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## TAHA unlocks large French market outlet

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) has successfully opened up the main Parisian food market, a multibillion dollar spot for fresh vegetables and fruits serving the broad metropolitan area of the French capital.

Unlocking the Rungis market on the southern suburbs of Paris offers another sphere of expectations to horticulture producers across the country and especially in the northern zone, top officials said here at the weekend.

TAHA Group chief executive officer Dr Jacqueline Mkindi, who was on a working visit to France recently, signed agreements with key companies handling fresh fruits and vegetables at the internationally renowned market, connected with sales outlets all over Europe.

Rungis covers an area of 234 hectares and is widely seen as Europe's biggest fresh produce market, where around 1,200 companies serve approximately 18m consumers within the vicinity of the capital, with estimated sales of \$9.8bn per annum.

Officials in the Tanzanian embassy in Paris, also charged with links to Spain, Portugal and Morocco, organised the visit after prior consultations so that the CEO could have a successful tour and obtain several produce supply accords, the top executive indicated.

Ambassador Samwel Shelukindo linked TAHA with large French horticultural importers, exporters and dealers located at the market with a view to sealing supply deals for the companies to importing and market fresh produce from Tanzania, she said shortly upon return.

Tanzanian produce will be exported to Rungis market without strictures, adding to the nearly 1.2m metric tonnes of fruit and vegetables sold at the market annually, with the market accords being partly a result of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's brief visit in France, on the sidelines of a European Union-African Union meeting in Brussels.

President Samia engaged with the business community there, thus reinforcing their confidence in the Tanzanian private sector, prompting private sector stakeholders in both countries to forge business links, she further noted.

TAHA group is presently identifying crop varieties to send samples for approval before commencing exports to take portions of the shelves at the Rungis market chain to fulfill its obligations under those accords.

By next month TAHA is supposed to commence exports of avocado, chili (peppers) and French beans to the

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# 'Complete dispensaries, health centres by April'

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya



Traffic Police Commander Wilbrood Mutafungwa seated in Dar es Salaam at the weekend alongside pupils of the city's Olympio Primary School pupils as a driver (back to camera) held by police for not stopping at a zebra crossing near the school defends himself. But stop: It is not really a scene related to proceedings of an actual court case - only a representation of a children's moot court programme aimed at enhancing road safety awareness. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

DISTRICT commissioners and district executive directors have until the end of next month to deliver on the construction of health centres, dispensaries and hospitals, the government has cautioned.

Innocent Bashungwa, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), issued this directive here at the weekend in an inspection tour of Igawilo District Hospital being built within Mbeya city.

He said the construction pace in some districts was not satisfactory despite that adequate funds were provided to all areas, cautioning that the ministry was making keen follow-up of health centre building activity all over the country.

The first phase for the construction of 233 health centres in strategic areas was allocated money out of the government's own sources, about 58.2bn/- for the 233 health centres at the rate of 250m/- for outpatients' buildings, laboratories and incinerators, he said.

There are health centres that received the money from October to December and they are supposed to have completed construction by the end of next month, he stated.

District commissioners or directors failing to deliver on the projects by that time will face disciplinary procedures as by February 15 110 out of 233 health centres that received funds had completed their work and obtained the second installment of funds. That amounted to 27.5bn/- for construction of maternity wards, operation theatres, laundry and paths, he elaborated.

The government, in its 2021/22 development subsidy budget set aside 113.7bn/- for building 104 district hospitals, 66.3bn/- for finalizing construction work on hospitals where the building work began in 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years, the minister specified.

Mbeya DC Dr Rashid Chuachua assured the minister that construction work on Igawilo Hospital will be completed end of April. Construction work was well above 90 per cent of total planned works, he added.

## Samia's first year: Govt talks of energy sector milestones

By Guardian Reporter

ONGOING efforts to restore confidence among rich countries and big investors worldwide have resulted in increased investment in Tanzania's energy sector, the government has affirmed.

Energy minister January Makamba made this observation in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, addressing reporters on major achievements of the government in the energy field during the year-long

**"We need a wider power network with improved transmission services,"**

leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The president has opened up the country with investment opportunities in the energy sector and others, he said, underlining that for a fast country like Tanzania with a population growth

of nearly 60m people, having 1600 megawatts of electricity is unwarranted. "We need a wider power network with improved transmission services," he emphasised.

The energy sector investment forum during the Dubai Exhibition was an event geared at opening up the energy sector, with the personal attendance of the president, he asserted, hinting

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## EATV awards women leaders, entrepreneurs

By Getrude Mbago

EAST Africa Television (EATV) and East Africa Radio have awarded over 20 women cabinet ministers, sector leaders and entrepreneurs for their outstanding contribution to the society at a glittering function in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

Mwanaidi Ali Khamis, the Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups deputy minister urged women working in the same fields to fully utilize economic opportunities available by pushing creativity to achieve

their goals. The 'woman task group leader' campaign 2022 was a reminder to women that it is only through hard and discipline that they can realize their dreams, she stated, noting that women engagement in economic activities has risen in the recent years, immensely contributing to the country's economy. Through women's active participation in trade and agency business, entrepreneurship and agriculture activities, the country registers

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Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups deputy minister Mwanaidi Ali Khamis (L) receives a certificate of appreciation in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on behalf of President Samia Suluhu Hassan in recognition of the president's support to women in Tanzania. Presenting the certificate at the climax of 'Mwanamke Kinara' exhibition, which was organised by EATV, is EATV managing director Regina Mengi. More photos on Page 4. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala.



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Parisian market for a slice of the \$10bn sales output, she further noted.

"This is a major breakthrough for our horticulture growers, as the market offers unlimited scope of exporting fresh produce all around the year, promising higher returns to smallholder growers," she declared.

TAHA group is also fine-tuning a contract with a strategically placed firm in France for an agreement to promote and brand Tanzania horticultural produce to ease penetration into other European markets.

The CEO visited a respected start-ups centre for mentoring young entrepreneurs to venture into agriculture, and reached accords for initiating plans involving Education and Agriculture ministries plus the private sector for Tanzania to take up the center's training model, she said.

She also set up crucial contacts with high-level experts who expressed readiness to conduct a survey of soil and climatic conditions for appropriate production of grapes, while engaging a well-placed French investor to take up joint venture with TAHA or other local firm to produce top class champagne for local and export markets.

"I had a fruitful interaction with the French councillor for agriculture and food in East Africa, Vicent Abdi, who will support TAHA Group in unlocking more potential markets and solve logistic challenges for fresh crop exportation," she stated.

Ambassador Shelukindo said he saw great opportunity for our horticultural crops to access the Rungis market. "I moved swiftly to link up the TAHA CEO who was on official tour here. As it happened she signed several business deals with strategic fresh crops buyers for mutual benefits," he elaborated.

After successful journey in France, Dr Mkindi is looking up to Germany as her next stop with officials of ten horticultural produce and export firms to participate in the forthcoming Fruit Logistica, described as the world's premier fruits and vegetables fair, slated for Berlin.

"We are in touch with our Ambassador Dr Abdallah Possi who is working so hard to connect us with key buyers," she said, on her upcoming visit to Germany.

Netting the economy \$779m annually by current estimates, the horticulture industry offers Tanzania long-term potential of creating decent jobs, substantial foreign exchange earnings and further diminish poverty levels in rural areas, she added.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation (Dawasa) CEO Cyprian Luhemeja (R) briefs Parliamentary Livestock, Water and Agriculture Committee chairperson Dr Christine Ishengoma (4th-R) and members on water treatment during a tour of water projects held at the weekend. Second right is Water Minister, Jumaa Aweso. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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at consultations with potential investors expressing readiness to establish projects in power generation.

President Samia's presence at the forum provided a unique impetus, attracting over 400 participants from among the business communities of Tanzania and the Emirates, he stated, especially lauding efforts at speeding up work on the Julius Nyerere Hydro-

power Project (JNHP) at the scenic Stigler's Gorge site.

Since taking office, the president has prioritized funding the project, on the construction of infrastructure to load generated electricity on the national grid, he said, expressing confidence that the government is committed to address challenges in the sector, especially regarding rural electrification.

TANESCO, the utility concern, is in the process of major reforms

to improve its services, he stated, highlighting that the government is aware of the power supply reliability at present, asking the public to exercise patience as the ministry works on solutions to end power disruptions.

The ministry is targeting 100 per cent access to electricity country-wide by 2030, he said, underlining that of the various energy sources like thermal, hydro and some renewables, efforts are directed at

shifting from non-renewable to renewables sources of electricity.

Tanzania has indigenous energy resources as yet under-exploited for lack of planning, financial constraints and a poor transmission and distribution network, he stated. Increasing the share of renewable energy is in line with strategies to bring about an energy mix consistent with availability and reliability of power supply, he pointed out.

The latest power system master plan update for 2020s indicates that electricity demand is likely to expand at 13.82 per cent for 2022 to 2030 period, thus needing 10,176 GWh in 2022 rising to 28,664 GWh in 2030.

To meet this demand, around 6,200 MW of new generation capacity will be added to the national grid, with 71.5 per cent based on hydropower and renewable energy sources, he added.



Bishop Flavian Kassala of Catholic Diocese of Geita moves to launch Bikira Maria wa Fatima church in Geita at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Munir Shemweta

## Education, health stakeholders call for sexual and reproductive health in school curricula

By Mary Kadoke

EDUCATION and health stakeholders have suggested the need to include sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in school curriculum to reduce teenage pregnancy, promote abstinence and prevent HIV/AIDS.

They made the call in Dar es Salaam recently when speaking at the official launch of a book dubbed: 'A study on Policy and Sexual and Rights Education in primary and secondary schools in Tanzania.'

One of them is Dr John Kalage who stated that the findings recommended a curricula preview to the Ministry of Education, Science and Education (MoEST) and Health Ministry to attain a comprehensive knowledge on SRHR.

Dr Kalage who is also the HakiElimu executive director said: "Having questionable depth on SRHR education, the recommendations was to review the curricula from the frontline implementers thus MoEST

through the Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE) in collaboration with the Health Ministry to make them more comprehensive focusing on sexuality, human development, relationship, sexual health and its life skills linkage."

Dr Kalage also affirmed that the findings revealed few SRHR contents merged in subjects like biology, science and technology something that grounded the need to have a standout subject that will cut across sexual behaviors, health likewise its link in life generally.

"We noticed that SRHR is not taught as a standalone subject at the school levels, instead the contents are embedded in other subjects. For instance, in primary Puberty is taught as a subtopic in Biology had 83 percent, 76.8 percent of HIV/AIDS and 70 percent of Sexually Transmitted Infections and diseases (STDs)."

The data from Ministry of Health revealed plans on adding training materials from wards to district level as a way forward to implement

The national accelerated action and investment agenda for adolescence health and wellbeing (NALA) 2020/21-2023/24) of which they thought MoEST had not addressed it enough.

Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Dr Eliamani Sedoyeka said the sector is entitled to fill a gap on SRHR education due to the arising challenges influenced with biological maturity and body changes hence leading to school dropouts.

Dr Sedoyeka further said: "There has been more pressure on impacts of teen sex, pregnancies, and early marriages being an example forgetting the prior knowledge that would help reason on the long term effects upon the matter."

He also said girls dropout of schools and universities after break up as their partners and decide to concentrate more for exams, adding that the forgotten gap is the revelation that studies and sexual affairs don't work together.

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growth in various sectors, she said. The government has for years been taking a number of measures to empower women economically, with initiatives to address impediments to women's growth she said, demanding that women should use loan opportunities floated in district councils to improve their businesses and other economic projects," she added. "Woman task group leader" is a program launched back in 2020 to formally recognise women who were still relatively adrift

of wider society despite their significant contributions to the country's social and economic endeavours. The 2022 campaign launched last month was tied up with national commemoration of International Women's Day on March 8, with event coordinator Bhoke Egina noting that in this year's campaign certificates were issued to about 20 women bringing positive changes upon the society. In the community there are women already recognized and gained popularity in different fields for their good work and contribution but a good number are yet to be recognized, she

said, noting that the campaign was about bringing a greater sense of recognition in society for their achievements and contributions. "We have awarded women ministers serving under the sixth phase government, public officers and entrepreneurs with recognition certificates," she said, citing those awarded as including President Samia Suluhu Hassan and National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson, where awards were being handed over by Regina Mengi, executive director of EATV Ltd and Radio, alongside the deputy minister. Recognised women ministers

were Ummy Mwalimu (Health), Dr Dorothy Gwajima (Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups), Jenista Mhagama (President's Office - Public Service Management and Good Governance), Prof Joyce Ndalichako (Prime Minister's Office - Labour, Youth and Employment) and Pindi Chana (Prime Minister's Office - Policy and Parliamentary Affairs. Others are Dr Ashatu Kijaji (Industries, Trade and Investment), Dr Angelina Mabula (Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development), Dr Stergomona Tax (Defence and National Service), Ambassador

Liberata Mulamula (Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation). Women entrepreneurs obtaining awards include Dr Herieth Mkanga (Morogoro), Angelina Sylvester (Iringa), Tabia Makame (Zanzibar), Foida Kawago (Iringa), Happiness Mathias (Katavi), Jenifer Hudson (Arusha), Leticia Njunju (Mtwara), Miriam Elisha (Iringa), Noela Msuya (Mbeya) and Ritha Bartholomeo (Iringa). The event showcased an event where women entrepreneurs brought their products to within sight of market leaders and expand their market scope, she stated.

Timea Chogo, commercial director at Tanzania Distillers Ltd (TDL), a key sponsor of the campaign, said the company has been implementing various strategies promoting women's rights and equality especially in leadership positions. TDL believes in inclusion and has been making efforts to help break the bias and empower women in various areas, she stated. Other sponsors of the event were Kilimanjaro Drinking Water, Pepsi, Omo, Azura Health Beach Club, Nolan's Champ Co., Scope and Craft as well as Bhoke's Fashion Home, officials noted

# Standards watchdog seizes 32 tonnes of foodstuffs, cosmetics

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Bureau of Standards (TBS), western zone has impounded 32.2 tonnes of foodstuffs and cosmetics valued at 97.7m/- in a special crackdown conducted in 11 districts of Katavi, Rukwa and Kigoma regions.

The crackdown on foodstuffs and cosmetics was made in various warehouses and large retail and wholesale shops, border areas and lake ports.

Speaking during the operation at the weekend, TBS western zone manager, Rodney Alananga said the aim of the two-week operation was to re-

move counterfeit goods from the market to protect against health risks.

He added that as for now the Bureau had taken the initial step in seizing the goods that appear unfit for home consumption and the destruction of which will be made 14 days from date of seizure after legal procedures were

finalised," said Alananga.

The operation found several deficiencies in regard to the goods it seized, including and foodstuff, the shelf life of some of which had expired and some had been banned in the country.

He said during the crackdown, TBS

faceted various challenges one of which was that many traders use unauthorised routes to bring in the goods, not abiding by their dates of expiry, lack of proper purchase and sale records and where they had bought from and sold to whom.

He said TBS, in collaboration with

other government organs including the police, TRA and regional and district authorities will continue to conduct impromptu operations in various areas in rural areas, border areas, lake ports and those found to have violated laws, stern legal measures will be taken against them.

# Dr Donna Williams-Ngirwa rooting for complete dentistry in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS have been urged to take oral health care seriously as it is the gateway to quality health and life.

Renowned dental surgeon with dentistry practice of over 30 years,

Dr Donna Williams-Ngirwa, speaking at the World Oral Health Day, marked annually on March 20 to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. This year's event is themed: "Be proud of your mouth. In other words, value and take care of it."

"Oral health care is the gateway to adverse health, including chronic diseases, depending on how one treats the mouth," Dr Williams-Ngirwa (pictured) said in her statement issued by her Dar es Salaam based dental practice-Afya Bora Complete Dentistry Ltd.

According to the specialist, it is a mantra we should observe daily. The importance of prevention and going to visit your dentist twice a year cannot be gainsaid. "Many dental conditions are silent and are not painful until the severe stages," she said, noting that in her sojourns in Tanzania, she has seen many people eating healthy, exercising and getting fit, and getting into great shape.

"It is just as important to get their oral health into great shape. Visiting your dentist twice a year is an important step to improve your total overall health.

"There is a need for deliberate mass education to make more people realize that the mouth is the gateway to a



healthy body and take necessary precautions to stay and remain healthy," she said.

"They say we are what we eat, yes... but this extends past our digestive system into your overall oral health. We have some oral conditions that contribute to systemic illnesses such as diabetes, heart attacks, stroke, and dementia," she said.

She said that often people are not aware of the connection between oral health and overall health. "Preventive oral health care is very vital. It acts as a barrier for your body from getting diseases. It becomes a fertile ground

for diseases to enter your body if not taken care of," she noted.

In essence, most oral health conditions are preventable. They can be treated in their early stages. If not treated, they develop into severe health conditions, she said.

Dr Williams-Ngirwa pledged that her new practice in Dar es Salaam would maintain international standards in dentistry, including the use of the latest technology, while adhering to best medical practise, including customer care. In America, she founded Morningside Dental Care, based in New York, back in 1995, which provides comprehensive state of the art dental care.

"I am a believer in complete dentistry- where our biggest emphasis is prevention and early intervention. We also offer comprehensive and most advanced dental care on simple or complicated issues," she noted. The author of the book "The Power of a Smile: How Complete Health Dentistry Is Revolutionizing America" stressed that she is looking forward to "complete health dentistry" taking root in Tanzania. Dr Williams-Ngirwa has lived in Tanzania for over 2 years, and has been traveling back and forth from the US to Tanzania almost every year since 1985.

The World Oral Health Day is an initiative of the FDI World Dental Federation, an organization that brings together over one million dentists worldwide, which seeks optimal oral health for everyone. Dr. Donna noted that she feels proud to be celebrating "AfyaKinywanameno" in Tanzania.



