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## NCCR intends to reinstate past 'ghost workers' in govt payroll

By Guardian Reporter

NCCR-Mageuzi presidential candidate Yerima Maganja (pictured) has declared that all civil servants who were removed from their positions in exposing ghost workers will be reinstated if he is elected. He said that apart from being reinstated,

“Upon conceiving, the girls will continue attending classes unless the doctors recommend that they be rested.”

his government will pay all their arrears, as part of improving the public service and making sure that those who worked for the government for many years aren't cast aside.

“There are some who served in the government for 10 and even up to 30 years, but they were removed from their positions without any payments. NCCR Mageuzi will pay them all,” he stated.

Maganja noted that his government would make sure that all school girls who got pregnant continue with education after giving birth. His government would work closely with education stakeholders to see how best the girls can continue learning to achieve their life dreams, he declared.

Upon conceiving, the girls will continue attending classes unless the doctors recommend that they be rested.

“We will allow them to continue attending classes until they are about to give birth. This will provide equal opportunities for both boys and girls,” the candidate said.

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Seif Shariff Hamad, the opposition Alliance for Change and Transparency's (ACT-Wazalendo) candidate for the Zanzibar Presidency, addresses his inaugural campaign at Zanzibar's Kibandamaiti grounds yesterday. Combo photo: Special Correspondent.

## Dr Mwinyi is the best candidate, says Shein

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

OUTGOING Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has appealed to Zanzibaris to elects Dr Hussein Mwinyi as Zanzibar president in next month's general election, saying he has all the qualities needed for the job.

Dr Shein was speaking at the weekend at the

“There is therefore need for Zanzibaris to vote for CCM to continue with these gains as well as to protect both the Revolution and the Union ..”

launching of the ruling party's election campaign at Kibandamaiti grounds in Zanzibar Urban West Region, attended by hundreds of party supporters.

Dr Shein said CCM nominated Dr Mwinyi as the party's presidential candidate for Zanzibar because he was not new in politics, having held various

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## Economic diplomacy will tackle poverty - Lipumba

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

THE Civic United Front (CUF) says in its election manifesto that it will enhance ties with the international community to alleviate poverty in the country by 2030.

This observation was made by the party's presidential candidate Prof Ibrahim Lipumba (pictured) when setting out the party's main intentions at



a campaign rally in Morogoro municipality.

He said the party wants development that meets people's expectations like making the people live happily, noting that the big challenge on ending poverty was infringement of human rights due to lack of good governance.

Despite its rapid economic growth, Tanzania continues to remain poor because the

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this is a project of its kind and it will benefit our people immensely," the president said.

The pipeline will benefit over 90,000 Tanzanians residing along the project who will be compensated, he pointed out.

Dr Magufuli took some time to explain the reason behind delays in the signing, noting that the coronavirus pandemic and tax issues were among the difficulties.

Upon completion the pipeline will be the longest heat oil pipeline worldwide, he stated.

Ugandan president Museveni meanwhile said his country had agreed to let Tanzania get 60 percent profits from oil sales because the pipeline was 70 percent in Tanzania.

The pipeline is expected to transport about 6.8bn barrels of oil annually.

"We reached a point to let things move because this is just the beginning as the oil to be transported through the pipeline comes from just 40 percent of total area where we have discovered oil," the Ugandan leader elaborated.

Earlier, the two ministers responsible for energy signed an agreement for harmonization of cross-cutting issues in the project, a result of long discussions on shareholding, port operations and project financing.

The pipeline project will claim land in eight regions, namely, Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga.

Uganda discovered oil reserves in 2006 and needs the planned 1,445-km (900-mile) East African Crude Oil Pipeline to be in place to start commercial production.

The pipeline is estimated to cost \$3.5bn, on the basis of commonly agreed data of the two governments.

Uganda has not given a date as to when construction of the pipeline will start but President Museveni said last year that once construction begins, it would take two and a half to three years to be completed.

The agreement on the pipeline construction comes days after French oil company Total said it had reached an agreement with Uganda protecting its rights and obligations in the pipeline's construction and operation, which it said was the host government agreement.

Total is the major shareholder in Uganda's oilfields after agreeing in April to buy Tullow Oil's entire stake in the jointly held onshore fields in Uganda for \$575 million.

Tullow said last week it was confident of finalizing the sale in the fourth quarter of this year.



President John Magufuli welcomes his Ugandan counterpart, Yoweri Museveni, who jetted into Chato Airport in Geita Region yesterday for the endorsement of the construction of a crude oil pipeline to run from oilfields in Uganda to Tanga Port in Tanzania. Photo: State House

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positions in the Union Government.

He said from his experience Dr Mwinyi has great capacity in developing the Isles especially when he continues to work together with the Union presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli and running mate Samia Suluhu Hassan along with other CCM candidates vying for various positions.

He said Dr Mwinyi was a gentleman, respectful to seniors and juniors, and above all, a doctor in his own right. He said the CCM

candidate was the right choice for protecting the 1964 Zanzibar Revolution and the Union that has attained great achievements.

He said the party's campaign rallies will continue in various parts in the Isles, while Dr Mwinyi lauded achievements attained in the implementation of the party's 2015/20 Manifesto under Dr Shein.

He pledged to continue with the good work on the basis of the party's 2020/2025 Election Manifesto that has been handed to him.

There is therefore need for

Zanzibaris to vote for CCM to continue with these gains as well as to protect both the Revolution and the Union, he emphasized.

He said if elected, his priorities will be to strengthen the blue economy, especially in deep sea fishing to increase employment opportunities for the youth as well as increase the rate of GDP growth.

He cited other areas he would give priority as including the tourism sector, fish farming and agriculture.

He would ensure the continuation of oil and natural gas explo-

ration by guaranteeing that all contractual agreements thereof benefit Zanzibaris, including creating employment opportunities for the youth.

Strengthening of the economy will go in tandem with the improvement of the road infrastructure, ports, airports and the search for new energy sources, he pointed out.

He also pledged to strengthen the provision of social services including quality education for free, vocational training to enable the youth to employ themselves and quality health ser-

VICES from primary to referral levels.

Dr Mwinyi also praised Dr Shein for overseeing the prevalence of peace and tranquility and pledged that if elected he would continue with these virtues for the development of the community and the nation as a whole.

He also touched on the issue of good governance for economic growth. He would not tolerate those who will be found to be irresponsible in the performance of their duties, he added.



Verynice Monyo, from an NGO known as Kilimanjaro Women Against AIDS Children's Programme, tests Standard Two pupils in writing, reading and numeracy skills at Kirima Juu Primary School situated in Moshi District at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

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He said there are no reasons to victimize the girls since it wasn't their choice to get pregnant. Some girls are impregnated due to reasons like a poverty stricken living environment, he emphasized.

In other remarks in an

interview, he said that if elected, he will take all good policies in other parties' manifestos to come up with a better version to be implemented by the government thus formed.

In analyzing the manifestos NCCR shall seek out independent experts

from different sectors and institutions across the country to pick out their best ideas as each of the parties has some good things in its manifesto.

"We are going to collect them and come up with a combined manifesto which will be applicable for five

years," he said, intimating that NCCR-Mageuzi will also revive the process for the writing of a new constitution.

Manifestos are rewritten every five years before the general election, in which case the government needs to collect such manifestos

months before the polls are held, he asserted.

The National Electoral Commission (NEC) has set Wednesday October 28 for holding the polls, with the campaigns running from August 26 to October 27.

Registered voters cast ballots to elect political

office holders at different levels, from presidency, constituency representation and membership of district councils.

NEC data shows that about 29m Tanzanians have registered to vote in this year's election, compared to 23m in 2015.

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population of poor people has been increasing every day with government statistics showing that in 2011 there were 12m people living in abject poverty while in 2018 the figure had risen to 14m, he told the rally.

Statistics show that in every 100 children, about 74 live in poverty, a situation which CUF has pledged to deal with by improving nutrition for expectant mothers and infants, he similarly noted.

"At present more than 11,000 pregnant women die during delivery each year, an average of 30 every day. This is a situation that is totally unacceptable and we shall work to improve these services," he said.

Prof Lipumba affirmed that CUF will ensure it oversees economic growth to eradicate poverty and attain sustainable development by 2030.

Regarding agriculture, a CUF government will ensure to make it the pillar of industrial development. "As the party manifesto clearly says, without development in the agricultural sector for a country like Tanzania, it is difficult to have adequate development in the industrial sector," he said, insisting that it is obvious the ruling party has failed to invest in the industrial sector.

Prof Lipumba has held the position of chairman of CUF from 1995 to the present. He has also contested every presidential election in since the country instituted a multiparty system in 1992 except in 2015 when CUF and other opposition outfits supported Chadema candidate Edward Lowassa.

In the first election in 1995, he came third with 6.43 per cent of the vote. He then finished second behind then incumbent President Benjamin Mkapa in 2000, capturing 16.26 per cent of the vote.

Running again as the CUF presidential candidate in the 2005 elections, Prof Lipumba finished a distant second to Jakaya Kikwete, garnering 11.68 per cent of the vote. He again came third in the 2010 presidential election receiving 8.3 per cent of the vote.



# Agro research centre to produce five million sisal seedlings - official

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) Mlingano Centre is set to produce at least five million seedlings of sisal in a new drive to revamp mass production of the cash crop.

Dr Catherine Senkondo,

director for the centre said: "We've earmarked more than 70 hectares, purposefully for the production of sisal seedlings, though due to some limitations we're currently not able to use all hectares."

The Tanga-based centre has been earmarked for the revival of the crop production, including conduction of researches, as well as production of im-

proved seedlings.

However, she said the future focus of the Center was to ensure for mass production of the seedlings in order to supply farmers in the country with enough seedlings.

Permanent Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of Agriculture, Gerald Kusaya unveiled that the government has already trained more than 400 agricul-

ture extension officers on better agronomic practice necessary to be adhered by farmers in cultivating sisal profitably.

He said the government was very determined to see the commercial crop is cultivated at high levels in regions that it flourishes.

"We're working round the clock to ensure sisal is once again cultivated widely and

more professional in order for the crop to play deserved role in boosting the country's economy," he expressed.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Omary Mumba said the intention is to at least start with at least five, out of 12 regions that support sisal production in the country.

The country's leading sisal growing regions include Mo-

rogoro, Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Coast, Lindi and Mtwara. But, under the ongoing fresh strategy, plans are to see farmers in more regions adopt cultivation of sisal.

Among the targeted regions are Dodoma, Singida, Manyara, Mwanza, Simiyu, Arusha and Mara. In his remarks during inauguration of Tanzania Sisal Board (TSB) in Tanga region,

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa expressed that said the revival of sisal production was in line with efforts to revamp production of all major crops, including oil palm, cashew nuts, cotton, tea, tobacco and coffee.

In 1960's, Tanzania was at the helm of the world's sisal production market with capacity of producing at least 200,000 tonnes annually.

# TPSF appeals to govt to review TASAC Act

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) stakeholders have called on the government to review the law that established Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) in order to remove challenges facing business people in the country.

Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend soon after the meeting that brought together private stakeholders and the government, Acting TPSF Managing director Zacky Mbenna said the Foundation has convened the joint meeting to give recommendations on what was to be done to improve goods clearing at Dar es Salaam Port.

He said there have been good communication environment between TPSF and the government in acting on challenges in doing business in the country that has always enabled business people offer good services to Tanzanians.

"In the past, situation was different, the cooperation between the private and public sectors in all essential issues on business and investment. We trust this meeting will continue to bring positive results because

the private sector is spinal cord in pushing up the nation's development, he said.

TASAC Executive Secretary Abel Uronu said changes in TASAC management was essential to meet Tanzanians' needs taking into consideration the cost, ease and professionalism in doing business.

"TASAC both controls and perform as an agency at the same time, we appeal to the government to review the law that established TASAC in 2017 to ease service delivery and remove the possibility of conflict of interests," said Uronu.

President of Tanzania freight Forwarders Association (TAFFA) Edward Urio said in the event the government will not review the TASAC law, it may stand to miss tax from over 800 clearing and forwarding companies due to failure to operate and end in closures.

Yosepha Tamam, a representative from the Ministry of Finance said challenges and recommendations given at the meeting will be referred to the government to see the best way to do in order to have a better business environment for every stakeholder.



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Tabora regional commissioner Dr Philemon Sengati (3rd-L, in glasses) pictured yesterday presenting a National Health Insurance Fund membership card to a farmer from Mwambashimba village in Igunga District. It was at the launch of the issuance of the cards, thanks to collaboration involving NHIF, TPB Bank and cooperative societies. With him are NHIF director general Bernard Konga (2nd-L) and the bank's CEO, Sabasaba Moshingi (in red tie). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Horticultural farmers to receive training on better farming practices

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

SMALL horticultural farmers in Mbeya, Songwe and Katavi regions are geared to receive training on better farming practices that would help them in inclusive economic growth and increase food security.

The training is to be provided by HELVETAS Tanzania, an NGO through Better Horticultural Farming (KI-BOWAVI) under European Union (EU) sponsorship.

This was disclosed by the Director of Helvetas Tanzania, Daniel Kalimbiya, when closing the seminar on better horticultural farming practices to individual service providers and provided by Uyo and Tengeru centres of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI).

Kalimbiya said the training beneficiaries will come from 15,000 households from all districts in the three regions and that 500 farmers' groups and food processing institutions will benefit from the training.

"This is a five-year project which we are implementing together with other institutions - CODERT, ADP Mbozi and TAFOPA and whose cost is Euro 5m of which 95 percent will be provided by EU," he said.

He further said training centres will be established in every district for the people to go for frequent training on horticultural farming.

# Legendary Fort Ikoma to be included in Serengeti tourism

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Serengeti

THE remains of the legendary, historical German stronghold at Ikoma are in the process of being refurbished, set to be listed among the new products to be offered for visitors touring Serengeti National Park.

The Germans built Fort Ikoma in 1905 to defend themselves against the rebellious tribe of Ikoma. Later, during the First World War, the Stronghold served as a heliograph station which was used to telegraphically warn off British forces using sun-reflecting apparatus.

Senior Assistant Conservation Commissioner for Tanzania National Parks, Massana Mwishawa, who serves as the Chief Warden at Serengeti, explained that the German Fort is among the

future plans to diversify tourism products at the country's oldest Park, which is now the third largest in Tanzania.

"We are currently refurbishing the buildings at Fort Ikoma as they have great tourism potential," stated Commissioner Mwishawa during a special interview in his office at Seronera, over the weekend.

Fort Ikoma tourism will complement the already popular attractions in Serengeti such as the annual wildebeests' migration, spectacular ungulates' calving; gravity defying balloon safaris; bird watching and soon to be introduced sky-diving.

Built some two kilometers away from the Grumeti River, the Fort Ikoma structures were an important army base for the German East African troops. Perched on top of a series

of low hills in the Serengeti region, the Germans chose this unique location for its tactical benefits over the enemy which now helps the visitors enjoy iconic landscapes below.

The government had previously converted the Fort into a military training institute before moving the facility to the now known Tanzania Military Academy (TMA), in Monduli District of Arusha circa 1979.

Located nearly 22 kilometers from the main Ikoma Gate entry to Serengeti National Park, the former German army stronghold is one of the historical sites in Tanzania with ancient foreign architectural design. It is also being frequented by various wildlife species thus offering double benefits.

The nearby town is also the largest residential settlement near the head-

quarters of the park, which sometimes provide lodging facilities to visitors touring Serengeti who wish to stay outside the National Park.

Serengeti, which is among the country's

seven UNESCO Heritage Sites with a special biosphere reserve status since 1981, also features other cultural tourism sites such as the Moru Rock paintings, Gong Rock and Kopje dotted vast landscapes.




### Request for Expression of Interest

#### Preparation Compensation Payment and Social Safeguard Action Plan Makambako Wind Power Project, Tanzania

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## Clerics make a 'groundbreaking' visit to spur development projects in Geita

By Guardian Reporter

RELIGIOUS leaders in Geita region made a visit to inspect development projects being implemented in the region and expressed their satisfaction with the effective management of such projects for the development of Tanzania. Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) and the Geita Regional Commissioner's Office supported the visit.

Commenting during the occasion, Geita Regional Commissioner, Eng. Robert Gabriel said his office recognizes the significant contribution of religious leaders in maintaining peace and unity within the community.

"You cannot achieve progress in any society without peace. The peace that gives us development in

our country and Geita region is protected by religious leaders who have always influenced the community by preaching a message of peace," he said.

The project manager overseeing Geita Gold Mining Limited's Corporate Social Responsibility Plan, Moses Rusasa said the Company's aim is to benefit the community around the mine.

"We are implementing many projects within Geita region because one of the core values that guide GGML is to benefit the community around us. We have visited the Gold Market, Katundu Market as well as the Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) projects that have been funded by GGML for the development of the people in Geita," said Rusasa.

Expressing his gratitude during

the visit, the Chairperson of the Religious Association in Geita Region, Bishop Stephano Saguda thanked the Geita Regional Commissioner for his visit and congratulated him for overseeing development in Geita Region.

"We congratulate the President John Magufuli for providing Geita Region with a dedicated leader who oversees development. I also commend GGML Company for cooperating well with the Government, especially Geita Councils and implementing large projects in the region," said Bishop Saguda.

For the past 10 years, GGML has invested a total of \$25 million to implement various development projects in Geita region and Tanzania in general. The strategy will also allocate \$53 Million for the next 14 years.



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED, TANZANIA

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited -GGM ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti Ltd ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of Geita region, about 120km from Mwanza and 4km west of the town of Geita.

The Company is in the process of procuring various services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of services for any of the below listed services.

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Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	2.5%	
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Company Shareholding Structure	2.5%	
List of Directors	2.5%	
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission and details of capability of the contractor to hire local resources and procure local goods	2.5%	
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>		
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	6.7%	
At least 2 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	6.7%	
Confirmation of Credit period not less than 30 days	6.7%	
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OSHA Compliance	2.5%	
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Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	2.5%	
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Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the REFERENCE NUMBER of the work they intend to express interest on 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 supply and delivery of various Goods and 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 not later than 0830 A.M 29 September 2020 (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.



Former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda campaigns for CCM's candidate for the Vunjo constituency parliamentary seat, Dr Charles Kimei (R), at a rally at Himo township in Kilimanjaro Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Regulatory bodies told to promote investment

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has called on its regulatory agencies not to frustrate investors and instead work together to promote investment in the country.

While there is no integrated national investment development strategy and programme, they are challenged to closely work together at this time when every country is doing everything possible to improve economy by attracting new investors.

Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Policy Coordination and Investment, Dr Dorothy Mwaluko made the call here over the weekend when speaking at the opening of a validation workshop that brought together representatives from ministries, departments and government institutions for evaluation on the implementation of the National Investment Promotion Policy (NIPP), 1996.

She said that the government is working hard to improve investment climate and attract more quality investment in the country.

Dr Mwaluko noted that the primary objective of the evaluation is to establish the extent to which the NIPP has achieved its objective and identify new emanating challenges to improving investment climate so as to attract more quality investment in the country.

The evaluation is expected to come up with policy, legal and institutional issues to inform the government on the way forward to creating and sustained favourable investment climate.

"We need to have a coherent approach to investment coordination, promotion and facilitation therefore I appeal to you to drop your different sector positions on the matter and have a common outcome" she said.

She argued that some sectors in the government are not doing their best to promote investment, noting that some local government authorities have failed to set aside land for invest despite the government directive to do so.

The PS added that the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has the overall role of coordination of the investment matters in the country by overseeing the implementation of NIPP. This is in understanding that, among the 57 Sectoral Policies governed under 18 different ministries, a total of 34 policies have provisions which impact investment matters.

She said, however, the existing investment coordination framework still

faces some challenges. One of them is absence an integrated national investment development strategy and programme which hampers the effective coordination role of the PM's office.

The other challenge is absence of implementation strategy of the current National Investment Promotion Policy 1996.

According to the PS although the main role of investment promotion and facilitation is vested in the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), in principle all sectoral ministries, local government authorities and agencies do play a critical role.

"The facilitation role involves the regulatory framework embedded in their jurisdiction such as issuance of various guidelines, permits and licenses for the establishment, operation, market access, provision of aftercare services and monitoring and evaluation to ensure adherence to policy goals and legal requirements," she said.

Dr Saudin Mwakajega from the University of Dodoma (UDOM) who is also participated in the evaluation process noted that it was important to conduct an assessment of achievements accrued in the course of implementation of the policy, identification of existing gaps, challenges encountered and recognizing policy areas.

He said the aim is to identify also new emerging issues crucial for improving Tanzania's investment competitiveness and taking on board various developments in the global and regional investment frameworks.

"The primary objective of the evaluation was to establish the extent to which the policy has been achieved and identify new emanating challenges to improving investment climate so as to attract more quality investment in the country," he said.

Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA)'s Director of Promotion and Facilitation James Maziku on his part observed that at macroeconomic level, Tanzania's economic growth remains high relative to other developing countries. He said Tanzania's economic performance continues to rank among the highest in the region, adding that over the past 15 years, Tanzania averaged an annual rate of growth of 6.4 percent.

He said, "This growth was attributed to increased investments especially in infrastructure such as construction of roads, railway and airports; stable supply of electricity; improvement in transport services"

## Dr Kimei: I will bring economic revolution in Vunjo if I'm elected

By Guardian Correspondent, Himo

CCM's parliamentary candidate for Vunjo Constituency in Moshi Rural District Dr Charles Kimei has appealed to the people to elect him in order to spur economic revolution.

Launching his election campaign at a public rally at Himo town at the weekend in the presence of former Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda, Dr Kimei said the constituency has many challenges including poor road infrastructures, education, health and lack of reliable markets for the crops produced.

He said if elected, he would use his experience gained from the financial sector to establish the Constituency's Entrepreneurs Fund that will issue low interest loans to the people as capital to enable them employ themselves as well as employ others for their own economic wellbeing.

"We are working with other stakeholders to finalize the process for the fund's establishment. I will personally write the project's write up to obtain funds to make available to various groups including farmers, livestock keepers, youth, women, motorcycle owners and mechanics," he said.

On agriculture and farm crops, Dr Kimei spoke on the establishment of irrigation farming to increase crop yields as well as enable people to establish small processing plants to add value to the crops.

He said instead of selling tomatoes, a perishable crop, these processing plants will make and sell tomato paste, and added that they would also do that for other crops such as coffee.

He said another area is to improve road infrastructures to simplify transportation of crops to reach the market.

On health, Dr Kimei said many health centres need quick and major refurbishments, with some of them lacking modern X-ray and ultra sound equipment.

"We shall oversee the completion of Himo District Council that has stopped. We shall also deal with health insurance issues and medical services to elders," Dr Kimei added.

"I have mobilized myself to ensure Himo residents get development just like the CCM Election Manifesto says. I will work together with the Government in every sector to ensure people get development, and benefit from their resources," he said.

