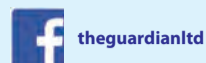




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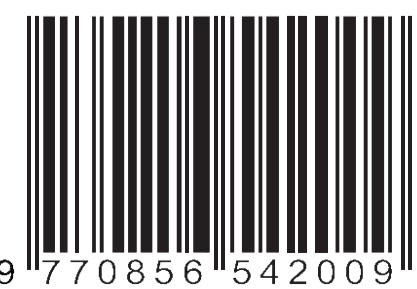


## Biden tasked with uniting America after winning poll

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US President-elect Joe Biden yesterday said it is "time to heal" the country in his first speech after being declared the winner, vowing "not to divide but to unify" the country. "Let's give each other a chance," he said at an event in Delaware addressing those who did not

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# Cheating: Necta warns as assessments, exams begin

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) has warned invigilators, head teachers, parents and candidates against cheating as standard four and form two national assessment as well as form four national examination kick off.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, NECTA Executive secretary Dr Charles Msonde said punitive measures will be taken against those found to have engaged in exam dishonesty, including court action and nullification of results.

Form two national assessment exams will be held from today to

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**“We will not hesitate to take disciplinary and legal action against anyone caught engaging in or aiding cheating; we must all help our children write assessments and exams honestly**



Tabasamu Hamisi Mwangao (L), legislator-elect for the Sengerema constituency, registers at the National Assembly grounds in Dodoma city yesterday in readiness for tomorrow's opening of the 12th Parliament. Overseeing the registration is Thomas Shawa (R), an official with the national legislative body. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph.

## Downpour to pound coastal regions for four days - TMA

By Guardian Reporter

REGIONS lying along the sea and Zanzibar are likely to receive heavy rains for four consecutive days, a forecast has indicated.

A forecast released yesterday by the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) said torrential rains were likely to start beating the regions from Sunday.

The forecast named the regions whose residents should brace for likely effects as Dar es Salaam, Coast Region (including Mafia Island), Tanga, Morogoro regions and both Unguja and Pemba islands.

TMA said a sudden change in normal weather patterns was the cause of the likely downpour. "The rains will diminish on

**“There is a possibility of floods in some areas plus destruction of infrastructure and property**

Wednesday; the authority is closely monitoring the situation and will update the public accordingly," it said.

"There is a possibility of floods in some areas plus destruction of

infrastructure and property."

TMA appealed to authorities in the zone to take measures such as clearing of natural waterways and culverts to minimize harm in case of flooding. It repeated the perennial advice to people in low-lying areas to move to elevated ground to avoid the impact of heavy rains.

Dar es Salaam Region in particular is prone to floods with a devastating impact, displacement of valley residents and ultimately causing deaths.

Last month, at least 12 people died in the commercial capital following 24-hours of heavy rains as floods swept people from low-

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## CCM has 94 Special Seats, Chadema 19

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

CCM has bagged 94 slots of parliamentary Special Seats, with Chadema getting 19 – the only opposition party to qualify.

National Electoral Commission (NEC) director Dr Wilson Mahera (pictured) told this paper yesterday that the names of the MPs have already been forwarded to the Speaker's Office.



"Other parties that took part in the general election did not get enough votes to qualify for special seats," he said.

A record 15 parties took part in the October 28 polls that saw President John Magufuli secure a second five-year term after getting 84 per cent of the votes cast.

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November 20 in 4,948 schools on the Mainland while standard four assessments exams take place on the 25th and 26th. Form four national examinations will take place from 23rd of this month to December 11th in 6,727 schools and centres on the Mainland and in Zanzibar.

"We will not hesitate to take disciplinary and legal action against anyone caught engaging in or aiding cheating; we must all help our children write assessments and exams honestly," he emphasized.

About 1,825,679 pupils are registered to sit standard four assessment tests/exams, with 909,068 boys or 49.8 per cent and 916,611 girls, around 50.2 per cent, he said.

About 4,329 candidates have special needs, of whom 780 are visually impaired, 103 blind and 2,421 living with physical disabilities, he further noted.

As for form two assessments, Dr Msonde said about 646,148 candidates were registered; 301,831 boys (46.71 per cent) and 344,317 girls (53.29 per cent).

On the other hand, up to 490,103 learners are registered to sit for national form four examinations, with 448,164 being school candidates and 41,939 private candidates. Boys are 213,553 (47.7 per cent) and girls 234,611 (52.3 per cent).

NECTA is known for taking action against examination cheating in all levels it manages, from lower level to primary school leaving examination, plus national form four and form six examinations.

In 2018, NECTA nullified results for 110 primary schools for cheating and other irregularities, including all schools in Chemba district of Dodoma region. Others were Hazina and New Hazina primary schools in Kinondoni district of Dar es Salaam; Alliance, New Alliance and Kiswani in Mwanza, plus Kondoa Integrity (Kondoa district of Dodoma region).

School managements were alleged to have colluded with district education authorities to achieve pass number targets by revealing exam papers to pupils prior to sitting for exams.

Last month, detectives of the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Manyara Region pounced on a primary school head teacher for allegedly facilitating cheating in a standard seven national examination session.

The head of PCCB in Manyara, Holle Makungu named the teacher as Oscar Waluye of Olkitikit primary school. He was accused of arranging for bright unregistered candidates to write the tests for struggling pupils to boost the score of the school and give the pupils undeserved passes, the officer specified.



Former Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango (R) bids Burundi Prime minister Alain-Guillaume Bunyoni farewell at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport at the weekend. The Burundi leader was in Tanzania for the swearing-in of newly re-elected President John Magufuli. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Babati residents decry skyrocketing of cement price

By Guardian Correspondent, Babati

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RESIDENTS in Babati Township in Manyara Region have decry over the high price and scarcity of cement in the area, saying if unchecked the

situation will affect construction industry in the region.

A survey carried out by this paper in the township showed that the price of cement had gone up to 18,000/- from 14,500/- for 50 kg bag.

In some shops there is no single bag of cement as traders

struggle to get the product.

One of the residents, Mohamed Juma called on the government for intervention.

"I'm building a three-bed room house, but I stopped due to lack of cement and when it is available is sold at higher price," he complained.

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lying settlements and on the streets as they crossed flooded valleys.

The dawn to dusk downpour turned the commercial hub into a floating city, literary, with most economic activities grounded.

Many roads were rendered

impassable with thousands of commuters caught up in traffic snarl-ups as most of the Central Business District became a no-go zone.

Last year, a World Bank study noted that flooding in Dar es Salaam in 2018 killed 17 people and caused damage to infrastructure

estimated at USD100 million.

The global lender conducted a study on poverty and resilience in Dar es Salaam, also quantifying the magnitude of the impact.

The losses incurred were estimated to be close to two per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) of the metropolis, noting

also that Msimbazi basin, the most flooded part of the city, loosened an average of 950,000 cubic metres of sand annually.

The resulting sediment slows the passage of seasonal water build up to the sea and worsening the impact of heavy rains in the city, it added.



Natural Resources and Tourism ministry permanent secretary Dr Aloyce Nzuki addresses the ministry's staff at a performance enhancement seminar held in Dodoma at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

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Dr Magufuli polled 12.5 million votes with his closest challenger, Chadema's Tundu Lissu getting 1.9 million votes.

CCM was declared winner in all but two of the 264 elective parliamentary seats, with Chadema getting one and CUF one.

Chadema and another opposition party, ACT-Wazalendo dismissed the polls as fraudulent and demanded a fresh election under a new constitution and a reformed elections management body.

Asked about preparations for the start of the 12th Parliament, the Clerk to the National Assembly, Stephen Kagaigai, said he had already communicated with all members of Parliament-elect and directed them to start reporting in Dodoma right away (Saturday) for registration and other administrative issues which are to end today.

"Registration is ongoing, MPs-elect are being required to present certificate of winning or nomination from NEC," he said.

Other documents required from the newly-elected leaders are eight

copies of their passport size photos, copies of their national ID, account number, marriage certificate for those with the status, birth certificates of their under-18 children, academic certificates and their curriculum vitae.

President Magufuli is scheduled to inaugurate the legislature on Friday, signaling the start of the 12th parliament, he said, citing article 90(1) of the Constitution which stipulates that "after every General Election, the president shall summon the new Parliament to meet before the expiration of seven days following the declaration of the results in all constituencies, save in those constituencies where the elections are countermanded and commenced afresh."

Inauguration shall happen after all members have been sworn-in by the newly-elected Speaker, with the outgoing Speaker and Kongwa MP-elect Job Ndugai, is seeking re-election alongside his deputy-Mbeya Urban MP-elect Dr Tulia Ackson.

The proposed name of the Prime Minister will also be unveiled and voted for in the first meeting.

# Biden tasked with uniting America after winning poll

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vote for him. Biden defeated incumbent President Donald Trump following a cliff-hanger vote count after Tuesday's election.

As of yesterday, Trump was yet to concede and had not spoken publicly since his defeat was announced while he was playing golf.

The result makes Trump the first one-term president since the 1990s. His campaign filed a barrage of lawsuits in various states but election officials said there was no evidence that the

vote was rigged against him, as he claimed.

Spontaneous celebrations erupted in major cities after media outlets announced Biden's victory on Saturday. Disappointed Trump supporters demonstrated in some cities but there were no reports of incidents. Addressing cheering supporters in a car park in his hometown of Wilmington, Biden said: "I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide, but to unify; who doesn't see red states and blue states, only sees the United States." Biden - who has won more than

74 million votes, the most ever for a US presidential candidate - hailed the "diverse" support he gathered during the campaign, and thanked African-American voters in particular. But he also reached out to Trump supporters directly. "It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature, see each other again, listen to each other again," Biden said, without mentioning his rival in the election. "And to make progress, we have to stop treating our opponents as enemies." The president-elect, who arrived on stage wearing a face mask,

announced that he would form his coronavirus response committee to ensure it is ready to implement decisions from his inauguration day in January, because "that's the only way we can get back to living". The Trump administration's response to the pandemic was at the centre of the presidential campaign, and drew heavy criticism from Biden, who said his plan would be "built on bedrock science". The US has reported more than 237,000 deaths, the most of any country. Biden was introduced by his running mate, Kamala Harris,

who is about to become the first female vice-president in the country's history. She will also be the first black and first Asian-American vice-president when she takes office, following a year that has seen nationwide protests on the issue of racial injustice. Harris paid tribute to her late mother, an Indian immigrant to the US, and the other generations of black, Asian, white, Latina, and native women who "paved the way for this moment tonight." "While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the

last," she declared. Reflecting on the election campaign, she told supporters: "When our very democracy was on the ballot in this election, the very soul of America at stake and with the whole world watching, you ushered in a new day for America." She said further: "You chose hope and unity, decency, science and yes, truth - you chose Joe Biden as the next president of the United States. And the road ahead will not be easy but America is ready, and so are Joe and I."

# Dr Mwinyi appoints Second Vice President, four Members of Zanzibar's House of Representatives

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has appointed Hemed Suleiman Abdulla as the Second Vice President.

According to Chief Secretary of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar Dr Abdulhamid Yahya Mzee, President Mwinyi (pictured) made the appointment as per the section 39 (1) of Zanzibar's Constitution of 1984.

The law required the newly elected President to appoint leaders within seven days after swearing in.

Before his appointment, Hemed Suleiman Abdulla was the Pemba South Regional Commissioner and his appointment start with immediate effect on November 8.

President Mwinyi also appointed four members Zanzibar House of Representatives, which include Saada Mkuya Salum, Tabia Maulid Mwita, Juma Ali Khatib and Hemed



Suleiman Abdulla.

The four members have been appointed as per the section 66 of Zanzibar's Constitution of 1984, according to Mzee.

He said that the appointment commenced with effect from November 7, 2020. The statement further directed the new appointees to report to the Representative Council on No-

ember 8. "As President Mwinyi is conducting appointment of various leaders, ACT-Wazalendo leaders are also in their internal meetings to discuss on if the party will join to form government of national unity. A per laws, a party which gets 10 percent in election will join the won party to form the government," a statement reads in part.



Tanzania Gaming Board inspector Joram Mtafya (L) picks a coupon during a raffle for Konyagi agents held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, as Tanzania Distilleries Ltd marketing supervisor Mwesige Mchuruza looks on. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Association rolls out countrywide soil sampling services for farmers

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

THE Tanganyika Farmers Association (TFA) has started offering soil testing services to local farmers and growers in efforts to push the agricultural sector into environmentally friendly modern ways of crop production.

"We want to take out guess work from farmers; all growers must know exactly what kind of soil their lands contain, so that they may apply the right fertilizers, proper seeds and when needed, suitable chemicals," stated the Association's board of directors chairperson, Peter Sirikwa.

The TFA official explained that so far the association has kick-started efforts to test soil samples from 250 farms in the country, with the number set to increase as time goes by.

"In the past, farmers used to simply apply all kinds of inputs into the soil without caring whether they were suitable for the particular land or not, resulting in poor harvests, damaged environment and sometimes making the entire farm unusable again," pointed out Sirikwa.

Sirikwa was speaking during the TFA Annual General Meeting held in Arusha over the weekend, attracting association members from all over the country.

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) deputy Governor Dr Yamungu Kayandabila who graced the TFA meeting, assured members that he would consult relevant authorities in order to address complaints raised regarding importation of farm inputs.

"I understand that agricultural machinery as well as other farm inputs are charged with foreign currency, thus making the costs to keep fluctuating we must work to ensure that all transactions are done via Tanzanian currency," stated Dr Kayandabila.

The TFA has over 5000 members countrywide enrolled at our more than 17 branches operating in sixteen regions of the mainland.

For his part, the TFA executive director, Justin Shirima, said the association intends to establish more branches to be 20 before the end of this year, encompassing especially the Lake zone and southern highlands.

Headquartered in Arusha, but operating countrywide, the Tanganyika Farmers Association, with over 5000 members, was founded during the colonial era here over 80 years ago, in 1935 and still going strong.

As of now, Tanzania is estimated to have a population of 60 million residents; with at least 40 million of them said to be involved in crop production and animal husbandry through the agriculture sector.

It was observed during the annual general meeting for TFA members, that the land tilling and crop production farming directly employs at least 65 per cent of all Tanzanians, while nearly 20 per cent others, indirectly depend on agricultural activities as their economic mainstay.

During the previous TFA-AGM, the Tanganyika Farmers Association appealed to the government so that the state may assist the entity to reclaim back granaries that were dubiously sold away by former officials of the association.



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## Camfed to equip 2000 girls with business and entrepreneurial skills in Iringa Region

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Campaign for Female Education (Camfed) in Iringa Region through its Alumnae Association (CAMA) is targeting to reach more than 2000 girls with business and social entrepreneurial skills.

Neema Msemwa, Camfed coordinator for Kilolo District said their aim is to enable the young girls raise the economy and overcome dependency through engaging in income generating activities.

"We are here to ensure that we produce remarkable changes to young women especially those from rural communities by enabling them use their education to benefit others, and work hard to break the cycle of poverty," she said.

According to her, Camfed has already capacitated 215 young women and girls (business trainers) from Iringa, Kilolo and Mufindi districts, who will later on spread the knowledge of to their fellow members in their specific wards.

She said that the young women and girls, who have been given the training as trainers are going to take the business skills and social entrepreneurship to their fellow members of CAMA in their specific wards, henceforth to reach more than 2,000 girls in rural communities.

Msemwa pointed out that the aim of the training to Cama members is to enable them to have the skills to start a business, keep business records, marketing and how to access loans.

She said that the training involved par-

ticipants from Iringa, Kilolo and Mufindi districts to be as business leaders who will later on go to train their colleagues in each ward, and each trainer will send the business education to at least ten girls.

"Capacitating the girls with essential business skills will help them to be able to plan the growth of their businesses including raising capital, increasing creativity, finding reliable markets as well as the importance of keeping business information," she said.

Some of the girls who have already received the training thanked Camfed for providing them with training that will help them grow their businesses as they are given a variety of techniques including how to plan business, raise capital, increase creativity and find markets among others.

The Campaign for Female Education Alumnae Association (CAMA) is a powerful movement of young women leaders across Africa, dedicated to supporting one another, giving back to their communities and helping other vulnerable children go to school.

Elizabeth Swai, a specialist from the Police gender and children's desk, acknowledged that capacitating young girls with entrepreneurial skills will help reduce domestic chores.

Swai clarified that girls who received education support from Camfed are part of the community and therefore they face various challenges when doing businesses or self-employment including being deprived of capital, being barred from doing business with their husbands and gender related violence.



Livestock and Fisheries ministry permanent secretary Prof Elisante ole Gabriel (C, gesturing) has a word with livestock keepers at Narakauo village in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region, at the weekend after inspecting a livestock watering pond undergoing repair. Photo: Correspondent Mbaraka Kambona

## TARI equips 807 extension officers with better sisal farming skills

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

ABOUT 807 extension officers and 338 farmers in eight regions and 28 councils have been trained sisal better agronomic practices to scale up production.

National coordinator of sisal and director of the Tanga-based Tanzania Agriculture Research In-

stitute (TARI), Mlingano center, Dr Catherine Senkondo said that the trained extension officers were from Tanga, Morogoro, Kilimanjaro, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Mara, Lindi and Arusha regions.

"This is part of the government efforts to revamp sisal production," said Dr Catherine who is the director of Tanzania Agriculture Research

Institute (TARI), Mlingano centre in Tanga Region.

According to her, the Tanga-based centre has produced 2.6 million seedlings of improved sisal seedlings.

She expressed that the major focus was to produce a total of 5 million sisal seedling during the 2020/2021 season, with an eye to attain at least 120,000 tonnes of

sisal by 2025.

"We're working round the clock to ensure the centre produce enough improved sisal seedlings in order to push for major production in all regions where sisal flourishes," she expressed.

Dr Catherine said that the improved sisal seedlings being produced at the center was with high potential, saying the variety

was also used in key sisal growing countries, including Zimbabwe, China and neighboring Kenya.

"This centre has been working in partnership with different councils and municipalities to empower extension officers and farmers with recommended agronomic practices needed to grow sisal more professional."

The centre, according to Dr

Catherine has set aside more 30 hectares of land to support production of the seedlings and plans are afoot to expand sisal seedlings production acreage to meet the continued high demands.

Sisal stands among few oldest commercial cash crops whose production in the country commenced as far back as during the 19th century when it was intro-

duced by the colonialists, particularly the Germany through the German East Africa Company.

During 1964, sisal production recorded its highest pick in Tanzania, with estimated 250,000 tonnes in production from diverse regions from across the country, primarily Tanga, Morogoro, Mwanza, Arusha and Shinyanga.

## Efforts to chase away invading jumbos from Mwanga villages now bear fruit

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

EFFORTS to chase away a group of elephants that invaded people's settlements at Jipendea Ward in Mwanga District, Kilimanjaro Region has started bearing fruit after members of the community started working together and by agreeing to follow directives from wildlife experts.

Speaking on the stage of the exercise reached, the Head of Wildlife Anti-Poaching Unit (KDU) for Northern Zone Mbanjoko Mahyenga said as days went by the abrasion between people and wildlife was not a new phenomenon and existed in many areas, although they differ in scope and geographical considerations.

Mahyenga said in the northern zone regions there were 16 reserved forests all of which are home to both wildlife and human activities hence basically the wildlife-human abrasion will continue to exist, but what was needed was safety.

He said the motive was to engage the community members by educating them on how to avoid such attacks and at same time protect the wildlife.

"As you know the wildlife in the forests know no boundaries and animals like elephants have a very high memory capacity, especially in areas they pass in search of food hence when you see them passing somewhere they do not do so for no reasons, but they are actually in search of food and water, and they had travelled through the same route in the past," Mahyenga said.

He said animals have the habit of searching for food during the night, the time while many humans do so during daytime, hence if this arrangement was adhered to it would be possible to avoid the wildlife-human abrasion.

In regard to request by villagers to be provided with preventive tools against the animals, he said they would continue to work together with various stakeholders to provide them with such tools, but basically cooperation with wildlife experts was of utmost importance.

At the beginning of November this year in Kwakoa Ward in the District one villager was killed by elephants during the night after he faced them while going back home, the incident that prompted villagers believe the beasts had invaded their areas.

The villages said the beasts ought to have been hunted down believing that the areas solely belong to them, and not to the animals.



Vodacom Tanzania Foundation "ambassador" Harrison Mgtu (R) pictured at the weekend briefing students of Nzega District's Puge Secondary School on Vodacom's Instant Schools Programme, under which lucky students will pursue their studies with charges covered by the mobile phone service provider. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt spends 900m/- refurbishing of quality dams for livestock

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is spending more than 900m/- for refurbishment of two water dams that would provide quality water for the livestock namely Narakauo dam in Simanjiro District, Manyara Region and Kimokuwa dam in Longido District, Arusha Region.

