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# Samia: Storied buildings suitable in urban schools

By Guardian Reporter

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed that future public school construction projects in urban areas with limited land must use storied buildings to fully utilise available space.

Inaugurating the 4.3km Morocco dual carriageway in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the president made this affirmation in response to remarks by Kinondoni MP Tarimba Abbas, who cited space limitations in building classrooms under the recent IMF Covid-19 relief loan package.

The MP said the district has obtained 3.3bn/- out of the 1.3trn/- loan for construction of classrooms and hospitals; noting that the district needs two secondary schools as Tandale and Kinondoni wards have no secondary school facilities.

The government similarly received euro 27m (over 55bn/-) as a loan from the European Union (EU) to sort out challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic for the development of social services including education and health.

In response President Samia said the problem of confined areas for building schools is rising, in which case municipal authorities must consider changing building formats to address the challenge.

"Yesterday when I was in Mkuranga, I encountered a similar problem in regard to insufficient space for construction of school buildings. It is high time to change the style, instead of ordinary buildings we should embark on storied ones."

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An aerial view of 4.3 kilometre Morocco to Mwenge road portion of the New Bagamoyo Road, launched by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The road was built in two lanes on each side, funded by the Japan International Development Agency (JICA). Photo: State House

# Simanjiro shines for mitigation of climate

By Guardian Reporter

SIMANJIRO District in Manyara Region has registered advances in climate change mitigation worthy of emulation in other parts of the country.

Selemani Jafo, the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) made this observation after inspecting projects implemented in the district under the World Bank supported 'Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Rural Resilience' (EBARR) project during the weekend.

He said, he was impressed by positive changes in people's lives brought about by this initiative, after inspecting projects for goat farming, cattle watering, cow-washing, raising hybrid

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chicken and a leather factory, implemented via the small grants programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

Apart from Simanjiro, the project is also being implemented in Kishapu (Shinyanga region), Mpwapwa (Dodoma region), Mvomero (Morogoro re-

gion) and North "A" (Unguja island) at a combined cost of \$7.5m (17bn/-).

The minister expressed satisfaction with implementation of the projects as they take into account the needs of the community in line with value for money, directing that the projects be completed and launched a month from now.

District Commissioner Dr Suleiman Serera thanked the VPO for coming up with the environmental projects initiative in the district, noting that the projects have been a great help to the people.

The secret to success in implementing the projects was the presence of independent experts managing the situation, enabling the project supervisors to organise the work properly.

GEF was established at the time of the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 to tackle the planet's most pressing environmental problems. Since then it has provided upwards of \$21.7bn in grants, mobilising an additional \$19bn in co-financing for more than 5,000 environmental projects and programs.

The GEF is the largest multilateral trust fund focused on enabling developing countries to invest in nature, supporting the implementation of major international environmental conventions touching on biodiversity, climate change, environmentally harmful use and disposal of chemicals, along with challenges of desertification.

It brings together 184 member governments in addition to civil society, international organizations, and private sector partners, where the small grants programme it provides support to more than 25,000 civil society groups and community initiatives in 133 countries.

# PM urges private sector clean energy role

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has appealed to the private sector to invest more in clean energy projects to complement public sector efforts towards mitigating effects of climate change.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa issued this call during the weekend in Dar es Salaam at an annual dinner gala organised by the CEOs Roundtable, saying that there are plenty of opportunities that private firms can take up, in forestry and commercial agriculture, creating

wealth and helping to conserve the environment.

Stressing the government's goal of reducing carbon emission from 35 percent to 30 percent of total energy generated in the country in 2030, he said that Tanzania generates 10 tonnes of waste a day of which seven percent comes from plastic ornaments.

He appealed to private sector chief executives to initiate processing industries making use of the waste to avoid environmental pollution that threatens human health. "The government



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is eager to see the round table initiating new investments that are innovative," he emphasised.

"For now, new investments should be dedicated to forestry, clean energy, smart transport and green buildings to curb negative impacts of carbon emission," he elaborated, urging the CEOs to start focusing on financing projects in these areas.

One priority area is establishing high-tech factories and enabling small entrepreneurs in

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# Ex-CDF recalls tourism drive as envoy to Addis

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame,

Moshi

VETERAN Kilimanjaro Mountain climber and Tanzania's first Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), General (rt) Mirisho

Sarakikya has spoken about his days of service as a soldier and later as ambassador, recalling that he did a lot to promote tourism. Speaking at the start of this year's 'Uhuru Climb,' at the weekend in which nearly

150 people will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to mark the country's 60th year of independence, the general said he especially promoted Mount Kilimanjaro as ambassador to Ethiopia. At that time the Horn of

Africa country was under military rule when he was sent there in the early 1980s upon ending a stint as cabinet minister which followed a decade long position of army commander. "During my tenure there I

was promoting Mount Kilimanjaro, with many Ethiopians expressing interest to come to Tanzania and climb Africa's highest peak, but

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the innovation industry to put their ideas to the market, with climate change related projects such as forestry not being left behind in innovation, he declared.

The government is preparing a new National Environment Action Plan setting out climate change mitigation investment opportunities, especially in waste management, he told the gathering, with the CEOs presenting the premier with the 'Public Partner of the Year' award recognising his contributions in enabling private sector prosperity.

CEO and Chairman Sanjay Rughani earlier said that this year's gala observed the theme 'Championing Africa's Evolution Through Key Aspects,' seeking to tell the story of how Africa's evolution went through the pandemic and the coming year forecast. He said that sharing the

common goal of sustainable development, the round table works in alignment with development partners in key areas of focus, like sustainable businesses on the basis of the climate change agenda.

A lot of things have changed since the past two years from the pandemic eruption to intensified climate change, social displacements and inequality, he stated, noting that about 700m people globally have lost jobs in a direct and indirect manner, such that the public and private sectors ought to work closely in charting out a fruitful way forward.

"For us to realise shared victory, we need to have common goals at some points such as speeding up the change of mindset by allowing a new view by a global perspective and embracing leadership development that will generate new CEOs with ability, exposure and experience," the roundtable leader intoned.



Frederick Nshakanabo chief financial officer of CRDB Bank Plc takes pleasure with children at a special festival held in Dar es Salaam focused in capacity to build them to save money through Junior Jumbo Account and thanked parents and guardians who opened the account at CRDB Bank over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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their government wasn't issuing passports to ordinary citizens," he recalled. "Ethiopia is landlocked and never allowed citizens to travel outside their country since their government feared they might never return, thus passports were never issued," recalls the retired envoy, who was appointed commander of the army after it was revamped following a mutiny at Colito (later Lugalo) Barracks in January 1964.

He recalled having had to strike a friendship with the Head of Immigration in Ethiopia, managing to convince him to start providing international travel documents to citizens, having in view chances that many would come to Tanzania and climb the Kilimanjaro. "I assured Ethiopian officials that they need not worry as Tanzania would ensure that none of their citizens sneaked out from the visiting team," he said. "That assurance worked, and

the military government started issuing passports to citizens, but on condition that they were only going to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania," he stated. From that time Tanzania started receiving tourists from Ethiopia coming to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, but upon landing at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA), officials of the Immigration Department took their passports for safe keeping. They only returned them when the Ethiopians were board-

ing the plane back home, he explained. That created trust and since then, the Ethiopian government would be providing passports to its people mainly for Kilimanjaro trips and the tradition was gradually being formalised. "Suffice to say that Mount Kilimanjaro opened Ethiopia to the world. Many Ethiopians in the Diaspora acquired their first passports through the Kilimanjaro initiative," the retired envoy noted, affirming that most of them still

remember the role which Tanzania played in paving the way for them to become freer, and some even call him to express gratitude. General (rtd) George Waitara, the board chairman for Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA, also a former CDF, is leading an expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to once more plant the national flag at Uhuru Peak at independence day on Thursday. The expedition is replaying the feat of the night of December 8 1961 at the dawn

of independence when the national flag and Uhuru Torch were put on top of Kilimanjaro by a team led by Second Lieutenant Alex Nyirenda, the role model for annual Uhuru Torch runs. Charles Ngendo, who oversees tour visitations at the Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA), said the nearly 150 Uhuru climbers started their trek yesterday via the Marangu Gate, and will return to base next Friday, the day after the anniversary.



A senior researcher and project leader of the study: "Informal Sector and Social Protection", Dr. Godbetha Kinyondo explains a point during a research dissemination workshop in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## StanChart launches first digital banking branch

By Francis Kajubi

STANDARD Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited has launched its first digital bank branch in Dar es Salaam that aims to enhance convenience to customers.

The digital branch which is at Shoppers Plaza in Mikochehi area was officiated by Deputy Governor of Bank of Tanzania, Dr. Bernard Kibesse who is in charge of financial stability and deepening last Friday.

Opening the branch, Dr Kibesse said that the digital branch is the first of its kind in Tanzania that enables customers to perform self-banking services such as depositing and

withdrawing cash, making on-line transactions, depositing cheques and other banking services.

"When we talk about financial inclusion, we look at the accessibility and utilization of affordable financial products and services. Digital banking is one of the ways facilitating ease of financial inclusion implementation;

Standard Chartered Bank is the first bank to set up a digital branch in the banking industry. It is important to recognize that the digital branch offers an opportunity for banks to offer banking services in a different manner hence enhancing customer's experience" said Dr

Kibesse.

On his part, Sanjay Rughani, Chief Executive Officer at Standard Chartered Bank, said that remains at the heart of our business strategy. We have always been a digital bank and constantly work to advance our digital banking capabilities that meet our client demands and promote the socio-economic development of Tanzania.

Our digital branch will have a combination of technology as well as human interaction. We believe in embracing digital with a human touch. The digital branch will offer our customers an enhanced experience while performing their banking services;

"I urge other banks to be innovative and establish digital branches to improve efficiency and offer a unique customer experience. I also congratulate Standard Chartered Bank for launching agency banking service which will enable its customers to access banking services beyond the bank's branch network". Ajmair Riaz, head of consumer, private and business banking at Standard Chartered Bank, commented "The digital branch will offer our customers the option to have self-banking services or get assistance from one of our staff members who will be present at the branch;

To further cement on our

commitment to improve convenience, we have introduced agency banking to our customers. The launch of the agency banking is designed to further extend our footprint beyond our branch network and amplify our digital banking proposition."

At the same time, in further extending ease of access to banking services, Standard Chartered Bank also launched agency banking dubbed as Standard Chartered Wakala. The launch of the agency banking and first digital banking branch is in line with the government's efforts to advance financial inclusion in the country.

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she asserted.

The government also plans to postpone follow up assessment of the project funds, where it will now employ to make the projects follow ups.

The 1.3trn/- funds from IMF will be followed up at present, but the government should strengthen the valuation and assessment section to make follow ups. After a short time you will know steps taken by the Treasury, she stated, hinting at appointing evaluation commissioners or directors in following up use of IMF funds countrywide.

President Samia thanked the Japanese government for the aid it continues providing towards the improvement of road building and bridges, pledging to work on challenges experienced in implementing projects to avoid their being repeated in future.

She said that widening of the dual carriageway will reduce accidents and traffic congestion for vehicles entering the city of Dar es Salaam, urging road users to protect the roadside environment to make the facility last longer.

Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa said the road improvement project cost 3.7bn Yen (71.85bn/-), being a key project to solve traffic flow challenges in the city, noting that the road will reduce accidents, and expressing strong appreciation to the Japanese government.

Ambassador Goto Shinichi said that for 58 years Japan has been assisting Tanzania in its national development agenda in various sectors pointing at continuous improvement of the road infrastructure. Japanese aid helped with widening Morogoro Road, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, Kilwa Road and part of the Nelson Mandela Expressway, with the Mwenge-Morocco portion being part of New Bagamoyo Road.

President Samia reminded the community to continue taking precautions against the Covid-19 pandemic as it has now entered a new phase by getting vaccinated for those who haven't done so yet.