He also appealed for the residents to vote for President John Magufuli as well as all CCM councillorship candidates in the constituency.



# Joint village land use planning for resolution of conflicts in Tanzania

By Felister Peter

THE government is implementing a pilot project on joint village land use planning in pastoral areas as part of solutions to end conflicts between crop farmers, pastoralists and conservators.

Under the project, villages share grazing resources and plan together on establishment of mechanisms to manage the shared rangeland.

Speaking during a breakfast debate on biodiversity conservation over the weekend, Assistant Director (Land for Livestock Development) in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, Victor Mwita said they have started with Kiteto District in Manyara Region.

The virtual breakfast meeting was organized by the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania

(JET) with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Mwita who is the Manager of the Dodoma Abattoir noted that plans are to expand the project to other pastoral areas including Mbeya, Morogoro, Manyara and Coast Regions. He said under the plan, villages are provided with Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupancy (CCRO) for the demarcated grazing land to protect it from other users.

"This ensures land tenure security to different land users as well as fairness in the use of available land. For pastoral communities village land use is seen as the solution for combating land use conflicts", said Mwita.

He added that until June 2020, a total of 1,875 villages have prepared land use plans and demarcated land

for livestock.

According to Mwita, the government has been embarking on various efforts to end conflicts between pastoralists, farmers and conservators whereas it has decided to give part of its land from ranches managed by the National Ranching Company Limited (NARCO), national parks and protected areas to surrounding villagers alleged to encroach the areas.

On these given land, villagers are allowed to construct houses, conducting farming activities and livestock keeping, he said.

The ministry of Livestock and Fisheries chopped some 1,800 hectares of land from the Hanga Ngadinda farm in Ruvuma Region which was given to Gumbiro and Ngadinda villagers. A total of 2,208 hectares from the Ruvu ranch were

also given to surrounding villagers from Bagamoyo and Kibaha Districts.

Mwita said the government has also allocated some 48,502.2 hectares from a number of NARCO owned ranches which will be given to the villagers. The ranches are Kongwa which have 13,591.7 hectares taken back to wananchi.

Other ranches with number of hectares in brackets are Kalambo (10,000.0), West Kilimanjaro (2,416.0), Kikulula (7,381.6), Misseyi (10,049.2), Mabale (1,950.0) and Kagoma 3,113.7 hectares.

He said the ministry has also allocated some areas from the Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI) whereas 2,501.03 hectares will be given to pastoral communities.

According to the official, the gov-



Zakeo Kowero (R), the Tanzania Revenue Authority's taxpayer services and education officer for Mtwara Region, guides a businessman in Mtwara municipality at the weekend as part of a tax payment compliance sensitisation campaign. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

ernment has also taken part of land from its livestock holding grounds whereas some 13,679.94 hectares will be chopped from Chibe, Shishiyu, Mkwese, Mkalama and Kinyangiri holding grounds.

Some district and municipal

councils have also demarcated areas for pastoralist activities where a total of 127,324.867 hectares have been earmarked in different villages including Kirya (9,242.28), Lwami (2,675.711), Mwanavala (11,598.552), Luhanga (4,670.00), Kangaga (1,423.18)

and Itipingi in Mbarali District (2,946.274).

Others are Shoga (14,198.00), Sangambi (7,492.00) in Chunya District and Vikonge (10,154.50), Majalila (2,060) and Igalula (2,967.00) in Tanganyika and Tunduru Districts in Ruvuma Region.



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED, TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited -GGM ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti Ltd ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of Geita region, about 120km from Mwanza and 4km west of the town of Geita.

The Company is in the process of procuring various services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of various services for any of the below listed services.

#### Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICES TO BE PROCURED
GGME0960	Provision of Equipment and Labour for Void Collapsing Services

### 1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	2.5%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	2.5%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	2.5%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	2.5%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	2.5%
Company Shareholding Structure	2.5%
List of Directors	2.5%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission and details of capability of the contractor to hire local resources and procure local goods	2.5%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	20%
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	6.7%
At least 2 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	6.7%
Confirmation of Credit period not less than 30 days	6.7%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM</b>	10%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Environment Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Workers Compensation Certificate	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	10%
At least 3 Names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	2.5%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters each from different clients	2.5%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>	40%
Technical Capability-Blasting Experience more than 5 years	5%
Proven experience in undertaking drilling in a complex environment using Jack Hammer.	15%
Proven experience in working at height	10%
Team competency (more than 3 years drilling experience)	5%
Availability of all necessary tools required to undertake drilling assignment	5%
<b>Total Score in %</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the REFERENCE NUMBER of the work they intend to express interest on 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 supply and delivery of various Goods and 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 not later than 0830 A.M 29 September 2020 (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.



## RE-ADVERTISED INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED, TANZANIA

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The Company is in the process of assessing future security requirements for its operations and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of security services.

#### Scope of work:

GGME0959-Provision of Security Services: -

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRELIMINARY CRITERIA		
1	PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	20%
	a) Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	2.2%
	b) Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	2.2%
	c) Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	2.2%
	d) Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	2.2%
	e) Company Profile	2.2%
	f) List of Directors	2.2%
	g) Company Shareholding Structure	2.2%
	h) Compliance in Mining Act- Local Content	2.2%
	i) OSHA Compliance and Environment Registration Certificate	2.2%
2	PRE-QUALIFICATION DATA	10%
	a) Name of the Company/firm/supplier	2.5%
	b) E-mail address	2.5%
	c) Postal address	2.5%
	d) Mobile No./telephone	2.5%
3	CVs OF THE KEY PERSONNEL (must be filled accordingly)	10%
4	FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	20%
	a) Audited & certified financial statements(2018-2019)	6.7%
	b) At least 2 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	6.7%
	c) Credit period (not less than 30 days)	6.7%
5	PAST EXPERIENCE	20%
	At least 3 Names of the applicant's clients in the past two years and value of the contracts entered into and completed satisfactorily and the duration of the contract (must be listed)	5%
	a) Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of above)	5%
	b) Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of a. above)	5%
	d) Attach at least 3 recommendation letters each from different clients	5%
6	TECHNICAL CRITERIA	20%
	a) license by the relevant authorities	5%
	b) written recruitment policy	5%
	c) Professional corporate image e.g. uniforms for personnel,	5%
	d) Policy on reasonable working hours and shifts	5%
	<b>TOTAL MARKKS</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# NBS assessing data on Sustainable Development Goals for Tanzania

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) looks forward to having 'high frequency data', a time-scale data collected at an extremely fine scale, soon, calling for support from other stakeholders.

This was said here by the Statistician General Dr Albina Chuwa during the event to receive ICT equipment from the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The donation, according to IOM, was made to support reporting and to strengthen data management across the country including migration data.

The donation worth \$20,000 consisted of four HP elite book 840 laptops, four docking stations and accessories, four HP 27 slim monitors, one heavy duty photocopy printer and four Microsoft Office 365.

She said Tanzania has achieved suc-

cess in statistical activities and has the potential of starting issuing high frequency data.

"Partners like IOM can help us reach that far, joining the league of some developed countries globally that are doing the same," she said, lauding IOM for the continued support which has enabled NBS improve collection of official data on migration in the country.

She said the donation was a promise made during the African Statistics Day 2019 by the IOM country office.

She said during the meeting whose theme was, "Everyone counts: quality statistics for better management of forced displacement in Africa" IOM office worked closely with NBS during the planning until the meeting day.

Dr Chuwa explained that IOM Chief of Mission (CoM) in the country Dr Qasim Sufi promised continued cooperation with NBS in capacity building

on migration data collection and dissemination.

Under the project Africa Regional Migration Program Phase X East and Horn of Africa funded by the State Department Bureau of Population Refugees and Migration (BPRM), the United States of America (USA), IOM donated ICT equipment to the NBS Offices in both Mainland and Zanzibar.

Handing over the he donation, Dr Sufi said the ICT equipment is among the project deliverables aimed at strengthening NBS capacity to independently undertake migration data collection, research and learning to inform on policy development.

He said: "To monitor the degree of achievement towards the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we need reliable and timely data to show where we are making progress and where we are falling behind including data on Migrants and Migration."



Kiss Condom 'ambassador' Idris Sultan (L) addresses guests at its launch in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. With him is Kevin Hudson, country director of promoters DKT International. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Bank planning to open new branches

By Correspondent James Kandoya

MKOMBOZI Commercial Bank PLC management has said that it needs at least 15bn/- in the next financial year to expand its bank networks across the country by next year.

The bank's managing director Respige Kimati told the Guardian over the weekend on the side-line of the 11th annual general meeting that the bank plan is to open branches in all regions.

Kimati added that the move goes concurrently with opening up of agency banking in every district downwards to the wards and villages.

"Our target to ensure that the banking service penetrates all people to increase financial inclusion among the community as well to increase profits and bank efficiency," he said.

He however called the bank shareholders to buy more shares when the window is opened to increase the bank capital to enable the bank to deploy more and latest technology.

For her part, the MBCB Board Chairperson Prof Marcellina Chijoliga said despite economic depletions the bank continues to perform.

She said the loan and advances to

customers increased by 23 percent from 99,036 million as at 31st December 2018 to 122,084 million as at 31 December 2019.

Furthermore, customers deposits increased by 14.1 percent from 178,824 million as at 31 December 2018 to 204,038 at 31 December 2019.

"The bank has improved its services delivery on alternative channels which improved the turnaround time in issuance by acquiring new technology that enables instant issuance," he said.

MBCB The bank director, the Archbishop of Dodoma catholic Diocese Beatus Kinyaiya assured the public and share's holders that the bank was a right place to invest.

He said the bank's future plan was to see it penetrate to the interior to increase financial inclusion hence promoting the nation economy.

"So as to continue enhancing affordability, accessibility and in line with our objective of increasing financial inclusion in the country we are building branch networks, he added

MKCB started as an initiative of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference to establish a commercial bank with the main objective of serving and supporting the emerging Tanzanian

businesses for provision of financial services.

It was granted banking license by the Bank of Tanzania as a full-fledged commercial bank on 18th July 2009 and started banking business on 28th August 2009.

Its target markets are small and medium sized entrepreneurs, companies, SACCOS, social enterprises such as schools, universities and corporations.

MKCB serves the needs of growing companies, middle-market and large corporations, institutional investors, financial institutions and government entities.

It has eleven branches as at 31 December 2019: four branches are located in Dar es Salaam and one each in Mwanza (Mwanza region), Bukoba (Kagera region) and Morogoro (Morogoro region).

Others are Dodoma (Dodoma region), Iringa (Iringa region) Njombe (Njombe region) and Moshi (Kilimanjaro region).

MKCB plans to build a branch network throughout Tanzania.

The bank was listed at Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) - Enterprise Growth Market - in December 2014, under the stock symbol MKCB.

## Tamwa calls for support in addressing teenage pregnancies

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Media Women's Association, Zanzibar (TAMWA Zanzibar) has called on the public to chip in and support the fight against teen pregnancies in Isles.

In a statement issued yesterday, Dr Mzuri Issa, director of TAMWA Zanzibar expressed concerns over the increasing rape incidents in the Indian Ocean Archipelago, calling on Tanzanians to provide education on the effect of child pregnancies in order to save children from this malaise that affect them physically and psychologically, while others lost their lives.

She said: "This problem can be only addressed by joint efforts among community members including religious leaders, politicians, and women's activists to come up with a specific plan to educate the community on the effects of childbirth at an early age."

According to her, TAMWA Zanzibar has recently received shocking reports of a child under the age of 15 being raped, became pregnant and eventually lost her life during birth.

She cited recent reports from the victim's parent, the incident took place in Wete District, Pemba North region and the victim died on June 25, 2020.

TAMWA Zanzibar conducted a survey on the effects of child pregnancies and found a plethora of problems including physical and psychological trauma as well as the loss of life.

According to health expert, Dr Kamilia Ali Omar of the maternity unit at Mnazimmoja Hospital in Zanzibar said, child pregnancies could lead to fistulas, cervical cancer and other diseases that occur due to some organs in the body of young girls which are not matured enough hence causing complication during the birth.

"Giving birth under the age of 18 is life-threatening for both mother and baby because the pelvic of a child under the age of 18 are not matured enough to push the baby, so it puts the parent at risk of getting fistula, or the parent loses life or some illnesses, says Dr Kamilia.

Dr. Kamilia said health experts recommend giving birth at least 20 to 22 years of age.

She recommends that if child pregnancy problem arises in a child, it is best to refer to a clinic as early as possible so that health professionals could keep her safe for the life of mother and child.

On the other hands, a psychologist from Zanzibar School of Health, Asya Saleh Abdullatif, said child pregnancies lead to mental congestion that can lead to unnecessary fainting's or mental illness.



Dr Mzuri Issa, director of TAMWA Zanzibar

Asya also said that child pregnancies lead to frequent outbursts where the carrier may commit a terrible mistake against her or someone else which could cause harm.

TAMWA Zanzibar has identified child pregnancies in four areas - either being raped, forced marriage, child marriage or sexual inducement.

The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar has identified a total of 88 incidences of child pregnancies and 50 child marriages in the past three years.

Therefore, statistics in terms of education are often obtained after children drop out of school due to pregnancy or marriage. It is also possible that there are other girls in the community who dropped out of school in the past or did not go to school before and their information was not recorded.

It is good for the community to be aware of this problem of teenage pregnancy in order to save the lives of these girls and also for the government to take stern action against people who rape young girls and those who marry off their girls at a tender age.

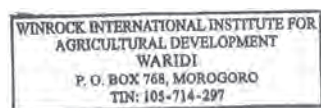


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### CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	Actual 2019 TZS ' 000
<b>FUNDS RECEIVED</b>		
Receipts from WI home office		12,754,415
		<b>12,754,415</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE INCURRED DURING THE YEAR</b>		
WARIDI project	2.	11,222,541
ARISE project	3.	670,328
PROSPER UMOJA project	4.	861,542
		<b>12,754,411</b>
Surplus/(deficit) of grants income over expenditure		<b>4</b>



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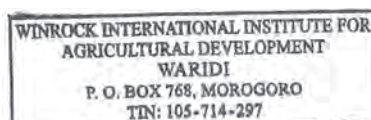
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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 TZS ' 000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and bank balances	5.	235,965
Related party payable home office - WARIDI	6.	50,481
Receivables	7.	129,708
Total current assets		<b>416,154</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>416,154</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
Equity		-
Total equity		-
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Payable	8.	255,993
Related party receivable home office - PROSPER UMOJA	9.	65,437
Related party payable home office - ARISE	9.	94,724
Total Current Liabilities		<b>416,154</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>416,154</b>



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The Company is in the process of procuring various services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of various services for any of the below listed services.

**Scope of work:**

REF NO.	SERVICES TO BE PROCURED
GGME0991	Tyre Tracking and Control Software System
GGME0964	Maintenance of Seat Covers on Light Vehicles and Light Trucks
GGME0965	Supply of Labour for Panel Beating Services
GGME0968	Provision of Wheel Alignment Services

**1. INFORMATION REQUIRED**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	2.5%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	2.5%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	2.5%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	2.5%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license	2.5%
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Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission and details of capability of the contractor to hire local resources and procure local goods	2.5%

FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	20%
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	6.7%
At least 2 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding suppliers credit position	6.7%
Credit period (not less than 30 days)	6.7%

SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM	10%
OSHA Compliance	2.5%
Environment Compliance	2.5%
Workers Compensation Fund/ any proof of compliance	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%

PAST EXPERIENCE	10%
At least 3 Names of the applicants' clients,value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2.5%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	2.5%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above)	2.5%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters each from different clients	2.5%

TECHNICAL CRITERIA	40%	GGME0991
<b>Technical Capability</b>		Tyre Tracking and Control Software System
Tyre software which is able to manage tyre production, safety and inventory tracking	8	
To control all tyre administration issue	8	
Tyre management overview, system overviews, file, enquiries and data entry	8	
Tyre reports, tools and documentation	8	
A remotely controlled software	8	
<b>Total Score in %</b>	<b>100%</b>	

TECHNICAL CRITERIA	40%	GGME0964
<b>Technical Capability</b>		Maintenance of Seat Covers on Light Vehicles and Light Trucks
Working tools (Facilities) e.g. sewing Machine	13.3	
Workshop outside the mine	13.3	
Quality of material eg seat covers, canvases	13.3	
<b>Total Score in %</b>	<b>100%</b>	

TECHNICAL CRITERIA	40%	GGME0965
<b>Technical Capability</b>		Supply of Labour for Panel Beating Services
Special Tools e.g. Body jack, Chain block, Welding machine, toolbox.	20	
Quality of material e.g. Color paint & other material.	20	
<b>Total Score in %</b>	<b>100%</b>	

TECHNICAL CRITERIA	40%	GGME0968
<b>Technical Capability</b>		Provision of Wheel Alignment Services
Wheel alignment Machine	10	
Wheel balance Machine	10	
Hoist	10	
Toolbox	10	
<b>Total Score in %</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)/ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI):**

**PROVISION OF MINING CONSULTING SERVICES RELATING TO THE SUPPLY OF STRATEGIC OPTION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES, MINE PLANNING ASSISTANCE AND ZERO BASED COSTING DEVELOPMENT FOR 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 purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the market for well-established mining consulting firms with the requisite technical skills and operational knowledge to undertake the Supply of strategic option development strategies, mine planning assistance and zero based costing development relating to provision of Mining Consulting Services, necessary for the development of robust strategic plans for the assigned underground assets at Geita Gold Mine in accordance with the EOI/RFI documents.

The responses to this EOI/RFI will be used to shortlist capable Service Providers that will be invited to respond to the Main Tender for the Provision of the aforementioned services for Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML). The details and dates for the issue of the Main Tender will be communicated to shortlisted Companies only. It is necessary to respond to this EOI/ RFI in order to be pre-qualified to be considered for the Main Tender.

**Scope of work:**

**Provision of Mining Consulting Services : -**

S/N	Reference Number	Projects Description
1	GGME0997	Provision of Mining Consulting Services relating to the Supply of Strategic Option Development Strategies, Mine Planning Assistance and Zero-based Costing Development for Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML)

**Scope**

The scope of the Service will consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

- Development of the Strategic Plans for BP2021 in order to drive optimised direction for the operations to achieve business objectives/targets;
- Development and management of the strategic plans, and provision of support for the mine planning;
- The development of robust strategic plans for the assigned underground assets which includes identifying opportunities for step changes for the current assets;
- Provide mine specialised planning services and support to projects within the African operations;
- Provide support by providing input on asset potential and the consolidation of the African operations strategy;
- Provide mine specialised planning services and support to projects within the African operations and as required to the planning and technical team; and
- Support the site planning team with developing strategic options for the mine plans.
- Constructing a zero based should costs model with resultant rates for mechanised underground mining, based on schedules provided by AngloGold Ashanti. The should costs model will be tailor made for estimating costs based on the schedule parameters supplied:
  - Monthly Fixed Costs
  - Horizontal Development rates
  - Vertical Development Longhole Rising (drill, charge, blast) rates
  - Ground Support installed cost
  - Production Drilling and Blasting
  - Bogging and Haulage Operations
  - Dayworks
  - Portal Establishment
- Identify continuous improvement opportunities by means of model comparisons and industry best practise guidelines

The following shall be included in the Agreement and shall be provided by the Consultant:

- Competent personnel to safely carry out the Services;
- All required specialized tools and equipment and have to be inspected by the Company to comply with the Company's safety and company standards;
- All required personal protective equipment (PPE);
- Accommodation and meals for personnel;
- Visa's; and
- Medicals.

**II. SPECIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PROVISION OF MINING CONSULTING SERVICES**

The below information forms the minimum requirements in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out below:

- Supplier due diligence evaluation for responsible sourcing and compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended.
- Technical Capability, performance and previous experience
- Software and innovation employed in the management of similar scopes
- Supplier training skills transfer plans
- Proven experience in relevant planning and design software

**III. GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIRED**

The below information is required in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out below:

- Detailed service provider's information with organization structure, list of manpower with CVs of key personnel, parent company (if applicable), support agencies and other facilities and resources.
- Details of the service provider's responsible sourcing procedures as well as compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended.
  - Governance:**
    - Operations profile
    - Ownership and Management profile
    - Business integrity
    - Anti-bribery and corruption

- Safety, Health and Environmental**
  - Operations profile
  - Management systems and training
  - Waste management
  - Compliance and certifications
  - Water management
  - Air emissions
  - Business integrity
  - Hazardous substances
- Social**
  - Code of conduct
  - Forced labour
  - Child labour and young workers
  - Localisation
  - Discrimination
  - Freedom of association and collective bargaining
  - Security
  - Harassment and abuse
  - Grievance and remediation
  - Supplier management
- Provide details on local content regulations, including:**
  - Local procurement of goods and services
  - Local employment and training practices
  - Details of percentage of managerial and non-managerial positions held by Tanzanian citizens.
  - For privately owned companies, a list of all the owners, their nationality and respective percentage ownership of your organisation.
  - For publicly traded companies, a list of all shareholders holding more than 5% with details of their nationality and percentage ownership.

3. Details of completion of similar types of contracts/scopes and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution covering:

- Projects of a similar nature undertaken in the last 3 (three) years with the value of work in United States Dollars (USD) showcasing a well-established mining consulting firm, recognised in the industry
  - Previous company experience specifically related to strategic option development, mine planning and zero-based costing development relating to underground mechanised mining, including references
  - Proven consultants experience in strategic plan/option development with a track record in mine planning and optimisation (Minimum 10 years' experience)
  - Proven consultants experience in zero based cost model development with minimum 5 years' experience
  - Experience in African or other developing regions
4. Details of the service provider's Software and innovation employed in the management of similar scopes:
- Software utilised to manage business and assist clients in strategic options development and zero-based cost model construction
  - Innovation initiatives identified as continuous improvement strategies
  - Long term planning proficiency
  - Short term planning proficiency

5. Details of the service provider's training and skills transfer process:

- Mine skills transfer plan and proposal

6. Details of experience in relevant planning and design software:

- Experience in Studio UG and EPS Mine planning software

7. List of policies, procedures and quality assurance practices currently in place for the execution of similar work.

8. Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work. Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable

**IV. PREQUALIFICATION EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS**

In evaluating the interested bidders, GGML will consider the following:

- Local Content** – Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their responsible sourcing procedures as well as compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended.
- Capability** – Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their technical skills and operational knowledge for the applicable scope of works along with the approach they will follow to ensure successful completion of the works, based on their previous experience.
- Systems and Innovation** – Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their proficiency to manage business processes successfully with applicable systems/software and to prove a culture of innovation and continuous improvement
- Sustainability** – Prospective Bidders to give details of their skills transfer plans and proposals to effectively transfer knowledge and upskill existing in-house labour complement.
- Planning and Design experience** – Prospective Bidders to provide details of their experience in relevant planning and design software
- Permits and Certifications** – Prospective Bidders to provide details and evidence of permits and registrations issued by the relevant Government authorities, including OSHAS and any other statutory bodies regulating the related services.

