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## IPP media top in this year's Environment awards event

**By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma**

THE Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) has awarded IPP media a certificate in recognition of their contribution to educating Tanzanians on the various issues related to environmental conservation.

Dr Selemani Jafo, the VPO Minister of State, presented the certificate here yesterday during the World Environment Day commemoration, handing it to a representative of East Africa Television (EATV), a member of IPP Media group, based in the capital.

Led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Day is marked annually since 1973, with the theme of this year's networking activities being 'Only One Earth.'

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa presented awards to environment ambassadors and listed the country's top leadership for honours in that regard, also citing President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson and Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma, apart from himself.

The top leadership was cited for their contribution on environmental issues, with the urban sanitation award going to Dar es Salaam Region, Iringa, Njombe and Katavi regions were awarded for developing conservation activities,



Tourists from Frankfurt, Germany, disembark from a Eurowings plane touching down during a maiden direct flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport at the weekend with 126 tourists. The Guardian has it on good authority that the airline will henceforth be making two weekly such flights. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Sabuni

**By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha**

FRUITS of 'The Royal Tour' travel documentary are increasingly being felt as international airlines increase weekly flights to Tanzania to cater for surging passenger numbers.

For the first time, the German airline, Eurowings has started weekly flights between Frankfurt and the Kilimanjaro International Airport with the maiden landing recorded over the weekend.

The Airbus A330-200 plane had 126 tourists on board, with Eurowings Discover, a part of the Lufthansa Group, embarking on northern Tanzania flights. It expects to land at KIA with up to 600 passengers per week.

The travelers, mostly leisure visitors, were seeking out the northern tourist circuit, as highlighted by a Union committee on tourism, trade and investments, treated to a reception ceremony officiated by Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa.

He said the plane will be landing at KIA twice a week, with Frankfurt a key tourism link, as many tourists from Europe first travel to the city for connecting flights to other spots around the world.

"The coming of this plane is an important event for the country's tourism sector," the minister noted, praising President Samia Suluhu Hassan for 'The Royal Tour' documentary which has started providing positive results. Many foreign tourists were expressing the wish to come to Tanzania, he stated.

The plane can carry 302 passengers and it will help to open up the central European market for travellers to Tanzania, he said, urging actors whose business relates to tourism to seek out big airlines and major tourism firms to boost arrivals.

A fast growing tourism sector is good for the country's economic growth, he said, asking the Kilimanjaro Airport Development Co. (KADCO) to ensure it has a friendly environment for airlines to attract others to bring travellers to KIA.

German ambassador Regine Hess said Germany expects to work with Tanzania in the transport sector and was assured that many tourists will come to the country.

Airport manager Christina Mwakatobe said the plane's arrival is a boon for horticulture as it ferries horticultural products to European markets in its return trip.

KADCO board chairman Dr Natu Mwamba praised

## 'Govt agencies have key role in protecting environment'

**By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma**

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has issued a series of directives to government agencies, public institutions and local authorities relating to environmental preservation, demanding the measures be put to full implementation.

Standing in for Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, the premier said the Treasury needs to include a grand plan for environmental preservation in top priorities towards annual budget allocations.

Sector ministries and local government authorities need to make sure the grand environmental preservation plan is incorporated in their budgets, conduct follow up and submit implementation reports to the VPO, he said.

The premier expressed displeasure at the discharge of untreated sewage and chemicals from industries and mines, explaining that this habit puts at risk the health of nearby residents and is destructive to the environment.

He referred to the disappearance of living creatures, drying up of many water sources

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# NMB to pay out record dividends



NMB Bank Plc CEO Ruth Zaipuna (2nd-L) presents a copy of the bank's Annual Report to bank's board chairman, Dr Edwin Mhede. This was shortly after shareholders unanimously approved a dividend pay-out of 96.7bn/- at the annual general meeting held in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Looking on are the NBM chief financial officer Juma Kimori (L) and acting company secretary Consolatha Mosha (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

**By Guardian Reporter**

NMB Bank shareholders unanimously approved 96.7bn/- total dividend allocation for 2021 at the weekend, while expressing confident that the top lender will yield lucrative returns this year.

The approved amount translates into a dividend per share of 193/-, a 41 percent increase compared to the dividend payout of 68.5bn/- (137/- per share) paid last year, marking the third consecutive annual increase in dividend amounts, slated to be paid on or about 15th June.

NMB Bank Plc Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ruth Zaipuna paints an even more bullish picture of the lender's performance this year, despite the record dividend payment in the local banking system.

The NMB management team believes that 2022 will be an even better year for the lender, backed by a strong performance recorded during the first quarter of 2022. Net profit reached 101bn/-, 55 per cent higher from first quarter last year.

"Our solid results highlight sustainable performance momentum and good progress along our strategic journey," she said,

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## NMB to pay out record dividends

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promising even better days for shareholders and a deepening of the bank's impact on the economy.

"The 41 percent increase in dividend payout reflects the bank's strong performance as well as its capital and liquidity position," she stated, noting that the results belied an operational environment shaped by uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 41 per cent rise in profit after tax to 290bn/- in 2021 was paralleled by a 21 percent shareholder return from 18 percent late 2020. The bank surpassed its performance parameters, with customer deposits rising to 6.6trn/-, gross loans and advances closing at 4.8trn/-, she elaborated.

The bank also recorded an industry-best 46 percent cost-to-income ratio for 2021 compared to 51 percent in 2020 and a 4.0 percent non-performing loans ratio, both being within the central bank regulatory limits, she stated.

Underlining the bank's continued close control over costs and risk, she pointed at the bank's healthy balance sheet, solid capital levels and international recognition as a stable and sound bank.

Dr Edwin Mhede, the board chairman, said the bank had adapted to uncertainties in the wake of on-going global recovery. It expects to consolidate the giant gains made and scale up staff with relevant skills, emphasizing the board's commitment to sound financial decisions and maximizing returns to shareholders in the years ahead.

The 2021 performance augurs well for confidence in the bank's strategic direction, the CEO noted, expressing gratitude to the board for invaluable guidance, counsel and leadership. The Bank of Tanzania had provided accommodative monetary policies and support to the banking sector, she added.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (L) has an audience with Songas Limited managing director Anael Samuel, who paid a courtesy visit in Dodoma city late last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## IPP media top in this year's Environment awards event

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Morogoro Region awarded for leading a tree planting campaign, and Dodoma Region awarded for running a special campaign to 'make Dodoma green.'

Awards were similarly handed to 13 successful environment ambassadors' representatives and media outlets, with the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) cautioning that using banned plastic

bags as carrier bags will be fetching a 30,000/- fine or seven days' imprisonment.

Minister Jafo addressed district and regional environmental officers, asking NEMC to ensure that regulatory controls are observed.

Hailing the work done in controlling the use of plastic bags, he referred to wrappers used to carry goods, that they should not be plastic either. While local authorities check

on this use, investors must focus on approved carrying bags, he stated.

He said NEMC must work with environmental officers at the local level to enforce regulations in place, with Redempta Samuel, the NEMC director for implementation and enforcement, said the agency was working on the wrapping bags problem. There was a mix up of wrapping bags and carrier bags, she said.

Environmental Officers are the

main enforcers of plastic bag regulations, tasked with identifying permitted carrier bags and banned types, urging that people should go to shops with baskets instead of plastic carrier bags.

While NEMC makes regular inspections, "we know such bags are being smuggled in from neighbouring countries," she asserted, vowing to take legal action against violators of regulations on plastic carrier bags.

Importing banned plastic bags fetches a 20m/- fine or seven years imprisonment or both penalties, she said, underlining that a person caught in the streets with such a bag is fined 30,000/- or spend seven days in jail.

NEMC Director General Dr Samuel Gwamaka said the carrier bags problem stems from the non-enforcement of the 2004 law on the environment and regulations thereof by environment officers.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured in Stockholm at the weekend engaged in talks with leaders of Tanzanian nationals living in Sweden. Photo: VPO

## 'Govt agencies have key role in protection of the environment'

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due to frequent droughts, and how chemicals and sewage from industrial activities damage the environment. The premier addressed various stakeholders at the apex of World Environment Day held at the national level at the Jakaya Kikwete Conference Hall yesterday, with the premier equally lamenting the habit of setting fire to forests, invading forest reserves, wanton tree felling tied to the charcoal business and destruction of water sources.

Ending the invasion and destruction of forest reserves requires that the relevant ministries and other public institutions beef up collaboration in enforcing the regulatory framework, while enabling greater uptake of alternative energy sources.

He urged research bodies and institutes of higher education to quicken the pace of research for alternative energy sources to eliminate the use of wood fuel for cooking, with local authorities having to put more work into separating solid and liquid wastes.

Local governments should similarly make sure that urban forest reserves are not changed in their use or invaded by developers, he added.

## Airlines add flights, tourist arrivals surge

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan for being ready and willing to advertise Tanzania tourist attractions via the documentary, a move that was now bearing fruit, while Dr Andre Schulz, the airline's southern and eastern

Africa manager, said Lufthansa will increase frequency of arrivals and by October it will add another plane for direct flights from Zurich, the financial capital of Switzerland to KIA, via Zanzibar.

Prof Godius Kahyarara, the permanent secretary for Investment, Industry and Trade, pointed at a 106 percent

increase in foreign arrival in Tanzania in recent weeks, with a number of carriers warming up to start local landings.

Qatar Airways and Emirates Airlines, regulars in providing services to Tanzania, have also doubled flight schedules owing to an increasing number of fliers, he said, noting that Qatar Air-

ways was looking forward to 15 weekly landings from 10 earlier, while Emirates now lands seven planes per week and expects to improve on that.

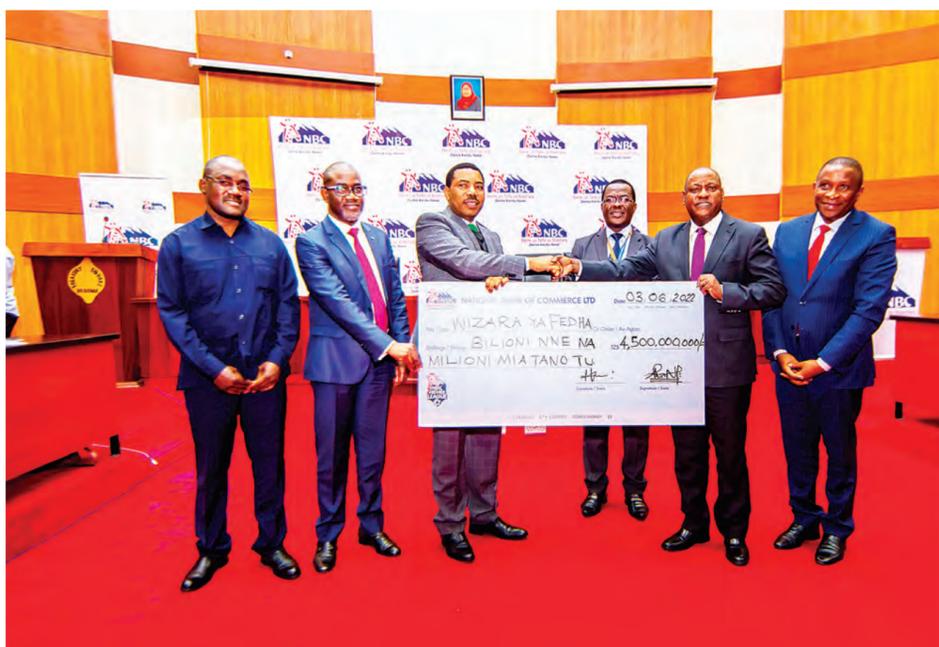
Chairing the special Union committee, Prof Kahyarara said the sudden surge of foreign visitors results from recent promotional efforts by President Samia abroad.

Prof Kahyarara and Fatma Mabrouk Khamis, permanent secretary for Tourism and Antiquities in Zanzibar, tabled the committee report reviewing the outcome of 'The 'Royal Tour,' the tourism promoting travel documentary.

A remarkable increase of tourists and investors eyeing Tanzania has been noticed following the global screening

of the documentary with bookings in hotels and tourist oriented properties in Arusha and Dar es Salaam at a peak, the report noted.

Tanzania gets an average of 1.5m tourists per year by pre-pandemic data but with the industry in sharp revival authorities anticipate up to 5m annual arrivals by 2025



NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (2nd-R) pictured in Dodoma city late last week presenting to Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (3rd-L) a dummy cheque for 4.5bn/- in dividends due to government investment in the bank. With them (from-L): Acting Treasury Registrar Joseph Mwaisemba (L), Finance and Planning ministry deputy permanent secretary Lawrence Mafuru (2nd-L), NBC board member Felix Mlaki (R) and the commissioner of the Finance ministry's financial sector development department, Dr Charles Mwamwaja. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Govt receives 4.5bn/- dividends from NBC

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

MINISTER for Finance and Planning Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has received an amount of 4.5bn/- from the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) as dividends to the government from the bank's profits in 2020/21.

Speaking at a short dividend ceremony held in Dodoma recently, Dr Nchemba commended the Bank for continuing to grow and increase profits every year which increases the amount of tax paid to the government and dividends paid to all Shareholders including the Government which has a 30% stake in the Bank.

"I am very relieved to hear that in 2021 NBC Bank made a pre-tax profit of 60 billion shillings, which is an increase of 702 percent from a profit of 6.2 billion earned in 2020. This is a great achievement," said Dr Nchemba.

Dr Nchemba added that it is a matter of pride to see that the Government, which owns a 30 percent stake in NBC Bank, receives 4.5bn/- as dividends, money that will be used to fund the implementation of major development projects in the country and improve social services including health, education, and water.

Acting Permanent Secretary Ministry of Finance and Planning, Lawrence Mafuru, said that the release of the dividend from NBC proves that the decisions made by the government in privatizing public entities were productive decisions that now make a significant contribution to the successful implementation of government responsibilities.

In addition, Mafuru urged 100% government-owned institutions to learn from private-owned entities to see how they would operate profitably.

Mafuru said that the banking sector in the country has now grown by 10 percent thus making the sector an important institution that finances economic activities in the country.

NBC Managing Director Theobald Sabi, thanked the government for enabling the Bank to fully fulfill its responsibilities by improving its investments and explained that in 2021 the Bank has paid 20bn/- in taxes to the government in addition to providing the dividend of 4.5bn/-.

He also said that his bank has made significant investments in various sectors including more than 1 billion shillings spent on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), and more than 9 billion shillings invested in football sport through NBC Premier League (NPL)

Sabi said the investment made by NBC has created more than nine thousand jobs and more jobs continue to be created due to the value chain through the sports industry.

Acting Treasury Registrar (TR), Joseph Mwaisemba said that as of May, his Office had managed to revenue amounting to 691 billion shillings while still in need of just 86bn/- to meet the target and thus NBC dividend reduces the deficit.

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Budget Committee, Hon. Daniel Sillo (MP), commended NBC for providing the dividend as well as the good management of the Government which led to the acquisition of the dividend which will help achieve the implementation of Government projects aimed at benefiting citizens in various fields.

Concluding his remarks at the ceremony, Hon. Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (MP) called on Tanzanians to prepare and participate fully in the Population and Housing Census exercise to be held on August 23, 2022. Hon. Nchemba reminded the people that the Census is for the development of the country so they should be prepared to be counted.

## Govt satisfied on implementation of TNBC 12th meeting resolutions

By Guardian Reporter

CHIEF Secretary, AMB. Hussein Kattanga, who is also the Chairman of Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) says he is satisfied by the implementation of the resolutions of the Council's 12th meeting and stressed the government's aim to continue putting in place inclusive and able business environment in the country.

Speaking at TNBC Administrative Committee, Ambassador Kattanga said the time has come for the public and private sectors to work hard to bring out positive results as well as to bring about social transformation in the country.

"THE Phase VI Government has genuine intention to strengthen the private sector," he said and added that public and private sectors should work together and trust one another.

He added that the implementation of the 12th TNBC meeting resolutions is testimony that the government is making sure business environment have been improved to attract investors to invest in the country.

"This step will enable us, as government to expand the tax collection base and improve provision of social services," he said.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Kattanga said President Samia's efforts in making the Royal Tour documentary film are supposed to be supported as positive results therefrom have started to be discerned in the tourism and investment sectors.

For his part, TNBC Secretary General, Dr goodwill Wanga said the Council will continue to organise these meetings from district level because that is where challenges are raised and brought to the national level for solutions.

"I would like to inform Tanzanians that TNBC is here for the benefit of both the public and private sectors, and in the resolutions we have passed in the 12th meeting, we have been able to implement 85 per cent, we have done so to remove businessmen's cost burden to enable the private sector to grow in order to attract investors," said Dr Wanga.

For his part, the chairman of Tanzania Private Sector foundation (TPSF), Paul Makanza praised the government for continuing to improve the business environment including reducing levies, saying the responsibility now is to make sure businesses increase to increase revenue from various taxes.

He said the private sector is set to make sure there is accountability in issues regarding economic development.

In the meeting members hailed the implementation, at 85 per cent of the 12th TNBC Meeting as preparations for the 13th Meeting that will be officiated by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

## EU and Energy ministry team up in alternative power project

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE European Union (EU), in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy, has established a project for domestic energy that is to cost Euro 30 million aimed at mobilising the community in the use of alternative energy.

This has been disclosed at the weekend by the Ministry's representative, Emilian Nyanda as brief reporters at the exhibition to mark Environment Week taking place here.

Nyanda said EU and its institutions dealing in environment issues is mobilising the community to abandon the use of wood fuel as it destroys the environment.

He said the project will be assisting private institutions and will be implemented in five regions - including Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Morogoro and Coast.

Earlier, the organizer and a representative from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Clara Makenya, said UNEP, in collaboration with seven other organisations have been taking various steps to fight the effects of climate change, environmental degradation, destruction to biodiversity and air pollution.

She further said they are now looking into how they will work together with the government to confront the situation by mobilising the use alternative domestic energy.

Also, she identified seven issues that are being adhered to in dealing with the situation including having correct data for decision makers, the existence of policies that will enable stakeholders on how Tanzania will deal with the issue of climate change and the technology for reducing the destruction.

For her part, UNEP Coordinator of the project for reducing the effects of climate change, Anne Mushi said UNEP has been mobilising in the use of alternative energy and have established a project for the energy in Chamwino, Kondo and Mpwapa districts



**Earlier, the organizer and a representative from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Clara Makenya**



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### CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**To procure and distribute ethanol clean cook-stoves under project "Scaling up bioethanol as a clean alternate fuel for cooking in Dar Es Salam, Tanzania"**

Approximately 3 billion people lack access to clean cooking solutions and 85% of this global population lives in 20 high-impact countries which includes Tanzania. The baseline study for Tanzania shows that more than 80% of its population depends on traditional biomass as their primary energy source for cooking in households. The common cooking devices widely used in Tanzania are traditional three-stone firewood, metal charcoal stoves, improved charcoal stoves, and kerosene stoves which produce smoke and soot. While fuels for cooking are relatively diverse (firewood, charcoal, kerosene, electricity, cow dung, crop residues, wood processing residues, etc.), wood-based biomass fuels clearly stand out as the most utilized in the 20 high impact countries. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) reports, some of these typical cooking fuels can produce significant amounts of smoke and prolonged exposure can be associated with respiratory infections, eye damage, and heart and lung diseases, which leads to approximately 4 million deaths annually in the world.

UNIDO in collaboration with the Government of Tanzania is implementing a European Union (EU) - funded project that aims at addressing the above problems in the country. The approved EU project under its biomass energy strategy for Tanzania aims to promote bio-ethanol as alternative clean cooking fuel by creating a market-enabling environment for the introduction of 500,000 bio-ethanol fuelled stoves in Dar es Salaam and production and distribution of the bioethanol fuel. Under this initiative, UNIDO is soliciting an Expression of Interest (EOI) from suitable qualified distribution companies or consortiums of companies, for the procurement and distribution of 175,000 subsidized ethanol clean cookstoves to households in Dar es Salaam.

If your company wishes to participate in this call of EOI, please visit the UNIDO e-procurement portal (<https://procurement.unido.org/>)- RfX700005616 for further documents.

**Submission deadline for EOI is 17:00 CEST, 24 June 2022**

**Please direct all questions on the call for expression of interest to UNIDO by email: [A.AHMED@UNIDO.ORG](mailto:A.AHMED@UNIDO.ORG) and [K.PANGANIBAN@unido.org](mailto:K.PANGANIBAN@unido.org). Ensure to indicate the EOI No. 700005616 in the subject line of the communication.**

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## NIMR urged to conduct research on traditional remedies to cure cancer

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

THE government has directed the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) to conduct research on traditional medicines with the potential to cure cancer.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally, accounting for nearly 10 million deaths, or one in six deaths in 2020. The common cancers are lung, breast, prostate, colorectal, stomach, liver, cervical and thyroid cancer.

Minister for Health, Umyy Mwalimu said that 60 per cent of Tanzanians use traditional remedies but most of them are conned and end up buying the ones that are not certified or researched.

Mwalimu made the remarks at the inauguration of the new NIMR Council in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. The council involves members from institutions under the Ministry of Health.

She said the situation is alarming at the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI).

"We need to conduct research on these remedies if they can cure cancer; this will save the country from having an increased risk of cancer patients. There are some plants claimed to treat cancer, but they are not certified by NIMR," she stated, underscoring the need for Tanzanians to change their lifestyle and stop using tobacco products to avoid cancer.

The Minister said that many researches in Tanzania are based on projects that have been funded by partners and donors on particular diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Tuberculo-

sis and Malaria.

In another development, Mwalimu directed NIMR to start providing Malaria vaccine to Tanzanians who can afford to pay for the service to reduce number of deaths caused by the disease. In Tanzania, eight per cent of deaths to children under the age of five are due to Malaria while adults' deaths account for 5.9 per cent.

"If you have already confirmed that the vaccine can protect a person from getting the disease I see no reason for delays in giving the jabs to people who can pay for the service," she added.

NIMR Director General Prof Yunus Mgaya said some of the studies conducted by the institute enabled preparation of guidelines that improved interventions used in disease management. He said they also have a technology to insecticide-treated bed mosquito nets and indoor residual spray. Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aifello Sihalwe said: "The health sector needs national scientific data to be able to develop policies. We need strong disciplines to conduct research in the areas of disease."

He added: "We will continue to use research findings from local and international institutes for development and improvement of our health strategies. We will continue to coordinate human disease research and translate scientific evidence into policy decisions."

NIMR Council Chairman, Dr Andrew Kitua said that research should be aimed at improving and assisting the government in making quick and effective decisions for the benefit of the community.



