9 percent in 2015 to 13 percent in 2021, with a projected rise to 15 percent by 2025, Uganda's

forest cover declined from 25 percent of the country's land mass in 1990 to about 9 percent in 2015, according to the National Forest Authority, Uganda's state-run forest conservation agency.

As the world marks World Environment Day, which falls on June 5 every year, Kwagala and a growing number of briquette makers in Uganda are making a difference. Through their caretaker organization, Set Her Free, a local non-governmental organization empowering vulnerable young women, they supply briquettes to restaurants, schools and other institutions that are transitioning from using wood or charcoal as fuel.

According to the World Bank, using biomass briquettes can result in significant energy cost savings of up to 30-40 percent compared to non-renewable fuels, making them an economically advantageous choice.

Michael Kalyesubula, a chef at a restaurant in Kampala, told Xinhua that he now prefers to use briquettes instead of charcoal. "If we have meals using charcoal, which has a negative impact on the environment, it is not right. After we started using briquettes, we came to understand that they help us save the environment."

He added that using briquettes has saved the restaurant money and energy for cooking. The restaurant used to spend 65,000 Ugandan shillings (about 17 U.S. dollars) a day on charcoal, but now it spends only 12,000 shillings on briquettes to cook meals for about 165 people.

Robert Agaba, head of programmes at Set Her Free, said heavy users of wood and charcoal, such as schools and hotels, are increasingly switching to briquettes as wood and charcoal become more expensive due to deforestation.

"These briquettes save us from global warming; we use agricultural waste, so we save the forest that would otherwise be destroyed," he said.

CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION BOARD



REMINDER ON PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES

As you are aware, all contractors are obliged to pay Annual Subscription fees in each financial year. It should be noted that, any Contractor who fails to pay annual subscription fees within the prescribed timeline cease to be a Contractor. Thus, not entitled to carry out construction works. Therefore, all Contractors are hereby reminded to pay their outstanding fees before 30th June 2024.

The names of contractors with outstanding fees can be accessed on the CRB website (www.crb.go.tz) and at Head office, Mkandarasi Place in Dodoma and CRB Zonal Offices in Arusha, Dodoma, Mbeya, Mwanza, and Dar es Salaam- Tetex House

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For each of the proposed consultants, a relevant experience in the following domains would be an asset:

- Management of Health center, District hospital or regional hospital
- Experience in delivery of primary health care services (at District level), and Health System Strengthening
- Experience in health service organization at District or Regional level
- Experience in developing strategic and policy documents.
- Involvement in evaluating a Health Sector Strategic plan or a national Health policy in a developing country.

TERMS OF REFERENCE Lot 2: Assignment of international consultants to support the mid-term review of the HSSP V

II. Purpose of the TAA

Under the supervision of the Universal Health Coverage Life Course cluster's team lead, a team of international senior public health experts will conduct the mid-term evaluation of the Health Sector Strategic Plan V in collaboration with a team of national consultants and WHO experts from Country Office, regional Office and headquarter.

XV. Objective of the consultancy

3. Contribute to a mapping of policies, strategic plans and regional frameworks governing the health sector since July 2021;
4. Conduct an extensive desk review of, but not limited to:
 - i. HSSP V,
 - ii. One Plan III 2020/21-2025/26,
 - iii. HRH strategy 2020-2025,
 - iv. National strategic plan for the prevention and control of NCDs for 2020/21-2025/2026,
 - v. Strategic and operational plans developed by Ministry of Health programs and directorates, the PO-RALG, and the regional and local Governments.
 - vi. National Health Workforce Account report,
 - vii. Health Facilities Assessment reports (Star rating),
 - viii. Annual MOH National Health Accounts
 - ix. Public Expenditures reviews,
 - x. Annual Health Sector Performance Profile Reports,
 - xi. Annual health sector review documentation,
 - xii. Endline review of HSSP IV,
 - xiii. Ministry of Finance and PO-RALG reports,
5. Collect, compile, and analyze data from District Health Information System records, Reports from major national health programs, National surveys, and Global reports on health published by relevant institutions, to inform the baseline, target and milestones of health sector performance indicators.
6. Collect qualitative data at national and subnational levels (during field visit with joint review team) to inform the analysis of the trends of quantitative data, as well as the relevance of the HSSP V theory of change.

XVI. Characteristics of the provider

Local or international consultancy firms, research institutions and Universities may apply for lot 2, as well as individual consultants. Experts proposed by the selected providers will work in coordination with national experts to deliver a comprehensive HSSP V mid-term review report.

Applicant institutions will include in their proposals the name and the profile of the proposed experts for the relevant domains, in addition to the technical and financial proposal.

XVII. Specific expected deliverables from international consultants

Health financing or health economy

Key deliverables

1. Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives and evaluation method for the costing and financial modalities of the HSSP V;

2. Review of policies, strategic plans and regional framework governing the health financing modalities in the United republic of Tanzania.
3. Clarity and relevance of HSSP V theory of change in improving financial access to health services and equity;
4. List of quantitative indicators for the cost estimation, evaluation of financing modalities, and financial execution rate of the HSSP V, One Plan 3, Human resource for Health Strategic Plan and NCD strategic plan.
5. Questionnaire for the qualitative evaluation of the HSSP V, One Plan 3, Human resource for Health Strategic Plan and NCD strategic plan.
6. A Mid Term analytical report including key findings and priority action points on:
 - i. Relevance of HSSP V cost estimation and alignment with the costing of strategic plans developed since 2021;
 - ii. Effectiveness and efficiency of the sector financing modalities and resource allocation mechanisms in the first half of HSSP V: Health Basket Fund, General Budget Support, complementary financing including Community Health Fund, user fees, and health insurance schemes, etc.
 - iii. Effectiveness of financial resources mobilization for the implementation of HSSP V, including the implementation plans developed by the ministry of Health directorate since 2021;
 - iv. Equity in resource allocation for the implementation of HSSP V strategic priorities;
 - v. Challenges experienced, lessons learned, and best practices observed during the implementation of the HSSP V interventions, and contextual factors impacting health system performance;
 - vi. Functionality of the Health Care Financing Technical Working Group and its contribution in improving effectiveness of health sector coordination mechanisms and partnerships;
 - vii. Proposed adjustment to the HSSP V costing and financing modalities for the remaining years of the HSSP V.

Proposed maximum level of efforts: Maximum of 25 working days including 12 days in Tanzania.

Human Resource for Health

Key deliverables

1. Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives and evaluation method for the Human resource for health Strategic Plan and the Human Resource for Health Production Plan;
2. Review of policies, strategic plans and regional framework governing the Human Resource for Health planning, production, distribution, and performance management in the United republic of Tanzania.
3. List of quantitative indicators for the evaluation of the Human Resource for Health Strategic plan 2021-2026 and the Human Resource for Health Production plan 2014-2024.
4. Questionnaire for the qualitative evaluation of the Human Resource for Health strategic plan 2020-2025 and the Human Resource for Health Production plan 2014-2024.
5. Contribution to mid Term analytical report including key findings and priority action points on:
 - i. The Relevance of the theory of change of the Human Resource for Health strategic plan 2021-2026 and the Human resource for Health Production plan 2014-2024
 - ii. The alignment of the 3 years Human Resource for Health accelerated plan with Human Resource for Health Strategic plan 2020-2025 and the Human Resource for Health Production plan 2014-2024, and the HSSP V.
 - iii. The implementation level of the Human Resource for Health Strategic plan 2020-2025, Human resource for Health Production plan 2014-2024, and Human Resource for Health Distribution Plan.
 - iv. The functionality of the Human Resource for Health Technical Working Groups and its contribution in improving effectiveness of health sector coordination mechanisms and partnerships.
 - v. The challenges experienced, lessons learnt, and best practices observed during the implementation of the HSSP V interventions, and contextual

factors impacting health system performance.

Proposed maximum level of efforts:

Maximum of 22 working days including 10 days in Tanzania.

The expert in Human Resource for Health will be working with an expert provided by the WHO Regional Office Africa.

Health products management

Key deliverables

1. Contribution to the inception report clarifying the objectives and evaluation method for the health products and technologies;
2. Review of policies, strategic plans and regional framework governing the health products management in the United republic of Tanzania;
3. List of quantitative indicators for the evaluation of the availability of medicines, equipment, and health technologies for the achievement of the HSSP V objectives;
4. Questionnaire for the qualitative evaluation of the health products management at all level of the health care system;
5. Contribution to Mid Term analytical report including key findings and priority action points on:
 - i. Availability of medicines, equipment, and health technologies for the achievement of the HSSP V objectives;
 - ii. Performance of systems for provision of medicines, equipment, and health technologies;
 - iii. Functionality of the Health Commodities and technology Technical Working Groups and its contribution in improving effectiveness of health sector coordination mechanisms and partnerships;
 - iv. Challenges experienced, lessons learnt, and best practices observed during the implementation of the HSSP V interventions, and contextual factors impacting health products management performance.

Proposed maximum level of efforts: Maximum of 22 working days including 10 days in Tanzania.

XVIII. Minimum requirements for the consultants:

Education:

- Master's degree in public health, Health Economics/labor, economics, Health Policy, Monitoring and Evaluation or any related field.
- Demonstrated skills in specialized quantitative and qualitative research.
- Demonstrated skills in using Microsoft Excel, sophisticated statistical models, and software.

Experience:

- Relevant experience in project/program evaluation.
- A good understanding of the Tanzanian healthcare system.
- A relevant experience in one of the following domains of expertise:
 - a. Health financing or health economy
 - b. Human resource for health
 - c. Health products management
- Demonstrated experience in knowledge management.

For each of the proposed consultants, a relevant experience in the following domains would be an asset:

- Working experience at subnational level and/or national level in developing country.
- Experience in assessing the performance of subnational and national Health System performance.
- Experience in developing strategic and policy documents.
- Relevant experience in project and program evaluation.
- Involvement in evaluating a Health Sector Strategic plan or a national Health policy in a developing country.



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EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

This is to inform the general public and interested applicants that the extended deadline of 1600hrs on June 7th 2024 for submission of the tenders listed below which was published on May 31 2024 in the local Guardian Newspaper has been further extended. The new final deadline is Friday, June 21, 2024 at 1600hrs. The initial advertisement dates are provided in the tenders below.

1. PACKAGE NO. 0371_M039, 0371_M040, 0371_M041, 0371_M042, 0371_M043, 0371_M044, 0371_M045, 0371_M046, 0371_M047, 0371_M048, 0371_M049, 0371_M050, 0371_M051, 0371_M052, 0371_M053, 0371_M054, 0371_I009, 0371_I010, 0371_S001, 0371_S002, 0371_S003A, 0371_S003B, 0371_S004, 0371_S005, 0371_X001, 0371_X002, 0371_X003, 0371_X004 advertised on 22nd April 2024.
2. PACKAGE NO. 0371_M001, 0371_M002, 0371_M003, 0371_M004, 0371_M005, 0371_M006, 0371_M007, 0371_M008, 0371_M009, 0371_M010, 0371_M011, 0371_M012, 0371_M013, 0371_M014, 0371_M018, 0371_M019, 0371_M021, 0371_M022, 0371_M023, 0371_M0560, 371_E002, 0371_E003, 0371_E004, 0371_E005, 0371_E006, 0371_E009, 0371_E010, 0371_E011, 0371_I001, 0371_I002, 0371_I003, 0371_I005, 0371_I007, 0371_I008, 0371_I011, 0371_X003, 0371_X004 advertised on 6th May 2024.
3. PACKAGE NO. 0371_M015, 0371_M016, 0371_M017, 0371_M024, 0371_M025, 0371_M028, 0371_M029, 0371_M032, 0371_M033, 0371_M036, 0371_M037, 0371_M038, advertised on 9th May 2024.

- Interested applicants are encouraged to use the extended period to complete documentation for timely submission.
- For those who has already submitted they can use this opportunity to review and resubmit their interest with all supporting documents/information.
- NOTE: Other terms and conditions of the tender/invitation remain unchanged.

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TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



INVITATION TO TENDER NO. TP/05/2024/NCB/S/014

DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALL AND COMMISSION OF A CATHODIC PROTECTION FOR TIPER PIPELINES

7 June, 2024

1. Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER) is a hospitality storage facility for bulk fuel with its share divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA (Based in Switzerland). The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot # 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
2. TIPER hereby invites via International Competitive Bidding (ICB) experienced and reputable electrical contractors registered in class five (5) and above or Specialist Contractors to bid for Design, Supply, Install and Commission of a Cathodic Protection for Tiper Pipelines.
3. Interested and eligible bidders may request electronic copy of tender document through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz by sending an application letter and CRB Certificates for Specialist Contractor or Electrical Contractor Class IV, Valid Manufacturer's Authorization Form from **Monday to Friday at 08:00AM to 4:00PM between 7 June, 2024 to 21 June, 2024.**
4. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site. Site visit will be conducted on **Thursday, 13 June 2024 from 10:30hrs to 11:30hrs.**
5. Bidders are required to come with their own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's) during the site visit. The minimum PPE requirement are steel toe safety boots, worker's helmet and cotton reflector vest / cotton overcoat / cotton overall. Bidders who will not come with correct PPE's will not be allowed to enter onto site.
6. Bidders must submit hardcopies of bids (one original and one copy) respectively, enclosed and sealed in a single plain envelope marked Tender No: **TP/05/2024/NCB/S/014 FOR DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALL AND COMMISSION OF A CATHODIC PROTECTION FOR TIPER PIPELINES.** Softcopies MUST be submitted in a USB flash disk. All bid documents shall be addressed and delivered to Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd, P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.
7. The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be **1600hrs** local time **Monday June 24, 2024.**
8. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids will not be accepted or considered for evaluation.
9. Bids opening will be conducted in the presence of the **TIPER** tender committee only, formed by the company. There shall be NO public opening of bids
10. TIPER reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid.