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") 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 Mining Consulting 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 not later than 0830 P.M 28 September 2020 (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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## Barring of many candidates can impact on electoral enthusiasm

**E**LECTION campaigns are blurred in a wide range of constituencies on account of a cloud hanging over the likely number of participants in the poll. Many opposition candidates have yet to be cleared after the National Electoral Commission (NEC) raised queries on details in how the forms were filled. A few dozen such candidates have been cleared but close to 100 had been touched in the first place, in relation to parliamentary candidates alone. That is still a problem.

While the thrust of NEC scrutiny of the forms appears to be veracity of information in relation to how those individuals relate to their parties, and their other records touching on law and order issues, electoral politics are slightly different.

Ordinarily people aren't elected to the legislature because of the party they represent but due to how they are viewed at grassroots level, in which case barring a candidate can impact on electoral enthusiasm.

At a number of instances in the past, CCM rejected aspirants who won the primaries and they were elected upon switching to the opposition, and even making solid contributions there, like ex-Karatu MP Dr Wilibrod Slaa.

In that case, another look needs to be thrown at the issue so that more and indeed most of the still non-cleared candidates who have already been approved by their parties are cleared and get time to campaign. We still have nearly 50 days to polling day and for constituency needs that is plenty of time.

So the fact that NEC hasn't completed the job within the time frame of starting the campaigns or a week later isn't a big problem but it ought to be hurried up to uplift poll interest.

This isn't something that is easy for various levels of authority to grasp, for they are chiefly looking forward to a landslide CCM victory, which is evidently on the cards, but gaps of enthusiasm and electoral interest aren't of much use.

It is vital that NEC should look at the forms not as if it is picking CCM candidates but individuals from broad sections of the population, from political parties which could have done differently with more resources, etc.

The issue is that the forms need not be perfect, so long as those individuals face no criminal charges or anything else that is expressly disallowed in law, not marginal misdemeanors, etc.

Memories aren't too far off of the days where disputes in parliamentary elections more or less crippled local government functions, where CCM wins the mayoral seat and it has no majority among the councillors.

That may not come up this time but other problems can crop up, if there are too many disgruntled candidates and their supporters in various districts, that is, wards and constituencies.

When most of the disqualified candidates are cleared the voters will understand the case for those remaining, as they often know those individuals at the grassroots level as well.

At the same time, it is possible that efforts to ensure that there is cohesion in local governments so that development projects are smoothly executed can lead to contrasting assessments of what ideal picture is needed in the forthcoming poll.

It may well have worked in the aftermath of civic polls late last year but they weren't psychologically important as the current polls. That counts.

## Little more could be said about need to ensure ozone layer remains intact

**A** DAY of reflection on the preservation of the ozone layer has been set by the United Nations for September 16 each year, whose importance scarcely needs to be labored upon. It is now close to 30 years since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992.

It was followed by the Kyoto (Japan) conference to lay the framework for financing basic climate change mitigation initiatives in 1997 and much later in 2012 in the Danish capital of Copenhagen. It is the latter conference that provided a framework for action in use now, but how far is it an answer?

While the world marks the International Day for the preservation of the ozone layer, there are signs that the battle to combat climate change is in the course of being lost, even if its negative consequences or fearsome implications aren't felt around the world in the same way.

We have largely been spared weather excesses that are making life unbearable in many countries, and not singularly the poorest, as the kind of fires that have lately ravaged the western part of the United States are an unheard-of phenomenon.

Nor is the massive flooding in the Nile Valley and especially in Sudan something that the region is familiar with.

It isn't just the US where uncontrollable fires broke out, as earlier it was Australia, and even more surprisingly Brazil, as the Amazon forest is located in a deeply humid tropical atmosphere by average standards, but fires have been spreading unchecked in a large portion of those forests.

There are also plenty of fires that have been ravaging tropical forests in DRC nearby, but they were more limited in range and intensity compared to

Brazil, and ordinarily appear to have arisen from widening traditional agricultural activities. Brazil is different as the forest is being conquered for agribusiness, by and large.

All these massive fires produce the massively excessive carbon dioxide emissions which are the principal threat to preserving the ozone layer.

The wisdom underlying global policy action in that direction is a different source of carbon dioxide emissions, chiefly from the combustion of fossil fuels in transportation and industry in particular, apart from clearing forests to expand farms.

The trouble is that little progress is being registered in that direction as renewable energy production consumes plenty of traditional energy to put into place for instance solar, wind and thermal energy equipment, which doesn't diminish total fuel needs.

Despite the Covid-19 global travel lockdown, global agencies say gas emissions were just as high.

What now looks like the gravest threat to global economy is rising sea levels, touching off devastating hurricanes and cyclones whose impact appears to be rising year after year.

The danger arising from expanding holes in the ozone layer increasing the impact of ultraviolet rays from the sun upon the earth hasn't so far been touted as causing the grave effects of accumulated carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that ignites global warming.

The impact of such gases is adequate even before scientists actually sound the alarm about the ozone layer, but when these days of reflection were being reflected upon, the specific danger of global warming and its impact was being put to plenty of debate, chiefly from 'climate change skeptics.'

It is evident that many of them are starting to acknowledge the grave realities the world faces.

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## This virus divides as it multiplies

By Camaren Peter

SOCIETIES under stress often rupture along their weakest fault lines. The escalating Covid-19 crisis is amplifying unresolved tensions that have the potential to tear the nation apart even further.

South Africa is arguably the most vulnerable it has ever been in the new democratic dispensation. In 2020, the annual Edelman Barometer survey revealed that public trust in key societal institutions - government, business, media and academia - was lowest in South Africa among all countries that were surveyed. This does not augur well for our prospects to successfully navigate the Covid-19 crisis.

These institutions are not without blame for the decline in public trust in them. Government and business corruption, media sensationalism and academic insensitivity, in a society that has decidedly reproduced the racial and class disparities of apartheid, has withered the "rainbow nation" narrative. We are now a nation divided.

Societies under stress often rupture along their weakest fault lines. The escalating Covid crisis is amplifying unresolved tensions that have the potential to tear the nation apart even further. As the coronavirus multiplied exponentially, claiming the lives of more and more South Africans, it widened the fault lines in our society, dividing people into the very race-based boxes that our democracy was intended to dismantle.

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A plague of poverty has combined with a biological plague to exacerbate existing tensions, and it has spilled over into public discourse, most notably on social media. Social media analytics, from a variety of sources, indicates that these tensions worsened as we approached the first peak of infections.

Initially, a fair amount of admirable social cohesion was brokered in tackling the ill effects of the pandemic. Political parties presented a united front, and the planning - we were assured - would be guided by the best scientific advice that we could draw on. Government enjoyed a high level of support from both its political opponents as well as citizens. Civil society, business and ordinary people mobilised to help the poor.

Fear drove us closer together and we responded by cooperating with one of the toughest lockdowns in the world. We put our faith in our key institutions, despite the fact that our faith in them had been steadily declining for over a decade.

For a moment, we put our trust in our academics, government, the media and business to guide us through the crisis.

Yet this was not to last. In this new era of politics, political spin that actively discredits institutions has become routine. Positioning themselves as experts in eve-



ry arena without qualification, politicians have proven especially guilty of deliberately undermining the very institutions that we require most to navigate crisis.

Take Helen Zille, for example, who indiscriminately waded into the student protests to discredit critical race theorists and students alike. During the current crisis she became a proponent of the now discredited notion of "herd immunity". With scarcely any expertise in either domain, she waded into these debates and drove wedges between institutions and society deeper.

And she is not alone. Politicians, wannabe politicians, industry leaders, social media influencers, celebrities, religious leaders, crackpots and conspiracists have all joined the milieu, resulting in a deafening noise that has all but drowned out the clear institutional signals we desperately need to navigate the crisis successfully.

It is this devastating assault on the integrity of the institutions that we need to preserve social cohesion and organise our response to the pandemic that has deepened the fissures in our society. As doubts and uncertainties are exploited, ordinary people are lost in the gap between what we know about the virus and what we are still discovering as the pandemic unfolds. The consequence is that our ability to act coherently in response to the pandemic has significantly diminished.

It is imperative that a new leadership and social compact is brokered on the understanding that this is not a moment to exploit differences for political and personal gain. This is a moment to forge unity among us and emerge with a stronger sense of who we are, what we stand for, and what we can achieve when we work together.

Not only is it cruel and irresponsible to arrogantly wade into the fray armed with nothing but half-baked "facts" and speculation at best, and opportunism and

wild conspiratorial delusions at worst, it puts the lives and livelihoods of ordinary people at risk. By obscuring the clarity of institutional messaging, they have confused the citizenry, leaving them without clear guidelines on how to change everyday behaviours to get society back up and running again.

If people don't take precautionary measures seriously and are in doubt about how to adapt to the new reality, we will endure spike after spike in infections, and businesses, schools and the like will be forced to close.

We will endure a staccato economy, a spiralling death count, and the health-care burden of people who have to live with the lingering after-effects of the virus (the "long-haulers").

Yet most strangely, in the vacuum that has emerged in the wake of public disconnection from our institutions, we have seen the emergence of bizarre, self-serving rhetoric.

Ultranationalist, afrophobic messaging has skyrocketed, threatening to expose us yet again as the pariah of the continent. Alongside the infamously unknown @uLeratoPillay's attacks on foreign migrants and refugees, smaller, more recent political parties such as South Africa First and politicians such as Herman Mashaba are ramping up afrophobic rhetoric, seeking to capitalise on misplaced fear and prejudice. Our once exalted position on the continent as a shining light for tolerance, freedom and constitutional democracy is now an unrecognisable wreck.

Thinly-veiled white supremacy advocates have attempted to disguise their messaging in terms of the "white genocide" narrative, positioning themselves - bizarrely - as comrades alongside the Black Lives Matter movement. This despite the fact that black people are far more likely to be murdered in South Africa. Moreover, the irony of identifying with Black Lives Matter while at the

same time promoting the "All Lives Matter" message appears to escape the proponents of this narrative. Predictably, no "All Murders Matter" rhetoric has emerged from this camp.

Race and class divides have risen to prominence, revealing a nation of two starkly disconnected realities. While the poor, predominantly black and brown people navigate the threat of hunger, white South Africans were ranting that Woolworths had to stop selling rotisserie chicken.

To add to this unholy milieu, an EFF central command member was caught posing as a white woman on social media - Tracey Zille - to put out racist messaging that directed would-be "fellow" racists to internet pages off which he was earning advertising revenue.

In this new reality, truth is stranger than fiction. Catalysed by divisive rhetoric, profound distrust and disengagement from our core societal institutions - stoked by both official and unofficial actors - the virus proceeds to divide as it multiplies. And our nation is left the worse for it.

It is imperative that a new leadership and social compact is brokered on the understanding that this is not a moment to exploit differences for political and personal gain. This is a moment to forge unity among us and emerge with a stronger sense of who we are, what we stand for, and what we can achieve when we work together.

It is a moment to trust our institutions and to hold them accountable at the same time. It is also a moment to begin exposing those who would divide us, and to interrogate their motives.

The alternative - a society and politics driven by divisive, populist, ultranationalist rhetoric - is too scary to contemplate but it may well come to fruition, as it has in so many other nations across the world.





## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Ariel Glaser Paediatric AIDS Healthcare Initiative (AGPAHI) is a non-governmental organisation that plays a pivotal role in complementing the Government of Tanzania's efforts towards the attainment of its development goals. AGPAHI strives to provide quality and integrated HIV/AIDS health services to children and families. AGPAHI supports the provision of high-quality HIV and other health services and ensures that efforts are well-integrated into existing regional and district health systems.

AGPAHI is looking for motivated, result driven, qualified and competent candidates to fill the following positions:-

**Title - Manager, Results Management (1)**  
**Reports to - Executive Director**  
**Duty station - Dar-es-salaam**

### Purpose of the job:

To monitor the delivery of AGPAHI's mandate by ensuring accountability for the organisation results as well as its alignment to the overall achievement of work plans implementation for all units in AGPAHI.

### Required Qualifications:-

- Master's degree in Project Management, Public Health, Public Administration, Development Studies, Statistics or an equivalent from a recognised University.
- 9 years' experience working with donor funded organisations requiring community level engagement;
- Strong communication and presentation skills;
- Knowledge of relevant AGPAHI donor requirements;
- Ability to produce comprehensive reports;
- Demonstrated expertise in monitoring and evaluation;
- Good facilitation skills and ability to deliver training; and
- Discretion with confidential information

**Title - Laboratory Services Manager (1)**  
**Reports to - Director of Programs**  
**Duty station - Dar-es-salaam**

### Purpose of the job:

To oversee and coordinate all laboratory services activities in all AGPAHI supported regions and provide technical support to all Program officers and laboratory personnel on laboratory services to ensure quality services in line with AGPAHI strategic objectives.

### Required Qualifications:-

- Master's degree in Medical Laboratory Technology from a recognised University.
- Current registration with the Medical Council of Tanganyika or equivalent professional body
- A minimum of nine (9) years of relevant work experience
- Knowledge of the current laboratory guidelines, standards, tools and best practices;
- Knowledge of national guidelines on HIV/AIDS;
- Previous experience working with international and local partners;
- Experience in working with donor programs that require community-level engagement;
- Excellent skills addressing complex people management issues;
- Good training facilitation and delivery skills;
- Ability to produce complex and informative reports;
- Knowledge and understanding of AGPAHI donor requirements.

**Job Title: Field Operations Supervisor (1)**  
**Reports to: Regional Program Manager**  
**Duty station: Mara**

### Purpose of the job:

Provide effective supervision on Grants, Procurement, IT and Finance operations for the assigned regional office under the guidance of the Regional Program Manager to ensure regional programs receive necessary support.

### Required Qualifications:-

- Degree in Business Administration, Management or any related field from a recognized University.
- A minimum of six (6) years of relevant work experience Knowledge and experience in organizational effectiveness and operations management
- Proven expertise in operations and financial management;
- Knowledge of the development context and experience in the development sector;
- Knowledge of donor and partner requirements;
- Ability to produce complex and informative reports; and
- Knowledge of relevant local authority requirements.

**Position Title: Senior HR & Administration Officer (1)**  
**Reports To: Regional Program Manager**  
**Duty Station: Mara**

### Purpose of the job:

The Senior Human Resources & Administration Officer is a self-motivated individual who will provide oversight to personnel matters and oversee essential administrative activities in Mara region. He/She will be responsible to the Regional Program Manager and will work in close collaboration with the Human Resources & Administration Manager to support Regional Office.

### Required Qualifications:-

- Bachelor degree in Human Resources Management from recognized University

- 6 years' experience in Human Resources and administration duties
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Experience of managing a team
- Ability to work efficiently and quickly in a fast paced environment
- Previous work experience in working with NGOs would be preferred
- Highest ethical and integrity
- Computer literacy, with comfortable working experience with the basic Microsoft packages (Word and Excel )

**Job Title: Program Officer, Clinical Services (19)**  
**Reports to: Cluster Lead**  
**Duty station: Mwanza, Mara and Shinyanga**

### Purpose of the job:

The Program Officer, Clinical Services will work as a key member of AGPAHI's Technical team. He/ She will run day to day program implementation activities in AGPAHI supported regions. The PO, Clinical Services will work in close collaboration with other staff members to ensure timely implementation and reporting of activities for AGPAHI supported programs

### Required Qualifications:-

- Bachelor Degree in Medicine
- Experience in providing HIV care and treatment services.
- Minimum of (3) three years of clinical experience required with 2 years working experience in HIV/AIDS care and treatment
- Excellent knowledge of national and World Health Organization and MOHSW guidelines on HIV care and treatment
- Computer literacy is necessary and the applicant should be comfortable working with the basic Microsoft packages (Word, Excel & PowerPoint)

**Job Title: Program Officer, Cervical Cancer Prevention (02)**  
**Reports to: Senior Program Officer Reproductive and Child health**  
**Duty station: Mwanza and Mara**

### Purpose of the job:

Execute all planned AGPAHI's Cervical Cancer Prevention Program (CECAP) activities within the required standard to ensure alignment with the overall AGPAHI's objectives.

### Required Qualifications:-

- Bachelor degree Nursing/Medicine or its equivalent from a recognised institution
- Possession of Cervical cancer screening skills;
- Skilled in Provider initiative and Voluntary counselling;
- Skilled in Adherence and Enhanced adherence counselling;
- Ability to establish and sustain working relationships with the Government Ministry of Health, and regional Council Health Management Teams;
- Ability to organise and facilitate training in CECAP, HIV and AIDS prevention, care and treatment areas;
- Ability to produce comprehensive reports;
- Significant and up to date knowledge of the current CECAP, HTC guidelines, standards, tools and best practices.

**Job Title: Program Officer, Community Linkage (03)**  
**Reports to: Cluster Lead**  
**Duty station: Mara**

### Purpose of the job

The purpose of this job is to lead community initiatives that support effective referrals and follows up of clients between the health facilities and the surrounding communities to promote Care & Treatment, Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) and Family Planning. This position works closely with the Care & Treatment & PMTCT Program Officers as regard to provision of technical guidance to implementation and documentation of lessons learnt from the sites

### Required Qualifications:-

- Degree in Social Sciences or Community Development from recognized University
- Knowledge in HIV/AIDS and the Tanzania Government structures
- Proven experience in working with rural communities in problem identification, setting solutions/planning and implementation.
- Minimum of (3) three years working experience in Community or Social work
- Excellent knowledge of national and World Health Organization and MOHSW guidelines on HIV care and treatment
- Computer literacy is necessary and the applicant should be comfortable working with the basic Microsoft packages (Word, Excel & PowerPoint)

### HOW TO APPLY.

Interested candidates should visit our website at [www.agpahi.or.tz](http://www.agpahi.or.tz) for full details of the Job



# An asset for West African states

By Special Correspondent

**T**HE President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, was on Monday elected Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), at the 57th ECOWAS Summit held in Niamey, Niger.

The President, who was elected unanimously by his peers, takes over the mantle of leadership from the President of Niger, Mahamadou Issoufou, for a period of one year.

Following in the footsteps of his predecessors, Presidents Jerry John Rawlings, John Agyekum Kufuor, and John Dramani Mahama, who also had similar privilege to lead the sub-continental body, President Akufo-Addo in his remark, thanked the Assembly for the honour, and assured member states that he would do his utmost not to let the side down, as he would discharge his duties to the best of his abilities.

"Excellencies, I am fully aware of the challenges which confront West Africa. Past leaders of ECOWAS have demonstrated their collective will and determination to drive the agenda of regional integration, opening up our economic frontiers, encouraging healthy competition amongst Member States, and ensuring that we adhere to our formative principles.

"As much as considerable progress has been made since the establishment of ECOWAS, some 45 years ago, we are all agreed that there is much more to be done to consolidate the socio-economic and political gains made over the years."

According to President Akufo-Addo, five immediate challenges face the regional organisation, ECOWAS, for which Member States must address.

He listed them as the continuing activities of terrorists in the region, concentrated, for the time being, in the Sahelian area, involving Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso and the northern parts of Nigeria; the COVID-19 pandemic, which has attacked the populations and economies of each of the Member States; the imminent coming into force of the African Continental Free Trade

Area on January 1, 2021; the 2020 decision on monetary union within the ECOWAS space; and the consolidation of democratic governance in the face of the turbulent conditions of the Community.

"The challenges, in these critical regional spheres, such as security, economy, trade, currency and health, must be addressed in a spirit of genuine co-operation and solidarity, if we are to succeed in overcoming them, which we can.

"In so doing, we must protect, at all costs, our freedom and independence of action, so that the development of our Community responds to the needs and aspirations of our peoples, and not to the goals of external agencies and forces.

"I am confident that, by the grace of God, I can count on the unstinting support of each one of Your Excellencies in navigating the immediate future of our Community," he added.

The Ghanaian Times commends the President for his assumption of the Chairmanship of ECOWAS and outlining the clear goals he would be pursuing in his one-year tenure.

As already stated, the task ahead is daunting but we have no doubt that the President, with his vast experience in diplomacy and governance would be able to lead in resolving some of the perennial problems of the sub-region.

We see in the President an asset that the sub-region can utilise to deal with some of the challenges to achieve results.

With co-operation from fellow Heads of State and the willingness to implement regional decisions, such as the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme and other protocols, the new ECOWAS Chairman would definitely succeed.

When that happens, the entire sub-region and its people would be the beneficiaries.

Once again we congratulate the President on his assumption of office as the Chairman of ECOWAS.

The Economic Community of West African States, also known as ECOWAS, is a regional political and economic union of fifteen countries located in West Africa. Collectively, these countries



comprise an area of 5,114,162 km<sup>2</sup> (1,974,589 sq mi), and in 2015 had an estimated population of over 349 million.

The union was established on 28 May 1975, with the signing of the Treaty of Lagos, with its stated mission to promote economic integration across the region. A revised version of the treaty was agreed and signed on 24 July 1993 in Cotonou. Considered one of the pillar regional blocs of the continent-wide African Economic Community (AEC), the stated goal of ECOWAS is to achieve "collective self-sufficiency" for its member states by creating a single large trade bloc by building a full economic and trading union.

The ECOWAS also serves as a peacekeeping force in the region, with member states occasionally sending joint military forces to intervene in the bloc's member countries at times of political instability and unrest. In recent years these included interventions in Ivory Coast in 2003, Liberia in 2003, Guinea-Bissau in 2012, Mali in 2013, and The Gambia in 2017.

ECOWAS includes two sub-regional blocs:

- The West African Economic and Monetary Union (also

known by its French-language acronym UEMOA) is an organisation of eight, mainly French-speaking, states within the ECOWAS which share a customs union and currency union. Established in 1994 and intended to counterbalance the dominance of English-speaking economies in the bloc (such as Nigeria and Ghana), members of UEMOA are mostly former territories of French West Africa. The currency they all use is the CFA franc, which is pegged to the euro.

- The West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ), established in 2000, comprises six mainly English-speaking countries within ECOWAS which plan to work towards adopting their own

common currency, the eco.

In addition, ECOWAS includes the following institutions: ECOWAS Commission, Community Court of Justice,[8] Community Parliament, ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), West African Health Organisation (WAHO), and the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing in West Africa (GIABA).

The ECOWAS operates in three co-official languages—French, English, and Portuguese, and consists of two institutions to implement policies: the ECOWAS Commission and the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), formerly known as the Fund for Cooperation until it was renamed in 2001. In 1976, Cape Verde joined the ECOWAS, while Mauritania withdrew in December 2000, having announced its intention to do so in December 1999.

In 2011, the ECOWAS adopted its development blueprint for the next decade, Vision 2020, and, to accompany it, a Policy on Science and Technology (ECOPOST).