Zanzibar House of Representatives Speaker Zubeir Ali Maulid speaks at the weekend when opening a one-day seminar for members of the House. It was jointly organised and conducted by the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation and various other stakeholders chiefly to raise public awareness on the introduction of 'Takaful', an Islamic insurance service. The audience included Dr Saada Mkuya Salum (3rd-L), Minister of State (Finance and Planning) in the Zanzibar President's Office, and ZIC director general Arafat Ally Haji (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## ZIC conducts capacity building training for House of Representatives members

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC) in collaboration with other stakeholders in the Isles has conducted capacity building training for members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives as one of the key steps towards the introduction of its new Islamic Insurance product 'Takaful'.

The one-day training, held in the Chukwani area on the outskirts of Zanzibar, was preceded by a one-day training for the insurance agents held in Pemba Isle with the aim of preparing key stakeholders for the implementation of Islamic insurance product in the country.

Launching the training the Speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representatives Hon. Zubeir Ali Maulid said there was a great need to promote the nearly coming Islamic product noting that many countries in the world have already made changes to financial and tax laws so the move will create a better environment for promoting and developing such product.

"It is my belief that the product is going to revolutionize the insurance industry so it is the responsibility of the government to put in place strong strategies to ensure that the majority of citizens benefit from the same," he said.

He further encouraged the partici-

pants of the training to ensure that they make good use of the training in order to build sufficient awareness so that they too can pass the same knowledge on to the people.

"I also believe that through the knowledge you will be able to ask in-depth questions as well as provide your valuable feedback and suggestions so that the responsible authorities and other implementers of the program can take note where necessary," he stressed.

Additionally, Hon. Zubeir called on the various authorities involved in implementing the program, including financial institutions and relevant authorities, to ensure that they make a concerted effort to allow the intro-

duction of the service as soon as possible but with the required efficiency to be more productive, especially for low-income citizens.

Speaking at the training, the Director General of Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC) Mr Arafat Haji said through the training to the influential group in the isles they believe that important information about the new product will easily reach to the targeted customers even before the launch of the product.

"We hope that the advent of this Islamic Insurance service, 'Takaful', will be the right solution to attract more people in Zanzibar and other parts of the country who are basically in need of insurance services but

they fail due to religious beliefs."

He noted that many citizens in the isles have been reluctant to enter into insurance systems by refraining from interests which is against their religion belief.

Expressing her gratitude on behalf of the government and her fellow members of the House of Representatives, Minister of State, Finance, and Planning - Zanzibar - Dr. Saada Mkuya Salum, Dr. Saada Mkuya Salum while congratulating the stakeholders for the provision of the training, she said the training will bear fruit as it has been directed to the right group as they represent thousands of citizens in the isles, a step that will facilitate the

easy dissemination of information regarding the product.

"Following this important move we as members of the House of Representatives remain responsible for ensuring that this knowledge reaches the people we represent in the whole of Zanzibar. The product itself is very important to our people and we will make sure it reaches them as intended," she stressed.

Apart from ZIC, other stakeholders involved in the provision of training included the Zanzibar Social Security Fund (ZSSF), the People's Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ), Centre for Islamic Finance, Compliance, and Advice (CIFCA), and the Islamic Development Bank (ISDB).



Karamba cultural troupe performs when Tembo Nickel Corporation Ltd donated 400 avocado seedlings to residents of Bugarama in Ngara District late last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Arusha city erects 70 beacons along river banks to protect water sources

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

IN effort to protect natural water sources around the urban precinct, Arusha is planting beacons along river banks to create buffer zones against human encroachment.

In conjunction with the Pangani Basin Water Board, the National Environment Management Council (NEMC), in the Northern Zone, erected a total of 70 such pillars along the Naura River valley in Arusha City.

Beacons erecting exercise was also graced by the Mayor of Arusha City Council, Maximilian Iranqhe who used the occasion in appealing to the local urban planning officers to ensure that when it comes to real estate development projects, environment conservation must be given priority.

The Mayor lamented the fast disappearing open spaces in Arusha City due to invasion of developers and other unplanned and unwelcome human activities.

The NEMC Zonal Environment Officer, Francis Nyamhangha explained here that the exercise was also participated by other institutions and organizations such as the

Tanzania Health and Social Services, Social Services and Rural Community Network, Kijani Pamoja and the Malihai Clubs.

The environment laws direct that, there should be a 60 meters' buffer zone on either side of any river, within which no building or farming activity should take place. It is to protect these boundaries that the beacons had to be erected.

Hand in hand with that, the National Environment Management Council launched a tree planting initiative to mark the World Environment Day 2022, where more than 1000 seedlings of different species were planted in both Arusha Urban and the Arumeru Districts.

At least 500 trees were planted along the Ndurumanga River valley and 500 other seedlings were introduced around the Uraki Primary School in Meru.

More than 100 villagers and 200 School Pupils took part in the tree-planting projects in the District.

Some more 250 trees were planted in the Mkonoo Primary and Secondary Schools, as well as within areas around the Engavunet parts of Mkonoo Ward in Arusha Urban District.

## TASAC appeals to authorities to help stop marine cargo vessels carrying passengers

By Correspondent George Sembony, Tanga

THE Tanzania Shipping Agency (TASAC) has appealed to authorities in Tanga region to help stop marine cargo vessels from carrying passengers to save innocent lives.

The appeal was made yesterday by Tanga Regional TASAC Officer-in-Charge, Captain Christopher Shalua when briefing journalists on the 9th Trade and Tourism Fair to be held at the Mwachako grounds in the city.

Shalua said that government authorities at village, district and regional level should collaboratively work to ensure the cargo vessels does not

carry passengers due to its safety.

"Prohibiting marine vehicles in the village waters would save the lives of passengers. The vessels are registered to carry cargo but they have been carrying passengers thus endangering people's lives," he states, calling upon village leaders to be in the forefront in monitoring and stopping such vessels from violating the laws.

He said TASAC has been conducting awareness education in several coastal areas saying they were doing so to ensure no passengers aboard the marine cargo vessels. He said the patrol goes hand in hand with provision of education to the people on the need to use passenger

vessels for their ocean safaris.

He said they have managed to provide such awareness education to owners and managers of vessels at Mkwaja, Kipumbwi and Pangani.

Shalua said that owners of the marine cargo vessels are responsible for ensuring that they do not break laws and endanger people's lives as their vessels do not meet the required criterion to carry passengers.

He also raised concerns over shortage of staff to control the Tanga Coastal zone area which he said is large.

"We rely on village government officials to help us manage the coastal line and ensure se-

curity. We need to have our own officers to do the job to ensure efficiency," he said.

He however urged vessel owners and operators to make sure their ships have all the required equipment such as fire extinguisher, life jackets and rescue equipment.

TASAC Senior Liaison Officer, Amina Miruko said they will continue to work with the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to provide education to the public. She said the agency in collaboration with other institutions is also working to formalize illegal ports in various parts of the country.

TASAC was established in 2017 as maritime

administration to regulate ports, shipping services, maritime environment, safety and security. The Corporation is also mandated to conduct shipping business in the areas of clearing and forwarding, ship tallying, document control and shipping agency.

The Tanzania Shipping Agencies Act of 2017 gives exclusive mandate to TASAC to carry out clearing and forwarding functions relating to import and export of minerals, mineral concentrates, machineries, equipment, products and extracts related to minerals and petroleum, arms and ammunitions, live animals and Government trophies.



## JOB VACANCIES

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a local non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide child care and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 60 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991, and implements its programs in the following locations Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa. SOS Children's Villages Tanzania seeks to recruit a suitably qualified candidates to fill the following vacant positions:

**Job Title** : Employment and Entrepreneurship Training Program Coordinator  
**Duty station** : SOS Children's Village Mwanza  
**Reporting to** : Program Manager

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

EET Program Coordinator oversees development of projects related to young people, child participants, and adults of alternative care, family strengthening and others from the community and supports community systems and structures strengthening on behalf of the organization. The EET Program Coordinator works closely with Youth Empowerment Officer to promote youth Services through engaging the community and all stakeholders in the support of projects to meet the needs of local youth for them to become self-independent.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

#### 1. Lead the planning of the Social Centre program activities.

- Carry out/supports any assessment that will be conducted for Youth/social centre e.g. Baseline, feasibility study or up-date existing information for starting/or redesigning youth/ social centre project.
- Conduct research and statistical analysis; offers recommendations on community development opportunities.
- Identify key stakeholders including the Local Government Authority, Community-Based Partners and Youth/Social Centre Project participants (e.g. Child related Community groups/associations, structure/system members) and ensure their active participation in the project design and implementation putting a particular emphasis on child/youth participation.
- Draw-up an initial action plan together with key community stakeholders based on the findings from the feasibility study, baseline or any assessment, followed by annual plans with concrete programme activities based on the analysis findings, context and in line with the organisations mission, policies, strategic priorities and available resources.
- Ensure all Youth/Social Centre participants understand Children Village Program Policy, their roles and ready to engage accordingly. All key steps (context, assessment, available resources and in the best interest of the child) are effectively observed during Planning phase or redesigning of the Program.
- Identify local funding sources and apply for grants and other forms of local income, such as Community support grants from various grants foundations and government subsidies under different department such as Women/youth funds from Community development department at Mwanza City Council.
- Provide recommendations on available potential funding opportunities to the project participants, available partnership initiatives and the community needs and liaises frequently with community members, funders, and other stakeholders.

#### 2. Coordinate the implementation of programme activities

- Before the Program Coordinator EET implement new Community Program or any initiatives, he/she should evaluate existing scheme, identifying their flaws and highlighting where there is room for improvement. Then he/she should share with management how and where these communities' needs and aspirations can be met, devising strategies, considering budgetary restrictions and then working with a range of different existing community management to prepare and implement projects.
- Develop Youth empowerment training programme and curriculum packages that will be carried at the Youth/Social Centre
- Facilitate the Setting up the leadership to a community Committees, groups and Associations in identifying/securing and coordinating community resources necessary to implement Community Development Programs (Existing and new).
- Lead the implementation of programme activities with partners according to the objectives, actions and time frames outlined in the annual plan and joint action plan.
- Develop and scope viable programs with other community-based groups that reflect community assets and priorities.
- Ensure that the programme operates in accordance with the organisation's policies and procedures.
- Support capacity-building to Community-Based Partners (e.g. youth groups, Community Committees, Associations or Community Clubs) or Systems/structures like Child Protection Systems, to ensure the long-term sustainability of service delivery that is done by the organisation is anchored into their daily plan of actions/activities and their budgeting.
- Build a strong network of Community Based Partners, Committees and Groups that are existing in the community.
- Enforce the implementation of the Children's Villages Program Policy while keeping focus on the principles, social support networks strengthened and the actions and decision made by these committees, groups, structures etc. should be in the best interest of the child.

#### 3. Build and manage positive relations with the community and/or local authorities

- Identify strategic partnership and build strong relationships with respective community development department in the local government authorities, recognised community leadership and like-minded child related community groups/association, who share the organisation's vision, as well as those who provide complementary services to young people.
- Participate in community development forums/networks/conferences dealing/discussing issues affecting children of our target group.
- Search for various prospects for youth programs such as government grants, vocational training institution grants, to secure opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship skills.
- Build good relations with the local media (e.g. community radio), so child rights issues in general as well as the organisation's mission and objectives can be promoted on a regular basis. Engage the community in meaningful dialogue, including through social media, to achieve optimal outcomes.
- Build relationships with government agencies, community groups and local businesses that are willing to invest time and money into their local communities.
- Ensure appropriate consultation, participation, and feedback to the community in the development of policies and strategies related to youth and caregiver's initiatives.
- Establish strong working relationship between youth/social centre program and other program within SOS Children's Village; participate in development of guidelines and other working documents.

#### 4. Financial management and administration of the programme

- Ensure that the organisation's financial resources are used modestly and efficiently.
- Implement financial and administrative procedures, in line with policies/guidelines of the National Association and in consultation with financial support staff.
- Ensure program unit planning and budgets are in line with the organizational strategies.
- Ensure all programme expenditure/resource usage is in line with the annual plan and budget.
- Ensure the program comply with financial policies including procurement policy and procedures.
- Ensure there is no either underspending or overspending of the approved funds of the Social Centre Program and other Community strengthening activities budgeted in Mwanza.
- Ensure there is no fraud or corruption tolerated in Social Centre program in Mwanza. Any indications of corruption and fraud need to be reported as soon as identified.

#### 5. Establish mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the programme

- Work very closely with Community Development Department at the Mwanza City Council to put in place effective monitoring and evaluation plans and systems, on the basis of the international systems requirements, as a basis for ongoing monitoring, self-evaluation and external impact evaluation. These tools shall facilitate both quantitative and qualitative evaluation, using participatory approaches.
- Monitor and evaluate youth programs in line with the result framework and M&E tools.
- Provide direct superior with regular up-dates on project activities and results, including regular written reports on a monthly/quarterly basis as required.
- Involve fully in Mwanza program annual progress report writing and submission

#### 6. Contribute to the work of the broader organisation

- Participate in local, national and regional processes, meetings and structures within

the organisation as required and agreed with the direct superior.

- Work closely and supports the documentation and communication committee in Mwanza to document and share good practices and lessons learned with colleagues to support and improve cross program and organisational learning.
- Work closely and supports the documentation and communication committee in Mwanza to prepare your program information as required for public relations and fund development purposes.
- Keep track of child rights issues in general as well as current social development issues and trends relevant to the organisation's mission, and ensure you identify the innovation areas to improve the Community Social Centre Project up and running in Mwanza.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor degree in Community Development/ Community Economic Development, Project Management, and any relevant field from recognized institutions.
- At least 4 years working experience preferably with NGO in this field.
- Basic facilitation skills.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Computer skills especially Microsoft word, Excel & the Internet.
- A good command of both oral & written English

**Job Title** : Program Officer- Family Strengthening  
**Duty station** : SOS Children's Village Dar es Salaam  
**Reporting to** : Family Strengthening Program Coordinator

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Family Strengthening Program Officer is responsible for facilitating the capacity building of FSP supported families, communities and duty bearers to effectively protect and care their children sustainably in cooperation with local authorities and other service providers, enabling children who are at risk of losing the care of the families to grow within a caring family environment.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Facilitate the formation and development of Community Task Force to spearhead the programme;
- Organise and facilitate training of Community Task Force on vulnerability assessment at family and community levels.
- Support Community Task Forces in the identification of programme participants
- Reviewing and submitting to the Admissions Committee the programme participants received from Community Task Forces.
- Facilitate active participation of children in all FSP processes.
- Facilitate the formation and functioning of family support groups.
- Facilitate the identification and training of community facilitators in Family Development Planning.
- Maintaining and updating files for programme participants.
- Support Community Task Force, families and communities in the assessment of root causes leading to child abandonment at family and community levels through use of appropriate participatory tools.
- Support the development of an appropriate action plan to meet the needs of each household and community.
- Facilitate the identification of opportunities and mobilization of local resources for the action plan to meet the needs of each household and community.
- Support the preparation of individualized family development plans and community development plans.
- Support the programme coordinator in the consolidation of Family Development Plans and preparation of budgets relevant to the attainment of programme's goal.
- Facilitate and support the timely programme plans from the approved annual plans and budgets.
- Facilitate families' access to essential services required to fulfill their children's developmental needs and rights.
- Support the facilitation and monitoring of children's access to education, health care and vital registration
- Facilitate and support the initial CBO capacity assessment in order to come up with the CBO Development Plan.
- Facilitate the developing of the CBO's organizational management capacity, that is, formation of properly constituted boards & committees, writing CBO constitution, legal registration of CBO, developing the CBO vision statement, mission statement, strategy and values.
- Support the CBO capacity building of systems in Financial and accounting policies, procurement policies and procedures, resource mobilization strategies, human resource management policies, project reporting procedures, leadership and governance and strategic plans.
- Facilitate the CBO capacity building of networks in terms of identifying strategic partners, and other service providers
- Facilitate stakeholder analysis within the programme, maintaining and updating stakeholders' profiles.
- Collaborate with community development structures, other NGOs and government departments for effective service delivery to programme participants.
- Support functional sustainability of community based networks on OVC support and other relevant development initiatives.
- Identifying opportunities for OVC supportive partnerships within the programme
- Facilitate participatory monitoring and evaluation of the programme interventions.
- Facilitate regular data collection through appropriate monitoring tools on programme interventions.
- Facilitate the regular counting of key programme participants.
- Organize and facilitate regular project reviews with Community Family Development Planning Facilitators and other service providers on FSP.
- Carry out regular home visits to families, CBOs and other partner on the programme for timely and relevant programme support.
- Prepare and submit timely progress reports to the FSP Coordinator on programme interventions.
- Document family and child success stories on programme interventions.
- Ensuring that relevant community development structures have documented programme processes.
- Ensuring that the database and files of families on the programme are maintained and updated timely;
- Submission of signed distribution list to Finance on all programme items received by participants in the community.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor degree in Social Work, Community Development, Sociology; and any relevant field from recognized institutions.
- At least two years working experience preferably with NGO in this field.
- Basic facilitation skills.
- Basic Knowledge of Gender, Child rights and Advocacy. Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Computer skills especially Microsoft word, Excel & the Internet.
- A good command of both oral & written English

**Job Title** : Program Officer- Alternative Care  
**Duty station** : SOS Children's Village Dar es Salaam  
**Reporting to** : Alternative Care Coordinator (CAQAC)

### PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

Program Officer (Alternative Care) is responsible for planning, developing and implementing quality alternative care programming for children and young people, and appropriate community mobilization in professional and timely manner.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Project officers work in teams with project coordinator, programme manager and administrator to support and coordinate project activities.
- The project officer will provide case management and supportive services to children/youth and their biological families, and communities.
- Support partners to manage all aspects of the project cycle including planning, implementation and monitoring.
- Ensures the empowerment of families in child care and protection.
- Develop and implement Project's work plans on annual/biannual /quarterly basis.
- Conducts regular field visits to maintain appropriate implementation of project activities.
- Ensure all project documentation and reports produced on time.
- Support in designing training manual and guides on different options of alternative care implemented by SOS Children's Village Program Dar es Salaam.
- Support the Alternative Care Coordinator to implement recommendation from audits, monitoring reports, and investigations are implemented.

- Support the Alternative Care Coordinator to identify and meet training needs of Caregivers, and project partners.
- Participate in development of Strategic Plan and Annual Plans to guarantee compliance with government policies and strategies on alternative care, and most vulnerable children.
- Support to establish and maintains a collaborative relationship with the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development
- Plan and implement community sensitization programmes on foster care parenting, protection of children in alternative care arrangements
- Support the Alternative Care Coordinator to orient and train local government leaders, community leaders, faith based organization leaders and CBOs in SOS Children's Villages Programme locations on alternative care for children in need.
- Recognizes that child protection is everyone business, having the obligation to protect the children as per Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.
- Conducts in a way that safeguards children and youth from all forms of discrimination, abuse, mistreatment and neglect.
- Strongly support our values and our vision that "every child grows in a family, with love respect and security", and She will promote children's development.
- Supposed to submit Monthly progress report and other reports as per directives received from the Direct supervisor.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor Degree in relevant field from a recognized University (Social Work, Sociology, Community Development, Development Studies, Rural Development)
- At least 3 years' experience in implementing programs with most vulnerable children.
- Sound understanding of child rights, child development, family and community development, rights based programming and management of CBOs.
- Good understanding of project budgets, forecast, and reports.
- Knowledge of database management and good command over MS Office.
- Good communication skills (both oral and written).
- Proficient in both verbal and written English.
- Problem solving and analytical

**Job Title** : IPD Grants Accountant  
**Duty station** : National Office  
**Reporting to** : Head of Finance

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Check the status of payment vouchers submitted to National Office and provide feedback to senders (Projects Officers & Accountants) to ensure timely submission to National Office and quality standards as required by the donor ;
- Prepare monthly report to the Head of Finance for updates on Financial management of the projects ;
- Ensure that payments are done according to finance procedures in place and the supporting documentation is complete.
- Cross check / make banks reconciliations on a monthly basis for all projects bank accounts.
- Work with the program team and update them of any outstanding issue regarding donor compliance which requires a management decision.
- Coordinate IPD project reports preparation on SharePoint (voucher lists, vouchers scans uploading, Cash-Flow Forecasts preparation to ensure the donor satisfaction is adhered to, through a timely response to related queries.
- Prepare IPD project request for transfers according to the budget approved;
- Make a follow up of incoming transfers and ensure the donor has received funds transfers acknowledgements in due time ;
- Ensure the projects funds received are changed according to the exchange rate agreed with the bankers ;
- Make a follow up of foreign currency bank accounts to ensure funds received all changed in local currency on time.
- Ensure effective communication with the donors, through the Head of Finance, on funds disbursement and provide timely updates whenever required.
- Ensure that IPD projects funds transfers are prepared and submitted in due time to ensure a smooth running of projects activities.
- Cross check data entered by location Accountants in Navision system and ensure all expenses are booked on appropriate accounting codes ;
- Link restricted funds with appropriate reason codes each month and ensure expenses incurred are deducted from vendor card of funds received.
- Prepare the projects ageing balance monthly and share it with concerned co workers to ensure follow up and clearance on time;
- Supporting accountants in projects budgets follow up and a proper booking of expenses.
- Ensure projects data entries in navision are done appropriately and matches with related entries on Sharepoint (for BMZ Projects);
- Providing trial balances of projects expenses each month and discuss with budgets holders on booking and spending targets ;
- Update the financial reports of BMZ projects on a monthly basis : Voucher lists, Cash-flow forecast, vouchers scans uploading, etc and ensure they meet the donor's requirements
- Support Projects Coordinators/Officers in preparation of Quarterly reports, to ensure the financial information reported is true.
- Support the Projects Officers/Coordinators in budgeting and filling in related forms ;
- Fill in funds requests for IPD projects, following up incoming transfers and acknowledging their receipt in due time ;
- Support new co workers to be familiar with donor reporting tools on SharePoint for ease of reporting and use of self-service option in Daily assignment.
- Ensure a timely photocopying and delivery of IPD Projects proof of payment to donors whenever needed ;
- Ensure completeness of payment vouchers are submitted abroad and keeping copies at National office.
- Support Projects Officers/Coordinators in budgets follow up and ensure any overspending or budgets reallocation above authorised sealing highlighted in the projects agreement is approved by the donor.
- Make follow up of the projects assets for proper booking in Navision system, proper handling and traceability.
- In collaboration of the Head of Finance, communicate with the donor on some financial issues encountered for during implementation of projects which include predicted Cash shortage, cash surplus, delays of transfers, etc. for a timely decision making in favour of the project being implemented.
- Supporting the projects internal and external audits, monitoring and evaluation processes.