THE SECRETARY, TENDER COMMITTEE,
TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LIMITED (TIPER),
P.O. BOX 2608,
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RE - ADVERTISEMENT

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CALL- OFF ORDERS/ MACHINE ADHOC PROJECTS.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying major earthwork contractors to execute all earthwork projects under engineering department, this includes measured day works, and other earthwork projects. The Company is therefore inviting interested eligible contractors to express interest for the works as detailed below.

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

Scope of Work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
GGME01765 - 01	CALL-OFF ORDERS/ MACHINE ADHOC PROJECTS.

List of Equipments Required:

Dozer D9 R/K: Dozer CAT/Komatsu or equivalent: (1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Dozer D8 R/K: Dozer CAT/Komatsu or equivalent: (2 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Dozer D7 R/K: Dozer CAT/Komatsu or equivalent: (1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Motor Grader 140G /140H Motor Grader CAT or equivalent (1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Roller Compactor 14-20 Tonnes Operating Weight (CAT, Dynapac or equivalent)(1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
EXc330L: Excavator CAT or equivalent (2 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
EC 360B: Excavator Volvo or equivalent: (1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Wheel Loader: CAT or equivalent (5m³ Bucket)(3 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Water Bowser (18,000Lt): portable water (1 No.) Max Usage 20000Km,
Water Bowser (18,000Lt): raw water (1 No.) Max Usage 20000Km,
Light Trucks (Tipper Truck) 15m³ (7 No.) Max Usage 20000Km,
Light Truck 4.5m³ (1 No.) Max Usage 20000Km,
Articulated Dump Truck (18-20m³)(3 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Rock breaker (CAT320 or equivalent)(1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Light Plant-Mobile Lighting Tower of any capacity (3 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Telehandler 4ton (1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
HIAB Truck 7-8 Tonnes, 4Ton (1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Cherry Picker (Mobile Elevated Work Platform, 250Kg lifting capacity)(1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs,
Low bed Truck - 40Tonnes Capacity (Scania, Shackman, Howo or equivalent)(1 No.) Max Usage 20000Km,
Backhoe (JCB, CAT, 300kg) (1 No.) Max Usage 5000Hrs, Minibus/Buses of 40-70 seating capacity (2 No.) Max Usage 20000km, Light vehicle with 4WD (3 No) Max Mileage 20000km, Concrete Agitator Truck (5.6-10m³) - for Underground Operation (4 No) Max Usage 5000Hrs.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
COMMERCIAL
Company Profile and updated organogram
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics
Copy of Current Business License
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate
NSSF Compliance certificate
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
OSHA Compliance Certificate
Environmental compliance certificate
Workers' compensation fund certificate
Safety and Environmental policy
OTHER POLICIES
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment
Grievance Procedure
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme
PAST EXPERIENCE
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01765 - 01)
CRB registration certificate and annual subscription receipt - Civil Works (Class I-III)
CV of Key Technical personnel; Site Manager (Professional Registered Civil Engineer) -1, HSE Manager (NOSCH/NEBOSH)-1, Maintenance Manager (Professional Registered Mechanical Engineer)-1, Site supervisors (Professional Registered Civil Technicians)-3, HSE Officers (NOSCH 1) - 2, Maintenance Planner (Diploma in mechanics or other equivalent qualifications)-1, Mechanics (Certificate in mechanics)-10, Auto Electricians (Certificate in auto electrician) -4.
Proof of Machines and Equipment Ownership (Hiring won't be acceptable)
Equipment maintenance, history, plans and maintenance strategy (inclusive of component life tracking and changeout strategy).
Proven experience in Ad hoc operations, and Earthwork projects executed in recent 2-3 years with their respective values (Proof of Contracts and Completion Certificates from the Clients). Also provide summary sheet for current contracts commitments/work in progress.
Clearance certificate/Letter from National Construction Council or Contractor Registration Board.

III. Interested applicants must submit their Expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **"GGME01765 - 01 - (CALL - OFF ORDERS/MACHINE ADHOC PROJECTS")** on the subject of the for submission of Letters of Interest (LOI). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicants full name, contact details and name of the principal contact.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company. Submission must not be later than **8.30 AM (EAT)** on the **20th June 2024.** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

V. Shortlisted Candidates will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Candidates not contacted

=END OF ADVERTISEMENT=

BUILDING A GREENER FUTURE: EXPLORING THE EVOLVING OF ECO-FRIENDLY CEMENT

By Dickson Ng'hily

ACCORDING to the World Bank, Tanzania's economy is expected to grow at an estimated

6.3 percent this year, the growth is said to be supported by the manufacturing, mining and tourism sectors.

This growth will naturally drive an increase in infrastructure projects and large-scale residential developments, leading to a rise in cement consumption. Cement, a crucial binding agent and primary ingredient in concrete, plays a fundamental role in construction and urban development.

It's essential to understand that while cement is vital, its manufacturing process is a major contributor to industrial air pollution. The production of clinker, a key cement ingredient, is a significant source of noxious gas emissions, particularly carbon dioxide.

Media reports indicate that in the manufacturing process, a mixture of limestone and clayey materials is fed into a kiln operating at 1400 C. After the thermal process, the material is ground to produce clinker, a lumpy solid substance. Gypsum is then added to the clinker to form cement.

The clinker production process is extremely energy-intensive and emits gaseous effluents. In fact, for every tonne of cement produced, between 0.6 to 1 tonne of carbon di-

oxide is released. Apart from clinker production, other processes in cement manufacturing also contribute to CO2 emissions.

Considering the essential role cement plays in various aspects of life, it's challenging to envision a world without cement production. What are the solutions? Some may be pondering whether a viable substitute for cement exists.

Experts assert that green cement represents the future of sustainable construction. They argue that it acts as an initiative to mitigate emissions; the cement manufacturing process can be modified effectively to reduce emission levels significantly.

They suggest that green cement is a type of cement made through a 'carbon-negative manufacturing process.' Seen as a groundbreaking innovation in the construction industry, green cement is viewed as an environmentally friendly and sustainable alternative that can reduce the carbon footprint of cement production worldwide.

Reports indicate that traditional cement production contributes to approximately 8 percent of the world's carbon dioxide emissions. This figure could be significantly reduced by utilizing green cement.

For JSW One Homes, the potential to make a substantial impact lies in replacing traditional cement with green cement. Green cement production consumes roughly 60



As awareness of climate change grows, demand for green cement is expected to increase. File Photo

percent less thermal energy compared to traditional methods.

The organization recognizes that embracing green practices and sustainability goes beyond mere buzzwords; it has become a profitable business approach. Climate change and pollution are affecting the planet's socio-economic and ecological systems at large.

In one of their awareness materials, JSW One Homes raises a poignant question: "What does it truly mean to be green or eco-friendly, and how crucial is sustainability in selecting construction materials for home construction today?"

Sustainability involves creating long-lasting solutions that enhance quality of life,

safeguard the ecosystem, and pave the way for a brighter future. The core concept behind sustainable building materials is to craft enduring structures.

A structure or home designed to endure for a longer period translates to reduced maintenance expenses. Sustainable construction encompasses a range of strategies employed throughout the building's design, construction, and operational phases.

Conventional chemical processes that transform limestone into calcium oxide are significant contributors to CO2 emissions. Conversely, green cement adopts a carbon-negative manufacturing process.

The primary raw materi-

als utilized in green cement production largely consist of industrial waste. Mainly comprised of blast furnace slag and fly ash, these materials are pivotal in the creation of green cement, contributing to its cost-effectiveness compared to traditional cement.

Heena Singh, a Senior Executive Email Marketer at BCC Research, highlights in her article titled 'The Future of Eco-Friendly Cement: Green Cement,' that green cement presents a promising solution to current challenges.

Serving as an environmentally friendly alternative, green cement maintains quality and durability through innovative technologies and processes, aiming to reduce its carbon

footprint. By employing raw materials such as fly ash, slag, and calcined clay, green cement emerges as an eco-conscious product that addresses critical environmental concerns while diminishing carbon dioxide emissions from cement production.

"Based on our projections, the global green cement market is poised to experience a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 12.6 percent, reaching an estimated value of \$57.8 billion by 2028. In terms of volume, the demand for green cement is set to soar to 480 million tons by 2028, showcasing an 11.4 percent CAGR," she confirms.

Heena emphasizes that the surge in the green cement market is fueled by various factors, notably the increased incorporation of industrial waste materials in the cement industry.

Moreover, the widespread adoption of green cement is actively contributing to a significant reduction in carbon emissions. By embracing eco-friendly practices, the industry is actively diminishing the carbon footprint associated with cement production.

A critical driver propelling the green cement market's expansion is the enforcement of stringent government regulations. Governments worldwide are increasingly acknowledging the significance of sustainable building practices, thereby enacting regulations to promote or mandate

the utilization of green cement.

Heena underscores that these regulations act as a driving force for industry stakeholders to implement environmentally friendly technologies and procedures, steering the market towards more sustainable and ecologically conscious practices.

Cement stands as a highly traded commodity worldwide, holding a significant position in a country's economy alongside the construction industry. The ongoing surge in global urbanization and amplified infrastructure investments by governments are driving the green cement sector towards growth.

To Heena, green cement signifies a critical stride in forging a sustainable and environmentally conscious construction industry. With a mounting demand for eco-friendly building materials, the progression and acceptance of green cement technologies will be instrumental in shaping the trajectory of construction and infrastructure development.

Discussing market trends, the global green cement sector is anticipated to hit \$57.8 billion by 2028, showcasing a predicted Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 12.6 percent from 2023 to 2028. Opting for green cement presents a pathway to foster a more sustainable and resilient built environment, as highlighted by Heena.

Satellite-based risk assessments for mining infrastructure management

By Will Owen

Reijo Pold, Founder of Value.Space, discusses how satellite-based risk assessments can support the better monitoring of ageing mining infrastructure to support early detection of structural risks and prevent catastrophic failures.

Tailings storage facility (TSF) failures will continue to occur, it's simply a matter of when and where, not if, unfortunately. Ageing infrastructure and the impacts of climate change are exacerbating already compounding pressures. However, satellite-based movement audits of tailings storage facilities can help the industry to get ahead by identifying, understanding, and monitoring risks in almost real-time.

TSFs - many of them already old - receive more and more tailings as the world transitions to lower carbon energy generation. Compounding the risks posed by ageing are changing climate patterns that were likely not in TSF design calculations 20-30 years ago.

The scale of the problem should not be understated - there are currently between 29 000 - 35 000 TSFs worldwide, and World Mine Tailings Failures predicts 13 catastrophic TSF failures occurring between 2025 - 2029. The cost of these failures will be approximately US\$2.5 bil-

lion per catastrophe (US\$32.5 billion total) inclusive of public liabilities, stranded debt, lost stock value, court-ordered payments, and other adjudicated third-party losses.

Given this, the way for the industry to maintain resilient operations in the years ahead is clear - significantly ramp-up the monitoring of TSFs. This was, for instance, the conclusion by local regulators after the recent TSF failure at Surigao del Norte in the Philippines, who urged for improvements in monitoring, regulation, and oversight in the mining industry to de-risk operations and prevent more failures before they occur. However, the world does not have enough engineers to monitor these assets as frequently as satellites.

Satellite-based risk assessments are a cost-effective and fast to deploy solution for improving the monitoring of these critical infrastructure assets. The underlying technology was developed more than 30 years ago, but high costs meant that relatively few could afford to carry out these kinds of assessments.

Now, however, not only have prices come down, but functionality has improved by leaps, meaning the technology has much more to offer stakeholders, risk engineers, and insurers. The cost of investing in this technology is

now far lower than the losses incurred should a failure happen, making it an obvious choice for the mining industry.

The key to better monitoring via satellite surveys is in their ability to measure millimetre-scale movements on TSFs as often as every two weeks, giving engineers an almost real-time overview of assets. Once data collected is tracked against historical timelines dating back up to 10 years, and cross-referenced against other useful datasets on weather, geology, and more, the reports produced support the early detection of material deformations that indicate existing or developing structural risks.