As of February 2017, ECOWAS has 15 member states; eight of these are French-speaking, five are English-speaking, and two Portuguese-speaking. All current members joined the community as founding members in May 1975, except Cape Verde which joined in 1977. The only former member of ECOWAS is Arabic-speaking Mauritania, which was also one of the founding members in 1975 and decided to withdraw in December 2000. Mauritania recently signed a new associate-membership agreement in August 2017.

Morocco officially requested to join ECOWAS in February 2017. The application was endorsed in principle at the summit of heads of state in June 2017, but Morocco's bid for membership was stalled.

Statistics for population, nominal GDP and purchasing power parity GDP listed below are taken from World Bank estimates for 2015, published in December 2016. Area data is taken from a 2012 report compiled by the United Nations Statistics Division.

## Nigerian Bar Association's 2020 presidential election: A matter of justice, character and integrity

By Dele Adesina

**I**N my Petition dated August 2nd, 2020 to the Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Bar Association, I drew attention to the flawed, illegal and unconstitutional process leading to the NBA Election of 29th - 30th of July, 2020 and the electronic fraud that characterised the Election proper. In that Petition, I stated inter alia that, as a past Chairman of NBA Ikeja Branch, past General Secretary of the Association, a Life Member of the National Executive Committee, and a Life Member of the Distinguished Body of Benchers, in addition to other areas of responsibility that I have had the privilege to serve, I can lay claim to being one of the builders of the Association. Consequently, I will hate to see the Association destroyed or destabilised in any way or form. I also stated in that Petition that my participation in the affairs of the NBA, is driven purely and absolutely by the desire to advance the interest and aspirations of the Association in particular, and our beloved Profession in general.

In drawing attention to the serial violation of the provisions of the NBA Constitution, the cyber fraud perpetrated and the misuse and abuse of powers which I submitted, characterised the election, I called for the cancellation of the Election. Recognising that if the election process is wrongful, illegal and unconstitutional, the product must suffer the same fate.

### Board of Trustees: Findings and Recommendations

In a letter authored by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Olayinka Agbakoba, SAN, dated 19th of August, 2020, it was stated that: "although you have petitioned to us, we must be clear that we have no judicial authority to give direction to the NBA, our position in the circumstance is at best, advisory. Nonetheless, we have read your Petition, and noted that it raises many general and specific allegations in relation to the Elections... The Trustees have given careful consideration and deeply reflected on your Petition and all the responses, in particular, that of ECNBA. We note that the Elections were not perfect. We reviewed your Petition and note that it raises serious issues. Nonetheless our advice would be that the overall interest of the Bar should be paramount on the mind of every Nigerian Lawyer, and to that extent, we urge that all Lawyers and no less the Candidates, be mindful of the need to promote a cohesive, united and strong Bar. We regret that we are unable to advise that the election should be cancelled, in the overall interest of the Bar." The Trustees further noted that "our elections continue to present challenges going back to 2016, and strongly recommend that a major transformation of our electoral process and framework must be undertaken, and we are happy to be assigned this very important responsibility...".

In an earlier letter dated 17th of August, 2020 (an unsigned letter which I received via my email from the Chairman) the Trustees stated that "Nonetheless, we have read your Petition and admit that it is not frivolous. The NBA 2020 Election was marred by irregularities. The ECNBA admitted that the election platform failed, which is why they had to engage another I.T. Consultant. The ECNBA admitted that over 14,000 members could not vote, which is an extremely high number. The ECNBA should have made provision, to enable everyone to vote. This is an omission on their part. You have requested that the NBA 2020 Election be cancelled, but this will be unfair to those who have voted."



The author Dele Adesina

The Letter continued: "we urge that all Lawyers and no less the Candidates, and in particular, your good-self, accept the Election with its inadequacies in good faith. We are very mindful in our advisory, on the need to keep the Bar cohesive, united and strong".

The following are evident from the decision of the Board of Trustees: First, the Petition was not frivolous; Second, the Petition raised serious general and specific allegations; Third, the ECNBA had no defence to the serious issues raised in the Petition; Four, since 2016, NBA Elections have been the subject of serious disputes for which they the Trustees were disappointed; Five, that a strong recommendation for a major transformation of our electoral process and framework should be undertaken; and Six, that the Board of Trustees are willing to undertake the job of electoral transformation of the NBA.

I know for a fact that, all the members of the Board of Trustees agreed and were united on the specific findings that the Election was flawed and imperfect. All of them were also united in their desire to terminate the narrative of sham elections in the NBA since 2016, hence, their willingness to undertake the responsibility of carrying out electoral transformation for the Association. They only differed on the consequences of their findings, which is whether to direct an outright cancellation and order a fresh election, or direct a bye-election for the 14,000 voters that were disenfranchised, or allow the election to stand as it is. I believe it is an attempt to marry these different outcomes, that the Board of Trustees came to the advice that the overall inter-

est of the Bar should be paramount on the mind of every Nigerian Lawyer. That the Board of Trustees urged all Lawyers including the Candidates, of the need to promote a cohesive, united and strong Bar and that.

### The Petition Succeeded

If my Petition will lead to the transformation of NBA electoral process that will free it from lawlessness, corrupt practices and other forms of cyber-crime for which NBA has become notably reputed since 2016 as promised by the Trustees, I will be satisfied. If my Petition will bring about a definite stop to a manipulated bi-annual electoral process with evidence of producing an appointed President or securing the election of a pre-determined President for the NBA, and make votes count in future NBA Elections, I will be satisfied. If my Petition will enthrone respect for rule of law, respect for due process, and stop misuse and abuse of power by a few individuals who believe that they must get what they want for the NBA and not what the NBA wants, I will be satisfied. If this Petition will inculcate and restore the glory, honour, honesty, dignity, integrity, moral and ethical principles on NBA leadership, particularly its Presidents, and make them do things right to re-establish the NBA as the conscience of the Nation once again, I will be more than satisfied.

As a Legal Practitioner of 38 years post-call and as a matter of practice and experience, I know that when allegation of facts succeeds in a civil claim and defence is held to have no probative value, granting of relief is automatic.

When allegations of crime are proved in a criminal matter and defence is rejected, conviction also follows. In an Election Petition, where Grounds of Petition succeed, such as it has been held by four Trustees out of six in this matter, setting aside of that election is a necessary consequence of the findings. However, in this case, the Board of Trustees have advised in spite of the seriousness of their findings, that we accept the election in good faith because of the "need to keep the Bar cohesive, united and strong", in a typical Nigerian mentality.

It must be particularly noted that we raised serious reservations in our letter of 7th of July, 2020 to the ECNBA against the serial breach of the provisions of the Constitution relating to the electoral process and the hap-hazard manner of handling the process, the secrecy surrounding the appointment of the I.T. Consultant, and the failure to demonstrate the process in order to ascertain the vulnerability and the integrity of the technology to be deployed for the election.

Similarly, Mr. Olumide Akpata also in a most vehement manner, raised serious reservations in his letter of 20th of July, 2020, to the ECNBA. Both letters were sturdily disregarded and ignored by the ECNBA.

### NBA and the Culture of Impunity

The motto of NBA as enshrined in the Constitution of the Association is "Promoting the Rule of Law." In his address to the Annual General Meeting of the NBA on 28th of August, 2020, Mr. Paul Usoro, SAN, said surprisingly "Whatever one may say about those elections, one thing that cannot be taken away from it, is that that was the first ever of our National Elections where everyone was turned into Election monitors, as well as electoral and returning officers all rolled into one ... For most of our members and based on the comments I have received, this was an exhilarating experience in transparency. The transparency was unparalleled, and we are expecting that subsequent Bar Elections will build on that quality of transparency". My friend Mr Usoro, certainly did not see what many others saw. He failed to realise that election is a process culminating with voting. He ought not to have directed his mind only to the voting process, to the exclusion of the other various stages leading to the voting process.

Rule of Law in all its ramifications presupposes that the Law is supreme and that everything must be done according to law, and the law in this instance includes the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association, 2015, as amended. Transparency in relation to the just concluded election, exists only in the fertile imagination of the out-gone President.

The result of these reckless actions on the part of the few who have vowed to secure the appointment of NBA President through sham elections may be delayed, but is never lost. However, it must be recognised by all our members that the character of any leader determines the character of the organisation that he leads, and that everything rises and falls with leadership. It is not surprising that Nigerian Bar Association has contributed nothing to nation-building, in the last few years.



## Come, invest in agric, fisheries sectors, deputy minister urges foreign investors

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has welcomed foreign investors to invest in ventures that will add value to the crop, livestock and fisheries sectors and help support an improved and friendly investment climate.

Omar Mgumba, the Deputy Minister for Agriculture made the call while addressing the 10th Annual Summit of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF), in Kigali, via video link from Dodoma.

Mgumba noted Tanzania was ready for catalytic investments in agriculture to push the nation into a more industrialized economy, capture the internal and external market especially within the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) blocs and beyond.

At the moment, agriculture is one of the top contributors to the economy of Tanzania at 28% of GDP. Tanzania's 2020/21 budget noted the private sector had invested about 3.7trillion/- (2015 to 2020) into the agriculture value chain particularly in tea, coffee, sisal, barley, and rice.

"Tanzania offers one of the most attractive investment destinations in Africa," he posited. The country has experienced an average real GDP increase of about 6% in the last decade, and the deputy minister informed its economy was backed up by sufficient natural resources for raw materials.

"We have identified several major investment opportunities under the Agriculture Sector Development Program Phase 2 (ASDP II), Livestock Master Plan and the Tanzania Agro- Industries Development Flagship (TAIDF)," he noted.

The country has unprecedented opportunities for investments in crop farming and related industries, thanks to a total of about 7.1 million ha of high and medium potential land (2.3 and 4.8 million ha respectively) suitable for irrigation, supported by rivers, lakes, wetlands and aquifers, he noted.

He said value addition of primary products influences the pattern of economic growth in the EAC second-largest economy.

"We have a clear long and medium-term policy frame for the economy in general and the agriculture sector in particular," he noted.

"We have put in place a friendly environment for investors. We are an island of peace. Very importantly, we have put in place great infrastructure projects opening up great possibilities for local and international markets," he said.

The Deputy Minister assured those attending the AGRF summit, which was attended by over 10,000 delegates online, that Tanzania has made great strides on economic and infrastructure development with the assurance of reliable electrical power in all urban areas and most of the rural areas, giving investors an added advantage.

The deputy minister noted that Tanzania's agribusiness economy was highly viable at local, regional and international level in terms of the high market possibilities. Tanzania has consistently in over a decade managed to move beyond food self-sufficiency, thus was ready for industrial development.

The East African food security powerhouse has myriad multi-billion dollar investment opportunities in agriculture, livestock and fisheries; large scale sugarcane and cotton ventures, deep-sea fishing, among others, he noted.

He gave the example of the opportunity for large scale farming for seeds multiplication.

"The annual demand of certified seeds is 187,000 tonnes while available is 76,725 tonnes, local supply is 69,173 tonnes, the import is 7,552 tonnes and traditional uncertified seeds are 110,274 tonnes," he noted. Tanzania also has opportunities for investment in chemical industries (fertilizer production) because the country has enough natural gas and phosphate deposits.

The deputy minister said the recent policy changes in the livestock and fishing sectors (including deep-sea fishing) have greatly improved the investment climate and are in line with the ongoing implementation of the nation's agriculture blueprint, ASDP II.

The government of Tanzania would continue to address challenges that might be hampering private-sector delivery, he noted, in the spirit of public-private partnership for the good of the country.

Investors in Tanzania are served by the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), a one-



stop centre, for all they need, TIC Executive Director, Dr Maduhu Kazi, told the AGRF summit, speaking from Dar es Salaam, via video link.

"We welcome all kinds of investors including strategic investors in the agriculture sector... we have a very improved enabling environment," he noted.

There are diverse opportunities for investments in the agriculture sector, ranging from the chemical industry (fertilizers and pesticides); to agro-processing fishing and livestock industries, and many others, he said.

Vianey Rweyendela, AGRA Country Manager (Tanzania), noted that the Tanzanian government has demonstrated a clear political will to make agro-industrialization happen in a big way.

"We have diverse and multiple investment opportunities for agro-industrialization in Tanzania. Many strides have been made in ag-

riculture sector development and the future is bright. All of these are possible because the current government has a clear political will to make agro-industrialization happen in a big way," Rweyendela noted.

He gave an example of an investment opportunity in maize.

"Maize is the most important food crop for us, and we are the largest producer of maize in East Africa, yet the crop is mostly used for porridge and ugali," he noted.

"We need to industrialise the crop- make factories for producing corn oil, animal feeds, starch, among other products", he continued.

"As one of the top producers of maize and cassava in Africa we should not be importing any starch, we should be exporting. It is a huge opportunity."

Dr Andrew Komba, Director of Policy and Planning Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries- Fisheries Sector, told the summit that there

were many investment opportunities to be found in the sector.

"We need investors in fish processing plants, fishery gears manufacturing (nets, boats etc), ecotourism along the beach, fishing of ornamental fish, aquaculture production (finfish, shrimps, crabs, seaweed etc) and production of aquaculture feed and seed. Other opportunities include cold chain facilities (transportation and storage), fishing Infrastructure (fishing ports, cold chain, fishing boats and vessels), fishing labs (Nyegezi in Mwanza and Dar es salaam), supporting protection units as well as fishing infrastructure (fishing ports, cold chain, fishing boats and vessels).

The virtual summit began on September 8 and ended on Friday, September 11. In Tanzania, some delegates attended online at set centres in Dodoma, Dar es Salaam and Arusha.

## Protecting chimpanzees in Tanzania: COVID-19 posing a serious challenge

By Correspondent Prosper Kwigize, Kigoma

GOMBE and Mahale National Parks in the Kigoma Region on the shores of Lake Tanganyika are homes to some of Africa's last remaining wild chimpanzees.

The area was so popular for tourists who were interested to see chimps, but, the outbreak of Covid-19 has affected the wildlife conservation efforts in the conservancy.

Pellagy Marando, head of tourism unit, at Gombe National Park says: "This is due to the fact that the number of tourists has gone since the outbreak of the pandemic; hence the funds to conserve the primates have also gone down."

For the past six months, he says, the revenue from tourism has dropped for about 80 percent as there are no tourists visiting the conservancy.

"This pose a serious impact to our conservation efforts of chimpanzee and other wild animals," he says.

Dr Anthony Collins, a Scottish researcher, working with Jane Goodall Institute says Covid-19 remains a challenge to the conservation of chimps. "It important to put in place all health controls to ensure that tourists and even staff have their health being checked and even reducing the number of people getting into chimpanzee habitats," he suggests.

Isaya Mkude, assistant conservator and leader of wildlife security unit, Gombe National Park points out the difficulties in wildlife protection activities due to the open border of national parks as well as the presence of people encroaching on forests for logging, hunting and agricultural activities in the vicinity and wildlife reserves.

Mkude, who always wears a mask when patrolling or touring, says: "It is easy to control the interaction of people and animals, but poor education for some residents and isolated areas leads to deliberate violations of the law, which can also lead to coronavirus infestation, through people entering the park without following procedures."

In June 2018, the government established a Tanzania Chimpanzee-Conservation Action Plan after realizing the need to address the threats facing chim-



panzees of Tanzania and enhance the long-term conservation of endangered species. In the action plan it was agreed that chimpanzee needs to be protected as they deserve. The plan is designed to make sure that by 2023 the ecological and cultural diversity of Chimpanzees in Tanzania is conserved in viable populations across their range, managing linkage between populations to ensure the maintenance of genetic diversity.

Other threats facing chimps climate change, human activities-poaching, agriculture, and livestock are some of the key factors that put the primates in danger of extinction.

According to Marando, chimpanzees are now facing the threat of extinction due to habitat destruction (natural forests) depletion of the reserve, food shortages as well as diseases.

The official suggests the need for putting in place collective efforts to rescue the primates from disappearing.

According to the expert, the number of chimpanzees has plummeted from an average of 150 chimpanzees in 1980 to 90 in 2020. "This indicates that there is a risk of extinction," the official said.

Dr Collins who has been in Tanzania for more than 30 years researching chimpanzees notes that the main cause of the decline of chimpanzees is death from communicable diseases, especially the common cold, which is caused by the interaction of animals and humans entering the park for activities such as tourism, animal husbandry, forestry, agriculture, and poaching.

He says that almost one chimp dies every year and that in 1987 nine chimpanzee dies and ten years later another 9 also dies from cold flu, other diseases

and climate change or environmental degradation hence causing hunger to them.

The destruction of food chambers and breeding grounds for chimpanzees has been a major factor leading some chimpanzees to move to informal forests where they rush to find shelter and food, the researcher says.

Poaching is also cited as contributing factors for the decline of chimps in the conservancy.

Conservationists have projected that if left unchecked, chimps in country's conservancies will completely disappeared in the next ten years.

This is due to the rapid community invasion of the reserve and the destruction of biodiversity by believing that wildlife is endangered in forests as well as rapid increasing human population nearby protected areas.

Environmental degradation caused by human activities is said to be caused by citizens not seeing the value of the existence of forests as well as wildlife. Besides, some locals have come to believe only that animals cannot be extinct and thus be encouraged to involve in illegal hunting and deforestation in national parks.

Deus Makungwa, a resident of Mpanza in Katavi Region suggests the need for the government and other stakeholders to chip in and invest heavily in wildlife conservation.

"There are lots of benefits, we can get from conserving wildlife resources, that's why we want more efforts to ensure that wild animals are protected for tourism," he says, urging the government to scale up education on the benefits of conservation of natural resources.



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# Chronicle of Xi's leadership in China's war against coronavirus (Part 2)

BEIJING

## GLOBAL FIGHT

**T**HE virus respects no borders. From a luxurious cruise ship docking in Japan to a ski resort in the French Alps, from Casablanca's ancient city to downtown Manhattan and the Amazon rainforest, the pandemic has spread all over the world.

By Sept. 6, global COVID-19 cases had exceeded 26 million in more than 210 countries and regions, leaving over 870,000 people dead, according to the WHO tally.

Xi said public health security is a common challenge for humanity, which requires joint efforts from all countries.

This is in the spirit of building a community with a shared future for humanity, a vision put forward by Xi in 2013. Over the past seven years, he has been promoting the vision on the international stage. Amid the global anti-virus fight, the importance of this vision has been made clear to all.

On Jan. 7, Chinese scientists isolated the first novel coronavirus strain. On Jan. 12, the WHO acknowledged receiving the coronavirus full genome sequence from China.

Tedros said China identified the pathogen in record time and shared the genetic sequence with the WHO and other countries. This bought invaluable time for other regions around the world to gear up their response.

China also informed the United States of the outbreak in early January. A U.S. virus hunter came to China in late January to help battle the epidemic.

When China was bearing the full brunt of COVID-19's wrath, leaders of over 170 countries and 50 international and regional organizations expressed their support. A total of 77 countries and 12 international organizations provided assistance.

China fought the virus with openness and transparency as press conferences were held daily, sometimes several times a day, starting from Jan. 26.

Amid the epidemic, Xi met with Tedros, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Mongolian President Khaltmaa Battulga, and Pakistani President Arif Alvi in Beijing. Through video link, Xi met with European Council President Charles Michel and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Xi wrote back to Tedros and Bill Gates and exchanged letters with Argentine President Alberto Fernandez, Peruvian President Martin Vizcarra, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen and Mongolian Prime Minister Ukhnaa Khurelsukh.

Xi exchanged verbal messages with Kim Jong Un, chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Xi sent a verbal message to Pakistani President Arif Alvi and exchanged messages with Bounnhang Vorachith, general secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Central Committee and president of Laos.

Xi also sent a congratulatory letter to the ninth ministerial meeting of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, urging efforts to advance cooperation

in various fields including the pandemic response. Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, Xi has conducted unprecedented "telephone diplomacy," having more than 60 phone conversations with over 50 foreign leaders.

These included those from Western countries such as British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron; those from emerging-market countries – Russian President Vladimir Putin and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa; and those from developing countries like Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali and Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel.

In the talks, Xi said this global public health emergency has driven home the urgent need to build a community with a shared future for humanity. It is only by working together that countries around the world can overcome the pandemic, he said.

As the virus spread, some countries and regions were hit particularly hard. Xi sent messages to their leaders, expressing sympathy.

"Unity is strength," "Building a community of health for all" – these have been his messages to the world.

In late March, at an extraordinary G20 summit held via video link, Xi called for resolutely fighting an all-out global war against the COVID-19 outbreak, devising a collective response for control and treatment at the international level, supporting international organizations and enhancing international macroeconomic policy coordination to prevent a recession.

Kuhn, the U.S. scholar, said Xi's proposals to enable humanity as a whole to win the battle against this major infectious disease give meaning to the vision of an international community with a shared future.

COVID-19 has become the worst global public health incident since the end of World War II.

In May, at the World Health Assembly's opening held via video link, Xi mourned for every life lost to COVID-19 and expressed condolences to the bereaved families. He announced China's five measures to support the global COVID-19 fight.

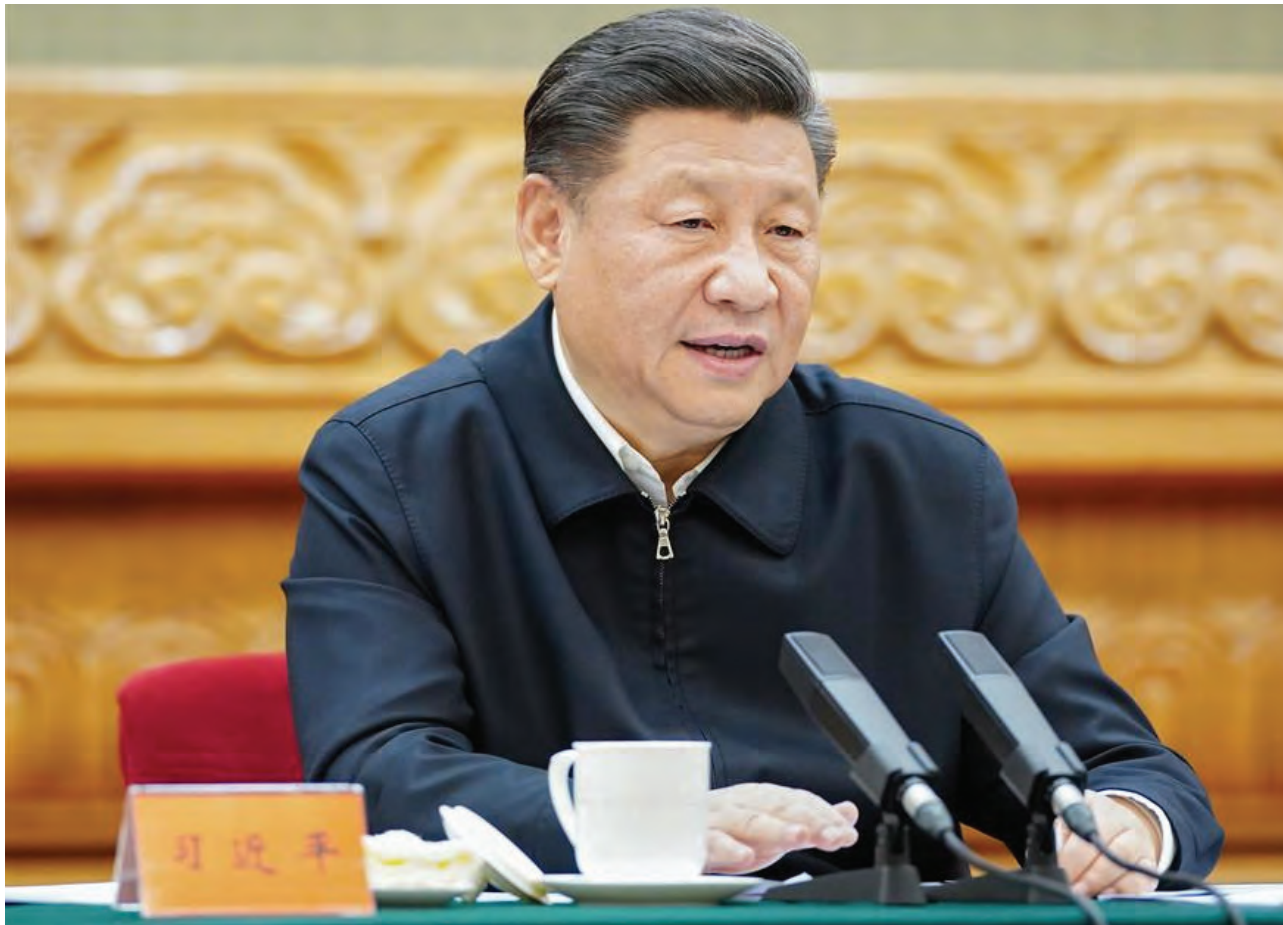
Xi said China will make its COVID-19 vaccine a global public good when available, contributing to vaccine accessibility and affordability in developing countries.