Prof Elisante Ole Gabriel, the Livestock and Fisheries Permanent Secretary said during his inspection visit of the dams at the weekend.

Speaking to herders after inspection of the dams, Prof Gabriel said the 413m/- has been allocated to the Narakauo dam and 5.9m/- for Kimokuwa dam.

He said the refurbishment followed directives from President John Magufuli during his recent visit in Manyara Region when he called on the ministry to make efforts to solve drinking water challenges for livestock.

He said apart from the two dams' refurbishment, such work was also being undertaken in Chamakweza wards in Chalinze District,

Coast Region and Mbanga Ward in Songwe Region that were in their final stages, to enable herders get drinking water for their livestock without having to walk long distances.

He also directed ZECO, contractors of the Narakauo and Kimokuwa dams to make sure the twin projects were completed before November 25, this year before the expected seasonal rains. Petro Narotoka, herder from Narakauo village thanked the government for providing funds for the projects, saying upon completion, it will be of great assistance to the

herders' community.

Kasaime Lamaiba, another herder from Kimokuwa village said the decision by the government to refurbish the dam shows how the government values the country's herders' community.

Prof Gabriel appealed to the both Longido and Simanjiro District Councils for their continued cooperation to enable the completion of the projects as well mobilising the communities to take care of the projects after completion.

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## 20 Dar women empowered with charcoal-making skills

By Correspondent Daniel Sembeya

TWENTY women from difficult environment in Dar es Salaam's Chanika Ward have been trained on better ways to make cheap and affordable charcoal from wastes.

Organised in collaboration with Kipunguni Knowledge Centre of Dar es Salaam and TGNP, the training was meant to empower the women with skills that enable them make charcoal from discarded wastes, which are easily found in their surroundings.

Speaking over the weekend during the official opening of the training director of centre, Selemani Bishagazi said: "The idea is to ensure that they make their own charcoal for family use, and for income generation," he noted.

Materials used to make the charcoal include discarded boxes, papers, clay soil, charcoal dust and cassava flour, he said.

According to Bishagazi, the Kipunguni Knowledge Centre received the

training of making the simple charcoals from TGNP. And since then they had managed to train over 600 women in Dar es Salaam.

Another trainer, who is also the secretary of the centre, Tausi Msangi said that the skills will help women minimise wastes in their environment, thrown boxes and charcoal dust; and save money for their families.

Msangi has called upon for the government and other stakeholders to support vulnerable families with simple charcoal making machines.

One of the participants, Mwazani Said that the training was important because will transform her life. "I will no longer buy charcoal from vendors and the money which I am going to save I will deposit it into my Saccos account," she explained.

Amina Mwelesi said that charcoal making skills were essential because I will not cut down trees to make charcoal.

She also called on for the government and other players to support

them with capital and charcoal making tools.

Aisha Tanga said: "I'm going to make more charcoal for my family use and sell it to raise family income."

Other findings have indicated that Tanzanian forests are excessively threatened by increased charcoal production fueled by increased demand crucially in Dar es Salaam city which consumes nearly 70 per cent of all the charcoal produced in the country.

They have further revealed that the country loses 150,433 hectares of forest per year. Due to increase in population by the year 2030 almost 2.8 million hectares of forests will have been lost.

Households in Tanzania generally use a combination of energy sources for cooking that can be categorised as traditional (agricultural residues and fuel wood), intermediate (charcoal and kerosene) or modern (Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), biogas and electricity.



Feza Schools director Ibrahim Yunus (L) and former Industry and Trade minister Innocent Bashungwa (2nd-R) stand witness in Dar es Salaam at the weekend as student Frederick Filbert superimposes a mark on a memorial plaque bearing the names of the school's outstanding students. It was a Feza Primary School graduation ceremony. Photo: Correspondent Ashrack Miraji

## Be good ambassadors to attain industrialisation agenda - TBS

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SMALL and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs) who attained certificates of quality mark have been urged to be good ambassadors to enable Tanzania attain industrialisation agenda.

The advice was given in Dar es Salaam over the weekend by the Director General of Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) Dr Yusuf Ngenya during a ceremony to grant licence, tested products, and management system certification of 177 manufacturers including 88 SMEs

The certificates and licences issued were in food, and cosmetics products, construction materials, lubricants, hand sanitizers, electrical appliance, mechanic equipment, mattresses and packaging materials.

Dr Ngenya urged entrepreneurs to continue apply standards during production process to enable Tanzania

reach middle-income economy.

He said by doing so would help health of consumers and save our nation from environment effects.

Dr Ngenya also said TBS has been granting licences to manufacturers who have met the required procedures after every ninety days.

The government provides free certification services for three years for the Small and Medium Entrepreneurs who have been granted a mark of quality licence under a special programme.

Dr Ngenya said the decision was taken to support SMEs so that they become big business people who can help in the industrialisation drive initiated by the government a few years ago.

All SMEs who have got their licences, and others through a programme established by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) received free certification services for three years, he said.

He noted the government has established the programme to enable SMEs to produce quality goods and expand the market of their products.

He urged SMEs and other interested persons to make use of the opportunity especially during this time when the government has been insisting on an industrial economy.

He said once they certify their goods it would help to produce sustainable products which would be sold anywhere including zonal markets such as SADC.

Dr Ngenya explained that TBS aimed at supporting traders to conduct their activities for the benefit of Tanzania, without interfering with legal affairs.

He also noted a total of 2139 premises and 533 food and cosmetics products have been registered between July and September this year since the roles were assumed to standard body.

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### CCT vows to eradicate GBV, child abuse in three regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) has mobilised itself to eradicate gender based violence (GBV) and child abuse in the country's three regions, Dodoma, Singida and Mara.

Esther Muhangachi, the Council's coordinator of Community Development for Women, Children and Gender programme said here yesterday at a forum that they will work towards the eradication of these vices by providing education in the said three regions.

"This strategy in providing education will cover other regions as well and we want to make sure women and children know about their basic rights," she said.

She said the education to be given was important as there are some parents who have been halting the children's education dreams, which she said was a very cruel act to them.

She said such incidents had been contributing to the children underdevelopment, especially girls.

She also said she plans to establish anti-GBV clubs in primary and secondary schools that will assist in educating students know of their basic rights.

She said she believes the clubs will assist in building up capacity on students to know of their rights while in school.

Bishop Boniface Msupha of God's Church praised CCT for organizing the forum that he said would assist to remind churches on how help widows and their children.

He said the launching of the campaign 'Voice of Success' should be used appropriately to realise forum's goals.



Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania education officer Jane Mgidange (C) pictured at the weekend presenting crutches to Yohana Stephano (2nd-L), a student of Dodoma Region's Bahi Primary School. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

## TAMWA calls for stern measures against Zanzibar' rape perpetrators

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA) -Zanzibar has urged law enforcement agencies to impose harsh punishments to rapists who have destroyed lives of several children in the country.

The association has expressed concerns over the increase of rapists in the Isles who are now not even afraid of raping more one child at a time.

"This shows that these rap-

ists are not afraid of the law enforcement agencies despite efforts being taken by those agencies as well as various groups/organizations in the country to combat the problem," said Dr Mzuri Issa, director of TAMWA Zanzibar.

In her statement, Dr Mzuri said that the rapists think that committing rape to one child and get away of it and able to rape another child it shows that they have no fear in themselves; therefore, the law enforcement

agencies should intensify efforts to punish them.

Recently, TAMWA Zanzibar recorded three incidences of rape in Chimba; North Pemba, Jombwe; South Pemba and Mahonda North Unguja.

According to a member from the network that fights gender Based Violence in Micheweni District, North Pemba, Riziki Ali Hamad, a young man, Hafidh Mahmoud Khamis (21), a resident of Tumbe has been alleged to rape two children at

the same place.

Riziki identified the affected children as six years old and seven years old in a tragic incident that occurred on October 9, 2020, in Chimba.

"The incident took place on Friday, October 9, when people were preparing to go to the mosque. Hafidhtook the children to the bush in Bule area, threatening to stab them or agree to remove their clothes before raping them," said Riziki.

TAMWA Zanzibar coordina-

tor for Pemba, Fat-hiya Mussa Said, received the information from the GBV network in Mkoani District, South Pemba stating that a man known as Salmini Musa Juma (29), a resident of Jombwe, is alleged of raping three children, two of them are five (5) years old and one six (6) years old.

The case of Mahonda involved Burhani Ismail Issa (28) a resident of Matetema North B District who is accused of raping two children of the same

family, one child aged nine (9) and the other aged 10 years.

According to TAMWA follow-up, all the three cases are currently at different stages of legal remedies where Chimba's case is at the Police stage, while Jombwe case is at the Southern Regional Court, ChakeChake, Pemba and Mahonda's case has reached to the Court of Mahonda ,North District B, Unguja.

In view of the situation, TAMWA appeals to law en-

forcement agencies to impose harsh punishments on those who commit such acts to put an end; and to bring the suspects to justice, thus, put out a strong message to others with such bad similar behavior.

"Furthermore, we would like to express its deepest concern to all affected parents/guardians of the survivors and argue them not to be discouraged or to stop pursuing their cases to put an end to such atrocities in the community,"Fat-hiya said.



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## Gender equality and women's empowerment vital for Africa

**W**ITHIN its mandate for advocacy and coordination of UN System and international support for peace, security, human rights and inclusive development in Africa, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) places a special emphasis on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Over the years, African governments, regional and sub-regional organisations have made significant commitments towards gender equality and women's empowerment.

Women must be at the centre of all our efforts. But women and girls cannot wait. Neither can Africa and the wider world.

Following the adoption of the African Union Gender Policy in 2009, African leaders launched the African Women's Decade 2010-2020 and the Fund for African Women to accelerate the implementation of all commitments on gender equality and women's empowerment on the continent. These continental frameworks complement important global frameworks, to which many African governments are signatories.

At the 24th Summit of the African Union held on 23-31 January 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, African heads of state and government adopted Agenda 2063, the continent's 50-year structural transformation and development agenda. The Agenda's sixth Aspiration is:

We should call for Africa to work towards full gender equality and the empowerment of women in all spheres of life. In further recognition of the important role of women and girls in driving the achievement of Agenda 2063's wide-ranging economic, environmental, socio-cultural, political, scientific and technological goals, the Summit declared 2015 'The Year of Women's Empowerment and Development towards Africa's Agenda 2063.' In keeping with Africa's gender equality and women's empowerment agenda, and as part of its advocacy

activities, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA): In addition to high-level events and engagements, OSAA promotes gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa throughout its substantive work. The Office prepares several annual reports of the Secretary-General that each includes a focus on gender and women's issues, including those on:

With regard to coordination, OSAA participates in relevant inter-agency coordination mechanisms, including in the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality and in the Regional Coordination Mechanism's sub-cluster on Gender and Development. OSAA also participates in major meetings convened by the African Union and RECs on gender equality and women's empowerment in peace, security and development.

In 2001 United Nations report recommended institutional changes to establish gender equality in basic rights as the cornerstone of greater equality in political participation and voice. Similarly, policies and programmes that promote equality in education and access to information, including legal literacy, can strengthen women's urgency and their capacity to participate in the political arena.

The African continent has achieved major milestones in women's participation in political decision making during the past decade.

Throughout the decade, considerable progress was made in translating commitments into measurable action as most African countries took giant steps to elevate the status of women through legal and constitutional means, institutional gender mechanisms as well as creating conducive environments for women to realize their potential.

Indeed the continent has witnessed an increase in women's participation in political decision-making processes that saw four AU member states being ranked in the top ten countries in the world with the highest number of women's representation in Parliament.

## Warning bells: New malaria mosquito spelling danger in cities across Africa

**E**XPERTS have warned that malaria mosquito that thrives in urban areas could cause new outbreaks in African cities. Africa has just months to react to an invasive malaria mosquito that thrives in cities, before the situation escalates beyond control, experts warn. Scientists predict that more than 125 million city dwellers across Africa will face a higher malaria risk from a type of Asian mosquito that is quickly moving across the continent.

The mosquito, *Anopheles stephensi*, is one of the few malaria mosquitoes that thrives in urban areas because of its ability to find clean water to lay its eggs. Malaria is traditionally considered to be a rural disease. In Africa, city centres can be completely free of malaria transmission, according to experts from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM).

But, the invading mosquito could drastically alter the location and movement of malaria in Africa, which records 94 per cent of global malaria deaths, mostly in children under five. A mosquito is any member of a group of about 3,500 species of small insects. The mosquito life cycle consists of egg, larva, pupa, and adult stages. Thousands of mosquito species feed on the blood of various hosts - vertebrates, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and some fish.

The mosquito's saliva is transferred to the host during the bite, and can cause an itchy rash. In addition, many species can ingest pathogens while biting, and transmit them to future hosts. In this way, mosquitoes are important vectors of diseases such as malaria, yellow fever, Chikungunya, West Nile, dengue fever, filariasis, Zika and other arboviruses. By transmitting diseases, mosquitoes cause the deaths of

more people than any other animal taxon: over 700,000 each year

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New research led by Marianne Sinka, a senior postdoctoral researcher at the University of Oxford, says that *An. stephensi* may already be adapting to its new environment and becoming active year-round. In a continent striving to improve and strengthen its health systems, such a huge burden could be catastrophic.

By last year, the World Health Organization had issued a vector alert, warning that the mosquito seemed to be spreading from Djibouti to neighbouring countries. The mosquito likely arrived via ships entering ports in eastern Africa. Transmission mapping shows the mosquito's spread follows the major transportation routes used by heavy vehicles to move freight.

Indeed, within urban environments, mosquitoes can be much more difficult to control yet people may have better access to healthcare and treatment, so it is difficult to estimate what the consequences of this invading mosquito could be.

We are told that researchers are working fast to understand the scale of the spread of *An. stephensi* in Africa. Entomologist Fredros Okumu, the director of science at Ifakara Health Institute in Tanzania, agrees the study's findings are significant. "For now, the best strategy is to assess the extent of its spread and its role in malaria transmission," says Okumu.

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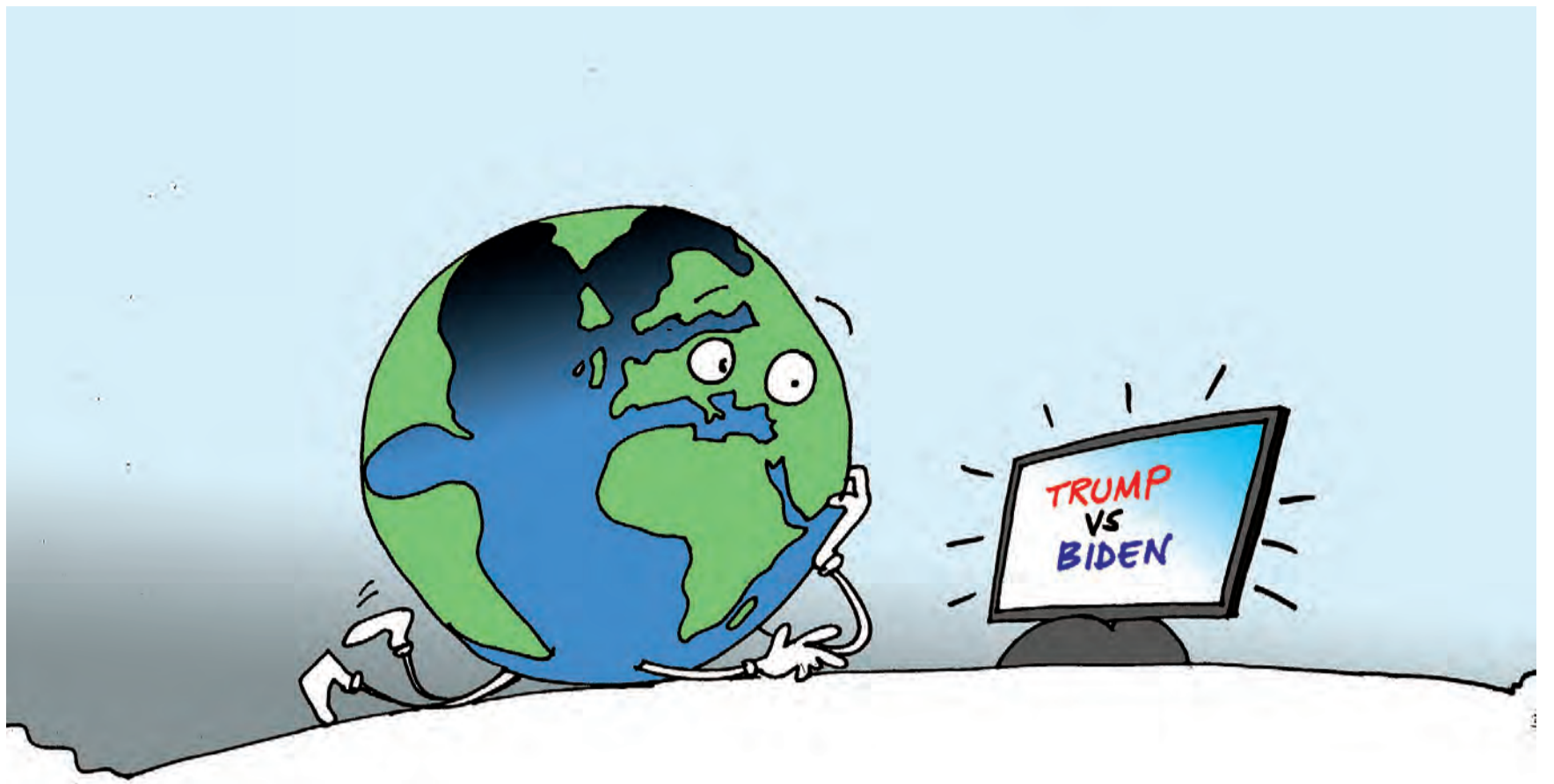
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## America's war against African leadership of international bodies

By Cletus Adole

TWO years ago, former US President Donald Trump was widely reported as describing Africa and some other developing regions of the world as "shithole countries". The statement generated myriad reactions across the world, many by Africans who expressed deep unhappiness at the sweeping, negative and tone-deaf characterization of millions of people. Though some tried to defend the description as factual and honest, the consensus was that the comments were unfair and disrespectful and very unhelpful to international cooperation and mutual co-existence.

Whatever may have been the former US President's intent, literal or metaphorical, there is now a real basis for concern with regard to current US policy and mindset towards Africans who are heading or competing for the leadership of international organizations. It is no exaggeration to say that the world's most influential superpower is averse to, in fact hostile to the idea of high achieving Africans leading multilateral organizations.

More and more, it seems that a core component of US foreign and economic policy is to ensure that Africans don't get into the top positions in such bodies and even if they manage to, invent reasons to frustrate them out of office. The "America first" anti-globalization, protectionist ideology which animates current US foreign and economic policy is shaking up the international structures and norms established after the second world war in unprecedented ways. In Africa, the impact of US policies is not only economic and political; it seems to have a decidedly racial element. Increasingly, it seems that high achieving Africans whose impressive track records have earned them respect of peers and stakeholders in their areas of specialization have not been forgiven for the crime of being citizens of "shithole countries". The evidence is piling up and cannot be denied.

The case of Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization also bears all the hallmarks of this deep-seated US hostility to Africans in multilateral organizations. The first African to hold the position, Tedros was endorsed by the African Union after serving as Minister of Health and Minister of Foreign Affairs. But in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, Washington has launched a blistering campaign designed to demonize and oust him. Trump administration has called the WHO a "puppet of China" under Tedros's leadership and accused the global organization of allowing the pandemic to spin out of control. It is also threatening to defund and pull out of organization.

Many of the US allegations against Tedros have been proven to be false. For



instance, the US government alleged that WHO "consistently ignored credible reports of the virus spreading in Wuhan in early December 2019 or even earlier, including reports from the Lancet medical journal".

But the editor of the respected publication, Richard Horton, has come out to debunk the claim, stating that "the Lancet did not publish any report in early December 2019 about a virus spreading in Wuhan. The first reports we published were from Chinese scientists on Jan 24, 2020." Many other allegations against Tedros betray the same sweeping, woolly, "get them by any means" charges that characterize the US government's campaigns against Africans at the helm of multilateral institutions.

This unofficial but trenchant anti-African mindset also recalls US hostility to the second term bid of the president of the African Development Bank, Dr Akinwunmi Adesina. Based on his solid first term performance, Adesina was the popular choice of the relevant decision-makers in the organization for a second term. But his independent spirit and insistence on the best interests of the continent were not pleasing to the current US administration.

Though comprehensively cleared by the bank's Ethics Committee of spurious allegations made by some anonymous whistleblowers, the US did its best to get him out of office in disgrace. Deploying its powers as the Bank's largest non-African shareholder, the US backed the whistleblowers position that the Ethics Committee did not have the capacity to conduct an independent investigation. Expressing "deep reservations about

regions and different levels of economic development.