These assessments can be conducted globally, continuously and for thousands of sites at the same time, allowing engineers to pinpoint areas that need further investigation. It also frees up engineers to focus attention and resources where it matters most, saving time and capital whilst ensuring the facility's continuous performance. These benefits are there for the taking, and we expect to see the mining industry evolve to use satellite-based monitoring as standard practice in the near future.

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Revolutionising real estate investment in Zanzibar with innovative approach

By Francis Kojubi

ZANZIBAR'S government has successfully attracted lucrative investments in the hospitality sector as it manages to woo one of the world-class property developers to set up state-of-the-art five-star beach resorts in Michamvi village of the Southern region in Unguja.

Mudrick Ramadhani Soraga, Minister of Tourism and Heritage for Zanzibar told journalists at the weekend during the groundbreaking event for the construction of the resort that the project worth \$10 million (24bn/-) will cover construction of 54 villas of one to three bedrooms.

The minister said the pioneering real estate investment firm has introduced a novel business model that promises high returns with zero risk, revolutionising property investment in Zanzibar.

Soraga said that people in the island will have an opportunity to purchase high end luxury villas with 100 percent guaranteed return on the investment, profit and ownership of the investment.

"The government is making it possible for people to own luxurious five-star resorts through this project. The project is scheduled to be developed in 2024 and finished in early 2025. It comprises 54 individual vil-



Mudrick Ramadhani Soraga, Zanzibar's Tourism and Heritage minister. File Photo

las of which 16 are overwater villas," said Soraga.

The minister said that each villa will have a private pool, garden, and outdoor kitchen. It will also be equipped with an innovative smart high end system and solar panels and come fully furnished.

The development will have a restaurant, concierge, spa, massage, gym, boutique shops, large communal areas, pool, and a Jetty sunset lounge bar.

When the development

is completed, he said, the operations and management under the custodian of AZURE United Properties Limited will be done by an international hospitality management company that will provide fantastic service and client experience to clientele all over the world.

He said the project is about building and selling villas to individual investors. The company takes over the management and operation of the properties, partnering

with renowned hospitality brands to run luxury hotels on the premises.

"The revenue generated from the villas operations is then distributed quarterly, with 50 per cent going to the villa owners and the remaining 50 per cent to the operator, ensuring a fair and transparent revenue-sharing model," said Soraga.

Nikitas Simion, the operating firm's director and co-founder said that the buying process for investors looking to participate in this unique real estate venture starts with a minimal investment of 25 percent of the villas total cost.

According to him, the low entry barrier allows a broader range of investors to participate in the project, democratizing real estate investment opportunities in Zanzibar.

The construction period is a swift one year; ensuring investors can quickly start reaping the benefits.

"The flexible payment plan further enhances the appeal, allowing investors to buy in installments: 25 percent upon signing, 65 percent during construction and the final 10 percent upon handover of the title deeds," said Simion.

Simion emphasized robust risk management strategies to safeguard investors, interests and ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.

By A Correspondent

THE ancient Egyptians built the Great Pyramids with huge limestone and granite blocks, cut by hand from local quarries. Fast forward to present day and quarries remains essential in supplying materials for construction and infrastructure.

However, quarrying methods have significantly evolved, and today's operations increasingly embrace automation to enhance efficiency and worker safety. In this article, David Strain, Technical Director at Technidrive, explains the benefits of automating feeder control in quarrying operations.

Streamlining quarry efficiency
 The feeding process in quarrying, whether for screening, crushing or washing, is critical for overall efficiency. Typically, a feeder, like a hopper, holds a large volume of product and gradually feeds it into the plant at a controlled rate. This rate is important, and it must match the processing capabilities of the equipment. If it does not, the outcome can lead to reduced productivity.

Consider the world's largest granite quarry in Mount Airy, North Carolina, USA. The quarry spans the size of 66 football fields and can be seen from space. In operations like this one, even small productivity gains can have significant impact for a quarry's bottom line. And it is not just the US with colossal quarries. Demand for quarried materials is global.

In fact, the Mineral Products Association (MPA), the trade association for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, dimension stone, lime, mortar and industrial sand industries has reported that, in a typical year, the UK alone uses approximately 250

HONING QUARRY OPERATIONS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY



A quarry operation. File Photo

million t of aggregates. To meet this demand, optimisation of processes, such as feed control, are key.

Limitations of manual feeder control

Manual feeder control typically involves operators using earthmoving equipment, such as dump trucks or diggers, to gradually feed materials into a hopper. This method of feeder control presents several drawbacks. Firstly, manual control relies on operators to adjust the feed rate of materials, which can lead to inconsistent speeds and inefficiencies.

Manual control is also susceptible to human error, which can result in overloading, equip-

ment damage and consequential downtime. To avoid these problems, the operator must regulate the feeding speed based on the processing capacity of the plant. However, relying on a manual process often leads to variations in feeding rates.

The argument for automation Automating feeder control avoids these issues and allows for precise adjustments in material flow rates. This can be based on considerations like geological conditions, such as hardness and fragmentation, allowing engineers to optimise the efficiency of the extraction and processing processes based on their in-depth knowledge of the quarry's geography.

For example, if the material be-

ing extracted is particularly hard or abrasive, the feed rate can be adjusted to minimise wear and tear on downstream equipment. The result is improved overall productivity and lowered maintenance costs caused by equipment damage.

The workforce should be a key consideration when automating quarrying operations. By automating tasks traditionally performed by people, quarry managers can significantly reduce the risk of worker accident or injury. The workforce can then be reallocated into more strategic roles like data analysis, process optimisation, or equipment maintenance.

Misconceptions of automat-

ed feeding

The implementation of feeder control in quarry operations is often misunderstood. A common misconception being that higher feeder speeds lead to increased throughput.

However, optimising feeder control can actually result in higher throughput by maintaining a more constant pace - as opposed to forcing rapid feeding. If you feed at the correct speed for the equipment, then you get high levels of efficiency, and the product will be of higher quality. This method also reduces stop-start cycles and improves overall efficiency, providing an energy saving opportunity.

Deployment of automated monitoring and predictive maintenance systems can also help minimise downtime in automated feeding. These systems can detect potential issues before they escalate, reducing the likelihood of equipment breakdown and downtime.

Solutions for industry

Technidrive has developed a solution for automated feed control using technology including WEG's CFVII variable speed drive (VSD) and Vega 80GHz radar sensors. The system operates on a proportional-integral-derivative (PID) loop feedback control system. A PID controller adjusts the control variable, such as motor speed, in a feedback loop to minimise the difference between the desired setpoint and the actual value of the process variable.

This achieves precise and stable control of the system.

Technidrive's system uses the VSD control to adjust the motor speed as needed to regulate material flow rates. Radar sensors are deployed to detect specific material levels in the plant. The system then collects data on the electric current drawn by the crushers during their operation. This information is then used to create a PID loop.

The PID loop continuously analyses feedback from sensors to automatically adjust feeder speeds, maintaining optimal material flow rates throughout the operation. Maintaining the optimal level of material in the crusher is essential, as overfilling can lead to inefficiencies, increased power usage and reduced throughput.

The radar sensors effectively grant the plant its own decision-making capabilities regarding material requirements for efficient operation. If material levels decrease, the system automatically speeds up the feeder and vice versa.

While we still marvel at the engineering of the ancient Egyptians constructing the Great Pyramids, we can draw parallels to the modern-day quarrying industry. The fundamentals remain the same - extracting materials from the earth - but technology has propelled us forward, offering solutions to enhance efficiency and safety.

By embracing automation, such as Technidrive's innovative feeder control system, quarries can optimise operations, minimise downtime and prioritise worker well-being. Just as the Egyptians carved stone to build wonders, today's quarrying operations can harness automation to sculpt a more productive and efficient industry.

Rising from ashes: Baltimore Francis Scott Key bridge's reconstruction tender issued

Maryland

Reconstruction of the collapsed Baltimore Francis Scott Key Bridge takes shape as its tender has been issued. The Maryland Transportation Authority has issued a request for proposals for the new design and build.

The aim is to reconstruct a new bridge to replace the one that collapsed on 26th March after being hit by a container ship. The collapse of the bridge also caused the death of six individuals. With a length of 2.6 kilometers, the bridge was essential in facilitating the crossing of over 30,000 vehicles daily across the Patapsco River.

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) requires that the design and builder work be done side-by-side across a two-phase contract. It also necessitates that the contracted company collaborate with the project's stakeholders during the construction.

The Significance of Reconstructing the Collapsed Baltimore Francis Scott Key Bridge

Bruce Gartner, MDTA's executive director, said: "The rebuilding of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore is a massive effort. We need as many partners as possible pulling in one direction to help us accomplish our goals of reconnecting communities."

The authority hosted a virtual industry forum on 7 May, which attracted the attention of 1,700 contractors, consultants, and subcontractors. The reconstruction of the bridge is highly significant as the bridge served as a critical artery for vehicle traffic. It also ensured easy access to the Port of Baltimore, which is one of the busiest ports in the United States.

Furthermore, as of 2021, the port was the nation's 17th-largest in annual total cargo tonnage and handled more cars and trucks than any other in the US. The reconstruction of a new bridge will facilitate the expected resumption of the Baltimore harbor and atone for the significant economic ramifications that Baltimore has suffered since its collapse. The Baltimore Francis Scott

Key Bridge tender is, therefore, highly significant.

The state of affairs regarding the reconstruction of the bridge

A few months after the collapse of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge, officials have fully turned to the cleanup and rebuilding phase in its aftermath. Clearing the debris, which is blocking a vital shipping lane into the Port of Baltimore, is already completed.

The federal officials and the government of Maryland have now turned to implementing its reconstruction. However, federal and state officials cautioned that reconstructing the bridge would be a long process.

Recently, WeBuild proposed a new, safe, and innovative cable-stayed bridge to redefine the entrance to the historic port of Baltimore City. This was the project presented pro bono by Webuild, with its US subsidiary Lane, for the reconstruction of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge, severing a vital link between the city's harbour and the Atlantic Ocean.

The scope of works in the reconstruction of the bridge

Webuild's proposal for the collapsed Baltimore Francis Scott Key Bridge includes a cable-stayed bridge that also aims to improve several functional aspects. This includes its safety, adaptability, and sustainability.

The bridge will also be designed to ensure maximum safety for navigation, even for larger ships. It is assumed, for example, that the navigable clearance, the space that a ship can occupy to pass under the bridge, will be 213 feet (65 meters). This will be much greater than that of the collapsed bridge. Furthermore, the bridge span will be enlarged to about 2,300 feet (700 meters).

The main pylons will be positioned in much shallower water and away from the navigation channel, allowing the Port of Baltimore to remain an important international port for years to come. A wider carriageway is also planned, with one lane added in each direction and emergency lanes widening.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



WITH its imposing presence along Kenyatta Road in Mwanza, Mafao House, stands as a beacon of architectural brilliance and contemporary design that sets a new standard in the region.

Amidst the vibrant commercial landscape, it inhabits, this structure serves as a bustling center for businesses, offices, and an array of financial institutions, embodying

the epitome of modernity and sophistication. Positioned strategically, Mafao House offers unfettered access to key transportation routes, public services, and vital amenities, making it an esteemed address for enterprises in pursuit of a prestigious and well-connected locale.

Boasting a sleek modern design, cutting-edge facilities, and groundbreaking infrastructure,

the structure is tailored to meet the diverse requirements of businesses navigating a dynamic and competitive business landscape with aplomb.

Steeped in top-tier technology, spacious workspaces, and an atmosphere of warmth and professional sophistication, Mafao House creates an environment that nurtures productivity and fosters growth.

West Africa's \$1B port project enters implementation phase

Dakar

AGREED upon by UAE's DP World, the Senegalese government affirmed the construction of West Africa's largest port, the Ndayane port. The new port is expected to pave a pathway to help unlock the continent's economy by being a new transport hub.

However, the hope of this potential change depends on increasing intra-regional connectivity. Recently, the British

International Investment (BII) head of Africa, Chijutomi, insighted that the port is nearing its implementation phase. It is expected that the expeditious construction of the port will commence in the third quarter of this year.

The port is significant as it is expected to kickstart and bolster West Africa's regional trade. Construction of the deepwater port is set to commence after a year-long delay. This is after President

Macky Sall said securing the government's share of the financing had been resolved.

The Significance of Construction on West Africa's Largest Port: The Ndayane Port

The construction of West Africa's largest port, the Ndayane Port in Senegal, is one of the most significant projects in the region.

The Ndayane port represents the first considerable development since Senegal's

independence, a remarkable feat. The port is positioned not only to emerge as the largest in West Africa but also to have the deepest waters in its harbour.

The construction of the port is called for owing to the intensifying pressure at Dakar Port. The growing cargo volume in Senegal's sole operating port is facing a challenge, with congestion being a pressing issue for the shipping sector.