In June, Xi chaired an extraordinary China-Africa summit on solidarity against COVID-19 via video conference and called for staying committed to fighting COVID-19 together, enhancing China-Africa cooperation, upholding multilateralism and taking China-Africa friendship forward.

"We oppose the politicization and stigmatization of COVID-19, and we oppose racial discrimination and ideological bias. We stand firm for equity and justice in the world," Xi said.

Whether it is taming the virus or achieving economic recovery, the world cannot succeed without solidarity, cooperation and multilateralism, Xi said in a message to a high-level video conference on Belt and Road international cooperation.

The right approach to tackling global



Chinese President Xi Jinping

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crises and realizing long-term development is through greater connectivity, openness and inclusiveness. This is where Belt and Road international cooperation can make a big difference, he said.

At the start of the outbreak, China helped countries like the United States and Japan evacuate their nationals from Wuhan. As the pandemic spread, China donated funds to the WHO totaling 50 million U.S. dollars and sent 33 medical expert teams to 31 countries from late February to the end of August.

The Chinese government has sent much-needed medical supplies to over 150 countries and international organizations and facilitated foreign procurement in China. Non-governmental organizations and companies also gave a helping hand.

Hassan Ahmadian, assistant professor

of Middle East and North Africa studies at the University of Tehran, said China's donations and exchange of expertise with affected countries, including Iran, stand out not only as a humanitarian gesture but also as responsible behavior on the part of a major country.

China has shared technical documents on treatment protocols and containment strategies with 180 countries and over 10 international and regional organizations. Beginning in March, Chinese experts held almost daily video conferences with their foreign peers. China's pioneering use of makeshift hospitals has also been adopted around the world, including in New York's iconic Central Park.

Xi had four phone calls with Putin in as many months. Putin said by providing timely assistance to other countries affected by COVID-19, China has set an example for the international community and responded, loud and clear, to the provocation and stigmatization by some country. Putin also said Russia will stand firmly by China's side.

### RISE ABOVE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

Xi said national rejuvenation would not come easy and great struggles must be fought to realize the great dream.

The epidemic brought severe challenges to the world's largest developing country, but showed the importance of following its own path and adhering to reform and opening up.

Initially, medical materials were in short supply and weak links in hospital protection led to infections among health workers. Practices of bureaucratism and formalities for formalities' sake were exposed at local levels.

While fighting the coronavirus as the most pressing task, Xi pushed for building institutions with a long-term impact.

Last year, the fourth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee adopted a decision on institution building. Xi said China must use the strength of its institutions to cope with risks and challenges.

"The epidemic was a big test for China's system and capacity for governance," Xi said bluntly. "We must draw experience and learn our lessons."

He said the exposed shortcomings told of the need to improve the national emergency management system and boost the nation's ability to handle urgent and challenging tasks.

In February, Xi demanded efforts to strengthen public health legislation, re-

form the disease prevention and control system, and improve public health services when he chaired a meeting of the Central Commission for Comprehensive Deepening Reform.

Two months later, the commission's meeting adopted documents on the provision of public health emergency supplies and on oversight of medical insurance funds.

During the "two sessions," when joining deliberations with lawmakers from Hubei, Xi stressed fortifying the public health protection network.

Several priorities were in the spotlight: reform the disease prevention and control system; boost epidemic monitoring, early warning and emergency response capacity; advance the treatment system for major epidemics; improve public health emergency laws and regulations; and carry out patriotic public health campaigns.

The COVID-19 pandemic is dealing a heavy blow to the world economy. More than four out of every five people in the global workforce of 3.3 billion have been affected by full or partial workplace closures, according to a report by the International Labour Organization in early April. Xi told a symposium on economic and social work that the pandemic will accelerate the profound changes the world is undergoing, changes unseen in a century.

The Chinese economy shrank 6.8 percent in the first quarter. On the day the statistics were released, Xi chaired a leadership meeting that pointed out the first quarter of 2020 was "extremely unusual." The sudden COVID-19 outbreak had an unprecedented impact on China's economic and social development.

On dealing with the impact on the economy, Xi said: "We must stay confident and not be frightened by problems and difficulties."

"I have said many times that China is a big country with enormous resilience, huge potential and great flexibility in development," he added.

Xi said at the "two sessions" that China has set no specific target for economic growth this year as the sudden COVID-19 outbreak has created challenges to completing the tasks in this final year of the 13th Five-Year Plan.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining stable and sound economic performance in the long run, and devised a series of strategic measures including the creation of a new development pattern in which domestic and foreign markets boost each other, with

the domestic market as the mainstay.

Since early February, Xi has been giving instructions on stabilizing the economy.

From March to August, he visited villages, rural families and businesses on inspection tours to coordinate regular epidemic control with economic and social development.

In Zhejiang Province, Xi chatted with workers by an assembly line, asking if their return to work had gone smoothly, particularly if they had received their paychecks. He demanded the prices of daily necessities and the income of farmers remain stable.

In Shaanxi Province, he encouraged companies to overcome the negative impact of COVID-19 and actively expand markets. In the village of Jinmi, Xi lauded the local black fungus industry. This went viral online, and 20 million people visited the e-commerce sites, where over 20 tonnes of black fungus were sold out in quick succession.

In Shanxi Province, Xi called on businesses to make up for lost time with the proper safety precautions in place.

In Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, he said no ethnic minority group should be left behind in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. He also urged efforts to maintain epidemic control measures while accelerating the return to normalcy in people's daily lives.

In Jilin Province, Xi took a particular interest in the employment of college graduates and migrant workers and ordered Party committees and governments at all levels to actively create favorable conditions for college graduates to find jobs.

The Chinese economy bounced back to growth in the second quarter of 2020, expanding 3.2 percent year on year. Major indicators returned to growth, economic performance steadily recovered and market expectations were positive in general.

Foreign direct investment into the Chinese mainland, in actual use, also grew 8.4 percent year on year in the second quarter, indicating foreign investors' growing confidence in the Chinese market. By mid-April, over 99 percent of major industrial enterprises in China had reopened. They included foreign companies and their local suppliers like Apple, Tesla and Volkswagen.

Writing back to Global CEO Council members' representatives in July, Xi said those CEOs had made the right choice by staying rooted in China.

Six days later, when he attended a symposium with entrepreneurs, Xi said: "We must shore up confidence, rise up to challenges, work hard to recover the loss caused by COVID-19, and strive for good economic development for the whole year." The spring and summer of 2020 represent an unusual chapter in the Chinese nation's journey toward rejuvenation.

Under Xi's leadership, the Chinese people are united to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. With epidemic control measures in place, China has secured a bumper summer grain harvest, overcome floods and made solid progress to eliminate poverty. In the meantime, China, as a major and responsible country, is actively advancing global cooperation against the pandemic. During this process, China's socialist system has demonstrated its strengths.

In this extraordinary year, Xi has taken on great responsibility, firmly fulfilled his commitment to the people, and worked hard to eradicate poverty and achieve a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

"The Chinese nation has experienced many hardships in its history, but it has never been weighed down. Instead, it has grown stronger and stronger through trials and tribulations," Xi said.

Xinhua

## THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 134 00--

Word fit puzzle grid with clues: 3 letters LOP, KEY, ADE; 4 letters LOUT, DOOM, OOPS, MAID, STOP; 5 letters GRADE, FLOOD, OPRAH, DREAD, OTAKU; 6 letters STRIPE, YIELDS, SPRINT, INDIAN, EDITOR; 7 letters TUESDAY, ENDURED, EMIRATE, ENAMOUR; 8 letters ALLOTTED; 9 letters TUG OF LOVE.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: Across: 1 recent times; 6 used to express good wishes in meeting; 7 Qatar's Capital; 8 famous for majorelle Garden; 9 manage a living with difficulty; 10 lacking interest; 11 the longest continental mountain range in the World; 12 letters and parcels sent by post in addition; 14 stiff blistie growing from the ear of barley or rye; 19 Ioanian; 21 length of a time a person existed; 23 confess openly; 24 pass 26, argon (symbol); 27 mouse; 28 a diazo copying.

SOLUTIONS for the word fit puzzle: MOUNTAINS, DIVILS, RAIN, EAT, HIDE, DRUGS, RARE, LACERATE, YACKEE, URSINE, MURKIN, CEMENTRAL.

SOLUTIONS for the crossword puzzle: 1 Kilimanjaro, 6 Congratulations, 7 Doha, 8 Marrakech, 9 Frugal, 10 Andes, 12 Postage, 14 Eardrum, 19 Ionia, 21 Hour, 23 Confess, 24 Argon, 27 Mouse, 28 Diazo.



Xi Jinping joins a deliberation with deputies from Hubei province at the third session of the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing on May 24, 2020. Photo: Xinhua



## BUSINESS

TECH SAVVY

## Microsoft and Novartis say AI won't replace health workers

By Guardian Reporter

A new report released by Microsoft and Novartis Foundation shows that the use of Artificial Intelligence is increasingly entering healthcare, signalling that good governance should ensure physicians will see the upside of less administrative work and more patient-facing time.

According to the report, titled: 'Reimagining Global Health through Artificial Intelligence; The Roadmap to AI Maturity', released last week, Microsoft and Novartis said there has been a digital health shift, more especially driven by challenges that arose during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The report shows that reduced contact between patients and healthcare providers due to Covid-19 social distancing has led to major growth in technologies such as AI-enabled diagnostics.

It further reveals that low- and middle-income countries such as Tanzania, could soon leapfrog high-income countries in their adoption of new AI-enabled technologies in health, calling on governments to identify and test innovative ways to finance high tech in health solutions.

Accelerated by measures taken to avert transmission of the novel coronavirus, the adoption of digital health technologies means that millions of people have sought digital healthcare solutions - presenting an opportunity for countries to integrate data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) into their health systems.

"In Tanzania, and across many



Racey Muchilwa, Head of Novartis Sub-Saharan Africa.

low and middle income countries, technologies such as mobile phone trading platforms, e-banking, e-commerce as well as block chain applications have often been adopted faster and more comprehensively," the report noted.

Commenting on the report, the head of the Novartis Foundation and co-chair of the Broadband Commission Working Group on Digital and AI in Health, Dr Ann Aerts said, "Many countries are ill-prepared to address a new emerging disease such as Covid-19 in addition to the existing burden of infectious diseases and the ever-increasing tide of chronic diseases."

"We have to develop a sustainable ecosystem for AI in health in the countries where it is most desperately needed," urged Dr Aerts, adding: "This has to happen while ensuring fairness and access for all. As health systems build back after the pandemic, technological innovation has to be a core part of the agenda."

By May this year, Rwanda, which is now arguably the most digitally connected health system in Africa, has had its virtual consulting service surging past two million users - one-third of the adult population.

In recent years, the Tanzanian technology ecosystem has been growing fast with

more high-tech communities being established every day from the early days of Dar Google Technology User Group (DarGTUG), the Mozilla Community to Andela Learning Community, Tanzania Blockchain Community, Tanzania Developers Community as well as Tanzania Python Community.

Sub-Saharan Africa currently represents 12 per cent of the global population but faces 25 per cent of the world's disease burden, while housing only 3 per cent of the world's health workers.

A worldwide shortage of healthcare workers, which is particularly serious in many African countries, is

predicted to reach 18 million by 2030. This boosts the case for investment in supportive AI tools, which can help nurses and community health workers diagnose and treat illnesses traditionally seen by doctors.

"As examples in the report make clear, Africa could do more to build access to medical expertise by rolling out AI-based support tools alongside healthcare programs," said Racey Muchilwa, Head of Novartis Sub-Saharan Africa. AI is boosting access and improving outcomes while also cutting costs by identifying potential health problems before they actually occur.

According to Mr Paul Mitchell of Microsoft, who co-chaired the Working Group, Artificial Intelligence can have a big impact not just in lower-income countries, but across all health systems. "It's clear Covid-19 is driving massive change in the use of technology in health - we are seeing in a few months what I would have expected normally to take years, if not decades," Muchilwa said.

In rural areas of Rwanda, one doctor may serve as many as 60,000 people. The government is working with a private sector partner, Babylon Health, to give every person aged over 12 access to digital health consultations. More than 30 per cent of Rwanda's adult population has signed up. The new partnership will also see the introduction of an AI-powered triage and symptom checker platform.



Amina Mohamed.

CAMPAIGN

## Kenyan candidate for WTO top job pledges to double intra-Africa trade

NAIROBI

Amina Mohamed, the Kenyan candidate for the position of Director General at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) has promised to advance an open trading system once given the mandate.

She made this promise while addressing a virtual meeting with East African Community business leaders this week. Mohamed is the only candidate from the region for the WTO top job.

The regional business community has expressed confidence in the candidature of Mohamed, buoyed by her promise to steer reforms towards eliminating trade barriers and implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement if selected.

The virtual meeting which took place on Wednesday was convened by the East African Business Council (EABC), which brought together industry captains from the region to deliberate on deepening relations between the private sector in East Africa and WTO. Speaking from Geneva, Mohamed told the meeting that once given the mandate, she will push for a vibrant multi-lateral trading system to boost Africa's trade.

"If I was selected, I would be a strong advocate for an open trading system. I'd also be a leader in reforming the system and particularly in recovering

the economy from the Covid-19 pandemic," she said. According to the UN Economic Commission for Africa, businesses in African countries currently face higher tariffs when they export within Africa than outside the continent.

"If we eliminated the current overall average tariffs of 6.1 percent in Africa, we would actually double intra-Africa trade among African countries, from 15% to 30%. If we also eliminate some of the pressing tariff barriers, intra-Africa trade will significantly improve," she added. Amina noted that although trade rules are negotiated by Governments of WTO member states, it is the private sector that uses them to expand trade and investments.

"A dynamic East Africa community with an active private sector will ensure that the region benefits significantly from the World Trade System but also the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)," she stressed.

The EABC CEO, Dr. Peter Mathuki said, "We are confident that in her reform agenda at WTO, the voice of the African private sector shall be articulated and heard, with a focus on deepening engagement between the private sector and the global body." The selection process of the WTO Director-General is now in the third phase where WTO members are consulted to narrow down on the candidate to receive consensus support.

OUTSTANDING

## Equity's Mwangi basking in Oslo business for peace award success

By Guardian Reporter

EQUITY Group Holdings Plc' Managing Director and CEO, Dr James Mwangi has been bestowed with an Oslo Business for Peace Award for his efforts in mastery of the banking conglomerate.

In a statement last Friday, the Nairobi based group said Dr Mwangi who is also Executive Chairman Equity Group Foundation, got the 'Nobel Prize for Business' after a committee consisting of past Nobel Prize winners in Peace and Economics who include Ouided Bouchamaoui of Tunisia, Leymah Gbowee of Liberia, Finn Kydland of Norway and Eric Mask from the US named him as this year's winner.

"Dr James Mwangi receives the award for his business worthy values in championing financial inclusion for all in East and Central Africa. Dr Mwangi helped achieve a social revolution by bringing banking services to people who previously had limited access to them, bolstering Kenya's GDP," said Per Saxegaard who is founder of Oslo Business for Peace Award.

Saxegaard further noted that Dr Mwangi is an exceptional entrepreneur and humanitarian hence the committee sees him as a shining example of



Dr James Mwangi.

how business leaders can accelerate change and help solve the world's problems.

"In a world of various complexities such as globalization, polarization and environmental struggles, this year's honourees have led by

using business as a tool for change. They are role models to society and their peers, have earned stakeholders' trust, and stand out as advocates," Saxegaard noted.

"Through their business activities they have made

substantial contributions towards reaching the UN Sustainable Development Goals, specifically Goal 8: helping to achieve sustained, sustainable and inclusive growth and decent work for all," he added.

On receiving the award, Dr Mwangi dedicated the same to Equity Group's staff and to the millions of customers who have continuously inspired them by trusting and believing in a common purpose and dream.

"By walking with us, they have demonstrated resilience in pursuing their dreams and have emerged winners by improving their lives and livelihoods and bringing joy and happiness to their families and communities," he noted while adding that the award is also being shared with micro, small and medium entrepreneurs (MSME customers) who wake up every day to create wealth and opportunities for the society.

Dr Mwangi was chosen alongside two other global leaders, Joji Felicitas Pantoja, Co-founder of Coffee for Peace in the Philippines, and Marc Benioff who is Chair and CEO of Salesforce in the US.

INVESTMENT

## Modern technologies will transform agriculture, Kagame says

KIGALI

President Paul Kagame has emphasized the need to invest in modern technologies as one of key metrics to drive Africa's agricultural sector and agribusiness activities.

He was speaking during a Presidential Panel at the just-concluded African Green Revolution Forum 2020, hosted by Rwanda. Kagame said

agricultural exchange involves both a producer and a consumer in a relationship of buying and selling.

"The goal for agricultural transformation is to get a better deal for both parties," he said. "In Rwanda, we have been working to demonstrate that our farmers can achieve significantly higher productivity and income from agribusiness." Doing so, he added, requires investing in modern

technologies including irrigation and improved crops, as well as more efficient markets and distribution channels.

He highlighted the work being done with the Howard Buffett Foundation at the Nasho Irrigation Cooperative (NAICO) in the Eastern Province, and aims to show that farmers' livelihoods can be successfully transformed at scale and in a sustainable manner. "Our food system is also about

consumers who desire a greater variety of products at affordable prices and of course, the food we eat needs to be nutritious, especially for children," he noted.

The Presidential panel featured Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, and AU Commission's President Moussa Faki Mahamat.

The panel which focused on transforming African food systems also featured Hailemariam Dessalegn, former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Tony Blair and Nigeria's former President Olusegun Obasanjo. President Kagame highlighted that currently African consumers live in cities, with the continent possessing the world's fastest rates of urbanization, which will remain the case for the next

decades

"The quality of urbanization depends, in large part, on ensuring solid linkages between urban food markets, and Africa's rural producers," he said. The Head of State also indicated that the continent is a breadbasket and "we are now joined together in the world's largest trade zone, the African Continental Free Trade Area."

However, Kagame thinks

the only reason that Africa can continue to import large amounts of its food from outside the continent, is that it simply has not been a priority to add value to our own products and do more business with each other. "This has started to change but it will be upon the young people to seize the opportunity available to fundamentally change the business of food in Africa," he emphasized.



## GENEROSITY

# Govt investment in cancer treatment facilities paying off

By Guardian Reporter

THE government's heavy investment in the health sector over the past four years has started paying off as incurable diseases such as cancer are now being handled locally and not abroad.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said in Dar es Salaam on Saturday when officiating an NMB Bima Marathon 2020, that cancer treatment is a burden as it affects the state's development plans. "But the government of President John Pombe Magufuli has improved the health sector a lot including putting in place the necessary infrastructure to treat cancer locally which is now paying off," Majaliwa said.

He noted that as a result of developing the local health infrastructure, cancer treatment has also saved the government from using hard currency to treat citizens abroad. The PM commended NMB Bank Plc's management and board for organizing the charity marathon which raised 100m/- donated to Muhimbili National Hospital to sponsor treatment of children suffering from the deadly disease.

"I commend NMB Bank for coming up with this marathon to help mobilize resources but also sensitize the public on the importance of exercising for physical fitness which helps keep diseases such as cancer at bay," he noted.

Majaliwa further noted that non-communicable diseases remain a major health challenge in the country hence both the public and private sectors should work together to address the crisis as NCDs are a huge economic burden.

Citing a 2013 UNDP report, the PM said the cost of treating NCDs globally will rise to US\$ 47 trillion in the coming 20 years, an amount which is enough to reduce the number of people living in abject poverty by 2.5 billion in 50 years.

He challenged Tanzanians to exercise more and engage in sports activities for health fitness saying that doing so was vital in dealing with the NCDs menace and reducing the huge medical costs involved in treating them.

Majaliwa also commended the Dar es Salaam based bank



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa receives a dummy cheque on behalf of Muhimbili National Hospital from NMB Bank Plc board chairman Dr Edwin Mhede (C). Photo courtesy of NMB

for working in partnership with insurance companies to provide insurance coverage including health care to the public in line with government policy.

"We have managed to increase the health sector budget from 31bn/- in 2015 to 270bn/- which is an indication of the government's commitment to improve health services in the country," he added noting that 75m/- has been used to buy special beds for cancer patients

hence increasing the number of people that can be hospitalised from 40 to 100 at any time.

The state had been spending up to 10.4bn/- to treat cancer patients abroad with the number of such referral cases decreasing to only five during 2019/20 compared to 164 patients in 2015. "The number of foreigners coming for cancer treatment has also increased from 12 people in 2015 to reach 53 people at present," Majaliwa stated.

Speaking earlier, NMB's Board Chairman, Dr Edwin Mhede leaders said the bank and its insurance partners are collaborating with authorities in fight against cancer and other NCDs. "Our decision to fundraise in support of children suffering from cancer at Muhimbili National Hospital is just one of such initiative to back state efforts," Dr Mhede said.

Dr Mhede's remarks were backed by the bank's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna

who said the decision to mobilise society to contribute towards the treatment of unfortunate children, is a result of the bank's commitment to invest in the health sector.