Juma Kimori, NMB Bank Plc's chief financial officer, pictured at a conference held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. The thrust was on the performance of Tanzania's banking sector during the one year President Samia Suluhu Hassan has been in power. The event brought together a wide range of stakeholders, with the bank as the main sponsor. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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# 'Mwanamke Kinara' exhibition: Serious business and ample fun



Nestlé Co. Ltd sales supervisor Prisca Biseko (L) briefs Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups deputy minister Mwanaidi Ali Khamis (2nd-R) in Dar es Salaam at the weekend on the production of infant formula. It was at a 'Mwanamke Kinara' exhibition organised by EATV. Looking on (R) is EATV managing director Regina Mengi. Photos: Correspondent Miraji Msala



The deputy minister speaks at the event.



Presenters of EATV's 'Mama Mia' programme in action.



The audience follows address by the deputy minister, who graced the event as chief guest.



Deputy minister Mwanaidi Ali Khamis (2nd-R) chairs a business dialogue, one of the highlights of the event. With her: Business Registrations and Licensing Agency deputy registrar Maryglory Mmary (R), United Bank for Africa's head of marketing and corporate communications Brendansia Kileo (L) and Tanzania Distilleries Ltd business director Timea Chogo.



The exhibition was not exclusively business talk - far from it: participants - among them Nipashe managing editor Beatrice Bandawe (C, in blue and green) - found ample time for fun and celebration...



Deputy minister Mwanaidi Ali Khamis and EATV managing Director Regina Mengi (L & R, foreground, respectively) pose for a souvenir photo with women certified for the distinguished 'Mwanamke Kinara' class.



EATV managing director Regina Mengi (L) accompanies the chief guest (R) in visiting the exhibition.

## Shares by the govt in Williamson Diamond Mining Company up from 25 pct to 37 pct

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has successfully increased ownership of shares in Williamson Diamond Mining Company from 25 per cent to 37 per cent.

The government has also entered Joint Ventures (JV) owning 16 per cent in five companies which are to invest a total of 1.755trn/- namely Black Rock Mining Limited; Strandline Resources Limited; Petra Diamonds Limited; Nyanzaga Mining Limited and LZ Nickel Limited.

Speaking when addressing the media on the government achievements under President Samia Suluhu Hassan's one year in power, Treasury Registrar Mgonya Benedicto said there has been massive achievements in the mining sector. He said during the year, certificates of ownership for Faru Graphite Corporation, Sota Mining Corporation, Williamson Diamond Limited (Class A and Class B Shares), Nyati Minerals Limited as well as Tembo Nickel Refining Limited were signed and handed over to the government.

Benedicto further said his office also managed to implement article 123 which speaks of 'undilutable 16 per cent Free Carried Interest.'

"The implementation of article 10 of the minerals Act allowed the government to own shares in mineral companies, it also allows increasing ownership of shares," he said.

Speaking on the payment of retired workers of the defunct East African Community (EAC), the treasury registrar said from March 2021 to March 2022, the government has paid 8.7bn/- to retirees who did not start receiving minimum pension as per government notice of 2009 and 2015.

He said out of the amount, 1.77bn/- have been used to pay 992 workers of the then Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC), 798.62m/- for 267 workers of the Tanzania Postal Corporation (TPC), 6.2bn/- for 848 workers of the Tanzania Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL) and 4.77bn/- was arrears for 636 workers from 2009 to March 2022.



Janet Reuben (R), a commissioner with the Mining Commission, presents a certificate to Gree Culture Tz Ltd managing director Judith Metta at graduation ceremony for Barrick's local business development programme participants held in Mwanza city at the weekend. Looking on: Tarime district commissioner Col Michael Mtenjele (3rd-R), Mining Commission audit taxation manager (for Tanzanians) Geoffrey Nsemwa (4th-R) and Barrick North Mara community relations manager Gilbert Mworira. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## RC urges residents to go for COVID-19 vaccination

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM regional commissioner Amos Makalla has called upon city residents to go for COVID-19 vaccination to protect themselves against the respiratory disease.

Makalla (pictured) made the statement over the weekend when addressing the Regional Defence and Security Committee and the Regional and district secretariat during a strategic planning session to further encourage city residents to go for the COVID-19 jobs.

RC Makalla underscored the need for continued efforts in educating citizens in various groups, wherever they are, on the importance of the COVID-19 vaccine so that they have a broader understanding and can be vaccinated voluntarily.

"Health should be your first priority; you need to be vaccinated to ensure a healthy life. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and have been proved by scientists"

Executive Director of Management and Development for Health



(MDH), Dr David Sando said that through the 'Afya Kwanza' project which is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has successfully vaccinated 514,920 people and have reached and vaccinated 67,000 people living with HIV (PLHIV) in 89 health centres.

He said the organization has also handed over 350 vaccine carriers to 89 health centres and have successfully recruited 110 temporary health workers to speed up vaccination and recruited 32 statistical officers.

"I would like to thank our donors PEPFAR and CDC, the government

through the Ministry of Health, President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) and the Dar es Salaam regional health team for their outstanding performance in preventing, identifying and provisions of COVID-19 vaccines to Dar es Salaam residents.

"We truly appreciate their contributions and cooperation in improving the health of Tanzanians. I believe that we will continue with this partnership to make Tanzania and Dar es Salaam safer by reaching out to more people and making sure they are vaccinated," stated Dr Sando.

During the meeting, Dar es Salaam region's chief medical officer, Dr Rashid Mfaume expressed satisfaction with the on-going vaccination drive in Dar es Salaam. He said the situation is not too bad as people are voluntarily going for the jobs.

The meeting was attended by religious leaders from various denominations, members of the regional defense and security committee, health professionals from MDH, district, and the regional secretariat.



An Roinn Gnóthai Eachtracha  
Department of Foreign Affairs

### Vacancy – Operations Manager

**Embassy of Ireland  
Dar es Salaam  
Deadline: 30 March 2022**

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**Position details:**

- Operations Manager (Full-time based at the Embassy of Ireland, Dar es Salaam).
- Starting in April 2022. Contract will be offered on a three-year renewable basis.
- The salary for the position is TZS 110,899,436 per annum, paid locally on a monthly basis. Salaries are paid direct to a bank account, therefore the successful candidate must have a bank account.
- The position will have an annual leave allowance of 24 days per annum, exclusive of public holidays, adjusted pro rata.
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- Management-related qualification and/or at least five years' experience at a senior middle-management level with full responsibilities for Corporate Services and/or organisational operations.
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- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Computer skills on Word, Excel Spreadsheets, e-mail and internet, sufficient for the performance of above duties.
- Knowledge of operational budgeting, budget monitoring, procurement processes and systems.
- Good knowledge of operational and strategic planning processes, and reporting support and controls during implementation.
- Proven record showing a very high degree of integrity and trust.

**Desirable:**

- Proven ability to collate and distil large amounts of information, summarising findings to be used for management decisions and planning.
- Experienced at leading large teams of differently skilled staff to ensure their effective utilisation and performance.
- Interpersonal skills to form effective working relationships with people at all levels and the ability to handle a leadership role.
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- The successful candidate must have a legal entitlement to live and work in Tanzania prior to recruitment.

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- At least five years' relevant experience working with government, non-Government or donor agencies or similar environment.
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**Applications that do not bear the position in the subject line will be automatically disregarded.**

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### UNHCR FIELD OFFICE KIBONDO

#### INTERNAL/EXTERNAL VACANCY NOTICE

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Field Office, Kibondo invites qualified internal/external candidates to apply for the following position:

<b>Job Opening ID :</b>	34578
<b>Position Title:</b>	Assistant Supply Officer
<b>Category:</b>	Fixed Term Appointment
<b>Grade:</b>	NA
<b>Duty Station:</b>	Kibondo, Tanzania
<b>Duration:</b>	1 year
<b>Start Date:</b>	01 July 2022
<b>Issue Date:</b>	21 March 2022
<b>Closing Date:</b>	03 April 2022

**Organizational Setting and Work Relationships**  
The Assistant Supply Officer supports all activities pertaining to the supply chain function including planning, sourcing & procurement, transport, shipping, customs clearance, warehousing assets & fleet management within the area of responsibility. The position is located at Field Office Kibondo, Tanzania.

The incumbent is directly supervised by the Head of Field Office (HOFO), but functionally by the Senior Supply Officer based in the UNHCR Representation Office, Dar es Salaam who defines the objectives and provides general guidance. S/he will also refer to UNHCR manuals and relevant policy papers. The incumbent will supervise general service staff under the supply unit.

S/he maintains regular contacts on working level with other UN agencies, UNHCR Partners, NGOs, government partners and commercial contractors in the area of operation.

S/he will support effective supply chain that enables the office to meet the needs of persons of concerns as well as timely delivery of quality goods and services to persons of concern. Further, the incumbent will assist in the maintenance of a supply chain infrastructure that is robust and flexible enough to accommodate the needs of the operation and that enables timely emergency responses, along with effective partners to support supply activities.

The Assistant Supply Officer maintains impartial, ethical and customer-oriented relations with suppliers and Partner organizations; exchanges information with counterparts in other UN agencies, and International Organisations within the limits established by UN /UNHCR Procurement Rules and assists with joint procurement actions if, as and whenever necessary.

The incumbent will support the coordination of the delivery of assistance from the regional warehouse, if applicable. S/he will liaise with SMS staff who manage the Global Stockpiles and who manage the Global Asset and Fleet Management, if and as required and if applicable.

Contacts are predominantly with other UN agencies, implementing partners and Government Departments on relevant subject matters at the working level.

All UNHCR staff members are accountable to perform their duties as reflected in their job description. They do so within their delegated authorities, in line with the regulatory framework of UNHCR which includes the UN Charter, UN Staff Regulations and Rules, UNHCR Policies and Administrative Instructions as well as relevant accountability frameworks. In addition, staff members are required to discharge their responsibilities in a manner consistent with the core, functional, cross-functional and managerial competencies and UNHCR's core values of professionalism, integrity and respect for diversity.

**Duties**

- Support all activities pertaining to the supply chain function including planning, sourcing, transport, shipping, customs clearance, warehousing, asset and fleet management, as applicable.
- Support the procurement process to ensure timely, cost-effective and adequate delivery of commodities and services to operational needs.
- Identify partners for supply chain projects based on objectives, priorities, strengths and resources of the UNHCR Partner and/or contractor, according to criteria consistent with UNHCR rules and regulations.
- Ensure accurate and comprehensive records on supply activities and provide timely reports and updates both periodically and on request.
- Manage tender processes and assist in the preparation of proposals for award of contracts to the relevant COCs.
- Prepare plans for delivery of relief and other non-food items according to the operational needs and regularly update the information in UNHCR IT systems.
- Apply UNHCR's sourcing and procurement strategy when planning for purchase of important commodities and services.
- Ensure timely customs clearance of consignments and manage warehousing according to 'best practices' and UNHCR rules and regulations.
- Maintain an efficient system for the release, and redeployment of goods.
- Coordinate the release and transportation of relief and other non-food items.
- Analyse matters relating to sourcing & procurement activities and deliver information on all sourcing & procurement activities within area of responsibility. Provide guidance and advice

- on UNHCR procurement policies and procedures to support and assist requesting sections.
- Provides asset management reports, customised reports, and gathers information on all assets and provides in-depth reports periodically and when requested.
- Analyse the quality of commodities and services delivered in relation to the needs of the location and established quality standards. Establish a local quality assurance process.
- Monitor the quality and accuracy of supply chain related data in relevant business systems. Compile and analyse statistical information, identify trends and developments in supply chain related matters that will assist in decision making.
- Disseminate, promote commitment to and monitor compliance with UNHCR's global policies, standards and guidance on supply chain management.
- Ensure that the local supply chain functions are optimised and aligned with the operations' evolving needs and management systems, and there is an infrastructure that is robust and flexible enough to accommodate operational volatile requirements.
- Coordinate supply activities of UNHCR Partners and/or contractors performing supply related activities and ensure that they understand and adhere to relevant UNHCR rules and procedures.
- Through regular physical verification of PPE establish their status.
- Propose old and obsolete PPE for disposal and plan for arrival of replacement items.
- Implement effective asset and fleet management that regularly monitors the asset/fleet pool, saves cost and safeguards the investment of the organisation including receipt, inspection, registration & marking of new Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE), and organisation of the physical verification of PPE.
- Ensure that PPE agreements are properly issued and signed. Ensure proper preparation of disposal forms and cases for the Asset Management Board. Organize the disposal of PPE according to Asset Management Board decisions.
- Adapt local supply chain structures to be consistent with the operational needs. Ensure effective information flow in the supply chain and adapt local process to the prevailing environment.
- Perform other related duties as required.

**Minimum Qualifications**  
**Education & Professional Work Experience**

- 1-year relevant experience with Undergraduate degree; or no experience with Graduate degree; or no experience with Doctorate degree

**Field(s) of Education**

- Business Administration, Engineering, Logistics, Supply Chain Management, International Commerce or other relevant field.

**Certificates and/or Licenses**

- Supply Chain Learning Programme, Fritz Institute Certificate in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL), Certificate from Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supplies, e.g., CIPS, CMIPS, MCIPS.

**Relevant Job Experience**  
**Desirable**

- Other UN procurement and logistics training – such as IAPSO and UNPD.

**Functional Skills**

- IT-Computer Literacy, IT-PeopleSoft Supply Chain Management, SC-Supply Planning, SC-Customs clearance
- SC-Logistics, SC-Warehouse Management, SC-Asset Management, SC-Fleet Management & SC-UN/UNHCR Procurement Rules and Procedures.

**Language Requirements**

- Proficiency in English and Kiswahili languages.

**How to apply**

INTERNAL UNHCR Candidates to apply	MSRP: Main Menu- Self-service-Career-Country (Tanzania)- Assistant Supply Officer
EXTERNAL Candidates to apply	<a href="http://www.unhcr.org/careers.html">www.unhcr.org/careers.html</a> (Vacancies-Country (Tanzania) - Assistant Supply Officer

**Please note that UNHCR does not charge a fee at any stage of its recruitment process (application, interview, meeting, travelling, processing, training or any other fees).**

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In case of difficulties with application process, please contact email: [tankb2@unhcr.org](mailto:tankb2@unhcr.org) & [MBUTHA@unhcr.org](mailto:MBUTHA@unhcr.org)

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF STRIP AND REFURBISHMENT ALL TYPES OF HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS ESPECIALLY FOR HEAVY MINING EQUIPMENT'S TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located 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 finding a qualified and specialized company that can Strip and Refurbish all types of hydraulic cylinders for Geita Gold Mine equipment's, especially for Heavy Mining equipment and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the services as detailed below.

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

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01422	PROVISION OF STRIP AND REFURBISHMENT ALL TYPES OF HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS ESPECIALLY FOR HEAVY MINING EQUIPMENT TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED

### I.1 INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	
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)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01422)</b>	
Proof of warranties for all cylinders and be able to specify their warranty terms (proof of) for the refurbished hydraulic cylinders	15%
Proof of technical expertise in mining equipment's hydraulic cylinder repairs and must provide proof of past experience in stripping, inspecting, and refurbishing hydraulic cylinders, especially for Heavy Mining and Construction equipment.	15%
To be able to provide technical support when required to do so and the service should be 24hrs	10%
Must provide proof of availability of specialized tools required to adequately provide the required service.	10%
Proof of ability to perform honing and remanufacturing of the hydraulic cylinders piston, head, barrel and piston rod croming.	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01422) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 04<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CEMENT SILOS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located 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 procuring Cement Silos with fittings for cement delivery and is therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01408	Supply and Delivery of 97t or 100t or 120t or 130t cement silos with fittings for cement delivery using compressed air from bulk transport vehicle. Liebherr components preferred. Specify if already assembled welded & sealed or segmented to be bolted & sealed
	<p style="text-align: center;">CEMENT SILO SERIES</p>

### I.1 INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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Company Profile	1.54%
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Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01408)</b>	
Proof of designs and specifications of items to be supplied, with technical drawing and /or specification sheet. Specify if already assembled welded & sealed or segmented to be bolted & sealed.	30%
Proof of Liebherr attachments for venting, seals, and transport of cement	20%
Warranty terms on the supplied Silos	10%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01408) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 04<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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# Government lauds IST on quality teaching, learning environment

By Guardian Reporter

PROF Adolf Mkenda, Education, Science and Technology minister has commended students' teaching approaches by the Tanganyika International School (IST) and that the school stands as an example of what the government intends to meet in offering quality education. Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam shortly after the launch of the school's state-of-

the art athletics centre over the weekend. Prof Mkenda (pictured) said that reforms for the country's education system is of special priority that the sixth phase government has seriously started working on. He said the school has been hand in hand working with the government in different education related programmes that not only benefit the school's students but also those from the public especially at the second-

ary school level. "This school offers five scholarships for four leavers from public schools who are brought here and learn for free," said Prof. Mkenda. He added that the government is in talks with the school administration to see how they can do well in their Form four national examinations. He said the beneficiaries are also sponsored to pursue diploma studies to world class colleg-



es and universities around the world including then Oxford. At least three undergraduate teaching students are given the opportunity each year by the school to learn the best teaching techniques at IST. Some are facilitated to pursue Master's degree overseas colleges so that they can have teaching qualifications in such schools around the world. "In that case, we help them in the process of obtaining foreign

teachers' permits to come and teach in Tanzania; We should make it easier for them to increase the chances of our teachers coming to learn teaching techniques because when you have a school like this you even convince countries to open more embassies in our country" he said. According to him, when countries want to send ambassadors they also seek information of where their children will study,

where there is a good school. IST director Mark Hardeman said the launch of the athletics centre is the milestone of their school, explaining that it will enhance the experiences of campus students. "The completion of this facility symbolizes the collaborative spirit of our IST community and a celebration of all the efforts and contributions by the administration in making this dream a reality" said Hardeman.