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:

- Bachelor's degree in Finance, Accounting or a related field.
- Full CPA (TT) or ACCA or its equivalent with three years relevant experience. Must be registered by NBAA as an Approved Accountant.
- 3+ years in a relevant field (preferably with an NGO).
- Ability to set up and maintain financial systems and develop internal control procedures
- Good experience managing the quality and content of all financial and accounting data, reporting and coordinating audits for an organization or significant department.
- Knowledgeable of best practices in Accounts/ Finance and resources management
- Flexible and a self-starter, able to multi-task while also being highly detailed-orientated.
- Hands-on experience in computerized accounting applications/software/ MSOffice/Excel/Word/PPT is a must

### How to apply:

Interested candidates for any of the above positions should submit an application letter by email enclosed by only detailed and updated CV with telephone contacts, email address and details of at least 3 referees. The candidate MUST clearly indicate the title of position applied for. Only contacted candidates for the interview will submit copies of academic and professional certificates. This advert can be obtained on our website <http://www.sos-childrensvillages.tanzania.org.tz>. Closing date is 19th June , 2022. To apply please send to;

**The National Director SOS Children's Villages Tanzania.**  
**Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**  
**[recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org](mailto:recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org)**

Please Note: SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is an equal opportunity employer and committed to keeping children safe from abuse and harm, therefore candidates applying for this post will be subject to child safeguarding recruitment procedures and checks.

**Only short listed candidates will be contacted**



Barrick Bulyanhulu gold mine general manager Cheick Sangare (3rd-R) pictured at the weekend exchanging documents on a corporate social responsibility MoU with Msalala District Council chairman Mibako Mabubu. Under the agreement, the mine has set aside 1.9bn/- for the implementation of community projects to be overseen by council this year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## National Population and Housing Census on track

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PREPARATIONS for the National Population and Housing Census scheduled to begin this August 23 have reached 80 per cent, with authorities concentrating on provision of training to experts.

Anne Makinda, the 2022 Population and Housing Census Commissioner, made the statement in Dar es Salaam yesterday when opening the first training of trainers on Information Communication Technology (ICT) to 200 experts at national level.

She said the government has now embarked on training of personnel who will be collecting data and feeding them in the system. She said an agreement signed between Tanzania and international institutions wants countries to use Computer Personal Assisting Interview (CPAI) when collecting data.

Makinda said the 1967, followed by 1978, 1988, 2002 and the last 2012 census were conducted in paper systems, noting that this year's counting exercise will be conducted digitally.

"It is for the first time in our country, the national population and housing census is conducted using digital systems (laptops)," she said, adding the ten days training is important for the country's development, calling upon those selected to participate in the exercise to do it

diligently.

She said upon completion of their training they will be assessed to be sure that they are capable of using the technology to train others.

The commissioner urged the training participants to work efficiently, professionally and with commitments hoping to meet the objectives and targeted outcomes.

Ambassador Mohamed Ally Hamza, the Commissioner for Population and Housing census (Zanzibar) said the success of this year's population and housing census depends on how it will be conducted.

Hamza said their participation in the training on ICT is important, insisting the governments depend on them for the successful counting exercise.

Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre (EASTC), Rector Dr Tumaini Katunzi said the training was conducted in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the World Bank (WB).

He said all those qualified at national level will later be assigned to conduct ICT classes to regional supervisors.

Last year, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said it needs 400,000 tablets among other resources to enable it conduct the 2022 Population and Housing Census in a period of three days across the country.

## TCRA pushes for dot tz domain registration when using internet

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has implored the need for Tanzanians to register using the dot tz (.tz) domain when using the internet to provide national identity and boost the country's economy.

TCRA Communications Resource Management Manager, Mwesigwa Felician made the remarks over the weekend when commenting on the importance

of using the dot tz domain—the country resource for online communication via website or email as each country is given a unique identity online.

The official says that despite the TCRA's efforts to encourage the use of the domain, many companies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) registered and operating in Tanzania are still users of other domains such as .com and .org.

Mwesigwa said that registering a website or email using

a Tanzanian domain has various benefits including reducing communication costs, increasing the scope of information protection and boosting the country's economy as the money used to register the domains remain in the country.

"We advise all online users to register their websites and emails using the dot tz domain, other domains aren't helpful to Tanzania as the money used to register is sent to those countries," he said.

He added: "Using dot.tz do-

mains the security of your information or your institution is guaranteed, and your information is available anywhere in the world, moreover this is a legal requirement."

The expert noted that each web address has a destination domain, also known as a country code top-level domain (ccTLDs). The ccTLDs are used to indicate website links to a specific country or region (uk for UK or .eu for the European Union) and are therefore known as country code.

Mwesigwa stressed that the dot tz domain gives a Tanzanian identity in the internet—enables business to be accessed anywhere in the world through the internet.

"This domain offers equal online commercial competition; provides or facilitates access to online businesses in Tanzania, meaning it makes it easy for the internet to direct you to home websites first before you move elsewhere, this allows one to reach his/her local stakeholders

more easily," he states.

Other benefits include facilitating the resolution of disputes regarding the registration of names under the .tz domain where it is easier to resolve such disputes in the country by Tanzanian laws and regulations, as opposed to domain names registered abroad or internationally.

The .tz domain provides consistent certification of Tanzanian products to online customers and increases security interventions on the internet.

The expert had it that registration of internet services using the .tz domain also enables communication, service delivery, facilitation of business for the public and private sectors.

"The use of dot tz is simple and in the event of a technical problem the person calls the TCRA offices and the problem is solved instantly unlike other domains that do not need to follow the set sequence for solving the relevant problem which takes time to resolve," he remarked.



Tatu Sima of Ilongero in Singida Region briefs members of the Parliamentary Administration and Local Governments Committee on an inspection tour of the village yesterday how she has benefited from Tanzania Social Action Fund assistance. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'TASAF input is meant to rescue poor households'

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

THE Parliamentary Administration and Local Government Committee vice chairman, Dennis Londo has said Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) through the implementation of the programme to rescue poor households in the country fully vows to elevate an ordinary citizen to the middle income bracket.

Londo made the remarks during his panel's visit at Ilongero Village, Singida District that aimed to inspect the Fund's activities in the village.

He said through TASAF projects, his committee is certain it will provide employment to the people living in poor households, raise individual's incomes and the households in general.

He added that the aim of the government is to economically raise poor households through TASAF, adding that the country's industrial economy should start with the poor.

"We, as your representatives, we closely work with the office of the President that is tasked to oversee TASAF, we pledge to continue collaborate with it to make sure TASAF aims to improve the lives of poor households are realised," Londo stressed.

For his part, a TASAF beneficiary from the village, Tabu Sima said when she received TASAF subsidy for the first time; she spent it to dig the foundation of the house she was now living in.

She thanked TASAF because the subsidy has enabled her to educate her children and that even her current business has been made possible through TASAF.

Pili Mohamed, another TASAF beneficiary from Ilongero Village said before TASAF she was living in a mud house but soon after receiving the subsidies and through credit and

saving groups they started, she was able to make bricks and built a much better house she is now living in.

In regard to TASAF's contribution in the village, Jenista Mhagama, the minister of state in the President Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance, said TASAF has done a lot, including solving the challenge regarding water scarcity by constructing two dams, as well providing short term employment to the youth in the village.

Members of the Parliamentary Administration and Local Government Committee are in Singida Region for official visit aimed at inspecting the implementation of TASAF activities.



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## Katavi to have 120m/- milk processing plant

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

THE government has set aside 120m/- to build collection-cum-processing milk plant in Katavi region in a bid to contain milk post-harvest losses and increase consumption of processed milk in western part of the country.

Livestock and Fisheries Deputy Minister Abdalah Ulega said this here recently at the climax of the 25th Milk Week National Celebrations.

Without divulging details on where the plant is to be located, Ulega said that the

money to build the industry has been approved by parliament in the current 2022/23 budget.

Katavi, he explained, is one Tanzania's strategic milk producing regions but most of the milk is not processed, causing loss to the farmer, community and the government.

He explained for lack of a processing plant in the region, no value is added to the milk produced, hence occasioning post-harvest losses. The plant will increase milk shelf-life, allow more people to drink packed milk and milk products.

The minister further explained that when

post-harvest losses are eliminated; the disposal income of the farmer and public revenue collection will increase.

"The government is determined to strengthen the dairy sub-sector because of its importance in promoting human health, increasing government revenue and in increasing the livelihoods of dairy farmers," the minister said.

The joint efforts of the National Artificial Insemination Centre (NAIC), local governments and the private sector have paid off because, Ulega said, 47,888 animals were artificially inseminated in 24 regions --- 3,500

animals were inseminated on subsidy.

He said during the 2021/2022 12,622 beef and dairy calves were distributed to farmers—2,680 from state farms and 9,942 from private farms.

He also said Ngerengere and Nangaramo farms will receive 198 improved boran dairy cattle that will eventually increase the number of better breed calves.

A dairy farmer, Jamac Nassoro called on the government to increase the number the cadres in the veterinary profession so that dairy farmers can readily get extension services.

Katavi Regional Commissioner Mwanam-

va Mrindoko said the region will organize and mobilize dairy farmers to take milk to the proposed plant so that people can readily get processed milk.

Dr George Msalya of the Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) said the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (Sagcot) is behind steady development of the milk sub-sector in the southern regions.

The board works closely with Sagcot in promoting dairy farming. Dr Msalya said they plan to train dairy members of cooperatives as a strategic move to improve the quality and quantity of milk.

## Govt distributes sunscreen creams to look after persons with albinism

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government in collaboration with other stakeholders distributed sun-screen creams in 100 district authorities from 13 regions in efforts to protect Persons with Albinism from unprecedented skin diseases.

Deputy Minister of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Dugange said that the sun-screen lotions were distributed during the 2020/2021 financial year and that about 3,389 persons with disabilities benefited from the service.

Dr Dugange was fielding a question from Special Seats Member of Parliament Stella Ikupa (CCM) who had wanted to know the number of town, district, municipal and city councils which had implemented the directive to buy sun-screen creams for persons with albinism.

Responding, the Deputy Minister said the government was intensifying services to persons with albinism all over the country where as during the 2021/2022 about 138,468 persons with albinism were identified countrywide.

Out of that number, the deputy minister added, 68,401 were women while the remaining 70,047 were men.

"Furthermore, during the similar period, about 15,596 persons with albinism were provided with health services at the tune of 1.3bn/-," he said.



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Temeke district commissioner Jokate Mwegelo (with microphone) speaks after inspecting pavilions at a World Environment Day (June 5) exhibition held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Second left is Dar es Salaam mayor Omary Kumbilamoto and right is Kivukoni councillor Sharik Choughule. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

# Minister Chana wants CBFM to conserve forests sustainably

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

MINISTER for Natural Resources and Tourism Dr Pindi Chana has stressed on the need for community-based forest management (CBFM) to sustainably conserve the forests while constantly benefiting from forests conservation such as improving public social services like water, schools and health facilities.

Dr Chana made the remarks speaking at the launch of the participatory forest management (PFM) in Dodoma over the weekend.

She said a total of 2.7 million hectares

of village land forests are reserved as a result of community based forest management adding that without community participation in the conservation process, these hectares would have been at risk of invasion and destroyed.

The minister said according to the CBFM's Action Plan 2021-2031, the Ministry of natural resources and tourism is planning to conserve a total of 16 million hectares of forests by 2031.

"According to statistics, we are losing a total of 469,000 ha of forests every year. This is not healthy for the nation. We need to take action to address this

as soon as possible. I call upon all stakeholders attending this launching and the general public to increase efforts because as we know forests must be conserved to facilitate and enhance ecology, enrich soils for agriculture, enhance biodiversity, protect water bodies and address climate change," she said.

She directed forestry and beekeeping division of the Ministry of Natural resource and Tourism to translate the two documents which are written in English into Kiswahili to be easily understood by the wider community and the general public.

"I also direct that there must be public

education on the importance of forests conservation, the benefits accrued from forests, the effects of deforestation to all groups of people such as the youth, elders and the entire community, so that people can conserve the forests sustainably," she said.

She directed that when implementing the National CBFM Action Plan, the leaders must prepare special programmes to identify the challenges and address them accordingly to protect and conserve the forests.

Minister Chana commended several districts where CBFM is being implement-

ed through CoForEST project by TFCG and Mjumita such as Kilosa, Morogoro, Mvomero, districts of Lindi region and many others have raised more than 5bn/-

Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) Assistant Executive director Emmanuel Lyimo hailed the collaboration with the government saying the launching of the Participatory forest management (PFM) and the National community based forest Management (CBFM) Action Plan 2021-2031 will foster the forest conservation efforts and rescue the forests from disappearing.

"The forests have huge benefits to us.

The benefits range from social to economy. As TFCG through development partners we will work with the Ministry to conduct baseline survey that will be used to conserve the forests sustainably," he said.

The launched documents follow the implementation of the National Forest Policy (NFP) of 1998 and the implementation of the Forest Act, No 14 of 2002 together with accompanying regulations. The government has put the policy and legal frameworks to support CBFM in Tanzania and its long term implementing strategy-2021-2031.



Implementation of the Dar es Salaam Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is making steady progress, with the government and contractors having recently sanctioned the opening of one of the flyover lanes at the Kilwa Road/Nyerere Road intersection to ease traffic congestion. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## IIA Tanzania embarks on auditing awareness drive

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Tanzania has embarked on an awareness campaign to inform the public on the profession's role to promote good governance and adding value to institutions.

President of the institute Zelia Njeza told journalists over the weekend that internal auditors play an important role in building institutions both public and private, though little is known.

"May is International Internal Audit Awareness Month, this is month for internal auditors around the world to share examples of how the profession provides value to organizations," she said.

She said the profession has registered a number of achievements including approval by the government to adopt international standards on auditing by local internal auditors and the setting up of the headquarters of the African Federation of internal auditors in Tanzania among others.

She said effective internal auditing supports good organizational governance and oversight, which reinforces trust and builds credibility among stakeholders.

She announced that the professional body will host the annual Africa internal auditors' forum in Arusha in 2024 which is expected to bring together more than 500 internal auditors.

Njeza said the entity was now in the process working on making the membership mandatory instead of the current situation which is voluntary.

"We believe that by becoming mandatory, we can be able to discipline members who go out of our code of conduct," she added.

The institute's board member George Binde said the month is time for the people inside every successful organization to stand out.

"Internal auditors know what keeps businesses thriving today and growing tomorrow. We are the counselors, advocates, guardians, and problem-solvers within every strong corporate culture, and we have what it takes to create better practices for a better world," he said.

He said IIA supports efforts to raise awareness of the internal audit profession and its value.

"The aim is not only to dispel misperceptions of the profession, but also, to enhance the business community's knowledge of the essential role internal auditing plays in strong organizational governance, internal control, and effective risk management," he added.



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## Dar firm launches toolkit to make work easier, better for providers of data

By Guardian Reporter

A Dar es Salaam based firm—Dun & Bradstreet Credit Bureau Tanzania has launched the EDX tool, a powerful extract, transform, load (ETL) specifically built for credit bureau and Bank of Tanzania (BoT) data submissions.

The company, part of the Dun & Bradstreet Credit Bureaus Limited, came up with the EDX tool kit to help organizations using it to eliminate human errors, save costs, and deliver relevant data for critical use cases and compliance purposes quicker.

Speaking during the launch yesterday, EDX Tool kit, Dun & Bradstreet Credit Bureau Tan-

zania, General Manager Junaid Malik said the technology is a key enabler for banks and other financial services institutions.

He said implementation of technology in the sector has led to rising data volumes, data management issues, and increasing demands for data from regulators. EDX automates data submission so financial services institutions can comply with BoT requirements.

Malik added: "We have automated the entire data submissions workflow and now there is no need to add cost on resources and technology spend to ensure compliance around data submission anymore. You can extract data from multiple resources, embed customized

business rules, and create output results in any required format as per Bank of Tanzania requirements, all with a secure, easy to manage, and technology agnostic tool."

He said EDX, once configured, takes care of data submissions without any manual intervention. Dun & Bradstreet Credit Bureau Tanzania's consultants assist with that one-time configuration.

The tool validates data to ensure data integrity and has a powerful dashboard for user management and generating in-depth reports, he stated.

"These features allow administrators to assess the health of the data submission

workflow and control and amend data sources, data mapping, validation rules, transformation rules, destination format, and endpoint as needed," said Malik.

According to him, the tool kit minimizes the environment and supports maintenance costs to more than 75 per cent. It is an easy and fast configuration completed in an average of three weeks and has low and high-end infrastructure supported by micro services, containerized environment like Kubernetes.

"Our tool will also help in accessing multiple data sources (multiple input formats to transform-validate-publish to any desti-

nation platform), reduce human intervention by more than 90 per cent, providing real-time information access through access online dashboards and turn-around time is reduced by up to 85 per cent, said Malik, adding, the tool kit can also complete data management lifecycle (extraction, transformation, validation, error correction and publication).

Malik named other benefits of the EDX tool kit as securing web and Web-API environments and increasing high-performance solutions designed for varied business usage, with a user-friendly, highly configurable user interface.

## Plenty to fear on World Pest Day in Africa, but...

JUNE 6 is marked by a broad section of professionals around the world as World Pest Day, an idea that was brought up by pest control professionals in Asia and championed by the Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA) before spreading to the rest of the world. It was adopted by Confederation of European Pest Management Associations (CEPA), with extensive links at the professional level with African universities and scientific organisations. That way it is likely many pest control aficionados have something to look up in exchange of views across continents on this day.

Looking at online entries on how the day was conceived, it is in a sense devoted to links between the media, industry leaders and academia brought together by their common preoccupation with pest management. In 2018, World Pest Day was celebrated on June 6 in Portugal, during the global summit of pest management services for public health and food safety. World Pest Day was thus created to increase public, government and media awareness of how vital pest management plays in protecting public health.

There is also an aspect of projecting the professional image of the pest management industry, including the need to promote the use of professional pest management services in a socially responsible way, while observing the scientific requirements of that activity. Some will say that problems start cropping up at that point, as managing pests is also about eliminating a whole series of disturbing living in-

truders, usually with one or other kind of toxic materials. Plenty of the debate on pest control ways starts from there.

For that reason there is another side of concern, especially if one checks up on pest management in Africa, with a series of contributors focusing on organic means of pest control, with an emphasis on reducing dependence on pesticides. Thus the mood in Africa is close to recommendations of sanitary and phyto-sanitary rules in world trade, while the professional organisers tend to be more general, closer to pesticide firms, etc.

Yet there are themes in the global themes on World Pest Day which call for wider reflection rather than a set of national or regional approaches, despite that finally these have to be integrated in a wider sphere of concern. One is the overall problem of pest management especially when it comes to the manner in which diseases spread, while a specialist tries to sort out mechanism and limitations of mosquito management on a global scale. By way of illustration, Tanzania had a treated nets campaign in the past but only in Zanzibar was there an integrated or coherent effort to actually eradicate malaria, as its size is manageable.

Naturalistic methods of controlling pests have intense scale limitations, so despite that locusts are edible, when swarms start forming on edges of deserts it isn't harvesting them that we start talking about, but securing planes and pilots, and substantial amounts of pesticide, to spray them from the air. It is really.

## Parliamentary discussion on tourism shows tougher, focused action a must

HUMAN conflicts with wildlife, and at a secondary level with organisations managing the wildlife, were a point of intense discussion as legislators dwelt on the budget estimates of the relevant ministry towards the end of the week. Several MPs demanded that conservation agencies take a more sympathetic view of those who live near the parks, for instance on the manner in which a person carrying a bag of charcoal is apprehended.

At other instances, jumbos kill people and no one is around, and wardens can't be called.

As a matter of fact these problems are the order of the day in many African countries, with callers from our next door neighbours complaining over an international radio channel that it takes years for a family to be compensated after a family member is killed or handicapped by beasts in a conservation area. Many people feel that conservation organisations are more mindful of wildlife needs and are less concerned about people.

An MP took an inordinate measure of reading extensively from Scripture that men were put on the earth to govern all there is, using them for food or any needs, but now the wildlife sphere rules.

Yet on the other side of the matter there is a law enforcement rule, and even in administration generally, that being blamed for being harsh is more tolerable than being taken for granted by assistants or any subordinates.

Law enforcers know that if they show laxity and compre-

hension nothing will come out of it, as there is always a human side to every error for instance in the use of resources. Surely the depth of the matter is that communities nearby would have wished there was no conservation altogether, or it is weak.

There seems have been situations where energetic law enforcement measures were taken in some parts of the country, apparently in the Lake Zone regions, not perhaps on everyone's mind as key conservation areas on a day to day basis. In establishing new national parks or ensuring that borders of national parks are respected and the rules observed, relying upon those living nearby to observe the rules is a problem. It was clear the MP, and a few others, wanted a more understanding attitude from law enforcers, which is unlikely to be the way they grasp the issues in conservation agencies.

This situation of friction is another reason why land holding in areas bordering national parks can gain by being made individual, such that conservation agencies, working with investors for instance, can buy up land at reasonably good levels of compensation.

The idea is to enable villagers to seek dwellings in non-conservation areas, rent accommodation while seeking out plots to build houses and keep limited numbers of domestic animals, chicken or vegetable farming with the cash.

Without buying out such communities, rising population on the edges of practically all conservation areas will soon prove to be a nightmare.

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## We need a president - woman or man - who cares

By Wiseman Zondi

HAVING a woman leader of the country would show a shift in gender equity, but more than that, South Africa needs someone morally unimpeachable who listens to the impoverished.

Should the ANC heed the call to elect a woman to lead the oldest liberation movement in Africa, it would be a massive shift from the party's grander politics.

When the party was initially formed in 1912, women were not even regarded as full members. This was because of the patriarchal stereotypes that linger whenever a woman is in politics (or any other field that has been coded as masculine): they were perceived as less intelligent and less logical, and were not seen as politicians who could be trusted with the affairs of governance.

And, as the ANC election campaign in 2014 had the pithy tagline "A Good Story to Tell", what better story would there be for the governing party to tell than tracking the maturation of gender equality within the party over time to the point where a woman actually assumes the organisation's presidency?

This would also be notable because, for all its many flaws, the ANC still enjoys popular electoral support. It is possible that, come 2024, South Africa could cap off its 30th year of democracy with a woman president.

It must be noted, though, that narratives do not feed the hungry. Having a woman president of South Africa would signify a positive shift in gender relations within politics. But South Africa needs more than a woman as the president. We need a leader who is ethically and morally above reproach, competent, politically astute, willing and able to deal with the internal dynamics of their party, and sensitive to the plight of the millions of South Africans who feel that our democracy was not created with them in mind. And so what is more important than merely having a woman occupy the Union Buildings is having a woman who cares about South Africans. Representation matters, but the kind of representation we get matters even more.