By any measure, Okonjo-Iweala has earned the right to head the organization which operates the global system of trade rules, acts as a forum for negotiating trade agreements and settles trade disputes between members - functions that are ever more critical as the world battles the negative impact of protectionism and the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic.

But in a move that is as arbitrary as it is illogical, the US has announced its opposition to Okonjo-Iweala's emergence as DG, ostensibly because the Trump administration is dissatisfied with the electoral procedures - even though the US and other WTO countries had agreed on the same procedures before the commencement of the process. Not surprisingly, many member countries have come out strongly against the American position which is seen as arrogant and disrespectful of the consensus position of member countries. Many international experts also consider the statement by the US Trade Secretary that Myung-hee "has all the skills necessary to be an effective leader of the organization" as an after thought.

The idea that Okonjo-Iweala does not have trade skills as the Americans implied defies belief. Without taking anything away from the esteemed lady from Korea, the leadership skills, technical knowledge and experience of Okonjo-Iweala in many areas, including trade, are beyond doubt as anyone who looks at her resume can see. Additionally, the suggestion that the countries and regions who backed Okonjo-Iweala are ignorant of the mandate of WTO and the qualification requirements for prospective director-general simply doesn't make sense. Perhaps most important, the robustly-expressed democratic choice anchored on time-tested, institutionally-certified processes should be more important than the opinion of one member, however influential.

The US objection to the emergence of Okonjo-Iweala as Director-General of the WTO is undemocratic and indefensible. It flies against logic, the clear facts and justice. It is thus gratifying that the majority member-countries from the global north and south who voted for her have come out to defend the winning candidate and the integrity of the rigorous process that produced her victory. Their decision to ignore the untenable American position and proceed with the General Council session on November 9 which will formally put forward Okonjo-Iweala as head of WTO is the right step.

America's efforts to deny a better qualified and legitimately elected candidate who happens to be a dual citizen of the US and Nigeria the opportunity to head the organization is a travesty which should not be allowed to stand.



# Beyond borders: Urgent action needed to save migratory birds

By Alex Ngari

AROUND the world, migratory birds provide immeasurable value to the environment. From pollination, to controlling pests, to food sources for other wildlife species, migratory birds accord many benefits to nature and people. Many migratory species form a must-see-list of many birdwatchers with avitourism contributing billions of dollars per year to national economies.

Every year, the world celebrates World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) in May and October to raise awareness on these birds, which travel thousands of kilometres across continents in search of suitable feeding and breeding conditions. This Year's WMBD theme "Birds Connect Our World" highlights the importance of conserving the ecological connectivity and integrity of ecosystems that are essential for migratory birds. Migratory birds are increasingly under threat from habitat loss and degradation. Unsustainable land-use changes in various ecosystems including grasslands, forests and wetlands is affecting these birds. Other threats include taking of birds from the wild and trade. All these threats are exacerbated by the effects of climate change.

Arguably, one of the biggest threats facing migratory birds today is the increase in energy infrastructure developments. These include wind turbines and powerlines, which kills millions of migratory birds every year. Africa, is witnessing increased renewable energy developments, and substantial number of the projects are located in areas of high significant value. Some are situated within landscapes and corridors important for migratory birds. Poor deployment leads to negative interaction between birds and energy infrastructure, which results to infrastructure and power utilities suffering significant losses through power outages or expensive maintenance costs. Eventually, the high cost of running such infrastructure is passed on to consumers through high electricity bills.

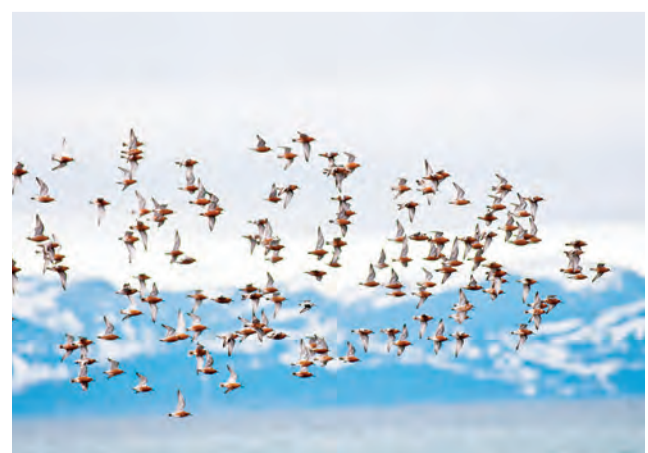
Clearly, the planning, generation, transmission and distribution of power needs to consciously and deliberately take biodiversity matters into account. This approach calls for a close collaboration between policy makers, conservation bodies, power utilities and other private sector entities. Luckily, there are means and approaches plus tested tools that can be harnessed to build environmental sustainability within energy policies, plans, programmes and projects. These measures should be mainstreamed at early stages of energy developments.

At the planning stage, there is need to develop Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) to inform decision makers on the suitability of various landscapes at the relevant scale. At instances where SEA is not developed, then undertaking Sensitivity Mapping becomes instrumental in helping make critical decisions.

For power generation, development of standards and guidelines usable at scale for various technologies to help pre-empt biodiversity and economic losses is key. Measures such as undertaking pre- and post-construction surveys protocols are very important. The surveys are very important in informing where the dangers are expected to occur and helping in continued improvement of any installed mitigation measures. For example, the Shut Down on Demand (SHOD) for wind farms is being piloted in Africa to address collision risks. This has been used in Egypt at the Gabal-el Zayt wind farm. A staggering 400,000 migratory bird individuals from 41 species has been recorded within the wind farm during spring migration alone. To mitigate collision threat posed to the birds, BirdLife and partners developed a SHOD protocol. Application of SHOD has helped to avert massive bird mortalities and without significant power losses for the wind farm.

At the transmission and distribution phase, many vulnerable migrants are killed as a result of collision or electrocution from powerlines. There is then need to design nature-friendly powerlines infrastructure and routing that considers migratory corridors and important sites or habitats for the birds. Stakeholders should come up with standards and guidelines to support improvement of safeguards in the existing problematic infrastructure and to make new ones friendlier to nature. Additionally, stakeholders in both conservation and energy sectors should team up to find lasting solutions to this problem. For instance, at Port Sudan, a 31-km long powerline constructed in the 1950s, and estimated to have killed thousands of long distance migratory Egyptian Vultures was replaced with an insulated one in 2013. This was as a result of intervention by BirdLife and other stakeholders including government agencies thus averting further deaths.

As we celebrate World Migratory Bird Day, it is imperative to redouble efforts to safeguard migratory birds against unsustainable developments. Migratory "Birds Connect Our World" through their epic journeys; they know no borders. Our effort to save them should go beyond borders to achieve a win-win for human development and nature.



## Terms of Reference for Tender Application

### Terms of Reference for Technical Editing and designing and printing of AMDT's knowledge products.

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**Background to the assignment**  
AMDT program has been operational for several years and there have been many lessons learnt from the interventions including specific case studies. There are several good reports that are coming from the market Facilitators or markets - these reports would be best shared to other stakeholders for learning and improving programming. It is for this purpose that AMDT now seeks the services of a professional who will artfully review and professionally edit documents such as annual report, case studies etc and advise the Trust on the best design and printing options to meet the needs of the intended/targeted audience namely, Funders, Government Officials, other stake holders within the value chains that AMDT is operating etc..

**1. Objective of the Assignment and Scope**  
The objective is to ensure that AMDT produces a quality publication that is comprehensive, easy to read and consistent with the AMDT standards.

**2. Specific Objectives**  
The specific objectives are  
(i) Review AMDT reports for public use – these reports include – case studies, policy brief, stakeholders workshop reports, annual reports and any other reports, documents or writeups targeting the general public.  
(ii) Translate documents from English to Swahili / Swahili to English  
(iii) Supporting the AMDT Communication Officer with Designing and Printing of various knowledge products To achieve these objectives the following tasks will be conducted by the consultants.  
i. Filter out and review any ambiguous statements that are likely to be misinterpreted and result to some political, social, or religious discomfort among segments of the population  
ii. Proofread all technical and non technical reports, notes, briefs to ensure accuracy and remove redundant words or sentences  
iii. Reformulate phrases to make them concise for non-technical persons and the public to understand  
iv. Prepare illustrations and graphics to enhance comprehension of the narrative presented  
v. Work with AMDT to properly brand the final product based on AMDT branding protocols.  
vi. Work closely with AMDT management to identify human interest stories resulting from the 2017/2020 (or any other period) implementation.  
vii. Translate documents from English to Swahili / Swahili to English  
viii. Undertake Editing, Designing and guidance on Printing of various knowledge products

**3. Deliverables**  
• Presentation of the documents design sample to the management for review.  
• Soft copy of professionally edited (Summarized) reports, case studies, policy briefs etc public uses/  
• Translated documents from English to Swahili and/or Swahili to English  
• Presentation of the final printed and binded documents to the Management.  
• Complete and updated list of potential printers/producers

**4. Reporting and ownership**  
The consultant will report to the AMDT Acting Technical Director and should seek specific guidance from the Senior Strategic Communications Officer in all aspects of this work. The consultant will work closely with AMDT's, HoO and the entire AMDT team.

**5. Key Qualification and Experience**  
• Demonstrated experience in development programming and Communications, professional drafting, editing, and abridging popular versions of reports for publishing  
• Excellent writing skills in English, and proven analytical skills and ability to synthesize findings from diverse materials and sources.  
• Familiar with Market Systems Development (MSD/M4P) and inclusive programming or approaches with respect to women, youth, and vulnerable programming like that undertaken by AMDT  
• Ability to synthesize complex documents into understandable reports.

**6. Time Frame**  
The contract will be for Seven Months, starting December 2020 concluding June 2021, and payment will be agreed and paid on a per job / task based depending on documents/ workload availed for consolidating, editing, abridging, and translating. The contractual fee will be aligned with the AMDT procurement manual.

**7. How to Apply**  
Interested individuals should submit their electronic copy of their applications with both technical and financial proposal (principally to demonstrate knowledge, skills, experience and current fee rate) to [procurement@amdt.co.tz](mailto:procurement@amdt.co.tz) by **20th November 2020 at 16:00 hours**. In case of hard copy submissions, the applicant must indicate on the envelope "Proposal to undertake development of case studies for both sunflower and Maize Value chain" and send to the following address by **16.00 hours on 20th November 2020;**

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The proposal should be short concise, specific, and complete but demonstrating capabilities and expertise with respect to achieving the objectives and expected results of the engagement. AMDT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted. AMDT also reserves the right to amend the contract to provide for additional or refocused services during the contract. Only successful consultant will be notified.

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### Terms of Reference for Development of Case Studies on both Sunflower and Maize Value Chains under AMDT

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AMDT Interventions in Maize and Sunflower value chains have led to array of results within the different market systems and there are outputs and outcomes amongst different actors and stakeholders including direct and indirect beneficiaries. The trust believes that the results-positive- with large potential outcomes need to be captured, documented, and shared for scaling out by other stakeholders and programs. Equally, the Trust would also like to capture, document results that may not have achieved the intended results so that these can inform future programming and allow for a better design that others can learn from.

**About the Maize Value Chain**  
The overall AMDT objective for the maize component is to increase the incomes of at least 150,000 smallholder farmers by 50% by the end of 2021. To achieve this, AMDT facilitated pro-poor systemic changes in selected market systems within the value chain. AMDT targets women who are in farming and in small-scale processing, as well as youth who are employed as wage laborers in various nodes of the value chains such as farming, processing, and retail and distribution channels. Between the year 2018 and 2019, AMDT implemented maize interventions in Mbeya, Iringa, Ruvuma, Rukwa, Songwe, Arusha and Manyara regions.

AMDT intervention in the Maize Value Chain was informed by a Market system analysis

which identified several systemic constraints including (i) Inadequate collaboration of suppliers and limited Government control on Counterfeit products (ii) Ineffective promotion of storage technologies coupled with inadequate financing (iii) Failure to collaborate among value chain actors (iv) limitation on financial services to smallholder farmers (v) Extension services being inadequately linked to the market and public sector based (vi) weak technology transfer in PHM (vii) Poor rural agriculture practices linked to inadequate business models and capacity.

**About Sunflower Value Chain**  
AMDT has been supporting the sunflower value chain since 2017 starting with an Inception Phase for one year and a pilot phase which commenced in January 2018 to December 2020. AMDT's interventions in the sunflower value Chain were implemented in 11 regions which were Dodoma, Mbeya, Rukwa, Katavi, Songwe, Singida Lindi, Mtwara, Manyara, Iringa and Njombe. AMDT strategic objective for the Sunflower value chain was to increase the incomes of at least 150,000 smallholder farmers by 50% by the end of 2020. To achieve this, AMDT facilitated pro-poor systemic changes in selected markets systems within the value chain, specifically the seed market, the core market where there is weak collaboration, and selected service markets (especially for finance, agricultural advisory services, BDS, technology, and climate smart technologies). More specifically, AMDT targeted women who are farming and in small-scale processing, as well as youth who are employed as wage laborers in farming, processing, retail and distribution channels of the value chain. It is within this consideration that AMDT would like to engage the services of a competent firm/individual to capture and document the process and achievements/intermediate impacts of the projects interventions.

**1. Overall Objective of the Assignment and Scope**  
To share documented knowledge with stakeholders as part of promoting M4P/MSD best practices.

**2. Specific Objectives**

**Specific objectives include.**  
1. To capture the interventions and models that worked in transforming the two value chains  
2. Document testimonials from Local Government Officials, Beneficiaries (Women, Youth and Men) and Market Actors and other stakeholders on the outcomes of the models used in the specific value chain  
3. To synthesize and highlight the successes, lessons, opportunities, and gaps in the two value chains around inclusivity of the women and youths

**3. Scope of Work**  
The Consultant is expected to carry out the following:  
• Interview selected stakeholders who will include direct beneficiaries, project staff (Cofac's), Market Actors, LGA staff, members  
• Collect and review various reports, testimonials, pictures etc  
• Document the design, process of the specific intervention, area and eventual result  
• Synthesize the information, corroborate and compile  
• Identify and follow through youth and women experiences in specific market systems of the program so as to capture the results of their interventions and/or engagement in Maize or Sunflower Value Chain  
• Comprehend information gathered and draft the specific case study linked to a market system  
• Make a presentation of the final documents to stakeholders for feedback

**4. Deliverables**  
• Inception report with final and agreed upon methodology, work plan, and timeline  
• Draft and final case study reports (at least 6 for maize VC and 16 for Sunflower VC). Each Case study should not be more than 4 pages (texts and pictures). Among the 24 case studies at least six should solely focus specifically on women and young people (below 25 both women and men) on how they have been impacted (it can be negatively or positively) by AMDT intervention in the specific Market system  
• PowerPoint presentation

**5. Key Qualification and Experience**  
This task will require a consultant who should have the following key qualifications and experience:  
• Knowledge and experience in writing for impact, conducting case study research, and participatory methodologies and approaches for implementing partners;  
• Experience in private sector development issues and M4P approach to development;  
• Knowledge in the DCED results measurement standards  
• Familiarity with M4P Approaches and/or other relevant development frameworks in Tanzania is a plus;  
• Knowledge of key policy issues within the Maize and Sunflower in Tanzania is a plus;  
• Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English, including good editing skills and strong attention to detail;  
• Experience in facilitating FGDs, informative interviews, and knowledge of ethical interviewing methodologies including investigative journalism.  
• Excellent time management skills and ability to meet deadlines.

**6. Time Frame**  
This assignment is expected to be completed within one (1) month after signing of the contract. The assignment is not expected to exceed more than 30 working days, though time has been provided for feedback and adjustments between the consultant and AMDT Management

**7. How to Apply**  
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### Terms of Reference for Consultancy to undertake an end line study for Sunflower Value Chain

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This represented a 90% outreach achievement. Of these 19,468 were engaged in contracts with processors to supply grain for the 2017/18 season. Based on lessons learnt from the performance of the inception phase by the nine partners, the program made a decision to drop some projects and remained with only six institutions but seven projects in the pilot phase. By the end of the FY 2019-2020, the overall outreach to Smallholder farmers and MSMEs had reached over 120,000 out of which 87,000 have fully engaged relationships with the market actors thus providing an impression of

potential sustainability.

**Background**  
The baseline study on Sunflower value chain was conducted in nine regions of Tanzania between the months of July 2018 and September 2018. Overall, 960 farming households were sampled and selected for the survey, of which only 890 were reached during data collection yielding a household response rate of 92.7 percent. An end-line study is planned to be conducted on a similar sample and size to determine the effect of AMDT Interventions in the Regions.

**1. Objective of the Assignment**  
The objective for this endline survey is to assess the performance of the Sunflower Value Chain and resultant changes after a three year intervention.

**2. Specific Objectives**  
I. To determine, quantitatively and qualitatively, the current situation of the indicators in relation to the objective and expected results of the project and the baseline situation.  
II. To collect information which will be used to update and compare baseline data  
III. To collect information and learnings which will support AMDT in the development of phase two

**3. Scope of Work**  
The survey will assess and determine the changes in various parameters and qualitative and behavioral changes amongst the actors and stakeholders along the sunflower value chain and will include but not limited to the below:

**Business Models**  
I. Are there businesses adopting new practices and behavior?  
II. Extent to which the models piloted by AMDT and actors helped the productive poor smallholder farmers to access various products and services (seeds, inputs and output markets, insurance, technologies, machinery)?  
III. No of new or improved business models benefiting productive poor piloted as a result of AMDT intervention (segregated by type of model)  
IV. Are there any MSMEs who are beneficiaries of AMDT reporting improved productivity or competitiveness in the market systems? Determine improvement in percentile  
V. What are the new technologies that have been made available as a result of AMDT interventions?  
VI. The extent to which the piloted models are inclusive to women, young men and women both as productive poor and as MSMEs in their own right  
VII. Determine number of knowledge products targeting productive poor; AMDT partners and other agricultural stakeholders through research papers; extension information papers, media progress, articles etc  
VIII. Number of networks established as a result of AMDT

**The Small Holder Farmers**  
IX. Determine the number and location of SHF who have actually benefited from AMDT interventions and how? (disaggregated by sex and age)  
X. % of AMDT beneficiaries with access to productive assets and services critical for performance of their enterprises (disaggregated by sex and age and type of productive assets)  
XI. % of productive poor linked with providers of key services and productive assets (disaggregated by sex and age)  
XII. Is there an increase in income among SHF and MSMEs? Determine the extent of increase or decrease  
XIII. Extent of income opportunities (from self or wage employment) that can be sustainably accessed by productive poor and can be attributed to the AMDT interventions  
XIV. # of new or improved services and productive assets available for productive poor (segregated by type of productive assets)  
XV. % of productive poor linked with providers of key services and productive assets (disaggregated)

**Market Opportunities**  
I. Number and type of new markets (input and end markets) opportunities that have been created as a result of AMDT interventions  
II. What new rules or functions have been introduced or adopted in the market systems as a result of AMDT interventions  
III. How farmers (women, men, young men and women) access information on markets, extension services and weather etc?  
IV. What new services are now accessed by the productive poor  
V. Are there new or improved services and productive assets available for productive poor (segregated by type of productive assets)  
VI. Are there new climate-smart practices and technologies made available to the productive poor (segregated by type of technologies)  
VII. Number of innovative business solutions targeting constraints specifically faced by women and/or youth.  
VIII. Number of AMDT and partner staff trained on M4P- disaggregated by sex  
Business Reforms  
I. Determine number of key business impeding issues identified by the stakeholders  
II. Are there pro-poor business reforms adopted and sustained by stakeholders (state and non-state actors) in the targeted market systems  
III. # of pre-identified critical regulatory issues adopted by advocacy organizations  
IV. # of critical issues impeding women and youth participation in select markets adopted by advocacy organizations

**4. Methodology**  
It is expected that the consultant will propose a detailed approach and methodology. However, it is believed that the survey will use a mixed method and approach consisting of both qualitative and quantitative data collections. The consultant is required to make extensive use of the available monitoring and evaluation data including the baseline and quarterly reports, outcome survey report in addition to undertaking direct observation and interview. The consultant is also required to refer to AMDT's key documents including the AMDT strategy, The Sunflower Market System Analysis, Sunflower Intervention Strategy, The Gender integration and Youth Inclusion Strategy, and the BEE Strategy.

**5. Deliverables**  
The consultant is, expected to lead, accomplish, and submit the following deliverables within the agreed timeframe and budget:  
I. An inception report, which will serve as an agreement between parties on how the evaluation will be, conducted. Items to address.  
II. A max 35-page draft and final survey report submitted in English. (in MS Office and PDF for final), excluding annexes  
III. Power Point presentation of preliminary findings to AMDT

**6. Time Frame**  
This assignment is expected to be completed within 30 days and not more than 35 calendar days after signing of the contract.