## CSOs officials trained on good governance and management

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

BOARD officials and senior supervisors of 36 civil societies from five civil society organisations (CSOs) in the country have been trained on good governance and finance management to enable them implement various projects for the benefit of those targeted. The training organised by FHI 360 through Epic project under US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and USAID will help to avert conflicts in the civil society organisations hence boost up trust to the sponsors. Epic director Bernard Ogwang said here at the weekend that they made an assessment in these civil society organisations and discovered the importance of providing them with training in areas which had deficiencies to strengthen them in order to qualify for direct sponsorship from donors as well as in the implementation of PEPFAR. "Donors cannot place their money directly to institutions that lack accountability, especially in regard to their board members, directors and managers," he said. For his part, senior technical advisor in FH 360 said they empower civil societies which they work together with so that they become

strong in the supervision projects especially the ones on HIV/Aids. "We conducted initial training with financial supervisors to make sure they well manage the sensitive area and also we have established the administration in regard to counting financial management package," he explained. For his part, training participant from Service, Health and Development For People Living Positively With HIV and AIDS (SHDEPHA), Sheha Nasoro, said they have learned how to have better communication in the civil societies because poor communication has been the cause for chasing away workers, the issue that affect work and make the institutions to stall. For his part, the director of HYPERLINK "https://www.tanzania-womenresearchfoundation.org/" \t "blank" Tanzania Women Research Foundation (TAWREF), Dafrosa Itemba said the training has provided light in the issue of accountability but also is essential for collaboration within the civil society organisations from down to top leadership. Epic is an international five-year project implemented by FHI 360 under PEPFAR and USAID sponsorship that is engaged in the control of HIV/Aids in Tanzania.



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If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to [nm.proposal@barrick.com](mailto:nm.proposal@barrick.com)

Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of NMGM

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- Last date to submit EOI March 25, 2022

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## Tanzania needs to help and create awareness about Down syndrome

WORLD Down Syndrome Day is marked each year on March 21, beginning in 2006. The 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

Every year on March 21, World Down Syndrome Day is observed to create awareness about Down syndrome.

It is a condition in which a child is born with an extra 21st chromosome. A chromosome is made up of proteins and DNA organized into genes. Each cell normally contains 23 pairs of chromosomes.

Down syndrome or Down's syndrome, also known as trisomy 21, is a genetic disorder caused by the presence of all or part of a third copy of chromosome 21. It is usually associated with physical growth delays, mild to moderate intellectual disability, and characteristic facial features. The average IQ of a young adult with Down syndrome is 50, equivalent to the mental ability of an eight- or nine-year-old child, but this can vary widely.

The parents of the affected individual are usually genetically normal. The probability increases from less than 0.1 in 20-year-old mothers to 3 per cent in those of age 45. The extra chromosome is believed to occur by chance, with no known behavioral activity or environmental factor that changes the probability. Down syndrome can be identified during pregnancy by prenatal screening followed by diagnostic testing or after birth by direct observation and genetic testing.[5] Since the introduction of screening, Down syndrome pregnancies are often aborted.

There is no cure for Down syndrome. Education and proper care have been shown to improve quality of life. Some chil-

dren with Down syndrome are educated in typical school classes, while others require more specialised education. Some individuals with Down syndrome graduate from high school, and a few attend post-secondary education. In adulthood, about 20 per cent in the United States do paid work in some capacity, with many requiring a sheltered work environment. Support in financial and legal matters is often needed. Life expectancy is around 50 to 60 years in the developed world with proper health care. Regular screening for health problems common in Down syndrome is recommended throughout the person's life.

Down syndrome is one of the most common chromosome abnormalities in humans. It occurs in about 1 in 1,000 babies born each year. In 2015, Down syndrome was present in 5.4 million individuals globally and resulted in 27,000 deaths, down from 43,000 deaths in 1990. It is named after British doctor John Langdon Down, who fully described the syndrome in 1866. Some aspects of the condition were described earlier by French psychiatrist Jean-Étienne Dominique Esquirol in 1838 and French physician Édouard Séguin in 1844. The genetic cause of Down syndrome was discovered in 1959.

Those with Down syndrome nearly always have physical and intellectual disabilities. As adults, their mental abilities are typically similar to those of an 8- or 9-year-old. They also typically have poor immune function and generally reach developmental milestones at a later age. They have an increased risk of a number of other health problems, including congenital heart defect, epilepsy, leukemia, thyroid diseases, and mental disorders.

## World Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: More than meets the eye

MARCH 21 is the designated World Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, a date that resonates with an ominous racial discrimination horror of the Sharpeville massacre, on March 21, 1960. It was after demonstrating against pass laws, where an African had to get a local government 'pass' to enter into designated European or Indian areas in urban South Africa. A crowd of about 7,000 protesters went to the police station shouting or heckling, and the police started firing on the crowd.

Tallies of those dead or wounded vary or have never really been ascertained, but an influential account put the number of dead at 69 and the wounded well beyond 200 people. About 16 years later in similar circumstances, a large number of school children were killed in systematic shooting by police, when boycotting classes and demonstrating against the use of Afrikaans, instead of English, for teaching. They knew it was a language that would rob them of opportunities in life, in favour of Europeans and Asians.

The June 16 1976 incident, while based on racial discrimination like the Sharpeville massacre, is marked worldwide as the Day of the African Child, celebrating the right of children to have an education that gives them hope in life, and not just any education tailored by some authorities. This also means a lot for policy making just like the problem of discrimination, though the issue of discrimination is somewhat complicated. Often some people wish to be discriminated, that they be valued by other than civic criteria.

This isn't just a problem of some

groups say of a particular group recognising itself by some ties of kinship or religious denomination, wishing that all their members follow a particular structure of social obligations. On the contrary, there is a problem of demanding that the widest definition of civic values be observed everywhere, which is usually well intentioned but can't be swallowed by large numbers of people in other cultures. That is why defining discrimination, even racially speaking, is still problematic.

There are hidden levels of racial discrimination which Africa has been trapped with since independence, to varying levels of economic dislocation. Casual experience shows that some ethnic groups are better at certain activities than others, just as in ordinary life people differ in endowments, either of the type of endowment, or in being endowed contrary to lacking such endowment. In school, pupils who lack actual endowment in reading and writing, or in math questions, at times hugely succeed in rugged occupations.

That is partly why the best defence against racial discrimination is a market economy with low taxes, and diminishing frontal regulatory impediments targeting certain classes of businessmen. Moving to block some traders to favor this or that local group occurs at the price of diminished purchasing power among low income sections of the population. With the continental free trade area accord for example, some groups are hatching East African discrimination of others, effectively wrecking the AfCFTA arrangement in case a new tariff wall is erected on imports.

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## Private sector main driver for economic recovery

By Special Correspondent

NAMIBIA'S private sector is expected to be the main driver of economic development. That's a key role of the private sector as a driver for economic recovery and the country's future prosperity. Agriculture, construction, manufacturing and care services have the highest potential to generate decent employment for Namibians.

The NDP5 aims to promote structural change through industrialisation in key focus areas such as enterprise development, manufacturing, agriculture, rural economic development, the so-called blue economy, mining, fisheries, tourism and research and innovation.

Vocational training efforts to improve employment outcomes should better calibrate training programmes to the needs of the labour market.

The stereotype about recognised vocation in society contributed to the huge unemployment of large groups of graduates who are not needed by the labour market, while there are other sectors that need vocation workers, not university graduates.

Private sector engagement is essential to tackle socio-economic issues and to advance inclusive, sustainable development in the longer term. The ultimate goal is to increase the engagement and participation of the domestic workforce in the private sector businesses, and therefore enhance economic activity and social cohesion in the respective regions of Namibia.

The budget of 2022/2023 should focus on driving economic recovery, rebuilding national resilience and catalysing reforms across the private and public sectors.

The worst-hit sectors such as tourism and its related industries should be prioritised, while businesses will be encouraged to enhance their competitive edge and venture into new growth areas to build resilience and withstand future adversities.

To achieve the vision of recovering from the pandemic and becoming a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable nation, the government has to introduce the concept of co-operation and collaboration between stakeholders, irrespective of political affiliation or ideological differences. The existing procedures should be reviewed to promote efficiency in the public service, and enhance its quality to fulfil stakeholders' requirements.

In addition, the government should foster closer collaboration with various organisations to empower them to partake in national development.

A lot of the mismatches that we see between government solutions and the problems that we have is because the government is making policy for an economy.

This slow progress has been attributed to a number of factors, including a lack of urgency from government in creating and implementing economic policies.

After the first part of the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP), launched in 2016 and lasting till 2020,



Namibia is home to the largest desalination plant in Southern Africa.

President Hage Geingob introduced the second part (HPP II) on 18 March 2021, covering the period from 2021 to 2025. The plan aims at implementing policy programmes which enhance service delivery, economic recovery such as inclusive growth, and to strengthen Namibia in terms of socio-economic challenges and preparing it for global opportunities in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It's also to develop an implementation plan to attract private sector investment into the green and blue economies. Implementation plans are the backbone of a strategic overall plan.

The private sector could drive the country's economic recovery efforts following the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic. I believe that a well-performing private sector would increase Government's tax mobilisation efforts, create jobs for the teeming youth and propel Namibia beyond aid. Private corporations are the engines of the economy.

The development of private enterprises means reducing public debt for the State. Namibia should review its policies to promote the development of large private economic groups, and consider them as the driving force for development. The legal system related to business still has many inconsis-

ent procedures and conditions, causing obstacles for private enterprises.

To improve the capacity of the private sector in Namibia, the government should support enterprises to restore production and minimise the negative impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic as well as improve the business investment environment.

It should promote the development of technology, innovation and digital transformation, taking advantage of the achievements of the Fourth Industrial Revolution; and develop policies to promote private enterprises to deeply participate in the value chain.

Strengthen the connection and linkage along the value chain between private enterprises and FDI enterprises.

Promote the development of small and medium-sized private enterprises, while developing a number of large private economic groups with strong potential and regional and international competitiveness.

Furthermore, rebuilding business confidence is a fundamental starting point to resuscitating investment. We all have much work to do for Namibia to regain its economic momentum that will deliver the inclusive growth to make lives better for all.

The private sector has strong links to higher investments in education and vocational training to bridge skills gaps in the economy, facilitating skills, creating partnerships with educational institutes and experts and, most importantly, creating a future-ready and talented workforce.

Private investments by the corporate sector are critical to higher growth rates and economic development. Corporates are integral to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, and ensuring the future progress of an economy.

In conclusion, private enterprises are the chief agents in creating employment, providing funds, building competitiveness and driving innovation.

The private sector's role in encouraging a country's growth and economic development cannot be overstated. Effective partnerships between the government and the private sector in critical areas of infrastructure and long-term investments would expedite development.

The private sector plays the leading role in research and development spending, working with universities and institutions to translate new research into markets and crafting innovative business models.





### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF INTERNAL ROAD MAINTENANCE UNDER PMMR AND SPOT IMPROVEMENT/INITIAL REHABILITATION TO GGML

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located 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 improving its internal road worthy (20.34Km in Total) and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible contractors to submit Expression of Interest for the services as detailed below.

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#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01420	PROVISION OF INTERNAL ROAD MAINTENANCE UNDER PMMR CONTRACT AND SPOT IMPROVEMENT/INITIAL REHABILITATION TO GGML

#### I.1 INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
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)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01420)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Proof of previous experience in road maintenances under PMMR Contract in mining or related heavy industry such as Cement, Oil and Gas or Petroleum.	20%
Plants and Equipment availability related to road maintenance works at a minimum (1 Nos, Excavators, 5 Nos Tipper Trucks, 1 Nos Graders, 1 Nos Roller compactors, 3 Nos Water Bowsers, Service Trucks, Fuel bowsers etc., 3 Nos Supervising LV's (4WD), 1 Nos Bus/Min Bus for Contractor's employees, 1 Nos Food Van) with <b>PROOF OF OWNERSHIP, no equipment rental shall be accepted.</b>	20%
Technical personnel availability and experience with CV's and related personnel's certificates [1 Nos full time Site Manager, 1 Nos Safety Manager, 2 Nos Safety Officers, 1 Nos Maintenance Manager, 1 Nos Registered Site Engineer, (CV's Must be stamped by the Tenderer).	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01420) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 04<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF EXTERNAL ROAD MAINTENANCE UNDER PMMR AND SPOT IMPROVEMENT/INITIAL REHABILITATION TO GGML

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#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01419	PROVISION OF EXTERNAL ROAD MAINTENANCE UNDER PMMR CONTRACT AND SPOT IMPROVEMENT/INITIAL REHABILITATION TO GGML

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# Climate change mitigation, land management critical for development

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

CLIMATE change mitigation is a duty we cannot shy away from as a nation and going by extreme weather patterns seen in recent years, the sooner we act the better. Tied to it is proper land planning and management for our society to leapfrog from inadequacy to prosperity.

Evidence from other countries and studies by various scholars on the topic of development show that proactive through research and resultant action is the way to go rather than being reactive. For, this saves not only the devastating impact but also resources.

In his presentation on land management, environment and climate change at an international workshop organized recently by Ardhhi University (ARU) in Dar es Salaam in Dar es Salaam, Prof Wilbard Kombe said

economic, social, environment and political future of Tanzania depends to large extent on what knowledge is and will be available to address the increasing practical and conceptual challenges confronting land, the built environment and climate change locally and globally.

He said as guardians of knowledge, advisors of governments, seedbeds for future leaders of the nation and innovators of solutions to societal problems, academics should not be reactive but proactive.

The don said there is much to be done proactively by universities such as research but was quick to add that communities and individual citizens also have a role to play by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and embracing land planning and management.

"Looking at the research themes and topics of this conference, the

researchers seem to have touched upon many inter-connected issues. To me, this demonstrates first, the well thought and informed resolve to focus on these strategic issues and second, the focus of the conference depicts the growing importance and influence of the three thematic subjects in setting the national and global research and development agenda," he said.

## Why does land management matter for socioeconomic development?

Prof Kombe said land is a fundamental asset upon which our life, socio-economic and environmental wellbeing are built, adding that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2016 directly address these three issues, with land lying at the center.

He said the political economy of



Prof Adolph Mkenda (left), Minister for Education, Science and Technology, listens to Head of Environmental Science and Management at Ardhhi University, Dr Nyangi Chacha (gesturing), during a capacity building workshop organised by the institution and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) in Dar es Salaam recently. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

land distribution tells that a well-functioning land sector is a precondition for transition from poverty to a human capital-based developed economy.

"Land plays central role in social, economic and political stability; inter alia because it incentivises land owners and investors; promotes property rights, decreases inequality, supports land markets, reduces inefficiencies and avails mechanisms for harnessing conflicting interests," he said.

Prof Kombe added that by improving and investing in land management, governments can reduce transaction costs such as cost of doing business and check investment risks, increase investment attractiveness, adding that individuals can also make fortunes from value of their land or landed property if they or the state invests in land management.

However, Prof Kombe said it is a common knowledge that at present, local and foreign individuals and entities including investors wishing to acquire a piece of land to meet their basic needs for shelter or other requirements incur considerable costs in terms of time and cash because of various reasons including cumbersome protocols, unpredictable and opaque land governance systems such as ambiguous legal and or administrative frameworks.

He said over the years, research and practice have repeatedly highlighted weaknesses in several other areas of land management and these weaknesses are manifested in for instance weak or inappropriate institutions, ineffective land use planning systems and practices, low land registration and tilting, insecure land and property rights for particularly the poor in rural and urban areas and non-compliance with land development, laws and regulations among others.

In turn, Professor Kombe said these challenges contribute to lack of transparency and accountability, fostering corruption, adding that transparency International studies for many African countries including Tanzania have underlined the correlation between low incidences of corruption in the land sector and higher levels of foreign direct investments.

He said effective land management

is a necessary condition for inclusive and sustainable development and most importantly for the transformation from African's predominantly agriculture to industry and service economy. Indeed, no country can afford to ignore investments in land management if it has to transform into modern economy, he added.

The career academician said the question of secure tenure is particularly critical for women because land related vulnerabilities and socio-economic inequalities in African countries Tanzania being no exception, have many gender dimensions that are compounded by inappropriate land management systems and practices.

"At this juncture, it is important to ask the question: Is the concern for access to land for women and other marginalized groups enough? I think it is important to explore and understand the wide picture that concerns socio-cultural norms and values that facilitate or restrain gender parity in access to land and other resources and livelihood opportunities in societies," he said.

He said reliable data and information to generate informed understanding of future climate change-related risks and coping capacity of cities and communities is necessary.

According to Prof Kombe, improved knowledge and understanding of the direct and indirect impacts of climate change will benefit communities and policy makers alike.

"Whilst targeted adaptation is required, the critical question which calls for an in-depth analysis is how to make policy makers factor climate change into the long and short term plans and strategic decisions, and their implications," he said.

He said most importantly, addressing climate change requires collective action because the impacts are catastrophic at households, community and national levels.

The don said considering the high costs of adaptation, we have to increasingly look inward for softer and cheaper adaptation measures or low-lying fruits in local communities.

Equipped with actionable knowledge, researchers can assist and influence policy-makers and practitioners

involved in climate change negotiations and discussions to give priority to climate change adaptation, he said, adding that competing demands and the limited resources available would however require smart engagements of researchers and practitioners alike.

Knowledge generation and the role of universities

"Looking at the ways local governments and professionals are dealing with the unprecedented global threats, I am not optimistic that we are winning the fights especially on the three subjects. The drying out of rivers, stream and inland lakes has devastating effects on ecological balance; the business as usual approach on pertinent issues such as unprecedented urbanization, environmental degradation, informality, use or rather misuse of natural resources are particularly worrying," he said.

The three-day international workshop brought together scholars to discuss studies they did on land management, environment and climate change. They also exchanged ideas on the research done by ARU for five years starting from 2017 to 2022 under the sponsorship of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, Prof Adolph Mkenda, Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Adolph Mkenda, said it is important for universities to source fund for research instead of relying on government allocations which are usually insufficient.

He said despite the fact that government sets aside budget for researchers and sponsorship to Tanzanian students every financial year, universities should put in place sustainable projects for their research development.

Prof Mkenda commended ARU Vice Chancellor Prof Evaristo Liwa and the chairperson of the university's governing council Amb. Salome Sijaona for striking friendship with foreign universities and organizations through which the institution funds its research projects.

"I would like to see efforts like this in other public universities so that they became financially independent," he said.

## RTO urges drivers to go for regular training to curb accidents

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

KILIMANJARO Regional Traffic Officer (RTO) Michael Stephen has urged drivers to undergo regular training for sustainable road safety as well as reducing road accidents.