Radio One/ Capital Radio director Deogratius Rweyunga on behalf of IPP director Abdiel Mengi visits a dormitory donated by the late IPP Executive Chairman Dr Reginald Mengi to John Baptist Girls secondary school situated at Boko, Kinondoni district in Dar es Salaam during the school's graduation ceremony held over the weekend. With him is the school's board member Jalia Mayanja. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Samia commends TPA for suspending dubious project

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has commended the decision by the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) to suspend dubious project for the construction of fuel tanks at the Dar es Salaam port.

The government has shares in PUMA Energy Tanzania Limited and the Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TI-PER), which had several unused tanks.

According to the head of state, it was not clicking into her mind when the government had 50 per cent stake in shares of Puma Energy Tanzania, a subsidiary of global oil firm Puma International, then at the same time TPA contracting other private companies to do a similar job at the country's major port.

President Samia (pictured) was speaking on Saturday during her working visit at the Dar es Salaam port where among other things, expressed her dismay over several working irregularities within some officials at the port.

At the event, the President equally inaugurated berths number 1 to 7 at the Dar es Salaam port.

The head of state said among the projects that she came across at the beginning of her presidency in March 2021, was the project aiming at putting up fuel tanks at the country's major port.

"After realising that this multi-million shillings project was not in favour of the national interests, I directed the TPA director general, Erick Hamis to suspend the contract immediately, because the project was not viable to the nation.

The president said that she was glad that the project was halted after her directives, at the same time asking the TPA DG to initiate



the tendering process afresh. She added that it was high time to think of companies which the government had a joint venture with.

"What stunned me was the fact that the government has 50 per cent in Puma Energy Tanzania, which had several unused fuel tanks, wondering why it was important to go into initiating a process to contract another private company."

The government owns a 50 per cent stake in Puma Energy, a globally integrated mid-stream and downstream energy company operating in the country since 2011. The company is jointly owned by the government through the Treasury Registrar and the Ministry of Finance and Planning, each holding 50 per cent of the company's equity.

President Samia insisted that in initiating development projects, TPS should think of engaging companies in partnership with the government in order to increase performance.

"I want to reiterate that upon implementation of serious projects, the TPA boss and the ministry should make sure that they keep their eyes on the projects and ensure professionalism and accountability.

## 3,000 people in Tarime benefit from Barrick North Mara health programme

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 3,000 residents from eleven villages surrounding North Mara mine in Tarime District, Mara region have been reached with a special programme that is geared to educate them and conduct

health checkup as well as COVID-19 vaccination.

Supported by Barrick Gold Corporation through the North Mara mine, the two-week program benefited thousands of villagers who showed up to test for HIV, TB while others received COV-

ID-19 vaccination.

The villagers also got a chance to donate blood and receive health advice on various diseases.

Speaking on behalf of other villagers, Nyamwiga Warioba, a resident of Nyamongo village commended the com-

pany and the government for implementing the program.

He said that through the project many got the opportunity to check their health as well as receive education on various diseases and health issues. Maria Samwel, a resident of Matongo village, said

along with other women, they managed to check their health and receive advice on how to deal with various diseases affecting women and children.

Julius Sospeter, a resident of Nyangoto village said they decided to donate blood to help patients in need. He called on

organizers to make the initiative sustainable.

Doctor in charge for Barrick North Mara, Nicolas Mboya thanked all villagers for participating in the program. He further thanked the government and various stakeholders for making the program a success.

He said the programme started on November 11 and concluded on December 1, was implemented through the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children under the Tarime District Chief Medical Officer.



Management and Development for Health (MDH) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose primary aim is to contribute to address public health priorities of Tanzania and world at large. The priorities include: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis; Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Child health (RMNCH), Nutrition; Non-Communicable Diseases of public health significance; as well as Health System Strengthening. MDH strongly believes in and works in partnership various local and global institutions, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MOHCDGEC); President's Office Regional Authorities and Local Government (PORALG); donor agencies; academic and non-academic institutions; implementing partners; civil society, community-based and faith-based organizations and others.

MDH (Sub recipient) in collaboration with Deloitte Consulting Limited (Prime) through USAID funded Comprehensive Client-Centered Health Program—HIV and Tuberculosis (C3HP HIV TB) seeks to recruit qualified individuals to fill the following vacancies based in Dar es Salaam and the 6 supported regions of Iringa, Lindi, Morogoro, Mtwara, Njombe and Ruvuma.

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3. Advisor – PMTCT/EID/Pediatric HIV Service Delivery (6 Posts)
4. Advisor – HTS & HIV Prevention Service Delivery (6 Posts)
5. Advisor – TB & TB/HIV Service Delivery (6 Posts)
6. Advisor – ART Retention and Community Based Health Service Delivery (6 Posts)
7. Advisor – Pharmaceutical Support and Supply Chain (6 Posts)
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# OPENING OF NEW BAGAMOYO ROAD PHASE 2 PROJECT SHOWS STRONG TANZANIA-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP



For any country to stimulate development, it needs to invest in its infrastructure for this is essential in her growth. With such infrastructure, movement of both people and cargo from one place to another becomes easy and cheap. There's a merger of power; central government, local governments, local and international organizations to forge partnership in improving the status of the transport sector.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is one of the largest bilateral development cooperation partners in the world, and it has been extending its cooperation through a variety of modalities such as technical cooperation, concessional loans, grant and Japanese volunteers in Tanzania. In addition, recently JICA expanded its portfolio to private sector investment finance. JICA has 96 overseas offices worldwide, 28 of which located in the Sub-Saharan African Region. Tanzania is one of the largest top recipients of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) among the Sub-Saharan African Countries, namely Kenya, Ghana, Senegal and Zambia.

Transport infrastructure development is one of the priority sectors of JICA's cooperation, and it accounts for about 27 percent of total amount of JICA's cooperation in Tanzania. The cooperation contributes to inclusive, sustainable and resilient growth, and poverty eradication through such growth. Developing transport infrastructure addresses specific goals in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) such as Goal 9 "build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation", Goal 11 "make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable", and Goal 17 "strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development".

JICA's cooperation considers not only for quantity but also quality, since low-quality infrastructure would hinder development of the country in a mid/long-term. In this vein, JICA conducts projects in accordance with "the Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment". It was adopted at the G20 Osaka Summit in June 2019, and it shows the strategic direction to contribute to closing the infrastructure gap, develop infrastructure as an asset class, and maximizing the positive impacts of infrastructure investment according to country conditions.

In addition, JICA assists to improve connectivity between two growing continents of Africa and Asia through Indian and Pacific Oceans, since "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" is a key for social and economic prosperity and development of the continents.



Completed new Bagamoyo road between Mwenge and Morocco intersections in Dar es Salaam.



Ongoing Construction Work on New Bagamoyo Road

"Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment" adopted at the G20 Osaka Summit 2019

- 1) Maximizing the positive impact of infrastructure to achieve sustainable growth and development
- 2) Raising economic efficiency in View of Life-Cycle Cost
- 3) Integrating environmental considerations in infrastructure investments
- 4) Building resilience against natural disasters and other risks
- 5) Integrating social considerations in infrastructure investment
- 6) Strengthening infrastructure governance.

**Tackling a headache of Dar es Salaam - Mitigating traffic jam**

The efforts are made to reduce the traffic jam around Dar es Salaam City which is the country's business hub. Traffic congestion in Dar es Salaam is recognized as one of the major bottle necks in doing business

in the city which is home to over 6 million people. According to Dar es Salaam Urban Transport Master Plan, New Bagamoyo Road is one of the most congested roads in the city. In addressing this challenge, Government of Tanzania came with decision to widen New Baganoyo Road. New Bagamoyo Road was a major hindrance to smooth traffic between the city center and suburbs, it was regarded as a high priority project.

Dar es Salaam plays a central role in the economy and physical distribution of Tanzania. As the city is the starting point for all transport systems, including the road, rail, air and maritime transport, it is truly a strategic point for transport in Tanzania.

Over the last 10 years, the number of registered vehicles in the city has grown at an annual rate of 14% which is higher than the population growth rate. As a result, the traffic congestion along trunk roads has been worsening every year, thereby hampering economic activities. Furthermore, since population in Dar es Salaam has displayed a high growth rate of 4% in recent years, it is forecast that traffic congestion in the urban area will continue to deteriorate from now on.

JICA Preparatory Survey Team came to Tanzania to conduct the field survey from April 6 to May 12, 2014, and confirmed the level of necessity and urgency of upgrading New Bagamoyo Road.



The Selander Bridge in 1982

## JICA's Cooperation in Urban Transport Development

### Year Project Name

1980 - 1982  
The Selander Bridge Expansion Project

1984 - 1987  
Morogoro Road Improvement Project Phase 1 & 2

1992 - 1997  
Dar es Salaam Road Improvement Maintenance Project Phase 1 - 4

1997 - 1999  
The Project for Improvement of Bridges on Trunk Road Phase 1 & 2

1997 - 2001  
Dar es Salaam Roads Improvement Project Phase 1 - 3

2007 - 2009  
The Project for Widening of Kilwa Road

2007 - 2008  
Dar es Salaam Transport Policy and System Development Master Plan

2010 - 2014  
The Project for Widening of New Bagamoyo Road Phase 1

2015 - 2018  
The Project for Improvement of Tazara Intersection (Mfugale Flyover)

2010 - 2012  
Capacity Building Project for the Improvement of Dar es Salaam Transport

2014 - 2017  
The Capacity Development Project for Improvement of Dar es Salaam Transport Phase 2

2016 - 2018  
Project for Revision of Dar es Salaam Urban Transportation Master Plan

2019 - 2021  
The Project for Widening of New Bagamoyo Road Phase 2

2019 - Present  
The Project for Improvement of Transport Capacity in Dar es Salaam

### Amount of Japan's ODA under JICA for Tanzania by cooperation scheme (Tsh Million\*)

	Grant	Technical Cooperation	Loan
2016	57,789	71,452	126,315
2017	5,410	47,831	0
2018	19,747	52,378	0
2019	39,473	45,620	0
2020	23,810	25,768	0
Cumulative Total (1960 - 2020)	2,710,080	2,047,747	1,688,842

(\*) Exchange rate applied: IPY 1 = Tsh 21.0526



## OPENING OF NEW BAGAMOYO ROAD PHASE 2 PROJECT SHOWS STRONG TANZANIA-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP



### The Project for Widening of New Bagamoyo Road

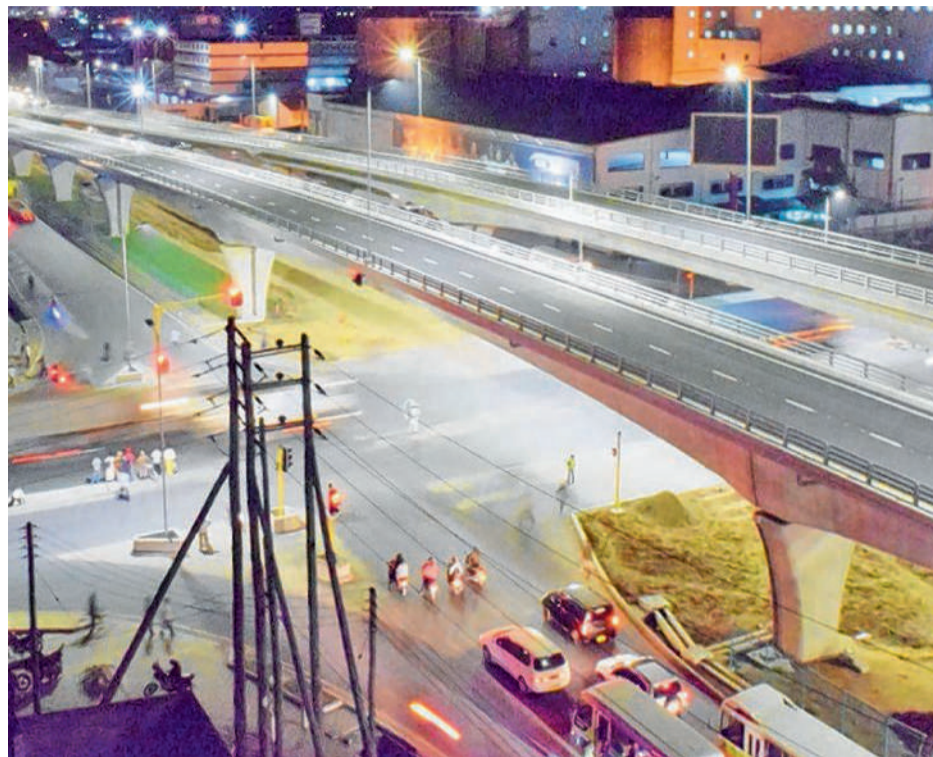
The Project for Widening of New Bagamoyo Road was formulated. New Bagamoyo Road has been widened to four lanes with 9 m width of central median for future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) over a section of approximately 4.3 km from the boundary of the BRT phase-I works at Morocco Intersection to Mwenge Intersection. Intersections have been improved in order to secure safe and smooth traffic flows. Service roads and sidewalks are installed in order to secure the road service level and safety. Road drainage facilities for resolving road inundation; auxiliary facilities for securing the road functions; and traffic safety facilities for securing traffic safety are installed.