CONSTRUCTION

By A Correspondent

RESTORING PLANET EARTH THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LITHIUM PRODUCTION

THE world is making significant strides toward a greener future, from investing in clean energy technologies to revolutionising the transportation sector with electric vehicles (EVs). To the point that, according to a PwC analysis, the number of EVs on the road is expected to soar to 27 million by 2030 and 92 million by 2040.

This sudden growth, though, will also mirrored by a surge in demand for lithium, a crucial component in EV batteries and renewable energy storage, which is projected to double within the next five years.

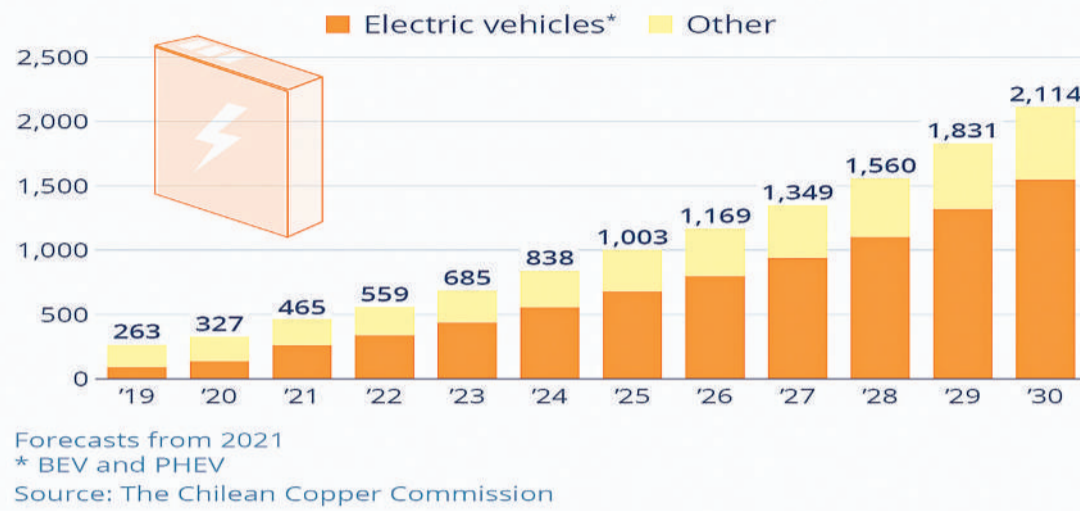
In celebration of World Environment Day and this year's theme, land restoration, it is crucial to emphasise the importance of adopting a circular approach to lithium mining and the entire lithium supply chain to sustainably meet the growing demand for this critical mineral.

How can this be achieved? By prioritising and investing in direct lithium extraction (DLE) technologies that not only have a smaller environmental footprint, but also allow for the re-injection of lithium-depleted brine into the environment.

Traditional lithium extraction methods, although still preferred by most mining companies, can be environmentally taxing, leading, at times, to land disruption. Additionally, these methods have

EVs Sending Lithium Demand Into Overdrive

Worldwide lithium demand from 2019 to 2030, by use (in 1,000 metric tons of lithium carbonate equivalent)



statista

a limited capacity for lithium recovery, ranging from 40 - 70 percent, and lower selectivity, necessitating extensive energy-intensive post-extraction purification steps.

On the other hand, DLE technologies retain almost the entire volume of treated brine while simultaneously allowing for the preservation of the geological and hydrological integrity of ex-

traction sites. From a hydrogeological perspective, re-injecting the depleted brine helps maintain the dynamics of the 'lithium brine' reservoir in terms of pressure and volumes, ensuring sustainable extraction and avoiding depletion.

Financially, the sustainable management of brine can also reduce costs over the long term. Depleting an aquifer could result in the need for alternative mining sites or remediation efforts for the water source. Maintaining a sustainable water cycle avoids these expenses, allowing lithium extraction to continue uninterrupted over the long term. This continuity is crucial for the economic viability of mining operations.

An example of a technology able to create the right conditions to facilitate reinjection is Adionics' proprietary process and media, a tailor-made organic formulation designed to catch selectively lithium and chloride from brine at ambient temperature and release ions to water at a moderate temperature. This liquid-to-liquid salt extraction technology allows for lithium extraction from brine solutions without altering the natural characteristics of the brine itself.

By operating at ambient temperatures and requiring no chemical reagents or pre-treatment, the process maintains the brine's pH balance and natural composition, making it possible to re-inject the lithium-depleted brine back into the environment safely and with minimal impact. This technology has also demonstrated a high lithium recovery rate and selectivity, reducing the need for extensive post-extraction purification steps, and thereby lowering the overall environmental footprint.

Adionics is also an example of a company taking an extra step toward complete circularity in the supply chain, as its process can also be applied to battery recycling. Battery recycling and direct lithium extraction that allow brine re-injections, are technologies that go hand in hand with achieving long-term sustainable lithium resource management.

As we celebrate World Environment Day, it is essential to invest and support technological advancements that prioritise environmental stewardship. By embracing sustainable practices within the mining industry, we can work toward restoring our ecosystems while meeting the growing demand for critical resources like lithium - essential for our transition to a greener future.

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Construction of Kenya's Itare dam set to resume in Sept

Nairobi

THE construction of the multi-billion Itare dam in South Rift, Kenya, is set to resume in September 2024.

This was recently announced by Isaac Mwaura, the current Government Spokesperson of Kenya. Mwaura made the announcement in Nakuru when he led a delegation of State Officials on a tour to establish the status of government-funded projects in the devolved unit.

The Itare Dam project was launched back in 2015 and was projected to be completed in 2021. However, it stalled a while later and has been so for the last 5 years.

Why Itare dam project stalled

Several challenges ranging from compensation, alleged flawed procurement processes and court cases led to the stagnation of the Itare dam project.

Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency is the project implementing body. According to the agency, by the time the project came to a total halt, only 30 per cent of the related works had been completed. These works included the construction of the dam foundation, treatment



Itare Dam will have the capacity to hold 27 million cubic meters of water and produce 100,000 cubic metres of water per day. File Photo

plant, outlet tunnel and pipeline system.

The company in charge of the works was CMC Di Ravena, an Italian company involved in the construction of roads, rail, ports, waterways, civil, and industrial buildings. The company left the Itare dam project site in September 2018 citing financial reasons.

According to Isaac Mwaura, all the issues surrounding the project have so far been re-

solved paving the way for it to proceed. The government spokesperson also revealed that the project's estimated cost has gone up by 5 billion from the initial 35 billion estimate to about 40 billion.

Furthermore, Mwaura mentioned that the Italian Government will fund the project while her Kenyan counterpart will look into the issue of taxes and compensation. Money collected from the supply of

water to Nakuru residents, he continued, will be used to settle the debt.

Importance of the project Speaking during the tour, Mwaura said that the Itare dam project is one of the 100 large dams that have been prioritised for construction across the country. These dams according to Mwaura are a part of the national government's plans to address the water problem in the

country.

The government spokesperson also mentioned that the dams are crucial in storing substantial amounts of runoff water, which currently contributes to the flooding situation in the country.

Once completed, the Dam will have the capacity to hold 27 million cubic meters of water and produce 100,000 cubic metres of water per day. Water from the Itare dam is set to benefit residents of Kuresoi North and South, Molo and Njoro Sub-counties, as well as Nakuru City and its environs.

During and after its construction phase the Itare Dam project will create over 3000 job opportunities, 10,000 of which will be filled by unskilled labourers sourced locally. This initiative therefore according to Mwaura not only seeks to provide water and reduce flooding but also to boost local employment and enhance the region's economic development.

Agencies

Plans for the Libya-Chad-Niger railway project are under way

Tripoli

THE participants that attended the Third Digital Conference on Railways in Africa were very impressed by the plans of the rail system of Libya that revealed a transit rail link that will connect Chad and Niger, the Libya-Chad-Niger Railway Project, as Libyan Railroads revealed.

The Libyan Railroads were participants on the second day of the Third Digital Conference that was held in the capital city of Cameroon Yaoundé. During the event, Mohamed Ali Tabouni, who holds the position of Director of the Office of Cooperation and External Relations, did a presentation in English on the plans of Libyan Roads.

Significance of the project This ambitious Libya-Chad-Niger Railway Project plans are set to foresee the formation of a transit trade rail link that will be running between the landlocked Sub-Saharan African countries and the European Union (EU).

The presentation that was done comprised of a quite detailed explanation on the definition of the railway link that is set to connect Libya, Chad, and Niger through the massive ports of Libya overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Other similar projects

In other similar projects in the region, the China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC) recently commenced works on a 575-kilometer railway line that is set to run through the Sahara Desert connecting the Algerian iron ore mine that is located at Gara Djebilet and the Moroccan rail system.

The Sub-Saharan railway will start in the mine and run all the way top the Dumait Industrial Zone that is situated in the Bechar region, close to the border of Morocco. This railway will have a total of 40 stations along its way and is also set to upgrade the transport network of the province.

Currently, China imports nearly all its ore from only two countries; Australia (79 percent) and Brazil (19 percent). As it is responsible for 52 percent of the overall global steel output - 1 billion tonnes - the geopolitical risks are quite considerable, particularly in view of Beijing's strained economic and diplomatic relations with Australia.

The Gara Djebilet was opened in the month of July 2022. It is deemed to possess one of the largest high-grade ore deposits in the world. It is foreseen to produce up to 3 million tonnes annually initially, increasing to 50 million tonnes by the year 2026. The Chinese also agreed to extract the iron ore and construct facilities to conduct research, enrichment and also de-phosphorisation.

Africa's premier innovation hub slated for September

Kigali

The construction of the Kigali Innovation City, Rwanda's flagship project for the development of an innovation hub in Africa, is set to commence in September this year.

It was earlier planned to commence in the year 2022.

The development was made on 31st of May during the signing of implementation agreement by the Finance Minister of Rwanda Uzziel Ndagijimana and Alain Ebobissé Chief Executive Officer of Africa50, a pan-African infrastructure investment firm.

It happened during the sidelines of the African Development Bank Annual Meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, that Ndagijimana was present at.

Construction cost

The cost of infrastructure development of the project aimed at positioning Kigali as a regional hub for innovation

is expected to cost \$300 million and will be developed near the Special Economic Zone.

As per its master plan formulated in 2021 the City will be spread over 61 hectares of land and will have world-class universities, offices, and start-up business incubator, technology companies, biotech firms including support infrastructure for retail, food and beverage, and accommodation.

To date, there are already three structures that are within the city these are; African Leadership University, Carnegie Mellon University Africa and a University of Rwanda.

During the signing ceremony, Ndagijimana noted that the agreement was developed to enhance the acceleration of the implementation part of the project, stressing the technical work devoted to framing it.



A computer-generated artistic rendition of Kigali Innovation City. File Photo

KIC is one of the key projects in Rwanda that will significantly enhance our plan to advance the use of digital technologies as well as our mission to develop a knowledge-based economy."

According to Ebobissé, the

innovation city will position Africa not only as a consumer, but also as a producer of technology; the signed document will finalise the legal requirements for the project's financing.

Now we can go to the next

level of the financial plan and begin construction. Ideally it should begin by September as it is considered when being more realistic about the timeframe. So we can go ahead with this project."

WORLD

Hamas signals post-war ambition in talks with Palestinian rival Fatah

RAMALLAH

DEEP divisions will limit progress at reconciliation talks between Palestinian factions Hamas and Fatah this month, conversations with five sources in the groups indicate, but the meetings highlight that the Islamist group is likely to retain influence after Israel's conflict in Gaza.

The talks between Hamas and the Fatah party of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will be held in China in mid-June, according to officials from both sides. They follow two recent rounds of reconciliation talks, one in China and one in Russia. China's Foreign Ministry declined to comment.

The next meeting will be held amid attempts by international mediators to reach a ceasefire deal for Gaza, with one of the key sticking points being the "day-after" plan - how the enclave will be governed.

Considered a terrorist organization by many Western nations, Hamas was shunned long before its Oct 7 attacks killed 1,200 people in Israel, with more than 250 hostages taken, triggering the conflict in Gaza.

But even as it is pummeled militarily, the meetings of Hamas politicians with officials from the Fatah party that controls Palestinian politics in the Israeli-occupied West Bank point to the group's aim of shaping the post-conflict order in the Palestinian territories, according to a source familiar with conversations with Hamas.

The person, like other unnamed officials in this story, declined to be named because they weren't authorized to discuss sensitive matters with the media.

Hamas, which ruled Gaza before the conflict, recognizes it cannot be part of any internationally recognized new government of the Palestinian territories when fighting in the enclave eventually ends, said the source.

Nonetheless, it wants Fatah to agree to a new technocratic administration for the West Bank and Gaza as part of a wider political deal, the source and senior Hamas official Basim Naim said.

"We are speaking about political partnership and political unity to restructure the Palestinian entity," Naim, who attended the previous round of China talks, said in an interview.

"Whether Hamas is in the government or outside it, that is not a prime demand of the movement and it doesn't see it a condition for any reconciliation," he said. Naim, like much of Hamas' political leadership, operates in exile outside of Gaza.