**7. Who can apply**  
• Any capable institution registered in Tanzania; Private or not-for-profit, public, or individual consultants who is duly registered to undertake such an assignment with a presence in Tanzania apply. A consortium of institutions is also welcome.  
• A minimum of 10 years' experience on qualitative and quantitative research; clear understanding on research methodology and experiences on using different social research tools and techniques., preferably in the Agriculture sector;  
• experiences of having conducted evaluations in agricultural value chains preferably in Tanzania;  
• Interested organization(s) who can provide evidence and share relevant and specified details of work/assignments undertaken in the agricultural Sector in the last 5 years, in Tanzania.  
• Interested organization(s) in provision of evidence demonstrating that they have the required ability and relevant experience (minimum 4 years) to design and implement the program.

**8. How to Apply**  
Submit technical and financial proposal including CV's of proposed consultants, workplan, profile and capability statement.

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# There is still life in central region wine processing industry

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

**W**INE processing in the central region is inching upwards following an influx of wine processing investments, a welcome development offering grape farmers an assured and expanding market for their produce.

Data from the regional administration indicates that there are 1,696 farmers cultivating table and wine grapes in 25 villages of Chamwino, Bahi districts and the Dodoma city agglomeration, with annual production reaching 10,052 tonnes.

To date, Dodoma remains the country's leading grapes hub, producing prestigious wine grapes varieties, including Makutupora Reds, Black Rose, Alphonse Lavalle, Malagha Crevein, Muscat Humbert and Haliy Belly.

The mushrooming wine industries in the central zone corridor, attracting investments into grapes cultivation, boost expectations of realizing an industrial economy in this part of the country.

Tully's Red is a new natural sweet red wine introduced into the country's wine market by Robbins Enterprises, also based in Dodoma.

With a short duration since its inception, the wine variety has received warm responses from wine enthusiasts across the country.

"Despite being a new product, the wine brand is competing highly against long-standing brands from within and outside the country," said Robbins Mwinula, founder and director of the company.

The robust factory started with seed capital of only 600,000/- but has witnessed impressive growth such that Tully's Red Wine has been certified by key authorities, including the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) and the Tanzania

Bureau of Standards (TBS).

"Sometimes back, I was on my way to Hombolo town from Dar es Salaam with intent to seek a vast tract of land to embark on cultivating grapes. But after arrived, I learnt there was greater opportunity and potential to invest in wine processing," Mwinula recalled.

To start with, he obtained two gallons of grape juice of 20liters each, got bottles from the Small Industrial Development Organization (SIDO) to start processing and packaging trials. At the time, 56 bottles of wine came up, locally packed into 10 cartons.

Aware Dodoma has a spate of wine industries, he opted to market his maiden products in Dar es Salaam.

"I personally went to Dar es Salaam where I walked to introduce and sell the wine at different bars at a price of 8000/- per bottle. Luck was on my side as I managed to sell the 10 cartons and even received orders to supply more cartons in several places," he elaborated.

He talked about consulting Archard Kato, an outstanding wine maker as to the market and trends for a new product and got positive encouragement.

After a few storms, he managed to shift from hand wine processing to technological processing, importing packaging facilities from overseas.

To ensure the plant produce best wines, he found it opportune to travel all the way to best wine producing countries like France and Italy to learn how to process best wines. He also sought out qualified food scientists to ensure best quality, he explained.

Wine processors in Dodoma rely on local wine grapes, hence requiring mutual understanding and cooperation between wine factories and farmers.

"We have developed a win-win working platform with many farmers through which we're purchasing grapes and grape juice on cash basis," he said, noting that the processors buy



the grapes at 1,200/- to 1,400/- per a kilogram, while a litre of grape juice fetches 5,000/-.

"Growing and taking good care for grapes is more technical and expensive. Farmers spend at least 10m/- to grow just one acre, and thus we're keen to assure the farmers are paid on time," he said.

With a rare blessed climate which allow grapes to be cultivated in two season in a year unlike most parts of the world, grapes produced in the region have high sugar content by comparison. In the past the demand for grapes was low and grapes decayed vineyards, but that has been reversed, he stated. Mwinula says there's great potential to invest in wine processing and farming grapes, despite a

number of challenges. He says Tanzania is second in Africa for producing grapes, which allows processing of wider varieties of wines, but local investors can't reap the fruits of this endowment due to a series of setbacks, he maintains.

He says the government must work harder to stamp out different forms of bureaucracy that continue to thwart local investors in wine processing.

He also suggested that the government start supporting local investors to expand and modernize their production capacity and quality of output as a strategic plan to ensure improved quality of local wines would enable Tanzanian wines penetrate international markets.

The government must continue reducing taxes on im-

ports of key packaging items, including bottles, so that local processors market their wines at affordable prices, lower than brands being imported from overseas, he further noted.

As the country's grapes and wine sole hub, Dodoma region now boasts three major wine plants—Aliko Vintage Co., Central Tanganyika Wine Co. (CETAWICO) and Dane Holding Co. (DHC), while five small-scale plants are found in various locations, run by farmers associations.

# Digital economy: What kinds of jobs can help fuel economic recovery and growth?

By Maryana Iskander and Evan Jones

**A**T least 3 million jobs have been lost this year and labour market participation by young adults has dropped a staggering 12 percentage points to just below 16%. If job losses persist, we will have lost a decade's worth of job growth in only six months.

As we look ahead to economic recovery and regrowth, what sectors should we prioritise for investment? It is clear that, despite the global recession, the digital economy continues to grow and requires digital and ICT skills to fuel its requirements.

To properly quantify the opportunities that digital jobs could create for young South Africans, Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator completed research that took a deep dive into understanding what the precise roles are needed by small and large businesses to enable their growth in the digital economy. The research identifies - in granular detail - what jobs and competencies are in high demand, as well as which specific certifications are most needed by businesses and employers.

The fieldwork for this survey was conducted at a time of sudden, unexpected and extraordinary change brought on by the global Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, all 102 small, medium and large South African enterprises that participated in the survey, agreed unanimously that they are facing workplace challenges that have never been seen before. Businesses are changing how they work, which has resulted in greater skills, talent and hiring challenges.

The first big insight from the research is reconfirmation that the market for digitised services is growing, despite the economic shocks of the Covid-19 pandemic. The South Africa in the Digital Age (SADA) initiative issued a roadmap for how the country's 50,000 jobs serving a global export market can be scaled up 10 times to 500,000 new jobs by 2030 as the trade of digitised services requiring human capacity for expanding global growth increases.

The challenge and opportunity is how to grab more of that global market share for South Africa. Currently, over two-thirds of



South African firms surveyed outsource their digital work to other countries. This translates to an estimated lost export revenue of about R8.5-billion per annum. The question of how to "re-shore" this work back to South Africa and provide jobs for young South Africans is what the research explored. If the enabling environment for re-shoring was in place - along with a skills pipeline of the right capabilities - we can see line of sight to generate an estimated 66,000 jobs, 67% of which are entry-level roles, along with much-needed tax revenue and foreign direct investment.

But what kinds of skills exactly? The research asked in painstaking detail exactly what kind of skills and certifications are needed to help businesses grow and hire. It shows that the most in-demand jobs right now include desktop support technicians,

junior software developers, and data analysts. Over the next five years, as businesses project what they will need more of, machine learning and data management skills will grow in importance.

Pathways into these and other digital roles need to be cheaper, quicker and more inclusive. Traditionally, these jobs have required individuals to have years of formal training, degrees and extensive work experience, which excludes many young people due to the financial constraints associated with university education.

For these jobs to be accessible to young people, employers must use inclusive approaches to hiring that do not unnecessarily exclude applicants based on qualifications. For example, there is an assumption in hiring for digital and ICT talent that candidates must have a high proficiency in mathemat-

ics. However, Harambee has found that problem-solving and critical-thinking are better indicators of success to be a coder than numerical and verbal reasoning alone.

Employers must also shift their thinking about credentials. Micro-credentials offer subject-specific certifications for those who cannot access a full-length university degree. These shorter courses and ongoing continuous learning provide innovative and fast reskilling, and right skilling, in ways that also ensure businesses keep abreast of technology innovation.

Vendor-specific certifications are one form of micro-credentialing readily available to young people. Our research shows that the most in-demand vendor-specific certifications included Microsoft Azure Data Scientist and Developer, Google Cloud Developer and Amazon Web Ser-

vices Cloud Practitioner. By making these pathways more accessible to young people, real jobs are available on the other side of the training.

Additionally, the onboarding of young people must set them up for success in the workplace. Through our work, we have found that employers don't always have the experience or management capacity to integrate entry-level talent into the workplace successfully. Unemployed youth may need a stepping-stone experience to become proficient contributing members of the workplace.

Many organisations provide solutions to upskilling young people for digital jobs such as WeThinkCode, CapaCiti, Tshimologong Digital Skills Academy and Explore Data Science Academy. Harambee has also launched a digital jobs incubator in Cape Town called Digilink to transition unemployed young people into jobs as software testers by doing real work for real clients under the guidance of experienced mentors.

All of these models provide pathways for excluded youth to find a way into the digital economy.

Young South Africans can contribute significantly to the economic growth and development of South Africa's digital economy. But businesses need to be realistic and open-minded to hire problem-solvers and creative thinkers, along with qualified tech-heads.

They should place more focus on the attributes, aptitude, cognitive abilities and emotional intelligence of entry-level workers in addition to degrees and diplomas. Public-private partnerships are necessary to build digital-skilling solutions that provide experiential learning for high demand roles and address unemployment with sustainable talent pipelines. We see a real opportunity for government and industry stakeholders to realign the digital skills ecosystem to be much more connected to the jobs in need.

# African leaders welcome Biden's US election win

JOHANNESBURG

AFRICAN leaders have welcomed the incoming US president on his electoral victory, expressing hope that Joe Biden's win will boost trade and other relations between the continent and the US.

"We congratulate President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris and the American people on your election. We look forward to working with you and deepening our bonds of friendship and cooperation," South African President Cyril Ramaphosa wrote on Twitter late Saturday.

Biden, 77, defeated incumbent Donald Trump Saturday, making him the first former vice president to win the Oval Office since George H. W. Bush, who won in 1988 after eight years under Ronald Reagan.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari also congratulated Biden "on his election at a time of uncertainty and fear in world affairs."

"President-Elect Biden's remarkable track record gives us hope that he will add value to the presidency and world affairs. We look forward to greater cooperation between Nigeria and the United States, especially at economic, diplo-

matic, political, and security levels," Buhari tweeted.

Also Zimbabwe President Emmerson Mnangagwa offered his "huge congratulations" to Biden and wished success in leading the American people and growing cooperation between the two nations.

Zimbabwe has been facing the US and EU sanctions for years over rights abuses and irregular elections during the leadership of late President Robert Mugabe. Zimbabweans now hope the new US administration might lift the sanctions, allowing it to benefit from trade deals and interna-

national assistance.

In his congratulatory message, President Macky Sall of Senegal said his country looks forward to continuing its excellent relations of friendship and cooperation with the US.

Gabon President Ali Bongo Ondimba also took to Twitter to congratulate US president-elect and vice president-elect over election win. "Our countries have always been staunch allies," Ondimba said, adding that he is looking forward to growing the bilateral relations much stronger.

Relations between the US and some African countries have not been at their best un-

der incumbent Donald Trump, with experts hoping the new administration might bring in hope.

Experts say Trump ignored Africa for much of his rule, occasionally blasting its leaders. They hope Biden could adopt policies that would restore cooperative links that prevailed under the Obama administration with the continent and the rest of the world.

The Sierra Leone president joined his counterparts to congratulate the "historic" win of Biden.

"Sierra Leone looks forward to a more strengthened relationship," said Julius Maada

Bio.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also congratulated Biden and Harris on their "historic" election win. "Ethiopia looks forward to working closely with you," Abiy said.

Relations between Ethiopia and the US have been at its lowest recently.

The Trump administration announced blocking a \$130 million aid that had been earmarked to support Ethiopia's defense and anti-terrorism efforts.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo signed the cut in aid, ostensibly to build pressure on Ethiopia, a rugged landlocked

country in the Horn of Africa.

Trump was noticeably irked by Ethiopia's withdrawal from Washington-sponsored Nile Dam talks late February after his administration came up with a document for signing, which Ethiopia rejected saying it favors the interest of Egypt. Sudan also did not sign that agreement.

African Union Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat also sent his congratulatory message. "The AU Commission looks forward to a new, stronger US-Africa relations based on mutual respect and shared values of international cooperation."

## British-Tanzanian charitable agency says mapping has saved 3,000 girls from FGM

By Special Correspondent

AN innovative mapping project has helped save more than 3,000 girls from female genital mutilation (FGM) in the five years since volunteers began using it, a British-Tanzanian charity has said.

Teenagers, sometimes barefoot in their rush to escape being cut, have been successfully rescued by teams using volunteer-created maps for vast rural expanses of the East African country which were previously unmapped.

Crowd2Map, which was set up five years ago this month by London woman Janet Chapman, has added nearly five million buildings in Tanzania to previously blank areas on OpenStreetMap.

It works by volunteers - more than 14,000 to date from around the world - adding roads and buildings from satellite images while locals on the ground in Tanzania input their knowledge.

FGM, the intentional altering or injuring of the female genitals for non-medical reasons, is against the law there on under-18s but continues to happen in many villages.

Chapman, chair of the Tanzania Development Trust (TDT), said activists will generally get a phone call in the middle of the night saying girls are about to be cut in a particular village.

She said: "Together with the police gender desk and social welfare, they go and rescue the girls and bring them

back to the safe house.

"Previously there were no maps meaning it was often hard to find these girls in time. Now they (activists) can use their phones to navigate offline, to find them quickly."

Better maps helped prevent some 2,257 girls from being cut in 2016. Since 2017, some 945 girls have come to safe houses fleeing FGM, she said.

Since the beginning of last year, it is estimated that better maps have helped prevent 1,170 more girls from being cut. This comes after "digital champions" - local volunteers who alert activists to when a cutting or other gender-based violence is happening - were trained up to work in all 87 villages of Serengeti District.

The victims, mostly adolescents with an average age of 14, are often "very scared" after their ordeals, more than 30% have health issues, 90% need counselling and almost a quarter (23%) have never been to school, Chapman said.

FGM survivor and activist Rhobi Samwelly set up the project Hope for Girls and Women which aims to provide safe houses as refuge and a place for education.

She also trains the digital volunteers, most of whom are first-time smartphone users.

Samwelly, who has previously addressed MPs and the United Nations on the issue of FGM and is TDT's representative for Mara Region, said: "At Hope we are so glad



FGM survivor and activist Rhobi Samwelly with local volunteers in a Tanzanian village using open source mapping to quickly reach girls at risk of being subjected to the cut.

for the Crowd2Map project. It has helped us a lot and makes our work reaching villages and rescuing girls much easier.

"Also, girls now know the safe plac-

es in their village to flee to. We thank everyone involved in the project."

As well as helping support rights for girls and women, TDT - which is

celebrating its 45th anniversary this month and is an entirely volunteer-led organisation - works to improve education, livelihoods, and access to clean water for rural villages.

## Egyptian minister checks workflow at Nyerere Dam, hydropower station



By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

EGYPTIAN Minister of Housing Assem El-Gazzar and a group of business officials followed up on the workflow of a project to establish Tanzania's \$2.9 billion Julius Nyerere Dam and hydropower station on the Rufiji River, the ministry said in a statement.

The project comprises a main dam with a concrete body, and four other saddle dams to form a reservoir with a capacity to impound approximately 34 billion cubic meters of water.

The dam, with a length of 1,025 metres and a height of 131 metres, is being built by a consortium of Egyptian companies, the Arab Contractors and Elsewedy Electric.

Also, the hydropower station has been under construction since 2019 and is projected to produce 2,115 megawatts

of power.

Gazzar said Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi follows up on the workflow of the project on a regular basis.

He added that the visit comes within the framework of special relations between the two countries, and Egypt's keenness to implement this vital project that would provide electricity to the people of Tanzania, and help boost development rates.

Gazzar and the officials toured the project site, including a fully-drilled tunnel to divert the water of the river, the statement read; adding that it is expected that the diversion would be carried out during this month.

The officials also checked on three tunnels that carry water from the reservoir to the turbines, and the hydropower station that has nine turbines.

Gazzar hailed the workflow of the project, which started in December 2018, and stressed on the continuous cooperation between the Egyptian and Tanzanian sites to remove any obstacles facing the implementation process.

The minister was accompanied by the head of the Central Agency for Reconstruction Mahmoud Nassar, Arab Contractors CEO Sayed Farouk, Elsewedy Electric CEO Ahmed El-Sewedy, and other officials.

During the visit, Nassar said the project aims to contain the floods of the Rufiji river, generate electricity, and protect the environment.

Concerning the hydropower station, Nassar said it would be the largest in Tanzania, with a generation rate of 6,307 gigawatts per hour.

As many as 5,233 labourers are taking part in the project, including 526 Egyptians, 3,974 Tanzanians, and 733 workers from other countries, an Egyptian Cabinet statement read in September, after a meeting between Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly and a number of ministers.

"President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi has given directives to implement the project at the highest level of quality to showcase the Egyptian contracting sector's capabilities to complete major projects," Madbouly told officials at the meeting.

## FAO projects a decade of increased fish consumption, but Africa poses concerns

By Special Correspondent,

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations projects that global seafood consumption will reach a level of 21.5 kilogrammes per capita in 2030, and thereby maintain a year-on-year growth trend that has already spanned 60 years, with increased fisheries and aquaculture production and growing market demand fueling the rise.

According to the FAO's latest report "The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2020," also referred to as "SOFIA 2020,"

per capita food fish consumption grew from 9 kilogrammes (live weight equivalent) in 1961 to 20.5 kilogrammes in 2018, equating to around 1.5 per cent growth each year.

At the same time, since 1961, the average annual rise in global food fish consumption of 3.1 per cent has outpaced the population growth of 1.6 per cent, and exceeded the consumption escalation of all other animal protein foods (like beef, poultry, and milk), which increased by 2.1 per cent per annum.

SOFIA further highlights that in 2017, fish consumption accounted for 17 per cent of the world population's intake of animal proteins, and 7 per cent of all proteins consumed.

As such, the FAO calculates that fish provided more than 3.3 billion people with 20 per cent of their average per-capita intake of animal proteins, and in some cases - such as Bangladesh, Cambodia, the Gambia, Ghana, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, and several small island developing states - it contributed 50 per cent or more.

Despite persistent differences in the levels of fish consumption between regions and individual states, the report identifies some defining trends between

developed and developing nations. It finds that in developed countries, apparent fish consumption increased from 17.4 kilogrammes per capita in 1961 to peak at 26.4 kilogrammes per capita in 2007, and gradually declined thereafter to reach 24.4 kilogrammes in 2017.

In developing countries, though, apparent fish consumption significantly increased from 5.2 kilogrammes per capita in 1961 to 19.4 kilograms in 2017, at an average annual rate of 2.4 per cent.

Among these, the least-developed countries increased their consumption from 6.1 kilogrammes in 1961 to 12.6 kilogrammes in 2017, at an average annual rate of 1.3 per cent. This rate has increased significantly in the last 20 years, reaching 2.9 per cent per year, because of expanding fish production and imports.

In low-income food-deficit countries, fish consumption increased from 4 kilograms in 1961 to 9.3 kilogrammes in 2017, a stable annual rate of about 1.5 per cent.

Fast-forward to 2030 and the FAO's 2030 projection for the seafood landscape in a decade's time, it forecasts that world fish consumption will be 18 per cent or 28 million metric tons (MT) more than in 2018, although it notes that the annual growth rate of this consumption will be slower over the coming 10 years at 1.4 per cent, compared with 2.6 per cent for the period 2007 to 2018.

The slowdown will mainly be due to reduced production growth, higher prices, and a deceleration in population growth.

SOFIA further anticipates that about 71 per cent of the world's fish available for human consumption in 2030 - some

183 million MT - will be consumed in Asia, while the lowest quantities will be consumed in Oceania and Latin America.

Total food fish consumption is expected to increase in all regions and sub regions by 2030 in comparison with 2018, with higher growth rates projected in Latin America (33 per cent), Africa (27 per cent), Oceania (22 per cent), and Asia (19 per cent).

However, the world per capita consumption of fish paints a slightly different picture. Through 2030, this will increase in all regions except Africa, which will experience a decline of 3 per cent. The highest growth rates are projected for Asia (9 per cent), Europe (7 per cent), and Latin America and Oceania (6 per cent each).

In Africa, the per capita fish consumption is expected to decrease by 0.2 per cent per year up to 2030 - from 10 kilograms in 2018 to 9.8 kilogrammes in 2030.

The decline will be greater in sub-Saharan Africa, from 8.9 kilograms to 8.1 kilogrammes. SOFIA explains that the main reason for this drop is the growth of Africa's population is outpacing the growth in supply, with an expected 13 per cent increase in domestic production over the period 2019 - 2030 and increased fish imports unable to meet the region's growing demand.