### The power of representation

We should not take the benefits of representation lightly. Having a member of a marginalised group occupy a position of power, particularly if that position has historically been denied to members of the group in question, is inspirational. One of the main drawbacks of systematic exclusion is that it breeds a sense of inferiority within the group that has been excluded.

Members of that group end up self-disqualifying by not even attempting to present themselves as candidates for prominent positions. This ends up perpetuating the idea that members of that group - in this case, women - are not suited for these positions. That is why it is important for one person to chip away at the collective inferiority complex, and show other individuals that anybody can occupy any position in society. Representation's biggest benefit is not the symbolic nature of what it means in the moment. It is the motivation that it offers to future generations who are empowered to see themselves as potential future leaders of society.

But systemic exclusion is not overcome sim-



Voters queue outside a polling station at the Jules High School, in Jeppestown, Johannesburg. File photo

ply by individual motivation. It is not enough for one to see someone who shares their social identity be celebrated for making history. Sooner or later, the cameras will stop rolling. When that happens, the structural barriers continue to hold the majority of members back from attaining their ambitions. If Lindiwe Sisulu, as rumour would have it, runs for ANC president and wins, that might motivate women to see themselves as future presidents. But it will not solve the problems that keep many women from attaining political power.

Sisulu is an anomaly. She is a second-generation politician who has served in most of the post-democratic administrations. This means that if she does become a top contender for, or win, the ANC presidency, it would also be because of her other political privileges. This is a problem. Not because privileges should not be used for one's benefit, but because her reality as a woman in politics is so far removed from the experiences of most women politicians.

This makes her ill-suited to acknowledge the struggles faced by women in South Africa, should she assume power. Her stints as minister of various portfolios (she is currently the minister of tourism) have disastrously failed South Africans and have not shown any evidence that she adopts an explicitly feminist style of politics. This is important to note, because the essentialist notion of women intrinsically being pro-women is absolutely false.

### A woman against women

Take the first woman Secretary of State in the United States, Madeleine Albright. The US government is seen by many as being imperialist and war-hungry, traits that have never benefitted individuals other than citizens of the United States. With Albright as Secretary of State, there existed an opportunity to unpack a new vision for the United States and the role that it plays in our international system. But this was not the case. Albright maintained the status quo, and was highly supportive of sanctions against Iraq, which led to thousands of civilians dying. She infamously even said in an interview that Iraqi children dying as a result of US sanctions was "worth it". Margaret Thatcher and Kamala Harris can also be mentioned in the same breath as Albright.

Can we then honestly call Albright "progressive" and "a pioneer" if her legacy is just as destructive to the rest of the world as other men Secretaries of State? What did Albright do for the United States that was fundamentally different from her male predecessors, except give the illusion of gender equality? And is gender equality something that we should support if it just means equal opportunity for all genders to celebrate the deaths of innocent children?

These are questions of representation that we must constantly revisit if we want any chance of progress as a country. Yes, representation is important. The issue arises when people use representation as a ploy to amass political

power without having any intention to use their status to shine a light on important causes that affect the community they supposedly represent.

Sisulu is a woman. Sisulu has also not been explicit about adopting a feminist, pro-woman ethic in her politics, despite having been a minister for the vast majority of our democratic dispensation. Both of those statements are true. Because of that, it might be premature to call Sisulu's potential candidacy for the ANC presidency a "win for women". That teaches us an important lesson about the power of narratives in political campaigning: some people use progressive language to sell an idea that is at odds with the character of the candidate in question.

The challenge with being the "first" is that it comes with a heavy burden. You aren't judged as an individual, but rather as a representative of that group. So your failures aren't just yours, they are that of the entire group, which is problematic.

If one were to publicly ask Sisulu what her visions are for a South African society that deals effectively with gender-based violence, for instance, her answer would probably fall short of presidential standards. That would not be because she is a woman. It would be because the basis of her alleged pursuit of the ANC presidency is not about women's empowerment. More than anything, Sisulu teaches us a crucial lesson - representation is necessary, but not sufficient, for substantive progress.

By Guardian Reporter

## Traders ought to let Tanzanians feel relief of Samia's 100bn/- fuel subsidy

TANZANIANAS are this month supposed to see a significant fall of transport fares and prices of key products which skyrocketed recently because of upsurge in costs of fuel in the global market due to the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine.

June should be a month of smiles and jamboree because early last month, President Samia Suluhu Hassan approved the release of 100bn/- subsidy to control prices of oil and hence reduce prices of other essentials beginning this month.

And on 1st of this month, Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) announced new prices which indicated a reduction from 3,148/- per litre of petrol in Dar es Salaam for the month of May to 2,994/- in June, while diesel also dropped from 3,258/- to 3,131/-.

Announcing the president's decision to approve the 100bn/- fuel relief package in the National Assembly last month, Energy Minister January Makamba said the amount would be slashed from the government's recurrent expenditure this financial year without affecting any of the ongoing development projects.

It should be remembered that one week before the announcement of the subsidy, fuel prices rose sharply from slightly over 2000/- to between 3000/- in the cities and 5000/- in rural areas.

And fuel is the mother of all commodities; when it sneezes, all others catch the cold. This sharp rise of prices consequently saw the rise of prices of nearly everything else.

Understandably, fares for upcountry buses and commuter vehicles in cities and towns went up. The cost of hiring bodaboda and rickshaws went up as well. Meat, chicken, flour,



Energy minister January Makamba announces in the National Assembly last month 100bn/- government subsidy to cushion Tanzanians from high cost of living caused by high fuel prices. The relief was supposed to be felt this month. File Photo

edible oil and veggies went up in price. Even the price of locally-made match box

or razor blade which has been in the shelf before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in

February this year went up too. I asked one shopkeeper why? "War in Ukraine," he

answered.

Now that the 100bn/- subsidy has reached the target recipients and the prices are supposed to be down, the question is: have prices really gone down?

For purposes of this article, I conducted a survey of food prices at my local market during the weekend. I tried to take a bodaboda to work yesterday but on realizing that the charges were pre-subsidy, I opted for daladala and the stone-faced conductor demanded the pre-June 600/- for a 400/- pre-Ukraine war route.

The president did her part; EWURA announced the reduction of fuel prices and June—the month of relief—is here. One question remains: Where is the relief? Where are relevant sector regulators and consumer advocacy bodies?

It must be remembered that the 100bn/- relief package came after an outcry from Tanzanians which saw the National Assembly ask the government to come up with measures to ease the burden of fuel prices which affected prices of other essentials.

Makamba said that the government settled for the 100bn/- subsidy intervention instead of touching fuel levies that had already been significantly slashed. After all, it is not known when the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis which triggered the price hikes will end.

To counter high fuel prices occasioned by reduced production due to Covid-19 interruptions, the Minister said that in October 2021, the government reduced institutional levies such as wharfage at the Tanzania Ports Authority, Weight and Measures Authority (WMA fee), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS charge),

Tanzania Revenue Authority's customs processing fee, Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC fee) and EWURA regulatory levy.

"As a result of this measure, levies were cut by a total of 29.38/- per litre of petrol, 30.05/- per litre of diesel and 26.99/- per litre of kerosene," he said.

"By slashing these levies, the government is not collecting 102bn/- annually which is a huge relief to consumers."

But as Tanzanians waited to feel the relief brought about by the measures in October 2021, rumours of conflict between Russia and Ukraine started doing rounds and because Russia is one of top three oil producers along with USA and Saudi Arabia, traders rightly began speculating scarcity and demand soared, Makamba said.

"When the war finally started on 24th February 2022, fuel prices went up beyond USD100 per barrel," he said.

The government's 100bn/- subsidy was an interim intervention as it negotiates loans with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) expected to be available by next financial year.

Makamba said it is hoped that the loans the government is negotiating with the two lenders will be ready after this month to further push fuel prices down and related high cost of living.

Other fuel price control measures announced by the minister include allowing individual companies to import fuel at lower prices. That is a shift from the current practice whereby fuel used in Tanzania is imported through the Bulk Procurement System in which a single company is awarded a tender.

Also, the government is to establish fuel price stabilisation fund which will help to control prices during crises alongside establishment of a national strategic petroleum reserve, setting up of a petroleum hub for supplying fuel locally and to neighbouring countries, and establishment of a single receiving terminal billed to cut ship waiting charges.

A total of 3.8 billion litres of petrol, diesel and kerosene were consumed in Tanzania in 2021, according to statistics from EWURA.

## Will Tunisia get 4 bln USD loan from IMF to rescue the economy?

TUNIS

IN April 2021, Tunisia started to seek a 4-billion-U.S. dollar loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which was described by then Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi as the "last opportunity" to rescue the country's stricken economy.

However, the Tunisian government is still in preliminary talks with the IMF for the bailout a year later. Experts warned that if the labor union's opposition to structural reforms and the political turmoil continue, Tunisia would be unlikely to clinch the loan agreement with the international lender this year.

### STRUGGLING FOR FUNDS

The Tunisian economy has gone from bad to worse in recent years. While the economy has struggled since the Arab Spring uprising in 2011, its problems are aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic that broke out in 2020, when Tunisia's gross domestic product (GDP) contracted by an unprecedented 8.8 percent. In 2021, the public debt in Tunisia surged to nearly 38 billion dollars, or 82 percent of its GDP.

Last October, the credit rating agency Moody's downgraded the Tunisian debt to Caal from B3, warning that the North African country could slide into default.

To save Tunisia from bankruptcy, the government has been seeking multiple loans from outside, including the IMF loan, though few people think any sum higher than 3 billion dollars is likely.

### UNPOPULAR REFORMS

To unlock the IMF loan, Tunisia needs to carry out deep structural reforms, including freezing wages, cutting energy and food subsidies, and privatizing some state companies.

On Monday, the Tunisian government proposed urgent measures to cut the public sector's pay, which has reached a record level of 15.6 percent of the GDP in 2022, up from 10 percent in 2010, leading to a limited budget capacity for public investment.

However, the measures are unpopular among Tunisians, who have been struggling to make ends meet even before the pandemic.



Tunisian Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi speaks during an interview in Tunisia, Tunisia April 30, 2021. File photo

"I'm so worried about the rise in food prices, as the government is mulling a cut to various subsidies," Wajij Haffouthi, a local reporter, told Xinhua.

On Tuesday, the Tunisian General Labor Union (UGTT), the country's largest labor organization which boasts over 1 million members, announced that it would hold a strike over cutting wages and the economy on June 16.

### POLITICAL TURMOIL

The prolonged political crisis in Tunisia is

another important reason for the IMF's hesitation to lend the money.

On July 25, 2021, Tunisian President Kais Saied sacked the prime minister and suspended the parliament in response to mass protests against the government's handling of the COVID-19 and the economy. On March 30 this year, Saied announced the dissolution of the parliament, and the new parliamentary elections will be held at the end of the year.

On May 25, the president issued a decree calling

voters to a referendum on a new constitution, which has been rejected by the UGTT.

Fostering political stability, concluding the institutional transition in Tunisia, and consolidating the foundations of good governance and the rule of law would strengthen the recovery, according to a new report by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Tunisian economist Azzedine Al-Saeedan viewed the loan agreement with the IMF as "an absolute necessity," even if it is not sufficient to save

the country. "The president and the prime minister must tell the people the truth about the economic, social and financial conditions, and it must be said frankly and clearly," Saeedan said.

"Tunisia is now like a patient who must stop the bleeding first. Then, it can be healed through deep reforms," he said, warning that if the labor union organized strikes in the public sector, it would greatly affect the government's negotiations with the IMF.

Xinhua

# Unlike Merkel, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz wasted no time setting foot on African soil

By Peter Fabricius

GERMANY'S Chancellor Olaf Scholz has big shoes to fill in succeeding Angela Merkel, who held the job with distinction for 16 years. That also goes for Africa, where Merkel was generally popular, not least for being more open to taking on irregular immigrants than her European partners. She also introduced the G20 Compact with Africa, which focuses on boosting foreign investment on the continent.

Maybe that's why Scholz wasted no time setting foot on African soil. After assuming office, it took Merkel over two years to do that; Scholz did it in under five months. That his first overseas tour was to Africa – rather than to Asia or Latin America – “did not go unnoticed,” according to Claus Stäcker, Deutsche Welle's Africa director.

Scholz visited Senegal, Niger and South Africa last week in what German officials and commentators say was a carefully orchestrated tour. Energy, regional security and business topped the agenda – and Ukraine, though the last remains a rather ambiguous subject.

In Senegal, he met president Macky Sall, the current African Union chairperson. The West African country is an old and reliable ally and a democratic stalwart. Scholz invited Sall to this year's G7 Summit, which Germany will host at Schloss Elmau in Bavaria later this month.

He also said that Germany – clearly looking for alternative gas sources as it and the rest of Europe try to wean themselves off their Russian gas dependency – hoped to join Senegal in a gas extraction project near the Mauritanian border. The two leaders also discussed Germany's Compact with Africa initiative.

In Niger, security was the main subject in his talks with president Mohamed Bazoum. Like other European powers, Germany is shifting its



military support for fighting jihadists to Niger after a military junta ousted the elected government in neighbouring Mali and kicked out France.

Melanie Müller, Senior Associate and Researcher at Berlin's German Institute for International and Security Affairs, told ISS Today that Germany's parliament had extended the country's role in two missions in the Sahel until 31 May 2023. These are the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali and the European Union Training Mission.

Much of Scholz's focus in South Africa was business. Germany has been a major investor in the country for many decades, with some 600 companies operating there now. Scholz joined a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Southern African-German

Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He and President Cyril Ramaphosa also discussed energy, including the \$8.5-billion that Germany, the United States, United Kingdom, France and the European Union (EU) are providing South Africa to boost its Just Energy Transition.

Rather ironically, Scholz told Ramaphosa that Germany would buy more South African coal. This would help replace the Russian coal that EU countries would stop buying in autumn this year as part of an energy embargo provoked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. And he visited energy parastatal Sasol, which Germany is helping to produce green hydrogen.

Some commentators have praised Scholz for taking time off from dealing with Europe's biggest domestic crisis – Russia's war against Ukraine – to visit Africa. But perhaps Ukraine was the real, not-quite-hidden, main agenda item of the Africa tour?

Until 24 February, when Russian tanks rolled into Ukraine, Germany was the major European nation most inclined to appease Russia. This was because of its heavy reliance on Russian gas, its relative proximity to Russia, and its post-World War pacificism. In January, Scholz's new coalition government was widely mocked for offering Ukraine nothing more than helmets to defend itself against a threatened Russian invasion.

But Scholz has undergone a radical transformation since 24 February. Germany is now providing heavy weapons to Ukraine and has suspended the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia. It has also joined the rest of Europe in phasing out all Russian energy imports and imposing other sanctions. So Germany is now suddenly obliged to look for alternative energy sources – and Africa is among them.

Scholz and Ramaphosa apparently hit it off and agreed on many projects, but that doesn't mean they agreed on Ukraine. Germany believes South Africa's 'non-aligned' stance on the war is an anomaly and an anachronism in the face of such aggression. Nevertheless, it serves both countries' interests to maintain and strengthen their important relationship. This is the position of all South Af-

rica's Western partners.

Scholz also heard from Sall that “we do not want to be aligned in this conflict ... we only want peace.” Scholz told Senegal's president he would seek to restore grain exports from Europe hit by Russia's blockade of Ukraine's Odessa port.

Sall said he and African Union (AU) Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat would meet Russian president Vladimir Putin on 3 June to address the conflict and urge the lifting of the blockade. And Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky would address the AU remotely.

That Scholz invited Ramaphosa and Sall to the G7 Summit suggests their Ukraine positions are not deal breakers for Germany. But Scholz might also like them both to be captive audiences in the Schloss Elmau when the G7 leaders gather this month. The two African leaders will no doubt be grilled about their positions and hopefully persuaded to sign a summit declaration condemning Russia's aggression.

Dr Weronika Priesmeyer-Tkocz, Deputy Director of the European Academy Berlin, told ISS Today that even though the Ukraine war overshadowed Scholz's Africa tour, “It is central to realign and sustain cooperation and partnership with African countries strategically.”

Stäcker noted that “for Africa, Germany's significance pales in comparison to China, Russia, India and other countries.” But he said Scholz had basically accomplished his mission in Africa. “Given its role as an alternative source of energy and a promising market, and also in ensuring stability, Africa's significance to Germany is growing.”

Yet Stäcker also felt that Scholz had missed some crucial opportunities to consolidate relations with the continent. He hadn't sufficiently underscored Germany's commitment to democracy and the rule of law or clearly articulated a more significant role for his country in West Africa and the Sahel.

Scholz clearly needs to set out a coherent Africa strategy. His rapidly evolving Russia policy suggests that Scholz starts cautiously but moves quite decisively once he's made up his mind. **DM**

# Kenyan farmers rearing stingless bees to boost income, stabilise ecosystems

NAIROBI

MARK Livaha is a middle-aged farmer from the western Kenyan county of Kakamega who has nostalgic memories of venturing into a dense forest near his ancestral village to look for wild honey, cherished for its nutritional and medicinal properties.

Livaha said that growing up near the dense Kakamega forest had nurtured his passion for bees, given the endless supply of honey the insects generated for his community.

Thanks to nudging by researchers from the Nairobi-based International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), Livaha joined a group of small-holder farmers in rearing stingless bees.

Livaha said that domesticating the stingless species has been profitable besides aiding the conservation of the Kakamega forest. “Soon after introducing stingless bees in my homestead, they multiplied fast and have been producing enough honey for consumption and sale in the nearby market,” said Livaha.

He is an active member of Kakamega Stingless Bees Farmers Association that taps the insects from the forest, rear them at home to produce honey while pollinating crops.

Livaha said the 35-member farmers' organization has benefited from capacity building by scientists affiliated with ICIPE, to enable them earn sustainable income from stingless bees.

He said that stingless bees are found in dead wood, on the ground and on walls of houses and their diet includes icy sugar and sugar solution. Livaha disclosed that his organization has also been training local hunter gatherers on how to spot stingless bees at the Kakamega forest and collect them for domestication.

He added that as a native of Kenya's only tropical rainforest that is an extension of the vast Congo basin rainforest, he had vast knowledge on conserving bees and other pollinators like butterflies and birds.

“Even locating the stingless bees deep inside the forest has not been difficult since I learnt the art from my grandfather during hunting expeditions,” said Livaha.

He said that after domesticating the stingless bees that are small in size, it takes three months for them to start producing honey depending on the availability of flowers.

Some of the challenges facing rearing of stingless bees include attack by predators



like lizards, birds and chicken, drought and habitat destruction, said Livaha.

He revealed that currently, his organization manages 70 colonies of stingless bees and harvests honey in March, June and September, adding that quantities fluctuate depending on the weather condition.

The production hit 100 liters in 2021, says Livaha, adding that some of the major clients for the organic honey include a local public university, households and shops amid rising demand for the commodity due to its health benefits.

Different species of stingless bees that are found in Kaka-

mega forest usually produce high-quality honey besides aiding the pollination of crops in the predominantly agrarian western Kenya, says Maxwell Ikutwa, a small-holder farmer.

According to Ikutwa, domesticating the stingless bees has provided farmers an alternative livelihood, besides encour-

aging them to conserve an indigenous forest that is closely tied to their heritage.

“At least we are able to feed and educate our children from the proceeds of honey instead of cutting down trees for charcoal and firewood. So there is no push to encroach into the forest since we started rearing

stingless bees,” said Ikutwa.

Nelly Ndung'u, a scientist with ICIPE said that empowering farmers to domesticate stingless bees for honey production and pollination has transformed rural livelihoods and promoted ecosystems' health.

Ndung'u observed that small-holder farmers were in a vantage position to conserve pollinators like bees and butterflies if they were enlightened about multiple benefits to accrue including food security and new income streams.

Kakamega stingless bee farmers package honey in 500 milliliter bottles whose retail price is 500 shillings (about 4.30 US dollars), according to Joyce Saina, a honey harvester.

She added that one-liter bottle of honey costs 8.59 US dollars and the demand for the commodity by national retail chains has spiked, prompting farmers to improve on harvesting, storage and packaging techniques.

Frindina Khavere, Kakamega County Apiculture Development officer said local authorities had developed new policy tools besides leveraging training, awareness and market linkages to encourage more farmers to rear stingless bees, boost rural income and forests' conservation. **Xinhua**

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## 'Breaking down social barriers indispensable for women to attain leadership positions in Zanzibar'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

It is hard to change cultural norms, attitudes and practices that create barriers to women's empowerment - including their access to leadership and decision-making positions in Zanzibar.

For years since time immemorial, breaking down those social barriers is hard as it is to break the coconut.

For instance, women in Zanzibar are more likely to be unemployed and earn lower incomes, and patriarchal systems entrenched in Isles' culture that constitutes barriers towards accessing decision-making roles within their homes, communities and within the institutions that serve as gatekeepers, such as political parties.

This is because many still believe women cannot and should not be leaders, particularly in politics, and they base these beliefs on religion. But, the leadership of women is evident in both the Qur'an and the Bible.

But implementation of the 'Strengthen Women-In-Leadership (SWIL) project seems able to do this noble task. The community's perceptions that women in the Indian Ocean archipelago can do everything have to some extent started to change.

SWIL project is being executed by the Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA), Pemba Gender Advocacy and Environmental Organization (PEGAO) and Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA- Zanzibar) with support from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Dar es Salaam.

The three-year project is expected to reach at least 6,000 women by 2023 by addressing barriers to women's leadership.

PEGAO director Hafidh Abdi Said stated that through SWIL project things have started to change as the community sees women can do even more than men can do.

Most of them cite the role played by women who hold key political leadership positions within and outside the country.

In this case, he said that the perception that women can hold any political leadership positions has started to change positively.

In implementing the SWIL project, there are a number of ways that are put in place including the use of community mobilisers, who organize meetings aimed at encouraging the community to abandon misconceptions and support women's efforts to participate in democracy and hold leadership positions.

For instance, he said that between January and April, community mobilizers reached a total of 3,222 people (1,971 were women and 1,251 were men) in Pemba Island through various meetings.

In the process to realize that women are actively participating in leadership positions, there are issues that need to be addressed such as ensuring that they're literate. But, when doing the meetings, community mobilisers found that many women are unable to read and write in different villages.

"These women have been denying them access to basic social services—water, electricity and rural roads," he said, noting: "This has led many women to lack the capacity and foundations to secure their basic rights."

PEGAO boss cited other barriers to women's efforts to achieve their goals of leadership as the presence of sexu-



SWIL project helps to address barriers to women's leadership in Zanzibar.

al and financial corruption, whereby women lack of solid economic foundations, leadership skills and citizenship education, ignorance of electoral laws, entrepreneurship education as well as lacking access to markets for the products they produce.