RTO Stephen made the call recently when speaking during the refresher road safety course that involved government drivers who are working at Kilimanjaro Regional Office and other public institutions.

The course was aimed at cutting down the rate of accidents that claim to be caused by reckless drivers. The RTO stated public vehicle drivers were leading in traffic offenses, which are caused by human errors, and speeding, that's it's important for drivers to undergo such training to address the challenge, which is costing people's lives and properties. "Most of the government drivers are blamed for

leading in traffic offenses that's why my office in collaboration with the Kilimanjaro regional office and other stakeholders decided to have this road safety refresher course for you (government drivers) to remind you on road safety regulations," he said.

According to the RTO, the training entailed modern driving skills, road safety, and first aid skills.



One of the training facilitators, Inspector Francis Maneno said that most of the roads accidents are caused by reckless driving who don't abide by road regulations whereby 80% of accidents are caused by reckless drivers, 12% of the road accidents are caused by mechanical problems of the vehicles, 6% of the road accidents are caused by climate change, while only 2% of the road accidents are caused by bad road infrastructure.

"My appeal to all drivers particularly government drivers, and other road users

is to abide by all road regulations to avoid unnecessary road accidents," he insisted.

Moshi Traffic Officer (DTO) Peter Mizambwa said that people don't need to be afraid of police officers, instead, they should work together as a team to avoid unnecessary road accidents, crimes, and criminals for the sustainable safety of the public.

He also said that there are other new road signs like deaf sign, and disabled signs, among many others, appealing the drivers to participate in various road safety and vehicle users' training to learn them. "This is not an end, my office will continue providing to you various training on road safety, vehicle user's guiding training for sustainable road safety in our region," he said, adding that apart from Kilimanjaro regional office drivers, the same training will be provided to other drivers of the other institutions.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Ore, Non-Acid Forming Rock (NAF), Potentially Acid Forming Rock (PAF) Pad Construction and Culvert Construction

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified, and qualified parties to provide the following:

Construction of Storm Water Culvert, Ore pad construction, Waste Rock Extension Construction and Re-handling

**Pre-qualification Criteria**

No.	Reference no.	Description of work	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	NM031/2022/A	Construction of Storm Water Culvert	i. Applicants that had successfully executed civil projects over the past two (2) years shall be considered. ii. Completion certificates of previous projects with reference list of Clients, the applicant agrees - without reservation-upon the submission of EOI, that the Company has the full right to contact any of the references provided iii. Local compliance with valid CRB registration, minimum Class 4 contractor iv. Applicant should provide proof to its statements as necessary with regard to its financial stability, engineering capabilities, organizational structure, CVs of experienced personnel, equipment, expertise in relevant types of building construction facilities and familiarity with Tanzanian laws and Regulations
2	NM031/2022/B	Waste rock rehandling	i. Applicants that had successfully executed earthwork jobs in the last two years, should submit certificates of work completion ii. List of equipment's with specifications owned by the contractor iii. Local compliance with valid CRB registration, Class 5 contractor iv. Applicant should provide proof to its statements as necessary with regard to its financial stability, organizational structure, CVs of experienced personnel and familiarity with Tanzanian laws and Regulations
3	NM031/2022/C	Waste Rock NAF dump extension, Waste Rock PAF dump construction, Waste Rock NAF dump construction and Ore pad construction	i. Applicants that had successfully executed earthwork jobs which includes the construction of embankments, installation of HDPE liners and HDPE pipe works in the last three years, should submit certificates of work completion ii. List of equipment's with specifications owned by the contractor iii. Local compliance with valid CRB registration, minimum Class 4 contractor iv. Applicant should provide proof to its statements as necessary with regard to its financial stability, organizational structure, CV's pf experienced personnel and familiarity with Tanzanian laws and Regulations

**Expression of interest**  
 If your company meets the pre-qualification criteria and would like to be considered to receive the invitation to tender (ITT), an expression of interest (EOI) including your company profile and evidence of compliance with pre-qualification criteria may be submitted to [nm.proposal@barrick.com](mailto:nm.proposal@barrick.com)

Applicants must quote the tender description(s) and the respective reference no.(s) in the subject line of the email.

**NB:** The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit an EOI through this advertisement.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of NMGW

**Key Dates**  
 • Last date to submit EOI March 25, 2022

North Mara Gold Mine Limited

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## HUBERT KAIRUKI MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY



## VACANCY RE-ADVERTISEMENT

The Board of Directors of Kairuki Health and Education Network (KHEN) is looking for a qualified and well experienced Tanzanian to fill the position of **Vice Chancellor (VC)** for Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU).

**Qualifications:** Applicants must be in possession of MMED and/or PhD degree (in health-related fields) or equivalent qualifications from an accredited University; an academic rank of at least Associate Professor; an outstanding record of academic leadership in teaching, research, and publication as well as an outstanding record of experience in providing community service. The candidate must also have proven integrity and management experience of academic institutions.

The **Tenure** of office will be five (5) years. **Remuneration** will be according to the HKMU salary scales and the University's policy on fringe benefits.

**Application Procedure:** Interested and qualified applicants for the above post are requested to email their application letter, curriculum vitae, three names of his/her referees and to attach copies of their certificates to: The Chairperson, HKMU Vice Chancellor Search Committee, [vc.searchcommittee@hkmu.ac.tz](mailto:vc.searchcommittee@hkmu.ac.tz) by **21<sup>st</sup> April 2022**.

This advert can also be downloaded from the HKMU website: [www.hkmu.ac.tz](http://www.hkmu.ac.tz)

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Vi Agroforestry Tanzania intends to sell by open tender one used motor vehicle as here under

## TOYOTA LANDCRUISER HARD TOP

**Registration Number:** DFP 5248  
**Make:** TOYOTA  
**Model:** LANDCRUISER HARDTOP  
**Engine Capacity:** 4164CC  
**Colour:** WHITE  
**Engine Number:** 1HZ 0578093  
**Chassis Number:** JTERB71J100044361  
**Year of Registration:** 2008  
**Condition:** Running

## TENDER CONDITIONS:

- Currently the vehicle is running, and it is sold on as-is-where-is basis. Vi Agroforestry Tanzania shall have no further liability after sale.
- Vehicle can be inspected at Vi Agroforestry office located at Isamilo, Mwanza during workdays Monday to Thursday 09:00 hours to 16:00 hours, and Friday from 09:00 hours to 12:00 hours from Tuesday 22nd March to Thursday 6th April 2022. Tenders shall be opened at 13:00 hours on 06.04.2022. Interested bidders or their representatives are invited to attend.
- Non-refundable tender fee Shs.30,000/=, respective tender fee to be paid to: Vi Tree Planting Foundation, account no.016000076 Absa Mwanza branch or account no. 030103000944 NBC Musoma branch. Copy of bank slip to be enclosed in the tender letter. Tenders sent without proof of tender fee shall automatically be disqualified.
- Sealed tender envelopes clearly marked Tender for Toyota Landcruiser Hard Top DFP 5248, should be addressed to:

**The Country Manager,  
 Vi Agroforestry Tanzania,  
 P.O.Box 621,  
 Mwanza**

So as to reach the office on or before 12:00 Monday 06.04. 2022.Mwanza bidders or any interested part may drop their bids in the tender box at our office.

- Successful bidders will be required to pay 25% of their bid amounts within 5 workdays from notification, and remaining amount to be paid within 21 workdays after first payment.
- The vehicle was imported tax free, successful bidder shall be responsible to pay all government levies, and process change of legal ownership before the vehicle is delivered.
- Any subsequent costs that will accrue due to bidder delay to complete buying process shall be passed to bidder.
- Vi Agroforestry Tanzania reserves all the right, and without assigning any reasons thereof not to accept the highest or any bid. Country Management decision shall remain final.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Administrative Unit:

**Contact Person: Mr. Adelkwin Mkenda**  
**Telephone: +255 658 193 024 & +255 688 891 696**

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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF UNSKILLED LABOUR SERVICES FOR DEWATERING AND METAL SORTING (MINING DEPARTMENT) TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED TANZANIA


## I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located 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 Procuring unskilled labour service for Dewatering and metal sorting-mining department and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of service as detailed below.

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## Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01418	Rental of Concrete mixer (Transit mixer or truck mixer) 10m3 or larger, fixed unit to supply for hire for mixing and/or delivery of concrete for 12months. 4x6 or 6x6 required, with off highway driving 100% of the time. Owner driver, operator and maintenance required. Hourly rate and monthly fixed fee per unit. Require mine standard reflectors, roadworthy and PPE
	

## II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
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)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01408)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Capable of supplying Concrete mixer (Transit mixer or truck mixer) with 4x6 or 6x6 configuration trucks, with hours and bin sizes.	20%
Proof of qualified personnel (drivers) and proven operation for 24h, with transport for personnel in mining or large construction area capability or track record.	20%
Proof of technical capabilities to provide after sales support including Maintenance and other technical services	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01418) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 04<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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# Don't risk our multi-billion-dollar pension fund in Wall Street, warn UN staffers

By Thalif Deen

**T**HE United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF), which is expected to provide retirement, death, disability and related benefits for staff, upon cessation of their services- has a staggering portfolio amounting to over \$81.5 billion ranking far, far ahead of the UN's annual budget of \$3.1 billion and its average peacekeeping budget of over \$6.4 billion.

The thousands of UN retirees and their beneficiaries, numbering over 71,000 at last count, who depend on their pensions for economic survival, are relentlessly protective of the Fund-while protesting all attempts at risky investments.

The Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the UN system (CCISUA), which represents over 60,000 staffers worldwide, is protesting a new proposed plan to "outsource a large part of the pension fund's investments to Wall Street".

In a letter to Pedro Guazo, Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of UNJSPF assets, Prisca Chaoui, the CCISUA President warned last week that the proposed outsourcing "ultimately calls into question the nature of our pension fund."

"Is it one that continues to be managed prudently by experts employed by the fund, who by being UN staff have a stake in its long-term health, a system that employs the fund's economies of scale to keep down costs and that has by the fund's own telling outperformed the private sector up to now?" she asked.

"Or is it one that is outsourced to Wall Street to be the victim of a short-term get-rich-quick bonus culture with little regard to the welfare of beneficiaries around the world?"

"Based on the information that has

been shared with us", says Chaoui, "we fail to understand the reasons behind the move to external management, given the unnecessary and costly duplication of internal capacity."

"We also believe that your intention to "stop the bleeding" has been addressed by the management changes you have implemented in response to issues highlighted by the UN's Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), and through a new Strategic Asset Allocation that significantly reduces our exposure to risky assets".

Given that the pension fund has access to the same financial instruments as Wall Street, and employs equally experienced investment officers, she argues, there should be no reason for a lower performance.

"Indeed, the pension fund's other portfolios have worked fine under internal management."

"We stand today at a fork in the road that will decide the future of our fund. We ask that you reverse the outsourcing strategy and keep the management of our assets safely in-house," she declared.

Meanwhile, a petition currently in circulation among retirees and UN staffers, says Secretary-General Antonio Guterres claims this is a temporary measure that will increase performance.

"However, the plans authorize an increase in outsourcing over a period of three years. And over the long term, our conservative, internally-managed UN pension fund has performed better than many externally-managed final salary funds that have since been forced to close. Indeed, our fund is in actuarial balance," says the petition seeking signatures.

"Under the proposal, up to 75 percent of the fund's fixed-income portfolio will be externally managed."

The Secretary-General is proceeding with the outsourcing de-



spite strong concerns expressed at the February meeting of the pension board, despite a letter of protest from CCISUA (<https://www.staffcoordinatingcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/PF-protest-letter.pdf>) and despite the UN's own Board of Auditors noting that the fund is not able to effectively evaluate its external managers.

In 2007, one year before the global financial crisis and the collapse of many financial institutions, former Secretary-General Kofi Annan considered outsourcing to Wall Street. But he wisely changed course following staff protests and kept our fund safe, says the petition.

"By handing our pension fund to Wall Street in these financially turbulent times, it risks becoming the victim of a short-term, greed-is-good bonus culture that has little regard for the welfare of our staff and retirees around the world and little regard for the ethical values of the UN", says the petition titled "Secretary-General Antonio Guterres: Don't hand our UN pension fund to Wall Street."

"By signing this petition, you call on the Secretary-General, to once again stop the outsourcing of our pension fund and keep its management in-house. Please share this with your colleagues across the UN and specialized

agencies".

Responding to the ongoing protests, Pedro Guazo, Representative of the Secretary-General for the investment of UNJSPF assets, said on 16 March the Fund is aware of additional concerns expressed on the temporary outsourcing of part of the fixed income portfolio.

"As presented at the last Pension Board meeting on 24-25 February 2022 (see here) and in my message of 12 March 2022, the investments of the UN Pension Fund are doing very well overall, given the current economic and geopolitical context."

However, argued Guazo, the Fund can do better in the fixed income portfolio. For many years that portfolio has underperformed against its benchmark, as outlined on the Fund's website here.

He pointed out that the Fixed Income Team of the Fund's Office of Investment Management put a proposal to manage part of the portfolio internally (35%) and, temporarily, using an external advisor under the supervision and control by the same internal team (65%).

This 65% of the fixed income portfolio represents around 18% of the total portfolio managed by the Office of Investment Management.

"This proposal has been reviewed by the internal committee, by the Pension Board and the Fund's Investments Committee, concurring this is a good temporary solution to raise the performance of the fixed income portfolio. The use of temporary external advisors is a best practice in the pension fund industry to address underperforming asset classes," he noted.

The immediate benefit for the UN Pension Fund, he said, will be additional USD 60 million a year in profits and this solution is only temporary. When the team is ready in some months the Office of Investment Management will again manage the portfolio internally.

"I hope this clarifies the objective and the benefits of this operation, that will, again, be applied only for a limited time," he added.

Meanwhile, Ian Richards, former President of the CCISUA, told IPS following the launch of the union petition, "I've been inundated with messages from staff.

They are looking at what's happening on the markets right now and just don't think it's the time for Wall Street to be taking things over.

They're asking why now when the pension fund leadership has for years, and as recently as last autumn at the General Assembly, vaunted the advantages of safe, conservative in-house management. A lot of questions, including ones I have raised on this, remain unanswered."

IPS

# China's BeiDou system enters new stage of continuous and stable services, rapid development

By Yu Jianbin

MEASUREMENT data from the International GNSS Monitoring and Assessment System (iGMAS) show that the positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) services provided by China's BeiDou-3 Navigation Satellite System have recorded high performance indicators worldwide and reached particularly high levels in the Asia-Pacific region, which signifies that China's vision of making its BeiDou Navigation Satellite System (BDS) a first-class system that benefits the entire world is becoming a reality, according to the China Satellite Navigation Office.

The system has entered a new stage featuring continuous and stable services and rapid development, said the office.

Since it was formally commissioned on July 31, 2020, the BeiDou-3 has been in smooth operation and provided high-quality services for global users. While ensuring the system's stable functioning in all weathers, China has continuously optimized its performance and expanded its application modes.

The country plans to launch new satellites to further improve the system's operational stability and reliability, and test and verify new technologies to ensure the continuous upgrading of the system.

In recent years, the BDS has played a much stronger role in driving economic and social development. The application of the system has expanded continuously in scale and extent and has entered a critical stage of marketization, industrialization and internationalization.

The system has realized extensive application and large-scale development in transportation, disaster relief and mitigation, agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry, fishery and other industries, as well as such fields as electric power and communication infrastructure, registering plenty of fruits and notable benefits.

Mobile phones equipped with the short message communication capability of the BeiDou-3 will soon be launched, which will redefine the functions and applications of mobile phones and effectively facilitate the protection of people's life and property.

China is happy to share its achievements in satellite navigation system construction with various countries, and the open and inclusive BDS is welcoming global users with open arms.

Last year, China witnessed fruitful satellite navigation cooperation with other countries. Many outcome documents in the field were released, including the vision for promoting China-Africa cooperation on BDS, 10 Application Scenarios of BDS in Africa, and China-Arab States action plan over BDS cooperation between 2022 and 2023.

As its products, technologies and services have been applied in more than half of the countries in the world, the BDS is actively promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind with practical actions.

China is now advancing the construction of a national comprehensive PNT system based on the next-generation BDS. By 2035, the country will build a more ubiquitous, integrated and intelligent comprehensive national PNT system centered around the BDS to provide core support for the development of intelligent and unmanned systems.

By then, the BDS will better serve users from across the world and benefit all mankind by providing global users with full-coverage and highly reliable PNT services whether indoors or outdoors, and whether in the deep sea or deep space.

People's Daily



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## BUSINESS

## Self Microfinance chief lauds President Samia

By Guardian Correspondent

SELF Microfinance Fund's Managing Director, Mudith Cheyo has commended President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her impressive leadership that has speeded up development work in the country.

Speaking to journalists in Dar es Salaam earlier this week, Cheyo said President Samia has sustained development in all aspects of the community in line with the ruling party's manifesto for 2020 general elections.

She said notable progress has been made in areas of social services, politics, infrastructure, the economy and that in addition to carrying on Magufuli's good work, President Samia has made significant improvement in governance and rule of law.

"Management and staff of Self Microfinance Fund are proud to be associated with other Tanzanians who have played a key role in supporting President Samia's implementation of CCM's manifesto especially in uplifting the majority of Tanzanians economically," Cheyo said.

She said her fund has relaxed borrowing conditions during the past year so that the majority of Tanzanians, who could not meet existing stringent conditions imposed by financial institutions, get access to loans.

"In addition, we have also been giving loans to ordinary people and petty traders in the informal sector who have no business licences while

training them on how to grow their businesses and graduate into the formal sector," the Self Microfinance chief executive noted.

Cheyo added that in order to ensure that their services and products reach the majority of Tanzania; the fund has opened branch offices in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Geita, Shinyanga, Mbeya, Mwanza and Zanzibar.

She explained that the branch offices have been serving petty traders, small and medium size enterprises and financial institutions thanks to an enabling environment put in place by President Samia's administration which includes setting aside areas for small businesses to operate from.