The share of imports of fish for human consumption in total food fish supply is expected to grow from 37 per cent in 2018 to 40 per cent in 2030. But this increase, together with the expansion of aquaculture production (by 48 per cent in 2030 compared with 2018) and capture fisheries production (by 5 per cent), will only partially compensate for the population growth.

# Researchers, demonstration farms show cotton farmers how best to increase yields, limit costs

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

**T**HE government has been urged to increase funding to research institutes to encourage research on better technology to improve cotton production in the country, and disseminated to farmers and other stakeholders to expand production of the crop.

With improved technologies, farmers will be able to adopt good agricultural practices (GAP) which will boost cotton production and increase farmers' earnings.

Dr Everina Lukonge, a plant breeder with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) asserts that there is a need for addressing low cotton productivity as inadequate knowledge of improving cotton production and profitability by adoption and dissemination of recommended technologies.

Limited knowledge on cotton production, integrated management practices and low adoption of recommended cotton production technologies by farmers, inadequate extension services, lead to low cotton productivity.

Key methodological aspects used to improve production and profitability include training and demonstration plots established for capacity building through training farmers and extension staff on recommended practices to improve soil quality, enhance water usage, crop and pest management for good agronomic practices.

Cotton is produced in 17 regions and especially in the western cotton growing areas (WCGAs) and eastern cotton growing areas (ECGAs).

WCGA regions are Shinyanga, Simiyu, Mwanza, Mara, Geita, Tabora along with Singida, with 97-99 percent and the ECGA zone of Manyara, Morogoro, Coast, Tanga and Iringa produce 1-3 percent of the total cotton produced. There are spots in Kilimanjaro in Lower Moshi zone that grow cotton as well.

Cotton mainly grown by smallholder farmers harvest about 750 kg per hectare and supports the livelihood of about 18 million people by current figures, the researcher says.

A project, 'Improvement of cotton productivity and the cotton industry in Tanzania using improved production technologies' was conducted under the broad objective attaining good agriculture practices by farmers.

Dr Lukonge, the TARI director for research and innovation, said that the potential impact of the project was to adopt good agronomic practices and increase cotton production, productivity and profitability for cotton farmers.

Expected outcomes of the project include reducing poverty, improving livelihoods of cotton producers, availability of raw materials for textile industries and enhancing the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Limited use of agro-inputs including seeds, fertilizers and pesticides, while more than 70 percent of the farmers use hoes for tillage, and farming is rain-fed by 100 percent, with limited extension services.

The result is limited use of good agricultural practices, declining soil fertility, limited knowledge on costs and benefits in cotton production in the face of climate change, these being challenges limiting the progress of the sector.

Demonstration plots had data collected on labour utilization, costs of each operation, plant height and weed counts, the number of fruits per tree (bolls) and yield. Soil samples were collected from three districts in the ECGAs zone and analysis was conducted to establish nutrient requirements for each district.

About 24 advanced cotton materials were planted in the WCGAs and ECGAs in farmers' fields and farmers' assessment and selection input was done by farmers themselves.



In the laboratory, the 24 advanced cotton materials were tested for bacterial blight disease resistance. User friendly materials like leaflets, posters and training manuals for different technologies were developed.

"Through use of good agronomic practices there is a 500,000/- benefit per hectare," the study noted. The project funded by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) was implemented in Chato, Geita, Bukombe, Meatu, Igunga, Kilosa and Bagamoyo districts, supported by TARI centers (Ukiri, Ilonga, Mikoche) and the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM).

The training was done in class and in the field, seven demonstration plots were established in each district for field management practicals, to follow recommended cotton production technologies.

Farmers were able to record and keep their costs of production and revenue. From the study, two varieties performing above the control variety (UKM 08) for seed cotton by up to 12 per cent and 17 per cent, four percent above the control variety (UKM 08) for lint yields were released for commercialization. "Through capacity building and good agricultural practices, farmers can benefit much from cotton production. Continued capacity building to other districts not in the project is warranted," the study noted.

A total of 128 (93 male and 35 female) extension officers and 820 farmers (530 male and 290 female) were trained in the demonstration plots, with two varieties released, while 10 extension materials were developed and disseminated.

Demonstrations used to train farmers and extension staff on technologies include land prepara-

tion, planting, weeding, fertilizer rates, insect and disease identification and control.

About 24 advanced lines were verified for adaptability in seven districts in the WCGAs and ECGAs where four farmers were engaged per district to conduct the trials. Farm management was as per cotton production recommendations and farmers' assessment and selection was done.

Data collection and analysis for morphological information (in the field) and genetic information (in the laboratory) was done. In the farm business study, it was realized that costs per hectare without improved technologies was Tsh 487,500/ha in total costs while using improved technologies raise the costs to Tshs 840,000/ha.

Revenue without improved technologies was Tshs 637,500/ha which doubled with technologies to Tshs 1,211,250/ha. Farmers were able to record and to keep their costs of production and revenue through training.

Important traits were noticed in the 24 advanced cotton lines, six lines revealed to contain Bacterial blight resistance traits. Further, from three entries; first NTA93-4/82(0)2, second F-135/91(0)4 and third NTA 93-21/MZL56 (04)2-3 were tested for adaptability, yield, disease and insect pest and fiber quality characters.

The overall performance indicated that treatments NTA93-4/F-135/91(0)4 and NTA 93-21/MZL56 (04)2-3 were the best among advanced lines studied.

They performed better than the control variety (UKM 08) on seed cotton yield by 20 percent from seven percent. Similarly, these lines performed better than the control variety (UKM 08) on lint yields by 17 percent from 4 percent respectively. The quantity of fibre from the quantity of seed cotton after ginning (ginning outturn) was above 40 percent ranging from 42.7 (NTA93-21/MZL 56(04)2-3) to 44.9 percent (F135/91(0)4). Ten leaflets (4,000 copies) and six posters with various types of information were distributed to cotton farmers.

The training conducted to farmers and extension staff and

the demonstration plots established for each district had impacts on the cotton communities among villages involved in the project, where farmers are able to harvest up to 1200kg/ha of seed cotton.

Farmers and extension staff are now able to identify cotton diseases especially Fusarium wilt and Bacterial blight and insects pest especially bollworm, jassids and aphids with their control using cultural practices in the field and the use of insecticides.

"Also cotton field management using improved technologies bring success where cotton farmers are appreciating and benefiting from increased seed cotton yields by using fertilizers and reduced use of chemicals, by using IPM and ISFM techniques," the study underlined.

The two varieties (UK 171 and UK 173) were released and to date the cotton yields are higher with more than 10 percent increase compared to the commercial variety (UKM 08). The good agricultural practices technologies conducted under demonstration plots have been used as training fields for cotton farmers. Cotton farmers are now using farm business knowledge obtained from the training to keep their production costs low and raise profit from yields in cotton and other crops.

In the ECGAs farmers who were involved in the project are now applying fertilizer in cotton production, while from the 24 cotton advanced lines, the selected six lines that contained traits for Bacterial blight disease resistance are now used as parents for resistance to bacterial blight resistance development in the breeding programme for variety release.

The study concluded that with improved technologies, the benefit is Tshs 573,750 per ha compared to traditional way of farming. It is possible to increase income using Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in cotton production. From farmers' assessment results it was concluded that treatments F-135/91(0)4 and NTA93-4/82(0)2 were the best for the WCGAs.

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**WORD-FIT**

in this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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3 LETTERS: SAD, LAD, OLD  
4 LETTERS: ADAM, MULE MOOD, EVER, NINE, MENU, NANA  
5 LETTERS: NONOS, AVOID, LOUSE, EDEMA OZONE  
6 LETTERS: LISTEN, REGRET, DANGER, ASSURE NESTLE  
7 LETTERS: SEDUCED  
8 LETTERS: SELECTOR  
10 LETTERS: MANAGEMENT

**CROSSWORD**

1 a person who writes for newspapers  
2 a person who exploits others  
3 capable of producing much noise  
4 continuous free areas  
5 require something because its essential  
6 be extremely and uncritically fond of  
7 relating to the ear  
8 shaped like a cycle or cylinder  
9 Luanda is the Capital city  
10 plural form of man  
11 words in Kiswahili  
12 occurring once every year  
13 salary  
14 levels  
15 the fruit of the Oak  
16 colour  
17 a solid inorganic substance of natural occurrence  
18 a title to refer a married woman  
19 the condensed moisture of the atmosphere falling visibly in separate drops  
20 a stupid person  
tee shirt

**SOLUTIONS**

MONDAY SP  
OUGANDA  
SKILLNESS  
CENGLISH  
OMENOLA  
WCMAYOR  
SHAMAS  
WATERMASS  
SHADERAP  
HPRERMAIN  
DODOMA PD  
RAISRAREL  
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MWANZAA  
SNYSTAG  
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## BUSINESS

## ECO-FRIENDLY

## Finally, solar energy companies get waste disposal solution

## KIGALI

A recently launched intervention seeks to support solar home systems companies in Rwanda that decry high disposal cost hampering the efforts to collect and transport solar products waste to recycling companies.

A company is supposed to pay over Rwf500 per kilogramme of some solar products and Rwf150 per kilogramme of others depending on type of waste for their transport to recycling companies. For instance one local company had one tonne of solar products waste but disposal cost had been a challenge. However, the disposal cost could be reduced following the move to reduce it.

Energy Private Developers (EPD), an association bringing together all private companies operating in the energy sector in Rwanda and EnviroServe Rwanda, a public private partnership e-waste recycling facility in Bugesera District have launched a free-collection day of waste materials from all solar home systems companies working in Rwanda. According to Olivier Mbera, the General Manager of the recycling facility, the free-collection day-launched last Friday will be held every last Friday of the month.

"We signed a disposal agreement. Some solar equipment have a five-year life span and if not disposed of, they could pollute the environment and affect human health with their chemicals," he said. He said although the plant pays the disposal cost for some facilities that are still valuable and can still be reused, the companies incur the disposal cost of other products.

"We pay the cost of some products that still have value but companies can pay around Rwf200 per kg of some

solar product waste and Rwf1,000 per kg of lithium batteries. However with free-collection day, we will not be charging them. Also ordinary citizens do not pay disposal costs for the waste they collect and supply," he explained. He said that some equipment is dismantled and distributed for reuse.

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The recycling facility collected 300 tonnes of waste from solar products, in 2019 and this could increase to 400 tonnes in 2020. Projections indicate that the solar waste could increase to 1,200 tonnes in 2021 and 1,400 tonnes in 2022 as off-grid energy is scaled up. Solar waste takes 10 percent of between 3,000 tonnes and 4,000 tonnes of electronic waste generally collected per year.

Officials said that although 300 tonnes of solar products waste was collected last year, there was an estimated other 300 solar products waste that remain uncollected and end up intoxicating the environment.

Solange Mutezinka, the representative of Note Solar Lamp Company in Rwanda said that they target to build solar lamps factories and distribute the products but there they had no means of collection and disposal.



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## CRYPTO

## JSE to deploy blockchain-based investment platform

## JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's largest stock exchange, the JSE, said on Thursday that it has signed a deal with a company called Globacap Technology to create a blockchain-based private placements platform to allow small and medium-sized firms to raise capital.

The venture, the JSE said, will "enable the raising of infrastructure finance and allow small to medium-sized issuers to raise capital in South Africa". The commercial arrangement includes digital registry services and remains subject to licensing approval requirements.

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effectively and efficiently," the bourse said.

Globalcap, which is based in the UK, is a fintech company focused on "next-generation capital markets and digital registry services". Through its regulated private placement and capital management platform, it digitally administers about £1-billion of private shares and debt instruments for 60 companies.

The JSE will invest £4-million for a minority stake in Globacap, subject to approval from the Financial Conduct Authority in the UK. The investment, it said, is in line with its intention to build a long-term relationship with Globacap.

Globacap's platform provides fundraising management tools to automate private issuances in the equity and debt capital markets. It also offers second round liquidity capabilities that allow holders of equity or debt instruments to exit or syndicate their original investment, the JSE said. It offers a complementary digital registrar service, too, which digitises and simplifies the administration of shareholder registers.

Through the partnership, the JSE intends to replicate and adapt Globacap's offering across African markets, while reducing the execution risk of expanding into new markets and products. The investment will be funded from its existing cash reserves and is expected to be finalised in the first quarter of next year.

## OPTIMISM

## NSSF chief foresees bright future during Dr Magufuli's second term

By Francis Kajubi

**T**HE successful re-election of President John Magufuli signals a bright future for workers as their pension savings and remuneration will likely soar due to Treasury's decision to digitize government's payments system.

National Social Security Fund Director General, William Erio said last week soon after Dr Magufuli was sworn in for second term in Dodoma city that the fund has been transformed into digitalized structure through the use of Government Electronic Payment Gateway initiated by Ministry of Finance and Planning during his first five year tenure.

He said during the first five years of Dr Magufuli's administration, the GePG has enabled the NSSF to increase collections from its members while growing its net assets by 40 percent from 3.2trn/- in 2018 to 4.4trn/- by June, 2020.

"It has been two years since we started to use the system and



NSSF director general William Erio.

I must confess that it enabled us to improve performance. For the next five years, I pledge on behalf of NSSF employees to work diligently

and professionally to ensure that the fund grows in line with the president's vision and mission as the country moves past the lower middle income

status we achieved this year," Erio said.

"On behalf of the board of trustees, management and staff of NSSF, I would like to

assure the president that we will always stand by his side to ensure that the fund flourishes under his leadership," he added.

The Director General affirmed that NSSF is well organized in coordinating its services across the country by turning itself into a complete digitized entity that guarantees retirees in getting their dues on time.

"The fund is proud of its short-term success due to the good management and leadership under the board where one of the successes is the installation of GePG which has boosted monthly collections from approximately 60bn/- to 100bn/-," he noted. Erio admitted that the great success achieved by the NSSF during the period was due to the proper use of GePG as it has facilitated the growth of the Fund through bold transparency.



Azania Bank's agency banking supervisor, Emmanuel Ndege (R), presents a certificate to one of the agents, Candy Mcharo, who attended training organised by the bank in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo courtesy of Azania Bank.

## MARKETING

## CRDB Bank Plc goes on a street-by-street campaign to attract potential customers

By Guardian Reporter

**I**N order to speed up financial inclusion of the majority Tanzanians, CRDB Bank Plc has kick-started a campaign dubbed "Tupo mtaani kwako" that tracks potential customers from their streets.

CRDB's Chief Commercial Officer, Dr Joseph Wits said in Dar es Salaam during the weekend that the campaign will also allow the public to know and understand the various products and services being offered by the bank.

"As a truly Tanzanian bank we have an obligation to ensure that we more people have access to banking services and products which we offer. Through this street by street campaign we hope to recruit more Tanzanians to be CRDB customers so that they benefit from our services," Dr Wits said.

He pointed out that during the nationwide campaign, the bank will also sensitize the public on financial discipline, savings mobilization and accessing credit from banks to invest in profitable businesses.

"We have a fleet of cars that will move with our staff members across the streets of the country but we will also make use of our massive network of agents," he added while urging the public to make full use of the opportunities



CRDB Bank Plc's Chief Commercial Officer, Dr Joseph Wits (L), iflags off a fleet of vehicles to be used in a nationwide campaign dubbed 'Tupo mtaani kwako' aimed at mobilizing the public use to banking services such as opening personal accounts. It was at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

being offered by the bank. The campaign will also sensitize customers on use of the bank's digital plat-

forms such as CRDB Wakala, SimBanking, Internet banking and TemboCard use through ATMs. "We are

starting the campaign in Dar es Salaam, Coast and Zanzibar and later move to other regions of the country," Dr

Wits added. CRDB which is one of the top five big banks in the market with a network of 17,000 agents, over 200 physical branches and hundreds of automated teller machines.

Speaking during the same event, CRDB's Eastern Zone Manager, Badru Iddi urged the public to seize the opportunity being presented by the bank. "This campaign goes nationwide and will reach everyone hence we advise the public to make use of our products and services." Iddi said while stressing that the Dar es Salaam based lender has everything for everyone.

He said the bank which is also undertaking a campaign dubbed, 'Jipe Tano' has been offering millions of shillings in prizes to 240 winners daily who deposit or transact with CRDB. "I urge our customers to continue making use of our products and services," he noted.

## TARGET

# NBC backing govt on efforts to raise quality of education in the country

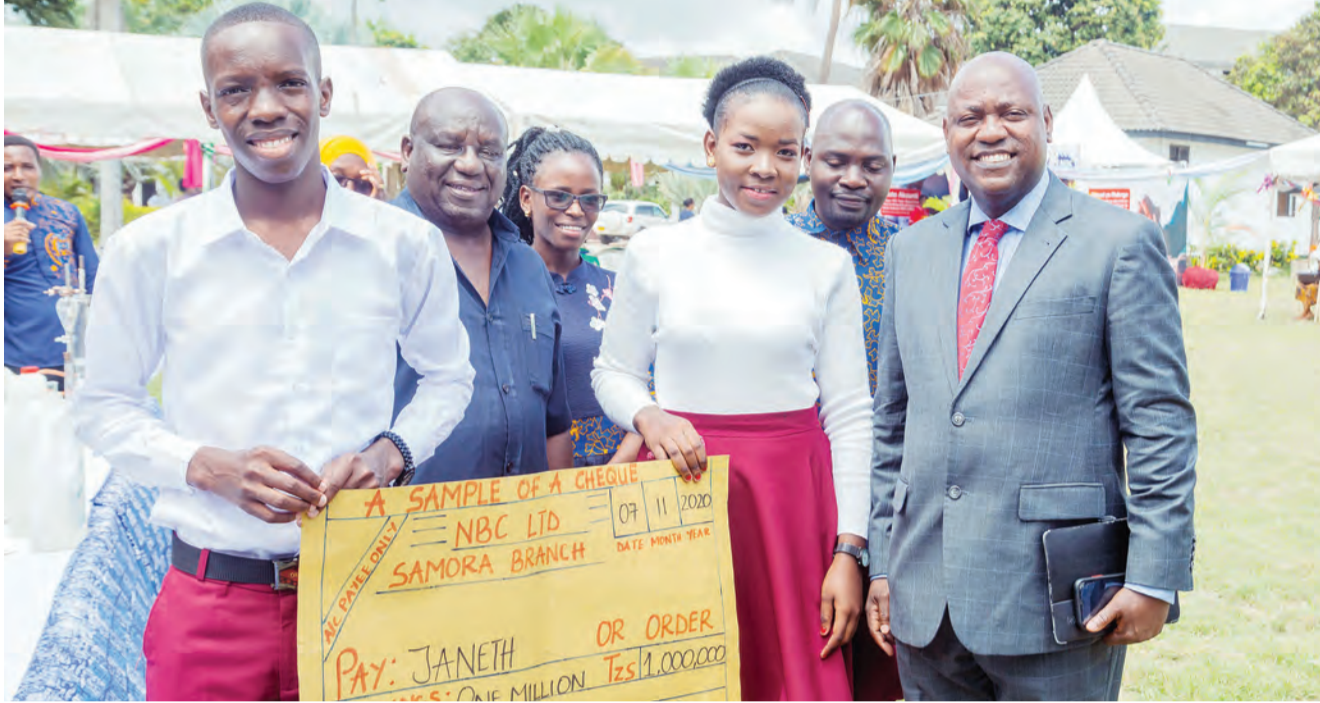
By Guardian Reporter

**I**N a bid to support government efforts to improve quality of education in public schools, National Bank of Commerce has allocated resources to that effect.

NBC's Managing Director, Theobald Sabi said in Dar es Salaam last week during the 11th graduation ceremony of Ghome Secondary School that the bank understand the need to invest in quality education that will benefit the majority low-income children.

Sabi said the bank has also designed products and services targeting the education sector naming its 'Chanua Saving Account' which allows parents save money for their children's school fees in advance.

"We have created products as part of a long-term plan for



Ghome Secondary School Form four leavers at displays a sample of cheque to NBC Bank managing director, Theobald Sabi (R) which they created recently as part of business practical learning.

parents who may encounter unfortunate situations that may affect children from

continuing with their education," Sabi said adding that the products enable

them continue to studying smoothly. He further noted that through Educare

or education insurance parents guarantee their children's future in case of death or incapacity to work. NBC also has a scholarship program for higher education whereby in the year 2019/20, a total of 63 students have benefited from the program which has opened opportunities towards accessing better education.

"We consider education as an important sector towards achieving national development plans, NBC has been investing in innovative products and services that will ensure reliable education is available to all," he said.

Speaking at the same ceremony, Headmaster for Ghome Secondary School, Ivon Mbieli said his school has distinguished itself by ensuring that students get better and applicable education that will in turn bring positive results to their families and the nation at large.