The Project beneficiaries are a large number of residents living in the northern parts of Tanzania, the north of Dar es Salaam and the entire city area. The Project was urgently required in order to rectify income differentials, strengthen the trunk road transportation network, improve the living environment of residents and remove impediments to improvement of citizen lifestyles and economic activity caused by the serious congestion occurring on the target road section.

Thanks to mitigation of road flooding, congestion is relieved, while the improvement of unsuitable soil prevents subsidence of paved surfaces and enhance road safety. Maintenance of the newly widened New Bagamoyo Road by Tanzanian side will not require excessively sophisticated technology.

The New Bagamoyo Road is likely to contribute to rectifying poverty differentials, which is a common goal in national development plans in Tanzania, and it is going to help improve and strengthen the trunk road network. The Project observed all environmental and social guidelines.

The Project has shortened travelling time thus reducing transportation costs. Transport capacity on the road has increased leading to improvement of the level of convenience of transport in Dar es Salaam. The new road secures regularity of passenger and goods distribution, access to the center of Dar es Salaam and port facilities will soon be improved, thereby contributing to the social and economic vitalization of Tanzania.



**Mfugale Flyover**

Widened New Bagamoyo Road makes it possible to separate vehicles travelling at the standard speed from slower vehicles, thereby ensuring safe and smooth traffic flow. Through stabilizing access from surrounding farm areas (Bunju and Bagamoyo) to markets, the stable transportation of goods is secured, thereby leading to lower transportation costs and contributing to stable prices.

Likewise, average travel speed during the morning-noon and evening peaks (a total of seven hours: from 06:00 to 10:00 in the morning and from 16:00 to 19:00 in the evening) has increased from 3 km/h (due to congestion) to around 40 km/h, thereby greatly shortening travel times.

Traffic capacity has increased from the current some 830 vehicles/hr/lane to 1,740 vehicles/hr/lane. Days of inundation will improve from the current some 30 days/year to 0.

The construction of service roads leading into the New Bagamoyo Road is highly effective in securing smooth traffic flow. It was decided to adopt service roads of around 4-6 m. The service roads have been designed in consideration of the systems adopted at both Makumbusho and Mwenge Bus Terminals.

This project much cares a pedestrian

safety. Sidewalks have been constructed alongside New Bagamoyo Road. Bus bays have been improved and built to reduce risks of accidents and minimize congestion. Street lights have been installed along the New Bagamoyo Road to serve motorists and pedestrians in consideration of night traffic safety. New Bagamoyo Road has a central median 9 m wide that will serve as the BRT zone in the future.

Since the Project was implemented under the grant aid scheme of the Government of Japan, the following points were taken into consideration as a guideline for execution. Implementation method and construction schedule in reflection of the local natural conditions such as weather, terrain and local features and current traffic conditions on the Project, consideration of maintenance capacity on the Tanzanian side, adoption of common execution methods that do not require special construction machinery or technology following construction, ample consideration to the social environment and traffic safety, and utilization of locally procurable materials as much as possible in order to contribute to vitalization of the local economy.

The Contractor for the Project complied with appropriate labour conditions and customs in line with existing construction legislations in Tanzania,



**Visit to a Bridge Construction Site in Japan (Source: JICA)**

and strived to prevent disputes with workers and secure safety during the working period. The Contractor was an equal opportunity employer.

The Project for Widening of New Bagamoyo Road is under the partnership of Government of Tanzania and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The new road will be another model of "high-quality infrastructure" that is a foundation of inclusive development for all people in Tanzania. The Project is part of the measures to decongest Dar es Salaam City.

The Contractor gave social and environmental consideration during the works period.

Safety during works was secured, safety facilities such as barricades, colour cones, revolving lights were used. Also traffic controllers were assigned.

### Further collaboration between the Government of Tanzania and JICA

JICA together with the Government proposed a concept of "Transit-Oriented-Development (TOD)". This concept encourages modal shift from automobile use to public transportation use. Increasing road capacity to meet the increasing demand is difficult, so modal shift would be promoted. Not only development of transport nodes such as MRT/BRT station, but also enhancing attractiveness of areas around public transport at the various Sub Centre, District Centre and/or Satellite City. JICA considers that TOD will contribute the additional revenue to the public transport (such as BRT) so that they are able to reinvest to the remaining phase of the projects.

Furthermore, JICA is considering extending its cooperation to the capital city, Dodoma. Together with the strong initiative and leadership of the Government of Tanzania, the capital city is experiencing the fastest growth. To accommodate the increasing traffic demand, JICA is conducting a feasibility study of development of inner-city roads.

JICA will also continue its cooperation

on corridor development. The projects that are under planning stage are "the Project for the Rehabilitation of Kigoma Port" and the "Arusha-Holili Road Improvement Project". These projects will address safety concerns in addition to improvement of efficiency of transportation of the economic corridors.

Kigoma Port is a transportation hub of the Central Corridor connecting Tanzania, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo through Lake Tanganyika. While lake transport is an essential route for the residents, the passenger terminal has serious damages, and people are not able to board a vessel directly. The Arusha-Holili Road is a main transport route between Arusha and Kenya. The upcoming project will increase traffic capacity by widening busy sections of roads. In addition, the project will address the safety concern of a bridge section at Kikafu between Kilimanjaro International Airport and Moshi.

Last but not least, While developing transport infrastructure, it is also necessary to involve assistance designed to make wise use of developed infrastructure. For the development and effective use of infrastructure, JICA has been engaged in the development of the related human resources. JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) invites Tanzanian people in Japan, and it has significance with regard to the utilization of Japan's development experience and know-how by adapting them to the partner country, rather than only sharing Japan's advanced technologies and skills. Since the commencement of the cooperation, over 21,000 Tanzanian people visited Japan for training. JICA will continue to provide KCCP for further human resource development in transport sector and other related sectors.

JICA, through the soon-coming projects, will contribute towards the further development of Tanzania hand-in-hand with the people and the Government of Tanzania, and strengthen the long-lasting bilateral cooperation between Tanzania and Japan.



**Safety sign boards written both in English and Swahili during project implementation**



**Future image of Kigoma Port Passenger Terminal**



**Future image of New Kikafu Bridge**

# Govt calls on institutions to invest in producing quality financial reports

By Getrude Mbago

THE government has called on public and private institutions to invest in producing quality financial reports so as to promote compliance and attract more potential investors in the country.

Speaking during the closing of a three-day accountants' annual conference in Dar es Salaam during the weekend, Emmuel Tutuba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Planning said that the quality of information and how it is presented is vital in allowing users to make well-informed decisions.

The event also went along with awards giving to best presented financial statements of the year 2020 which is organised by the National Board of Auditors and Accountants (NBAA).

In a speech read on behalf by

the Accountant General, Leonard Mkude, the PS said the quality of the information and how it is presented is vital in allowing users to make well-informed decisions.

He urged accounting and auditing firms to conduct their activities faithfully and legally and avoid facilitating fraud by producing false financial statements, something which affects the health and stability of the country's financial system.

"In order to promote compliance and attract investors for our country, we need financial statements that provide maximum insight into the financial conditions and risk positions of financial intermediaries. We need supervisory oversight that provides safeguards and incentives that support our objectives of prudent provision of credit and sustainable economic activity," he said.

He hailed NBAA for conducting the "Best Presented Financial Statements Awards," which at the end aimed at encouraging organisations to voluntarily comply with the financial reporting standards.

The PS noted that in many cases investors, taxpayers and other stakeholders rely on the information provided in financial reporting to make decisions that affect their future. If information provided is not accurate and timely, they may affect decisions and ultimately health and stability of our financial systems.

"I have been briefed that the best presented financial statements competition and award was launched more than ten years ago, in Tanzania.

The award ceremony has today become a famous event for many entities operating in the public and private sectors. It is important to



Financial manager at Tanzania Breweries Limited, Fredy Kayanda (R) receives an award on behalf of the company from Accountant General, Leonard Mkude after the company emerged 1st winner in best presented financial statements awards for the year 2020 in the manufacturing category during NBAA awards event held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

know that this award is critical to many users of the financial statements," he said.

Prof Sylvia Temu, chairperson of NBAA governing board said during the three days, participants the opportunity to discuss important issues that are related to the accountancy profession and other general issues in line with the 4th industrial revolution.

She said the best presented financial statements awards were introduced to improve the pres-

entation and contents of annual reports.

"Our objective is to encourage entities to go beyond the minimum reporting requirements, with a strong focus on integrated reporting in the future," she said

According to her, annual reports are reviewed by a specially-convened panel of external, independent judges, various authorities and academic institutions.

NBAA executive director, CPA Pius Maneno, said the awards seek

to promote integrated reporting through enhancing accountability, transparency and integrity in compliance with appropriate financial reporting framework.

"This is the best platform for promoting professionalism and excellence in the presentation of financial statements of companies," he said.

He congratulated the winners and urged other participants to use the feedback given by the board for future development.

## 'Technology vital not only in bringing solutions but inspiring new ways of life'

By Francis Kajubi

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) is the perfect way forward towards bringing long term solutions to social and economic challenges facing African nations if innovative ideas by youth are to be financed for execution.

Speaking at an organised workshop at the weekend in Dar es Salaam that targeted at inspiring young graduates to take full part in developing technology and innovative solutions for challenges emerging in the local community, Tian Zhang, programme coordinator at the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) Tanzania, said that tech-

nology is vital not only in bringing solutions but inspiring new ways of life.

The workshop that was co-organised by AfroPavo Analytics in partnership with Tanzania AI Lab and Sahara Ventures which involved a number of youth from university students, professionals, and targeted at equipping them with insights on the AWS DeepRacer technology in developing self-driving cars.

According to her, UNCDF supports a number of financial technology start-ups and encourages youth to explore opportunities in the digital technology space.

"The UNCDF sees the importance of financing start-up projects with an

innovative perspective. We are in ongoing negotiations with Sahara Ventures to see how we can enter a special memorandum of understanding in financing ideas that are viable for bringing solutions to daily life, social and economic challenges," said Zhang.

Rwebugisa Mutahaba, CEO and founder AfroPavo Analytics said that new innovative solutions are needed in line with the vast growing population.

"With our similar problems in African countries we need to create our own solutions through execution of innovative ideas from the grass root to the national levels and the continent at large," said Mutahaba.

Derick Kazimoto, one of the co-founders of the host company, AfroPavo Analytics uses data and technology to design and build solutions around Africa's most pressing financial and social problems.

"Our company has applied AI in creating innovative solutions to issues such as credit risk scoring in Tanzania," said Kazimoto.