The prospect of Hamas surviving as an influential political player is a thorny issue for Western states.

Despite Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Gaza conflict goal of destroying the Iran-backed group, most observers agree Hamas will exist in some form after a ceasefire. An offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, the movement has deep reach and ideological roots in Palestinian society.

The United States and EU oppose any role for Hamas in governing Gaza after the conflict, during which Israel's offensive has killed more than 36,000 Palestinians, according to the Gazan health ministry.

Still, some US officials have privately expressed doubt Israel will eradicate the group. A senior US official said on May 14 Washington thought it unlikely Israel could achieve "total victory".

Killing every member of Hamas was unrealistic and was not the goal of the Israeli army, but destroying Hamas as a governing authority was "an achievable and attainable military objective," said Peter Lerner, a spokesperson for Israel's military.

Low odds

Western states support the idea of post-conflict Gaza being run by a revamped Palestinian Authority (PA), the administration led by Abbas that has limited self-rule over patches of the West Bank. Based in Ramallah, the PA is broadly acknowledged globally as representing the Palestinians and receives security assistance from the United States and the EU.

Led by Abbas, and before him Yasser Arafat, Fatah was the undisputed leader of the Palestinian cause for decades until the rise of Hamas, an Islamist movement.

The PA also ran Gaza until 2007, when Hamas drove Fatah from the enclave, a year after defeating Fatah in parliamentary elections - the last time Palestinians voted.

Despite the talks, the factions' enmity means odds remain low for a deal to reunite the administration of the Palestinian territories, the conversations with



In this file photo dated Oct 27, 2023, A young boy carries the flag of Fatah as he walks past a mural painting of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, during a solidarity march with the Palestinians of the Gaza Strip, in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron. AFP

the five sources indicated, a view echoed by four experts.

"My expectations of rapprochement are minimal or less," said Yezid Sayigh, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Middle East Center.

Palestinians aspire to a state on all territory occupied by Israel in the 1967 war, when Israel seized the West Bank - including East Jerusalem - and the Gaza Strip.

Despite 143 countries recognizing Palestine, including Ireland, Spain and Norway last week, hopes for a sovereign nation have been diminishing for years as Israel expands settlements in the West Bank and opposes statehood.

The Hamas-Fatah split further complicates the goal. The factions hold deeply diverging views about strategy, with Fatah committed to negotiations with Israel to bring about an independent nation while Hamas backs armed struggle and does not recognize Israel.

The bitterness spilled into the open at an Arab summit in May, when Abbas accused Hamas of giving Israel "more pretexts" to destroy Gaza by launching the Oct 7 attack.

Hamas said the remark was regrettable, calling Oct 7 a crucial moment in the Palestinian struggle.

Hamas' 1988 founding charter called for Israel's destruction. In 2017, Hamas said it agreed to a transitional Palestinian state within frontiers pre-dating the 1967 war, though it still opposed recognizing Israel's right to exist.

Hamas has restated this position since the eruption of the Gaza conflict.

New government?

In March, Abbas swore in a new PA cabinet headed by Mohammed Mustafa, a close Abbas aide who oversaw Gaza reconstruction during a previous stint in government from 2013 to 2014. Though the cabinet is made up of technocrats, Abbas' move angered Hamas, which accused him of acting unilaterally.

Senior Fatah official Sabri Saidam told Reuters that forming a new government would amount to wasting time.

A second senior official familiar with Fatah's terms for the China talks said it wants Hamas to acknowledge the role of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the Palestinians' sole legitimate representative, and to commit to the agreements the PLO has signed.

This would include the Oslo accords signed 30 years ago under which the PLO recognized Israel and which Hamas violently opposed.

The official said Fatah would want the government to have full security and administrative control in Gaza - a challenge to Hamas' sway there.

Fundamentally at odds with the PLO over Israel, Hamas has never joined the body but has long called for elections to its governing institutions, including its legislative body known as the PNC.

Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh said on Friday that in addition to a government of "national consensus", the group wants elections for the PA presidency, parliament and the PNC.

Ghassan Khatib, a lecturer at Birzeit University in the West Bank, said Hamas was interested in reconciliation only on its terms, maintaining its politics, security apparatus and ideology, which he said would risk plunging the PLO into international isolation.

"Abbas cannot accept them with their politics, because that would jeopardize the only PLO achievement - international recognition," he said.

Part of the fabric

Despite this, Fatah official Tayseer Nasrallah said Fatah viewed Hamas as part of "the Palestinian national fabric and part of the political fabric also".

Saidam said consensus was necessary to manage aid and reconstruction in Gaza. Fatah had made clear it would not return to Gaza "on the back of an (Israeli) tank, but rather we will come in agreement with everyone", he added.

Israeli government spokesperson Tal Heinrich said the PA's willingness to work with Hamas was "unfortunate".

An opinion poll conducted in the West Bank and Gaza by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research in March showed Hamas enjoying more support than Fatah, with its popularity still higher than before the conflict.

Being hosted by China has marked a diplomatic boost for the Iran-backed Hamas.

Ashraf Abouelhou, managing editor of the Egyptian state-owned paper Al-Ahram and a specialist on Palestinian affairs, said Hamas was more interested in a deal than Fatah, because reconciliation could give the battle-weary organization cover to rebuild.

Mohamad Hage Ali of the Carnegie Middle East Center said it was difficult to imagine Hamas embarking on any military action that would prompt large-scale Israeli retaliation in the foreseeable future. **Agencies**

PM Modi likely to take oath for third successive term on June 9

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is likely to take oath for third successive term in office on June 9, sources said.

BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won a successive third term in office in the results of Lok Sabha elections declared on June 4.

Sources said PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony may take place at 6 pm on June 9.

Earlier there was speculation that the swearing-in ceremony of the new NDA government led by PM Modi would take place on Saturday.

There is no official confirmation yet of the date of the oath-taking ceremony. Leaders of parties in the National Democratic Alliance held a meeting on Wednesday and elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi as their leader.

PM Modi later said that NDA will work towards building a developed India.

"Met our valued NDA partners. Ours is an alliance that



Xi says education exchanges matter to future of China-US ties

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping has said that China-US education exchanges and cooperation, a project for the future of bilateral relations, help promote mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples, especially between the youths of the two countries.

In a recent reply letter to Lamont Repollet, president of Kean University in the United States, Xi encouraged universities in China and the United States to strengthen exchanges and cooperation and contribute to the China-US friendship. Xi recalled that in 2006, he witnessed the signing ceremony of China-US cooperation in establishing Wenzhou-Kean University.

Thanks to the joint efforts of both sides, Wenzhou-Kean University has achieved remarkable results and become a landmark project in China-US educational cooperation, which is very gratifying, he said.

He pointed out that China-US ties bear on the well-being of the two peoples as well as the future of humanity.

Xi applauded Repollet's pledge to deepen cooperation with Wenzhou-Kean University and encourage US students to come to China for exchange and study.

He also called on universities of China and the United States to strengthen exchanges and cooperation through various forms, and cultivate young envoys who know both countries well, thereby building more bridges to promote China-US friendship.

Xi welcomed Repollet and other members of the US education community to pay more visits to China and asked Repollet to convey his greetings to Dawood Farahi, former president of Kean University.

In May 2006, under the care and facilitation of Xi, then secretary of the Communist Party of China Zhejiang Provincial Committee, Wenzhou University and Kean University formally signed an agreement to jointly establish Wenzhou-Kean University.

In 2014, with the approval of China's Ministry of Education, Wenzhou-Kean University was officially established. Currently, it has about 4,500 students across undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs, and over 3,300 have earned their undergraduate degrees over the past eight years.

Repollet has lately sent a letter to Xi, expounding on the situation and achievements of cooperative education, and voicing readiness to actively respond to Xi's initiative, help more American teenagers come to China for exchanges and study, and promote communication between the younger generation of China and the United States.

Xinhua



In this file photo dated Sept 23, 2015, Xi Jinping (back, fourth left) and his wife Peng Liyuan (back, second left) greet teachers and students during their visit to the Lincoln High School in Tacoma of Washington State, the United States. XINHUA



Palestinians take to the road in Al-Maghazi as they flee their displacement camps due to heavy Israeli bombardment of the central Gaza Strip on Wednesday. AFP

From Beijing to Hong Kong: The Story of a Playwright Nourished by Two Cities

BY CHEN JUAN ZHENG AOTIAN

SUB-FORUM on Cultural Strength and Development Opportunities of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) was held in Shenzhen On May 24th. Photo shows He Jiping sharing her opinion.

"After watching 'The Top Restaurant', an audience asked me: how did I make a roast duck so poetic?" The Chinese screenwriter He Jiping told the reporter from Global People Magazine with a proud smile. "The secret is turning the five flavors in the plate to the five flavors in life."

During the 2024 Forum on Building up China's Cultural Strength, He participated in the Sub-forum on Cultural Strength and

Development Opportunities of the Greater Bay Area in Shenzhen.

During the interview, she said Beijing and Hong Kong are two of the most important cities in her life.

Growing up in Beijing, she is familiar with the taste of Beijing Duck. As she moved to Hong Kong, she also fell in love with the tasty Hong Kong roasted duck.

To some extent, this journey of cuisine symbolized the nourishment these two cities offered her.

In He's view, Chinese cuisine is always more than food. "There is a proverb in China: 'Book of Change talks about cooking in a tripod, and the Book of Documents talks about the salted plum."



It tells us that the most important classics of Chinese philosophy are

connected to cuisines. The Chinese even turned the art of cuisine into a philosophy of running a society. This is the charm of Chinese culture."

As two of the most famous cities in Chinese modern history, Beijing and Hong Kong seem to represent two sides of China.

"I grow up in Beijing. It is during that time that traditional Chinese culture takes root in my heart. Hong Kong, on the other hand, is the place where Chinese and Western cultures meet.

I feel the collision, the communion, and the mutual acceptance of these two cultures in Hong Kong. "This unique experience inspired her to write the script for the hit

show "Deling and Cixi (), which told the story of a modern educated woman living in the forbidden palace with the famous queen mother Cixi.

"I don't think we have to stress what is the most popular thing in our time, what is popular in the west, what is popular in the east.

The important thing is whether the art flows out of the writer's heart and becomes something that touches the audience. That's what matters. "He said.

As one of the most successful screenwriters in China, He views Chinese culture as the foundation of her creativity. "Without the Chinese culture, our artistic creation will be

hollow and meaningless. It will become a mere story without meaning and perspective.

The culture of my two homelands (Beijing and Hong Kong) nourished my creative work."

He is very optimistic about the future of Hong Kong. "I think Hong Kong, in all aspects, has a mature side.

Especially now with the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong has connected to a wider and greater world. I believe that with this kind of support from the Mainland, Hong Kong will make greater achievements in art and culture."

Global People Online

South Africa's ANC starts engagements with other parties to form unity government

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's ruling African National Congress (ANC) said Wednesday that it has started engagements with major political parties in the country to form a national unity government after losing an outright majority of seats in the National Assembly in the just-concluded general elections.

"We have been meeting with all parties that are keen to contribute ideas on how we can collectively move our country forward to form a government that ensures national unity and stability," the ANC said in a statement issued following its National Working Committee Meeting.

The ANC has secured 159 out of 400 seats in the National Assembly, while the Democratic Alliance (DA) came second with 87 seats, followed by the uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) Party with 58 seats and the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) with

39 seats."

The results of the 2024 national and provincial elections indicate that the South Africans want all parties to work together, because no party received an absolute majority to form a government alone at the national level," the ANC said, adding that it has thus far had meetings with political parties including the DA and the EFF.

The ANC has repeatedly reached out to the MK Party for an engagement meeting, with no positive response, it said. "Our door remains open as we continue to reach out to every party that is keen to contribute positively to moving our country forward."

Following the official announcement of election results on June 2, the newly elected National Assembly will have 14 days to hold its first sitting, where members will elect the president of South Africa for the next five years by a simple majority.

27th St Petersburg International Economic Forum starts in Russia

ST PETERSBURG

THE main theme of the St Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF-2024), which runs until 8 June, is "The basis of multipolarity - formation of new growth centres". 45 states are represented at a high level. Delegations from all BRICS countries are taking part in the forum, TV BRICS reported.

The SPIEF-2024 business programme consists of four tracks: "The Transition to a Multipolar World Economy", "Goals and Objectives of Russia's New Economic Cycle", "Technologies for Leadership", "A Healthy Society, Traditional Values and Social Development: The Priority of the State".

The programme includes more than 150 thematic sessions with over 1,000 speakers. The event will focus on developing business relations and expanding contacts with trade partners from the CIS countries, the Arab world, India, China, EAEU-ASEAN and Latin America.

At the session "SME Development Trends in Russia and India: Ensuring Sustainable Growth" moderated by Ksenia Komissarova, Editor-in-Chief of TV BRICS International Media Network, experts discussed SME development trends in the two countries and the current challenges of this sector, as reported by TV BRICS.