## DEBENTURE

## Airtel Africa to offload towers to reduce R55-billion in debt

JOHANNESBURG

Airtel Africa plans to sell about 4 500 telecommunication towers across five countries including Tanzania and Madagascar to help reduce US\$3.5-billion (R55-billion) of debt and prepare for looming bond repayments.

Africa's second largest carrier by subscribers is also disposing of cellular masts in Gabon, Malawi and Chad, CEO Raghunath Mandava said in an interview. "We are constantly seeking to bring down our debt, and we prefer to bring it down even faster with the tower deals," he said. Airtel has a repayment of €750-million due in May 2021, while an instalment of \$505-million is due in March 2023, according to the annual report.

The company, which was spun off from India's Bharti Airtel last year and is listed in London and Nigeria, used the proceeds of the dual initial public offering to help cut borrowings to \$3.5-billion from about \$7.7-billion, the CEO said. The outstanding balance includes \$1.8-billion of bonds that have cross-default clauses with Bharti Airtel, still its biggest shareholder. The stock has declined 18% since the June 2019 IPO, valuing the company at £2.4 billion (R50-billion).

A number of the continent's wireless carriers have been selling similar tower assets to specialist operators, opting to save on maintenance costs, allay security concerns and bypass shortfalls in power and road infrastructure. Meanwhile, the need for additional masts in Africa is increasing as millions more adopt smartphones and faster broadband is needed. Airtel Africa plans to lease back the towers from the buyers, Mandava said.

Many of Airtel Africa's 14 markets border each other, making it easier to roll out fibre even during the Covid-19 pandemic, the CEO said. The company has added 9 000km of cable this year, bringing the total to 47 000km. "Our focus is to grow in the countries that we are in," he said.

## DOWNSIZING

## Forestry company Green Resources relinquishes its 54,000 hectares of land in Niassa

MAPUTO

Forestry company Green Resources "has renounced the occupation" of 54,000 hectares (133,436 acres) of land in four districts in Niassa province, Radio Mozambique reported.

The company says it wants to avoid land conflicts in the region. The Green Resources decision was formally announced last Tuesday with the signing of an agreement involving communities in Sanga, Chimbonila, Ngaúma and Mandimba, the district governments, partners, and other players involved in the management of natural resources.

Rural Association of Mutual Aid (ORAM) delegate in Niassa, Leonardo Abílio, said that the transfer of land to the communities would be supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the amount of more than seven million meticais, up until November next year.

"Green Resources wants to work in a responsible way, and we at ORAM are ready to support it through the funds we have," Abílio said. Green Resources currently operates approximately 17,000 hectares (42,007 acres) of forest plantations in seven Niassa province districts.



**Green Resources wants to work in a responsible way, and we at ORAM are ready to support it through the funds we have**

## GENEROSITY

# I&M Bank staff sensitise women entrepreneurs on financial management

By Guardian Reporter

STAFF members of I&M Bank Tanzania Limited have advised women entrepreneurs to save money and keep records through a program called 'I'm for You.'

The bank's Communication and Marketing Manager, Anitha Pallangyo said in Dar es Salaam on Friday that the program is designed to enable staff member render free knowledge and skills on various issues such as entrepreneurship skills, financial management and personal savings as part of its corporate social responsibility.

Pallangyo who led a team of I&M Bank which included Peter Joseph assistant Manager for Learning and Development, Peter Joseph and Juliana Mtei, Finance Manager, Juliana Mtei said as part of supporting the community understand basic aspects of financial management and entrepreneurial skills.



I&M Bank Tanzania Limited's staff at the launch of 'Tunaweza Women's Account' in Dar es Salaam recently. File photo.

She said the other aim of the program is to ensure that the bank and its staff help to support

the community through knowledge transfer to address the challenge of unemployment that is

facing most Tanzanian graduates.

"I&M Bank Tanzania understands the need

of the community that's why we came up with this initiative that will have maximum impact to the

society as a whole. 'I'm for You' is a one on one initiative that is aimed at utilizing internal resources of the bank that can help make a change into the society," Pallangyo said.

She further noted that apart from imparting skills on the women entrepreneurs, the bank's staff also donated clothes, shoes and groceries to orphans and widows in Yombo suburb of the city. "We salute the spirit of women for striking a perfect balance between official duties and managing their families. We believe that it is our responsibility as a financial institution to avail opportunities to women so that they can invest and grow their businesses," she added.

I&M Bank offers various financial services in the market to cater for customer needs including juniors through young savers account, entrepreneurs accounts for micro, medium as well as 'I&M Tunaweza Women's Account' which offers lots of benefits to women entrepreneurs.

## PROMOTION

# Tigo offers 100 smartphones to winners of 'Jaza tukujaze tena' campaign

By Guardian Reporter

THE first batch of 100 lucky winners in Tigo Tanzania Limited's 'Jaza tukujaze tena' campaign were awarded smartphones last week.

The nationwide campaign that was launched in October and will run for a period of three months will witness Tigo customers win over 1,200 smartphones and instant bonus upon purchasing of internet, voice and text messaging packages.

Speaking during a handover ceremony of the smartphones, Tigo's Product Rollout and Execution Manager, Suleiman Bushagama said "Since we launched the campaign, we have rewarded over 149 million minutes, 504 million megabytes and 81million text messages across the country to customers who purchased a package as soon as the campaign kicked off." Bushagama said subscribers of the network and channel retailers are automatically entered into a draw and will stand a chance to win when they sell any of Tigo packages through Tigo Rusha.

He however alerted customers to be mindful of possible scams

during the period of the campaign saying free instant bonus will be provided upon purchasing of any Tigo package but also win smartphones on a daily and weekly basis. "The redemption of bonuses is free and winners will not be requested to make any payments in cash or in kind. All Tigo customers are eligible for the offer with no opt-in condition," he added.

One of the lucky winners was Frank Primm Lyakurwa a 62 year old pensioner from Madale in Dar es Salaam, Frank Lyakurwa who got a Samsung Note 20. "I simply purchased my weekly data bundle of 3,000/- and received a bonus of 2GB instantly. Thereafter I received a call informing me that I had won a Samsung Note 20," Lyakurwa said.

Another luck winner was Shinyanga based Jorum Mwakipesile who won an ITEL T20. "I am very happy for this gift because I regularly purchase daily packages of 500/- and get a bonus of 10 minutes instantly. I also got a call to inform me that I had won an ITEL T20," Mwakipesile said. The smartphones to be won also include Smart Kitochi which the telco launched recently.



Tigo's product rollout and execution manager, Suleiman Bushagama during a smartphones handover ceremony in Dar es Salaam. Photo courtesy of Tigo.



## WORLD

## AMERICA'S CHOICE 2020: Joe Biden declares victory as President Trump refuses to concede defeat

WASHINGTON

DEMOCRAT Joe Biden declared victory for the US presidential election on Saturday night, days after Election Day, since races in several battleground states were too close to call with a record number of mail-in ballots to be counted.

President Donald Trump hasn't conceded defeat but vowed to take what he believes are election misconduct to the court, thrusting more uncertainty upon an already exhausted and divided country.

### URGING UNITY AMID DEEPENING DIVISION

Speaking from Wilmington, Delaware, Biden touted a "clear" and "convincing" victory while repeating a message of unity after a politically polarized election.

"I ran as a proud Democrat. I will now be an American president. I will work as hard for those who didn't vote for me - as those who did," he said.

Trump signaled on Saturday that he would not accept Biden's victory and vowed to mount legal challenges in court.

Biden's remarks came multiple hours after major US media networks called the presidential race in favor

of him after he was projected to take Pennsylvania, a key "battleground state" carrying 20 electoral votes.

In addition to Pennsylvania, Biden was forecast to win back Midwestern states of Wisconsin and Michigan, which have 26 electoral votes together. These three states, once dubbed as the "blue wall," all went to Trump's column in 2016.

For Trump, he held onto Florida and Ohio. The races in Georgia and North Carolina have not been called.

Meanwhile, Democrats are expected to keep control of the House but their majority is expected to be narrower. In the Senate races, Republicans and Democrats are deadlocked at 48 seats each for now.

Crowds of people gathered in Washington, DC, Austin and other cities to celebrate Biden's projected victory.

As of Saturday evening, Biden has received nearly 75 million votes nationwide, while Trump has garnered more than 70 million, according to Fox News. Both have broken Barack Obama's record for popular vote set in 2008.

"The election revealed the US is now one country but two nations," tweeted Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, a US think tank. "We have sorted ourselves into communities & regions



US Democratic nominee for president Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris deliver remarks in Wilmington, Delaware, on Saturday. (AFP)

with those of similar views. They will have to co-exist; whether they can work together remains to be seen."

### LEGAL CHALLENGES

"This election is far from over," Trump said in a statement earlier in the day, adding that starting Monday, "our campaign will start prosecuting our cases in court."

The Trump campaign has already launched multiple lawsuits in several battleground states, including Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Georgia.

The campaign has also called for a recount in Wisconsin, while a state official in Georgia has said there would be a recount in the "Peach State" due to a small margin.

Supporters of the president gathered in places across the United States on Saturday, insisting that the election hasn't finished.

Hundreds of Trump's supporters gathered at the Arizona Capitol on Saturday afternoon, protesting that the presidential race was called for Biden.

Trump has previously suggested that he may take the cases to the US Supreme Court, where conservatives have a solid 6-3 majority, including three justices nominated by him.

In 2000, the country's highest federal court decided in a disputed recount of votes in Florida with a 5-4 ruling, effectively handing that year's presidential election to the Republican presidential candidate and then-governor of Texas George W. Bush, who won 271 electoral votes, one more than a majority.

Christopher Galdieri, a political science professor at Saint Anselm College in northeastern state of New Hampshire, told Xinhua that unlike

the 2000 Florida case "there are no clearly litigable questions" this year.

"The Trump strategy seems to be to file lots of lawsuits," Galdieri said. "This is very much a long-shot strategy and I am skeptical that it will work for them."

Besides, election disputes would have to go through lower courts before they could reach the high court, according to other US election and legal experts. A federal law sets what is called the "Safe Harbor" deadline, falling on Dec 8 this year, the day by which states must submit the winner of the presidential election if they are to be insulated from legal disputes.

Electoral College representatives will meet six days later, on Dec 14, to formally select the next US president. The US Congress will meet in joint session to count the electoral votes on Jan 6 next year. The Inauguration Day is Jan 20.

### DAUNTING CHALLENGES

Biden has made the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic a central issue of his presidential bid and put Trump on the defense in their debates over the public health crisis, which has infected more than 9.8 million people in the United States, with nearly 237,000 deaths.

The country set a new record on Friday when the number of its daily cases reached more than 125,000. Biden said Saturday night that he will name a group of scientists and experts as "transition advisors" to convert his plan to respond to the pandemic into an action blueprint.

"We cannot repair the economy, restore our vitality, or relish life's most precious moments ... until we get this virus under control," he said.

Xinhua

## Next US govt 'should make up for Trump's mistakes' - Rouhani

DUBAI

IRAN'S president said yesterday the next US administration should use the opportunity to compensate for President Donald Trump's mistakes, Iranian state reported after US Democrat Joe Biden declared victory in the 2020 presidential race on Saturday.

"Trump's damaging policy has been opposed ... by the American people. The next US administration should use the opportunity to make up for past mistakes," President Hassan Rouhani was quoted as saying.

"Iran favors constructive interaction with the world," Rouhani said. "The heroic resistance of the Iranian people proved that the policy of maximum pressure is doomed to failure," Rouhani (pictured) said.

On Saturday, Iran's first vice-president said he hoped for a change in "destructive US policies", adding that the era of Trump and his "adventurous and belligerent" administration was over.

"I hope we will see a change in the destructive policies of the

United States ... finally ... the era of Trump and his adventurous and belligerent team is over," Eshaq Jahangiri tweeted.

Relations between Iran and the United States have taken a turn for the worse since 2018, when Trump pulled out of Tehran's nuclear deal with six powers and reimposed crippling sanctions.

Hesameddin Ashena, an adviser to Iran's president, tweeted that "Iranians stood their ground bravely until that coward left".

The election of Biden could create an opportunity for new negotiations. Biden, who was vice-president under former president Barack Obama when Iran's nuclear deal was reached, has pledged to rejoin the accord if Iran returns to compliance with it.

Biden appears to see a return to the deal as a prelude to wider talks on Iran's nuclear work, its ballistic missiles and regional activities.

But Tehran has ruled out halting its missile program or changing its regional policy. Instead it wants a change in US policy, including the lifting of sanctions and compen-



sation for the economic damage caused during the US withdrawal from the nuclear accord.

"Tehran sees Trump's defeat as a vindication of its resistance policy.

This will have devastating consequences for those who think diplomacy with Iran post-Trump will be cheap or easy," said Behnam Ben Taleblu, senior fellow at think-tank

FDD in Washington.

Hardliners close to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei are concerned that a reduction in pressure on Iran could offer their pragmatist rivals a boost in the June presidential election, which anti-US security hawks have been expected to win.

But analysts said Iran's battered economy, combined with the coronavirus crisis, would force the hardliners to engage with a Biden administration.

"Iran will never normalize ties with the United States but the leadership will show 'heroic flexibility' in order to secure the survival of the Islamic Republic," said Tehran-based analyst Saeed Laylaz.

Iran's troubled currency rose to a two-month high against the US dollar on Saturday, helped by hopes of reduced US sanctions under Biden.

"I am so happy. Biden's victory means less pressure on Iranians. He is like Obama. The hardship is over," university student Nima Sardari, 26, told Reuters by telephone from Tehran. **Agencies**

## Palestinians welcome Trump exit, but are cautious about Biden

JERUSALEM

THE Palestinians have been holding out for a change of US president for three years, hoping for a chance to hit the reset button on relations with Washington.

There was no response from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas after Joe Biden was declared winner of the US presidential election by major television networks on Saturday, but the first key decision facing Abbas is whether he will resume political contacts with the United States.

Three years ago Abbas cut off contact with President Donald Trump's White House, accusing it of pro-Israel bias over Trump's decisions to break with decades of US policy by recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and moving the US Embassy to the city.

"We don't expect miraculous transformation, but at least we expect the dangerous destructive policies of Trump to totally stop," said Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Executive Committee.

"They should change course and deal with the Palestinian question on the bases of legality, equality and justice and not on the basis of responding to special interests of pro-Israeli lobbies or whatever," she added.

In the West Bank city of Ramallah, Palestinian cobbler Imad Haj Muhammad was delighted to see Trump go, even though he made money by selling shoes with Trump's name on them, a mark of disrespect in Arab culture.

But Haj Muhammad, 57, remains cautious about a Biden presidency, and had a message for him. "We hope the American administration will change its policies regarding the Palestinians. Do not support the occupation," he said.

### JERUSALEM AND REFUGEES

Other Trump decisions that infuriated the Palestinians were cutting aid, de-funding the United Nations agency that deals with Palestinian refugees, and closing the Palestinian diplomatic mission in Washington.

Trump also published a Mideast blueprint in January that envisaged Israeli sovereignty over parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank, territory that Palestinians seek for a state.

Biden has said he will restore funding to the West Bank and Gaza.

He has also in the past opposed Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank and backed a two-state solution to the conflict, a formula that would see a future state of Palestine co-existing alongside Israel.

But he is not likely to move the US embassy back from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

## Putin, Erdogan ready to join efforts to solve Karabakh conflict

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin informed Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in a phone call about phone talks with the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia aimed at looking for a solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, the Kremlin said on Saturday.



According to the Kremlin press office, both presidents confirmed readiness to seek peace for Nagorno-Karabakh.

"[The two presidents] focused on the situation in the zone of Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The Russian president informed his Turkish counterpart about a series of his telephone contacts with the leaders of Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Those contacts sought options for the cessation of hostilities at the soonest possible time and for finding a political and diplomatic solution. Mutual readiness to cooperate so as to achieve a peaceful solution to the conflict was confirmed," the statement said.

On Saturday, the Turkish presidential office said that Erdogan insisted that Yerevan should be persuaded to sit at the negotiation table. He pointed out that a permanent solution to that conflict was a key factor for stability in the region, according to the press release.

The Kremlin said earlier that on November 1 and 2 Putin held meaningful talks over the phone with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev, discussing solutions to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict with them.

Renewed clashes between Azerbaijan and Armenia erupted on September 27, with intense battles raging in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The area experienced flare-ups of violence in the summer of 2014, in April 2016 and this past July. Azerbaijan and Armenia have imposed martial law and launched mobilization efforts.

Both parties to the conflict have reported casualties, among them civilians. Three ceasefire agreements have been negotiated so far, but almost immediately both sides begin blaming each other for violating the truce.

Agencies

## At pivotal moments of 2020, Trump failed to win over doubters

WASHINGTON

DONALD Trump had reason to count on the loyalty of the large chunk of Americans who drove his improbable election victory in 2016. But in 2020, he needed a wider swath of voters to believe in his promise to "Make America Great Again."

Faced with three crises - mounting coronavirus infections and deaths, the ensuing economic collapse and protests against police killings of Black Americans - Trump as US president had an opportunity to unite people across political persuasions in the final year of his tumultuous first term.

Instead, at almost every pivotal

moment, the brash businessman and former reality television star stayed true to his divisive brand. Spurning the advice of scientists and advisers, he stuck to a script embraced by his hard-core supporters and mocked those who dared to disagree.

His approach ultimately left a majority of American voters convinced he was not the right man to lead the country forward.

"If he had buckled down with a coherent and reassuring strategy dealing with the coronavirus, he absolutely could have made up the small margins that he lost several states by," said Republican strategist Ryan Williams, who advised

Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign.

"Instead of addressing the pandemic by listening to the advice of his best advisers, he doubled down on his instincts, which is what Donald Trump has done his entire life," Williams said.

Even after major networks had declared Democrat Joe Biden the winner on Saturday, Trump refused to concede.

Among Republicans, there was a feeling Trump did better than expected. Pre-election opinion polls had signaled a Democratic tidal wave. But Trump kept it close, helped Republicans down the ballot and attracted more than 70

million votes, seven million more than he did in 2016.

"Trump delivered," Republican strategist Scott Reed said. "And he's still going to have a major impact on the party."

### HIGHS AND LOWS

Trump began the year riding high and looking poised to coast to re-election. The economy was booming. His impeachment trial was behind him after the Republican-led Senate cleared him on two charges brought by Democrats.

The Democratic Party, meanwhile, was fractured in its search for a presidential nominee. On Air Force One in February, Trump chuckled and critiqued the perfor-

mances of each potential rival as he watched them debate on the TV in his front cabin.

But by April, COVID-19 had spread throughout the country. Seeing that daily news briefings by his coronavirus task force were getting good TV ratings, Trump stepped in and took them over, reluctant to cede the limelight. The briefings ended abruptly after an outcry over his suggestion that people inject themselves with disinfectant as a hedge against the virus, a comment he later said was a joke.

Worried a longterm virus lockdown would damage the U.S. economy and cost him re-

election, Trump browbeat states into reopening. He refused health experts' entreaties for a national testing program and mask mandate to ease the way to some semblance of normal life.

His dismissive rhetoric took a toll. Although voters viewed Trump as a strong steward of the economy, they became increasingly dismayed by his handling of the pandemic.

Then came the killing of George Floyd, a Black man, by Minneapolis police. In a massive outpouring of anger and despair, mostly peaceful protesters took to streets across the coun-

try demanding racial justice.

Opinion polls showed Americans largely supportive of the protesters, but Trump could not bring himself to express solidarity or interest in the cause. He used force to clear demonstrators from a park across from the White House, thinking a law-and-order message and images of him holding a Bible would resonate. Instead they fanned the flames for a summer of discontent.

Republican strategist Ron Bonjean said Trump missed an opportunity to reach beyond his base of support with a more empathetic handling of the protests.



# CIIE shares China's development opportunities with the world in new era

By Guo Jiping

THE opening ceremony of the 3rd China International Import Expo (CIIE) was held on Nov. 4 as scheduled in Shanghai, attracting many old and new friends.

Foreign enterprises' full preparation for the expo that is attracting increasing attention from across the globe demonstrates the strong momentum for economic globalization and the world's aspiration for cooperation featuring openness, inclusiveness, innovative growth, and mutual benefit.

The holding of the expo as scheduled in this extraordinary year brings hope to the global economy that is still struggling for recovery amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The event has become a bright card for China in promoting openness and cooperation, showing that China will never cease the process of reform and opening-up.

Facing unprecedented changes in the world unseen in a century, China is entering a new stage of development with the expansion of imports, opening-up measures for investment, consumption upgrading, booming innovation, and interconnectivity.

Grasping new development opportunities, China has built several platforms for international cooperation and rolled out a series of major measures for further open-



An aerial photo taken on Oct. 24 shows the U.S. automaker Tesla's gigafactory in Shanghai. (Photo by Ji Haixin/People's Daily Online)

ing-up.