"Self Microfinance Fund's family feel satisfied with what we have accomplished during the short period under President Samia's leadership because we introduced products and services to enable ordinary Tanzanians get loans easily with better terms," she added.

"For example, our loans have had low interest rate to allow many borrowers afford them as a way of supporting President Samia's efforts to eradicate poverty among majority Tanzanians," Cheyo stated while revealing that 10 new branches will be opened upcountry this year.

The fund has also donated 80 beds and mattresses to Yombo Disabled Training Centre in Dar es Salaam worth over 29.39m/- as part of giving back to the community part of profits accrued from its business activities.



Serengeti Breweries Limited managing director Mark Ocitti (Left) has a words with TRA board members who visited the company's Dar es Salaam brewery mid-last week to see the implementation of Electronic Tax Stamp system. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TRA board commends brewer's investment drive in the country

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Revenue Authority (TRA) board of directors has commended Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) for being one of the top ten leading large tax payers in the country besides its activeness in community social responsibility programmes.

The board that visited SBL Dar es Salaam brewery facility mid-last week with the intention of inspecting and seeing the implementation of the Electronic Tax Stamps (ETS) at the factory, said the company is always quick in complying with TRA's requirements for the business community.

During the visit, the board was taken through the SBL investment journey which included what the company is doing to support the local communities.

TRA Board Chairman Ulledi Mussa, said SBL was doing a commendable work by being good development partners to the nation.

"The huge investments you are making in terms of expansion of your

business and also in the social front is a clear indication that you are here to stay. The government recognizes you as an import development stakeholder and will always be there to support your growth," he said.

Blandina Chuwa, who is another board member was impressed by SBL's policy on diversity and inclusion which among other things provide a platform for its women employees to demonstrate their capabilities and climb the leadership ladder.

"I must commend you for your good policies that gives a chance to women employees to grow. Your spirits line which is 100% run by women, is a clear indication that women are capable when they are given a chance. Thank you for investing in women," she said.

In his presentation to the board members, SBL Corporate Relations Director John Wanyancha said last year the company unveiled a three-year investment plan worth 166bn/- that involves capacity expansion of its breweries as well as establishment of a new spirits manufacturing facility.

According to him, the program

which started in 2019 will see the brewer boost its production in its three breweries located in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Moshi.

The company has also established a state-of-the-art spirit manufacturing facility in its Moshi brewery as part of the investment plan which is 100% run by women employees.

"This expansion will create increased demand for cereals that SBL sources from local farmers' growers of maize, barley and sorghum for beer production. It will create more direct and indirect job opportunities and will expand the company product distribution footprint nationally. This also means, creating more revenue for the Government through increased tax revenue collection."

Wanyancha furthermore added that SBL was a keen player in implementing impactful social support programs. "It's against this backdrop that in 2019 SBL introduced a scholarship program tailored to benefit students pursuing agricultural courses in local colleges in support of the government's effort to enlarge the existing pool of agricultural

experts in the country and so far over have benefited from this program."

The corporate relation director mentioned other programs such as Agri-Business, which supports big and small holder farmers to increase production while offering them a ready market for their harvests.

"We have undertaken and continue to undertake other community support initiatives including water stewardship, popularly known as 'Water of Life' (WOL), a program that has since 2010 implemented 21 water projects in various parts of the country, sustainably providing clean and safe water to over two million people."

"We also partner with Traffic Police, SUMTRA and other road safety stakeholders to educate bus drivers, boda boda riders, pedestrians and university communities about Responsible Drinking stressing on the need to avoid drink driving."

We do so through a program known as 'Don't Drink and Drive' which has contributed to a considerable reduction in the number road accident cases blamed on drink driving," he admitted.



Knowledge grows

## Congratulations

The Management and Staff of YARA TANZANIA congratulate the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, on her completion of ONE SUCCESSFUL YEAR in office.

We wish her good health, prosperity and the very best as you continue to lead the nation.

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## SMEs empowered through mining firm's local business development programme

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

REPRESENTATIVES of fifteen mining value chains companies have graduated from the Barrick's North Mara "Local Business Development Programme" that has been executed by Kengo Consulting in partnership with Barrick and College of Business Education (CBE).

Since the programme's launch in November 2021, four workshops and mentorships have been conducted to build the companies' capabilities and help them take advantage of opportunities in the mining sector.

Programme beneficiaries were empowered with professional training and business consulting to small-to-medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to strengthen their skills and enable them to profit from the mining value chain.

Barrick president and chief executive, Mark Bristow said that the programme is a trailblazer in the mining sector and urged others to follow suit.

"We're proud to have led the way by successfully conducting this business development programme, going above and beyond the mandated local content regulations. Local content is crucial for our operations and when we strengthen SMEs, we empower the surrounding community. Barrick will continue to support the

development of small to medium-size enterprises which are indispensable for economic growth," he said.

The programme has seen significant achievements such as the development of strategic plans for all participating companies, improved credit cycles, and the consolidation of new business opportunities.

The graduates have also benefited through mentorship from the Ministry of Minerals, Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), Human Resources consultants, and financial institutions.

Shack Noel from EHS Company Limited said it has exposed his business to the "world-class operational standards" required to improve the quality of his construction services. Through rigorous activation workshops and one-on-one mentorship, the companies have been able to network within the mining ecosystem and identify areas for growth.

Janet Reuben Lekashingo, Commissioner of the Mining Commission, stated: "The Government, through the 2017 Local Content regulations, has provided an enabling framework for local businesses to benefit from investments in the country through opportunities in the supply chain. The North Mara Local Business Development Programme has set the standard for other companies to follow."

# GetPaid Platform to connect Tanzanians to opportunities worldwide - DLTCP chief

By Guardian Reporter

**A** NEW, strategic, and digital platform, "GetPaid" has been launched in Dar es Salaam as part of a private sector commitment to complement the government's efforts aimed to connect Tanzanians to various opportunities across Africa and worldwide.

The digital platform which has been developed by a locally-registered firm, DLT CP, intends to connect creators, traders, and freelancers to opportunities across the world.

GetPaid platform was officially launched yesterday in Dar es Salaam at a ceremony which brought together stakeholders from different sectors of the country's digital economy.

"In fact, this is a unique digital platform which allows people to get connected," said Richard Lema, DLT CP Chief Operation Officer, at the official launch of the GetPaid platform.

He described GetPaid as a state-of-the-art technology that would digitally connect people to opportunities in Tanzania, regionally, and across the globe.

Through the GetPaid platform, people of all walks of life -creators, traders, freelancers, adults, young people, professionals, and non-professionals- would be enabled to access digital opportunities globally available.

"GetPaid provides them with worldwide opportunities, digital knowledge, and innovation. This is done via a community group, app, and a knowledge base," Lema said, adding: "The three



GetPaid-business manager Justine Mahinyika stresses a point to reporters on the application and functions of the GetPaid App during the official launch of the platform in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

combined make up the GetPaid product and give potential users (creators, traders, freelancers) the tools, gigs, and knowledge they need to live, work and subsequently get paid."

Studies have shown that Africa's digital economy is a fast-growing market. From IFC (International Finance Corporation) and Google concluded that Africa's digital economy has the potential to reach \$180 billion by 2025, accounting for 5.2% of the continent's gross domestic product (GDP). By 2050, the projected potential contribution could reach \$712 billion, 8.5% of the continent's GDP.

ICT expert Mwajuma Mbele said despite the fast growth in the digital economy, there are still gaps to be filled, as millions of young adults in many African countries are unemployed.

The latest statistics indicate that despite some 800,000 to 1,000,000 young graduates entering the labor market in Tanzania annually (NBS-2015), on average the economy creates only 250,000 jobs a year, as 75 percent of these young remain jobless. In Kenya 34% of the young adults are unemployed. Both examples present a large potential labor force for the global digital economy.

"However, the adaption of right approach and tools, the likes of GetPaid, African countries can witness a huge number of young adults joining and engaging in the digital economy," observed one jobless UDSM graduate, Asha Mkwewe.

GetPaid App is locally registered, 100 percent owned by young Tanzanian talents who were all part of "this digital economy."

## TARI making efforts to put avocado up production, processing

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) has embarked on a robust programme targeting to improve production, productivity as well as additional value to avocados in Tanzania.

The initiative which involves a thorough research and soil testing to establish more regions where the economic cash crop can be grown is being implemented by the Mbeya - based TARI Uyole centre.

Among others, the focus is to continue developing numerous technologies to help improve various levels in avocados production, such as seed preparation and availability of quality seedlings, agronomic practices, and pests' management.

In targets is also improvement of harvesting techniques to mitigate fruit loss, processing and innovation of avocado products, marketing research on new opportunities for avocados, and alternative consumption of new products of avocados.

TARI-Uyole Director Dr Tulole Bucheyeki said over the weekend that the center has so far researched, approved, and introduced to the farmers more than ten seeds varieties of improved avocado in Tanzania.

He named the varieties as Hass, Fuerte, Weisal, Pinkerton, X - IKULU, Booth 7, Simmonds, Nabal, X Mwaikokesya, Uyole line, and Duke.

"The focus is to achieve general improvement of the avocado sub-sector while making sure the country is equipped with market-oriented quality varieties," he said, noting that the programme was also meant to sharpen the performance of seedling exporters, agribusiness sellers, apricot harvesters, and buyers as well as fruit exporters.

"Through this programme we're also conducting soil research and requirements for avocado supplements to increase productivity," he said.

Tanzania is the third largest avocado producer in Africa, after South Africa and Kenya, whereby between 2015 and 2018 annual production rose from 20,000 tonnes to 190,000 tonnes.

According to the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), in 2018 Tanzania exported 7,551 tons with a total value of USD 8.5 million to Europe, Africa, and Asia.

The Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has also indicated that the production was 19,449 metric tonnes in 2016/2017.

Regions, where the cash crop is cultivated in Tanzania, include Mbeya, Njombe, Songwe, Iringa, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, and Tanga. Other regions are Kigoma and Kagera in the northwest and Morogoro in the east of Tanzania.

Reports have it that the most important market for Tanzania's avocado is the Netherlands, with an untapped potential of USD 1.8 billion, whereby the second-largest market in France.

However, other markets with large untapped export potential include Japan, Switzerland, Spain, Germany, the United Arab Emirates, and China.

# SDF brings positive changes for VETA, SIDO beneficiaries in Mwanza Region

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

THE Skills Development Fund (SDF) has proven to bring about positive change in the community through funding skills development training for a group of young people from poor households.

Being a Tanzania Education Authority (TEA)'s brainchild, SDF beneficiaries were trained through Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) and Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) in Mwanza Region.

TEA projects and resources mobilization and education support management director, Waziri Salum made the remarks over the weekend when visited some of the institutions that have benefited from SDF funding for conducting the training in the lake zone region.

Acting principal of VETA college in Mwanza Region, Muzora Bitesigirwe said the college received 68.6m/- from TEA for funding short-term training for young people from poor and vulnerable households.

"Such training had benefited 57 young people. Most of the beneficiaries were trained on household electrical, plumbing, automotive, masonry, decoration and hygiene, tailoring, recipes as well as driving," he said.

VETA training coordinator Joseph Masaga said the young people who benefited from the training not only acquired skills and work skills but also enabled them to realize their place in society and thus withdraw from unscrupulous gangs that some had joined.



Some TEA officials at VETA college in Mwanza.

"Some of the graduates have already found jobs in driving cars, motorcycles and three wheeler taxis (bajajis) and thus earning an income," said Masaga.

TEA project director Waziri Salum expressed satisfaction with the results of the training especially as it

has helped change the lives and behaviors of young Tanzanians who are dependent on society.

He emphasized that the training should be sustainable so that it can support the larger community.

SDF is a fund that aims to fund skills and vocational training pro-

grammes for 30,000 beneficiaries by June 2022. The fund focuses on training in the six priority sectors - agriculture, trade, tourism, energy and hospitality, transport, construction, technology of information and communication (ICT).

In the first phase of the project

which began to be implemented in the financial year 2018/2019, at least 15 institutions were funded to a tune of 3.1bn/- and in the second phase of the project 81 institutions benefited from funding of 9.7bn/-. This is aimed at running skills training programmes.

# Tigo in new partnership for Samsung S22 series of smartphones in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent

TIGO Tanzania has partnered with Samsung Electronics to unveil the Samsung S22 series of smartphones in Tanzania. The partnership is part of the telco's drive to increase the usage of the 4G+ technology network in the country.

Unveiling the Samsung S22 series of smartphones, Tigos' Head of Shops and Devices, Mkumbo Myonga said: "Tigo is yet again partnering with Samsung

in partnerships aimed at giving the desired result of having close to 100% penetration in the near future," said Myonga.

Myonga added: "Customers will enjoy the best digital experience via our ultra-fast 4G network which is the largest in the country. Upon purchase of the Samsung S22wearing giving away FREE 96GB internet data for the whole year to all customers who purchase any of the Samsung S22 series smartphones."

Speaking during the exciting partnership, The Country Manager for Samsung Tanzania, Suleiman Mohamed said, "Samsung Electronics today unveiled Galaxy S22 Ultra, merging the best of two smartphone legacies - the unrivaled power of the Note series and the pro-grade camera and performance of the S series - to set a new standard for premium smartphones. Featuring a built-in S Pen, advanced Nightography and video capabilities, and battery life that

lasts over a day, Galaxy S22 Ultra is the most powerful Ultra device Samsung has ever created.

"At Samsung, we constantly push ourselves to raise the bar on our most premium devices," said Suleiman. "Galaxy S22 Ultra takes the beloved functionality of the Galaxy Note and the most celebrated aspects of the S series and merges them for a truly unique mobile experience. This is a leap forward for mobile technology, setting a new standard for what a

smartphone can be."

From creative capabilities and productivity to power and performance, the Galaxy S22 Ultra brings everything you love about the Note experience - including its signature S Pen - to the S series. Galaxy S22 Ultra joins the new Galaxy S series of devices - Galaxy S22 and S22+ - offering every feature of those devices plus newly added features for the best of the S and Note series.

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# Gas prices changing consumer behaviour

ORLANDO

**D**RIVERS around the nation are beginning to shift their driving habits in response to soaring gas prices as the White House attempts to present the pain at the pump in a full context.

As of March 19, the national average gas price was \$4.26 a gallon. And while that has come down a few pennies from a week ago, U.S. drivers are "without a doubt" making lifestyle changes to adapt to higher fuel costs, Robert Sinclair Jr., the AAA Northeast Public Affairs Senior Manager said.

According to a recent AAA survey 59 percent of Americans surveyed said they change their driving habits once gas prices cross \$4 per gallon. Should the national average rise beyond \$5 a gallon which is already the case in some states three in four respondents said they would need to make adjustments.

"We're seeing that consumers are having real sticker shock," Vectis Energy Partners Principal Tamar Essner recently said on



Saturday.

And the question is: Does the sticker shock translate into actual demand destruction? And we think in certain parts of the economy that's already happening. In certain parts of the world, that already is."

President of Lipow Oil Associates, LLC., Andrew Lipow joins Yahoo Finance Live to discuss demand destruction in rising gas prices, surging commodity and energy prices forcing consumers to pay more, and energy infrastructure.

New survey data from AAA finds that two-thirds of

Americans felt gas prices were too expensive just a few weeks ago at \$3.53 per gallon. Now with the national average at an all-time high of over \$4, Americans may have reached a tipping point.

Over half (59%) said they would make changes to their driving habits or lifestyle if the cost of gas rose to \$4 per gallon. If gas were to reach \$5.00, which it has in the Western part of the country, three-quarters said they would need to adjust their lifestyle to offset the spike at the pump.

Among Americans who said they would make

changes in response to higher gas prices, a majority (80%) said they would opt to drive less, with some differences among age groups:

18 to 34 year-olds are almost three times as likely as those 35 and over to consider carpooling (29% vs 11%), which would likely involve major changes to their daily travel plans.

Those 35 and over are more likely to favor combining trips and errands (68% vs 52%) and to reduce shopping or dining out (53% vs. 43%).

While many Americans may adapt their daily habits to make up for higher gas prices, it likely won't have as much of an impact on summer travel. AAA's survey found that 52% of Americans have plans to take a vacation this summer. Of those, 42% said they would not consider changing their travel plans regardless of the price of gas.

Since the New Year, the national average has continued a steady climb due to strained supply and increased de-

mand. But Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February caused oil prices to spike further and in the 14 days since the conflict began, the national average has risen \$0.70 (as of 3/9/2022).

These are numbers not seen at the pump since the financial crisis in 2008, the highest on record until this week (note: AAA historic data is not adjusted for inflation).

While the conflict continues on the far side of the globe, consumers will likely not see relief any time soon. AAA offers the following advice to help drivers ease some of the pain they're feeling at the pump:

Keep your vehicle in top shape with routine inspections and in between, make sure your tires are properly inflated. Underinflated tires are a drag on fuel economy.

Map your route before you go to minimize unnecessary turnarounds and backtracking. Avoid peak traffic times and if possible go to "one-stop shops" where you can do multiple

tasks (banking, shopping, etc.). Fuel economy peaks at around 50 mph on most cars, then drops off as speeds increase. Reducing highway speeds by 5 to 10 mph can increase fuel economy by as much as 14%.

A car engine consumes one quarter to one-half gallon of fuel per hour when idling, but a warm engine only takes around 10 seconds worth of fuel to restart. Where safe to do so, shut off your engine if you will be stopped for more than a minute.

Started in 1902 by automotive enthusiasts who wanted to chart a path for better roads in America and advocate for safe mobility, AAA has transformed into one of North America's largest membership organizations. Today, AAA provides roadside assistance, travel, discounts, financial and insurance services to enhance the life journey of 62 million members across North America, including 56 million in the United States.

## Homebuyers scramble to secure low mortgage rates before increases

LOS ANGELES

**M**ORTGAGE rates hit their highest level since April 2019 last week, following a sharp increase in 10-year Treasury yield.

The rate on the average 30-year fixed rate mortgage jumped to 4.16 percent, up from 3.85 percent a week ago, according to Freddie Mac.

The 15-year fixed rate – a common refinance option – also surged, averaging 3.39 percent from 3.09 percent last week.