"Now is the best time for the development of Indian business in Russia and the relations between the two countries in general. Many prospects are opening up here now for the application of Indian skills and knowledge. Representatives of our country are already actively implementing their projects here. Our pharmaceutical business is developing, and many companies are moving production to Russia. Despite the strict legislation in this country, all the problems faced by business are solvable," said Sammy Kotwani, President of the Indian Business Alliance (IBA) in Russia.

Purnima Anand, President of the BRICS International Forum, spoke about inter-regional cooperation between Russia and India and the organisation of joint programmes.

"We have programmes to support small and medium-sized businesses in Russia and India. It must be said that this sector is shaping its agenda. Our delegations have more than once visited Russian regions, for example, the Novosibirsk region, and Khanty-Mansi Autonomous Okrug, to establish eco-

nomics ties between the enterprises of the two countries. <...> Now the BRICS task is to support small and medium-sized businesses. In 2019, we held several meetings where we discussed the creation of a BRICS SME Forum in St Petersburg, but so far this initiative is at the discussion stage," Purnima Anand said, according to TV BRICS.

Satya Punia, President of a Russian pharmaceutical company, in an exclusive commentary to TV BRICS, pointed out in which sectors there is potential for SMEs in Russia and India.

"Traditionally in the pharma sector at the SME level, there are strong ties between the two nations. I think there is huge potential in the tourism industry. This applies both to Russians travelling to the Asian country and tours for Indians to Russia," he said.

On June 6, the EAEU-ASEAN business dialogue will be held at the venue, where participants will consider new approaches to trade and economic cooperation, as well as trends in the development of relations between business circles of the countries of regional organisations. On the same day, a session entitled "Expansion of BRICS. New Opportunities for Business Cooperation" will be held to find out whether promising transport corridors will become a pillar of the BRICS economy and how cooperation between the BRICS countries will develop in the digital economy.

The role of the BRICS countries in ensuring global food security will be discussed at the relevant session. On 7 June, experts will consider what financial and resource support practices are used by the international and Russian business community today during the discussion "The Beginning of the Future. How Foundations Can Work Together to Make BRICS Stronger".

On the same day, Russian President Vladimir Putin will speak at one of the forum's key events, the plenary session.

SPIEF has been held annually since 1997. During this time, the event has become one of the world's leading platforms for business circles to communicate and discuss key economic issues facing emerging markets, Russia and the world as a whole. In 2024, the forum was attended by representatives of 136 countries. Oman received the honourable status of a guest country. The presidents of Bolivia, Zimbabwe and other countries are expected to take part in the forum's events, TV BRICS reported.

ANI

UN, partners warn of potential acute hunger in Southern Africa

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations and its partners warned on Wednesday that millions of people in Southern Africa could be pushed into acute hunger during the next lean season, from October to February.

"The region faces a severe rainfall deficit due to the El Nino phenomenon, which led to the driest month of February in 100 years, with only 20 percent of the usual rainfall expected for this period received," the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said.

The OCHA said that even before the drought, levels of food insecurity and humanitarian needs were high in the region, driven by socio-economic challenges, high food prices, and the com-

pounding impacts of the climate crisis. The office said the window of opportunity to avert a large-scale humanitarian crisis is rapidly closing as communities face imminent harvest failures.

"It is urgent to provide humanitarian assistance and support communities to recover and build resilience for the future," the OCHA said.

Non-governmental organizations, regional and national authorities, and humanitarian and development partners made the joint call following a recent summit by the Southern African Development Community that saw the launch of a regional appeal last month seeking 5.5 billion U.S. dollars' assistance to help with recovery and long-term climate resilience.

Xinhua

UN warns of potential climate threshold breach, calls for swift action

BRUSSELS/GENEVA/BERLIN

THE weather and climate agency of the United Nations (UN) on Wednesday called for immediate actions to address climate change, pointing to the findings of a report which predict a high likelihood of global temperatures surpassing a critical warming threshold.

There is an 80 percent chance that annual average global temperatures will exceed the 1.5-degree Celsius warming mark in at least one of the next five years, according to the Global Annual to Decadal Update from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

The likelihood of breaching this threshold has steadily increased since 2015 when it was nearly zero, according to the WMO. The latest prediction serves as another stark warning that the world is edging closer to the lower warming target set in the Paris Agreement, which aims to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels, with efforts to limit it to 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of this century, said the Geneva-based climate agency.

The global mean near-surface temperature for each year between 2024 and 2028 is predicted to be between 1.1 and 1.9 degrees Celsius higher than the pre-industrial baseline, according to the report. It is 86 percent likely that at least one year by 2028 will set a new temperature record, smashing the records set in 2023, the report added.

The 12-month period from June 2023 to May 2024 has been confirmed as the warmest on record, with temperatures 1.63 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S).

It also confirmed that last month was the warmest May on record globally, marking the 12th consecutive month of record-high global average temperatures.

"It is shocking but not surprising that we have reached this 12-month streak," C3S Director Carlo Buontempo said in a statement. He noted that although this sequence of record-breaking months will eventually end, the overall pattern of climate change continues, with no signs of reversal in sight. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in a video address marking World Environment Day on June 5 warned of "a climate hell."

"It's climate crunch time," he said, empha-



People cool off themselves during a heat wave in a canal in Lahore, Pakistan on June 2, 2024. (Photo by Sajjad/Xinhua)

sizing that "the need for action is unprecedented but so is the opportunity - not just to deliver on climate, but on economic prosperity and sustainable development."

"We are way off track to meet the goals set in the Paris Agreement," said WMO Deputy Secretary-General Ko Barrett.

"We must urgently do more to cut greenhouse gas emissions, or we will face increasingly heavy economic costs, millions of lives affected by extreme weather, and extensive damage to the environment and biodiversity."

Barrett acknowledged that global temperatures are likely to exceed the 1.5-degree level on a temporary basis with increasing frequency. However, she stressed that temporary breaches do not mean the 1.5-degree goal is permanently lost, as it refers to long-term warming over decades.

Even at the current level of global warming, the world has already experienced devastating climate effects.

These include more frequent and intense

heatwaves, extreme rainfall events and droughts, reductions in ice sheets, sea ice and glaciers, and accelerating sea level rise and ocean heating. Germany, for example, is grappling with the aftermath of severe flooding that has resulted in the deaths of five people and left several others unaccounted for, following exceptionally heavy rainfall since last Friday.

Cyprus has been hit by scorching temperatures, which halted outdoor work on Wednesday. The country's meteorological department issued an orange warning for extreme heat, forecasting maximum temperatures of around 44 degrees Celsius inland and around 34 degrees Celsius in higher mountainous areas. "It happens but it is unusual," for this time of year, said Philippos Tymvios, director of the Department of Meteorology, as quoted by local news website Philenews. "These weather events could be linked to ongoing climate change with extreme weather patterns worldwide," Tymvios added.

China speeds up cultivation of digital professionals

TALENT is the cornerstone of progress in each cutting-edge technology, new model, and emerging industry. From robot engineers ensuring machines can understand and perform tasks correctly, to intelligent manufacturing technicians setting up automated production lines, and digital twin engineers turning massive factories into "virtual plants," a steady supply of talents is essential.

In April, China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, along with eight other government departments, unveiled a three-year plan to foster talents to drive the growth of the Chinese digital economy.

The initiative aims to accelerate the cultivation of digital expertise to support the digital economy. It focuses on the needs of the digital industry and relevant industries, aiming to increase the supply of skilled digital professionals from 2024 to 2026.

Zhang Hongchao, a doctoral student majoring in microelectronics and solid state electronics at Beihang University, will become a component developer of a microelectronics company after graduation this summer.

"I think integrated circuit companies are facing a substantial shortage of digital talents, especially those with rich experience," Zhang told People's Daily. Since October 2021, he has been working for a Beijing-based memory chip enterprise as an intern while engaging in research projects at the university, gaining abundant experience. That's why he has been "booked" by the company long before his graduation.

In the job market, there is a growing demand for new professions such as digital managers, business data analysts, smart building administrators, blockchain application opera-



Students at Wuhu Machine Engineering School, east China's Anhui province join an industrial robot operation competition. (People's Daily Online/Xiao Benxiang)

tors, internet marketers, and digital twin application technicians. Experienced digital professionals are highly sought after by companies.

China's emergence as one of the fastest-growing digital economies in the world contributes to this surging demand. The scale of China's digital economy has grown to 50.2 trillion yuan (about 7.25 trillion U.S. dollars) in 2022, and the share of the digital economy in the country's GDP has risen to 41.5 percent.

According to the latest report on the development of Digital China released by the National Data Administration, the value-added output of core industries in the digital economy reached 10 percent of China's total GDP in 2023.

The rapidly developing digital economy in China has led to a steady demand for digital talents. It is estimated that a gap requiring about 25 million to 30 million digitalization professionals needs to be filled to meet the demand of China's digital economy. In particular, there is a soaring need for professionals in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), intelligent manufacturing, semiconductors, and big data.

The industry is seeing a huge demand for professionals, but fresh graduates often lack the necessary skills and practical experience. To better match the two ends and

nurture versatile talents proficient in both technology and industry development, it is important to accelerate cooperation and collaboration between enterprises and universities.

Recently, technology experts from Chinese e-commerce giant Meituan gave a course on AI technologies for instant delivery to students from the Department of Automation and the Department of Industrial Engineering of Tsinghua University.

The course includes AI-driven modeling and decision optimization methods within complex systems, and their specific applications in instant delivery. It was co-taught by Jia Qingshan, a professor with Tsinghua University's Department of Automation, and Meituan's technology experts.

Students said the course combined theory and practice, helping them master the application of AI technologies in automated and intelligent decision-making in real industrial scenarios.

It is reported that Meituan and Tsinghua University established the Tsinghua University-Meituan Joint Institute for Digital Life in 2021. So far, they have initiated dozens of research cooperation projects and launched long-term courses such as one about commercial application and practice of big data technology.

In recent years, a number of new majors such as robotics engineering, intelligent manufacturing engineering, unmanned aerial vehicle system engineering, intelligent material technology, and intelligent vision engineering have become popular choices in universities.

To enhance practical learning, universities have been introducing industry experts to co-teach courses, establishing joint laboratories with enterprises, setting up internship and practical training bases, and encouraging collaboration between university and industry mentors to guide student projects. These practical initiatives are becoming increasingly common.

Experts said that the digital industry is characterized by rapid technological updates, which leads to ever-changing demand for talents. Thus, adapting to new technologies and changes through university-enterprise collaboration, such as offering customized training programs and company-sponsored classes, is crucial.

Additionally, conducting digital vocational skill certification programs in leading enterprises and vocational institutions, establishing comprehensive digital occupational standards and evaluation systems, and cultivating an ecosystem for nurturing digital talents are vital pathways to drive the development of the digital economy.

People's Daily



Tabora United's head coach Masoud Djuma. Agencies

Tabora United vows to fight back after relegation playoff loss

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TABORA United's head coach Masoud Djuma is optimistic his side will remain in the Premier League next season.

The Burundian coach issued the comments after witnessing his squad losing 4-0 to JKT Tanzania in the first leg of the Premier League relegation playoffs at the home venue, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium, in Tabora on Tuesday.

Quick first-half goals from midfielders Said Ndemla and Ismail Aziz Kader were enough to put JKT Tanzania in control before benefiting from more defensive errors committed by Tabora United as forwards Matheo Anthony and Hassan Dilunga scored more goals in the second period.

Djuma expressed his optimism after 90 minutes of the Tuesday match, saying despite succumbing to the heavy defeat, there is still room for them to survive in the next fixture away tomorrow.

The gaffer stated: "Losing 4-0 is honestly not good for us, but we still have much work to do and survive. Our opponents benefited from our mistakes in the first half due to our defensive woes. I communicated with my backline and thought they would be compact, but mistakes kept happening."

"More striking players that I introduced in the second half did not receive enough services as they were very isolated during the match. We had to defend while we failed to have a good flow and ball movements in attacking transitions," the tactician pointed out.

"In the second half, I brought in substitutes, but they did not change the game. When you see players fail to click then you know your opponent is better on the day. We are looking at the next match on Saturday. It will be different (given) we will try to be more compact as well as take our chances," Djuma remarked.

JKT Tanzania's head coach Malale Hamsini lauded his players' clinicality in front of the goal as well as team spirit, which ensured they are in a better position to survive in top flight football.

The gaffer said: "My team plays the same way every match, which is possessive football. What was missing in previous games was goals, today every chance counted, and that is what I asked my players to do in today's match."

"I know the task is tough, with a four-goal advantage I can't say the match is over. We have seen teams bounce back from a four-goal loss. We would not squander this lead. We would make sure we use this scoreline to our advantage."

The teams will meet at Major General Isamuhyo Stadium in Dar es Salaam for the reverse fixture tomorrow, and the winner will automatically play topflight football in the 2024/25 season.

The losing team will have another chance for survival by playing against Championship League side, Biashara United, in the promotion playoff match.