These demonstrated the country's sincerity to share its development opportunities with the rest of the world, and its far-reaching influence in advancing the establishment of a new development pattern. These also reflected a universally recognized fact that China's development is an integral part of the lofty cause of human progress.

Data about the 3rd CIIE is particularly eye-catching. Six exhibition sections and four special subsections were set up based on global hotspots and industry development trends, with some exhibition sections surpassing their planned area. The average exhibition area

for the Fortune Global 500 companies and industry leaders, including dozens of enterprises applying to take part in the event for the first time, increased by 14 percent from last year.

Many enterprises debuted their new products, technologies and services, and nearly 100 enterprises signed up to participate in the expo in the next three consecutive years.

The exhibition section of Medical Equipment & Health Care Products was particularly popular, and a special subsection for public health and epidemic prevention and control was added for the first time, with the area expanding 6 times

over the planned area.

When many large international exhibitions were suspended amid the raging pandemic, how is the expo enjoying such extraordinary popularity around the world? Where do China's confidence and determination to overcome difficulties and hold the 3rd CIIE as scheduled come from?

The holding of the CIIE as scheduled is inseparable from the major strategic results China has made in epidemic prevention and control. China has always put people first and valued people's lives most, built a solid line of defense against the epidemic, and taken the lead in controlling the epidemic.



Photo shows the Oriental Pearl TV Tower and Shanghai Tower in Lujiazui, Shanghai. (Photo by Wang Gang/People's Daily Online)

Against the backdrop of the normalized epidemic prevention and control, the preparation for the expo was advanced in an orderly manner.

Integrated services at the entrances and exits of the venue for the CIIE enable automatic and accurate matching of people's certificate information and their health information, ensuring scan-and-go body temperature monitoring and traceability of their information.

The cold-chain food exhibits were put in storage in batches and transferred together for exhibition, while various departments worked together to strengthen

unified management and control of the exhibits during the whole process.

With rich anti-epidemic experience and adequate response measures, China reassures the exhibitors from various countries.

The expo cannot be held as scheduled without the Chinese economy's strong resilience and vitality. In the first three quarters of the year,

China's economic growth shifted from negative to positive, and indicators such as consumption, industrial production and import and export continued to improve.

The World Economic Outlook of the International Monetary Fund

also predicted that China would be the only economy in the world to show positive growth in 2020.

In the midst of the global economic downturn, the economic recovery of China became a bright spot, boosting exports from other regions, the Financial Times said in an article, lauding the country's economy.

Xiao Weike, senior director of CBRE Group, a worldwide commercial real estate services and investment firm, said the company is willing to take the CIIE as an opportunity to seize new opportunities in China's economic recovery and its accelerated opening-up and transformation.

## China continues to open its door wider to the world

By Ouyang Jie, Luo Shanshan

IN the past five years, China has unswervingly expanded opening-up, worked faster to bring domestic systems and rules in line with international ones, opened its door wider to the world and continued to raise the level of opening-up.

The country has put into effect the foreign investment law across the board to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of foreign investors, successively cut tariffs, taken the initiative to expand imports, accelerated institutional innovations and promoted higher-standard opening-up.

China has eased market access in more areas. On Sept. 2, Citibank (China) Co., Ltd. announced that it had received a domestic fund custody license from the China Securities Regulatory Commission, China's securities regulator, and became the first American bank to be granted such a license.

"We are pleased to participate in and play a steady role in the reform and development of China's financial markets. This license is further validation of China's commitment to continue opening up its financial markets," said Stuart Staley, head of Markets and Securities Services, Citi Asia Pacific.

Since 2018, China has notably accelerated the opening of its financial sector, as the People's Bank of China and the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission have successively announced and promoted the implementation of more than 50 specific opening-up measures. The financial sector is an epitome of the country's efforts to relax controls on market access and attract foreign investment.

During the "13th Five-Year Plan" period (2016-2020), China has rolled out the foreign investment law and the regulations regarding its implementation, which established the system of pre-establishment national treatment plus a negative list in legal terms and canceled across the board the approval and filing procedures for the establishment



Visitors queue up to taste food at the food and agricultural products exhibition area of the third China International Import Expo in east China's Shanghai, Nov. 5, 2020. (Photo by Weng Qiyu/People's Daily Online)

and change of foreign enterprises.

The country has revised its negative lists for foreign investment market access for four consecutive years, cutting the restrictive measures to 33 from 93, and granting national treatment to foreign investors.

Last year, China rolled out a new version of the catalog of industries that encourage foreign investment, which contains 1,108 items, including 415 items for encouraging foreign investment nationwide.

The new catalog for encouraging foreign investment nationwide has 67 newly-added items and 45 modified items compared with the 2017 version, continuing to expand the investment scope for foreign investors.

Meanwhile, China has innovated trade models to promote higher-standard opening-up. On Sept. 1, 1,081 air humidifiers produced by Guangdong Titan Smart Electrical Appliances Co., Ltd. were shipped abroad

from the logistics park of the bonded logistics center in Zhongshan city, south China's Guangdong province.

"The customs' program for cross-border e-commerce B2B export allows us to directly export goods to overseas warehouses, greatly shortening the time for customs clearance and cutting logistics costs," said the company's chairman Li Hui.

Since July 1, ten regional customs directly under China's General Administration of Customs, including Beijing, Tianjin, and Nanjing, have piloted a supervision model to boost cross-border e-commerce B2B export. So far, 22 customs have been added to the pilot program.

Under the new supervision model, e-commerce B2B exporters are given support in various forms, including streamlined procedure, expedited clearance, customs transit, and prior inspection.



A participant plays ping-pong with a ping-pong-playing robot from Japanese technology company OMRON at the technical equipment exhibition area of the third China International Import Expo in east China's Shanghai, Nov. 5, 2020. (Photo by Weng Qiyu/People's Daily Online)

In the first half of 2020, the value of imports and exports transacted online by cross-border e-commerce enterprises exceeded 600 billion yuan (about \$89.7 billion), up by 6.7 percent.

New business models such as cross-border e-commerce are constantly creating new drivers for the development of the country's foreign trade.

China has also adopted measures such as boosting the rapid development of new types of foreign trade, hosting China International Import Expos, cutting tariffs, and deepening reform in integrated customs clearance procedures.

During the 13th Five-Year Plan period, China has steadily improved the quality of its foreign trade by optimizing the business environment at ports, taking the initiative to open up its market and expand imports, and promoting the innovative de-

velopment of foreign trade.

With a total foreign trade volume of goods of 31.54 trillion yuan, the country remained the world's largest trader in goods in 2019.

This year, China has become a bright spot in the gloomy global trade despite the severe impact of the COVID-19 epidemic. The country's total foreign trade volume of goods reached 20.05 trillion yuan in the first eight months, down 0.6 percent year on year. The drop narrowed by 1.1 percentage points compared with the decline from January to July.

By making opening-up a catalyst for reform and development, China's opening-up has gathered stronger momentum.

In the Lianyungang area of China (Jiangsu) Pilot Free Trade Zone (FTZ) in east China's Jiangsu province, goods are loaded to ships in an orderly manner.

## CIIE contributes to building open, innovative world economy

By Hou Lulu

AS the world's first import-themed national-level expo, the China International Import Expo (CIIE) is a perfect platform for promoting international innovation and cooperation. The new products, technologies and services emerging at the event have forcefully vitalized global collaboration.

Pascal Bizard, chief operating officer and senior vice president of Decathlon China said that the company is a direct beneficiary of the CIIE which promotes global innovation and cooperation.

He shared with the People's Daily a story about its fully-autonomous inventory robot - Tally. Decathlon joined the first CIIE in 2018 as a buyer. "We were then looking for a solution to our digitalized global new retail concept. It was at the CIIE, we reached a cooperation agreement with a smart robot company, and Tally was thus developed in just 10 months," Bizard said.

A year later, Decathlon participated in the second CIIE as an exhibitor and unveiled the smart robot Tally for the first time in the world, attracting global attention. In January this year, Tally was put into service in a retail store of Decathlon in Shanghai. "We will keep investing in innovation and seeking open whole-industrial chain cooperation," Bizard noted.

A number of products finished their debut at the CIIE, including Aeromobi's flying car, a huge machine tool with a precision of 4 microns, and an ultra-wide angle fundus camera exhibited at the first CIIE, as well as the world's thinnest and shortest insulin injection needle, a pulverizer of construction waste, and an erasable laser system showcased at the second CIIE.

It is reported that the third CIIE will establish a platform for exhibitors to debut their products, and dozens of launching ceremonies are expected to be held during the event.

Enterprises will join the event with new products, technologies



Vessels are being unloaded at a terminal of Yangshan Deep Water Port, Shanghai, Oct. 25. Many of the vessels carry the products to be exhibited at the third China International Import Expo. (Photo by Ji Haixin/People's Daily Online)

and services, and over half of the products will finish their world debut at the third CIIE.

On Oct. 23, the first exhibit of the third CIIE, a W380CR cold in-place recycler manufactured by German company Wirtgen Group,

arrived at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), the venue of the event. The machine, weighing 52 tons, can seamlessly regenerate a 3.8-meter-wide, 30-centimeter-thick asphalt pavement in a single pass. Wirtgen

Group, coming to the CIIE for the first time, will highlight its innovative technologies and products in green road construction and maintenance.

"Facing the challenges posed by COVID-19, people's demand

for medical innovation, such as genetic testing, as well as drug and vaccine development, has drastically improved," said Zhou Hong, general manager of Roche Pharmaceuticals China. The company is expected to exhibit a series of hotspot products of public health at the third CIIE. "As an important platform for multinationals, the CIIE has established a bridge of communication between enterprises and government, and among enterprises," she said, adding that innovation has no border, and shall be advanced in cooperation.

"At the CIIE, innovation not only is showcased by products and technologies, but also can create spillover effects, which demonstrates the benefit of innovation and cooperation, and promotes communication in innovative technologies," said Kamran Vosoughi, president and CEO of Michelin China.

Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic once noted that nothing drives innovation as greatly

as trade does. When the world is preparing for the fourth industrial revolution, China has achieved many successes in technological development, he said, adding that technology is bringing the world closer.

Countries must join hands to respond to the common challenges faced by mankind.

No country is able to become an independent innovation center or exclusively enjoy the results of innovation. Innovation shall be used to benefit the whole world, rather than being a treasure buried deep in a cave. China cannot develop alone, and the world's prosperity also needs China's efforts.

The country will keep pursuing development with doors wide open, actively join and promote global innovation and development, and share the results of innovation with the world.



Former Azam FC forward, Shaban Iddi Chilunda.

## Chilunda signs for Morocco's Moghreb Atletico Tetuan

BY CORRESPONDENTS NASSIR NCHIMBI AND ISMAIL TANO

FORMER Azam FC striker, Shaban Iddi Chilunda, has completed the transfer to join Moroccan giants Moghreb Atletico Tetuan on a three-year deal.

The 22-year old forward, who had also played for Spanish club CD Tenerife, previously agreed to join Morocco's Mouloudia Oudja.

The transfer, though, was later called off before Azam FC agreed his contract with Tetuan.

The striker, who grew up in Azam FC academy, was born in Tandahimba, Mtwara. Chilunda joined Azam FC's youth setup in 2012. He made his first-team debut in 2016, and on July 9 2018, he scored four times in a 4-2 home win against Rwanda's Rayon Sports for the year's East and Central Africa Club Championship, known as 'Kagame Cup'.

The forward also scored the opener in Azam FC's 2-1 victory over Simba SC in the competition's final.

He also managed to play professional football in Spain, whereby on August 7 2018, Chilunda agreed to a two-year loan deal with Spanish Segunda División side, CD Tenerife, after a trial period.

He made his professional debut 13 days

later, coming on as a late substitute for Filip Malbašić in a 1-1 away draw against Gimnàstic de Tarragona.

He returned to his parent club, Azam FC, after the expiry of his loan spell in Spain.

Chilunda now he hopes to have fresh start in professional football in the Moroccan Premier League, popularly known as Botola Pro 1.

The 5ft 10 inches striker has made only two appearance for senior national team, Taifa Stars, and he is yet to score a goal for the squad.

This year has been a selling spree for Azam FC after the club had sold other two young stars from their youth setup.

Winger Yahya Yazid is also in the list, he was roped in by Egyptian club, Ismaily.

Another starlet, Novatus Dismas, succeeded to seal a move to Israel Premier League club, Maccabi Tel Aviv.

The 18-year old midfielder signed a three-year deal and he is set to join the teams U-20 squad before joining the senior team later this season.

Dismas, the previous season's Vodacom Premier League (VPL) Best Young Player, was promoted to Azam FC's talent development center alongside Chilunda.

They were later promoted to the side's senior team at different times.

## Dar U-17 women soccer team lose to Zambia in 2020 COSAFA tourney

BY CORRESPONDENT ISMAIL TANO

TANZANIA's national U-17 women soccer team conceded 2-1 loss to Zambia's U-17 national team in the 2020 Council of Southern African Football Associations (COSAFA) U-17 Women Championship duel, which took place in South Africa yesterday.

It was the first loss for the Tanzania U-17 Womensquad in the showdown.

The side's head coach Edna Lema, speaking after the game, disclosed that the players put spirited showing to get good results in the clash, the same way they played in their first clash, which saw them post 5-1 victory over Comoros.

Tanzania's U-17 Tanzania U-17 women team had opened their campaign in grand fashion, walloping Comoros on November 4.

The East Africans have therefore notched six goals whilst conceding two goals in the two matches they have taken part in.

Zambia turned out to be way better than

the Tanzania's U-17 Tanzania U-17 women team in the tie.

Irene Kisisa, who skippers Tanzania's U-17 national women side, was presented with a prize in the clash against Comoros.

Kadosho Shabani, who plays for the country's senior national women soccer team, Twiga Stars, which is competing in this year's COSAFA Senior Women Championship, was another player who received a prize.

She laid her hands on the best player of the game's award after putting impressive displays in Twiga Stars' 1-0 victory over Zimbabwe in a match played on November 4.

Edna noted it was a pleasure for her team to start the tournament impressively, insisting she believes they will continue putting spirited displays and seek for more wins.

The tournament, which kicked off on November 4, is expected to end on November 14.

## Tactical approaches that decided Dar derby

BY CORRESPONDENT NASSIR NCHIMBI

NEVER write a script before it is written for you. This happened at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, when Yanga welcomed age old rivals, Simba SC, in a Vodacom Premier League clash.

The intensity of the match, popularly known as 'Dar derby', has shown the value of the duel, which saw the teams settle for 1-1 draw.

The players normally run many kilometers on the pitch, the coaching skills and creativity of the players, are the other value and pleasure of this derby.

If soccer enthusiasts wish to see the city calm, then the match between Simba SC and Yanga has to end in a draw.

For a long time, the Saturday match was for defense vs attack (Yanga were very defensive and Simba SC made several forays on their opponents' goal).

The clubs' head coaches, Simba SC's Sven Vandebroek and Yanga's Cedric Kaze, fought tactically.

Kaze's boys took the game in the first half, Vandebroek's players were in control in the second half.

Kaze had, in the opening period, come with a 4-2-4 approach, pressuring Simba SC on the mid-block system.

Yanga's winger, Tuisila Kisinda, and forward, Ditrani Nchimbi, played on the wings to slow down the pace of Simba SC's fullbacks, Shomari Kapombe and Mohamed Hussein.

Yanga's winger, Farid Musa,



Simba SC winger, Luis Miquissone (R), negotiates his way past Yanga winger, Farid Musa, when the clubs locked horns in a Vodacom Premier League (VPL) clash held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. The teams settle for 1-1 draw. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

attacked the middle space of Simba SC.

In the second period, Kaze removed the team from the mid-block system and resorted to the low block defensive system.

This approach allowed Simba SC to dominate possession. If there is anything that Simba SC missed in the derby's second period is the presence of prolific forward Meddie Kagere.

First half injury that saw Yanga defender, Lamine Moro, leave the pitch had seemingly being affected by the defender's absence.

Yanga had no one to

lead the defensive line, especially on the mid-block system, after Moro's exit as he was the captain and the defensive lynchpin.

Yanga's pressing during first half was very good and energetic, especially from their two central midfielders Feisal Salum and Mukoko Tonombe.

The midfielders' performance was too difficult for Simba SC midfielders to cope with.

Simba SC midfielders Clautous Chama, Luis Miquissone and Larry Bwalya spent most of their time playing in front of the Yanga midfield without posing

any threat to Tonombe and Salum who denied the former opportunity to attack the Yanga defense.

Hussein and Kapombe are still the best fullbacks in the country. I liked what Zimbabwe did against Yanga's Kisinda.

Hussein knew he could not win a battle with Kisinda. What the Simba SC fullback did was not letting Kisinda outplay the former through his speedy runs. Hussein covered Kisinda via tackling the latter very early and cleanly.

For Kisinda, he had to come up with another approach to outwit Hussein, that is, to tell Yanga midfielders to play him fast through balls and penetration balls between Simba SC defense, because he is very sufficient both with and without the ball while moving speedily.

Simba SC defender Joash Onyango was the side's best player. He executed a lot of blocks through his head and legs, except the foul he committed on Kisinda.

Once Onyango had the ball on his feet, the first thing he had to realize was that it was dangerous to leave Kisinda two step ahead of him and the rest of Simba SC defense, when they lost the ball, because they could not run faster than Kisinda.

Simba SC's defenders

therefore had to foul Kisinda early to keep him in check. Unfortunately for Onyango he was too late on fouling Kisinda, he managed to knock Tuisila outside the penalty box, unfortunately for him, the referee awarded Yanga a penalty.

Coach Kaze looks to have found the lost pieces of the puzzle with the presence of keeper, Metacha Mnata, defenders, Moro and Bakari Mwanjeto, and midfielder Tonombe.

The quartet's presence is the basis for building a strong team at Yanga. The players are very strong and they influence other players to be strong.

It is time for Simba SC to recognize the weaknesses of their defensive line, especially when they come up against teams with fast players, with a view to preventing a repeat of mistakes they did in the derby.

Simba SC ought to deal with the weaknesses, as the team will feature in CAF Champions League this season.

Simba SC midfielder, Clautous Chama, could have been seen as below par but Yanga's Tonombe and Salum forced the former to play below standard.

The clash's referee was too sloppy and below average, given he could handle the duel's pressure.

## Dar soccer stars laud SBL for bankrolling Taifa Stars

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

THE Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL)'s solid commitment to support the sports sector in Tanzania, through Serengeti Premium Lager brand, was recently cemented once again following the beer brand's renewal of a sponsorship contract with the senior national men's soccer team, Taifa Stars.

The deal, signed at an event held in Dar es Salaam, saw the SBL's flagship brand commit 3bn/- to support the national team for the next three years.

This latest sponsorship is a manifestation of Serengeti Premium Lager's long history of sponsorship to the national team in as many years.

The SBL brand had a similar three-year sponsorship spell between 2010 and 2012 and the just ended deal that the brand entered with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), the custodian of the country's soccer, in 2017.

The latest renewal of the sponsorship has been sweet music to the ears of TFF officials, soccer lovers and other stakeholders who were understandably waiting with bated breath for the announcement of the juicy news.

Some dazzling players who don Taifa Stars' colors have expressed their gratitude to Serengeti Premium Lager brand for sponsoring the team.

They disclosed that the brand had contributed immensely to the team's current solid standing and its consistent winning ways.

They too have added that the sponsorship is a big boost to the team and will undoubtedly add impetus to the team's promising future prospects.

John Bocco, one of Taifa Stars' lynchpins and a striker of outstanding repute, in an interview with this paper, said that SBL's shot-in-the-arm had immensely led to the team's enviable achievement that it had registered in recent fixtures.

He disclosed that through the



Senior national men's soccer team, Taifa Stars.

support, the team had qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) after almost four decades of being in the limbo of continental soccer.

"It is undoubtedly through Serengeti Premium Lager brand's sponsorship that we are registering a string of great performances, culminating in the return, last year, to the prestigious continental soccer show after a prolonged wait of 39 years", an elated Bocco said.

He said: "I believe that had it not been for the sponsorship that facilitated our adequate preparations, we would not have made it that far. With this new sponsorship, we have every reason to do even much better".

The soccer star was referring to the May 2017 three-year sponsorship deal that SBL, through its famous beer brand, signed with TFF.

The sponsorship deal made the SBL an official sponsor of the senior national team.

Bocco's sentiments were echoed by his teammate, Frank Domayo, a prolific midfielder in

the team, who acknowledged the spirit of patriotism that Serengeti Premium Lager had built among Tanzanian soccer lovers.

Domayo stated: "We are very grateful for the sponsorship because we believe it will play a pivotal role in inspiring Tanzanians to love and stand with their national team through media and outreach campaigns which also involve players."

The midfielder added: "From the previous sponsorship, we have seen a real difference in terms of the welfare and upkeep of the players. We stay in good hotels when travelling and also when in training camps."