Essa Mohamedali, co-founder, and community manager Tanzania AI Lab said the company has been working with over 200 youth from different backgrounds at universities such as DIT, IFM, UDSM and Nelson Mandela University.

"By empowering the youth, the future of technology-driven solutions is ensured and there is the potential to revolutionise sectors that will support the country's growth and human lives."

Mohamedali further added that the technology of AI has not been used extensively in Africa but introducing the available digital tools leads into sector growth.

Clayton Sibanda, a software engineer at Microsoft Canada shared insights with the youth on his experience as an African working in the data science and technology space. "We need to make headway in technology to make our own solutions. If we as young people innovate then we can really come up with good solutions." Sang'udi Sang'udi, a fourth-year medical student at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences stated that he attended workshop because he was "interested to see how technology and healthcare could be integrated" to solve pressing issues.

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**Interested companies can access more information and bid documents of these contracts at: <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>.**

**For any additional information contact the Intervention Manager of Enabel – Belgian Development Agency on (+255) 767 352 880 during working hours only.**

SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES TANZANIA

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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 suitably qualified candidate to fill the following vacant position;

**Job Title : Assistant Sponsorship (1Post)**  
**Duty station : Mwanza**  
**Reporting to : Alternative Care Coordinator**

**PURPOSE OF THE ROLE**  
 Assistant Sponsorship is responsible to Alternative Care Coordinator but technically responsible to Sponsorship Coordinator at National Office. She/He is responsible for the day to day administrative duties of the sponsorship department and she/he should therefore fully understand and comply with the International Sponsorship Manual principles and guidelines. She/He works in close consultation with the Sponsorship Coordinator at National Office and regularly meets and provides her with timely information and reports.

**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- Works with SOS mothers, Youth Empowerment co-workers for information on children and works with all the facility and program directors to prepare the Village report.
- Provides input to registration forms, departure notices, progress reports and facility reports.
- Ensures that parcels and correspondence are distributed to children on time.
- Acts as a host to sponsors who visit the SOS Children's Village.
- Prepare reports which are structured according to the guidelines provided by the International Sponsorship Office.
- Sponsors receive progress reports and village reports, so that they are informed of any major developments concerning their sponsored children, villages and all other facilities and programs at the same SOS location.
- Prepare Sponsorship photographs and season's greetings each year.
- Prepares timely midyear letters with accordance to the agreed requirements and storytelling techniques.
- Prepares packages to be sent with end of year report for sponsors
- Provide regular feedback to Sponsorship Coordinator at National Office with regards to difficulties or challenges for quick assistance.
- Highlights any changes on child's information status or location to the Sponsorship Coordinator
- Ensure the Sponsors' complaints are dealt with quick and competently with the support from Sponsorship Coordinator at National
- Report with immediate effect concerns of Sponsors to show that we value their commitment.
- Liaise with the Sponsorship Coordinator at National Office in handling any queries from International Sponsorship Office, as it may be requires so that the information send is accurate
- Prepares Village sponsorship budget and overseeing it
- Provide Information on children or programs as may be required by the national office. This will be done on the support of the responsible programs heads.
- Provide the information to the Sponsorship Coordinator about SOS family or children/youth on their personal data as it required by the Sponsorship standards.
- Provide information on any changes which may occur with regards to the sponsorship issues like admission of new children and their exit
- Prepare and Provide to National Sponsorship Coordinator an updated photographs and information of children and villages to be sent to the International Sponsorship Office.
- Working with SOS Mothers on responding timely to sponsors letters to children and children letters to sponsors
- Prepare all photo-graphic material which complies with the guidelines set by the International Office.
- Works with the Sponsorship Coordinator in providing training and guidance for SOS Mothers, children and other coworkers involved in sponsorship activities
- Maintaining the children filing structure.
- The Assistant Sponsorship will immediately send information at the preliminary stage about the departure of the children under sponsorship program.
- Prepare and send to National Sponsorship Coordinator the information with regards to the departure of the children/youth. It must be clearly documented and must include the reason of recommending for a child to be withdrawn from the sponsorship program me,
- Prepare and send to National Sponsorship Coordinator the education and training details of the youth/children to be departed and the future plans of the departing youth.
- In collaboration with Care Co Workers (Mother, YEO, SFC), the Assistant Sponsorship will prepare information on the intended use of money gifts saved for the children.

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCES:**

- Bachelor degree in Mass Communication, Public Relation, Journalism or any other related field
- 2-3 years of working experience in the same field.
- Excellent interpersonal, networking and communication skills with the ability to represent SOS CV in donor forums, develop partnerships with other NGOs
- Proven negotiation and people skills
- Event management, branding and Fundraising skills
- Strong interpersonal and team skills.
- Fluent in English and Swahili.
- Computer literacy

**How to apply:**  
 Interested candidate for the above position should submit their application letter by email describing how your experience, qualifications and competencies make you the right candidate for this position. Enclose 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, professional certificates and passport size photo. This advert can be obtained on our website <http://www.sos-childrensvillages.tanzania.org>. Closing date is 26th December, 2021. 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

# SIDA wins govt's accolades for promoting agro-forestry

By Guardian Correspondent, Musoma

THE Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) has been commended for promoting agro-forestry in Tanzania.

Musoma Municipal Mayor Patrick Gumbo made the remarks last week here when speaking at the just-ended 2021 VI Agroforestry symposium, themed: 'Agroforestry for improved Environment and Income', which aims to

improve people's living conditions and reducing the effects of climate change.

He said the presence of VI Agroforestry support had greatly helped to spread environmental education awareness to farmers in the region.

Apart from environment conservation awareness and skills, Gumbo also cited improved farmer's income food security as other benefits resulting from presence of the VI Agroforestry support in the region.

Mara is home to Serengeti National Park and Mara River which supports lives of more than 1.1 million people in Tanzania and Kenya.

Around 1,200 trees were planted at Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Hospital (Kwangwa) as part of the symposium that attracted a large number of participants from Mara region and other parts of the country.

Musoma District Commissioner (DC) Dr Halfan Haule also thanked VI-Agroforestry

for making the three-day Agroforestry symposium a success story in the region.

The DC presented certificates of participation and various prizes to 16 organizations that took part in the agroforestry symposium was hosted by Africa Inland Church of Tanzania (AICT) at Mara and Ukerewe Diocese through its development organization called Inland Development services (IDS).

VI Agroforestry is a Swedish development cooperation

organization that prioritizes agroforestry in fighting poverty and climate change.

The symposium was designed to spread a message on the role of agroforestry in improving lives of people through income and combating the effects of climate change.

Opening the symposium, Selemani Jafo, minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) directed leaders at grassroots level to ensure

that all villages in the country plant tree farms in efforts to tame effects of climate change.

He urged village leaders to ensure that every household plants trees to complement government efforts towards environmental conservation.

He said it is important for every village and household to embrace the culture of planting and caring for trees, a step that would help in the fight against climate change.



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## Tanzanians urged to stop hiding suspects of GBV

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS have been advised to stop hiding suspects of Gender Based Violence (GBV) cases, but should effectively participate by providing cooperation at the court, something that will eliminate the challenge in the country.

Inspector of Police in Manyara Region Nuru Lucas made the call here during the national forum to end GBV in line with commemoration of 16 days of activism against GBV.

According to her, most of the victim's side ends up negotiating with suspects of violence thus killing the whole case.

She said it has been found that some of the families of GBV victims have been receiving money, goats or cattle from the suspects' family and then refusing to continue giving evidence or naming suspects.

"For example, despite taking all the needed efforts to ensure that a child who is a victims of rape gets his/her right, parents fail us by taking bribe from suspects forcing them to close the case," she said.

She called on the public to offer needed cooperation to police during solving violence cases for justice to be provided.

The national forum was organized by Norwegian Church Aid



Vodacom Tanzania managing director Sitholizwe Mdlalose (R) shows a sign of love at the launch of a new campaign for this festive season dubbed: "Show Love, Tule Shangwe" in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Vodacom customers will be able to win various prizes through M-Pesa transactions for sharing and distributing customer love by dialing \*149\*01# or M-Pesa App. Looking on are the firm's commercial director Linda Riwa (L) and 'Shangwe Master'. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

(NCA), faith actors who have joined resources with national stakeholders and government through the MKUKI initiative.

Thomas Joseph, a participant from Dongobesh in Mbulu district said that some harmful tradition and customs beliefs are among them major sources of GBV in the region.

Lucy Maanda, a Special Seats councilor of Dareda ward in Babati rural pointed finger to

the traditional elders who receive cash or goat from the suspects in order to persuade the victim's family to settle the case at home.

Rev. Samuel Sure from ELCT Mbulu diocese requested the government to set a specific time for the opening and closing of the bars and other entertainment areas so as to fight alcoholism which is also contributing to GBV.

Manyara Regional Sheikh and Chairman for Interfaith Committee Sheikh Khalid Mohamed said a special public awareness strategy is needed so as to eradicate GBV in the region.

NCA like many other organizations in the World has been participating in the campaign every year by engaging in different activities so as to support GBV the war.

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Advisor Capacity Development  
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As a federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development.

On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Global Programme for "Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health" aims to strengthen national, regional and global capacities for epidemic prevention and response with a One Health approach. It is based on the BMZ's One Health Strategy, which identified interfaces between biodiversity, environmental, human and animal health for pandemic prevention and places a special focus on the detection and control of novel zoonoses.

Within the framework of the Global Programme, a regional package aims to support the institutionalisation of the One Health approach in the East African Community (EAC) and to strengthen and expand capacities relevant to pandemic prevention with a One Health approach based on regional needs and priorities. The regional package will be implemented in close coordination with the existing project to support pandemic preparedness in the EAC region (PanPrep).

GIZ is currently looking to fill the position of Advisor Capacity Development for Pandemic Prevention and Response, One Health in the East African Community (EAC).

**Duty station:** Arusha, Tanzania (East African Community)  
Fixed term contract

**Responsibilities and Tasks**

- Supporting the strategic, conceptual and financial coordination and implementation of the regional activities of the Global Programme in the EAC with a focus on human capacity development (HCD).
- Coordinating, managing and supervising the work of short-term experts focused on HCD in the area of pandemic preparedness and response, One Health (PPOH).
- Overseeing and quality assurance of a PPOH capacity needs assessment in EAC Partner States in cooperation with the EAC Secretariat.
- On the basis of the needs assessment and in close collaboration with relevant EAC structures and partners, support the development of HCD plans for PPOH and related activities, including monitoring their implementation.
- Supporting a review and an update of a regional PPOH capacity development course in close collaboration with the relevant EAC Expert Working Group (EWG) and other relevant stakeholders (e.g. Inter-University Council for East Africa and regulatory bodies) and its ongoing regional roll-out.
- Support of monitoring, knowledge management and reporting within the Global Programme, and for its external representation (e.g. support of knowledge sharing and dissemination, participation in stakeholder meetings and public dialogues).
- Close cross-sectoral cooperation with the EAC Secretariat

and representatives of the EAC Partner States as well as with relevant regional, continental, and international institutions, academic institutions, organizations and networks.

- Cooperation and coordination with the GIZ team on site, with the PanPrep project and other relevant projects, and with partner structures in the EAC region, including in identifying, developing and exploiting synergies and gathering best practices and sharing lessons learnt.