"We planned the marathon to be held this month of September because it is childhood cancer awareness month," Zaipuna said while pledging to continue support state efforts to improve social services including health.

## STALEMATE

# STC's and Vodafone agreement for \$2.4bn in Egypt's stake sale collapses, overtaken by events

RIYADH

Saudi Telecom Company, the biggest telecommunications operator in Saudi Arabia by market value, said it could not reach an agreement on a \$2.4 billion deal to buy a 55 per cent stake in Vodafone Egypt within the agreed timeframe.

However, the company agreed to continue discussions with the UK-based mobile carrier Vodafone Group for its stake in the Egyptian telecoms firm, it said in a statement to the kingdom's Tadawul exchange, where its shares trade.

STC said the extension period of the preliminary agreement has ended without reaching an agreement to conclude the transaction due to "misalignment with relevant parties". "An understanding has been reached between STC and Vodafone Group to keep the dialogue open", the statement said.

Vodafone Group said it is looking to "finalise the transaction in the near future". It "now looks to Saudi Telecom and Telecom Egypt to find a suitable agreement to enable the transaction to close", Bloomberg cited a separate Vodafone Group statement as saying on Sunday.

In January, STC offered to buy a majority stake in Vodafone's Egyptian unit as part of its regional expansion. It signed a non-binding agreement and extended it in April, citing pandemic-related logistical challenges. The agreement was extended again in July, as "the parties need more time to complete the processes related to the transaction, including the due diligence".

If a deal were to be agreed, a majority stake in Vodafone Egypt will give STC a foothold in the Arab world's most populous country, as it looks to expand its operation in the region and beyond. Egypt is one of the largest telecoms markets in North Africa, making it a prime target for operators looking to enter high-growth territories.

With 44 million subscribers and a 40 per cent market share, Vodafone Egypt is the North African country's biggest mobile operator. State-run Telecom Egypt holds the remaining 45 per cent stake of the operator.

STC, which is majority owned by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund, mounted an unsuccessful bid in 2013 to acquire a 45 per cent stake in Telecom Egypt. However, analysts said earlier this year that Egypt's state-owned operator could be more willing to sell its stake in Vodafone Egypt after launching its own mobile network, known as 'We', in 2017.

In February, Egypt's Financial Regulatory Authority said STC should make an offer to acquire Telecom Egypt's remaining stake in Vodafone Egypt if its deal with Vodafone goes through. The regulator cited a 1992 law that would oblige STC to bid for the outstanding shares if a deal materialises.

## OPTIMISM

# NICOL pays three years' dividend to its shareholders



NICOL board chairman Dr Gideon Kaunda.

By Guardian Reporter

National Investments Plc (NICOL) has paid its shareholders dividend for the past three years thanks for its good performance after a long period of struggling.

In a statement last week, NICOL said the dividend payment covers three years of 2016, 2017 and 2018. "We wish to announce to our shareholders that as it was agreed during the past annual general meeting, we have paid dividends through your bank accounts," the statement released last week stated.

The statement further stated that shareholders who have not received their dividend should immediately contact the company's manage-

ment and present relevant documents and their bank accounts.

"If you have not yet been paid, you are required to submit all necessary documents that shows that you are a shareholder before September 30 this year so that dividend should be paid," the statement added.

Since its introduction, the company has never paid dividend to its shareholders and was making losses until in 2012 when Dr Gideon Kaunda was elected as NICOL's Board Chairman. Four years later in 2016, the company paid 25/- divided per share, 26/- in 2017 and 6/- in 2018 noting that NICOL has also managed to pay all debts plus 1.5bn/- paid in taxes to Treasury.

## SLOWDOWN

# SA economy to shrink by more than government's 7% forecast in 2020

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's economy will likely contract this year by more than the 7% previously forecast by the Treasury, Finance Minister Tito Mboweni said in an opinion piece published on Sunday.

Gross domestic product shrunk by a record 51% in the second quarter, its fourth quarterly contraction in a row,

as a strict lockdown to curb the spread of the coronavirus saw activity grind to a near-standstill.

"The contraction in growth is larger than anticipated by the National Treasury and the SA Reserve Bank, which raises the risk that the actual GDP outcome for this year could be lower than previously thought by both policymakers and the broader market," Mboweni

wrote in the piece published in the City Press weekly newspaper. In July the Reserve Bank cut its 2020 forecast for GDP to a 7.3% contraction. In its emergency budget in June, the Treasury pencilled in a 7% decline, but some analysts see a double-digit contraction.

In his article Mboweni, brought back to cabinet by President Cyril Ramaphosa in 2018 after more than a decade in

the private sector, said his office would speed up reforms, by easing regulatory hurdles and allowing more private investment in the public sector, especially in electricity.

State utility Eskom, which provides around 90% of the country's power, has struggled for years to meet demand, unleashing nationwide blackouts to keep the grid from collapsing.

With debt of around R500 billion and heavily reliant on bailouts from government, Eskom has regularly been cited as the main threat to the economy and fiscal stability.

The government has long been criticised for its slowness in dealing with Eskom. In the article, Mboweni said the government would move with greater speed via "Operation Vulindlela" (open

the way), a joint initiative between the Treasury and the presidency announced in his budget speech in June and aimed at accelerating structural reform. He did not give details of the plan. "It is not another new plan. It involves implementing existing commitments through mechanisms to escalate challenges and fast-track implementation," Mboweni wrote.



CRISIS

# Indian authorities face tough choices in trying to reopen economy as virus rates soar

NEW DELHI

Authorities in India are walking a tightrope as they grapple with the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic alongside the need to conserve limited government finances, with Covid-19 infections continuing to surge at an alarming pace, analysts say. India's economy has been battered by the pandemic and a strict nationwide lockdown that was enforced in March in reaction to the virus. This saw many businesses virtually stop operations and millions were left without work during what was one of the strictest lockdowns in the world.

The latest official data revealed that this resulted in India suffering its worst quarterly contraction on

record in April to June, plunging 23.9 per cent compared to the same quarter a year earlier. That prompted Moody's Investors Service in June to downgrade India to 'Baa3' - one notch above 'junk' status - from 'Baa2' for the first time in 22 years, while keeping its outlook on the country negative.

"With uncertainty around Covid-19 and while the demand recovery and economy pickup is gradual, the government and the central bank have no option but to wait and see how the situation pans out before making any further announcements as they're left with limited resources," says Gurpreet Sidana, the chief operating officer at Religare Broking, based in New Delhi.

There have been calls for more measures to be taken by prime minister



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Narendra Modi's government, including further fiscal stimulus, to boost the economy. But this is not something that can be easily executed, as India exceeded its fiscal deficit target for the year in the four months to July, with a shortfall of more than \$111 billion.

"Given the restricted fiscal space with the central and state governments, it is difficult to see how it can be done without running up a higher deficit - which can pressure India's external ratings," says VP Nandakumar, the chief executive of Manappuram

Finance, a non-banking financial company based in Kerala. "That is a tightrope for the government to walk."

On Friday, Moody's revised India's GDP forecast for the current financial year, which runs until the end of March 2021. The agency now projects Asia's third-largest economy to shrink 11.5 per cent, compared to an earlier 4 per cent forecast.

The ratings agency said the country's "credit profile is increasingly constrained by low growth, a high debt burden, and a weak financial system" ... [and that] policymaking institutions have struggled to mitigate and contain these risks, which have been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic." Several other institutions, including Fitch Ratings, slashed their GDP growth forecasts for the year, following the recent quarterly data release.

Analysts expect economic activity to improve in the coming months, compared to the huge blow suffered during the April

to June quarter when lockdown restrictions were at their peak - but to remain subdued. The consensus is that growth is not expected to return until next year, however, and that would be compared to the lower base levels of this year.

"GDP should rebound strongly in [the October to December quarter] amid a re-opening of the economy, but there are signs that the recovery has been sluggish and uneven," Fitch Ratings said. The pick-up is being facilitated by a reopening of the economy following the lockdown.

The government has allowed several relaxations to curbs over the past few months, including permitting shopping malls and restaurants to reopen, and on Monday metro services resumed in some cities.

Relaxations are taking place despite India's health ministry on Saturday reporting a record daily rise in Covid-19 infections, up by 97,570 in a day, taking the country's tally past 4.6 million. India is the world's second worst-hit country

behind the US and is seeing the largest increases in the number of cases on a daily basis globally.

The government is pushing ahead with its "unlocking" of the economy, though, making it more difficult for states to enforce their own local lockdowns, as it tries to revive growth and restore people's livelihoods. This approach is helping to stimulate economic activity, but the revival is still far off the levels India needs to achieve to boost employment and support its population of 1.3 billion, analysts say.

Measures taken by authorities so far include two emergency interest rate cuts made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) earlier this year and a moratorium on loans. In May, the government rolled out \$266 billion in stimulus, but many said the large headline figure disguised the fact that the measures largely comprised credit schemes and other policies that were already in the works, rather than putting cash directly in the hands of people and businesses.

TRUCE

# Comprehensive agreement on transparent and objective criteria for Libya's future

TRIPOLI

The delegations of the Libyan High Council of State and the Tobruk Parliament announced on Thursday in Bouznika, at the end of their meetings as part of the Libyan dialogue, that they reached a comprehensive agreement on the transparent and objective criteria and mechanisms to occupy the posts of sovereignty.

Both parties also agreed to continue this dialogue and to resume these meetings during the last week of this month in order to complete the necessary measures to ensure the implementation and activation of this agreement, said the final joint statement read by Driss Omran of the Libyan House of Representatives, in the presence of Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Nasser Bourita.

The two parties to the dialogue called on the UN and the international community to support Morocco's efforts to create the right conditions and a conducive climate to achieve a comprehensive political solution in Libya, reiterating their thanks and gratitude to the Kingdom and His Majesty King Mohammed VI for the support and assistance to overcome the Libyan crisis

and achieve the hopes of the Libyan people and their aspirations to build a civil and democratic State that enjoys peace, security and stability.

They also affirmed that their meetings, which took place in "a friendly and fraternal atmosphere marked by understanding and consensus", were held as a result of their awareness of the current situation in the country, at different levels, an extremely dangerous situation threatening the security, territorial integrity and sovereignty of the State, born of negative foreign interventions that revive wars and regional and ideological alignments.

Both parties also stressed that these meetings take place in application of Article 15 of the Libyan political agreement reached in Skhirat and in confirmation of the conclusions of the Berlin conference supporting the political solution and on the basis of the relevant Security Council resolutions, and are explained by their awareness of the dangerous repercussions arising from the political and institutional division which has caused the citizen to lose confidence in the role of the legislative, executive and control institutions due to the poor living conditions at all levels.



Libyan Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates minister Nasser Bourita.

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STARTING 7:30 PM

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6:00 HABARI	10:00 Watoto wetu	6:00 HABARI	13:45 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)	17:00 Eco@Africa rpt
6:40 Kumekucha	10:30 Jungu Kuu rpt	6:40 Kumekucha	Wild Skin	17:30 Meza huru
7:00 Habari	10:55 Habari za saa	7:30 HABARI	16:00 Igizo: Mizengwe	19:00 The Décor rpt
8:00 Al Jazeera	11:00 The Base rpt	8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	16:20 Igizo: Mtego	19:30 Shamba lulu
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## WORLD

# Trump rallies supporters in Nevada, seeks to overcome Biden lead in the state

MINDEN

REPUBLICAN President Donald Trump rallied his backers in Nevada on Saturday in a bid to drum up support in a state where polls show his Democratic rival Joe Biden is ahead. Going through a list of grievances about Democrats, the media, and mail-in voting, Trump spoke to a crowd of thousands at an airport outside of Reno where people stood close to one another and, in many cases, did not wear masks despite the coronavirus pandemic.

The president mused about staying in office 12 years, despite constitutional limits that prohibit U.S. presi-

dents from serving more than two, four-year terms.

"We are going to win four more years in the White House and then after that we'll negotiate, right, because we're probably, based on the way we were treated, we're probably entitled to another four after that," he said.

Trump again accused Democrats of trying to "rig" the Nov. 3 election and he knocked Biden over an ad that criticized Trump for allegedly making derogatory comments about U.S. war dead. Trump has denied making the remarks.

"Now I can be really vicious," in return, the president said, expressing his disgust over the ad and calling



US President Donald Trump

Biden "pathetic."

Trump is trailing the former vice president in national polls and in Nevada, which the former real estate developer and reality television star lost narrowly to Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in 2016.

Biden has hammered Trump for failing to lay out a national strategy to combat the pandemic, which has killed more than 193,000 people in the United States.

The president, who credits his decision to restrict travel from China at the beginning of the year with saving lives, publicly played down the virus in the early months of 2020 and has pushed for a rapid re-opening of the economy after a lockdown in the spring.

"Nevadans don't need more bluster from the president, and don't need his reckless rallies that ignore the realities of COVID-19 and endanger public health," Biden said in a statement on Saturday.

"Nevada families need solutions – from con-

taining the pandemic to building the economy back better to making quality health care more accessible to millions of Americans."

The president has increased his number of campaign rallies in recent weeks, holding them in airplane hangars or outdoors because of the risk of coronavirus spread. Thousands of supporters have been showing up, many of them without maintaining social distance or wearing face coverings.

Trump has campaign events scheduled in Nevada and Arizona during a three-day Western swing that will also include a stop in California on Monday for a briefing about the devastating fires that are ravaging the West Coast.

The president is ramping up fundraising, too, amid concerns that his campaign is dealing with a cash shortage, leading it to pull back television advertising in crucial states.

A Republican official said some \$18 million would be raised over the weekend through events in Washington and Nevada. **Agencies**

## US says Libya's Haftar to allow oil sector to reopen

By Bloomberg

A COMMANDER battling to oust Libya's United Nations-backed government will let the country's oil industry re-open after an eight-month blockade that's all but halted exports, according to US diplomats.

Khalifa Haftar gave his "personal commitment" to "allow the full reopening of the energy sector" by Sept 12, the US embassy in Tripoli, the capital, said in a statement the same day. He made the pledge via an exchange of letters between his self-styled Libyan National Army and the embassy.

By Sunday morning, however, Haftar and the LNA still hadn't made any public statement about ending their blockade or allowing oil shipments to resume.

Libya, which holds Africa's largest crude reserves, pumped 1.2 million barrels a day last

year. Output has plummeted to 80,000 barrels a day after Haftar, who controls most of eastern Libya and is trying to unseat the Tripoli-based administration of Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj in the west, halted operations at fields and ports in his territories in mid-January.

Any increase in production could unnerve the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies. The group, known as OPEC+ and led by Saudi Arabia and Russia, holds a virtual meeting on Thursday to decide whether to continue easing output cuts agreed in April at the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

Oil prices have since rallied to around US\$40 a barrel, but are still down 40 percent this year amid concern about an acceleration of infections in some countries. Libya has been exempt



Khalifa Haftar's self-proclaimed Libyan National Army

from the cartel's cuts because of its strife.

Haftar's forces have repeatedly said that the closures will end only when there's an agreement to distribute oil revenues more evenly between western and eastern Libya.

The blockade has cost the

North African nation billions of dollars in lost revenues.

The US "is encouraged by an apparent sovereign Libyan agreement to enable the National Oil Corp to resume its vital and apolitical work," the embassy's statement said.

The NOC, also based in Tripoli,

wasn't immediately available for comment outside business hours on Saturday.

Libya has been wracked by lawlessness and war since a 2011 revolt that overthrew former dictator Muammar al-Qaddafi. The conflict has drawn in other nations including Turkey, which supports Sarraj. Russia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt back Haftar.

Oil and gas facilities have been at the heart of the conflict, with different groups closing or sabotaging them to press their political and economic demands.

The shutdown of energy infrastructure has also led to widespread blackouts because electricity stations have been deprived of fuel. The power crisis has led to protests in Tripoli and in Benghazi, the biggest city in the east.

**Agencies**

## Peru's president pushes back on impeachment attempt

By Bloomberg

PERU President Martin Vizcarra is pushing back on an impeachment attempt, asking the country's top court to halt the process while accusing the head of congress of involving the military to oust him.

Cabinet chief Walter Martos said the government will file a lawsuit Monday at the Constitutional Court to halt the impeachment proceedings.

In a televised address, Martos said "anti-democratic sectors" with

"hidden interests" are trying to destabilize Peru's democratic order at a time when the country is facing a devastating health crisis.

Congress voted late Friday to start the process that could lead to the removal of Vizcarra from office, throwing the country in political disarray amid its worst recession in a century following the coronavirus pandemic.

Lawmakers backing the motion allege Vizcarra sought to obstruct a graft probe into his administration. A final vote is scheduled for



Sept 18, after the president has had a chance to defend himself in a congress where he has no representatives.

Congress is pushing for impeachment "simply with the strength of the votes," Justice Minister Ana Neyra told RPP radio. Peru's

constitution allows congress to impeach the president on the grounds of "permanent moral incapacity."

The political turmoil risks weighing on an economy badly battered by COVID-19. With the world's highest deaths per capita from the coronavirus, the South American nation saw gross domestic product tumble 30 percent in the second quarter, the worst slump of any major economy. It also marks the latest chapter in the history of one of Latin America's most politically volatile nations.

Political intrigue deepened Saturday when the government said Manuel Merino, the head of congress, made calls to senior members of the armed forces on Thursday, hours before the impeachment motion was presented to parliament. The military officials informed Defense Minister Jorge Chavez about the calls.

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## Better global governance needed to protect digital security

BEIJING

THE emergence of digital technologies has reshaped people's lives and made a difference to the world, but one cannot miss the flip side of the coin: many digital tools have been used to erode security and violate privacy.

Data security risks warrant an urgent need to foster effective global digital governance in a world with growing interconnectivity, in order to safeguard national security, public interests and individual rights of all countries. In recent years, digital security issues have become a major source of concern worldwide.

Cyber attacks, as well as massive data fraud and threats, have ranked among the top five global risks for two consecutive years, according to the Global Risks Report 2019 published by the World Economic Forum.

For some time, the international community has been making steps forward in finding a solution to challenges posed by digital security issues. In June last year, a panel appointed by the United Nations released a report titled "the age of digital interdependence," providing recommendations to maximizing the benefits and minimizing the harms of digital technologies.

Despite stakeholders worldwide making progress over the issue, cyberspace has been exploited by certain countries as a new realm for double standards and hegemonic practices that harm personal privacy and national security.

Edward Snowden's revealing of U.S. surveillance program Prism, documents published by Wikileaks, and reports on the Equation Group have exposed the fact that the United States has been, for a long time, behind numerous activities that tap into user data of global tech giants and spy on other countries, including U.S. allies.

Ironically, some politicians in Washington have made a countercharge, touting the so-called Clean Network program and purging digital tech firms of other countries under the pretext of national and digital security.

Such bullying acts make the need for forming global digital security rules more urgent than ever.

Earlier this week, China proposed its global initiative on data security with three principles which include upholding multilateralism, balancing security and development, and ensuring fairness and justice. The initiative reflects China's determination and sincerity to work with all to safeguard digital security.

Upholding multilateralism is the first step toward enhancing global digital governance. With the aim of pursuing mutual growth, countries should find common ground and shelve differences, and develop a set of international rules on data security that respect both the will and interests of all.

Worldwide countries should also not ignore the importance of balancing security and development, as protecting data security is a prerequisite for sound digital growth. Countries have the right to protect data security according to law, and should provide an open, fair and non-discriminatory environment for all businesses, as the initiative points out.

**Xinhua**

## Russia ready for honest dialogue with US on election interference – top diplomat

MOSCOW

MOSCOW is ready for honest dialogue with Washington regarding the accusations of interference in the US elections, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Friday during a press conference on the outcomes of the talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

"We are open for honest dialogue [regarding interference in the US elections]. However, for the dialogue to be honest, it is necessary to formulate one's claims clearly, so that they can be understood," he said.

Lavrov noted that Russia had repeatedly offered the US to discuss "the absolutely baseless accusations" on US election interference. "We offered to relaunch cybersecurity consultations."

We offered to make an official bilateral political statement by Russia and the US in which we both categorically undertake not to meddle in each other's domestic affairs. This has been going on for several years. The Americans continue to slack off in all of these areas, still demanding that we stop the unlawful interference in their domestic affairs," the minister said.

The minister recalled that several years ago, the US approved a law in support of Ukraine, in accordance with which the US Department of State must spend \$200 mln a year on direct financing of Russian non-governmental organizations and on working with the Russian civil society. "The US itself does not see anything untoward in promoting its interests via illegitimate means on the sly or even approving laws openly. If it's not interference in domestic affairs, then I don't know what it is," he stressed.

The minister also pointed out that in the run-up to the presidential election planned for November 2020, US politicians are often asked about who meddles in their election more: Russia, China or Iran.

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## Two years after signing peace deal, South Sudan remains at crossroads

JUBA

AFTER five years of brutal civil war, several South Sudanese parties signed a revitalized peace agreement in the Sudanese capital Khartoum on September 12, 2018, following ten months of intense negotiations.

Two years on, the peace deal is yet to produce tangible results as political crisis and violence, food insecurity and economic meltdown continue to ravage the world's youngest nation. "I was happy when the peace deal was signed in September 2018 because I thought it was the end of the suffering," said Majok Yen,

who has lived in the UN Protection of Civilians (POC) site in Juba since 2013.

The initialization of the peace agreement provided renewed hope for a return to peace and stability in the east African country. "I feel our leaders have let us down because for over two years, we are still suffering and people continue to die," he added.

"We have been crying for peace to come to our country, but I'm disappointed that two years since the signing of the peace agreement, nothing much has changed in South Sudan and the people continue to suffer," Nelson Sworo, a Juba resident told a local radio

station on Saturday morning. "I blame our leaders for the current problems because they only care about their own interests but not the common citizens," he added.

According to a recent report by the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), sporadic violence has killed over 600 civilians in the past six months of 2020.

Half of the country's population of an estimated 12 million people are food insecure, and over four million have been displaced both internally and externally.

"It is unacceptable for South Sudanese to continue bearing the burden and consequences of this

conflict including impunity, rape, severe hunger, displacement and almost complete lack of services," the Women Monthly Forum, a pressure group that brings together over 40 South Sudanese peace advocates, said in a joint communique on Friday.

The campaigners said that since the signing of the peace deal in 2018, nothing much has changed in South Sudan because violence, economic hardship and human rights abuses have continued unabated.

The group is particularly concerned about the recent escalation in fighting between government troops and forces of

holdout rebel group, the National Salvation Front of Thomas Cirilo Swaka in Central Equatoria state and upsurge in inter-communal violence in several parts of the country.

"We note with concern that security is not only the absence of conflict but the guarantee of freedom of movement, access to resources, food, water, shelter and education, and more importantly a general sense of safety," said the group.