The more than quarter-point hike in rates in the last week is a blow to many homeowners who may have waited too long to refinance their loan. It's also yet another setback for buyers who are facing some of the worst affordability conditions, as prices push higher amid stubbornly low inventory for homes for sale.

"The potent fuel that propelled real estate markets to new highs over the past couple of years is evaporating," said George Ratiu, Realtor.com manager of economic research.

Rates have marched up notably in recent weeks as rattled markets responded to inflation concerns that ratcheted up even more after the U.S. banned oil imports from Russia.

The Federal Reserve's move to hike short-term interest rates by a quarter-point on Wednesday, with at least five more increases expected this year, is unlikely to slow inflation anytime soon, according to Ratiu, given the ongoing supply chain issues and the effect of higher fuel costs on consumer prices.

The ongoing uncertainty over the war in Ukraine is also helping to boost the 10-year Treasury yield, which fixed mortgage rates tend to follow.

"The Federal Reserve raising short-term rates and signaling further increases means mortgage rates should continue to rise over

the course of the year," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "While home purchase demand has moderated, it remains competitive due to low existing inventory, suggesting high housing price pressures will continue during the spring home-buying season."

Wary buyers already facing the worst affordability conditions are now clambering to snag a low rate before any future increases price them out altogether, according to interviews with real estate pros, while the number of refi candidates coming through the door have dwindled as rates soared past 4% for the first time in almost three years.

Mortgage rates have marched up by a full percentage point since the beginning of 2022, hitting 4.16% this week, according to Freddie Mac, and further increases may come as the Federal Reserve is set to raise a key benchmark rate up to six more times this year to combat inflation.

"The short answer is it's painful, I won't lie. Rates have been escalating every single day for basically the last 45 days," Scott Sheldon, branch manager at New American Funding in California, told Yahoo Money. "It's not very fun to be a mortgage originator in this environment. You quote one rate one day and it's something different a few days later."

As demand increases and inventory levels remain near historic lows, homebuyers aren't taking any chances with mortgage rates. Purchase locks increased in February as strong housing demand drove buyers to secure rates despite increases, according Black Knight's latest Originations Market Monitor report.

"I locked many people last week telling them the Fed has said they are going to raise rates ... so let's not take any chances," John Stearns, a senior mortgage loan originator with American Fidelity Mortgage in Wisconsin, told Yahoo Money.

## Energy costs to reach record 13pc of global GDP this year

JOHANNESBURG

**E**NERGY costs are poised to hit an all-time high of more than 13 percent of global gross domestic product this year as the price of keeping the world running surges.

Primary energy expenditure as a share of output is set to double from 2021's level of just 6.5 percent, according to analysis by consultancy Thunder Said Energy. Soaring commodity costs are pushing up inflation and adding to bills for households and industry alike.

"Curtailed demand is the only short-term option to alleviate shortages," wrote Rob West, a former Redburn analyst and the founder of Thunder Said Energy. "There are no good options here, only 'less bad' ones."

Energy commodity costs have soared on supply concerns and the Ukraine war, with natural gas prices in Europe up more than 500 percent from this time last year.

Russia's lower oil production might also add to price inflation, as the International Energy Agency said on Wednesday that output could slump by about a quarter next month.

The 13 percent level for 2022 just matches the proportion of GDP in 1980, a period when oil prices were soaring.

West's report assumes ranges of \$250-300 a ton for coal, \$125-150 a barrel for oil and \$40-45 per thousand cubic feet for gas. "So this is not an 'oil shock' or a 'gas shock' but an 'everything shock'," he wrote

### UZALO

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## WORLD

## WHO official: COVID-19 pandemic is 'far from over'

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A World Health Organization spokesperson said on Friday that the end of the COVID-19 pandemic was a long way off, citing a rise in cases in its latest weekly data.

The UN health agency has previously said that the acute phase of the pandemic could end this year but it would depend on how quickly we meet its target to vaccinate 70 percent of the population in each country, among other factors.

Asked by a journalist at a Geneva media briefing about the timing of the pandemic's end, Margaret Harris said it was "far from over". "We are definitely in the middle of the pandemic," she added.

After more than a month of decline, COVID cases started to increase around the world last week, the WHO said.

A combination of factors was causing the increases, including the highly transmissible Omicron variant and its cousin the BA.2 sub-variant,

and the lifting of public health and social measures, the WHO said.

**Britain**

The estimated range of England's COVID-19 reproduction "R" number is between 1.1 and 1.4, the UK Health Security Agency said on Friday, adding that daily cases could be growing each day.

An R number between 1.1 and 1.4 means that for every 10 people infected, they will on average infect between 11 and 14 other people. The previous week's range was 0.8 to 1.1.

The daily growth of infections was +2 percent to +6 percent compared to an estimated range of between -2 percent to +2 percent, last week.

**Canada**

Canada's chief public health officer on Friday called for more people to get a booster to make the public health system more resilient as the country began to lift COVID-19 restriction meas-



People showing possible symptoms of the novel coronavirus disease COVID-19 queue at the IESS San Francisco General Hospital in Quito, on Jan 17, 2022. File photo

ures, such as limits on social gatherings and mask mandates.

Speaking at a press conference, Theresa Tam said that COVID-19 policies may soon shift from "an emphasis on requirements to recommendations" and that it's critically important that more people, especially for those 50 years of age or older, get a booster dose.

"We're in a period of uncertainty where the virus is still undergoing evolution, so getting up to date with vaccines and wearing a mask is really a good idea," Tam said, adding that it would be difficult to expand vaccine mandates to cover a third dose because eligibility for a third shot varies and people with a previous Omicron infection have been told to wait up to

three months between a positive test result and getting a third dose.

According to a statement from her office on Friday, recent studies indicated that an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine booster dose could enhance the overall immune response, which can provide longer lasting protection and possibly better effectiveness against variants.

Over 5.2 million eligible Canadians need one or more doses to complete their primary series and many others are eligible to get a booster dose to help improve protection that may have decreased since their second dose and to provide even better protection against severe illness from Omicron, the statement read.

## Risks posed by worldwide US-funded biolabs cause jitters around globe

**BEIJING**

RUSSIA'S recent disclosure about the U.S.-funded biolabs in Ukraine has sent jitters around the globe.

Besides Ukraine, the United States has been funding secret biolabs in many countries around the world. The truth behind these biolabs and the risks of leakage of some dangerous pathogens have sparked serious concern in the international community.

**SECRETIVE BIOLABS**

The Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) is part of the U.S. Department of Defense's Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Programme, according to a fact sheet of the defense ministry published on March 11.

Since 2005, when the BTRP has partnered with the government of Ukraine, the United States has invested approximately 200 million U.S. dollars in Ukraine, supporting 46 Ukrainian laboratories, health facilities and diagnostic sites.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Tuesday that in addition to over 30 biolabs in Ukraine, the United States has created "hundreds of such laboratories" in other countries.

According to publicly available data, 336 laboratories in about 30 countries receive funding from the BTRP. The research work conducted by these defense ministry-funded biolabs is highly classified.

Although U.S. officials have dismissed the questions about these biolabs as "disinformation" and "conspiracy theories," there have been calls for Washington to comply with the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) and make clarifications on related issues.

In face of the documents, pictures and objects discovered by Russia in Ukraine, the United States should make related information public, fully explain its biological research at home and abroad, and accept multilateral verification.

Alastair Hay, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Toxicology at the University of Leeds in Britain, said: "the United States has been supporting various laboratories in the Ukraine through a post-Cold War program.

As I understand it, these labs are generally involved in disease surveillance." "It is unclear why the United States needs to support this work and why, for example, it is not happening under WHO guidance," said the professor.

**POTENTIAL DANGERS**

The United States claimed that it has funded biolabs in other countries to "contain biological threats." And yet these labs turn out to be have been designed to store and deal with dangerous pathogens and toxins.

Take Ukraine. A 2012 report by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences said that some Ukrainian labs have been upgraded to the level needed to handle some of the more dangerous pathogens such as anthrax.

Some media reports noted that the U.S.-funded biolabs in Ukraine were set up to create a mechanism for the covert spread of lethal pathogens, which has raised fresh disquietude about potential pathogen leakage.

Why did the United States choose to fund biolabs in Ukraine, which is not a rich country in Europe and does not excel in biomedical research?

While explaining the history of the U.S. biolab program in Ukraine to The American Conservative, Jonathan Askonas, an assistant professor of politics at the Catholic University of America, said the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) increased its activities in peripheral countries of the former Soviet Union.

Ukraine was particularly attractive as it has a lot of skilled STEM workers and had a U.S.-friendly government. The U.S.-linked labs in Ukraine are not bioweapons facilities, Robert Pope, director of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Programme, also known as the updated Nunn-Lugar program, was quoted by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists as saying. The current Ukraine-Russia conflict may put at risk a network of the labs that work with dangerous pathogens.

Former Democratic Representative Tulsi Gabbard has been condemned as a "traitor" for tweeting that more than 25 "U.S.-funded bio labs" in Ukraine which, if breached, would release and spread "deadly pathogens".

She called for a ceasefire "now around these labs until they're secured and pathogens destroyed." On Thursday, the World Health Organization advised Ukraine to destroy high-threat pathogens stored in the country's labs to prevent "any potential spills."

**HALF-HEARTED U.S. MEDIA**

In disregard of the worldwide concern over the U.S.-funded overseas biological laboratories, the U.S. mainstream news outlets, which always flaunt the so-called "freedom of the press," have kept silent and just parroted what the U.S. government has said without any verification.

"What is in those Ukrainian biological labs that make them so worrisome and dangerous?" independent journalist Glenn Greenwald queried in an article published on March 9, one day after U.S. Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland admitted that "Ukraine has biological research facilities" when testifying before a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing.

Xinhua

## China urges US to face up to its own human rights violations

UNITED NATIONS

A CHINESE envoy on Friday refuted US attacks on China's human rights record and urged it to face up to its own human rights violations.

Dai Bing, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, accused US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield of abusing a commemorative meeting of the General Assembly on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

As a gesture of respect for the host country, or the United States, its representative was invited to speak alongside representatives of regional groups in the meeting, Dai noted.

However, the United States, without regard for its own credibility, has gone so far as to use the meeting to launch political attacks, smearing China and many other countries with respect to their internal affairs, said Dai.

"Act like this makes a sad mockery of its status as the host country," he said.

The US accusation of the so-called "ethnic genocide" and "human rights violations" in China's Xinjiang is an outright lie of the



People stand in line to enter a grocery store in Washington, the United States, April 8, 2020. File photo

century and a vicious political scheme orchestrated and staged by none other than the United States, which China firmly opposes and sternly rejects, Dai said.

"The truth will surely give the United States and its malicious and blind followers a resounding slap in the face," he said, adding that the United States knows gen-

ocide the best.

Since the founding of the United States, the US government had developed policies to slaughter and plunder American Indians in an intentional and systematic way, decimating their population to 250,000 at the beginning of the 20th century from 5 million in 1492, Dai noted, adding this is an

original sin that the United States cannot shake off.

According to a Lancet report published in October 2021, Dai noted, about 30,800 people in the United States died from police violence from 1980 to 2018, and non-Hispanic Black Americans were estimated to be 3.5 times more likely to die from such vio-

lence than non-Hispanic white Americans during that period.

Anti-Asian hate crimes in the United States, instigated by US politicians, have been surging ever since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dai said, noting that such crimes in New York City rose 361 percent in 2021 compared to 2020.

"May I ask the US representative: When will you give the American Indians an explanation? When will you be able to give the ethnic minorities a real sense of fairness and justice? When will you ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women? When will you offer genuine safety and protection to Asian women who are victims of hatred and violence?" Dai said.

He urged the United States to put away arrogance and prejudice, abandon double standards, and stop pointing an accusing finger at other countries as soon as possible.

"We all know very well what the human rights situation is like in the United States. I hope that the United States will come around to face up to its mistakes and correct them, rather than knowingly leaving them be," said Dai.

## Assad's visit to UAE marks Syria's return to regional role

DAMASCUS

THE Friday visit by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), his first diplomatic trip to an Arab country since 2011, marks the beginning of Syria's return to its regional role despite the US opposition since its suspension from the Arab League in 2011 after the outbreak of a civil war in the country, experts said.

During his visit, Assad met Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Moham-

med bin Zayed Al Nahyan and UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, among other senior UAE leaders, according to media reports.

Calling Syria a fundamental pillar of Arab security, the Abu Dhabi crown prince said the UAE is keen to strengthen cooperation with Syria to achieve the aspirations of the brotherly Syrian people toward stability and development, the UAE official WAM news agency reported.

The two sides emphasized on

preserving the territorial integrity of Syria and the withdrawal of foreign forces from the country, as well as providing political and humanitarian support for Syria and its people to reach a peaceful solution to all the besetting challenges.

Taken as a surprise, Assad's one-day visit to the UAE, once a backer of the insurgency against the Assad government, had been planned a long time ago and comes as the latest sign of warming ties between the two countries after the UAE reopened its embassy in Damascus in 2018 and sent its foreign minis-

ter to visit Syria in late 2021.

Hussam Shuaib, a Syrian political expert, told Xinhua that the UAE provides Syria the gateway back to the Arab League and its role in the Arab world.

"It's without a doubt that the political significance of this visit would reflect positively not only on bilateral ties but on the Syrian-Arab relations in general," Shuaib said.

The visit also implies trade opportunities from the Arab world for Syria to fight economic sanctions imposed by the United States

and its Western allies, according to the Syrian expert.

"As a result of the economic situation and ongoing conflicts, Syria ... also needs cooperation on the economic level, and there should be coordination and reopening as well for bilateral trade in goods," he explained.

The UAE itself is interested in thawing ties with Syria "because the UAE needs to get rid of the Yemeni quagmire, and so is Saudi Arabia. Both apparently want to rearrange political relations with Iran, to which Syria is a close ally,"

## West need to accept center of gravity of the world's economy has moved to Asia, says former British business secretary

LONDON

FORMER British Business Secretary Vince Cable has urged the West to accept that the center of gravity of the world's economy has moved to Asia.

"We have to accept that this is a new reality, and the mentality has to change. The center of gravity of the world's economy has moved to Asia," said Cable (pictured), who served as Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills from 2010 to 2015.

Cable, currently a professor in practice at the London School of Economics and Political Science, mentioned "Davos China" in his book "The Chinese Conundrum: En-

gagement or Conflict" published last year.

"This is a China that wants to engage globally, through trade and investment, participating in multilateral institutions and contributing to dealing with collective problems," he wrote in the book.

Commenting on China's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, he said, "If we can make that happen, and that is desirable, clearly."

In a recent speech, Cable told a joke when talking about the U.S. outrageous demands on China. "If the Chinese were to say 'Ok, we are not going to sit down with you in the



United States, and talk about trade unless you repeal Section II of the American Constitution (referring to the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution) that gives people the right to carry guns.

We in China are very upset at seeing people being killed in America in shooting incidents." Cable said he referred to the rights of Americans to own guns because many would see the right to own guns "a terrible abuse of human rights."

"But at the moment, the Chinese are not saying you must get rid of your constitutional rights so that we can trade with you, and that would be considered a joke," Cable told Xi-

nua.

"There is what's called one-way traffic that people in the West are saying you must change your system because we don't like human rights abuses or whatever," he continued. "There has to be a level playing field on these arguments."

"Human rights are not just a Western concept," Cable said. "I think the West needs to accept that in China, there is an additional dimension to human rights that we perhaps don't appreciate."

One of which is the need to emphasize the movement out of poverty, which has been a big achievement in China." Cable hopes that

there is a recognition in the world that disengagement is a bad process.

"It's fuelling suspicion, and it's becoming a vicious circle. We have to live together, work together, and have a shared economy," he said. Cable stressed that hostile rhetoric only leads to stereotypes and mistrust and negatively impacts the global economy.

But "a lot of investment is still happening despite the rhetoric. There are a lot of Chinese companies investing abroad and foreign companies going to China, particularly in the finance sector," he said, noting that the British welcomes Chinese investments. Xinhua



## US can't cover up its responsibility for Ukraine crisis by spreading anti-China disinformation

RECENTLY, some politicians and media outlets in the U.S. have repeatedly concocted and spread disinformation in order to smear and defame China over the Ukraine issue. The practice of fabricating rumors to shift the blame has been proven despicable and futile by facts.

Such acts can't cover up America's responsibility for the Ukraine crisis. Instead, they have further exposed the country's dangerous intention of stirring up trouble and plunging the world into chaos.

The evolution of the Ukraine issue is something China does not want to see. As a permanent member of the United Nations (UN) Security Council, China always adopts an objective, fair, and responsible attitude toward global events, makes judgments and takes its stand independently based on the merits of the matter itself.

There is a complex historical background and context behind the Ukraine issue, which needs to be solved with a cool head and a rational mind.

China believes that to resolve the current crisis, countries must uphold the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and respect and protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, adhere to the principle of indivisible security and accommodate the legitimate security concerns of the parties involved, settle disputes by peaceful means through dialogue and negotiation, and keep in mind the long-term peace and stability of the region and put in place a balanced, effective and sustainable European security architecture.

China's stance on the Ukraine issue is open and straightforward, and its suggestions for resolving the Ukraine crisis positive and constructive.

At the moment, the top priority in resolving the Ukraine crisis is to promote peace talks, rather than adding fuel to the flames of tensions between Ukraine and Russia.

China stands, as always, on the side of peace, cooperation, fairness, and justice, supports any endeavor that helps ease the tense situation and bring a political solution to the crisis, and opposes any action that goes against diplomatic settlement of the issue and escalates the tensions.

China has maintained close communication with relevant parties and made efforts to facilitate peace talks. It is ready to continue playing a constructive role in promoting peace talks between Russia and Ukraine and work alongside with the international community to carry out necessary mediation when needed.

China has responded to the Ukraine issue in a responsible way. What it has done to help resolve the crisis has truly demonstrated the sense of responsibility a major country is supposed to have.

In contrast, certain country attempts to create a crisis, benefit from the crisis, and shift its burden of crises onto others, which will only harm both itself and others.

China does not agree to the idea of resolving the Ukraine issue with sanctions

and opposes unilateral sanctions that lack the basis of international law.