Biashara United thrashed Mbeya Kwanza FC 4-0 on aggregate, after winning 2-0 at the home turf, Karume Stadium, in Musoma on May 19 and later garnering the same scoreline at Nangwanda Sijaona Stadium, in Mtwara - where Mbeya Kwanza FC play their home games - on May 26.

The first leg of the Premier League promotion match between Biashara United and the loser of the tie between JKT Tanzania and Tabora United will be played on June 12, and the rematch is set for June 16.

In another development, Mtibwa Sugar and Geita Gold FC, which finished in the bottom two places in this season's Premier League, will participate in the Championship League next season and seek to make their way back to the top flight.

Azam FC vies for Adam Omar's signature to bolster striking force

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AZAM FC is out to bolster its striking force as the club has begun talks to sign Mashujaa FC striker Adam Omary, who is now a free agent.

The Chamazi Street-based club is battling for the forward's signature after completing the signings of four foreign players for next season's Premier League.

The ice cream makers have now introduced Colombians Jhonier Blanco (forward) and Ever Meza (midfielder), and Malians Mamadou Diaby (defender) and Frank Tiesse (attacker).

According to sources, with all terms agreed between Azam and Omary, talks are in good stage for the outfit to sign the experienced striker who has scored seven goals for Mashujaa FC in the just-ended season.

Omary, aged 26, previously played for African Lyon, Tanzania Prisons, Mtibwa Sugar, Polisi Tanzania, and JKT Tanzania.

The skilful attacker, moreover, boasts of having experience in plying his trade outside the country after playing for Libya's sides, Etihad Tripoli and Allwahda.

Sources within Azam have re-



Striker Adam Omary. Agencies

vealed the presence of the deal that was set to be sealed after this season's Federation Cup final that ended with Azam succumbing to 6-5 loss to Yanga in penalty shootout at New Amaan Complex in Zanzibar on Sunday.

"We are signing Omary due to his prowess and goal scoring form he showed when he was at Mashujaa FC. He is the player our coach wants and he will be revealed as an Azam FC player," the source remarked.

"Few things have remained before he is revealed as our player. The deal is not yet done. That's why I can't confirm that he is our player, but should there be no changes then we will have him as our player next season," the source added.

Omary said he is now a free agent, who is open to having talks with any team that shows positivity and ambitions to win titles.

"I have tested free agency before, and I am always careful in

selecting my options. I have yet to sign for Azam but anything can happen because of my status, I am very ambitious. I aim to join a team that is ambitious as well, a club (with an environment) where I can grow," the forward noted.

Azam was short of strikers last season after Zimbabwean Prince Dube asked to leave the club in March and, since then, he has not featured for the club.

Alassane Diao picked an injury that resulted in winger Abdulhamis Suleiman, alias 'Sopu', playing as a striker.

Omary, next season, is expected to vie for the number nine position against Diao and Blanco in the starting lineup once the team assembles for preparation for various show-downs.

Senegalese coach Youssouph Dabo has lately improved the quality and standards of various local players at the club, including Yahya Zayd who has excelled in defensive midfield this season.

Adolf Bitegeko has flourished in central defensive midfield role and, early this week, earned his first Taifa Stars call-up ahead of World Cup qualifiers' tie against Zambia.

The NBA Finals were too late for Dallas' Luka Doncic to watch as a kid. Now, he's in them



Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Doncic smiles during a news conference after the team's win over the Minnesota Timberwolves in Game 5 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals, on Thursday, May 30, 2024, in Minneapolis. AP Photo

BOSTON

LUKA Doncic didn't stay up all night to watch NBA Finals games as a kid. They usually started at something like 3 a.m. in his native Slovenia. He had school to get to a few hours later. He'd wake up and find out who won.

Make no mistake, though: Doncic was paying attention.

"Every kid who plays basketball dreams about this," Doncic said. "I was one of them."

Dreams become reality for Doncic on Thursday night, when the 25-year-old makes his NBA Finals debut for the Dallas Mavericks as they take on the Boston Celtics in Game 1 of this year's title series. He could become the first player to win a scoring title and a championship in the same season since Shaquille O'Neal in 2000, and a title surely would only add to the argument that Doncic - who leads all players in this postseason in points, rebounds and assists - may be the best player in the game right now.

"This is going to be the international finals," said Kyrie Irving, Doncic's backcourt mate in Dallas. "Everybody's going to be watching. Every finals is international, but the world is watching."

He didn't have to clarify why. Yes, the NBA Finals have long been available in more than 200 countries and territories, broadcast in something like 50 different languages and dialects. And it's hardly a new thing for foreign players to star on the NBA's biggest stage; two of the past three NBA Finals MVPs were Greece's Giannis Antetokounmpo for Milwaukee in 2021 and Serbia's Nikola Jokic for Denver last year.

"Amazing. First time here. Hopefully it's not the last," Doncic said Wednesday at NBA Finals media day in Boston. "But never take it for granted. You never know if you are going to come back, so just enjoy the experience."

Doncic - who became a father for the first time this season, calling that development "the greatest thing in

the world" - is a global corporation by himself, a player who speaks four languages fluently and has an enormous following everywhere. And a championship would only add to his rapidly growing legend.

"Luka is at a spectacular, stratospheric level," Hall of Famer Pau Gasol said at an event in Spain this week. "What he has done ... is within the reach of very few in the history of this sport."

The numbers back up what Gasol is saying.

Doncic is averaging 28.7 points per game in his six regular seasons; only Michael Jordan and Wilt Chamberlain - both at 30.1 - have a higher career average. He's the only player in NBA history to have averages of at least eight assists and eight rebounds per game. He's one of two players with at least 10,000 points, 3,000 rebounds and 3,000 assists through his first 400 career games; Oscar Robertson is the other.

"Game's too simple, too easy," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said late in the regular season, when asked why voters haven't rewarded Doncic with an MVP award yet. "He makes it look too easy. Unfortunately, that's what happens with some of the greats ... we take for granted their talent."

Doncic wants no part of talk that winning is easy. He may make it look easy - he had a league-best 73-point game this season, 13 different games of scoring at least 40 points in the regular season, and that number could have been even higher considering he scored exactly 39 points on eight other occasions.

Coaches in his native Slovenia call him the best player in the world, especially after his exploits in Olympic, European championship and World Cup play in recent years. Opposing international coaches have done the same.

"When you talk about basketball IQ, everybody has different levels," Kidd said Wednesday. "When you look at Luka's level of understanding the game, time and score, who's on the floor, he is at the head of the class in that sense. When you look at the stage, he's not afraid of the stage, of the moment. Successful or not, he loves that moment. ... We're playing in the Finals, because of his IQ and his willingness to step up on that stage and not be afraid to fail."

Stopping Doncic in these finals is not an option, Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. Containing is the goal.

"You've just got to be very aware of what you're willing to live with and what you're willing to take away and when it's time to adjust," Mazzulla said. "There's not one coverage. There's not one player. It's going to take multiple coverages. It's going to take multiple players. It's going to take a team effort."

The numbers don't just happen, Doncic insists. Nor do the wins. Doncic was a proven pro before he even got to the NBA after starring as a teenager for Real Madrid, a club he has remained very close with. But his star has continued shining brighter in each of his NBA seasons - and now, kids in Slovenia will be waking up over the next couple weeks to see how their hero did in the finals.

"It's very hard to win," Doncic said. "You watch a lot of film and go to work. And it's very hard. I don't think people understand how hard it is to win games in this league, especially in the playoffs. So, I think we earned to be here. We deserved that. Because every game we're playing in the playoffs, it's really hard to win."

Scotland eye history at Euro 2024 despite form and fitness fears

LONDON

SCOTLAND will be roared on at Euro 2024 by a travelling Tartan Army of up to 200,000 fans, but they travel to Germany in hope more than expectation after a testing time for Steve Clarke's men.

In October, Scotland secured qualification for just a second major tournament in 26 years but before Monday's 2-0 victory against Gibraltar they had failed to win in seven games.

That run coincided with a step up in opposition as defeats to England, Spain, France and the Netherlands showcased the quality gap that still exists between Scotland and Europe's best despite the progress made since Clarke took charge in 2019.

A clash with hosts Germany to open the tournament in Munich on June 14 is a daunting prospect.

However, Scotland believe they can progress beyond the group stage at a major tournament for the first time in their history, with matches against Switzerland and Hungary to follow in Group A.

"This squad have been fantastic for me and fantastic for their country and now they have a chance to create a bit of history, so let's see if we can do that," said Clarke.

"We will need top-level performances against good teams. We are going to have to play to our maximum in the three group games."

Injuries have robbed Clarke of a number of key players.

Neither of his preferred options at right-back, Aaron Hickey and Nathan Patterson, made the preliminary squad, while Lewis Ferguson, who won Serie A midfielder of the season for his performances with Bologna, is also sidelined.

A recent training ground injury that ruled striker Lyndon Dykes out of Euro 2024 is the latest blow for a squad short on goalscorers.

Southampton's Che Adams and Hearts captain Lawrence Shankland are the only recognised strikers left available to Clarke. But it is from midfield that Scotland scored the goals that propelled them to Germany, ahead of a Norway side blessed with the talents of Erling Haaland and Martin Odegaard. **AFP**

French court stops the sale of Maradona's World Cup Golden Ball trophy amid ownership dispute

BY SAMUEL PETREQUIN

DIEGO Maradona's heirs won an appeal ruling to stop the auction of a trophy the late soccer great was awarded after the 1986 World Cup when a French court ordered it placed in judicial possession on Wednesday.

The appeal court in Versailles overturned a judicial decision last month that allowed the trophy's auction to go ahead as planned despite the opposition from Maradona's heirs.

The tribunal argued there was a genuine dispute as to the ownership of the World Cup Golden Ball that Maradona received for being the best player of the 1986 tournament. Pending a decision on the merits of the case, it ordered its sequestration to avoid any risk of further disappearance of the trophy, which resurfaced after being missing for decades.

Gilles Moreu, a lawyer for the heirs, told The Associated Press he will now lodge a legal action to have a court look at the merits of the case and decide who owns the trophy.

"We are satisfied with this decision, which complies with our requests and reassures my clients," he said.

French judicial officials last month opened an investigation after they received a complaint related to the resale of allegedly stolen goods.

The Golden Ball disappeared in uncertain circumstances. Maradona's heirs say the trophy was stolen and claimed the current owner wasn't entitled to sell it. The auction house Aguttes said the trophy reappeared in 2016 among other lots that were acquired from a private collection at auction in Paris.

The current owner and Aguttes claimed that when he bought the trophy years ago he was not aware it had been stolen.

Maradona received the award in 1986 at a ceremony in Paris. It subsequently disappeared, giving rise to rumors. One is that Maradona stored it in a safe in a Naples bank that was robbed by local gangsters in 1989 when he played in the Italian league. Maradona's heirs believe it was stolen from the bank.

Maradona, who died in 2020 at age 60, captained Argentina in its 3-2 win over West Germany in the 1986 final in Mexico City.

Aguttes decided last week to postpone the sale that was planned on Thursday, citing a "litigious climate" and "uncertainties (which) do not allow connoisseurs to approach this acquisition calmly." **AP**

Spalletti's revamped Italy defend Euros crown where World Cup dreams were made

LONDON

LUCIANO Spalletti leads a new-look Italy to Euro 2024 as the Azzurri defend their continental crown in Germany and try to emulate World Cup heroes past.

Italy are in their first major tournament since triumphing at the last Euros three years ago and Spalletti has been entrusted to guide his nation out of another bout of deep soul searching.

Spalletti takes Italy back to the scene of perhaps the country's greatest footballing triumph, the 2006 World Cup won by a golden generation of players which included Gianluigi Buffon, Francesco Totti, Alessandro Del Piero, Andrea Pirlo and Fabio Cannavaro.

The national team has been going through something of an identity crisis ever since, unsure of its position in the global game and no longer feared as in decades past.

Even the 2021 victory, which made national heroes of the team and Spalletti's predecessor Roberto Mancini, came as a thrilling surprise to supporters who had become accustomed to international mediocrity.

And the heroes of Wembley, who beat England on their own patch to win the last Euros, have largely been cast aside by Spalletti after failing to reach a second straight World Cup less than a year after glory at the Euros.

In their place a younger generation will aim to again rebuild Italy's reputation where some of the game's greats had their biggest international success.

"In football you need new



Italy will attempt to win back-to-back Euros, this time under the guidance of Luciano Spalletti. Photo: AFP

incentives, new blood, people who are willing to put themselves forward and show what they're made of," said Spalletti on Monday.

"If you're not ready to take on these challenges, or you're not ready to take on this responsibility you will lose."

Spalletti only called up five of the team that started the final victory over England for his initial 30-man squad, which will be whittled down to 26 on Thursday.