**Required qualifications, competences and experience**

- Completed university studies in social science, education, health sciences, development studies or another degree programme relevant to capacity development in the area of international development, in particular global health (Master degree).
- At least five (5) years of experience working in capacity development, particularly in adult learning or academic teaching and learning, designing trainings and courses, curriculum development, didactics and digital technologies in teaching and learning and South-to-South learning formats, with several years of experience in coordination and implementation of relevant projects.
- Several years of work experience in international collaboration; knowledge of GIZ procedures and processes, in particular approaches to capacity development, is an advantage.
- Knowledge of policies, objectives, concepts, methods and institutions of international and regional cooperation, particularly in the thematic field of PPOH and/or global health.
- Excellent advisory skills, strong conceptual and strategic skills, high performance under pressure and a solution and goal-oriented approach.
- Strong teamwork skills in diverse, multicultural teams, cooperation and communication skills; political and strategic intuition, sensitivity and diplomatic skills as well as very good networking skills. Prior work and/or cooperation experiences with the EAC Secretariat and/or other key stakeholders in the region are an advantage.
- Fluent language proficiency in English, both written and spoken. Advanced skills in French and/or Swahili are desirable, language skills in German are an advantage.
- Preparedness to travel frequently in the EAC region.

**Applications:**  
Interested candidates should send their letter of application together with the CV and copies of academic certificates by email to [hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de](mailto:hr.giz-tanzania@giz.de).

Please use the subject line "Advisor CD PPOH". Closing date for submission: **24.12.2021**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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**EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF FABRICATION AND SUPPLY OF KITCHEN HOODS AND CHIMNEYS**  
REFERENCE: 0010007327

Total Energies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide services for Fabrication and Supply of Kitchen Hoods and Chimneys to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1147 km will be in Tanzania.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:**  
EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable manufacturer to provide services for Fabrication and Supply of Kitchen Hoods and Chimneys according to the standards, dimensions and description mentioned below:

**STANDARDS:**

- The materials, production and assembly of the Kitchen Hoods and Chimneys shall comply with the following standards: BS 1449; Part 2: 1983 - Mild steel plates with heat resistant. Specification, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified.

**DIMENSIONS & DESCRIPTIONS:**

- 250mm x 250mm Chimney, 1.5m long with 32mm x 3mm thick mild steel flat bars and 10mm thick diameter roll bolts 100mm long, fixed at 500mm centers, to include aluminium roof flashing kit.
- Hood size 950mm x 600mm x 500mm high tapering to 250mm x 250mm chimney inlet including 25mm x 4mm thick mild steel flats welded to hood at both edges.
- The COMPANY reserves the right to verify the fabrication of Kitchen Hoods and Chimneys at the Manufacturer's premises according to the quality management system as per outlined standards.
- The SUPPLIER shall be capable of a minimum production rate of 30 Kitchen Hoods and Chimney per month to meet COMPA NY timeline. COMPANY forecasts a potential of a minimum of 220 total Kitchen Hoods and Chimneys, at the above outlined rate of 30 Kitchen Hoods and Chimneys per month.
- No material or fittings shall be used in the Works until prior approval for its use has been given by the COMPANY; neither shall any change in the nature, quality, kind, and type, source of supply or manufacture be made without the COMPANY permission.
- On request and when applicable, the documentation of the quality of Products supplied is to be submitted by the manufacturer through working certifications according to applicable Standards. All the records of the test results shall be retained by the manufacturer for future references.
- Before and after awarding the tender to the Manufacturer, the COMPANY reserves the right to inspect the testing capability and witness the tests carried out at the Manufacturer's Laboratory and/or independent laboratory facility to evaluate the product quality against the applicable standards.
- The COMPANY shall appoint a representative to witness all the tests conducted at the Manufacturer's laboratory facility and the representative shall submit all the test results to the contractor & COMPANY independently. The COMPANY reserves the right to approve the Products based on quality test reports before delivery to the site.
- All Kitchen Hoods, Chimneys, necessary fittings, and fixings shall come with a materials and workmanship warranty for a period of 12 months from date of delivery.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**  
Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:

- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 10 years' experience / performance of similar manufacturing services within Tanzania.
- Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
- Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [ecop-fz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:ecop-fz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (not exceeding 20mb) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**. Email subject should be **0010007327**

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

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## Heed PM's warning on Covid-19 omicron wave

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa was at midweek making a point of emphasis on taking up vaccination among adults as earlier variants of the Covid-19 pandemic are rapidly being replaced by the Omicron variant. The debilitating new wave emerged apparently in Botswana and then spread around the world after it was isolated as a new variant in South Africa. Reports indicate that cases of infections were tripling and quadrupling within a week, after topping over two thousand cases the previous week. As the variant was almost immediately diagnosed in other parts of the world, its characteristics are now clearer.

For one thing, in South Africa a worrying aspect is that this variant is affecting scores of children under five years of age, which wasn't the case even with the Delta variant, the most powerful before this new variant arose. And it isn't that it is attacking a different age group but age groups on the whole do not matter so much anymore, so it is a long story from the time Covid-19 was a disease chiefly of aged people. That is why premier Majaliwa has been at pains to remind people that the pandemic is worsening.

As Tanzania has had a fairly good environment while other countries saw on a daily scale people dying in hundreds or thousands from the pandemic and for fairly long periods, here we have seen bouts of the pandemic, as if it was a fever. There was a moment, early this year

when the Beta variant was spreading, that some wards in Kilimanjaro districts recorded more than a dozen burials in a single day. But those instances were few and far between, each ward having a bout of attacks or its kith and kin living in towns or cities being brought home for burial, and often in a restricted manner for fear of a wave of infections.

There are several characteristics that make Tanzania compare with South Africa but the contrasts are sharper, so to speak. We compare in the number of vaccinated adults as percentage of the adult population, where as a matter of fact they are well ahead of us, despite that by Western standards their vaccination rate is a disappointing third of all adults. Here the figure is much lower as we scarcely have two million people already vaccinated, but many are beginning to understand that escape routes are few.

When it comes to other lines of defence like wearing masks and using sanitisers, evidently South Africa is ahead of us in that aspect as people falling sick with the virus, and even acute hospitalization is more common. But as it was the case with the AIDS pandemic earlier, many people strongly believe in their immunity or assurance by some luck mechanism and take no precautions. This wave is harder to combat than previous variants of the coronavirus, but as Tanzania has never had a full pandemic many people are lukewarm on preventions; more care is needed here.

## International Civil Aviation Day has greater appeal with a revamped airline, open skies

AS the world marks the International Civil Aviation Day on December 7, Tanzania is in a better position to have wide ranging self-examination of the state of aviation in the country, first on account of revamping the national carrier and then with heightened activity as business improves.

There are more companies and individuals operating planes for various business requirements, as the country's aviation sector moves gradually towards modernization. It is a sphere of considerable global inequality, where the developed countries dominate the manufacturing and use of airplanes, a situation unlikely to change soon.

Strictly speaking we have made considerable advances in that regard as well, thought operating conditions for 'rapid transit' air services are still a problem to be worked out. Listening to the figures, it is clear that the issue at the local level isn't the fares that commercial airlines or charter services take up but the low purchasing power.

Airfare to Kigoma for instance is put at 350,000/- and that is land distance of more than 1,000 kilometers which means more people are taking to regular air travel chiefly for business.

Still there are forces working to diminish the potential of air travel, like information technology recent appliances enabling group exchanges merely on mobile phone, rather than elaborate conferencing arrangement and booking special lines for distance group meetings.

With the Covid-19 pandemic this way of communication was becoming the form rather than an exception, but life

was gradually coming back to normal, and it will still improve despite the latest omicron variant scare around the world. The data shows that it is susceptible to elevated containment for fully vaccinated people and especially with booster shots.

Chroniclers say the day has been celebrated by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) since 1994, at the 50th anniversary of the signing of world convention on international civil aviation. /

The day is meant to recognize the importance of aviation, especially international air travel, to social and economic development around the world.

As the United Nations adopted Agenda 2030 and embarked on a new era in global sustainable development, aviation as an engine of global connectivity rose in relevance, with the Chicago Convention of 1944 (world civil aviation rules) seen as facilitating global peace and prosperity.

There is a new agenda on the horizon in the wake of the Glasgow world environmental conference (COP 26), with developed countries moving in the direction of electric airplanes to reduce the contribution of aviation to global warming.

Goals or objectives being set at the moment are 'net zero' emissions by 2040 or 2050 and even 2070 for some powerful countries, so it is evident that we aren't there yet.

Tanzania will also adapt when the time comes, with an increasingly efficient economy, being able to purchase greener aircraft and local firms more capable of using small aircraft that pollute little, and greater use of drones.

The legal regime for the latter is an emerging field in international law as yet.

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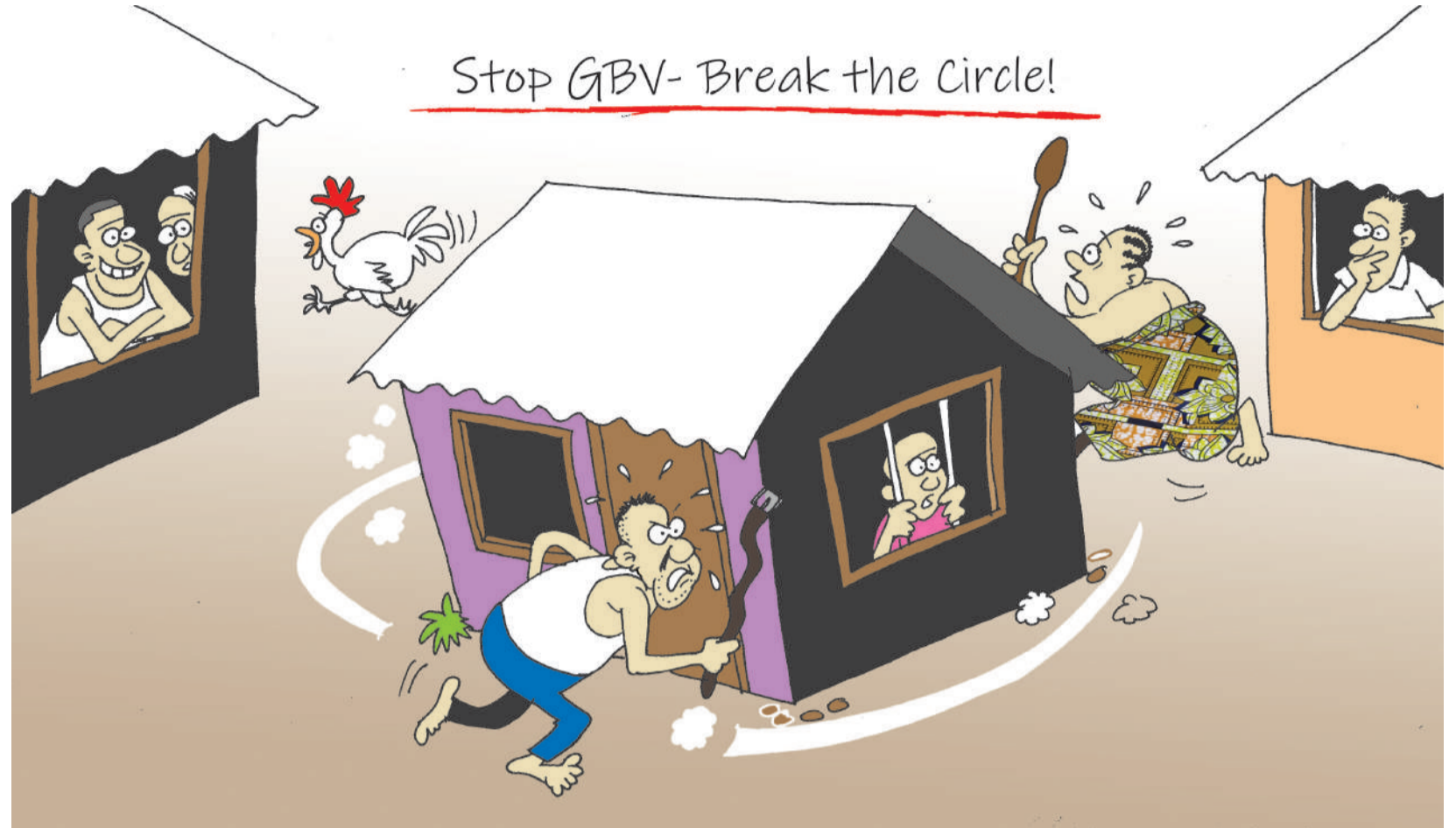
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# Ethiopia is tearing itself apart

By Alexander Rondos

ALEXANDER Rondos warns that the ongoing conflict spells turmoil for the Horn of Africa. The longer the 12-month conflict in Ethiopia drags on, the greater the damage to the fragile stability of the Horn of Africa. It has already sown the seeds of regional destabilization that will accelerate if a political settlement is not sought urgently.