Sanctions have never been an effective approach to solving problems, but only cause serious difficulty for the economy and people's livelihood in countries concerned and worsen division and confrontation.

History has long proven that sanctions not only result in an economic situation where multiple players lose, but disrupt the process of political settlement.

According to data released by the U.S. Treasury Department, the number of sanctions imposed by the U.S. has climbed 10 times during the past two decades, and the last U.S. President Donald Trump has imposed 3,800 sanctions during his presidency, which means the administration wielded the big stick of sanctions about three times a day.

The unilateral sanctions imposed by the U.S. have inflicted a lot of trouble on the world and caused persistent and systemic human rights violations. The country should stop abusing sanctions and abandon the futile attempt to coerce other countries into doing things they oppose.

The fact that some politicians and media outlets in the U.S. cooked up and disseminated disinformation over the Ukraine issue has reminded people of America's disgraceful record of using lies and rumors as pretexts to frequently wage wars.

Throughout its less than 250 years of history, there were only less than 20 years when the U.S. didn't launch military operations against foreign countries. And among the diverse pretexts for its military interventions abroad, some are even false information fabricated by the U.S. itself.

The U.S. once used a small tube of white powder as evidence of the so-called weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and launched military strikes against the latter, bringing terrible disasters to the Iraqi people.

It also used a video deliberately staged by the White Helmets, an organization funded by Western intelligence agencies, as evidence to conduct air strikes in Syria.

Such lessons are not long gone. The U.S. should reflect on its wrongful actions rather than repeat the same mistakes.

George Frost Kennan, former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, warned the U.S. government in the 1990s that expanding NATO up to Russia's borders would be "the most fateful error of American policy in the entire post-cold-war era".

As the instigator of the Ukraine crisis, the U.S. should reflect on its role in the crisis and stop deceiving and confusing the public. It's about time the country shouldered its due responsibility, took practical actions to help alleviate tensions and solve problems and contributed to world peace.

People's Daily

## Call for response over biological security issue in Ukraine

UNITED NATIONS

A CHINESE envoy on Friday asked relevant parties to the biological security issue in Ukraine to respond to newly discovered documents and offer clarifications to remove the doubts of the international community.

China was once a victim of chemical and biological weapons. China believes that any information and lead on biological military activities should trigger heightened concern and attention of the international community to avoid irreparable harm, said Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the United Nations.

"In this regard, relevant parties should take a responsible approach. Russia has further revealed newly discovered relevant documents. The party concerned should respond to questions, and offer timely and comprehensive clarifications to remove the doubts of the international community," he told a Security Council meeting on the biological security issue in Ukraine.

"We do not consider it too much to ask. And on this issue, no double standards should be applied," he said. China's position on weapons of mass destruction and biological security is consistent and clear. China stands for the complete prohibition and destruction of all weapons of mass destruction, including biological and chemical weapons, said Zhang.

China resolutely opposes the development, possession or use of biological and chemical weapons by any country under any circumstances, and urges countries that have not done so to destroy their chemical weapons stockpiles as soon as possible. Complying with the Biological Weapons Convention is the obligation of all state parties. China calls for early negotiations on the establishment of a verification regime under the convention, which will help improve global biosecurity, he said.

Under the current situation, it is the shared desire of the international community to achieve a cease-fire in Ukraine as soon as possible to avoid more civilian casualties and to prevent a massive humanitarian crisis. China shares this wish, said Zhang.

Direct negotiations between the parties concerned are the fundamental way to solve the problem. Russia and Ukraine have held four rounds of negotiations. While the negotiations are kept going, there is hope for a cease-fire and a peaceful future. China will continue to facilitate dialogues for peace. China supports the United Nations and all parties in ramping up mediation efforts, and hopes that all parties can do more to promote peace talks, rather than adding fuel to the fire.

"Behind the Ukraine crisis is the issue of European security. It is our hope that the United States, the European Union and NATO can sit down with Russia for in-depth and comprehensive dialogues and explore ways to put in place a balanced, effective and sustainable European security mechanism based on the principle of indivisible security so as to achieve lasting peace and stability in Europe."

# US Fed kicks off rate-hiking cycle to combat inflation, adds to global debt concerns

WASHINGTON

THE U.S. Federal Reserve on Wednesday kicked off an interest-rate hiking cycle and signaled six more rate hikes later this year, as it seeks to tame the highest U.S. inflation in four decades.

However, investors and economists are concerned that a more aggressive Fed hike cycle could tip the U.S. economy into a recession and have adverse spillover effects on emerging markets and developing economies.

It would also push up global borrowing costs significantly, adding to mounting worries about growing debt burdens in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIKES AGAINST INFLATION

The Fed on Wednesday raised its benchmark interest rate, the federal funds rate, by a quarter percentage point to a range of 0.25 percent to 0.5 percent from near zero.

This marked the Fed's first rate hike since 2018 and a major step in exiting from the ultra-loose monetary policy enacted at the start of the pandemic.

"Inflation remains elevated, reflecting supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic, higher energy prices, and broader price pressures," the Fed said in a statement after a two-day policy meeting, adding the Ukraine crisis and related events are likely to "create additional upward pressure" on inflation.

The U.S. consumer price index surged 7.9 percent in February from a year earlier, the fastest annual pace since January 1982, according to the U.S. Labor Department. "We're not going to let high inflation become entrenched.

The costs of that would be too high," Fed Chair Jerome Powell said on Wednesday afternoon at a virtual press conference, adding every Fed meeting is "a live meeting" regarding raising interest rates. "If we do conclude that it would be appropriate to move more quickly to remove accommodation, then we'll do so," he said, expecting U.S. inflation to "remain high through the middle of the year" before coming down more sharply next year.

The Fed's quarterly economic projections released Wednesday showed that most Fed officials expect the federal funds rate to rise to 1.9 percent by the end of this year and to around 2.8 percent by the end of 2023. That implies a total of seven quarter-percentage-point rate hikes this year and another three or four next year. It is a more aggressive pace of hiking than Fed officials projected last December, when their median projection was just three rate increases this year.

"This is a significantly more hawkish Fed, focused on forcefully reining in inflation," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at major accounting firm Grant Thornton. Desmond Lachman, senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a former official at the Interna-



Photo taken in Arlington, the United States, on March 16, 2022 shows a screen displaying U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaking during a virtual press conference. (Xinhua/Liu Jie)

tional Monetary Fund (IMF), told Xinhua that the market's expectations of five to seven rate hikes this year seem "very reasonable" to him, as the Fed remains far behind the curve in fighting inflation and U.S. interest rates remain at very negative levels in inflation-adjusted terms.

SOFT LANDING OR RECESSION

The Fed faces the difficult task of securing a soft landing for the world's largest economy. Raising interest rates too slowly risks allowing inflation to run out of control, while tightening too quickly could tip the U.S. economy into a recession. Noting that the U.S. economy is "well-positioned" to withstand tighter monetary policy,

Powell said the probability of a recession within the next year is not particularly elevated. However, Lachman believed that the Fed is "highly unlikely" to engineer a soft landing for the U.S. economy with inflation so high.

"This is particularly the case since the Fed has not only created an inflation problem, it has also caused an equity, housing and credit market bubble.

There has to be the risk that once the Fed starts raising interest rates in earnest, we will see those bubbles bursting and that bursting will produce a deep economic recession," Lachman said.

Swonk noted that her own analysis suggests that seven rate hikes, coupled with the crimp on spending triggered by the surge in prices associated with the Ukraine crisis, would bring U.S. economic growth down below 1 percent in the second half of the year.

"That is not enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising. Additional rate hikes could easily trigger a

recession," she said.

Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers also warned that the Fed's current policy trajectory is likely to lead to stagflation and ultimately a major recession, with unemployment and inflation both averaging over 5 percent over the next few years.

"Indeed, (the) recent research that I conducted with my Harvard colleague Alex Domash shows that overheating conditions of high inflation and low unemployment are usually followed, in short order, by recession," Summers wrote Tuesday in a Washington Post op-ed.

GLOBAL DEBT CONCERNS

The IMF has warned of higher debt burdens for months as the Fed's upcoming rate hikes will push up global borrowing costs significantly and strain public finances.

"Public finances will come under strain in the coming months and years, as global public debt has reached record levels to cover pandemic-related spending at a time when tax receipts plummeted," the IMF said in an update to its World Economic Outlook report released in January.

"Higher interest rates will also make borrowing more expensive, especially for countries borrowing in foreign currencies and at short maturities," the IMF said, noting high post-pandemic debt burdens will be an ongoing challenge for years to come. Global debt rose to a record 226 trillion U.S. dollars in 2020 as the world was hit by the pandemic and a deep recession, according to the multilateral lender.

Historically, Fed hiking cycles can be a headwind for emerging market debts, as higher yields in the United States make emerging market securities relatively less competitive in the struggle for global capital, analysts said.

In addition, more aggressive Fed rate hikes could rattle global financial markets, leading to capital outflows and currency depreciation in emerging markets and developing countries, they noted.

"Never before have they been as indebted as they are today. This makes them very vulnerable

to an interest rate hiking cycle and to any slowing in the global economy.

The World Bank is warning us to be prepared for a wave of emerging market debt defaults," Lachman said.

The average total debt burdens among low- and middle-income countries increased by roughly 9 percentage points of GDP during the first year of the pandemic, compared with an average increase of 1.9 percentage points over the previous decade, according to the World Bank.

"Higher interest rates make debt service more expensive, reinforcing the trend of recent years, and weaker currencies make debt service more burdensome relative to the size of the economy. Liquidity problems could suddenly morph into solvency problems," said World Bank Group President David Malpass.

"Emerging economies need to rebuild their buffers and avoid sacrificing the accumulation of capital-both physical and human-along the way. The path chosen for fiscal consolidation is critically important in this respect," Malpass said, adding advanced economies should carefully unwind the extraordinary stimulus policies and avoid creating global turbulence.

## China ranks first in world in terms of outstanding green loans

CHINA'S outstanding green loans in yuan and foreign currencies hit 15.9 trillion yuan (about \$2.5 trillion) by the end of 2021, the largest in the world and jumping 33 percent from the previous year, according to the People's Bank of China (PBOC).

The country issued 600 billion yuan worth of green bonds domestically last year, up 180 percent year on year, with outstanding green bonds reaching 1.1 trillion yuan.

Last year, the PBOC launched two new structural monetary policy instruments to encourage society to invest more in the field of green and low carbon development.

One of them is a carbon-reduction supporting facility which supports, in a well-ordered and targeted manner, the development of clean energy, energy conservation and carbon reduction technology -- three major areas of carbon reduction. It aims to draw more social capital into the promotion of car-



A woman works at a green workshop of Hubei Asa Ceramics in Tongcheng county, central China's Hubei province, March 2, 2022. File photo

bon reduction.

The other is a special re-

lending facility that supports

the clean and efficient use

of coal. The facility supports

enterprises engaged in mas-

sive production of clean

energy, application of clean

combustion technologies, as

well as other five sectors.

These two instruments will continue encouraging the clean and efficient use of coal and coal power while developing clean energy.

Using the new monetary policy instruments, the PBOC will provide a certain part of eligible loans for carbon-emission cuts, with a one-year lending rate of 1.75 percent, the most preferential rate offered by the PBOC.

So far, the PBOC has issued loans of 230.8 billion yuan and 13.4 billion yuan under the two instruments, respectively. In particular, the first instrument has helped reduce 47.86 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in the past year.

The PBOC said that China has preliminarily built a multi-level green financing product and market system that includes green loans, green bonds, green insurance, green funds, green trust services and carbon finance products.

People's Daily



Up-and-coming swimmer Lorita Borega during the past swimming tournament which took place in Dar es Salaam. Lorita has now shifted focus on the National Club Championships scheduled for March 26-27 in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Dar swimmer seeks to shine in National Club Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM's up-and-coming swimmer, Lorita Borega, has now turned the focus on National Club Championships to be held at the International School of Tanganyika's swimming pool at Masaki in the city from March 26-27.

The performer enjoyed an impressive stint in the previous two swimming competitions.

Lorita, aged 10, who did well in the Taliss-IST tournament and Isamilo competition, is now sharpening her skills with the other swimmers at her club, FK Blue Marlins.

The competitor said she wants to prove her worth in the game at a tender age.

The swimmer will compete in eight different categories according to the fixture released by the competition organizer, Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA).

The events are 100m Freestyle, 100-meter Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Individual Medley, 50m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, and 50m Freestyle.

She said that the event is very important and apart from featuring prominent Tanzania swimmers, it is used by TSA technical department to

select a national team that will feature in various international competitions.

Among them are World Swimming Championships, Commonwealth Games, Junior World Swimming Championships, and African Zone Three (CANA Zone Three) Championships.

At the age of 10, Lorita earned selection in the national swimming team that featured in the African Zone Four swimming championships.

Lorita, who was born in November 2011, showed great potential in the competition.

Despite being young, Lorita has so far managed to put a total of 26 medals and four trophies under her belt.

According to Lorita, she is targeting to set a new record in the National Club Championships even though the competition features experienced swimmers from various clubs in the country.

"I see a bright future as I believe one day I will be among the athletes to carry the national flag and represent the country in prestigious sports events," Lorita stated.

She said that she is aware that the competition will be the toughest one because of clubs and the number of swimmers to participate, but her current top form gives her confidence to excel.

## Msuva: Contract shenanigans and national team chicanery

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

At times one has to go around to either look for novel idioms or search them out from afar to explain a situation that nobody seems to be clear what it is all about, for instance, the situation of soccer middle-aged striker Simon Msuva at Wydad Casablanca and then as to eligibility for Taifa Stars call up.

There seem to be two different waves in which the 'middle aged' star is at the center of the whirlwind, first at Wydad where it is far from clear what the problem is, whether he is in their plans or there is a fallout that is rolled out a scene at a time.

It often happens if there is a conflict situation rather than the end of the contract, a sort of strike.

It can thus be rapidly said that the player is on a strike as regards his contractual club side, and it is not quite clear if that has either disciplinary or procedural implications for a senior national team call-up at an organizational level, for instance in FIFA, CAF or TFF regulations.

Chances are that there are no such rules as that would imply taking up matters of the team call-up that aren't of much significance, as different from eligibility to use a player if a competitor fields him, for instance, if he re-joined Young Africans SC, TP Mazembe or some other familiar club in the region. Not much of that has been said but intimidated.

That was the clear suggestion from Taifa Stars head coach Kim Poulsen who scarcely wished to be involved in what is going on at Wydad but knows from experience that the two sides, Wydad and Simon, only have terminal benefits to settle,



Simon Msuva

not much else.

One does not go missing from playing for a month or two on his own decision and rejoin the team after club leadership or management met his terms - that is not how soccer is conducted.

What Poulsen wants is the player's services, not prior club commitments. What could still be of interest is the nature of the shenanigans around Msuva at Wydad, if one takes a dictionary definition of the term as secret or dishonest activity, or maneuvering, as summarizing

what is happening.

Is it the player who is trying to maneuver to get more money than the club is ready to pay, or is the club that isn't paying for this or that reason?

It is a question that pundits don't easily explain as to why a player should miss three months of salary when others are obtaining their pay.

Is it a new salary he was demanding, or was eligible to be paid, and is being misrepresented as failure to pay a routine salary?

The issues arising as to his eligibility for call up to play for the national side was less of shenanigans than chicanery, in a dictionary sense of the use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose, expressed differently as dishonest but attractive talk or behaviour that is used to deceive people.

The point here is that some people came forward or made representations with the national team technical bench that the player is ineligible for he isn't an active player in any club.

They didn't say he wasn't fit for the game as he hasn't been actively training, playing exhibition games with a club side here or outside, as he is training.

When one cites the fact that a player has no club he is actively playing with, it looks like an excellent observation of rules and cited as a matter of principle, that laid-off players sleeping at home and watching television have no place in a national team.

But that shallow impression was deceptive as the player has taken safeguards and precautions about his fitness and ability to play, as in the event of a phone call from his club, depending on the nature of the dispute, he would be expected to be fit.

Even in the event of seeking a contract with another club, first impressions count, and lack of training could ruin his image when taking what is usually given as a medical test - as it is a sporting medical test, too.

In that case, there was an effort at gaining a place for some perhaps ineligible call-up suitors who aren't remotely comparable to the unsettled Wydad striker, by rushing at his contractual and playing position as fatal to his call-up eligibility, which was inaccurate

What is marginally uncertain in that regard is the motivation therein, if someone was trying to make it easier for an acquaintance, for instance, a good club player at the local level or a rising star, to get a first or renew call up at the national side, or perhaps club loyalties.

Outlandish maneuvers for instance an effort to make the player's 'working visit' here a bit uncomfortable can pay, say he drops plans to rejoin Yanga, opts to pick up some other offer. Quite clever!

## Annadil Burhani outfit in pursuit of National Hockey Club Championship title

By Guardian Correspondent

TANGA's Annadil Burhani hockey squad has promised to triumph in the National Club Championship scheduled to take place in the region from March 25-27.

Tanzania Hockey Association (THA) supervises the showpiece seeking to improve the promotion of the game across the country.

The showdown's participating clubs are lately preparing for the prestigious showdown to be played at Annadil Burhani venue in Tanga.

Deep Visram, one of Annadil Burhani hockey squad's experienced performers, expressed his regards to the entire THA leadership for giving Tanga a chance to host the tournament.

"THA's decision to bring this tournament to our region has sparked a fire for my players to do well including lifting the trophy this year," Visram noted.

The former national hockey team's player has mentioned 13 Burhani players who will take part in the showdown.

The performers include national hockey team goalkeeper Muffadal Abdeali, Alaqmar Hassanali, Alaqmar Hatim, and Mustafa Hakimjee.

Others making the club are Huzefa Taherali, Hezefa Samoro, Hassan Hamza.

While the Burhani team is boasting of holding sway in the



Tanga's Annadil Burhani hockey outfit.

showpiece, a section of sides including Dar es Salaam's Prisons team has been sidelined.

The Prisons outfit has not been confirmed to feature in the showpiece due to its players facing other responsibilities.