- Young guns -
And while age caught up with some of the notable absentees, including retired

captain Giorgio Chiellini and his centre-back partner Leonardo Bonucci, others, like Lorenzo Insigne, Marco Verratti and Leonardo Spinazzola, have simply fallen by the wayside. Spalletti also surprised fans by deciding to leave at home Manuel Locatelli, who was a revelation at the Euros and played in both of March's friendlies with Venezuela and Ecuador.

That was a decision which led the Juventus midfielder to post a black screen on Instagram in dismay at being dropped, while his club team-mate Nicolò Fagioli got

a call-up despite sitting out most of the season after a seven-month ban for gambling on football matches. "I went through seven very difficult months... I was on the front pages every day for two weeks and that wasn't exactly enjoyable," said Fagioli on Monday.

"It's a dream for me to wear this jersey and I'll give 100 percent for it. That's more important than tactics or skill."

Fagioli is one of a raft of players in the squad with little international football experience, with nearly half of Spalletti's initial selection having fewer than 10 caps for their

country, and 12 with fewer than five.

Spalletti is in many ways the star of this Italy team, much as he was when he led Napoli to a historic Serie A title just over a year ago.

The 65-year-old pre-emptively ended his post-Scudetto break to take on the biggest job of his career after Roberto Mancini jumped ship to Saudi Arabia in August.

At the time Italy had a task on their hands to qualify, but Spalletti confidently took the reins and gave fans hope of another dramatic summer. **AFP**

Young stars give Spain Euro 2024 hope amid institutional chaos

LONDON

THE Spanish football federation has become a global laughing stock but the national team is approaching Euro 2024 feeling they are turning a page after a decade of disappointment.

Between 2008 and 2012 La Roja dominated world football, winning the European Championship in those years with the 2010 World Cup sandwiched between.

Spain's quality faded since, with the team going 11 years before winning another trophy, a drought ended by Nations League glory last year.

A few months, later president Luis Rubiales resigned in disgrace after his forcible kiss at the Women's World Cup, and the federation is being investigated in an alleged corruption scandal.

The co-hosts of the 2030 World Cup are starting to sweat over whether the rights could be stripped from them.

Just as the women's team triumphed in Australia despite the controversy surrounding them -- players went on strike in the lead-up to the tournament -- the men's team is aiming to block out the noise in Germany.

Their technical quality is undoubted. Luis Enrique's Spain passed endlessly at the 2022 World Cup, as was the coach's wont, but they



Spain winger Lamine Yamal is one of the brightest prospects the country has and could make an impact in Germany this summer. Agencies

fell short against Morocco in the last 16.

Spain lacked star players, skill and pace in attack, someone with the X-factor to break down well-organised defences with a stroke of genius.

Coach Luis de la Fuente's Spain have found one now in Barcelona's Lamine Yamal, even though he is only 16.

The teenager has burst into the limelight this season and become a key player for his club.

"Define an era" - Yamal is Spain's great hope this summer, despite making just a handful of appearances for the national team.

In March he dazzled against Brazil to give

Spain the belief that this summer they could compete to lift the trophy.

Behind Yamal are other exciting emerging talents, includ-

ing his Barcelona team-mate Pau Cubarsi and Athletic Bilbao winger Nico Williams.

"I think we're looking at two players who can define an era

at the club, and even in world football," said the Barcelona coach at the time, Xavi Hernandez, earlier this year.

Spain pivot Rodri, a key figure and wise head in midfield, was thoroughly impressed by Yamal.

"We have already seen what he is capable of doing. It doesn't seem he is that age when you watch him on the pitch," said the Manchester City man.

While few would declare De la Fuente a coach on the same level of his predecessor, a touch more pragmatism suits Spain well.

The coach is not afraid to hit target man Joselu with aerial balls as a Plan B or send speedsters whizzing down the flanks on the counter-attack, even if it means the team lose the ball more easily as a result.

Of course, with prodigious passers and such technically gifted players, Spain's bread and butter remains the same -- they want to control the game and they have the tools to do it.

While they are not classed among the top favourites to win the tournament, and are in a tough group with Italy, Croatia and Albania, Spain's young stars could propel them far. **AFP**

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Simba in advanced talks with South African coach Steve Komphela

By Correspondent Seth Mapoil

SIMBA Sports Club are said to be in advanced talks with South African coach Steve Komphela (pictured), aiming to appoint him as their new head coach for the upcoming season.

Komphela, 56, brings a wealth of experience and is seen as the ideal candidate to rejuvenate the Tanzanian giants.

Simba have faced significant challenges in recent seasons, and the club's leadership is hopeful that Komphela can guide them back to the top of Tanzanian and African football.

Last season was particularly challenging for Simba. Despite managing a third-place finish in the Premier League, they fell short of their high expectations.

The team was knocked out of the Federation Cup by Mashujaa FC and exited the CAF Champions League in the quarterfinals after a tough match against Al Ahly.

This performance was below the club's standards, which prompted the need for a new direction.

The Msimbazi Street-based side has not won the Premier League for the past three seasons, a period dominated by their arch-rivals, Young Africans SC, who have clinched the title consecutively.

This prolonged drought has put additional pressure on the club's management to find a coach who can restore Simba to their former glory.

The search for a new coach began last February with the appointment of Robertinho Oliveira from Vipers FC in Uganda. Unfortunately, Oliveira did not meet the club's expectations, leading to his departure.

In November, Algerian coach Abdelhak Benchikha was brought in, but he had to leave suddenly due to pressing family issues. Subsequently, Juma Mgunda was appointed as interim coach to see out the remainder of the season.

Now, Simba are turning to Komphela, who they believe has the right mix of experience and hunger for success.

It was revealed that the club's leadership has been in frequent meetings with Komphela via Zoom to finalize the



terms of his contract.

Komphela's recent experience includes a stint with Golden Arrows in the South African Premier League, where he guided the team to a ninth-place finish. Before that, he served as an assistant coach at Mamelodi Sundowns under Rulani Mokwena from 2022 to 2023, and as head coach from 2020 to 2022.

Komphela's coaching career is extensive. From 2015 to 2018, he was the head coach of Kaizer Chiefs, one of South Africa's most prestigious clubs. He also managed Maritzburg United from 2014 to 2015.

His coaching resume includes a brief period as the caretaker coach for the South African national team in 2012, showcasing his capability to manage at the highest level.

As a player, Komphela had a distinguished career. He played for Qwa Qwa Stars and Kaizer Chiefs in South Africa, and had spells in Turkey with Gaziantepspor, Çanakkale Dardanelspor, and Dardanelspor.

He also represented the South African national team, adding international experience to his portfolio.

Simba's decision to pursue Komphela reflects their ambition to rebuild and achieve sustained success. The club believes that his experience, coupled with his drive to succeed, makes him the perfect candidate to lead them into the new season.

Komphela's background in both coaching and playing at high levels is expected to inspire and develop the current squad, pushing them to perform at their best.

His arrival could mark a significant turning point for Simba, who are determined to reclaim their status as the dominant force in Tanzanian football.

Partial reprieve for Yanga as FIFA now lifts one transfer ban

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

ONE of the multiple transfer bans imposed on Young Africans by FIFA has officially been lifted, following the successful resolution of all that led to the world soccer governing body's sanctioning of the Tanzanian football club.

In April, FIFA banned Young Africans due to irregularities in player registration.

The club failed to comply with FIFA regulations, specifically regarding transfer payment confirmation in the Registration System (TMS).

The lifting of the ban was confirmed by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) in a statement signed by Media Officer Clifford Ndimbo yesterday afternoon.

In the statement, TFF explained they had received communication from FIFA indicating that the 'Timu ya Wananchi' have successfully resolved their case of breaching Article 3 of the transfer of players.

However, Young Africans are still serving another transfer ban; a decision that was imposed by FIFA in April because of the late dues owed to former striker Lazarous Kambole.

According to FIFA's official website, the transfer ban is due to last for three transfer windows and should directly end once the club settles the late dues.

The Zambian player filed a case with FIFA demanding the payment of his signing on and salary arrears.

The club was supposed to have paid him within 45 days after the decision was made, but it did not.

Young Africans signed Kambole as a free agent at the start of the 2022/23 season.

He penned a two-year contract describing the move as a way to bring back his con-

fidence following a difficult stint with Kaizer Chiefs.

However, he did not feature for Young Africans in competitive games due to fitness issues. He left the club barely three months after landing in Tanzania.

In January last year, Kambole rejoined Zesco United on a six-month loan deal which was later made permanent.

Last year, Young Africans were hit with a similar ban, but the club's management successfully resolved their case by fulfilling their financial obligations towards former coach Luc Eymael and midfielder Gael Bigirimana.

DC Division B 30 Over League's title race gathers pace

By Guardian Correspondent

THIS season's Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) Dar 30 Overs Cup Division B saw its final round of group phase games played last weekend, with matches taking place at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) and Annadil Burhani grounds.

The outcomes of these games determined the quarterfinal lineups and delivered a mix of emotions for the teams involved.

In a nail-biting contest that took place at Annadil Burhani ground, Aga Khan SC B set a target of 148/8 in their 30 overs after they were put in to bat first by Gymkhana Cricket Club that had won the toss and chose to bowl.

Gymkhana Cricket Club thereafter chased down the target in 22.4 overs, finishing at 148/7 and garnering a three-wicket victory.

This victory allowed Gymkhana Cricket Club's cricketers to top their group, while the defeat meant Aga Khan SC B's cricketers ended their campaign in fifth place, failing to advance to the quarterfinals.

In the weekend's other clash which took place at UDSM ground, Aces B walloped Union SC by 51 runs to make certain of their progression to the last eight.

Aces B, led by youthful skipper Hamza Ally, managed to score 99 runs losing all wickets in 26.5 overs, and, in an unexpected twist, Union SC were in response dismissed for just 48 runs in 18.2 overs.

This low-scoring thriller saw Aces B clinch the quarterfinal spot. Union SC, despite succumbing to the heavy defeat, had already qualified for the quarterfinals but fell to third place in their group.

In a match that shocked many, Patel Brotherhood A cruised to a comprehensive four-wicket victory over Specialized K&P A.

Specialized K&P A were bowled out for a mere 46 runs in 18.1 overs and Patel Brotherhood A chased down the target - amassing 47/6 in 13.5



Karibu Tanzanite DCC's skipper, Bhavesh Govind (L), is presented with Player of the Match prize by match umpire Aahil Jassani upon the conclusion of the 2024 TCA Dar 30 Overs Cup Division B tie between the side and Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) A which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

overs.

Specialized K&P A's loss was a significant setback, pushing them to fifth place in the group and frustrating their chances of progressing to the knock-out phase.

Patel Brotherhood A, which has already qualified for the next stage, was set to face Estim A in a match to decide the group's top team.

The quarterfinal fixtures are now set, promising an exciting continuation of the

tournament. The first of the quarterfinals will be the Gymkhana A vs Gupta Upanga SC B tie, whereas Caravans B will confront SKLPSC A.

In the knockout phase's other encounters, Union SC will lock horns with Patel Brotherhood A, and Aces B will play against Group A's table-topper Estim A.

Karibu Tanzanite DCC cricketers have ended this year's TCA Dar 30 Overs Cup Division B group phase on a

high after commanding a 41-run thrashing of Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) A last weekend.

The clash was played at Annadil Burhani ground and saw Karibu Tanzanite DCC notch a competitive 184/5 in the allotted 30 overs after winning the toss and choosing to bat.

Experienced cricketer Bhavesh Govind, assigned as one of the openers, surpassed a half-century mark to end with 52 runs as the batting

squad expressed determination to post a bigger total.

He ensured that the batting squad wrestled back control of the innings after experiencing a wobble caused by the early exit of the fellow opener, Adil Kassam, who had ended two runs short of a two-digit figure.

There were moreover notable batting contributions by the other experienced performers - Moeez Imtiaz that was seven runs short of a half-century and Assad Aziz that secured unbeaten 40 runs.

Aziz wounded up the batting side's innings with Sufian Usman who scored unbeaten 19 runs. Skipper Meet Jetha was three runs short of a two-digit figure as the SKLPSC A's bowling unit fought to frustrate Karibu Tanzanite DCC's efforts to finish their innings with an imposing score.

Ramesh Khimani, Vital Vekariya, Sachin Pindoriya, and Arjan Rabadiya posted a wicket each as SKLPSC A's bowling unit struggled to keep Karibu Tanzanite DCC's batting unit in check. Needing 185 runs to grab victory, SKLPSC A lost steam in the chase given they in response were bowled out for 143 runs in 25.2 overs.

Although this win was a morale booster for Karibu Tanzanite DCC, it did not change their fate as they were already out of contention for the quarterfinals.

The SKLPSC A cricketers, despite the loss, had already secured their place in the quarterfinals based on previous results.

In another development, TCA Information and Media officer Atif Salim said the winners of the DC Division B 30 Over League will secure the last spot to compete in this year's edition of the prestigious Caravans T20 Cup that will also involve Division A teams.

The TCA official pointed out that this provides an excellent opportunity for cricketers making the DC Division B 30 Over League champion to showcase their skills against the top-tier teams and gain further recognition.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