According to him, community mobilizers also identified poor community awareness in Micheweni District, whereby the majority of people are unable to know key procedures required for them to get residence IDs and birth certificates.

Following the challenge of obtaining residence IDs and birth certificates for citizens, community mobilizers in collaboration with officials from the Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency (BPRA) offices in the respective districts took steps to educate the community on the procedures for obtaining IDs and birth certificates.

"This involved people who were registered late and 11 people who were instructed to follow those pro-

cedures and four (4) people were in the final stages of obtaining their IDs."

In addressing the challenge, the official stated that community mobilizers in collaboration with officials from the Zanzibar Business and Property Registration Agency (BPRA) offices in the respective districts took steps to educate the community on the procedures for obtaining IDs and birth certificates.

He however outlined some of the achievements through those community mobilizers' meetings include construction of three houses to the needy families in Kwale, Kangagani and Weshia villages.

Three adult education classes for women in Kiuyu Urban Shehia have been established with a total of 82 students of which only one is a man and they have already started to learn to read and write.

More than 40 women have also expressed readiness to compete for various leadership positions at the social and political levels.

Community mobilizers called on the government to intensify efforts to improve access to social services including water, electricity and increase adult literacy classes in areas. They said that there is a lack of such services to alleviate suffering for people whereby women who are victims.

"In terms of the challenge of obtaining IDs we call on the government to speed up the acquisition of birth certificates especially those who are registered late to facilitate the timely acquisition of IDs as this is their basic right."

He also stated that more efforts are needed by government and civil society organizations to increase the scope of reaching out to communities and educating them about civic rights including leadership rights and participation in democracy.

"Society also needs to be ready to support women, in line with changing the negative attitudes created to oppress women by not giving equal

opportunities to both sexes to get all the basic rights in all spheres," he said, suggesting the need for governments and relevant authorities to step up their efforts to reform all defective laws that do not take into account gender equality, including financial and sexual corruption, in order to create a system that provides equal opportunities for all groups in society to enjoy basic human rights.

Said suggested the need for putting in place special mechanism for the Electoral Commission and government institutions to report sexual corruption related issues.

The project is also meant to come up with several strategies that can overcome the barriers to women leadership include capacity building of at least 60 NGOs so that they can advocate for women to take part in politics and leadership without fear, organize forums on public awareness on the importance of women in leadership and decision-making bodies.

ZAFELA has also identified gaps in some laws that hinder women in leadership such as law governing education, election, political parties, public service and 'Anti-corruption and Economic Crimes Act' that need reform to accommodate more women in leadership.

Under the project, 60 people dubbed 'community brigades' picked from NGOs from three regions of Unguja Island were trained on how to advocate for women leadership.

## TEA becomes job creation agent for Tanzanian youths

By Guardian Reporter

A 25-year-old Obi Kalinga is a bachelor degree holder in education in one of the country's universities. Kalinga is one of ten youth who were employed at the Vingunguti-based MeTL's MO motorcycle assembly plant in Dar es Salaam.

Basically, these motorcycles are directly imported from India, and they come in the country when they're being separated, hence they need to be assembled before selling to customers. The MeTL's MO motorcycle assembly plant in Dar es Salaam is doing that job.

Before getting the job, Kalinga informed his aunt on the three-month training opportunity, which are fully funded by the government through the Skills Development Fund (SDF) coordinated by the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA).

The young men and women are trained on how to assemble and drive motorcycles and three wheelers (Bajaj).

"Given the employment challenges I did not hesitate to make decisions and grab the opportunity," he says.

Kalinga is one of more than 400 young people who have benefited from SDF-funded training and run for three weeks through Future World Vocational Institute located at Gongolamboto suburb in Dar es Salaam.

After being trained Kalinga and his colleagues were sent to various places for further practical training.

Among the places where they



One of the SDF beneficiaries in a practical training at a motorcycle assembling plant in Dar es Salaam.

attended this practical training was the MeTL's MO motorcycle assembly plant where several young people seemed to be doing well and were recruited and retained there and officially employed.

Motorcycle assembly plant

manager, D. Verma explained that the young men showed seriousness and willingness to do the job which led to the management of MeTL Company recruiting them.

The manager added that, when the young people joined

the practical training they did not have enough skills in motorcycle assembly, but after practice they were able to assemble up to three motorcycles a day.

In a nutshell, the government's commitment to provide

skills development training has been successful where young people have acquired skills and knowledge that enable them to find marketable jobs.

On his future plans, Kalinga is now making good use of the opportunity that is his hand

that makes him brings bread on the table.

As it is to Kalinga, 25-year-old Yassin Athumani is another beneficiary of SDF training. He is a Form Six and National Service graduate but he's excited about the opportunity he has of assembling motorcycles.

Yassin asked his colleagues to explore the SDF training because of the wide-range of opportunities.

SDF coordinator and Future World Vocational Institute principal Asumini Awadhi lauding SDF for being at the forefront of creating jobs through training, acknowledging that 450 young people had the opportunity to train and operate motorcycles and Bajaj at her campus through the SDF sponsorship.

The youngsters were later distributed to various places including the garage for practical training.

She said that out of 450 graduates, 80 young people were able to find employment in various fields and some were able to become self-employed.

Asumini also stated that the institute was able to become more self-sufficient in the field of driver training and motorcycle maintenance, a situation that has enabled the college to become more recognizable and the number of admissions increased after getting the opportunity to train through government funding.

SDF has been a savior in creating jobs especially for the youth. But it has also helped to raise and build the reputation of the institutions used to pro-

vide relevant training. Many training institutions, especially private ones, are now credited differently than in the past," Asumini said.

TEA through SDF training targeted groups of young people between the age of 18 and 35 with the aim of enhancing their skills in terms of careful driving of motorcycles and bajaj focusing on safety as well as maintenance of such motorcycles.

SDF is established by the government through National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) 2016-2027 to ensure development of a skilled workforce in key economic sectors such as agriculture, tourism and hospitality services, transport, construction, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Energy

SDF is geared towards minimizing skills gaps by rapidly increasing the supply of graduates with skills relevant to the labor market. The fund also aims to expand the number of individuals with the relevant skills in key occupations and sectors as stipulated in NSDS. The idea is the creation of skilled and competitive Tanzanian workforce capable of effectively fostering inclusive and sustainable socio-economic growth by developing and sustaining transformation.

The fund is coordinated by the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) and funded by the government and the World Bank as part of the Education and Skills for Productive Jobs (ESPJ) programme.

# Xenophobia-hit Zimbabweans saving country's dead economy

HARARE

**T**WO decades ago, Trynos Mahamba left Zimbabwe for the United Kingdom, but back home, he has changed the lives of his relatives.

Since the day after he left, Mahamba (53) has been sending money home while Zimbabwe's economy faltered amidst violent land seizures from commercial white farmers during Zimbabwe's land reform programme.

In neighbouring South Africa, 44-year-old Davison Chihambakwe, who left this country in 2007, claims he has built a giant construction empire, and, with it, he said, has also made a difference back home.

Even in neighbouring Botswana, 39-year-old Langton Mawere, who left Zimbabwe in 2008 at the height of its economic crisis, has 'made it' back home. He has set up a property business by sending money for developments managed by others on his behalf.

Speaking from the United Kingdom, Mahamba says he sends money to his aged parents living in the Zimbabwean capital Harare. The money reaches them through WorldRemit - a money transfer company.

"I have made sure that without failure, I send about 2000 Pounds (sterling) to my ailing parents who are now in their eighties because they need monthly medical check-ups and food as well," Mahamba told IPS.

From South Africa, Chihambakwe says his family also benefits.

"None of my close relatives or family members are suffering back home because I make sure I send them money to meet their daily needs."

He sends the money through another

international money transfer company Western Union, to his relatives like 32-year-old Denis Sundire, based in Harare.

Sundire says that his SA-based cousin has supported him since college.

"Davison (Chihambakwe) supported me since my college days, and even to this day, as I struggle to get a job, he still sends me money for my upkeep. That's why he is becoming more and more successful. He is so kind," Sundire told IPS.

Zimbabwe battles 90 percent unemployment, according to the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU), although the government has downplayed that to 11 percent, claiming people are working in the informal sector.

Mahamba, Chihambakwe and Mawere all said they fled this Southern African country searching for greener pastures as economic hardships visited this country.

As a result, hundreds of Zimbabwean economic migrants who fled this country have over the years become the panacea to the African nation's worsening financial woes.

Zimbabwe's economic migrants like Mahamba, Chihambakwe and Mawere are breathing life into the country's faltering economy through the remittances they send back home.

Chihambakwe boasts of modernising his rural village in Masvingo province in the Mwenzezi district. He claimed he has helped some of his poor villagers build modern houses, doing away with the thatched huts.

For many like Chihambakwe, helping his village and loved ones from his South African base has also increased diaspora remittances into Zimbabwe's economy.



Workers pictured at a home in Zimbabwe's Mwenzezi rural district, where 44-year-old Davison Chihambakwe, based in neighbouring South Africa, has helped upgrade and modernise some of the houses belonging to his family. He uses the money he sends after fleeing this country's economic hardships 15 years ago. File photo

According to the Ministry of Finance, remittances from outside the country were said to have reached US\$1.4 billion in 2021, up from US\$1 billion a year before.

Yet even as Zimbabwe's economic migrants in countries like South Africa make strides, they frequently face xenophobic sentiments and, at times, attacks.

Many South Africans heap blame on migrant Zimbabweans for seizing local jobs and rising crime.

In South Africa, the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) results for the fourth quarter of last year showed the official unemployment rate reaching over 35 percent, the highest rate since 2008, when the QLFS began.

Recently, a video of South Africa's Home Affairs Minister Aaron Motsoaledi launching a scathing attack on illegal foreign nationals went viral.

He (Motsoaledi) made the remarks on foreign nationals at an ANC regional conference in the Eastern Cape in South Africa.

Referring to migrants that he said had flooded South Africa, Motsoaledi said, "something is going wrong in our continent, and SA is on the receiving end."

"When people do wrong things in their countries, they run here."

"We are the only country that accepts rascals. Even the UN is angry with us that SA has a tendency, because of something called democracy, to accept all the rascals of the world," the South African Minister was quoted saying.

As Zimbabwean migrants breathe life into their country's struggling economy via remittances, with xenophobia climbing to new heights in South Africa, a gardener, 43-year-old Elvis Nyathi from Zimbabwe, was this year stoned by a mob in the neighbouring country before being burnt to death ostensibly for being a foreigner.

Recently writing in the Mail & Guardian, South Africa's Fredson Guilengue working for the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) regional office in Johannesburg, said "the issue of xenophobic attacks against foreign nationals has once again reached disturbing levels in South Africa."

The tensions are also exacerbated by an anti-migrant campaign dubbed Operation Dudula, headed by 36-year-old Nhlanelhla 'Lux' Dlamini.

Dlamini was arrested and now faces housebreaking, theft, and malicious damage to property charges after Dudula members descended on a suspected "drug house" in Soweto in March.

However, even within the ruling ANC, there have been mixed messages about

the operation, with some indicating support, although SA President Cyril Ramaphosa distanced his government from the Dudula machinations.

"The concerns that we have is that we have got a vigilante force-like organisation taking illegal actions against people who they are targeting, and these things often get out of hand, they always mutate into wanton violence against other people", Ramaphosa said.



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Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: 1. Pastoral people living in Tanzania and Kenya, 2. Zaire's President who died in Rabat, Morocco, 3. Her motto "North to the Future", 4. great in size, 5. longest serving President in Africa, 6. an expert on diet and nutrition, 7. a theatre where films are shown, 8. Country with tallest men in the World, 9. monetary unit of Iran, 10. a lively dance for couples, 11. a covered motor vehicle, 12. Former name of DRC, 13. Transit country, 14. Earth's mightiest river, 15. Myanmar's former name, 16. enquire, 17. Japanese money.

RADIO One advertisement for the day JUMATATU - JUMAPILI. It features the station's logo and a detailed schedule of programs for Monday through Sunday, listing times and program names such as '05:00 AM HALI YA HEWA / KUMEPAMBAZUKA I' and '13:00 HRS NEWS BULLETIN'.

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## BUSINESS

# RAKGas may relinquish 50 pct of Pemba-Zanzibar block

By Correspondent Shariff Omar, ZANZIBAR

The government has informed Ras Al-Khaima Gas, the sole active oil and gas investor in Zanzibar, to relinquish 50 percent of its current acreage in the Pemba-Zanzibar block if conditions spelled out in the agreement (PSA) are not met.

This was said by the minister responsible for oil and gas Suleiman Masoud Makame over the weekend saying the company was given the condition until December this year.

The issue was raised as the house of representative was debating the ministry's budget proposal for the financial year 2022/23 where members of the House of Representative wanted to know if the Zanzibar government has informed the investor of the same.

A follow up question - on a one year extension that can be granted to a license holder by law governing oil and gas in Zanzibar - was met with a response echoing a stance similar to the preceding question; that no extension has been granted, but a letter detailing conditions for such an extension had been delivered by the ministry to RAKGas where the conditions again included completion of 3D Seismic Survey as well as a research well.

Logistically, completing a 3D seismic survey before December appears next to impossible even though this depends on the intended coverage of the survey.

The Pemba-Zanzibar block spans over 11,868 square kilometers. A 2D seismic survey campaign onshore, offshore and on shallow waters took place between 2017 and 2019.

During this time, RAKGas also signed a PSA with the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar - a significant achievement for the country.

In October 2020, the then Presi-

dent of Zanzibar Dr. Ally M Shein, announced that results of the surveys indicated petroleum system elements.

The surveys also indicated the existence of rock structures with an estimated reserve of 3.8 TCF and a 30% chance of discovering gas at the drilling stage. A 3D seismic survey could potentially improve these chances from 30% to 45%.

Activity in the sector in Zanzibar has been scant since then. While the real reason for the visible inactivity remains elusive, it is within reason to assume factors such as the effect of COVID-19 in the oil and gas sector globally including supply chains or even investor appetite for the project over the past year and a half given relatively low oil prices which started picking up on the eve of the war in Ukraine.

Exploration in Zanzibar also sits between several large oil and gas projects within the region - the LNG project in the United Republic of Tanzania where HGA negotiations are currently underway, Total's EACOP pipeline from Uganda to Tanzania's coast as well as the LNG project in Mozambique (which is on hold due to the security situation in Cabo del Gado).

The recent questions and answers in the house of representatives appear to signal that there might be things that RAKGas and the government do not see eye to eye. It stands to reason that an extension would be granted especially during the pandemic which affected the sector globally but without specific details of the PSA between RAKGas and RGoZ this remains speculation.

It is also possible that the exchange reveals nothing but regular engagement and communication between the two parties as they negotiate and renegotiate positions in the life of the PSA - a common feature of such agreements across the world.



# TTCL, Halotel have cheaper international standard SMS tariffs, TCRA says in report

By Guardian Reporter

**T**ANZANIA Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL) and Halotel Tanzania subscribers are paying less than their fellows subscribing to other services providers to send Short Message Services (SMS) internationally.

The Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) communication report has shown that Halotel has the cheapest standard tariff amounting 95/- per one SMS while TTCL subscribers are paying 138/- per SMS.

The two providers' standard tariffs were also lower than average industrial average of 202/- per SMS. These are per SMS charges (Tax Inclusive) without subscribing to a bundle. They are also known as Pay As You Go or Standard tariffs.

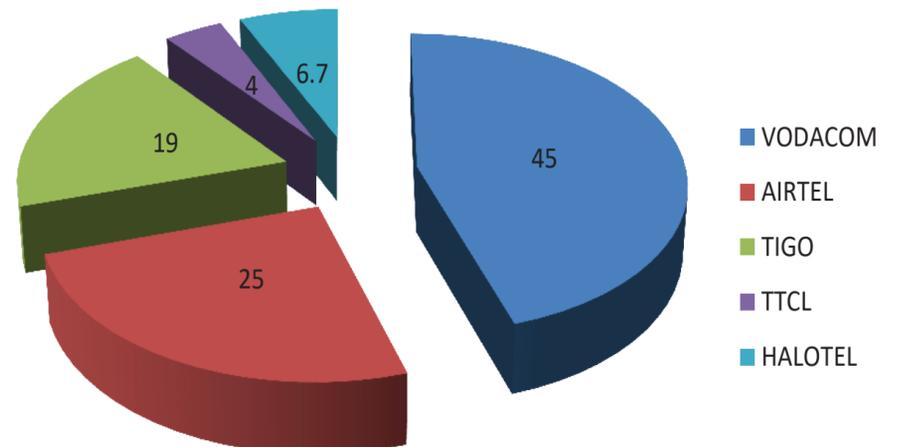
This means that a Halotel subscriber are paying just a third of what a Vodacom subscriber is paying to send an international SMS.

The report shows Vodacom has the highest standard international SMS tariff amounting 300/- per SMS, followed by Smile, which is charging 250/- per international SMS.

The report shows Airtel Tanzania and Tigo have uniform standard international SMS tariffs amounting 215/- each. However, they are also higher than the average industrial tariff.

For local SMS, Smile has the highest standard tariff as it charges 27/- per local SMS, followed by Vodacom Tanzania with 10/-, TTCL with 10/-, higher than an industrial average of 11/- while Airtel and Tigo charge uniformly 8/-

Percentage share of International SMS Jan-March 2022



and Halotel is cheapest with 5/-.

However, for disaggregated SMS bundles, Smile is considered as most expensive as it charges 12/- per SMS, while the remaining five service providers are charging between 0.9/- to 1.9/- per SMS.

The report shows during the first quarter of this year local On Net SMS amounted 14.6 billion or 58 percent, local Off Net SMS amounted 19.9 billion of 42 percent, while international SMS were 1.2 million or 0.004 percent.

For local SMS, Airtel Tanzania dominates with 33 percent market share, followed by Vodacom Tanzania with 21 percent and Halotel is third with 26 percent. Tigo has the market share of 19 percent while TTCL and Smile have 1 percent and 0.0 percent respectively.

The TCRA report for the first quarter of last year shows Airtel had 31 percent, followed by Halotel third with 28 percent and Vodacom Tanzania was third largest with 22 percent.

For international SMS, Vodacom has the largest market share amounting 45 percent, followed by Airtel Tanzania with 25 percent and Tigo with 19 percent. The remaining two providers include Halotel and TTCL have 6.7 percent and 4 percent respectively.

During the first quarter of last year, Vodacom had 34 percent of the international SMS market share, followed by Airtel with 24 percent while Tigo Tanzania had 19 percent.

# Domestic, international postal items delivery falls by 75pc in three years

By Guardian Reporter

Domestic and international posted items in Tanzania Postal Corporation (TPC) fell by nearly 75 percent over the last three years ending December 2021, the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has reported.

The report shows both domestic and international items delivered last year amounted 3.3 million, lower 12.1 million delivered in 2019.

The major slowdown was recorded on domestic items which fell to 2.7 million last year from 9.2 million in 2019. International items also fell dramatically to 0.5 million last year, compared with 3.7 million posted in 2019.

This happened when number of postal services providers increased to 119 last year from 92 recorded in 2019.

Out of the number, public postal services provider remained unchanged to one provider while international providers remained at seven during the reviewed period. The major increase was record on intercity providers, which rose to 64 last year from 45 in 2019, followed by intracity providers from nine to 15 respectively.

The TCRA report shows domestic provider increased by two to 29



in 2021 from 27 recorded in 2019, while East Africa providers remained unchanged at three.

The report shows during the first quarter of this year a total of 835,752 items, including ordinary mails, parcels, packets and documents were posted domestically, to East Africa, the rest of the world and international.

Ordinary mails accounted for the largest share of items posted and delivered as the report shows 730,446 were posted to domestic, EA, rest of the world and international.

Ordinary mails to domestic destination amounted 676,582 during the first three months of this year, 16,158 were posted to EA, while 37,706 were

posted to the rest of the world and 53,864 to international destinations.

Items delivered from East Africa amounted 42,860 during the first quarter of this year while those delivered from the rest of the world amounted 170,146. They included 131,529 ordinary mails, 3,042 parcels, 22,678 packets and 12,834 documents.

# US in desperate need of revamping its energy policies

WASHINGTON

ABOUT A decade ago, a friend asked how high I thought gasoline prices might rise.

I said "One day you will pay \$10 a gallon for gasoline." He replied that he would refuse to pay that much, and I asked what he would do if the price rose to \$10 a gallon tomorrow. He finally conceded that he would, in fact, pay \$10 a

gallon for gasoline.

Then oil prices plummeted in 2014, and again in 2020. I am sure my prediction looked pretty stupid to him when gasoline fell under \$2.00 a gallon.

Why did I make such a prediction? Because I had already seen gasoline prices approach that level when I was living in the Netherlands in 2008, and the roads were still packed with cars. Energy demand just isn't that elastic in

the short term, so people pay what they have to pay to get to work.

Here is how I saw things playing out. I imagined that energy demand would continue to grow, but supply would have a hard time keeping up. At times, there would be supply/demand imbalances that would spike prices higher and higher.

However, over the past decade supply has managed to keep pace most of the

time. At times, the market was oversupplied and prices crashed. There have also been periods of spiking prices, but then demand growth would slow down and supplies would catch up.

At the same time, alternatives like electric vehicles, and to some extent biofuels have helped mitigate oil demand growth. But it wasn't enough. Oil demand kept growing (until the Covid-19 pandemic hit), albeit a bit slower than if

there had been no alternatives.

The risk I always saw was that if policymakers believed alternatives would scale fast enough to replace oil demand growth - and they passed policies unfriendly to our domestic oil companies - they could be setting up a very nasty price shock in the future.

This is why I was so adamant that canceling the Keystone XL Pipeline was the wrong decision. It's not because

I love fossil fuels, it's because I recognize the risk of needing supplies and not having them. We have seen that it doesn't take much of a shortfall in oil supply to have a disproportionate impact on the price. Hence, what we are seeing right now is one of the possible consequences of the energy transition. When alternatives don't scale up fast enough to fill the gap between oil supply and demand, oil prices skyrocket.

# SBL empowers youth to become commercial farmers

By Guardian Reporter

**S**ERENGETI Breweries Limited (SBL) is set to empower more youth as big commercial farmers as its reliance on local grains grows.

John Wanyancha, Corporate Relation Director for SBL, asserted this when he awarded certificates of appreciation to the recipients of their Kilimo Vivanda Scholarship program at Kaole Wazazi College of Agriculture in Bagamoyo.

Wanyancha said, 'we look forward to adding new members to our large network of over 400 farmers who grow and sell cereals to us. We expect you to become a big farmer in one of these key regions: Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Manyara, Singida, Dodoma, Shinyanga, Mwanza, and Mara'.