South Sudan gained independence from Sudan in July 2011, but barely two years later, the young nation descended into civil war in December 2013. A peace deal

signed in August 2015 failed to contain the violence after it collapsed following renewed violence in the capital Juba in July 2016.

The 2018 revitalized peace agreement was signed by South Sudan's President Salva Kiir, former rebel leader Riek Machar and several armed groups with the aim of ending the devastating civil strife.

But political commentator James Okuk opined that the peace deal has not yielded many benefits for the people of South Sudan since key provisions had not been implemented. "The revitalization of the peace agreement has not

progressed as expected and the two years have been wasted just talking on chapter one," Okuk said.

Okuk, who is also a senior research fellow at the Center for Strategic Policy Studies, a Juba-based think tank, expressed concern that the revitalized peace deal may not be fully implemented within the 36-month timeframe because the parties have wasted 24-months without achieving much. "Until now, the parties are still arguing on petty issues yet time is running out and we are remaining with one year to implement the peace agreement," said Okuk. **Xinhua**



# 2020 CIFTIS to create 'Global Services, Shared Prosperity'

By Bu Liu Zhonghua,  
Pei Guangjiang

**T**HE 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) kicked off in Beijing on April 4. Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a speech at the event.

Xi proposed to work together to foster an open and inclusive environment for cooperation, unleash the power of innovation in driving cooperation forward, and promote mutually beneficial cooperation.

His remarks won wide recognition and appraisal from the participants to the event, who said China's holding of the CIFTIS showcased the sense of responsibility of the major country. Looking forward to new development opportunities in China, they believe China is not only a demand side, but also a propeller.

The 2020 CIFTIS, as a major global economic and trade event held during COVID-19, has received high attention from the world.

"We hope that this year's CIFTIS, held under the theme of 'Global Services, Shared Prosperity,' will present an opportunity and serve as a platform and a bridge for people from across the world to fully showcase the new progress and breakthroughs in



A visitor shake hands with with a robot in the comprehensive exhibition area of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), September 6. (Photo by Chen Xiaogen/People's Daily Online)

services trade and share in the new technologies and benefits of human progress," Xi said in his speech.

"Argentina is proud to take part in the event," said Argentine President Alberto Fernandez. He noted that Argentina hopes to continue deepen its relations with China, and the two sides can carry out cooperation on the platform of the CIFTIS to drive the development of industries of both countries.

The severe COVID-19 situation is still adding uncertainties to the world economy. Therefore, coun-

tries need more than ever to jointly combat the virus and promote economic development. The CIFTIS, establishing an international exchange and cooperation platform of trade service, plays an important role in promoting the stable economic development of the world.

Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha said the 2020 CIFTIS will become an important platform for global countries to discuss cooperation and jointly plan for future development, and help them better handle the new challenges for global economy.

Deputy Prime Minister of South Korea Hong Nam-ki noted that the world is undergoing a crisis in which countries need to support and help each other. He said he hopes the CIFTIS can become a success and make huge contribution to deepening global cooperation on trade in services.

With the in-depth development of economic globalization, trade service is increasingly becoming an important part of global trade and a vital area for international economic and trade cooperation, injecting new energy into global growth.



Visitors watch a video in the comprehensive exhibition area of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) on September 6. (Photo by Chen Xiaogen/People's Daily Online)

Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said this year's theme "Global Services, Shared Prosperity" mirrors UNCTAD's own goal of prosperity for all. International cooperation on trade in services should be a key element of the policy agenda, and the global countries shall build on the common lessons both China and UNCTAD can share, so as to realize the Sustainable Development Goals with better development of the service sector.

Xi declared a series of measures of China to further open up, which inspired the participants. He said China will further ease market access for the services sector, and will take greater initiative to increase imports of quality services.

Besides, the country will also support Beijing in developing a national integrated demonstration zone for greater openness in the services sector, and support it in setting up a pilot free trade zone characterizing scientific and technological innovation,

opening-up of the services sector, and digital economy. Meng Pu, Chairman of Qualcomm China, told People's Daily that the company deeply feels China's confidence in and resolution to keep promoting opening-up and cooperation, saying the progress of the communication industry has benefited from the close cooperation of economic globalization. COVID-19 has brought challenges to the global industrial chain, but it also proved that the global communication industry is integrated and inseparable, he added.

## Ongoing CIFTIS to further boost role of trade in services in enriching people's lives

By Luo Shanshan

THE China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) kicked off on Sept. 4, in the China National Convention Center in Beijing.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is still raging across the globe and posing unprecedented challenges to global trade in services, the six-day event signifies China's firm confidence and unwavering resolution to continue pushing forward opening-up.

The country's efforts to keep promoting opening-up in trade in services and facilitate high-quality development of the field are expected to bring more benefits to people.

As people's living standards have been continuously improved, their expenditures on culture and recreation have also been growing constantly, said He Mi, vice president of Alibaba Pictures.

"We can watch high-quality foreign movies and art performances near our homes and they have enriched our lives," said Chen Jue, a Chinese citizen who works in a bank in Beijing.

Introducing high-quality foreign movies and art performances to the Chinese market, which represents an example of trade in services, can not only increase supplies of relevant products and services in the domestic cultural market and better satisfy people's spiritual and cultural needs, but help promote market competition and boost the quality and upgrading of relevant industries at home, He explained.

The Manual on Statistics of International Trade in Services jointly compiled by international organizations including the United Nations (UN) classifies trade in services into 12 major categories, including transport services, travel services, construction services, insurance and pension services, financial services, telecommunications, computer and information services and so on.

In recent years, China's volume of imports and exports of ser-



Photo taken on Sept. 1 shows the outdoor pavilions of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) at the Landscape Avenue of the central axis of the Beijing Olympic Park. (Photo by Weng Qiyu/People's Daily Online)

VICES has continued to grow, said Li Jun, director of the Institute of International Trade in Services at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, a think tank under the Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

The country has remained the world's second largest service trader for six consecutive years and consolidated its position in global trade in services, Li said, adding that in 2019, China's trade volume of services reached \$785 billion.

Cross-border movement of people has been restricted this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused a huge impact on import and export of tourism services around the world, Li noted.

During the first half of this year, China's imports and exports of tourism services totaled \$82 billion, down 42.9 percent year on year, ac-

ording to data from the MOC. The sharp plunge in the trade volume of tourism services was the major cause of the decrease in China's volume of trade in services during the period.

Data suggested that China's imports and exports of services would see a 2.1-percent growth if the volume of trade in tourism services were excluded.

The rapid development of trade in services has better satisfied people's needs for a better life, Li said, explaining that trade in services is closely related with the life of ordinary people.

While opening-up in education, tourism, medicine and other daily life services allows consumers to enjoy more choices of quality services, trade in productive service areas like telecommunications and computer can help improve social productivity, Li pointed out.



An exhibitor demonstrates the functions of a robot chef to journalists in the service robots exhibition zone of the thematic exhibition pavilion of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), Sept. 1. (Photo by Weng Qiyu/People's Daily Online)

"I never thought I can receive advanced foreign treatment therapy without leaving our country," said a patient named Zhang Yue in the department of surgical oncology of Boao Evergrande International Hospital in Boao Hope City.

Since its establishment, Boao Hope City, an international medical and tourism pilot zone in Boao township, Qionghai, south China's Hainan province, has constantly optimized its examination and approval procedures to accelerate the import of innovative medicines and medical instruments, in a bid to make sure Chinese people can enjoy innovative medical services around the world as soon as possible.

At present, 100 new antineoplastic drugs and rare-diseases drugs are available in Boao Hope City, which also put into use 11 innovative medicines and medical instruments imported from

foreign countries before they were launched overseas for one year.

China Science and Technology Museum has applied a robot named Cruz, which could provide contact-free body temperature measurement service for visitors. Equipped with rich body language and multi-modal sensory functions, the robot can recognize texts, words, images, movements, and environment, and fully interact with people.

"Cruz has been exported to serve foreign clients. It is playing important roles in resumption of work in hospitals, shopping malls, and airports, as well as reopening of schools and city management in countries including Belgium, South Korea, Japan, and Rwanda," said an executive of Ubtech Robotics Corporation, developer of Cruz.

## China to write splendid chapter of openness, cooperation, mutual benefit

By Guo Jiping

**T**HE world is facing profound changes unseen in a century, and the changes are accelerating this year, the beginning of the third decade of the 21st century.

The global spread of the COVID-19 epidemic, the headwinds against economic globalization, the fight between multilateralism and unilateralism, as well as the confrontation between justice and hegemony have once again placed the human society at a crossroad of history.

The world needs to reach a consensus to conform to the trend of the times featuring peace, development, and win-win cooperation, and build an open world economy.

After the 127th China Import and Export Fair (Canton Fair) was held online from June 15 to 24, the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) kicked off in Beijing on September 4. The 3rd China International Import Expo will also be hosted in November in Shanghai as scheduled. These comprehensive and all-round events of opening-up have provided the international society with communication platforms that are in dire need at the moment.

China's development will enter a new stage in the next five years, said Chinese President Xi Jinping at a recent symposium on economic and social work.

He stressed the importance to remain sensitive to changes, respond to them with well-judged actions, and be ready to adjust the approach when necessary. He urged the country to be brave enough to sail against the wind and be good at turning crises into opportunities.

His remarks signaled to the world a clear message - no matter how the international situation evolves, stimulating domestic demand and deepening opening-up have always been an indispensable driving force for China's development; integrating the country's and the world's interests, China is always a constructor of world peace, a contributor to global development and a guardian of global order.

As the world's largest comprehensive exposition specializing in trade in services, the CIFTIS had held six sessions. But the session this year bears a special significance.

The pandemic has pressed the pause button for major exhibitions and other international co-



Photo shows a robot in the shape of a shark exhibited at the service robot exhibition area of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS). The robot is able to carry out operations on ocean exploration. (Photo by Chen Xiaogen People's Daily Online)

operation projects, but the international community's demand for exchanges, cooperation and development remains the same.

The world needs more than ever a guiding force that enables countries to break barriers and strengthen communication.

To ensure a successful CIFTIS both online and offline, China has made tremendous preparatory efforts. The grand event will surely further open the Chinese market

to global investors and deepen international cooperation.

In the face of the world's dramatic changes, China will not isolate itself from other countries, advocate beggar-thy-neighbor policies, or pursue its own benefits without lending a hand to other countries.

It has scrapped the limitations on the ratio of foreign shareholding in securities and fund management firms, expanded the scope of business and market access for

foreign banks, and promoted the construction of Hainan Free Trade Port.

A series of new measures on opening-up have been implemented in the country and a sound pattern is gradually taking shape where reform and opening-up promote and complement each other.

Xi pointed out that despite the rise of protectionism in the world, China will stand on the right side

of history and uphold multilateralism and democracy in international relations. China will continue to pursue development through openness and win-win cooperation, and make economic globalization more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all, so as to build an open world economy.

China is striving to maintain the stability of the global industrial and supply chains, assisting other countries in combating the epidemic and in economic recovery.

During the first half of the year, China-Europe freight trains saw a significant year-on-year increase in the number of freight train trips and volume of goods despite the pandemic, sending a total of 3.67 million items of anti-epidemic supplies weighing 27,000 tonnes.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) had expanded its funds under the COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility to \$13 billion, and already provided \$5.9 billion for 12 countries by the end of July.

Amid the crisis, China put forward a new development pattern, which takes the domestic market as the mainstay and allows the domestic and foreign markets to boost each other. The new development pattern

is targeted at higher quality of development and a higher level of opening-up. It indicates that China aims to pursue development with its door wide open and share its advantage of a huge domestic market and domestic demand potential with the world.

Looking back, China embarked on the road of reform and opening-up when it was going through a tough time. Since then, it has kept advancing on the road and created a development miracle that makes a huge difference in human history.

No matter how many obstacles and difficulties it may encounter in the future, the country is convinced that reform and opening-up is the secret to a brighter future.

While determining to deepen reform and open wider up, China will surely establish closer relations with the world. It will also join hands with other countries and write a splendid chapter of openness and cooperation, as well as mutual benefit.



## Bumper entry for 2020 National Athletics Championships

BY BADRU KUNAMBI, TUDARCO

ATHLETICS Tanzania (AT) has confirmed participation of more than 28 regions in this year's National Athletics Championships, held in Dar es Salaam from Saturday to yesterday.

The association's information officer, Tulo Chambo, disclosed there is a significant increase in the number of athletes participating in the showpiece this season.

The runners' increase, he said, is contrary to the number of participants in previous years' events due to good cooperation the AT has had with National Sports Council (NSC) and Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) in hosting the championships.

He added that this year a large percentage of running costs for the competition are

borne by the TOC to ensure that everything goes smoothly for the athletes.

The AT, the official pointed out, had expected to host 15 athletes and three leaders from each of the participating regions.

He stated the association as well had set out to conduct a short seminar for the championships' officials.

Chambo disclosed the 2020 National Athletics Championships moreover serves as a platform for selecting strong team that will be made up of talented athletes, who will fight for the nation's pride in international events.

The official noted that the race has further helped to unearth good athletes like Alphonse Simbu and Failuna Matanga, who will represent Tanzania in next year's Olympics.



Naomi Osaka wore masks at the 2020 US Open honoring seven different victims of racial injustice. (Agencies)

## US Open winner Osaka hints at more race activism

NEW YORK

NAOMI Osaka said she wants to be known for more than just tennis, suggesting she will keep campaigning for racial justice after winning her third Grand Slam at the US Open Saturday.

Osaka, of Japanese and Haitian heritage, wore different masks honoring victims of systemic racism and police brutality in the United States in each of the tournament's seven rounds.

The 22-year-old said thinking time during the coronavirus lockdown, which coincided with protests across the United States over the police killing of black man George Floyd, had led to her political awakening.

"I would definitely say it's been an important few months," Osaka told reporters after coming from a set down to beat Victoria Azarenka 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, inside Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"For me, my life was always go-go tennis-wise, especially after the previous US Open that I won (in 2018). It definitely accelerated things, and I've never had a chance to slow down.

"The quarantine definitely gave me a chance to think a lot about things -- what I want to accomplish, what I want people to remember me by. I came into this tournament, or these two tournaments, with that mindset."

Osaka first took an activist stance at the Western & Southern Open, a US Open tuneup event, when she threatened not to play her semi-final match in protest at the police shooting of black man Jacob Blake in Wisconsin.

She said she was "sick to her stomach" and "exhausted" by repeated violence against black people by US police.

Her decision prompted the WTA and ATP to postpone all semi-final matches by a day, inspiring Osaka to change her mind

and make herself available for the final.

Osaka's move came after the Milwaukee Bucks led a historic boycott over the shooting, forcing the NBA to halt its play-off schedule and prompting a wave of walkouts across multiple sports.

She walked onto the court for her first match at the US Open wearing a mask bearing the name Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency medical technician who was killed when police shot her in her own apartment in March.

Osaka then donned face coverings honoring Elijah McClain, Ahmaud Arbery, Trayvon Martin, George Floyd and Philando Castile.

In Saturday's final she honored Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old African-American boy who was shot dead by a white police officer in Cleveland, Ohio in 2014.

- Boyfriend's books -

During the tournament Osaka received video messages from Arbery's father and Martin's mother thanking her for bringing worldwide attention to their stories.

She said Saturday that she would like to meet relatives of the victims.

"Definitely. I feel like for me I learn more through experiences. For me, I feel like sharing stories and hearing people's experiences is very valuable," she said.

Osaka added that her boyfriend, the rapper Cordae, who supported her from the stands at the US Open, had influenced her views about racial and social justice.

"I've read a lot into Haitian history. My dad always talks about that," said Osaka.

"For me, my boyfriend's really like into reading a lot, so he's been passing me books.

"I try not to get most of my information from the news. I try to form my own opinion sort of."

AFP

## Athletics garners boost as Serengeti Premium Lager sponsors marathon

BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

SERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) has once again, via Serengeti Premium Lager brand, been on the spotlight as it continues on the trail of providing sponsorships to various sectors in the country.

The most recent is the brand's shot-in-the-arm to athletics by sponsoring the Serengeti Migration Marathon held at Mugumu Town in Serengeti District, Mara.

Fondly referred to as 'The Great Migration Serengeti Marathon', the annual athletics bonanza is held in held in the world-famous Serengeti National Park where large herds of wildebeests migrate between Serengeti National Park in Tanzania and Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya.

The race attracts scores of tourists who visit to witness one of the world's Seven Wonders.

The Great Migration Serengeti Marathon's mantra, according to the organizers, is to 'Promote Ecosystem and Promote Tourism'.

The SBL partnered with Serengeti Tourism Sports Agency (SETSA), the custodian of the marathon which described the event's objectives as being to, among others, sensitize the community and the public living within the conservation area of the Serengeti Observatory on the need to preserve the park.

The event, as well, targets to help to identify and provide a platform in which new local athletics talents will be unveiled.

The race boosts tourism in the Western Serengeti circuit and the entire country.

The marathon moreover raises funds towards the cultural tourism initiative and, in the process, creates opportunities for the current and future generations to learn and grow.

Suffice it to say that the Serengeti Premium Lager sponsorship for the marathon is significant because, among other factors, Serengeti and indeed the entire Western Zone could aptly be described as 'the cradle' of Tanzanian athletics.

The area is perceived as home to some of the country's athletics champions of yore.



Rorya District Commissioner, Simon Odunga (5th L), cuts a ribbon to mark an official launch of the 2020 Serengeti Migration Marathon that was held in Serengeti District, Mara last week. Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) was the main sponsor of the race, via Serengeti Premium Lager brand, aiming at conserving the Serengeti ecosystem, promoting tourism and creating opportunities for the local community in Tanzania. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Tanzania's athletics narrative cannot be completely told without proud, nostalgic references to the memorable exploits of such heroes as Filbert Bayi and Suleiman Nyambui.

The two clinched silver medals in men's 3,000m steeplechase and 5,000m race respectively at Moscow Olympics in 1980.

Neither can sports enthusiasts in the country forget the incredible John Stephen Akhwari whose memorable moments of 'Finish the Race, Not Just Start It!' in marathon at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City still inspirationally captures the mood of world athletics to this day, 52 years later!

All those pacesetters in international athletics competitions hail from the western trail, a factor that buttresses the need to boost athletics in the region.

The region evidently boasts of an enviable pool of untapped athletics talents-alongside other areas across the country.

According to Serengeti Premium Lager brand manager Anitha Rwehumbiza, SBL recognizes the need to boost not only athletics in the country but the entire sports sector.

She said the firm not only

plays a pivotal in the development of the nation's youthful generation but also contributes to the nation's development.

"We have taken this important step knowing very well the important role that sports play in the nation's socio-economic development," she noted.

"We believe that by supporting The Great Migration Serengeti Marathon, we are contributing to not only the growth of the sports sector but also in reinvigorating local athletics whose resurgence Tanzanians are so keen to witness", she disclosed.

Serengeti District Commissioner, Nuridin Babu, thanked SBL for sponsoring the marathon, noting the company's stakeholder role in supporting the sports sector in the country is worth of praise.

On the whole, Serengeti Premium Lager's financial backing is significant because it comes at a time when athletics begs for rejuvenation in Tanzania, if the current dire situation is anything to go by.

Local athletics pales in comparison with other sports, especially soccer, and only elicits some nuggets of excitement when there is such sponsorships for The Great Serengeti

Migration Marathon and other races.

Needless to say, it is the same sad stories of 'near-misses' in athletics in regional and international competitions where Tanzania takes up a distant rear, trailing her regional counterparts, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda and Rwanda.

It is now hoped that SBL's apparent 'magic wand' that propels unprecedented success whenever it sponsors will reveal itself once more in athletics and thrust the sport into the limelight and to its past glory.

Three years ago, SBL, through its flag-ship beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lager, sponsored the senior national men's soccer team, Taifa Stars.

The firm entered an agreement with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) in which the beer-makers supported the squad thus propping up the team's fortunes that elevated it to international soccer status.

Winning most of its regional and international fixtures, the team gradually triumphed to international glory by booking a place in the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) Championships held in Egypt last year.

## Welcome back: Lakers, LeBron headed to the conference finals

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

THE Los Angeles Lakers are going to the conference finals for the first time in a decade, ending the longest drought in franchise history.

LeBron James is going there for the first time since 2018. For him, that also qualifies as ending a drought.

James scored 29 points and the Lakers wrapped up their first trip to the Western Conference finals since 2010 by topping the Houston Rockets 119-96 on Saturday night in Game 5 at Walt Disney World.

"It's the reason I wanted to be a part of this franchise, to take them back to a place that they were accustomed to being -- and that's competing for a championship," James said. "It's an honor for me to wear the purple and gold, and for us, we just try to continue the legacy."

Kyle Kuzma scored 17 points, Markieff Morris had 16, Danny Green added 14 and Anthony Davis finished with 13 for the top-seeded Lakers. They will play either the second-seeded Los Angeles Clippers or third-seeded Denver Nuggets for the West title in a series that won't begin before Wednesday.

James is going to the conference finals for the 11th time overall -- six with Cleveland, four with Miami and now with the Lakers. It's his ninth time getting to this round in the last 10 seasons; the one miss in that stretch was last season, when his inaugural year with the Lakers fell apart because of injury and the team missed the playoffs.

"The opportunity to play for a championship, that's what we're all here for, that's what we all signed up for," James said.

James Harden scored 30 points, Jeff Green scored 13 and Russell West-



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James, right, and Anthony Davis argue a call during the first half of an NBA conference semifinal playoff basketball game against the Houston Rockets Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (AP Photo)

brook had 10 for Houston.

"Tough season for us," Harden said. "Obviously, it didn't end like we wanted it to. Just got to figure it out."

And now that the offseason is here, the speculation about coach Mike D'Antoni's future will ramp up. His contract with the Rockets is now complete, the sides couldn't agree on terms of any extension a year ago, and he's been mentioned as a candidate for the vacancies in Indiana and Philadelphia.

"We've got a great organization, great city, great fans, team's great," D'Antoni said. "I mean, everything's good here. We'll see what happens, but I couldn't ask for a better situation. I had four years and hopefully it keeps going. You just never know."

It was a tough end to a tough week for the Rockets.

Westbrook exchanged heated words with a fan in the family section during the fourth quarter; NBA security asked the man, identified by ESPN as a brother of Lakers guard Rajon Rondo, to leave the game.

"He started talking crazy," Westbrook said. "I don't play that game."

Houston won Game 1 of the series and lost the next four. Saturday's finale came a day after Danuel House -- who averaged 11.4 points in nine playoff games this season -- was told to leave the bubble. An NBA investigation showed he had an unauthorized guest in his room for several hours earlier this week, and he missed the last three games of the series.

"It affected us," Harden said, who called the situation disappointing.

The Lakers ran out to a 33-11 lead, though Houston came right back with a 17-2 run to get within seven. The Lakers' lead was 62-51 at the half after the Rockets turned 13 Los Angeles turnovers into 15 points, the biggest reason why Houston was still in the game to that point.