The Tanzania People's Defense Force (TPDF) squad is the 2022 National Club Championship's other competitor.

The TPDF hockey squad had been a threat in domestic showdowns in the past.

The army outfit now takes part in training at Lugalo venue in Dar es Salaam, preparing for the tournament.

A statement by the THA secretary-general, Kaushik Doshi, said that this

high-profile tournament is staged to take place from March 25-27.

The said tournament's winners will get a chance to represent the country in Africa Club Championship which will be held in Malawi in December 2022.

The tournament is being organized by the THA and kindly sponsored by Reliance Insurance Company and NAS Tyre Services LTD.

The THA leader pointed out it is grateful to them for sponsoring the tournament.

The competition is open to all hockey teams, institutions, revealing and all regular teams have shown willingness to participate and shall be vying for the showpiece top honour.

Meanwhile, the official noted all top teams are said to be undergoing vigorous training, and preparations for the tournament are going on smoothly.

Doshi further said that most of the teams have already confirmed and are just waiting for a few more teams to confirm within 48 hours.

The showdown's last edition was played in 2020 in Dar es Salaam whereby Moshi Khalsa emerged winners while Black Mamba ended as runners-up.

This tournament will also boost hockey promotion in Tanga after its absence for seven years.

Tanga has not played host to a prominent hockey showdown in the seven years.

## Troubled Chelsea into FA Cup semis; Arsenal wins in league

LONDON

NO matter the opponent, no matter the competition, Chelsea's players are managing to maintain their on-field focus amid a troubling period for the club.

It's now six straight wins since Russian billionaire owner Roman Abramovich announced he'd be selling the London club, with Chelsea swatting aside second-tier Middlesbrough in a 2-0 win to reach the FA Cup semifinals on Saturday.

Romelu Lukaku and Hakim Ziyech scored the first-half goals that were celebrated by a smaller-than-normal pocket of visiting fans inside the Riverside Stadium. In light of the economic sanctions placed on Abramovich by the British government for his close links to Russian President Vladimir Putin following the invasion of Ukraine, Chelsea was only able to take around 700 supporters for the match in the northeast.

The disparity in backing didn't make a difference, with Middlesbrough's ambitions of following up victories over Premier League teams Manchester United and Tottenham in the earlier rounds quickly snuffed out.

And so concluded another turbulent week for Chelsea, which advanced in the Champions League on Wednesday – setting up a quarterfinal meeting with Real Madrid – before a deadline passed Friday for bids to buy the club from Abramovich and end his 19-year ownership.

Given the doubts over their futures, Chelsea's players are showing remarkable professionalism and application.

No little skill, too, with both of the goals being length-of-the-field moves that started with Chelsea's ball-playing defenders beating Middlesbrough's high press.

The first ended with Ziyech setting free Mason Mount, whose low cross from the right was tapped home by Lukaku in the 15th minute.

Ziyech made it 2-0 in the 31st by cutting in from the right, aided by Cesar Azpilicueta's decoy run taking away a defender, and drilling a low, angled shot into the far corner from outside the area.

The remaining quarterfinal matches take place on Sunday, with two being all-Premier League contests: Southampton vs. Manchester City and Crystal Palace vs. Everton. Wrapping up the last eight, quadruple-chasing Liverpool visits second-tier Nottingham Forest, which has already eliminated Arsenal and defending champion Leicester.

AP

## Candy wants fan involvement as race to buy Chelsea heats up

LONDON

NICK Candy has vowed to involve Chelsea fans if the British property tycoon succeeds in his bid to buy the troubled Premier League club.

Candy is believed to have submitted a bid of over £2 billion (\$2.6 billion) for his boyhood team before Friday's deadline and he promised to give fans a 'golden share' ownership stake.

On a frantic day at Stamford Bridge, former Liverpool chairman Martin Broughton and World Athletics president Sebastian Coe also lodged a joint bid.

Chicago Cubs owners the Ricketts family followed suit, while LA Dodgers co-owner Todd Boehly's consortium also made a confirmed bid.

There are reported to be several other firm bids on the table, but Candy is a front runner.

Candy issued a lengthy statement in confirming the submission of his bid, vowing to write off the loan to Chelsea Pitch Owners to safeguard the Blues' future at Stamford Bridge.

The 49-year-old has promised a total renovation of the stadium, where his property expertise could come to the fore.

Candy has teamed up with South Korean firms Hana Financial Group and C&P Sports Group in his Blue Football Consortium.

"Chelsea is one of the most iconic and successful professional football clubs in the world, with a rich heritage, global following, and a highly valuable brand," Candy said.

"Football clubs are vitally important community and cultural assets, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to give football back to the fans and put them at the heart of the operations and strategy of a leading global football club.

"I believe Chelsea has all of the fundamentals to become the most valuable and respected sports club in the world and a force for the greater good in everything it does."

Roman Abramovich put Chelsea up for sale on March 2, amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The 55-year-old was then sanctioned by the UK Government last week, after Downing Street claimed to have proved his links to Vladimir Putin.

Russian billionaire Abramovich has always denied those links but UK assets have been frozen by the Government.

Chelsea have been allowed to continue operations under special licence, but Abramovich cannot profit from the sale.

AFP

## Nigerians Eduwo, Iwuala take Tunisian giants Esperance to quarters

JOHANNESBURG

NIGERIANS Kingsley Eduwo and Anayo Iwuala struck the goals that gave Esperance of Tunisia a 3-0 victory at Jwaneng Galaxy of Botswana on Saturday and sealed a CAF Champions League quarter-finals place.

Eduwo opened and rounded off the scoring in Francistown and Iwuala netted in between as the four-time title-holders cruised to another Group C victory over Galaxy, having put four goals past them when they met in Tunisia.

Chabab Belouizdad of Algeria also reached the knockout phase of the marquee African club competition thanks to a 2-0 home win over Etoile Sahel of Tunisia in the same section.

The qualifications of Esperance and Belouizdad raised to seven the number of teams who have secured top-two finishes in the four groups with one matchday remaining.

On Friday, Raja Casablanca of Morocco, Entente Setif of Algeria and Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa progressed to the quarter-finals of a competition offering a \$2.5 million (2.26 mn euros) first prize.

Last weekend, surprise side Petro Atletico of Angola and Wydad Casablanca of Morocco were the first teams to reach the knockout stage.

With seven clubs qualifying, there is just one place to be filled, either by Egyptian defending champions Al Ahly or Al Hilal of Sudan, on April 1 or 2.

Al Ahly will host Hilal in Cairo and need a draw to advance, while a win for Hilal would take them through on head-to-head records after the first match between the decades-old rivals ended in a 0-0 draw.

Record 10-time African champions Ahly hope to



Mamelodi Sundowns defender Thapelo Morena scored twice in a victory over Al Hilal (AFP)

become the first club to win the competition three consecutive times.

Ahly and TP Mazembe of the Democratic Republic of Congo (twice each) and Enyimba of Nigeria and Esperance (once

each) have won back-to-back titles only to fail in bids for three triumphs on the spin.

- First-place contests - While the battle for quarter-finals places is all but over, the contests for first places will rage

on in the final matchday with only Group A pace-setters Sundowns assured of finishing first.

The Pretoria outfit overcame the 11th-minute red-carding of Kenyan centre-back Brian Onyango to defeat Hilal 4-2 in the

35 degrees Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) heat of Omdurman.

Full-back Thapelo Morena, who scored the winner in a surprise triumph over Ahly in Cairo, netted twice for the South Africans and Namibian sharpshooter Peter Shalulile was also among the goals.

Former Sundowns star Percy Tau put Ahly ahead in a 3-1 win over Al Merrikh of Sudan, who staged the fixture in Cairo because their ground in Omdurman does not meet international standards.

The comfortable victories of Esperance and Belouizdad left them level on 11 points ahead of a final-round showdown near Tunis to decide who wins Group C.

Raja need a point from the visit of Setif to retain the Group B leadership, and the Moroccans have recovered well after losing forwards Soufiane Rahimi and Ben Malango to Middle East clubs.

They were barely troubled by group debutants AmaZulu of South Africa in Durban en route to a 2-0 win via goals from Hamid Ahadad and Ilias Haddad.

Setif took advantage of Guinean visitors Horoya being reduced to 10 men on 80 minutes to snatch a 3-2 win through a couple of late goals from Riad Benayah.

There was also late drama in Group D with Wydad replacing Petro in first place after a Juvhel Tsoumou header four minutes into added time brought a 2-1 away win over Sagrada Esperanca of Angola in Luanda.

Earlier, Petro were held 0-0 by Zamalek at the same stadium, with the visitors showing improved form too late to avoid a shock early exit from a competition they have won five times.

Youssef Obama scored for the Cairo outfit only to be ruled offside and Mohamed Abdel Ghani struck the woodwork.

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## Unbeaten in two years, Qatar's Invincibles lift World Cup hopes

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WHEN Al Sadd wrapped up a second straight Qatar title by stretching their unbeaten league run to 49 games, they were inevitably dubbed the 'Invincibles' after another team that reached the same number.

While the 12-team Qatar League is not as formidable as the 2003-4 English Premier league, unlike Arsenal, Al Sadd have turned their run into two league titles in a championship loaded with millionaire imports.

Their form has inspired hopes for the national team in the country that is hosting the World Cup.

Al Sadd's squad contains the bulk of Qatar's national side, as well as a former Arsenal star Santi Cazorla and ex-Premier League regular Andre Ayew.

Run by owners with seemingly bottomless pockets and training on manicured turf in Doha's notorious heat, Al Sadd have swept aside rivals featuring the likes of Belgian defender Toby Alderweireld at Al Duhail and Colombian James Rodriguez at Al Rayyan.

Alderweireld's side beat Al Sadd this week in the Amir's Cup, the top domestic knockout. Al Rayyan, however, got rid of former France coach Laurent Blanc last month because they could not compete in the 12-team Qatar Stars League.

Al Sadd coach Javi Gracia, battle-hardened at Watford in England and Valencia in Spain before taking over when Xavi Hernandez returned to Barcelona in November, said his players had "achieved something very special".



Hassan Mattar, a former Al-Sadd striker who now works for the club, poses with his trophies - before the team clinched its latest league title. (AFP)

Cazorla, who spent six seasons at Arsenal, said Al Sadd's streak dating back to March 2020 was simply "historic".

Having equalled Arsenal's unbeaten run, the Qataris see nothing stopping them getting past AC Milan's 58-game streak in Italy in 1991-93 and Celtic's 69 games in 2016-2017 in Scotland. Romania's Steaua Bucharest went unbeaten for 104 league matches from 1985 to 1989.

"The Wolves", as they are known, see their home success as a launchpad for the Asian Champions League starting in April, and the World Cup that Qatar will host in November-December.

- 'Good for club and country' -

Defender Tarek Salman said he felt he was part of a "golden generation" at Al Sadd along with national captain Hassan Al-Haydos and the foreign contingent.

World Cup, their debut on football's biggest stage.

As for Al Sadd, Salman is looking even further ahead to a third straight Qatar title "even if, God forbid, there was a defeat," as well as the Asian Champions League.

Al Sadd won the Asian title in 2011 but failed in the early stages in the last two years. Salman repeated apologies made by the players and vowed: "This year will be different."

He acknowledged there was envy from other clubs, after criticism that Al Sadd's success was undermining the Qatar championship.

But Salman highlighted how Al Hilal have dominated the Saudi Arabian league in recent years and won two of the past three Asian Champions League titles.

In Qatar, "all clubs have resources and all clubs have the power to buy and sell players."

"The difference between Al Sadd and others is that Al Sadd is smart and has

good elements that know how to develop players and take them to a level that distinguishes them from other teams.

"This superiority will be in our favour at the World Cup because most of the players in the team are from Al-Sadd."

Muhammad Ghulam Al-Balushi, a product of the Al Sadd system who is now its sporting director, said the club's victories showed how it is "a castle built for achievements and breaking records."

"It is no secret that most of the national players at the World Cup will be from Al Sadd, and this confirms that Al Sadd prepares players to be ready," he said, challenging other clubs to match Al Sadd's work-rate.

"We lost the league two years ago, losing one or two matches, with the same team we have now. But we came back, corrected the mistakes and worked. Now we are getting results."

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Aisha Masaka

## Sky is the limit for footballer Aisha Masaka

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA Princesses has bid farewell to forward, Aisha Masaka, in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, with the forward unveiling plans for her new club in Sweden namely BK Hacken FF.

Aisha, towering goal-getter, moreover called for more women in domestic football to develop women's football.

The attacker was officially bid farewell in front of her squad's fans at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the city on March 19.

The occasion was held before a Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League game pitting Yanga Princesses against Ilala Queens which ended with Yanga Princesses cruising to a 1-0 victory.

Aisha who as well plays for Tanzania's senior national women's football side, now aged 18, joined LTA Agency Management, a Bulgaria-based soccer agency.

The agency has a strong presence in Africa, scouting for players that pursue their dream of a professional career in Europe.

Aisha revealed: "I am very happy to be officially heading to Sweden to join my new club BK Hacken FF participating in the country's Premier League."

The goal-getter noted: "This opportunity should lift morale and turn into a catalyst for women's football and my teammates to be more committed and realize that everything is possible under the sun."

"In recent years, women's soccer has been very successful and efforts are being made by us, so parents should continue to support their daughters so that they can achieve their goals, excelling as players from club level to national."

"The goals are the same, to score in the Swedish Women League because that is my identity as Aisha, due to the role I play, I want to become the best on the pitch," Aisha stated.

Last season, Aisha was a top goal scorer in the Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League with 35 goals the previous season.

The gifted goal-getter drilled in four hat-tricks the same season.

The attacker had outperformed her main rival, Opah Clement of Simba Queens, who had led the race for a while before settling for the second spot at the end.

The interesting part of Aisha's quest for clinching the golden boot, she has scored in encounters against nine of the 11 teams that participated in the Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League last season.

The attacker failed to get into the back of the net in ties against two teams namely Simba Queens and ES Unyanyembe.

The ES Unyanyembe is the only team Aisha had not faced last season as she did not play in the first-round match.

The Tabora team did not honour the second-round game because of a financial crisis and was relegated.

## Mbeya Kwanza FC opts to hire Makata as new head coach



Mbwana Makata

Mbeya Kwanza FC's manager, David Naftali, has confirmed the arrival of the new coach boasting of a good record.

Makata is credited with promoting several teams including Polisi Tanzania, Alliance FC, and Dodoma Jiji FC, to NBC Premier League.

The tactician is heading to the Mbeya side with his assistant, Renatus Shija.

"The coach arrived today (Sunday) with his assistant Shija and he will from Monday

start training the first team, we have high hopes for him to lead us in pursuit of success and achieve our goals," Naftali disclosed.

Makata has also admitted to joining the Mbeya-based team and stated that he will make his plans clear when he arrives at the squad to figure out how to deal with the side's shortcomings that weaken it.

"Thankfully I'm close, I can't say anything until I get to the team to find out where I will start and end, I'll talk about the issue of assistant coach later," Makata stated.

After it did not go well for Mbeya Kwanza FC in Mbeya, it has now left Mbeya's Sokoine Stadium and has headed to Ruvuma to use the Maji Maji Stadium in Songea.

In the 18 matches played so far, the team has won just two matches played away to notch six points.

Mbeya Kwanza FC edged Mtibwa Sugar 1-0 in the Premier League opening match played at Mabatini Stadium in Coast Region.

In another away tie, it commanded a 1-0 victory over Kagera Sugar in a match held at the Kaitaba Stadium in Bukoba.

Due to poor results, Mbeya Kwanza FC leadership reached a difficult decision to sack head coach Harerimana and his assistant, Michael Mnyali 'Chuji'.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AFTER parting ways with Dodoma Jiji FC last month, coach Mbwana Makata has joined Mbeya Kwanza FC to lead the side in the remaining matches of this season's Premier League and ensure he saves the team from relegation.

Mbeya Kwanza FC, a newcomer to the Premier League, has not had a head coach since sacking Burundian Haruna Harerimana in December last year.

Tanzanian Maka Mwalwisi took charge as the club's interim head coach, assisted by Nizar Khalfan.

So far Mbeya Kwanza FC has collected 14 points and sits 15th, just one point adrift bottom-placed Tanzania Prisons in the Premier League standings.

## Four top foreign players to join Simba SC in 2023

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC leadership has put in place effective strategies to ensure the squad makes use of this season's CAF Confederation Cup to get the best footballers for next season.

The Msimbazi Street side looks forward to making it to this season's continental showpiece quarter-finals and strives to bring honour to Tanzania.

The team's leaders, in collaboration with the technical bench, have embarked on serious strategies to strengthen their squad next season.

The Chairman of Simba SC's Board of Directors, Salim Abdallah, hinted that they plan to rope in four foreign players in the main registration window that will boost their squad.

Abdallah is still remembered for signing Yanga's beloved star Haruna Niyonzima in 2017.

The official pointed out his outfit seeks to rope in four popular players with plenty of experience in international competitions and African soccer.

"Simba is recruiting top players who



Simba SC Board of Directors' Chairman, Salim Abdallah.

will make the team stronger," he said.

The official stopped short of mentioning the performers' names and countries they hail from, claiming that they might let opponents outsmart Simba SC.

"Our plan in the next window is we will sign four top foreign players, namely two strikers, one winger, and one central defender."

"They are good players and will be a great contribution to the team," Abdallah, who has been in Simba SC's leadership for many years, stated.

The Guardian is confident that among the four stars that Simba will sign are Niger's US Gendarmerie winger, Victorien Adebayor, and Zambia's Zanaco striker Moses Phiri.

Adebayor will officially be a Simba footballer after the

squad's reverse fixture against US Gendarmerie for the final group stage match of the CAF Confederation Cup.

Phiri's registration was finalized in January.

Simba is moreover said to be seeking to register a central defender from one of the clubs participating in the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup, although his name has not been released.

Its leadership is happy with the team's excellent performance in the CAF Confederation Cup and believes it will do well.

"Simba is a great team which is proving its worth. We have few matches left in the group stage and the management is well prepared to ensure we finish strong in all ties so that we can lead the group," Abdallah pointed out.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

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