The corporate relations director insisted to students to take advantage of their

increasing demand of raw materials for beer production. He said, 'we need more and more raw materials every year.'

In 2021, for example, we bought 18,000 metric tons of grains, which met 80% of our annual raw material needs. Our goal is to source up to 85% of our needs by 2025. You have to start seeing yourself selling to us even more in the coming years'.

Moreover, SBL plans to increase the number of program recipients in the next application window in order to create more equal access to skills and resources in order to develop inclusive communities that work for everyone.

To date, the program has sponsored over 200 students from four agriculture colleges: Kaole in Bagamoyo, Kilacha in Moshi, St. Maria Goretti in Iringa, and Igabiro in Bukoba.

The college's principal, Sinani Simba, praised SBL's efforts to educate students

about the realm of commercial agriculture.

The principal felt convinced that the program was already establishing a solid foundation for students, noting, "SBL is on board with our goals here in Kaole—that is, to assist youth progress in all agricultural aspects (theory and training), and their involvement is bearing fruit." We hope that these certificates will boost students' self-esteem and encourage them to work more on the field and in class.'

Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL is the second largest beer company in Tanzania, with its beer brands accounting for over 25 percent of the market by volume.

SBL has three operating plants in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Moshi.

Since the creation of SBL in 2002, the business has grown its portfolio of brands year on year. The majority stake acquisition by EABL/Diageo in 2010 has seen

increased investment in international quality standards leading to greater job opportunities for the people of Tanzania.

SBL Brands have been receiving multiple international awards and include Serengeti Premium Lager, Serengeti Lite, Pilsner Lager, Pilsner King, Tusker Lager, Tusker Lite, Kibo Gold, Guinness stout and Senator.

The company is also home to world's renowned spirits such as Johnnie Walker Whisky, Smirnoff Vodka, Gordon's Gin, Captain Morgan Rum and Baileys Irish Cream.



SBL managing director Mark Ositi

## Experts urged to help farmers to increase milk production

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

THE Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Tixon Nzunda has urged the experts to help dairy farmers to increase milk production to ensure sufficient raw materials to milk processors.

He said this yesterday during his one-day visit to Iringa region, which focused on inspecting various projects including the ASAS Dairies Factory.

Nzunda explained that statistics show that milk supplied to the major dairy factories in Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Arusha and Iringa regions is less than 25 percent.

By that logic, 75 percent of milk does not reach the processing industry due to various reasons including poor infrastructure.

He urged experts in the livestock sector to continue promoting increased milk production in order to ensure adequate supply of raw materials to processors.

"I want experts to go to various small and large dairy farmers to encourage increase in milk production through better practices," said Nzunda.

He said in the next financial year 2022/23, government is expecting to implement different plans to improve livestock sector, considering Tanzania is the third largest livestock population in Africa.

Iringa Regional Livestock Officer Chacha Baro said from July 2021 to May 2022, the region produced approximately 46,078,913 liters of milk worth more than 36.83 billion shillings and the bulk of the milk went into the system informally.

He explained that the Iringa region has two large factories that produce



ASAS Dairy Company Director Ahmed Abri (2nd L) briefs the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Tixon Nzunda (2nd R), during the latter's recent visit to the factory in Iringa municipality. (Photo by Friday Simbaya)

dairy products including ASAS Dairies Ltd and Silverlands Tanzania.

Baro added that Iringa region has been successful in establishing dairy farmers' cooperatives in the districts and each cooperative is registered and operational including Iringa Cattle Breeders' Association (IDCO), Kilolo Cattle Breeders' Association (DADCO) and Mufindi Cattle Breeders' Association (MUDCO)

respectively.

Baro said that in controlling the tick-borne diseases, the region has built 167 dipping facilities.

Director of ASAS Dairy Factory, Fuad Jaffer said that the factory was established 22 years ago and has provided reliable market for milk producers.

He said the establishment of the factory was due to the lack of a reliable market for milk farmers.

Jaffer said the factory receives milk from Mbeya, Njombe and Iringa regions and receives the milk at two different levels, medium and small scale farmers of about 6,000 who have formed co-operatives.

He added that the factory has the capacity to process 150,000 liters of dairy products, but currently operate under capacity at 35 to 40 percent due to shortage of quality milk.

## Kansai Painting agrees to sell its Africa business

KAMPALA

KANSAI Paint Co. Ltd. ("Kansai Paint") has entered into an agreement to sell its Africa business to Akzo Nobel N.V. ("AkzoNobel"), a global paints and coatings company.

The concerned officials in the sale agreement say Plascon has the largest market share in Uganda and as the leader across East Africa and Southern Africa is well positioned to take the step up to the next level with AkzoNobel.

However, the sale is subject to the regulatory approvals of the relevant authorities and the transaction is expected to be completed in the course of 2023.

In a press statement issued on June 3 2022, Mr Kunishi Mori, Kansai Paint's

president said: "We are convinced that AkzoNobel is the best owner as AkzoNobel considers the decorative paints business as a core business and will therefore be able to unlock the full potential of the business, thereby contributing to the development of the African economy."

Akzo Nobel N.V. stylized as AkzoNobel, is a Dutch multinational company which creates paints and performance coatings for both industry and consumers worldwide. Headquartered in Amsterdam Netherlands.

AkzoNobel has a history going back to 1646 and is listed on the Euronext Amsterdam. The company is active in more than 150 countries including African countries with about 33,000 employees globally and



Arvind Shekhawat, CEO of Kansai Plascon East Africa

generated sales of approximately € 9.6 billion (¥ 1.3 trillion) in 2021.

Its officials say the company has also contributed significantly to social sustainability in African regions for a long time through various initiatives such as development and sales of sustainable products as well as social investment in communities, the SOS Children Village being one of many projects.

"Acquiring Kansai Paint's

activities in the region will help us to further expand our paints and coatings business in Africa and provide a strong platform for future growth," said Thierry Vanlancker, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of AkzoNobel.

Adding: "Kansai Paint shares our commitment to innovation and sustainability, and we look forward to combining our expertise, which will result in a wider range of

innovative products and more sustainable solutions for our customers."

He said for the Kansai Plascon businesses across Africa but specifically in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, and Burundi this sale agreement is an opportunity to further drive their growth in the region.

On his part, Mr Arvind Shekhawat, Chief Executive Officer of Kansai Plascon East Africa said:

"We have achieved steady growth under the management of Kansai Paint, and weathered market uncertainty plus volatility even during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are grateful for the unwavering support offered by Kansai Paint.

"Moving forward, we believe that AkzoNobel will be an owner who elevates our businesses to the next level as AkzoNobel is willing to invest in ESG, is committed to innovation, workforce

development and broader career opportunities as well as the long-term success of its paint business in Africa," he added.

Commenting on the deal, Mr Jan-Piet van Kesteren, Managing Director of AkzoNobel's Decorative Paints Europe, Middle East and Africa business, says: "Kansai Paint Africa is a beautiful addition to our existing strong business which spans across 9 countries in the region

## Ghana loses the gold top spot as 2021 output falls to 13-year low

ACCRA

GHANA'S gold production fell 30 percent last year to its lowest in more than a decade, knocking the country off its spot as Africa's top producer, the president of the mines chamber said on Friday, blaming a taxation change and operational challenges.

He predicted production should strengthen this year as the mines address the challenges. The government has also announced a plan to purchase local gold that could encourage output.

After a new tax was imposed on small-scale operations, output fell to 2.818-million ounces in 2021 - the lowest level since 2008 - from 4.022-million ounces in 2020.

The West African country has vied with South Africa in recent years to be the continent's top gold miner. Ghana had already faced a 12 percent drop in production in 2020 but retained the top spot.

"A combination of concurrent reductions in the output of both large and small-scale gold producers led to a 29.92 percent fall in the production of the country's dominant mineral, gold," Mortoti told the chamber's annual meeting.

Output from large-scale producers fell 4.44 percent to 2.72-million ounces with most mines seeing a decline in production due to "operation-related challenges," said Mortoti, without providing further details.

A significant increase in output from Ghanaian company Abosso Goldfields limited the fall, he said, adding production should rebound as mines address these challenges.

Output from small-scale producers fell nearly 92 percent to 0.098-million ounces, said Mortoti, attributing the collapse to a 3 percent withholding tax imposed on their output in 2019.

Small-scale gold production also fell significantly from 2019 to 2020, when supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic were also a factor.

Small-scale miners are believed to be producing but are exporting through non-official channels not captured in the national figures, said Mortoti.

Ghana said in May it had started a programme to purchase local gold in bulk to raise the gold component of its reserves and strengthen the cedi currency, the Central Bank governor said last month.

# Russia stake in biggest Zimbabwe platinum project deters backers

HARARE

ZIMBABWE'S biggest platinum project, struggling to get off the ground for the past two years has a new challenge. A major stake held by a Russian tycoon is scaring off potential financiers for the \$3-billion mine, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Initial development work on the Darwendale deposit began in early 2020, but operations at the project were soon halted because of a lack of capital and the site has been abandoned since early last year, according to a report by Zimbabwe's Centre for Natural Resource Governance.

Vitaliy Machitskiy's Vi Holding, which has a 50 percent stake, is reluctant to continue investing after years of delays, the people said, asking not to be identified as the talks aren't public.



Zimbabwe Platinum Project

But Kuvimba Mining House, which owns 50 percent of the project and which the government says it controls, has been unable to attract fresh investment because European platinum

buyers don't want to enter into purchase agreements with an entity with Russian shareholders, the people said.

The fear of running up against sanctions stemming

from Moscow's invasion of Ukraine means it's also harder to borrow money to develop the project, they said.

The Darwendale project is "ongoing" and the mine plan is being remodeled,

said Simba Chinyemba, Kuvimba's chief executive officer, declining to provide more details. Kuvimba and Vi Holding each hold half of Great Dyke Investments, which owns the Darwendale

deposit. "What I can tell you for a fact is that the project is going ahead," he said.

Darwendale has been tied to Russia since 2006, when former Zimbabwe president, Robert Mugabe, took the concession from a local unit of South Africa's Impala Platinum Holdings and handed it to Russian investors. The first venture to try and tap the deposit was named Ruschrome Mining – it included a state-owned mining company, the Zimbabwe Mining Development Corp, Russian defense conglomerate Rostec, Vnesheconombank and Vi Holding.

The venture later became Great Dyke, named after the geological feature where the deposit is found, and Vi Holding remained the sole investor from Russia.

Machitskiy, who was born in Irkutsk in Siberia, is a childhood friend of Sergey Chemezov, chief executive of

Rostec, according to Forbes. Maschitskiy was on the board of several Rostec's units, while Chemezov himself is close ally of President Vladimir Putin, with whom he once worked in Germany. Chemezov is sanctioned by the US, EU and UK.

Calls to Winston Chitando, Zimbabwe's mines minister, weren't answered. Onesimo Moyo, the country's secretary for mines, was said to be in a meeting when his phone was called.

Igor Higer, the chairman of Great Dyke and a representative of the Russian investors, didn't respond to emailed questions, phone calls or text messages. Vi Holding didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Darwendale, if built, could potentially produce 860,000 ounces of platinum group metals a year and the deposit could be exploited for four decades, Great Dyke has said.

Output was initially expected to begin in 2021, but Russian links and a lack of capital aren't the only things that have delayed the project.

Zimbabwe's government says it controls Kuvimba. But its assets, including the stake in Great Dyke, are the same as those owned until at least late 2020 by Sotic International, a company linked to Kudakwashe Tagwirei, an adviser to Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa who is sanctioned by the US and UK governments over corruption allegations.

The government hasn't said how it acquired the assets or disclosed the identities of the private shareholders who own the 35% of Kuvimba not held by the state. Impala rebuffed an approach from Great Dyke because it was concerned about its ownership, people familiar with the situation said in February.

# Biden administration targets tax on windfall oil, gas profits

WASHINGTON

THE Biden administration is considering a proposal to tax oil and gas windfall profits to provide a gas subsidy for American consumers struggling with high energy prices, said Bharat Ramamurti, deputy director of the National Economic Council at a panel sponsored by the Roosevelt Institute think tank on June 2.

The news follows a similar move in the U.K. by Chancellor Rishi Sunak on May 26, to impose a 25 percent windfall tax on North Sea energy producers to provide a 15 billion pound (\$18.9 billion) energy fund subsidy for Britons paying for soaring fuel costs. The White House has been examining proposals from Congress that would hike taxes on energy producers in order to provide a subsidy or tax rebate to households.

"We are very much open to any proposal that would provide relief to consumers at the pump," said Ramamurti.

"There are a variety of interesting proposals and design choices on a windfall profits tax. We've looked carefully at each of them and are engaging in conversations with Congress about design."

The proposal, backed by 15 Democrats in the Senate and the House, would impose a new quarterly tax on American oil companies for crude produced domestically or imported from abroad.

The revenue would be siphoned off to consumers below a certain income in the form of a tax rebate

that would amount to a few hundred dollars per year, but the bill does not appear so far to have support in Congress.

The bill is being sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), who announced on MSNBC in March, "I'm co-sponsoring ... a bill on windfall profits tax. We get it, supply and demand, prices go up, but profit margins should not go up, that's just oil companies gouging."

"Big oil companies are making higher profits off Putin's war," tweeted Warren. The "windfall tax on oil would guarantee \$200 oil," responded Dan Rosenblum, a financial analyst at Sharkbiotech.com, in a tweet, explaining that a tax on gas producer profits would cause U.S. fuel prices to skyrocket.

Ramamurti admitted that there would be a potential impact on supply if a windfall tax on producers was imposed, but he said he did not see this as an "insurmountable hurdle."

"One thing you want to be aware of when you are looking at those types of proposals is how is it going to affect supply as well," said Ramamurti.

"I don't think that's an insurmountable hurdle, but it is an important question at a time when there's clearly a supply issue."

His comments came just a day after he told reporters that the administration's plan to combat inflation included shrinking the Federal budget deficit, by raising taxes on high-income individuals and major corporations.

"What the president has

done and made clear is that we are dedicated to doing everything we can to stop and push back on that Russian aggression, but it's going to cause pain for American consumers in the short term, and gas prices are one unfortunate example," Ramamurti told local media.

High energy prices due to the war in Ukraine, declining U.S. energy supplies, and supply chain logjams have pushed oil producer revenue to record highs this year.

Exxon Mobil, the largest U.S. oil producer, earned \$5.48 billion in the first quarter and said that it would triple its expected stock buybacks through 2023 to \$30 billion.

The Biden administration has blamed energy producers for not investing in further output and for not passing on more of their earnings to consumers, despite White House policies that have discouraged investment in energy production and supply.

President Joe Biden is under intense pressure from his party to ease gas prices before the midterm elections in November, as the approval ratings for the Democrat-controlled Congress continue to sink in the polls.

U.S. consumer price growth slowed down in April after gas prices dipped below the March record high, while consumer prices were up 8.3 percent in April from the year prior, according to the Labor Department.

As a cyclical industry, taxing windfall energy profits during a good cycle is likely to discourage investment in energy production.



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## WORLD

## Prince Charles pays emotional tribute to Queen Elizabeth

LONDON

LONDON - Prince Charles paid an emotional personal tribute to his mother, Queen Elizabeth, on Saturday during celebrations to mark her Platinum Jubilee, praising the monarch for uniting the nation and continuing to make history during her 70-year reign.

Charles spoke at a pop concert that opened with a comic sketch of the 96-year-old monarch having tea with Paddington Bear and tapping out the tune to the Queen anthem "We Will Rock You" on her teacup. The heir-to-the-throne appeared towards the end of the concert at Buckingham Palace. As images of Elizabeth's reign were displayed on the walls, Charles, 73, said the Jubilee had given the country the chance to say thank you.

"You pledged to serve your whole life - you continue to deliver. That is why we are here," he said in a message to the queen, who was at her Windsor Castle residence outside London.

"You have met us and talked with us. You laugh and cry with us and, most importantly, you have been there for us, for these 70 years," he added, referring to the queen as "mummy".

The Saturday festivities were among a number of Jubilee events that Elizabeth has missed because of

"episodic mobility problems" that have caused her to cancel engagements recently.

The opening video with the fictional character Paddington had echoes of 2012 when the queen appeared with Britain's most famous fictional spy, James Bond, in a video for the opening ceremony of the London Olympics.

In the clip on Saturday, she told Paddington she always kept the Bear's favorite - a marmalade sandwich - in her ever-present handbag.

A palace spokesman said: "The opportunity to invite a famous bear to tea was just too much fun to miss."

Queen's "We Will Rock You" then opened the show before the cast of "Hamilton," Andrea Bocelli, Alicia Keys and Diana Ross performed in front of tens of thousands of people crammed around the palace, down the Mall grand boulevard and in a nearby park.

Charles and wife Camilla; son William, wife Kate and their two eldest children sang along with the crowd before an aerial drone light show projected images into the sky, including the monarch on a stamp and the outline of her dogs.

## Making history

The four days of celebrations to mark the mon-



Britain's Prince Charles accompanied by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, speaks on the stage during the Platinum Jubilee concert taking place in London, on Saturday on the third of four days of celebrations to mark the Platinum Jubilee. AP

arch's seven decades as queen began on Thursday with a military parade and a Royal Air Force flypast, and a National Service of Thanksgiving on Friday.

At the concert, Prince William spoke about his family's record on the environment, while Charles also acknowledged his father, Prince Philip, who died last year aged 99.

"My papa would have enjoyed the show and joined us wholeheartedly in celebrating all you continue to do for your country and your people," he said. "You continue to make history."

Elizabeth ascended the throne aged 25 on the death of her father, George VI, in 1952, inheriting dominion over a Britain still emerging from the ravages of World War Two and with Winston Churchill as prime minister.

In total, there have been 14 prime ministers and 14 US presidents during her reign; the Berlin Wall rose and fell; Britain joined and left the European Union; and her nation's own once-mighty empire disintegrated, replaced

by a Commonwealth of 54 nations. Elizabeth was instrumental in creating the latter and many regard its success as her greatest achievement.

Polls suggest a comfortable majority believe the monarchy should remain. A recent Ipsos survey put support for the queen at 9 out of 10 respondents. But Charles is less popular and support among the young is waning.

Supporters see the queen as a source of soft power in the world and a stabilising factor: a bridge between the nation's past and its present.

As Charles delivered his tribute, projections of the queen, which he had selected, were beamed onto the walls of the palace.

These included a carriage ride with former South African President Nelson Mandela during his 1996 state visit and her famous 2012 handshake with former IRA guerrilla commander Martin McGuinness, who later became the deputy first minister of Northern Ireland. **Agencies**

## Medvedev criticizes West for sanctions on family members of politicians

MOSCOW

DEPUTY Chairman of Russia's Security Council Dmitry Medvedev has criticized the West for illegitimate sanctions against family members of Russian politicians.

"It seems that the West decided to reproduce the best practices of the past," he said on Telegram. "Let's take sanctions. They

are doubly illegal. Now, according to their model, not only participants in political events - statesmen or deputies - but also their families, who are in no way capable of influencing their relatives, are responsible for the mythical violations invented in the West."

"If European and US lawmakers decided, then the families will answer," he went on to say. "To the full extend and without the fault. And let's block the accounts of family members, their property, ban them from crossing the border to Western values."

Medvedev noted with irony that now the West in the future could embrace "other progressive family rules as well."

"For example, there are many useful things in the ways of the Italian 'Ndrangheta and Cosa Nostra. Or you can go deeper into history. Recall the Laws of Hammurabi that said, as you know, if a poorly built house collapsed and killed a son of its owner, it was permissible to kill a son of the builder," the official said.



## Many Europeans will face poverty because of anti-Russian sanctions, says Lavrov

MOSCOW

PEOPLE of Europe face inflation and degradation of quality of life because of the anti-Russian sanctions, and many will face poverty because of these sanctions, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in his interview for RTRS.

"The quality of life is worsening in Europe, inflation is on the rise, growth rates are slowing down. There is even a new concept of 'the new poor'. People are suffering from the emerging problems, including the price hike. Many will face poverty," Lavrov said.

Meanwhile, tens of billions of dollars and euro are being spent on arming Ukraine, Lavrov noted.

"Germany stated that it is important for Berlin not to support the Germans during the difficult period of price growth, but to allocated \$100 billion for militarization of their country," the Minister said. "This reminds many in Europe that Germany's statement of necessity to turn itself in the leading European power may not be perceived so innocently by many."

The Minister underscored that Russia has long lost faith in reliability and negotiability of Western states. Lavrov pointed out that, following the 2014 sanctions, Russia began relying on its own capabilities and contacts with reliable partners.

"The measures we took turned us into the largest agricultural power. Before that, we used to import a lot of food," the top diplomat underscored. **Agencies**

## Biden evacuated from beach house in NE US after small plane enters airspace

WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden and his wife were briefly evacuated from their beach house on Rehoboth Beach in the northeastern state of Delaware on Saturday after a small plane entered restricted airspace nearby.

"A small private plane entered restricted airspace, all indications are by mistake, and precautionary measures were taken," a White House official told the traveling press pool.

"There was no threat to the President or his family." They "are now back at their residence," according to the White House.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Secret Service said on Saturday afternoon that "a privately owned aircraft entered the restricted airspace over Rehoboth Delaware after mistakenly entering a secured area" shortly before 1:00 p.m. (1700 GMT).

"The aircraft was immediately escorted out of the restricted airspace," the spokesperson said in a statement. "Preliminary investigation reveals the pilot was not on the proper radio channel, was not following the NOTAMS (Notice to Airmen) that had been filed and was not following published flight guidance."

"The U.S. Secret Service will be interviewing the pilot, the statement added. Biden and the U.S. first lady will travel back to the White House from Rehoboth Beach on Sunday. **Xinhua**

## Turkey to tackle security concern in Syria with new operation

ANKARA

TURKEY will address its security concerns in northern Syria with a new cross-border operation, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Saturday.

Erdogan (pictured) made the announcement in an address to his party members in the capital Ankara, noting the new operation will make up for the "shortcomings" of the security line on its southern borders.

The Turkish military "destroyed the terror corridor" that Syria's Kurdish People's Protec-

tion Units (YPG) has aimed to build, he said, referring to Turkey's four previous operations in northern Syria along the Turkish border.

The Turkish army launched Operation Euphrates Shield in 2016, Operation Olive Branch in 2018, Operation Peace Spring in 2019, and Operation Spring Shield in 2020 in northern Syria. Turkish authorities say the operations aim to eliminate terror threats and provide a safe zone that will facilitate the return of Syrian refugees to their homes.