It is a sign of this concern that President Uhuru Kenyatta of neighbouring Kenya is actively engaged in trying to promote a resolution to the conflict and to lay the groundwork for a longer-term political settlement in Ethiopia.

At issue now is whether a country of 110 million people can be prevented from unraveling

From the moment the fighting began, Ethiopia's neighbours sensed unprecedented danger. If not rapidly contained, which it was not, the conflict would trigger a chain reaction of claims for self-determination and drain the economy. The consequences would not be confined within the borders of Ethiopia. At issue now is whether a country of 110 million people can be prevented from unraveling.

The effects of failure will be felt in neighbouring states, in the fragile relations among the countries of the region and in the strategic environment surrounding the Horn of Africa.

Conflict and economic collapse beget displacement and the hardest hit by a migratory wave will be Kenya and probably Somalia. If this wave grows, migrants - and the numbers could be very high - will try to reach South Africa and Europe. All of Ethiopia's neighbours have their own economic challenges and this additional influx will test their financial capacities.

Ethiopia's centrifugal political forces were contained over the past 30 years by significant budget subsidies to the regions nearest to the frontier. This is no longer the case. The cost of war has diminished the subsidies to these already impoverished border populations, who will seek more opportunity across the frontier. Once the provider of stability in the region, Ethiopia has become an exporter of insecurity. Ethiopia is now over-armed and under-financed. Weapons are making their way across frontiers and one should be alarmed that the jihadist group al-Shabaab, for example, can buy guns more cheaply from the Ethiopian market than it does from Yemen.

Ethiopia's deteriorating internal security is being exploited by al-Shabaab and other likeminded groups to infiltrate and recruit in Ethiopia. If this persists and succeeds, an entirely new front is opened making Kenya's security even more fragile.

The threat has now been exacerbated by Abiy Ahmed, the Ethiopian prime minister, calling for a levee en masse under which every locality has been encouraged to arm itself, unleashing



weaponized radical groups or plain local warlordism.

The dispute over centralization of political authority in Ethiopia, which spilled over into the war with Tigray, was accompanied by a deliberate and parallel strategy to realign influence in the Horn of Africa.

It is now emerging that the agreement between Isaias Afewerki, the president of Eritrea, and Abiy - for which the latter won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2019 - supplemented by the inclusion of Somalia into a trilateral agreement, was to create a bloc of countries with highly centralized and authoritarian political systems to control the eastern coastline of Africa, from Eritrea to Somalia. In the process, efforts to consolidate cooperative security and development in the region, under the umbrella of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, were jettisoned, leaving it with new divisions and no institution to manage differences.

Multilateral options, in short, were deliberately abandoned. The Horn of Africa thus hovers over how the fate of this political axis will be managed in an institutional vacuum. Djibouti is caught between the contending politics of Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia. In Sudan the move to overthrow the experiment in politi-

cal reform in favour of the military is colliding with sustained popular resistance. South Sudan is prey to its own post-independence demons. Kenya is fighting to inoculate its open economy and competitive political system from the infection of a region where the centre - usually Ethiopia - no longer holds.

The threat of disorder emanating from Ethiopia may not only engulf the region but threaten the security of the Red Sea

If this grim outlook is not reversed, the threat of disorder emanating from Ethiopia will not only engulf the region but threaten the security of the Red Sea.

Abiy's war on Tigray has turned into the potential dissolution of Ethiopia. Nothing is permanent, not least in a region which has recognized two secessions and lives with another in Somaliland.

The current successor of the Ethiopian empire may collapse. Eritrea's lethally eccentric regime cannot last forever. But Ethiopia's vast population, whether living in a united country or as separate entities, will inevitably seek access to the sea.

For many years, Ethiopian hegemony in the region allowed for the containment of crises. Ethiopian troops served in peacekeep-

ing operations and in AMISOM, the African Union Mission in Somalia. Ethiopia and Kenya had an understanding that dated back half a century. Ethiopia's relations with Sudan were balanced by a Faustian bargain between Omar al-Bashir's Islamists and the regime controlled by the Tigray People's Liberation Front in Addis Ababa. Eritrea's bizarre isolation could gradually have ended with the rapprochement with Abiy.

All these assumptions have now been shattered. Ethiopia must struggle to avoid dissolution. Eritrea's authoritarian vision of order in the region will be replaced by that of the political victors in Addis and their vision of Ethiopia's relations with its neighbours and the wider world.

Thus, a new transition beckons for Ethiopia. But this time, it must encompass the whole region which will have been so damaged by the events of the past few years.

The international community will have to consider how this transition is not hijacked again and under what conditions it can be sustained financially to give populations the belief that peace does not degenerate again into war and regional insecurity.

Alexander Rondos, Former EU Special Representative to the Horn of Africa



# China's surging outward investment indicates resolution to open wider

By Wang Youxin

**I**N recent years, China has constantly consolidated its position as a major country in outward investment and economic cooperation, which mirrors its efforts to push forward with opening-up at a higher level.

China's outbound direct investment bucked the trend last year despite the impacts from COVID-19, with improvements made in both quantity and quality.

According to the 2020 Statistical Bulletin of China's Outward Foreign Direct Investment recently issued by China's Ministry of Commerce, National Bureau of Statistics, and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, the country's outbound direct investment surged 12.3 percent from a year ago to \$153.71 billion last year. The volume accounted for over 20 percent of the world's total, making China rank the first place worldwide for the first time ever. The country is gaining an increasingly larger influence on the sphere of direct investment.

Chinese enterprises are building their global reach, allocating their production factors and resources, and actively joining international competition and cooperation. It fully indicates the resilience and vitality of China's new system for higher-level open economy. The country's outbound direct investment has injected huge positive energy into the global economic recovery.

By promoting international production capacity cooperation and focusing its outbound direct investment in the real economy, China has played a vital role in stabilizing international industrial and value chains.

Last year, the country's outbound direct investment covered 18 major industrial sectors, and nearly 70 percent of it went to leasing and commercial services, manufacturing, wholesale and retail, and finance.

China made investment in more than 80 percent of countries and regions around the world, with Belt and Road countries gradually becoming hot destinations. In 2020, Chinese investors established over 11,000 enterprises in Belt and Road countries, and the total investment added up to \$22.54 billion, soaring 20.6 percent on an annual basis and accounting for 14.7 percent of the world's total investment volume during the same period.

China's outbound direct investment came from both the public and the non-public sectors. The non-public sector made non-financial foreign investment of \$67.16 billion the last year, accounting for 50.1 percent of the total and growing 14.1 percent.

China's outward investment and economic cooperation, on stable and healthy development, is constantly expanding its size, optimizing its structure, and improving its benefits, delivering win-win results. It has made positive contributions to developing China's economic and trade relations with relevant countries and building an open world economy.

The Chinese economy has gone through profound globalization, and is highly connected to the industrial chains and production factor markets of many countries around the world. Chinese-funded multinationals are important carriers of the global industrial and value chains. Pursuing opening-up on all fronts, at multiple levels and in a wide range of areas, China is opening its doors wider. Last year, both the foreign direct investment into China and the country's outward investment witnessed growth, and the Chinese and international markets and resources have become more connected.

By comprehensively improving the level of its opening-up, building a new system for higher-level open economy, opening up more sectors of the economy in a more thorough fashion, and exploring more efficient ways to connect domestic and foreign markets and share factors of production and resources, China is both absorbing energy from the world and benefiting the world with its own development.

Chinese enterprises, capital, personnel and technologies going global to dock with production factors and consumption markets worldwide will further strengthen economic globalization and the development of the world economy.

*People's Daily*



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Ethiopia commenced its first refrigerated train service via the Chinese-built Ethiopia-Djibouti Railway in August 2020, exporting loads of avocados to Europe. File photo



## MOHAMED H. SUMAR (1938-2021)



### HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

It is with great sorrow that Reliance Insurance Company (Tanzania) Limited announces the passing away of its beloved Chairman Mr. Mohammed Husein Ahmed Abdulla Sumar on 2nd December 2021 in Toronto Canada.

The Company Directors and employees as well as many people he worked with and mentored over the years, mourn his loss.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family, particularly to his wife and three daughters.

#### Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi rajeoon

Mohamed Husein Ahmed Abdulla Sumar completed his primary education at Mingoyo and then went to the Indian Public School in Lindi. One of Mohamed's early school mates were Mohamed Gulamhussein Pardhan who later became a lawyer and returned to practise in Lindi in partnership with Yusuf Lilani.

After completing high school, Mohamed desired to go to United Kingdom to study law but his father did not have the means. Mohamed took a loan of 4000 shillings and went to study at the Royal College, Nairobi (later Nairobi University, a college of the East African University). Amid stiff competition, he qualified to study and graduated as an architect in 1963 and after getting his professional license, joined the British firm of French & Hastings in Dar es Salaam, the capital of the newly independent Tanzania.

In April 1970, he opened his own architect firm called "Sumar, Varma & Associates" which he ran continuously until his retirement in 2017.

In the 54 years of his professional life, Mohamed's firm successfully completed some 800 projects including commercial, industrial (paper-mills), educational (university campus, schools and hostels), residential (diplomatic missions) properties. In fact, the largest tower in the country at that time, a 26 storey building now called Benjamin Mkapa Towers was designed by his firm.

During this period, Mohamed Sumar has been an exemplary citizen of the country of his birth. He was appointed by the government to many national Boards and Councils including National Construction Council, National Council of Antiquities, National Engineering & Design Company, Ardhi Institute (School of Architecture). As a respected civic leader, he has been elected as President of both the Association of Architects of Tanzania and the Rotary Club of Dar es salaam North.

In a unique honour, the Aga Khan appointed him as a Board Director of the Aga Khan Hospital, Dar es Salaam.

Mr. Mohamed was serving as a Chairman of the Board of Reliance Insurance Company (Tanzania) Limited, a position he held since 2001.

In 1963, Mohamed married Shirin Alidina Khaki of Lindi. Shirin and Mohamed have three daughters all of whom are educated to university level and professionally engaged in Canada. They have continued Mohamed's tradition of civic work considering the old Khoja tradition of sewa as an essential attribute of their citizenship. Shirin has been in a leadership position for some 40 years within the community as well as mainstream senior citizens groups in Toronto. For the past 21 years, one daughter has been running one of the largest homeless shelter programmes in York Region, Ontario whilst another works with children. A third is active in volunteering and leadership within her Toronto Jamaat.

## START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

## State property...divested or privatised.....is it still a problem?

**J**AMBO for the coming week, which finds me trawling through old columns, which might be worthy of a re-check to browse through, but if you 'browsers' aren't interested...turn on your 'telly' and tune in to the football instead!

Well, three years ago, readers could well have been asked, how they felt about the government taking back some of the sold off state assets, having already started the process with a group of formerly privatised hotels.

By using the term "sold off", I'm showing my bias, as this somehow sounds more dubious, than merely 'being sold', though I could be justified, as much of the privatisation programme often seemed inept at its best, or bogus at its worst.

Towards the end of 1998, Tanzanian government leaders were voluntarily giving details of their assets, with the public arena set for a collective display of honesty and moral probity.

.....but this was in contrast with some of those in charge of valuable state properties, who under the divestiture programme were greedily hiving them off at give-away prices, as they pocketed the reward from the grateful buyers....definitely lacking in morals and honesty!

I interviewed someone then, who'd just bought a small tile-making plant, and said this expensive machinery had stood outside for many years. Shockingly, it was imported from Germany at huge cost by a state-owned company in Tanzania, but then literally, left to rot without ever being used.