"Our general welfare is also well looked after and as a result, we are very motivated and that's why our performance has tremendously improved."

Taifa Stars' defender, Erasto Nyoni, noted that apart from the material support that the players received from the sponsorship, Serengeti Premium Lager had gone an extra mile by ensuring that the team is morally supported.

He disclosed that with increased support in the recent contract, he is optimistic that things will be much better.

"Besides the financial support, the sponsor has always been with us in and out of the pitch. We have been receiving a lot of encouragement and this has motivated us to play ever harder and, as a result, our FIFA ranking moved from 139 to 134," Nyoni said.

The senior national team's goalkeeper, Metacha Mnata, specifically appreciated the closeness that the sponsor has maintained with the team.

The keeper noted the aspect is one of the reasons that have boosted the team's performance.

He said: "The sponsor has been with us in every step. The investment made to the senior national team through campaigns such as 'Shabiki Mkuu' was beyond the pitch."

"The sponsor has been very successful in bringing the nation together in support of their national team through very robust media campaigns," Mnata enthused.

## Teams who cannot play Africa Cup matches will forfeit, says CAF

CAIRO

ANY team that cannot fulfil an Africa Cup of Nations qualifying fixture between November 11 and 17 will be handed a 2-0 defeat, the Confederation of African Football confirmed Saturday.

African football's governing body CAF says matchday squads must consist of at least 15 players -- 11 starters plus four substitutes -- for a qualifier to go ahead.

The measures come amid fears that the coronavirus pandemic could affect some of the 48 matchday three and four qualifiers to be played over seven days from Wednesday.

Four international friendlies involving African countries were cancelled last month -- two in Portugal, one in Turkey and one in Senegal -- because of Covid-19.

Africans who tested positive while on international duty then included Liverpool midfielder Naby Keita of Guinea and Crystal Palace forward Jordan Ayew of Ghana.

There had been reports that

Senegal and Guinea-Bissau were "discussing" playing each other twice in Lisbon, but the matches will go ahead in Thies near Dakar and Bissau.

Many countries like Mali have chosen larger-than-normal squads in case players are forced to withdraw because of positive tests for coronavirus.

"Prevention is better than cure," said Mali coach Mohamed Magassouba as he explained why he had called up 37 players for qualifiers against Namibia in Bamako and Windhoek.

CAF said this week that all 48 qualifiers must be played behind closed doors, but have since added that if the government of the host team wants spectators, they can apply to the African body for permission.

The continental body also said both qualifiers could be played in one country, but only Sao Tome e Principe have taken up the offer, opting to meet South Africa twice in Durban.

AFP

## Premier League not a two-horse race, says Liverpool boss Klopp

LONDON

LIVERPOOL manager Jurgen Klopp said several teams could win the Premier League this season, dismissing suggestions of a two-horse race between his side and Manchester City for the title.

City and Liverpool have dominated the Premier League the past few seasons, with Pep Guardiola's City claiming the title in 2018-19 with 98 points to Liverpool's 97.

Klopp's side coasted to the title last season, finishing 18 points ahead of second-place City, and the two teams are once again billed as the favourites to compete for the crown in this campaign.

"Yes, it always was (more than a two-horse race)," Klopp told Sky Sports, echoing the sentiments of

Guardiola, who is also expecting a wide open race.

"Until a specific point, it was last year for a very long time at least a three-horse race... Nothing is guaranteed. I don't think about us as one of the two teams, I think about us as a team that has to do a lot of things right to be successful.

"If we look back at the previous two years, they were impressive for both teams... but that doesn't mean this year we have the ticket to do it again, everybody has a chance."

Liverpool, who trail league-leaders Southampton on goal difference, will have the opportunity to return to the top of the table when they face City, who are in 12th, later on Sunday.

REUTERS

## Atletico go top after Messi rescues Barca off the bench

MADRID

ATLETICO Madrid jumped to the top of La Liga on Saturday with a 4-0 thrashing of Cadiz after Lionel Messi came on at half-time to rescue Barcelona against Real Betis.

Atletico claimed first place, ahead of Real Sociedad on goal difference, with the excellent Joao Felix scoring twice in another impressive victory for Diego Simeone's side.

Luis Suarez and Marcos Llorente were also on target as Atletico made it five wins and two draws from their opening seven games and underlined their status as genuine title contenders.

They have scored 17 goals and conceded just two in that time.

After the international break, Atleti play at home to Barcelona, when Suarez and Antoine Griezmann will be up against their former clubs.

But while Suarez has enjoyed a superb start for Atletico, scoring five goals already, Griezmann continues to struggle in the shadow of Messi at Camp Nou.

Messi had been rested by Ronald Koeman but was thrown on with the game in the balance after Griezmann missed a penalty, before Betis' Antonio Sanabria cancelled out Ousmane Dembele's opener.

Within four minutes of his introduction, Messi gave Griezmann an open goal with a superb dummy and then scored twice himself, the first a penalty that saw Betis' Aissa Mandi sent off for a handball on the line.

In between, Loren Moron had given Betis brief hope but Messi's second and a late strike from Pedri ensured Barcelona ended their four-match winless run and climbed to eighth in La Liga.

AFP

## Solskjaer fumes over 'joke' kick-off time as rampant Chelsea go third

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer described the scheduling of Manchester United's match against Everton on Saturday as an "absolute joke" as Chelsea pummeled Sheffield United 4-1 to climb to third in the Premier League.

United eased the pressure on their under-fire manager with a 3-1 win in the early kick-off at Goodison Park but the Norwegian vented his fury at league chiefs after picking up fresh injuries.

Crystal Palace beat Leeds 4-1 to make it three defeats in four for Marcelo Bielsa's men before Frank Lampard's Chelsea came from behind to thump Sheffield United by the same scoreline.

The main focus on Saturday was on whether United could bounce back after successive defeats, which raised fresh doubts over Solskjaer's position at the club.

United only returned from their embarrassing Champions League loss against Istanbul Basaksehir in the early hours of Thursday yet had to kick off at Goodison Park at 12:30 pm on Saturday.

Bruno Fernandes scored twice and new signing Edinson Cavani opened his account as United came from behind to beat the early-season pacesetters.

But Solskjaer blamed the quick turnaround for injuries to Luke Shaw (hamstring), Victor Lindelof (back) and Marcus Rashford (shoulder).

"How can you expect players to perform to the best of their ability when you send them out at 12:30?"



West Ham United's Lukasz Fabianski saves a penalty from Fulham's Ademola Lookman during their English Premier League match at London Stadium in London, Britain on Saturday. REUTERS

Absolute joke," he said.

"Our players were set up to fail today with the schedule," he added. "I pushed my club to really fight the kick-off time on this one to give us at least half a chance but it was quashed."

United, who started the match a lowly 15th in the table, showed grit and style as they recovered from going behind to a Bernard goal in the 19th minute.

Fernandes was the stand-out player for the 20-times champions, thriving in a creative midfield role in the absence of the benched Paul Pogba.

The Portuguese powered a header from a Luke Shaw cross past a flailing Jordan Pickford and scored again when an intended cross

for Rashford was missed by the England international and the ball crept in off the far post.

Former Paris Saint-Germain striker Cavani made the points safe with a goal deep into stoppage time.

The victory at the home of Carlo Ancelotti's team was United's seventh straight Premier League away win -- in sharp contrast to their woeful home form.

Everton, who topped the Premier League table earlier this season, have now suffered three consecutive league defeats.

- Chelsea romp - Chelsea have hit their stride after their expensive summer rebuild and are now just one point

behind Southampton and Liverpool, who play Manchester City on Sunday.

Lampard's team, now unbeaten in six Premier League matches, went behind early at Stamford Bridge when David McGoldrick's neat flick put Sheffield United in front.

But they hit back quickly, with England forward Tammy Abraham slotting home from Mateo Kovacic's cutback, and Ben Chilwell put Chelsea in front just past the half-hour.

Brazilian veteran Thiago Silva bagged his first Chelsea goal to put the Blues 3-1 up before Timo Werner blasted past Aaron Ramsdale to put the home side in total control.

## Solskjaer does enough to stay safe again as familiar cycle continues

By Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

IT will take more than victory at Everton to prove Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's prematch assertion that he remains the right man to resurrect Manchester United, but for now it will stop the bleeding.

After coming out fighting at his usual Friday news conference, Solskjaer, under pressure following defeats to Arsenal and Istanbul Basaksehir this week, came up with a well-deserved 3-1 win at Goodison Park that at least buys him more time to back up words with results.

For the more pessimistic United fans it will be further evidence of a now familiar cycle. Good games followed by bad games and back again. If nothing else, Solskjaer has developed an incredible knack of producing a result when he needs one most. He owes this one to Bruno Fernandes, who scored twice in the first half after Bernard had put Everton in front on his first Premier League start.

It was Fernandes who took it upon himself to dish out instructions after the soft opener and then took responsibility for fixing it; first with a powerful header from Luke Shaw's ball into the box and then drifting a cross beyond Marcus Rashford and into the far corner. In the final minutes, he was wrestling Abdoulaye Doucoure at the back post in his own penalty area to ensure Everton wouldn't equalise and then charging up the pitch to lay on a first goal for Edinson Cavani to put the game beyond doubt.

Solskjaer -- who said afterwards his team had been "set up to fail" after being handed a Saturday lunchtime kick-off after a long trip back from Turkey -- needs more players like him if he is going permanently end the swirl of speculation about his position and turn this team into a genuine title challenger.

"Bruno is a leader," Solskjaer said after the final whistle. "Loads of desire and reaction was great from everyone. I'm very happy with the reaction to the week, the goal and the impossible kick-off time."

As much as this was a result to lighten the mood around Old Trafford, Solskjaer was left counting the cost of a much-needed three points after injuries to Shaw, Rashford and Victor Lindelof.

"It doesn't look great," Solskjaer said. "Any injury, when it's serious, isn't worth the points but the boys were not going to give anyone a



Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer avoided losing three games in a week with victory at Everton. (Agencies)

chance to take three points off us. They were so determined."

Whether United fans want Solskjaer in or out, there can be little debate about whether the players are still behind him.

It is a quirk of their form that victory over Everton means they match a club record seven successive Premier League away wins set in 1993, while failure to win would have left them with their lowest points tally after seven matches of a top-flight season since 1989-90. Everton didn't

help themselves by defending in a manner that made it easy to see why they conceded more than one goal in five successive top-flight home matches for the first time since a club-record run of seven in 1958, but Solskjaer has also become a master at stopping the rot.

After a miserable defeat at Newcastle a year ago, United came within minutes of beating Liverpool and won the next three. Back-to-back draws with Sheffield United and Aston Villa were followed by

unexpected wins over Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City. Two defeats in four days to Liverpool and Burnley in January again had the sense of the beginning of the end for Solskjaer before a 19-game unbeaten run in all competitions. His lives haven't run out just yet and this time it was Everton after Arsenal and Istanbul Basaksehir. It is Schrodinger's United, capable of producing results that are both surprising and not at the same time.

After the international

"We are third," a delighted Lampard told Sky Sports. "The players are the ones who deliver and deserve that first credit. They were amazing, all of them today. The balance of the team was good and it's nice to see. We must continue. I really enjoyed watching it but I know how football is."

Leeds' fine start to their first top-flight season after a 16-year absence is fading fast as they conceded four for the second time in a week at Crystal Palace.

Goals from Scott Dann and Eberechi Eze gave Palace a 2-0 lead before Patrick Bamford pulled one back. But an own goal from Leeds winger Helder Costa restored the home side's two-goal cushion and Jordan Ayew completed the rout in the second half.

There was late drama as West Ham beat Fulham 1-0 at the London Stadium.

Tomás Soucek scored the only goal in stoppage time, but the Hammers were grateful to a shocking penalty miss from Ademola Lookman with the last kick of the game to take all three points.

Lookman tried a 'Panenka' but scuffed his shot and Lukasz Fabianski had time to get back to his feet and save.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



## Solskjaer fumes over 'joke' kick-off time as rampant Chelsea go third

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## Tunisia name 26-man squad for Taifa Stars double-header

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

TUNISIA'S national football team's head coach, Mondher Kebaier, has named his 26-man squad for the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifier double-header against Tanzania's Taifa Stars.

These two matches will take place in Rades, Tunisia on November 13 and November 17 in Tanzania.

Eyes will also be on strikers, Seifeddine Khaoui of Olympique Marseille and Wahbi Khazri of AS Saint-Etienne, who both play in the French top flight league.

The Carthage Eagles started their campaign in Group J with an emphatic 4-1 home win against Libya.

They followed it up with an important 1-0 win away to Equatorial Guinea to take their points tally to six, three more points ahead of second and third-placed Libya and Tanzania respectively.

They will be guaranteed to qualify for the 2022 AFCON finals to be held in Cameroon with maximum points from both games against Tanzania.

Goalkeepers: Mouez Ben Cherifia (Esperance), Aymen Dahman (CSS) Farouk Ben Moustapaha (Esperance) and Elyes Damerji (Rennes, France)

Defenders: Wajdi Kechrida (Esperance), Mohamed Drager (Olympiakos, Greece), Yassine Meriah (Rizespor, Turkey), Dylan Bronn (Metz- France), Nessim Henid (AEK, Greece), Montassar Talbi (Rizespor, Turkey), Ali Maaloul (AlAhly, Egypt), Oussama Haddedi (Kasimpasa SK, Turkey).

Midfielders: Elyes Skhiri (Cologne, Germany), Ferjani Sassi (Zamalek, Egypt), Anis Ben Slimane (Brondby, Denmark), Mohamed Amine Ben Amor (Esperance), Aymen Ben Mohamed (Le Havre, France), Elyes Jelassi (USMo), Saad Bguir (Abha, Saudi Arabia), Hamza Rafia (Juventus, Italy), Marc Lamti (Hannover 96, Germany)

Forwards: Youssef Msakni (Duhail, Qatar), Naim Sliiti (Ettifakh, Saudi Arabia), Seifeddine Khaoui (Olympique Marseille, France), Wahbi Khazri (AS Saint Etienne, France), Nabil Makni (Chievo, Italy)

Meanwhile, Tanzania, who started their campaign with a 2-1 home victory over Equatorial Guinea before falling by a similar score line away to Libya, entered residential training yesterday ahead of the crucial double header.

Taifa Stars are hoping to reach the continental showpiece for the third time in their history.

Their last appearance, which came in 2019 when the tournament was hosted in Egypt, ended with three group stage defeats to neighbours, Kenya, finalists Senegal and eventual champions Algeria.

## Vandenbroeck laments referees' below par performance in Simba SC vs Yanga tie



KCB Bank Director of Corporate Banking, Barry Chale (R), and the bank's Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christina Manyenye, hand over a dummy cheque of 1m/- to Yanga midfielder, Mukoko Tonombe, who was announced as the man of the match in the Vodacom Premier League's game pitting the side against Simba SC, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. The teams were locked to 1-1 draw. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SIMBA SC and Yanga head coaches have presented conflicting views on a Vodacom Premier League (VPL) clash involving the two clubs, held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The two teams settled for 1-1 draw. Yanga scored the opener through forward Michael Sarpong on the 31st minute of the first half, Simba SC equalized in the dying minutes of the game through de-

fender Joash Onyango.

Sarpong scored via a penalty his club got when Simba SC's Onyango fouled Yanga's Tuisila Kisinda within the area.

Onyango later headed in a corner kick to level

matters for Simba SC.

Speaking after the game, Yanga head coach Cedrick Kaze disclosed the draw resulted from his players' failure to follow his instructions.

He said he had in-

structed his charges not to defend but attack, his players though did the contrary.

"At half time we were leading by a goal to nil, I told my boys that in the second half they should not defend but attack, but, to my surprise, they started defending, this gave our opponents (Simba) the opportunity to play in our half," he said.

He, however, said is happy with the overall performance of his side.

"All in all, we were good, only that we made some tactical and technical problems, we will work on the weaknesses in the coming days," he said.

While Kaze blamed his charges for the draw, his counterpart Sven Vandenbroeck blamed it on the referees, saying they made a lot of mistakes.

The match was officiated by six officials namely

Elly Sasi, Mohamed Mkonno, Frank Komba, Abdallah Mwinyimkuu, the center referee, Abubakary Mturo and Ramadhan Kayoko.

"I was not happy with the way the referee officiated the match especially in the first half, there were many rough plays on my players but the referee did nothing, the same went on in the second half," he said.

The Saturday game saw both teams play with care and tactical as there were only few instances where players showed their individual capabilities and skills.

The 1-1 draw has had Yanga clinging on to the second place in the VPL standing with 23 points from 10 games while Simba SC has been placed third with 19 points from the same number of games.

## WBF president set to supervise Mwakinyo vs Paz bout

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Boxing Federation (WBF) president, Howard Goldberg, is set to jet into Dar es Salaam on Wednesday to supervise a bout for the WBF Intercontinental Super Welterweight and International Boxing Association (IBA) Super Welterweight titles between Tanzania's Hassan Mwakinyo and Argentina's Jose Carlos Paz set to take place in the city on Friday.

Goldberg, the organizers stated, will come with the bout's referee, Edward John Marshall, aboard the KQ plane.

He had served as a boxing referee and the game's judge, overseeing over 300 professional boxing bouts in various parts of the world, before eventually landing the WBF president's post.

Goldberg will come to Tanzania for the sixth time to supervise professional boxing bouts.

He pointed out he has been impressed by professionalism shown by the Friday fight's organizing company, Jackson Group Sports.

According to him, the firm has fulfilled all requirements that include flight tickets for the WBF officials.

He noted that Jackson Group Sports has showcased the best way that professional bouts are to be organized via professionalism and honesty.

He disclosed the company's efficiency has prompted the WBF to issue license for the fight between Mwakinyo and



Tanzania's professional boxers, Hassan Mwakinyo (L) and Zulfa Macho, pictured during the announcement of professional bouts the boxers will participate in, which will take place in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Mwakinyo will trade blows with Argentina's Jose Carlos Paz in the WBF Intercontinental Super Welterweight and International Boxing Association (IBA) Super Welterweight titles' bout, Zulfa will feature in one of the bout's supporting bouts. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Paz and supervise it.

The WBF boss stated the body got almost everything it had needed from the organizers in time, a situation which has impressed the WBF.

Goldberg disclosed the Jackson Group Sports' involvement in boxing is an opportunity for Tanzania's professional boxers to enjoy success.

He noted he believes the country will get plenty of gifted boxers through the Jackson Group Sports.

He disclosed he has visited over 60 countries in the world to supervise the WBF bouts but he is delighted to have come to Tanzania that has

major tourist attractions in the world that are, among others, Serengeti National Park and attractions found in Zanzibar.

"I have been asked by a section of WBF officials why I like travelling to Tanzania, my answer is simple, it is a country with plenty of tourist attractions, its people are friendly," he noted.

"I have as well enjoyed good cooperation rendered by the government via Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, and the boxing promoters."

Kenyan boxer, Fatuma Zarika, is set to jet into Dar today to take part in one of supporting bouts for the WBF

and IBA titles' bout.

Fatuma will trade blows with Zimbabwean Patience Mastara that is expected to make it to Dar es Salaam on Tuesday.

Jackson Group Sports Managing Director, Kelvin Twissa, stated that Fatuma will be in Dar es Salaam at 3.30pm for her bout. Mwakinyo's opponent, Paz, has arrived in the city and is training for the coming fight.

Twissa noted other boxers, Alex Kabangu from DR Congo, that will face Tanzania's Hussein Itaba will make it to Dar es Salaam on Tuesday, Zambian Alice Mbewe, who will face Tanzanian Zulfa Macho, will be in the city today.

## TUSA seeks to improve sports administration

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Universities Sports Association (TUSA) has said it has been organizing workshops for sports practitioners in the country with the aim of equipping them with knowledge and skills on sports management and administration.

Noel Kiunsi, TUSA vice-president, issued the comments at a recent exclusive interview, saying the workshops are organized annually in the country and the future plans is to reach the whole of East Africa.

He said TUSA engages experienced sports administrators and managers to train stakeholders of the industry.

"Every year, we organize training workshops to have a pool of resourceful persons to be readily available to guide and assist the association's sports affiliates and other stakeholders in sports management and administration," he said.

Kiunsi said two weeks ago TUSA organized a workshop for sports practitioners at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM).

The workshop's participants came from Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA), Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF), amateur boxing, regional and district sports officers, sports clubs and schools.

He described the UDSM workshop as very successful and helpful to the development of sports in the country.

"We organized a two-day workshop at the University of Dar es Salaam, it was very good as many sports associations attended," he noted.

"The facilitators of the workshop were individuals with vast experience and knowledge in sports, last year we also organized a similar workshop in Dodoma," he said.

"We had a sports workshop at the UDSM, it was very good and helpful, it attracted people from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, its main objective was to sharpen participants' knowledge on management and administration of sports," he said.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