On Wednesday, Erdogan said



Turkey's planned new military operation in Syria will target the YPG in Tell Rifaat and Manbij areas near the northern city of Aleppo before gradually extending to other parts of the neighboring country.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, has been rebelling against the Turkish government for more than three decades. Ankara sees the YPG as the Syrian branch of the PKK. **Agencies**

## Huawei shows that next-gen data centres are sustainable and smart

JOHANNESBURG

HUAWEI revealed the definition of the Next-Generation Data Center Facility, and unveiled its new PowerPOD 3.0 data centre power supply system. T

The new rollouts, not only reaffirms Huawei's commitment to building low-carbon, smart data centres, it also underscores the fact that the next generation of data centres will be sustainable, simplified, autonomous driving, and reliable.

With the continuous development of fields such as 5G, artificial intelligence (AI), and Big Data, data centres will only grow in scale and importance.

But at the same time, there is growing pressure on data centres to use less electricity and operate more sustainably, especially as economies in Africa and other regions look to decarbonise.

Critically, they will have to do so without compromising on perfor-



mance or drastically increasing their physical footprints.

The PowerPOD 3.0 enables data centres to do all of these things. It reduces the footprint of data centres by 40%, cuts their energy consumption by 70%, shortens the delivery period from 2 months to 2 weeks, and lowers the service

level agreement (SLA) fault rate by 38%.

"At Huawei, we are ready and willing to do to contribute to green development in Africa," says Jason Xia Hesheng, President of Huawei Digital Power Southern Africa.

"We have a proud tradition of

ensuring that all our technologies are sustainable while pushing the boundaries of innovation. It will allow customers to pursue some of the most transformative technologies such as 5G and AI while protecting the planet."

Africa in particular stands to benefit from systems such as the PowerPOD 3.0. Energy in particular presents a major challenge in Africa.

Data centres consume anywhere between 2%-3% of the world's power annually.

This adds an additional strain on African countries' grids. Additionally, the average annual Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) of data centres in Africa is 1.8, meaning that they aren't as efficient as they could be. Something like the PowerPOD 3.0 could go a long way to bringing that score closer to the ideal of 1.0.

In addition, the system's ability to bring down O&M costs could also prove significant, given that

the initial construction of data centre accounts for just a third of its costs, with the other two-thirds coming from O&M.

With Africa set to have more than 600-million internet users and 360 million intelligent end-users by 2025, it will be critical that it not just use systems such as PowerPOD 3.0 to make its existing data centres more efficient, but also as a way of embracing the next generation of data centres, characterized by Sustainability, Simplification, Autonomous Driving and Reliability.

As Africa looks to balance population growth, urbanisation, and the desire to move forward on smart city initiatives with commitments to decarbonise, these kinds of next-generation data centres will be crucial.

As the "heart" of the data centre, the power supply system should integrate and innovate all devices in the power supply chain. **Agencies**

## As high inflation persists in Britain, concerns grow over economic slowdown

LONDON

AS Britain's inflation rockets to a point unseen in decades - and shows no sign of abating despite the government's scramble to cope - concerns are mounting over the possibility of an economic slowdown.

Energy prices are high and fluctuating; many gauges fail to point to a pickup; economic activities are slowing; consumer confidence is ebbing; households are feeling the squeeze and the authorities are under fire for doing too little or being too late.

## INFLATION TAKES HOLD

Britain is witnessing higher inflation than other Group of Seven countries, given its status as a net importer of

energy. The timing couldn't be worse. Global prices are ballooning on fears over supply disruption. Britain's currency is in a Brexit slump and worker shortages are rampant, according to a Guardian analysis.

A quick fix is out of the question. Hitting 9 percent in April already, inflation is expected to reach more than 10 percent by the end of this year.

A YouGov survey in May showed that 62 percent of respondents considered the economy as the most critical issue facing the country.

"Britain is at last stepping out of the pandemic that has dominated the last two years - only to step straight into a huge cost of living crisis that will be the defining economic feature of

what remains of this parliament," said Torsten Bell, chief executive at the London-based think tank Resolution Foundation.

Alongside the price spike, financial squeezes facing households have become broad. Wages have failed to keep pace with rising prices. While regular pay excluding bonuses rose 4.2 percent from January to March, it fell by 1.2 percent when adjusted for inflation, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Charities are probably among the first to feel the pressure. Two million older households will have insufficient income to cover their essential spending this year, with almost half of these living in poverty or just above

the poverty line, according to British charity Age UK.

Billy McGranaghan, founder of British charity Dads House, told Xinhua that food banks are now classless. "Before it used to be people who were on benefits. Now it's not," he said. Donations also went down by half because people have lost that part of their disposable income. "In the next five months in the UK, I think we're going to see a poverty we have never seen since the second world war," he noted.

Leo Scott, a resident in London, considered himself lucky to have the food banks. He had just discussed the surging prices with his mother before talking to Xinhua. "We're all feeling it.

Price hike with energy bills and also food," he said. "And then it is going to get any better? Who knows." To ease the raging cost-of-living crisis, Britain announced in May a 25-percent levy on profits of oil and gas companies to partly fund a support package mainly targeted at vulnerable households. It was widely applauded as lower-income groups were believed to take the brunt of the shock since key drivers of inflation were the surging prices of food and energy.

Opponents, however, argued it would undermine investor confidence. Investor confidence depended on predictable taxes, said Deirdre Michie, chief executive of Offshore Energies UK, an association representing

400 companies in the offshore oil, wind and gas sector. "This is an industry that thinks and plans long-term, meaning years and decades, so sudden new costs, like this proposed tax, will disrupt planning and investment and above all undermine investor confidence," Michie said.

## MOUNTING CONCERNS

The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), widely used to forecast economic trends, bodes ill for the British economy. Growth of its manufacturing and services sectors slowed to a 15-month low in May, as S&P Global's flash Composite PMI fell sharply, and service providers signaled the greatest loss of momentum.

# China to further improve business environment to energize the market

By Luo Shanshan, Wang Junling

**F**ARSIGHTED multinationals don't want to miss the opportunity to invest and operate in China.

Data from China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) indicated that China saw 185 newly-added major projects during the first four months of this year, each with foreign investment of over \$100 million. This means that an average of 1.5 major foreign-funded projects had been launched in China per day during the period.

China's actual use of foreign capital expanded to 478.61 billion yuan (\$71.65 billion) from January to April, up 20.5 percent year on year, which represented a double-digit growth achieved on the high comparison base during the same period of last year.

The Chinese market is the best choice as BMW pushes ahead with transformation toward electrification, digitalization, and sustainable development, said an executive with German carmaker BMW.

Although global markets have suffered impacts of multiple factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic, during the past two years, BMW's business in China has maintained steady growth and reached a new high in sales last year, according to the executive, who disclosed that the company will continue to increase investment in China.

For BMW, China is not only the world's largest auto market and new-energy vehicle market, but the most important manufacturing base and innovation base in the world, the executive added.



A large container ship is loaded with containers at the container terminal of the Lianyungang Port of Lianyungang city, east China's Jiangsu province, May 22, 2022. (Photo by Wang Jianmin/People's Daily Online)



Photo shows workers busy with production in the workshop of a Japanese-funded company in Songjiang district, east China's Shanghai, May 15, 2022. (Photo by Cai Bin/People's Daily Online)

China has continuously opened its door wider to share its development opportunities with the rest of the world. Besides BMW, many other foreign enterprises, including Amazon, Dell, and Johnson & Johnson, also expressed their intention to continue increasing investment in China.

Recent survey reports released by the American Chamber of Commerce in China (AmCham China) and the German Chamber of Commerce in China showed that 83 percent of the surveyed U.S. companies and 96 percent of the German companies in China remain bullish on the Chinese market, and that 66 percent of the U.S. companies and 71 percent of the German companies

in China plan to invest more in the country.

Over the past five years, China has continuously shortened its negative lists for foreign investment, cutting the numbers of off-limit items on its national negative list and pilot free trade zone (FTZ) negative list to 31 and 27, respectively.

The country has taken a large number of important and major measures to further boost opening-up in sectors including finance and automobile, and basically opened its manufacturing sector and guaranteed steady and continuous progress in the opening-up of the agricultural and service sectors, effectively stabilizing foreign en-

terprises' expectations of development in China and providing broader space for foreign investment.

So far, 21 pilot FTZs have been established across China. Its comprehensive bonded zones and economic and technological development zones are speeding up efforts to promote reform and innovation. In addition, various platforms launched to facilitate opening up continuously roll out measures to advance investment liberalization and facilitation, becoming a new high ground for attracting foreign investment.

This year, China will continue giving full play to the role of its special working group for key foreign-funded projects so as to provide service

guarantee for stable operations of enterprises and make sure relevant projects are signed, put into operation, and reach full-capacity production as early as possible, according to the MOFCOM.

Besides, the country will revise and expand the catalogue of encouraged industries for foreign investment to guide more foreign investment toward sectors such as advanced manufacturing, modern services, high and new technology, green and low-carbon development and digital economy and toward the central and western regions by leveraging favorable policies related to taxation and land, said the ministry. China will also intensify efforts to protect the legitimate interests

and rights of foreign investors and ensure national treatment for all foreign-invested enterprises, the MOFCOM stressed.

On April 10, the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and China's State Council jointly issued guidelines on accelerating the building of a national unified market, saying explicitly that the country will uphold a unified fair competition system and treat all market entities, regardless of their type, as equals.

China's stable economic and social environment, sound industrial chain and supply chain system, and super-large market provide a solid foundation for the stable development of foreign enterprises.

"It is very difficult to match the scale and scope of China's supply chains outside China at the moment," pointed out Vishrut Rana, Singapore-based economist at S&P Global Ratings, in a recent interview.

The 2022 American Business in China White Paper recently released by the AmCham China said that 83 percent of the AmCham China's member companies disclosed that they are not considering relocating manufacturing or sourcing outside of China.

China remains a priority market for U.S. companies, with many of them believing it is vital to stay competitive in this market in order to win globally, according to the white paper.

## China's key wildlife protection rate reaches 74 percent

By Zhu Jinyi, Liu Fawei

**C**HINA has put 74 percent of its key wild animals and plants under protection and sees a better trend in the situation of threatened species than the global trend, said Ma Keping, deputy director and secretary-general of the Biodiversity Committee of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

The population of crested ibis in China has increased from seven when they were first found to at least 6,000; that of wild Asian elephants in the country has risen from 180 in the 1980s to around 300; and the country's number of Tibetan antelopes in the wild has climbed to more than 300,000, according to Ma, also a researcher with the Institute of Botany under the CAS.

Biodiversity survey in China is much easier than that in the past when researchers could only identify species of animals and plants by carefully comparing them with illustrations in books and specimens through manual work.

Today, they can use an app to quickly identify species of flora and fauna and record the time, location, and environmental information about the place where a species is found.

The app was developed by Dr. Lin Congtian, a researcher in biodiversity informatics with the Institute of Zoology under the CAS.

Understanding the background of biological resources is the prerequisite for biodiversity protection, said Lin, who is devoted to the use of big data and artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in biodiversity surveys.

The CAS recently released an updated national species data-



Photo taken on May 16, 2021 shows Siberian tigers playing with each other in the Siberian Tiger Park in Songbei district, Harbin city, northeast China's Heilongjiang province. (Photo by Wang Bo/People's Daily Online)

base, known as the Catalogue of Life China 2022 Annual Checklist. In 2008 when the first edition of the checklist was released, there were about 44,000 species recorded. The figure has reached 125,000 in this year's updated edition, marking a new step in the country's biodiversity research and protection.

Besides the identification of species, exploring the distribution of species and tracking the migration of species is also a must for understanding biodiversity.

With the support of the CAS's Big

Earth Data Science Engineering Program (CASEarth), China has gradually unfolded a biological map that contains more than four million pieces of data on the distribution of nearly 50,000 species.

The data-based map, which clearly shows the distribution areas of key groups of animals, plants, and microorganisms, plays an important role in the protection of key species.

Giant panda is one of the most beloved wild animals in the world and also a highlight of the protection of wildlife species in



Photo shows a beautiful wetland park in Maiya River area in Jiangdong New Area, Haikou city, south China's Hainan province. Thanks to the ecological restoration projects implemented since 2020, the biodiversity of the Maiya River basin has been restored and the area has become the habitat of many bird species. (Photo by Kang Denglin/People's Daily Online)

China.

In November 2021, activities of a plump and energetic wild giant panda were captured by an infrared camera installed on a state-owned forest farm in Dujingyan city, southwest China's Sichuan province. The giant panda was later recognized by experts as Xiaohetuo, a giant panda released into the wild by China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda three years ago. Its reappearance was regarded as exciting news indicating its safety.

Over the past 40 years, China has seen its population of wild giant pandas grow 67 percent to 1,864. "There are more than 8,000 other wild animal

and plant species in the habitats of giant pandas, including endangered mammals like golden snub-nosed monkey and takin, as well as bird species and amphibians and reptiles endemic to China," said Hu Yibo, a researcher with the Institute of Zoology under the CAS. Efforts to protect flagship species in nature conservation like giant pandas can bring the "umbrella effect" and help maximize the benefits of biodiversity protection, Hu told People's Daily.

Since the country officially set up its Giant Panda National Park, carnivores that live in the same habitats as giant pandas, such as leopard and snow leopard, have also been frequently seen in these areas.

# China advances high-quality construction of Greater Bay Area

By Cheng Long

**I**N the satellite images of the Earth at night, a vast expanse of dazzling lights are seen stretching across the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, which comprises Hong Kong, Macao, and nine cities in south China's Guangdong province, including Zhuhai, Guangzhou, Foshan, and Shenzhen.

The Greater Bay Area, with a total area of 56,000 square kilometers and a population of over 80 million, is one of the most open and economically vibrant regions in China. It has less than 1 percent of China's land area and 5 percent of the country's total population, and yet it created 12 percent of the country's total gross domestic product (GDP).

Since its construction officially began nearly five years ago, the Greater Bay Area has seen its GDP rise about 2.4 trillion yuan (\$360.8 billion), demonstrating economic vitality unseen in any other regions in China.

"After the new Hengqin Port, which was built to facilitate travel between Macao and Zhuhai, opened in August 2020, it only takes me less than half an hour to drive from my home in Macao to my office in Guangdong Macao In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin," said Neildo Choi, a young entrepreneur from Macao who started his business in Hengqin as well as founder of SinoKru Elec Tech Ltd.

As the infrastructure in the Greater Bay Area is improved, a transport network encompassing all relevant 11 cities has been closely knit.

Officially connecting Hong Kong and Macao to China's expressway network, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge has substantially facilitated the travel in the Greater Bay Area.

The operating railways and expressways in the region have achieved a combined length of roughly 2,500 kilometers and 4,972 kilometers, respectively. The road density of the area has increased to 9.1 kilometers per 100 square kilometers.

Thanks to an innovative customs clearance model, self-service customs clearing is available to two-thirds passengers traveling between Hong Kong, Macao and Guangdong.

World-class airport and port clusters are taking shape at a faster pace in the area; its airports can handle over 200 million passengers annually, and the container throughput of its ports exceeded 80 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

Residents are now able to travel between Guangzhou and Foshan, Shenzhen and Hong Kong, and Zhuhai and Macao within about one hour.

"I've always wanted to invest in renminbi products of the Chinese mainland, and my wish came true after the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Scheme (WMC) was launched, which allows me to enjoy the benefits of financial connectivity in the Greater Bay Area," said a Hong Kong resident surnamed Kwong. On Oct. 19, 2021, Kwong became the first



Photo shows Qianhai area of China (Guangdong) Pilot Free Trade Zone. (Photo by You Zhou/People's Daily Online)

customer of the scheme.

As rules and mechanisms are gradually unified in the Greater Bay Area, a new system for an open economy is being built at a higher speed.

From Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect to Southbound Trading under Bond Connect and to Cross-boundary WMC, from enabling construction engineering companies and professionals from Hong Kong and Macao to carry out business or practice in Guangdong, to cross-border commercial registration handling mechanism, and to formulating the first batch of 70 standards in 23 fields, including food in the Greater Bay Area, it is evident that the area is witnessing greater connectivity concerning its rules and mechanisms.

Research institutes in Hong Kong and Macao can enjoy the same treatment as their counter-

parts in the Chinese mainland in Guangdong; Guangdong's fiscal funds for research and development can be directly allocated to Hong Kong and Macao institutions; and large-scale scientific research equipment can enjoy convenient customs clearance procedures via a 24-hour application platform.

As the cross-border flow of innovation factors becomes smoother, Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao are shifting from cooperation to integration.

"The Greater Bay Area is generating more and more opportunities, and becoming an increasingly big platform," said Joaquim Vong, a young lawyer from Macao. He co-founded a law firm in Hengqin over two years ago, which now has nearly 70 employees.

As residents in Guangdong, Hong Kong and

Macao become more closely connected, a circle of high-quality living is being formed in the Greater Bay Area.

A policy that allows the children of Hong Kong and Macao residents who are working and living in the nine cities of Guangdong involved in the Greater Bay Area to enjoy the same rights as their mainland counterparts regarding preschool, compulsory, and senior high school education has been implemented; and a pilot project that enables eligible medical institutions in these nine cities of Guangdong to use Hong Kong/Macao-registered drugs and medical devices according to regulations has been launched.

Besides, a policy on a unified social insurance scheme has also been implemented in the Greater Bay Area. As of the end of 2021, a total of 279,200 Hong Kong and Macao residents had been covered by old age insurance, unemployment insurance, and work-related injury compensation insurance in Guangdong.

Guangdong has established a system of innovation and entrepreneurship incubation bases for young people from Hong Kong and Macao, incubating more than 2,300 projects and attracting more than 3,400 young people from the two special administrative regions. The number of Hong Kong and Macao residents included in employment registration and management in Guangdong has exceeded 85,100.

# Off-season decisions affect former Simba players' future

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**T**HE end of a football season projects an impression of the season in which any decisions made by either players or teams reflect what will happen in the future.

Life goes on very fast, it moves faster for some football players in Tanzania as some quickly rise to prominence and others plunge into oblivion.

Everyone chooses his path, this is the case with two former Simba SC footballers Said Ndemla and Ibrahim Ajibu.

The two footballers chose different paths, one chose to go to 'paradise' whereas the other resorted to heading to 'hell'.

At the beginning of this season, it was clear that Ndemla and Ajibu have no place in the Simba SC squad.

At times the two players were in good form and then they experienced a drop in level of performance.

Soccer lovers in the country might agree that Ndemla and Ajibu are immensely talented, but they have one problem, they are not very active and hard working.

When Ndemla felt his place was completely lost at Simba SC, he decided to go to Mtibwa Sugar.

He did not have a very good start at the outfit, a situation probably brought about by psychological reasons.

He did not think that his life at Simba SC would end so quickly. Since he started playing football, Ndemla had only played for the side.

He never imagined if he would ever play for the outfit that is based at Manungu in Morogoro.



Former Simba SC midfielder, Said Ndemla.

But what could he do? Almost all midfielders at Simba SC were better than him.

Then Simba SC still signed Malian midfielder Sadio Kanoute, where would Ndemla play? It was hard for the midfielder to believe that he was now playing for Mtibwa Sugar.

And that is why it took him so long to regain his quality but after accepting the situation, now soccer fanatics have started witnessing the performance he showcased in 2014.

Ndemla has begun to regain his lost dignity at Mtibwa Sugar, he has become an important player again.

He plays every day in Mtibwa Sugar's first team, why should he not get his edge back? To be effective, a player must be playing every weekend.

This is what Ndemla was miss-

ing at Simba, he was not getting a chance to play every week.

He also got a few minutes every month at Simba but the midfielder is now guaranteed to play every day at Mtibwa Sugar.

This is why soccer enthusiasts have started to hear Azam FC wants Ndemla, one can also hear Simba wants to bring him back.

This is so because he plays every day, Ndemla chose Mtibwa Sugar because he believed in his superiority.

He believed he needed to play to regain his edge, the fact is that he is coming back very fast.

When Ndemla chose a place to raise his performance, Ajibu did not care, he continued to stay right there at Simba.

He believed he would get a chance to play. What happened?

He was given a chance in the first few matches and after that, he went back to where he came from.

He became a bench player, he later became a player that only participates in training sessions.

At the end of the day, Simba decided to leave him, it was easy to see this happen.

How does an outfit keep a player, particularly the one that is paid a lot of money, if he does not play?

Unfortunately for Ajibu, he chose to go to Azam FC, he believed he could be the first choice at the Chamazi-based club.

He started to play a few games and reality later hit him, given he is now back as a bench player and he is sometimes not even among the bench players as was the case with his stint at Simba.

It is so amazing, while Ndemla is regaining his quality rapidly, Ajibu is running out of steam because he does not play.

Ajibu and Ndemla had the same problem, they are not very dedicated players. It has though been a good spell for Ndemla but Ajibu has remained the same, the truth is the midfielder does not apply much pressure to himself.

He still does not have enough discipline in practice, and he still does not put the effort into the match and this is his biggest problem.

Azam FC should have seen that before signing him. Ajibu indeed has great potential but the quality only comes to view when he decides to play with dedication.

It is just like Ghanaian midfielder Bernard Morrison, he can play well today but a footballer lover will have to wait for a long time to see the same quality.

I see Ndemla return to be a great player as was the case in the past but it will be the end for Ajibu if the midfielder does not change.

Azam FC will be tired of the footballer in a few days, it is hard for an outfit to stay with a player that is not dedicated.



Simba SC players celebrate a goal the squad registered in one of the recent NBC Premier League matches which took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

## Simba SC out to recruit competent players next season

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

SIMBA SC Information and Communication Manager, Ahmed Ally, has said the club plans to register top players from across Africa for next season's Premier League and continental showpiece.

The club has this season seen its effort to stamp its influence end in vain after surrendering the top-flight and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) trophies.

The situation has prompted the club's management to chart out strategies for reshaping the squad.

Ally said Simba SC is determined to make good signings next season and the players who will be given priority are the ones that enabled the outfit to book a place in this season's CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinals.

He said apart from looking for such players, Simba SC leadership is determined to retain some of the players that make the current squad, while others are set to be released.

The official disclosed: "Simba SC currently needs players who have at least reached the quarterfinals of the CAF Champions League so that they can next season bring us glory."

He added: "Our mission is to have the best team, after learning a lot this season that has been bad for us, we have lost both titles."

"We for that matter hope to have a good plan to improve our squad to regain what we lost this season."

"We will leave some players, others will continue to be part of our team,

those who are registered will join those retained to form a team that we believe will be strong."

According to him, in addition to concentrating on players registration, Simba SC hopes to have a new head coach next season following the departure of Spaniard Pablo Martin.

Meanwhile, Yanga is reported to planning to release 14 players at the end of this season, hoping to fill their place during the coming season's main transfer window.

The players that are said to be on the verge of leaving the club are those who have failed to meet the outfit's technical bench standards.