Houston got within seven on a drive by Westbrook 2:09 into the third, and that was the last real gasp of hope for the Rockets. The Lakers scored the next 15 points, and the lead was 95-69 going into the final quarter.

"I'm really proud of our whole team," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said.

AP



## Chelsea's transfer spend demands title challenge from Lampard

LONDON

AGAINST a horizon of economic doom for most of European football, Chelsea have set about making up for lost time with a £200 million (\$256 million) spending spree to try and reel in Liverpool and Manchester City at the top of the Premier League.

The Blues finished 33 points behind Liverpool last season, but did achieve club legend Frank Lampard's primary objective of his first campaign in charge at Stamford Bridge by guiding the Blues back into the Champions League despite a transfer ban and losing Eden Hazard to Real Madrid.

Lampard has been rewarded with some of the most exciting young attacking talent in Europe with the signings of Timo Werner, Kai Havertz and Hakim Ziyech.

A defence that conceded 54 Premier League goals last season has also been overhauled with the arrivals of England international left-back Ben Chilwell and former Brazil captain Thiago Silva, while the spending spree is not complete with Edouard Mendy expected to join from Rennes in the coming days to solve a problem position in goal.

"For some clubs it seems less important how uncertain the future is: those owned by countries, owned by oligarchs," said Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp, who has a far more limited budget to work with. "We're a different kind of club."

Lampard is aware that with greater resources also comes much greater scrutiny. The former England midfielder played for a host of Chelsea managers that were ruthlessly sacked for not meeting billionaire Russian owner Roman Abramovich's exacting standards.

After accusations he was losing interest in the club, Abramovich has loosened the purse strings to an extent not seen since he took

English football by storm in the summer of 2003 and will expect a return on his investment.

"My expectations are on a different level from last year because of the different situation," said Lampard. "I didn't come here to finish fourth place."

- 'Excited' Lampard -

After investing so much in the squad, questions remain whether Lampard, in just his third season as a manager, is the right man to take a title fight to two of the world's best coaches in Klopp and Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola.

Even Lampard's status with the support may not spare him Abramovich's grace if Chelsea do not at least push Liverpool and City into a three-way title race.

"We have finished a lot of points behind in the last two seasons so we have to first look at closing the gap and building confidence. I'm not jumping ahead making predictions of us challenging anyone else," added Lampard.

"We should be excited but we should also note a word of caution. We need to work with the players and my job is to work with the new players to get them settled into the team. The work starts now."

Chelsea will not need to wait long to measure their title credentials as Liverpool visit Stamford Bridge on the second weekend of the season.

Before then, Lampard's men travel to Brighton on Monday for the sort of fixture they cannot afford to slip up in if they are to keep pace with the record-setting points tallies set by Liverpool and City in recent seasons.

Werner and Havertz are expected to make their debuts, but injury and a lack of match fitness means Ziyech, Chilwell and Silva miss out.

AFP

## Brazilians Willian, Gabriel now deliver on debuts in Arsenal win

LONDON

OPENING day glory for Arsenal, and with Brazilian duo Willian and Gabriel instantly making a difference on their debuts.

Not every opponent Arsenal faces during the rest of the season will, however, be as easy to roll past as Fulham was on Saturday.

For now, Mikel Arteta will savor opening his first full English Premier League as manager with a 3-0 victory produced by a trio of assists from Willian, including for Gabriel's second-half header.

"I don't think it gets much better than that," Arteta said. "It's really good for them, for their confidence, their belief and to settle in the group quickly. That's always a challenge when you bring in new players, but the way they played today and the commitment they showed with the boys was terrific."

Willian was back in west London where nearby Chelsea released the 32-year-old winger at the end of last season, which ended only seven weeks ago due to disruption caused by the pandemic.

The free signing took just eight minutes to make an impact with a close-range shot parried by goalkeeper Marek Rodak and tapped in by Alexandre Lacazette.

It was a corner from Willian four minutes into the second half that allowed Gabriel to claim a goal to cap a commanding defensive display.

"Gabriel was solid as a rock," defender Rob Holding said. "He won everything aerially and finished off with a nice goal as well."

The center back, who joined from Lille for 30 million euros (\$35 million), benefited from slack defending himself as he was left unmarked to head into the net.

"He had only trained (for) a few days with the team," Arteta said. "He hasn't played a competitive match in six months. So obviously

there was a risk of injury as well but credit to him, he performed really well, physically he felt good and he was a handful."

The third goal came from a player Arsenal fans are waiting on confirmation will be staying beyond this season. This was another reminder of the quality of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, who faced little resistance after meeting Willian's pass, before cutting in and curling into the top corner.

Willian was selected on the left wing ahead of Nicolas Pepe. The north London club's record signing a year ago who cost 80 million euros (then \$89 million), only came on for the free recruit in the 75th minute.

"For all the players that were today on the bench ... they have to raise the level," Arteta said.

It was a chastening start to life back in the top flight for Fulham. Just like Craven Cottage - where the stand by the River Thames still is being constructed - manager Scott Parker has a lot of work ahead if the west London club is to survive in the world's richest league.

"When you are a team like us you need to quickly learn and that has been the constant message from me since we have been back," Parker said. "This year we are going to lose football matches, but what we can't afford to do is when you go and lose two or three on the bounce - which is going to happen with us - let it cripple you."

"You need to learn from it, you need to develop, you need to be big enough to understand where the mistakes are made."

The Premier League started a month later than scheduled due to the pandemic that is still preventing fans from attending games.

Arsenal has already played once this season without fans - winning the Community Shield at Wembley Stadium.

AP

# Lackluster Liverpool's escape against Leeds United may be a warning sign

BY LEANDER SCHAEFLAECKENS, YAHOO SPORTS

LAST season, it took nine games for Liverpool to spill its first Premier League points. It took 18 more games to lose points for a second time as the Reds rampaged to the title.

This season, one game was very nearly all that was needed for Liverpool to stumble. The Reds barely escaped Saturday's madcap 4-3 victory - with four disallowed goals, two for each side - over a newly-promoted and utterly scintillating Leeds United. It was a bout between the current Premier League champions and a team that had reached the Champions League semifinals in 2001, only to be relegated to the Championship in 2004 and the third-tier League 1 in 2007.

On paper, you would expect the champions to steamroll a newly promoted team. But Leeds is managed by Marcelo "El Loco" Bielsa. The Madman. For his eccentricities. For his tactical genius that's inspired a generation of elite coaches like Pep Guardiola. For his habit of quitting jobs within months or even days. For doing things like rearranging the Leeds parking lot. For working something bordering on magic with previously pedestrian teams. For figuring out a gameplan against one of the sport's best teams that made a bunch of Premier League debutants instantly competitive.

His counterpart on Saturday, Jurgen Klopp, has a job on his hands that couldn't be more different from Bielsa's, which is staying out of the three bottom places in the league. Klopp has to keep his team atop its perch atop the table. And that's just as difficult.

Sometimes, the trick to doing so isn't to keep the squad's core together, but rather to break it up. There is danger in allowing a team to be taken apart too soon. There is equivalent peril in letting it stay together for too long. With the same faces, year after year, it all becomes a bit routine, a little stale. Complacency sets in.



Jurgen Klopp (left), Mohamed Salah and Liverpool beat Leeds on Saturday. But was the close call a sign of troubles to come? (AFP)

When that point is, exactly, depends on the team, and it takes an exceptionally deft manager to know when to demolish a team he crafted so carefully and rebuild it. Sir Alex Ferguson was a master at it with Manchester United. The ongoing chaos at Barcelona demonstrates what can go wrong when a core is kept intact for too long, or the plan for its replenishing goes wrong, at any rate.

Now that same task falls to Klopp, after reaching the Champions League final twice and winning the club's first Premier League title in 30 years in the last three seasons.

The defending champions have been together a long time. Of the starters for Saturday's season-opening letdown against Leeds, nine had been at the club since at least the 2017-18 season. The other two, Naby

Keita and goalkeeper Alisson Becker, joined the following year. In that time, there has been little by way of fresh blood. So far this season, the sole reinforcement is Kostas Tsimikas from Olympiakos, to offer some cover at left back.

In soccer, that little turnover is unusual. To be together that long, unchanged, is an eon.

Klopp is betting that he can coax more from his team, that he can keep things fresh without introducing fresh faces. And when you consider that captain Jordan Henderson is his oldest regular, having only turned 30 in June, there shouldn't be anything precluding more success on account of his squad's physical wellbeing. His players are, without exception, in their prime playing years.

It will all boil down to the psychol-

ogy. To the mentality.

"We will not defend the title, we will attack it," Klopp has said on several occasions.

"People will be afraid that these boys will get lazy but it's just not in their nature," he added, per The Athletic. "We will not stop. This team will not stop wanting it. I think there is a lot to come."

As Klopp sees it, his Reds aren't at the end of a cycle but in the middle of it.

This season will have to bear that out. Was last spring's early Champions League exit a portent? Or what about the fact that Liverpool went an uncharacteristic 5-2-2 after the restart this summer, nothing like its blistering form before the pandemic layoff? Was that perhaps a sign of the rot setting in?

There's no telling from the evidence of Saturday's single game, a splendid affair with an insurgent side high on its return to the top level and the ideas from a tactical genius. Liverpool looked hungry enough, certainly, hounding Leeds early on and earning a penalty just three minutes in, when Mohamed Salah's shot struck Robert Koch's outstretched arm. It was the first goal of Salah's three.

But the game wasn't decided until the final minutes. Leeds' record-shattering signing Rodrigo, newly arrived from Valencia, made a dumb foul on Fabinho in his own box, allowing Salah to finish his hat trick from the same place he started it, the penalty spot.

For Liverpool, it was uncomfortable. To Leeds, it was disappointing. Disappointing to have gotten within a few minutes of taking a point from the defending champions, from the European champions of two seasons ago. From a Liverpool that might have become vulnerable.

Or maybe it hasn't. That is for Klopp to suss out.

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## FIFA on trial as Valcke, Al-Khelaifi trial begins in Swiss court

ZURICH

FIFA's disgraced former secretary general Jerome Valcke and Paris Saint-Germain chief Nasser Al-Khelaifi go on trial in Switzerland on Monday in the latest chapter of football's seemingly endless corruption saga.

The two men have been indicted for alleged corruption in the attribution of football broadcasting rights - Al-Khelaifi is also the boss of beIN Media.

The hearing, which has already been delayed because of the coronavirus, is scheduled to last until September 25 at the Federal Criminal Court of Bellinzona. But it will open under another cloud as suspicions of collusion between the Swiss prosecution and FIFA have undermined its credibility.

Centre stage is Valcke, former right-hand man of ousted FIFA president Sepp Blatter, who appears in two separate cases of television rights corruption -- he faces up to five years in prison if found guilty.

The 59-year-old Frenchman stands accused of wanting to transfer the Middle East and North Africa rights for screening the 2026 and 2030 World Cups to the Qatari giant beIN Media, in exchange for "unwarranted benefits" from Al-Khelaifi.

According to the prosecution, the case relates to a meeting on October 24, 2013 at the French headquarters of beIN, when Al-Khelaifi allegedly promised to buy a villa in Sardinia for five million euros, granting its exclusive use to Valcke.

Al-Khelaifi, who has denied the charges, was then to hand the property over to the Frenchman two years later under certain conditions.

- 'Corruption' -

In return, the prosecution claims, Valcke committed to "do what was in his power" to ensure beIN would be-



Jerome Valcke (left) and Nasser Al-Khelaifi go on trial in Switzerland on Monday. (Agencies)

come the regional broadcaster for the two World Cups, something which happened on April 29, 2014, in an agreement that FIFA has never since contested.

Legally, however, it is no longer a question of "private corruption". The prosecution had to drop that qualification because of an "amicable agreement" reached at the end of January between FIFA and Al-Khelaifi, the contents of

which have not been made public.

So Valcke must now justify having "kept for himself" advantages "which should have gone to FIFA".

An employee at the time, the obligation to return money received in the course of his duties "also applies to bribes", according to a decision in March.

Al-Khelaifi, one of the most influential men in world football, faces the charge of "inciting Valcke

to commit aggravated criminal mismanagement", for which he could also face five years in prison.

"The major part of this file does not concern our client," his lawyers told AFP while dismissing the charges against him as "clearly artificial".

Al-Khelaifi denies questioning the property in question or promising it to Valcke.

- Case weakened -

Valcke, who will be at the hearing, also stands accused of exploiting his position at FIFA between 2013 and 2015 to influence the awarding of media rights for Italy and Greece for various World Cup and other tournaments scheduled between 2018 and 2030 "in order to favour media partners that he preferred" in exchange for payments from Greek businessman Dinos Deris, who has also been charged.

Valcke, who allegedly stood to receive 1.25 million euros in exchange, "disputes the charges", according to his lawyer Patrick Hunziker.

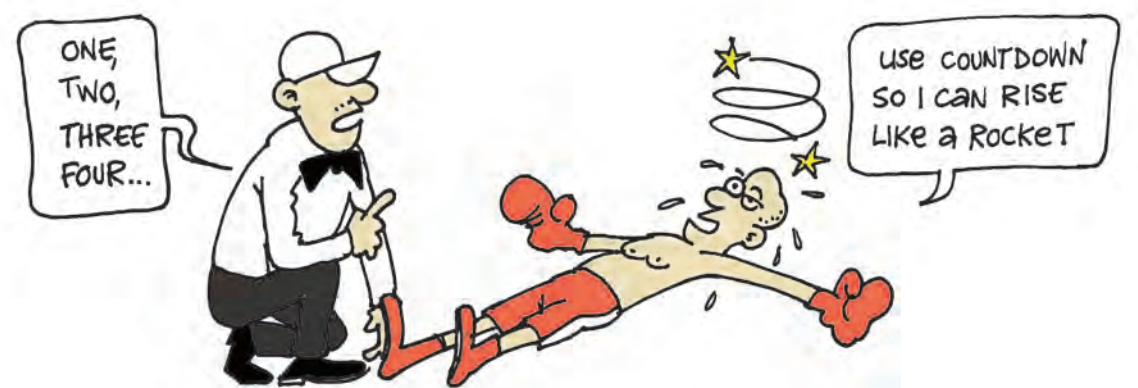
The case has been weakened by accusations of collusion born of three secret meetings in 2016 and 2017 between the current president of FIFA, Gianni Infantino, and Switzerland's former Attorney General Michael Lauber.

Both are under investigation for "obstructing criminal proceedings" -- Lauber resigned from his post in July.

If the hearing runs its course, it will be the first judgement handed down in Switzerland, the seat of most international sports organisations, on the 20 or so proceedings opened in the last five years surrounding FIFA.

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## Tanzanite Manyara Club holds sway in 2020 Club Championships



Ngome JWTZ's Alex Isendi (L) in action against Sebastian John from MMJKT in Lightweight category bout of this year's National Boxing Club Championship, which took place in Manyara recently. Isendi, also national team captain, won by points 4-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF OBFT

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE 2020 National Open Boxing Club Championships climaxed in Babati District, Manyara yesterday, with Tanzanite Manyara Club ending as the overall winners.

The Tanzania Open Boxing Federation (OBFT)-organized showpiece, which started on October 6, had brought together 10 boxing clubs from across the country.

The clubs are Dar es Salaam's Ngome JWTZ, Band Coy JWTZ, National Service Headquarters (MMJKT), JKT Mbeni, JKT Mbuluni, Coast Region's JKT Ruvu, Arusha boxing team, Kagera Boxing Club and hosts' Tarangire Manyara Boxing Club and Tanzanite Manyara Boxing Club.

Lukelo Willilo, OBFT secretary general, disclosed the yesterday final had 10 fights taking place, with Head of Training and Operations of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces (TPDF), Alfred Kapinga, gracing the closing ceremony.

Kapinga had represented Manyara Regional Commissioner, Joseph Mkirikiti, in the event. The championship had 50 bouts taking place.

In the Light Flyweight division, National Service Headquarters (MMJKT)'s Abdallah Mohamed walked away with gold medal, beating Christian Charles of Tanzanite Manyara Club by points in a pulsating fight.

Tanzanite Manyara Club's Steven Anastaz, an up-and-coming boxer, clinched Flyweight division gold medal with victory over experienced fighter George Constantine of Ngome JWTZ.

The Bantamweight category saw JWTZ's Ezra Paul lift gold medal, beating MMJKT's Boniface Mlingwa by points 4-1.

Mlingwa had also taken part in the African Championship, held in Senegal in February this year, and served as qualifiers for the Tokyo Olympics.

In the Lightweight category, MMJKT's Hamdani Issa laid his hands on the gold medal, getting the better of JKT Mbeni's Said Kanenda via Referee Stop the Contest because of Head Blows (RSCH).

The Light Welterweight category fight ended with Tanzanite Manyara's Abdallah Mfaume lifting gold medal with victory over Alex Isendi of Ngome JWTZ.

Isendi is also national boxing team's captain. Adam Hassan of Tanzanite Manyara won Welterweight category's gold medal, outclassing Raban Tansan of Tarangire Manyara.

Haruna Sinundo of MMJKT had the last laugh in Middleweight division fight, winning gold medal with victory over Joshua Shadrack of Kagera through Referee Stops the Contest because of Medical (RSCM).

Ngome JWTZ's Yusuf Changalawe won gold medal in Light Heavyweight category, posting a knockout (KO) victory over Kagera's Geoffrey Peter.

Changalawe, also a national boxing team's member, was the only Tanzanian boxer who reached quarterfinals of the African Championship.

Musa Changarawe of Ngome JWTZ clinched gold medal in Heavyweight category with victory over Nalisisi Miyanga of Kagera.

Changarawe had as well laid his hands on gold medal in Light Heavyweight category of the 2020 National Open Championship, which took place in Dar es Salaam in August.

The Super Heavyweight category fight pitting MMJKT's Alex Sita against Athanas Mbugusi ended with Sita lifting gold medal, beating Mbugusi by KO in the second round.

Guest of honour, Kapinga, and Manyara Regional Administrative Secretary, Missaile Musa, presented medals to the winners and the overall winners' trophy to the Tanzanite Manyara Club.

## FDL, SDL outfits ought to have efficient marketing departments, says TFF



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) president, Wallace Karia.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) has advised First Division League (FDL) and Second Division League (SDL) outfits to have vi-

brant marketing departments which can help them source in-

Wallace Karia, TFF president, issued the comments in Dar es Salaam on Saturday at a one-day seminar for the FDL and SDL clubs.

He said many lower division teams suffer financially due to their lack of marketing and innovation skills.

"FDL and SDL teams must come up with ideas which can help them generate income, you must not depend on handouts from well-wishers," Karia insisted.

"You can also work together with regional and district managers on how you can look at people for a win-win situation, not handouts," he said.

He also accused the lower league clubs of spending a lot when they are promoted to the Premier League.

The TFF boss advised the lower tiers' clubs to live within their means.

"We have seen teams being financially stable while in lower

leagues where they have no viable sponsors, but once they are promoted to the Mainland Premier League, they spend cash carelessly," he noted.

"Once the cash ends, they fail to even to honour league assignments, they start accusing us of not supporting them," he said.

Karia said TFF also used the seminar to inform clubs of their worthy to the development of football in the country.

The federation also used the seminar to educate the clubs on club licensing system, fixtures, rules and regulations of the leagues.

The federation moreover handed over a starter pack of 5m/- to each of the FDL outfits and 3m/- to each of the SDL outfits.

The national soccer governing body also promised to add the money to reach 10m/- for each of the FDL sides and 8m/- for each of the SDL clubs.

## Lions Youths wallop Al-Madrassa Youths in 2020 TCA Elite U-15 League

By Guardian Reporter

LIONS Youths have had an impressive start to their campaign in the 2020 TCA Dar es Salaam Elite U-15 League, cruising to a comprehensive 134-run victory over Al-Madrassa Youths in a clash, which took place in the city on Saturday.

The competition, hosted by Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA), involves players below 15 years in an effort to develop the game at the domestic level.

Solid batting by Lions Youths was instrumental in the outfit's ability to come out with the win in the match, held at Leaders Club venue.

The youngsters made it a point to set a challenging target for their opponents and thereafter frustrated the latter's chase.

Lions Youths raced to 190 runs for three wickets in the allotted 20 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat.

Skipper Abdullah Imtiyaz and opener Ashfaq Imtiyaz had good innings, contributing immensely to Lions Youths' impressive triple digit score.

They had an impressive start to the innings given Imtiyaz surpassed half century mark to record 59 runs which consisted of a boundary.

Fellow opening batsman Naveed Nasir made his presence felt at the crease given he scored 21 runs which consisted of a four.

Top order batsman Rehaan Atif' early dismissal did little to weaken Lions



Lions Youths cricket outfit's youngsters in group picture ahead of their clash with Al-Madrassa Youths in this year's TCA Dar es Salaam Elite U-15 League, which took place on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Youths' resolve, considering Ashfaq stepped up to bolster the quest for an imposing score with his 34 runs not out, which included three fours.

He partnered Salman Yasser, who ended with three runs not out, to close out their outfit's innings.

Al-Madrassa Youths' bowler Mehlu Mufaddal

took one wicket, leaking 18 runs in three overs as their attempt to foil Lions Youths' quest for a good score hit snag.

In response, recording 191 runs to post victory happened to be a daunting task for Al-Madrassa Youths given the youngsters were bowled out for 56 runs in 10.5 overs.

Notable batting showing in the innings came from skipper Taher Zavery, who scored 17 runs that included a four, and opener Mufaddal Bhaijee, who ended with 11 runs which included two fours.

Bhaijee had set out to give his team a good start with his double digit figure, the squad's chase was later

dealt a blow given they experienced two quick dismissals.

Fellow opener, Ebrahim Rashid, and top order batsman, Burhanuddin Alibhai, had relatively short spells at the crease, posting five runs and four runs respectively.

They were then sent back to the pavilion by Li-

ons Youths' Ashfaq.

Zavery, to some extent, kept the chase alive with the 17 runs, his dismissal in the ninth over spelled disaster for the squad considering the side, thereafter, experienced batting collapse.

Ashfaq and Aasim Abdulsamad frustrated Al-Madrassa Youths' chase, in which they took four wickets and three wickets respectively.

Ashfaq had the best bowling spell for Lions Youths given he conceded eight runs in three overs, posting an economy rate of 2.67.

The tournament, which has participating sides locking horns in 20-over games, is, moreover, an opportunity for TCA to select young players who will then be included in national junior teams.

The competition, held for the first time, has brought together five outfits, as disclosed by TCA information officer Atif Salim.

The sides are Aga Khan Youths, Academy Boys, Al-Madrassa Youths, Lions Youths and Twiga Stars.

Salim disclosed, "It is very pleasing now that normally has resumed in our country and schools have also been opened again. We therefore felt it is good time for the women cricket league to resume and the junior league to start."

"We want to ensure that we complete these leagues by the end of the year without disturbing the calendar for next year," he said.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