....Whether this particular case of neglect was by design or default, we don't know, but both should have qualified as "economic sabotage".

The tile plant buyer said it was disturbing to realise the lost opportunities and revenue it presented for the nation, and had learnt it was one of many such on-going examples.

With the coming celebration of 60 years of independence, it must have been questioned by the public, but at what point did all that idealistic patriotism in the beginning...turn into a sort of Tanzanian wild west, with those in a position to profit like some in the divestiture programme doing so .....big time.... and as I've often written before...they didn't even need a horse...or a gun!

I'm only commenting on this now because if there's ever a new state "take back", it might be useful to remember what happened at the original sell out....and maybe something can be learned from it.

The Parastatal Sector Reform Commission was formed in 1992, to supervise the privatisation of gov-



The new Mwanza Hotel was one of ten listed in the media, as having their privatisation agreement reviewed. Other hotels on the list had complained that they were not notified of their position before seeing an announcement in the press. File Photo

ernment-owned enterprises, many of which had been underperforming.

Though from its inception, it received criticism, with stories of inefficiency and profiteering.

A notable reminder of this came at the end of 1998

when then Vice President the late Dr Omar Ali Juma was touring Arusha region to see the ravaged skeleton of the Kilimanjaro Textile Corporation.

A leading newspaper at the time wrote..."We hope that the " VP's follow-up will go beyond Kiltex, and

though true that many properties don't have buyers for them, we suspect there's another story regarding the divestiture, that the public don't know about, like investors being asked for kickbacks as a condition to win tenders.

Standard stuff for Tanzania perhaps, but since these 'tricks' could have been expected. Rigid checks and balances should have been at the very core of the commission. Though there are a few effective ways to deter economic crimes, including exposure of the misdeeds via the Controller and Auditor General's reports.

Notwithstanding the progress made since independence, looking back, the divestiture exercise appeared to be a time in the nation's history of frantic pillage, as like mice on a sinking ship, 'the foragers' sought to escape with something to show for their time on it!

We can gain some insight from a story in the media at the time, of a parastatal for sale, in which one firm was the successful bidder.

Though soon after winning the tender and agreeing to the conditions and payment, they asked for a reduction on the agreed price, and received it.

By a coincidence, one of the directors was related to the PSRC chairman, who intervened with fellow officials, and objected to this flouting of normal procedures.

This is an illuminating tale, and if correct, gives a possible explanation into some of the delays surrounding quite straightforward and simple sales.

Anyway, I don't know when the PRSC was terminated, or what it cost the nation, but I wrote some years ago that under the lunatic exercise of the National Bank of Commerce paying a foreign debt collection agency more than they'd collected in debts... so we hope that the Commissions' operation didn't cost more than it ever netted.... and in "shutting down the shop"..... we hope they didn't even need that horse...or a gun.....or did they?



## GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

**Job Title** : e-Learning Advisor  
**Department/Unit** : Capacity Building  
**Location** : Dar es Salaam or Dodoma  
**Reports to** : Senior Capacity Building Advisor

#### OVERVIEW:

The Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance-Tanzania (GHSC-TA-TZ) supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC-TA-TZ assists the Government of Tanzania by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

#### JOB SUMMARY:

The e-Learning Advisor will work under the capacity building and data use work-stream. He/she will provide technical support in ensuring appropriate use of electronic technologies to promote learning and skills building on health supply chain aspects to the health supply chain community in the country. This post focuses on supporting the content development and use of an e-learning platform and electronic tools to support multimedia learning approaches in delivering health supply chain related topics based on best practices. He/she will work with in-country stakeholders including the MOHCDGEC, PORALG, MSD, Pharmacy Council, Health Laboratory Practitioners Council, eGA, Higher Learning Institutions, COSTECH, implementing partners, RHMTs/CHMTs and other stakeholders to support human resource capacity building in supply chain for Tanzania, using electronic media. His/ her priorities will also include supporting the implementation of cost-effective and sustainable training approaches.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responsibilities may include, but not be limited to:

- Activity and stakeholder management**
  - Lead the overall e-learning activity, collaborating with identified stakeholders
  - Implement the e-learning project plan
  - Plan, coordinate and implement advocacy activities on the use of the developed health supply chain e-Learning modules
  - Routinely convene identified stakeholders to present progress on development, and key actions needed from each stakeholder
  - Routinely monitor the status of implementation of e-learning activities in the GHSC-TA-TZ workplan, identifying and addressing obstacles to implementation
- Content development and use**
  - Coordinate and facilitate the development of new health supply chain e-learning modules
  - Work with GOT and key stakeholders to identify learners and support their assessment and use of the e-learning platform
- Technology**
  - Use software to develop and/or update eLearning training content
  - Train staff and stakeholders on the use of the eLearning training content development software.
- Implementation and evaluation of the use of eLearning.**
  - Support the monitoring of the use of eLearning modules and facilitate updates as needed
  - Lead the evaluation of the use of the fully-developed and uploaded eLearning modules for health supply chain
  - Coordinate the launch of the e-learning platform

#### Other capacity building work

- Participate in the identification, planning, implementation and coordination of other interventions needed to address human resource capacity in the supply chain by supporting the GOT, development and implementing partners.
- Ensure all up-to-date versions of training materials and other supporting documents are available.
- Complete and submit written technical and trip reports in a timely fashion.
- Work with other GHSC-TA-TZ staff to help identify resources and/or performance improvement needs in order to advance the goal of commodity security.
- Provide inputs to the operations team to budget for capacity building activities including meetings, training, and other activities.
- Ensure timely submissions of all relevant GHSC TA-TZ deliverables
- Other duties as assigned.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Degree in Education, Statistics, Computer science, Health Sciences, Organizational Development or related field (advanced degree preferred)
- Basic knowledge of a wide range of e-learning systems and a detailed understanding of learning agenda, personnel development planning, and transferable skills training
- Knowledge on e-learning platforms (e.g. Moodle) management and administration
- Experience developing and implementing e-learning initiatives for development projects
- Experience in developing training content
- Conversant with scripts development and review
- Able to use the Articulate 360 software
- Ability to lead activities/discussions/meetings involving the participation of up to 10 people.
- Familiarity with the Tanzanian health supply chain and stakeholders is strongly desired
- Ability to take appropriate action to ensure urgent problems are resolved as quickly as possible, perhaps taking direct independent action
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills
- Knowledge of leading practices related to human resource capacity building for supply chain management is desirable.
- Ability to plan own daily schedule, prioritize, arrange meetings and use resources effectively.
- Ability to build strong interpersonal relationships and ability to work in a team
- Experience working with the Government of Tanzania and/or other NGOs preferred.
- Excellent written and verbal English and Swahili.
- Ability to work independently.
- Proficiency in common computer packages (e.g. Word, PowerPoint, Excel) relevant to the work.
- Experience in monitoring implementation of activities implementation
- Good skills in writing technical reports
- Able to travel for an extended period in-country to support technical activities.
- Able to travel internationally to attend training and conferences.

#### How to apply:

Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letters, Curriculum Vitae with names and contact details of 3 work related references, enclosing certificate copies of relevant education and training.

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## GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

**POSITION** : Software Developer(s)  
**LOCATION** : Dar es Salaam  
**LEVEL OF EFFORT** : Full Time  
**START DATE** : TBD  
**SUPERVISOR(S)** : TBD

#### OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Developer will support development of an OpenLMS version 3 aimed at migration of the current eLMS system to a new platform. The Developer will also assist in the design, development, testing, documentation and maintenance of the OpenLMS Version 3 and other associated systems.

#### SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Participate on workshop and requirement gathering sessions to assist business analyst and project manager in capturing the business rules and data validations required to automate the workflows.
- Assist in development of mockup, use cases to document the functional requirement; test plans and test cases to assist in testing of the deployment code.
- Write programming code to create and maintain database objects
- Write java code using spring framework and javascript code using AngularJS and maintain the applications back-end and front-end integrations.
- Write code in Jasper to develop reports.
- Practice agile development methodologies including keeping source code repository up-to-date, writing unit tests, fixing issues reported by build system and showcasing the developed elements at regular project meetings.
- Development, configuration, testing and implementation of OpenLMS V3
- Support the development, configuration and operationalization of OpenLMS V3 configurations that use standard-based data structure.
- Support the migration of data and hosting of OpenLMS V3 to MOHCDGEC hosting environment
- Support the interoperability, testing and continuous improvement of OpenLMS V3, DHIS2 and other Health information systems that support supply chain in Tanzania.
- In collaboration with MIS team, participate in development of standard operating procedures (SOPs) to establish standard code sets for OpenLMS V3, and assist in implementation of standardized coding schemes for OpenLMS V3 applications.
- Follow structured and iterative process for review, correction and retesting of system features until the system meets all MOHCDGEC operating and performance specifications.
- Contribute to global communities of practice on using open source software applications to improve health systems.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants for this position should possess the following minimum qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in IT or Computer Science or related concentration from recognized University/College with experience on designing and implementation of web-based platforms, Master's degree in health and/or information systems or related field is an added advantage.
- More than 5 years of experience with agile software development methodologies and managing deployments, maintenance, disaster recovery, supporting production applications and familiarity with DevOps practices
- Experience and skills in Java Spring framework, JavaScript framework like Angular/React, and Jasper report.
- Experience in building large scale database centric web-based applications,
- Experience in large scale data warehousing/data science and analytics platforms,
- Familiarity with inventory and warehouse management concepts
- 5 years or more of experience with design, development and deployment of open-source applications especially in Java, Apache, advanced Linux permissions and database development.
- Up-to-date knowledge of technologies, methodologies and technology standards associated with interoperability and an understanding of the constraints and benefits of different technologies. Applicants with experience in using containers for deployment such as Docker or Kubernetes will have an edge.
- Experience in working in a team setting and supporting the business analysts, testers, trainers, and project manager.
- Ability to deliver results with short deadlines and under intense pressure
- An effective communicator in English including public speaking/presenting, written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated initiative and creativity in problem solving
- Proven ability to work as a highly effective team member, as well as able to work independently to high standards (including when deadlines are tight)

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## REA's journey towards lighting up rural areas

By Guardian Reporter

IN 2007, when the government moved in and established the Rural Energy Agency (REA) no one could believe that 69.6 per cent of rural mainland Tanzania would have access to electricity by 2020.

This exceeded the 50 per cent target that the state-run agency had planned. When REA started its journey 14 years ago, there were only 2 per cent of rural homes connected to the national grid.

Being an autonomous body under the ministry of Energy, REA's main role is to promote and facilitate improved access to energy in rural areas on the Tanzania mainland.

Presenting a report on the establishment of Rural Energy Agency, responsibilities and achievements in Dar es Salaam recently, REA director general Hassan Saidy said: "We're determined to ensure that all the remaining 3,800 villages will be connected to electricity supply under the ongoing REA-III Phase II project by December next year."

The project initiated in 2007 through the Rural Energy Act No 8 of 2005 has so far seen over 60 per cent of villages having access to electricity.

He said: "So far 750,000 households had been connected to electricity by end of June this year, up from 716,847 connected by June last year, underlining that the government is well prepared to pursue the exercise, covering all areas and households, to stimulate individual incomes and development generally."

The implementation of the REA project has seen the country increasing access to power to 69.6 per cent of villages in June 2020, up from two percent when the project started in 2007. So, all the remaining villages are covered with the ongoing phase, he stated.

In the intervening period, electronic device manufacturing industries in the country have increased from four to 39, thus providing employment opportunities to youth



REA technicians installing power in one of the rural houses. (File photo)

and women, he said.

According to him, the agency had up to June last year installed 13,700 transformers, connected 35,253.43 kilometers of low voltage lines, another 38,296.56 kilometers of medium voltage lines thus connecting 716, 847 consumers at a budget of 2.66trn/-, he elaborated.