They include David Bryson, who was signed in this season's main registration period and has played six games, Abdallah Shaibu (one game), Deus Kaseke (10 games), Heritier Makambo (18 games), Yusuph Athuman (six games), and Yasin Mustapha (nine games).

Paul Godfrey (one game), Crispin Ngushi (three games), Dennis Nkane (10 games), Balama Mapinduzi (one game), Chico Ushindi (five games), and Ibrahim Abdallah (two games) also make the list.

The list also consists of goalkeepers Erick Johora and Ramadhan Kabwili that have not played a single league game this season.

The club has already announced the departure of Burundian midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza after his contract expired.

Ntibazonkiza's exit was moreover linked to misconduct he committed when the team set up camp in Mwanza to prepare for the ASFC semi-final.



Some of the FK Blue Marlins Club swimmers pose for a picture during the past event, which took place in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Dar school holds sway in IST Inter-Schools Junior Chess Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DAR ES SALAAM'S Baybridge Primary School beat the rest of the contenders to the trophy in the 2022 IST Inter-Schools Junior Chess Championship, which took place in the city recently.

Louis Kara, the tournament's chief arbiter, revealed that over nine schools participated in the showdown that was geared towards supporting efforts to develop the game.

Kara that is as well the game's coach pointed out that Baybridge Primary School collected eight medals, followed by second-placed Agha Khan Primary and Secondary schools which won six medals.

The tournament's host International School of Tanganyika came third having collected six medals too.

Kara noted: "The third-placed outfit was

followed by Dar es Salaam International Academy in fourth place with four medals, and Al Muntazir that ended fifth with two medals."

The chief arbiter revealed: "French School Dar es Salaam, HOPAC, Indian School, and Mount Kibo Primary School won one medal each."

According to Kara, individually, four categories were merged into two that is 16/12 and Under, and 10/8 and Under.

The official said that the top player in each category was awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals.

In the 10/8 and Under the category for boys, Baybridge Primary School's Yash Panjwani ended as the winner, Shlok Mangarolia (Baybridge Primary School) took the second spot followed by third-placed Pujari of Agha Khan Primary and Secondary schools.

The 16/12 and Under category's title was won by Prisha Chheda (Agha Khan Primary and Secondary schools), followed by Christian Fernandes of DIA and third-placed Vivian Erasmus of IST.

In the 8 and Under category, Shlok Mangarolia (Baybridge Primary School) was the champion, teammate Sai Vedansh Varakatam-Baybridge took the second position, whereas Hridhan Shah of Al Muntazir finished third.

The 10 and Under category was won by Yash Panjwani (Baybridge Primary School), Veeraj Mehta of IST came second, whereas Tolu Umoh of IST ended third.

Panav Bangur (Baybridge Primary School) clinched the 12 and Under category's top honour, Alyan Walli of IST took second place, Hematteya Jamdar of Agha Khan Primary and Secondary schools finished third.

The 16 and Under was won by Christian Fernandes of DIA, IST's Vivian Erasmus ended second, followed by third-placed Parsar.

In the 8 and Under the category for girls, Prajna Sudhakaran (Baybridge Primary School) lifted the silverware, teammate Naima Wilmore came second, whereas French Schools' Sophia Dahwoodbhai ended third.

In the 10 and Under category, Viva Pujari of Agha Khan took the top spot, Anahi Shah of DIA finished second, whereas Ambreen Kaur of Agha Khan Primary and Secondary schools ended third.

Dhyana Doshi of HOPAC clinched the 12 and Under category's silverware, Akshara Shah of Agha Khan Primary and Secondary schools finished second, followed by IST's Zahara Takim that came third.

The 16 and Under was won by Agha Khan

Primary and Secondary schools' Prisha Chheda, Mahi Shah of DIA ended second, and teammate Mahek Desai took third place.

Kara revealed the showdown, which attracted a huge number of players, consisted of a strong field of competitors, players did their best and had a great experience.

The chief arbiter expressed regard to coaches Halima Terema of IST, as well as Kenny and Cleophas Charles of Tanzanite Chess Club for preparing their players to participate in the showdown.

He noted: "I moreover offer great appreciation to the International School of Tanganyika for hosting the event and to Kai Riber that made sure everything was set."

"The next tournament to be organized by IST will take place in December 2022, so players need to prepare for it," Kara said.

# Destiny? Magic? A miracle? Real Madrid won UCL the hard way

By Sid Lowe, ESPN Spain writer

F EDE Valverde kept going to the toilet -- "more times today," he said, "than in my whole life." Dani Ceballos couldn't sleep and even coach Carlo Ancelotti was nervous. Earlier that week, Ancelotti admitted that there's a point in the buildup to games when the heart rate increases and the sweats start, a process that usually ends when the first whistle blows. This time was even worse. Not that anyone can see it with Ancelotti: He seemingly glides through it all, the coolest man on the planet. Not that he would want anyone to see it, either.

And so, in Auberge du Jeu de Paume, the luxury hotel where the team were staying, during the hours before the Champions League final, Real Madrid's manager hid in his room, away from his players, lest the concern become contagious. He needn't have worried, which he already knew.

Unable to take a siesta, Ceballos saw teammates playing cards as if this were just another game; it was then, he said, that he realised that this was different, that they were. That's confidence, he thought -- and that really is contagious.

Ancelotti had suggested something similar the day before. Never mind him trying to calm his players; they were the ones that would calm him. "Worry is defeated when I see their faces," he said.

They had been here before, after all.

Ceballos hadn't, nor had Valverde. Or Vinicius Junior, Eduardo Camavinga, Eder Militao and Rodrygo. But Luka Modric, Dani Carvajal, Casemiro and Karim Benzema were about to start their fifth Champions League final with Madrid. Kroos was also about to start his fifth overall, having had one with Bayern. Gareth Bale and Marcelo had been here before too, and Nacho. They knew what it was about.

So did Thibaut Courtois, from the other side when with Atletico Madrid. Beaten by the side that were never beaten in 2014, he trusted that it would be different now that he had joined them, something he had witnessed round by round, miracle by miracle, step by step and save by save all season. "Now I'm on the right side of history," he had said, and so it was.

Around 11:30 p.m. that Saturday night, Real Madrid were European champions again. It was their 14th time. They had won their past eight finals, not defeated in 41 years.

No, there had not been any guarantee: That confidence didn't mean Real Madrid were always going to win, although it helps. Faith is not everything, no matter how many mountains it moves. Experience can be overrated, and frequently is. Winning is a habit that can be kicked, or one that can be kicked out of you. Madrid are not the only team that can do extraordinary things, as Ancelotti for one has experienced. And there isn't al-



Thibaut Courtois was clutch in Real Madrid's win over Liverpool. (Agencies)

ways an explanation, or at least not a convincing one, which sometimes leads you to the simplest if most unsatisfactory of all: It's an act of God. Destiny is not preordained, but it sometimes looks like it. Magic, a miracle, something metaphysical.

"It is easier to win the European Cup with Real Madrid," Ancelotti said.

And this was with them winning it the hard way; maybe with anyone else, even with "better" teams, it would have been just impossible. This wasn't supposed to happen -- not this time. If it was going to, though, maybe it had to happen like this. Madrid had needed a last-minute goal to win their opening game, way back in September. They had been shot by (the) Sheriff (Tiraspol), but not by Paris Saint-Germain.

It is almost impossible to have a harder run to the final than Real Madrid this season. What could you change? Maybe the order of the games in the knockout phase, not letting them come back at the Bernabeu? Maybe you'd stick Bayern Munich in there somewhere? But for who?

Maybe. But they got Benfica, and then the draw was undone and they got Paris Saint-Germain instead. To go with Inter Milan, Chelsea, Manchester City and Liverpool. They finished first in their group, ahead of the Italian champions, Inter. They knocked out the French champions, PSG. They beat the English champions, Man City. They eliminated the European champions, Chelsea. They faced Liverpool in the final, the team many said are the best in the continent. They beat the top three from the Premier League.

Do a ranking of Europe's strongest teams and they faced, what -- four of the best five sides? Not in-

cluding them, mind you, and no one really did. Real Madrid were not favourites ever this season and sure, maybe that was right. Somehow they kept coming through, though, each miracle (if that is the word) greater than the last. Take the knockout rounds and, extra time apart, they played 14 halves of football. In how many were they the better side? One maybe? The first half at Stamford Bridge? They are the first team to lose three times in the knockout phase and win the title.

In every round, there was a comeback, a moment when it should have been over and it wasn't. Until the final, which former Madrid general manager Jorge Valdano described as a "comeback in reverse," they resisted, scored and resisted again. Liverpool had 23 shots, Madrid three. It was 9-1 in shots on target. And yet there they were at the end of it all, the most incredible European Cup success, surely ever. At full-time, Dani Carvajal was asked why they seemed so calm, and whether it was because they had won so many that they just took it in their stride now. There might be something in it but it wasn't really that. It was more a kind of incredulity, the full-back said.

"We're still patidifuso [Gobsmacked]," he insisted. "We still don't believe it. This is incredible, magical." The weirdness of it all, the silliness, the wild nature of this campaign, is summed up in that symbol of it: David Alaba's chair.

This is part of an incredible era, with Madrid's fifth European Cup in nine seasons, but it is an era that was supposed to be over, or almost. This was the last for Marcelo, Bale, Isco, Modric is 36, Benzema 34, Kroos 32, Casemiro 30. Ronaldo is long gone. Sergio Ramos and Raphael Varane left last summer. Even Ancelotti seemed to

have left this stage. Maybe this was the last dance, one final rebellion, an unexpected chance seized. The new generation wasn't quite ready yet, or so it goes. You can talk about Vinicius, sure, but this season started with Hazard and Bale.

It was certainly supposed to be a transitional season. Maybe even more than a transitional season, it was a kind of "gap year," a waiting room for Kylian Mbappe. The awareness of that is illustrated by the second attempt for Mbappe, even if it failed, and by the other parts of a new project: Eduardo Camavinga last summer, Antonio Rudiger now, the pursuit of Aurelien Tchouaméni and the potential of other deals to come. And yet without Mbappe, they couldn't have been better without him and it ended up as the best of seasons. Possibly the very best in their entire history. Anyone's history: there has never, ever been a European Cup like this, and there probably never will be either.

"At the start of the season, we had a new coach, few new arrivals and people didn't expect much," Carvajal said. "We put a fist in the desk, showed what this badge means."

This is the shirt that turns you into a mini "Incredible Hulk," the former winger Michel once said. Carvajal, the kid who laid the first stone at Valdebebas, Real Madrid's training ground, has five European Cups and only one man ahead of him now (Paco Gento), and naturally there were records all over the place, over 100 winners' medals between the players on the pitch at the end. Football players sometimes seem to feed on the idea of disrespect, which provides fuel for their fight, but there was no real recrimination in his words because Madrid's players hadn't truly expected this either, at

least not to begin with. It became self-perpetuating somehow, momentum growing with each round.

Their manager went with it, too -- "It's the magic of the Bernabeu," he said, which suited his usual thing of not making it about himself when so much of it is about him. Ancelotti joined almost by chance. During a conversation about something else entirely -- a bit of a catch-up, an enquiry about possible signings for Everton -- he asked how Madrid's search for a manager was going. Badly, he was told. Allegri had said no, and he wasn't the only one. Which is when their worlds collided. What about me?

"Everton weren't happy, but they are now because we beat Liverpool," he said on Saturday. Ancelotti had been a solution: comforting, but short-term. That second chance, the opportunity to go back to a city he loves and club and a level he thought he'd left behind created a gratitude, an enthusiasm, an ease. The dressing room did too: Ancelotti has insisted on how good it is, and those are not just words. Nor is it just chance: He makes it so.

See how he consults, talks and treats them as "friends," in his words. When the whistle

went, Modric leapt into Ancelotti's arms. In the semifinal, he asked Kroos and Marcelo what they thought he should do. He listens, that often overlooked quality. He may be an accidental hero, but what a hero. He won the league, completing the set: a champion in Europe's five biggest leagues. He won the European Cup as a player or manager in five different decades, for goodness sake. He could just walk away now, football completed.

There is something there, for sure. Talent and loads of it. In all of them. And that's the thing here, the reason why the word "better" is often speech marks. How to define it? What does it mean? Better? Than Modric? Than Kroos? Than Vinicius? There is no player better than Benzema right now. Yes, this has often felt illogical and often has been -- it's one of the things that makes football fun -- and luck does exist, always and for everyone, but look at the quality of the move that won the final, the pass from Modric for Rodrygo against Chelsea, Benzema's magnificence, Rodrygo almost scoring a hat trick in three minutes. Look at Camavinga and Valverde,

the man with four lungs. These guys can play, their ceiling higher than others, their moments better even if they are "only" moments.

But you have to make sure they still matter, can still matter. However much you refuse to give in, things still have to happen, or be made to happen. Somehow, it still has to fall for you; somehow, you still have to force it to fall. You can refuse to give in and still be beaten, and the margins can still be fine. Something has to start it. Against PSG, there were whistles, the game done. Against Man City, it was over. And then suddenly, one spark.

Look too at the attitude. No, not the never say die thing, exactly, although that is there as it is in most professionals. It's also kind of funny to see Madrid repackaged as the underdogs, projected as David against Goliath, to listen to the talk of sacrifice and upsetting the odds or fighting to the last. This is the biggest club in football, after all. The most entitled, its chest permanently puffed out, and confidence can sometimes be seen as arrogance. There is an assuredness. But there has been (how to describe it?) a kind of humility, maybe a respect behind this success too, a willingness to adapt, to sacrifice, to "suffer", as they always say.

To have a survival instinct and a hunting instinct, too. As Ancelotti has put it: To be pessimistic is a quality if you're a defender, to expect and accept the worst.

To be this huge club, the biggest of all, and to recognise that you might not always be better, but there will be a moment when you can be better and then you must. That you -- great players and you are great players -- will defend. That you may have to wait for your moment, that you will have to hang on at times. And yes, that you might get lucky sometimes, but that you will wait, that you have the talent and the temperament to do so and then make it count, that it's not over yet. To embrace the qualities of the opponent, to believe you can attack them and go for them, but accept that you must resist them at times too. Yeah, we're freaking Real Madrid; but you? You're PSG, and Chelsea, and City and Liverpool and you're good at this!

And so back to the start: They know. Courtois knows. He has felt it: In 2014, he let in the 93rd-minute goal that saw Atletico defeated. How different history might have been written, but

somehow it felt like it already was. He crossed to the right side of history, he said. Some took that as an insult against Atletico; it wasn't. It was about a sense of destiny, about giving himself a chance to win this, which he was desperate to do. About making himself invincible. About not pushing against the weight of history, but feeling it push him. Those teammates playing cards, they could tell him. As Ancelotti said: It's easier to win with Madrid.

It's easier for Madrid to win with Courtois, too. He made nine saves in the final, more than anyone else ever. Alisson made none. "Madness," Carvajal called it. "He made saves that ... well, made us champions." Lucky, some said, and that's understandable -- and there's always something separate about it when it's the men between the posts who play the key role, something that's not about the way a team plays exactly. Look at those stats again: 23 shots to three, nine on target to one. But is it lucky or a great goalkeeper? Is that chance? Is it not talent, and work, and ambition, and merit? Is he not part of the team too? If Madrid have players whose ceiling is higher than others', his might be the highest of them all.

In the final, it was like Courtois was in a trance. "I felt no one could beat me," he said, and ultimately he was right. Ancelotti admitted that he had said to Courtois, "I'll take you to the final and you win it for us." And so it was, except that he had taken them there too. He made 58 saves in the tournament: That's 43 more than Alisson. He was the resistance all season. Not on his own, but he was. He was the magic, the impossible. Only five goalkeepers made more saves in LaLiga than him. His Champions League total was only one less than Ederson's Premier League total, in a fraction of the games. "When I needed to be there, I was there for the team," he said.

It turns out they needed him to be there a lot, and they were there too. However unlikely it had seemed: Impossible, in fact, only this lot don't do impossible, not in Europe. "We showed the whole world we're alive," Benzema said. They had risen again. And again, and again, and again. And somehow still they were standing at the end, back where they had been before. Real Madrid had won another European Cup final, which is just what they do.

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## Tanzanian footballer wins Germany league title



Emily Mgeta

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**T**ANZANIAN footballer, Emily Mgeta, is pleased with the success that his club Offenburger FV which takes part in this season's Verbandsliga, Germany's fourth tier, has had much as it succumbed to a 5-1 defeat to FC Denzlingen in the last match.

Mgeta that also owns Tanzania Street Children Sports Academy had in the past played for Simba SC on loan and Polisi Morogoro before moving to VfB Eppingen, one of the clubs that take part in Germany's lower divisions in the 2017/18 season.

The footballer and his current outfit Offenburger FV have won the league title with 65 points, outplaying rival FC Denzlingen who finished second with 62 points and

punished the former by five goals on the final day.

The FC Denzlingen is also one of the outfits that are chasing the Tanzanian footballer's signature.

Mgeta that has played 27 out of the 32 matches his team has taken part in has played a major role in his team's success.

The Tanzanian footballer's contract with Offenburger FV is expiring on June 30 this year and has already been approached by several other teams.

Mgeta said: "Despite the 5-1 loss we have won the title because we have more points than any other team, so the loss will not take away our achievement."

The player revealed: "We have fought hard this season with on one goal and aim to play in the third tier next season, something that we look back and carry with pride and more hunger to scale to upper divisions."

Despite winning the league with Offenburger FV, reports in Germany state that he will be joining FC Denzlingen for the coming season and has already signed for the latter although he has not confirmed it.

Regarding his contract, he clarified: "We are in talks to extend a new contract, they want to give me a two-year contract but we are still negotiating on the interests, if they improve my salary then I will stay, not otherwise because I have a lot of offers on my

table."

"There are teams that need me including FC Denzlingen who beat us 5-1, but my team is the priority as the main thing they want is to improve bonuses and even pay the salary for 12 months because during December the league stops and they do not pay, something I have opposed," he said.

As a street boy in Mwanza, mostly on a makeshift, slightly sloping a soccer pitch that would just about pass off as a field in Germany, Mgeta began chasing after the ball.

At the age of 19, he went to Germany for the first time as one of the players that took part in an international tournament that was held in Würzburg.

Unlike the 19 other footballers in Tanzania's U-20 national team, who were temporarily in Germany in 2012 because of good training opportunities, Mgeta did not fly home again.

He now feels very comfortable in southern Baden and is now trying his luck with the current leaders of the Verbandsliga, who confirmed the access to the Badische Zeitung (Germany's third tier).

Mgeta has settled in well at Offenburger FV. In his free time, the 27-year-old runs an academy in Mwanza that enables street boys to play football.

In the 2018/19 season, he played for SV Eendingen FC before moving to Benjamin Pfahler's side in the 2019/20 season.

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## Coastal Union yearns for top-four finish in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

COASTAL Union's management says one of its main strategies is to make sure the side wins its remaining matches in 2021/22 NBC Premier League to finish in one of the top four positions in the top flight.

Currently, the Tanga-based outfit is placed sixth out of 16 teams in the top flight after taking part in 26 matches and collecting 34 points.

The four remaining matches that Coastal Union will take part in before the Premier League's climax include the one against league leader Yanga scheduled for June 15 in Dar es Salaam.

Coastal Union will later go to Lindi to confront Namungo FC at Ilulu Stadium on June 18.

The other two matches Coastal Union will play at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga are the ones against Kagera Sugar scheduled for June 24 and the last match against Geita Gold FC to be played on June 29 this year.

In an interview with The Guardian, Coastal Union's spokesman Miraji Wandu said the outfit's strategies are to emerge victorious in the remaining matches and stay in the top four.

"Our main strategies ahead of the remaining four matches are to make sure the outfit plays well to win them, we may get a draw but losing will be worse, this is not my opinion but the side's committees," he said.

He added: "The team's management had fulfilled its promise of handing over bonuses to players in every match which ends in a win."

Wandu pointed out: "This had added morale for players that is why past five Premier League matches had Coastal Union playing well and moving out of the last position to the sixth, we won four matches and drew one match against Mtibwa Sugar in Turi-ani."

The official disclosed: "They played so well in the Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC)'s second semi-final match against Azam FC at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium (in Arusha) that they succeeded to qualify for the final via a win over the latter."

## Government lauds CRDB Bank for promoting sports, culture

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

MINISTER for Culture, Arts, and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa has thanked CRDB Bank Plc for continuously promoting the development of arts, sports, and culture in the country.

Mchengerwa gave remarks yesterday during the launch of the CRDB Kili Marathon at the Nyerere Square here.

It has been reported by organizers that this year's Kili Marathon aims at raising a total of 1bn/-.

Some of the sports and arts activities sponsored by the bank, according to the minister, include Samia Cup, an African sports competition for people with disabilities, and the national basketball tournament.

The bank is moreover financing the national women's soccer team, sports bonanza involving parliamentarians, Premier League outfit Namungo FC, Tulia Traditional Dance competition, and Mchengerwa Cup.

Other activities previously sponsored by the bank are Kizimkazi Cultural Festival, Bongo Star Search, Tanzania Hip Hop Music Festival, Uni Talent, and Serengeti Music Festival.

The minister also acknowledged the bank's Managing Director for leading the Arts, Culture and Sports Foundation, and the institution's Director of Communication Tully Mwambapa, a member of a special committee for mobilizing people to support the Commonwealth Games for people with disabilities.

"I thank you for continuing to support the development of arts, culture, and sports," the minister said during the launch of the third edition of the marathon.

Mchengerwa revealed: "This mara-

thon offers an opportunity for Tanzanians to not only showcase their talents but also promote the health sector through multiple effects."

The CRDB Bank reported that it raised 200mn/- during the first edition of the marathon, the cash was spent on supporting the operation for 100 children admitted at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute.

"I am sure that this race will attract more international runners, who have partici-

pated in high profile marathons such as Boston Marathon," the minister said.

He said the sixth phase government will continue to ensure an improved environment to attract more investors in sports, arts, and culture.

During the second edition of the race, a total of 400m/- was raised, and the cash brought about an increase of beneficiaries, whereby 104m/- was allocated to Ocean Road Cancer Institute for the construction

of a modern communication facility.

The minister said since coming to power one year ago, President Samia Suluhu Hassan has allocated 10bn/- for sports development, adding that part of the funds will be used to construct a sports arena.

Mchengerwa stated the President has also directed that five percent of the income from gaming activities should be used to finance coaches' training in different sports.



Tully Esther Mwambapa (L), the CRDB Bank's Director of Communications, hands over a special number for runners to Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Mohamed Mchengerwa, during the launch of registration of runners for this year's CRDB Kili Marathon slated to take place in Dar es Salaam on August 14, 2022. The launch took place in Dodoma on June 4. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

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