Several small energy access projects have been implemented to support the main REA projects, like the generation of power from stand-alone solar PV (photovoltaic) systems and from biomass (plants, wood and waste).

About 21 such projects were implemented, with 13 be-

ing mini-hydro projects, seven welding solar energy and a biomass system in Mafia Island.

The agency also facilitated the installation of 725 biogas plants in different rural areas in the country, as well as installing electricity systems to 831 civil servants households in the education and health sector in Shinyanga, Kigoma, Kagera, Coast, Lindi, Mtwara, Ruvuma and Tabora.

The outcome is improved social services in health, education and business in rural areas.

With such improvements, 7,735 education institutions have been connected to electricity, along with 19,667 en-

ties doing business, 3,400 water pumping machines and 4,002 health facilities in rural habitats.

Saidy said through the agency the government was able to supply electricity to all districts headquarters in the country.

According to REA, the agency plans to give electricity access to 75 per cent of rural Tanzania by 2025 and achieve a fully coverage come 2030.

The REA boss said: "We'd continue to cooperate with financial institution to finance more power projects in rural areas. These projects need big funding and its success also depends on good government support, and that of development partners and donors."

Moreover, he stated there are still challenges that limits some of the rural to yet get access of electricity include poor infrastructures, lack of awareness and some unable to buy some of the connecting supplies due to income restrictions. Energy ministry assistant commissioner for electricity development, Styden Rwebangila, said that in line with promoting clean energy through the project, a 50MW of geothermal project has been approved, while investors are expected to develop geothermal, wind and solar power projects of 145MW total capacity.

The REA project started with first connecting village centers by supplying key infrastructures, followed by connecting households. The demand is higher than what was planned for some regions where a big number of people show interest in being connected, he said.

The ministry is going on with sensitizing campaigns in villages where power supply has reached as some residents don't show interest in being connected, he stated.

The Rural Energy Master Plan being finalised will enable 75 percent access to electricity by 2025 and 100 per cent access by 2030, the commissioner added.

## Scaling up technology and innovation to lift the economy of small producers

By Guardian Correspondent

ONE of the responsibilities of Science Granting Councils (SGC) is to promote social and economic development of small producers through application of science technology and innovation. The Councils are thus central to funding and catalyzing research and innovation in order to further application of technology and innovation. It's an increasingly important role of these councils in national science systems in African countries.

However, SGCs face various challenges including limited capacity and inadequate funding, hence the establishment of the Science Granting Councils Initiative in sub-Saharan Africa (SGCI) which aims to strengthen the capacities of science granting councils to support research and evidence-based policies that contribute to economic and social development and establish partnerships among councils and with other science system stakeholders.

Implementation of SGCI programme thus creates partnerships and networks between the Councils as well as among the programmes beneficiaries. This relationship is vital in promoting science, technology and innovation among the general public in a bid to accelerate social and economic development.

Tanzania's Science Granting Council, the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology, is participating in the programme which is now in its second phase.

"We have participated in this programme since 2015 and in due course we have acquired new partners. The number of institutions we support has grown from two in 2015 (MUHAS and UDSM) to include University of Dodoma (UDOM), Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and Tanzania Engineering and Manufacturing Design Organisation (TEMDO), among others," explains Ms. Nema Tindamanyire, Coordinator of the SGCI programme in Tanzania. She says that the new partnerships and networks provide a forum for sharing new knowledge and experiences. "The ongoing gender at work program namely Research Excellence and Gender Equality and Inclusivity has also brought up a new taste to our staff who are participating in this two year coaching program. We are also conducting research with support from International Development Research Centre (IDRC) which has also helped to bring in private sector partners to work with our researchers," she adds.

One of the partners of the second phase SGCI programme is TEMDO who is conducting research in the use of simple technology to refine

sunflower oil. The research which is conducted in Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Arusha regions aims to enable small-scale producers of sunflower oil earn more money from sale of the edible oil by value addition through use of simple and affordable technology. "Currently a small-scale producer of sunflower oil sells one litre of unrefined oil for 5,000/- or less. Our partnership with COSTECH has enabled us to come up with simple technology that would enable farmers to sell a litre of oil at between 6,000/- and 10,000/-," explains Eng. Honest Lyaruu who is the Principal Investigator of the project. He adds that currently available machines in the market for refining sunflower oil are too expensive for small producers to afford. "Machines that are available in the market sell at about 500m/-, these are meant for large producers and small producers cannot afford them. Our research has designed two types of machines: one that has capacity to refine 800 litres of oil and another has capacity to refine 1,000litres of oil," says the Engineer, adding that machines sell at 17m/- and 36m/- respectively.

Tanzania is the second biggest producer of sunflower seeds in Africa and stands sixth in the world. "But we have not been able to fully exploit our potential because most of our product is crude oil. This research therefore seeks to enable small farmers exploit the sunflower market through value addition and thereby raise their incomes in a bid to lift themselves out of poverty," explains Eng. Lyaruu.

According to UNIDO, Dodoma region is a major producer of sunflower oil, accounting for over 20 per cent of national production. "About half of the region's farmers are engaged in sunflower oil production, but few small-scale producers have realized the full potential of this sector, either in terms of improved quality or higher volumes. Among the factors contributing to low productivity and quality are inadequate machinery and limited or no access to value-added services and markets," reads part of a publication by the UN Agency.

Besides COSTECH, implementation of the sunflower oil project through SGCI has created new partners. UNIDO is one of the partners that have contributed to the sunflower refining project.

"They have provided us with some equipment and also trained us in designing the refining process. We cooperate with them in many other aspects," says Engineer Lyaruu.

The project also works closely with sunflower farmers, sunflower oil producers as well as large-scale producers of sunflower oil and buyers of sunflower seeds. Since



Engineers at TEMDO installing sunflower oil refining machine with 1000 litres capacity.

the aim is to add value to edible oil produced by small farmers, other stakeholders in the sunflower oil value chain have also a contribution to make.

"Basically it is about simple technology to enable small-scale oil producers add value to their product, yet this is not an isolated issue. Quality seeds, abundant harvest of sunflower seeds, transportation and proper storage of seeds be-

fore they are processed, all these finally add up to what has to be refined and the quality of the product," explains Engineer Lyaruu.

Improved oil production means there should be an abundant and reliable supply of seeds to enable the machines to operate as required. "That is why we also work with farmers to encourage them to increase production of quality seeds so that they too can raise their income.

Some small producers of oil are not farmers or don't produce enough to meet their requirements so their operations depend on sustainable supply from farmers," says Eng. Lyaruu.

This project therefore rhymes well with the objectives of SGCI programme; that of improving research management in order to catalyze social and economic development in countries where the programme is implemented.



Ardhi University (ARU), Chancellor retired Chief Justice, Othman Chande, confers a PhD on one of the graduates during the 15th graduation ceremony that was held over the weekend at the university's premises in Dar es Salaam. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

# Stop censorship: Zambia's 'New Dawn' should extend to digital rights and freedom of online expression

By Bulanda T Nkhowani and Kian Vestinsson

**I**N his inauguration speech on 24 August 2021, President Hakainde Hichilema declared a “new dawn” for Zambia. It is critical that this transformation extends to the internet sphere.

Digital rights in Zambia suffered under former president Edgar Lungu, as documented in recent research from Freedom House and Paradigm Initiative. Zambians saw this at play during the August general elections: reports spread weeks ahead of polling day that then president Lungu would cut off the internet as voting took place.

Zambian and international civil society mobilised in response, prompting the government to deny the reports. Then, on election day, WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter and Messenger were blocked on most networks, apparently on the order of the Zambia Informa-

tion and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA). The restrictions cut off discussion about voting and day-to-day conversation alike. Access was restored only after Chapter One Foundation, a Zambian human rights organisation, sued ZICTA.

To reverse the decline in Zambia's internet freedom, President Hichilema should ensure open access to the internet, reject a trend toward prosecutions for online speech and protect Zambians' personal data.

A commitment to respecting online expression and privacy would ensure that the internet continues to serve as a tool for civic engagement and as an enabler of democracy in Zambia.

### Ensuring access and protecting free speech

First, Hichilema and the newly created Ministry of Technology and Science should signal a break with the previous administration by announc-



Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema

information from private companies and bad actors, nor will it promote the country's aspirations of a transformed digital economy.

Hichilema's administration should ensure the timely establishment of a Data Protection Commission, with an independent and competent commissioner to spearhead and enforce Zambia's personal data protection agenda. Hichilema should, moreover, hold his own government to the same standards to which he holds private companies.

The Cyber Security Act expands the scope of how the government can monitor the communication of Zambians, while the Data Protection Act offers problematic exceptions to safeguards for personal data in criminal investigations.

Zambia's law enforcement should only seek access to personal data when it is essential to the investigation at hand, explicitly provided for under Zambian law and subject to judicial oversight.

Personal data and communications information can be exploited by companies and governments alike to expose the intimate details of peoples' lives, from their involvement in social movements to their personal beliefs and professional pursuits. At-risk communities like political dissidents, human rights defenders, civil society actors, whistle-blowers and journalists are particularly vulnerable to such monitoring.

By protecting Zambians' privacy, the new president can affirm his commitment to human rights.

During the August elections, Zambians acted to protect internet freedom. Now, President Hichilema must act to safeguard Zambians' digital rights for the future.

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Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Commissioner General, Alphayo Kidata (L) and Director of Accounting Department, Ms. Dina Edward hold an award after TRA emerged the winner of Best international standard on auditing for public sector in 2020. In the category of government agencies in the National Board of Accounts competition. The results were announced at the event held at NBA's Conference Centre in Bunju Dar es Salaam.

ing a commitment to ensuring access to the internet and social media.

In previous years, network disruptions were reported in strongholds of Hichilema's United Party for National Development in times of political sensitivity. Such blunt censorship interrupts everything from everyday communication to digital financial transactions to online learning.

A commitment from Hichilema to refrain from ordering internet shutdowns and social media blocks would be a powerful testimony to his government's change in approach.

The new administration should further safeguard the right of Zambians to express themselves without fear of repercussions. Under the former president, Zambians risked arrest for speech on social media deemed insulting to Lungu. Take, for instance, Facebook user Enockson Banda, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in March 2019 for deriding Lungu on the platform.

When people can be arrested or fined for their posts online, they may begin to censor themselves. But unfettered speech – even when rancorous – is critical to maintaining a vibrant democracy. Hichilema's government should refrain from prosecuting such dissent, and direct law enforcement agents must avoid wrongfully arresting Zambians for speaking out on social media.

Worryingly, in March 2021, the Lungu government dramatically reshaped its approach to online content, with concerning implications for online speech.

The Cyber Security and Cyber Crimes Act bars the production and distribution of content “tending to corrupt morals”. It also criminalises the use of electronic communications to “coerce, intimidate, harass or cause emotional distress to a person”, without defining those terms. Such broad, vague language is ripe for abuse by powerful people seeking to suppress online criticism.

Some of these provisions carry hefty penalties of up to five years' imprisonment. Speculation about the Cyber Security Act's enforcement has further driven self-censorship among Zambians.

Officials in the new government should not enforce these provisions against Zambians who use the internet

to discuss the issues of the day, share commentary or provide necessary checks and balances on their government.

While users must remain on guard against misinformation and propaganda, the internet facilitates the spread of necessary and reliable information, particularly from journalists, bloggers and social media users reporting on key events.

### Protecting user data

Finally, the new government should protect the privacy of Zambians.

The Data Protection Act 2021 establishes landmark safeguards for personal data in the country. Without the resources for implementation and enforcement, however, the law will do little to safeguard Zambians' personal



Digital rights in Zambia suffered under former president Edgar Lungu.

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## BUSINESS

## DIVERSIFICATION

## MTN Nigeria scouts to engage retail investors

## ABUJA

MTN Nigeria has launched a national road-show to engage interested retail investors in the on-going offer by MTN Group for shares in MTN Nigeria. The first event of the road-show has been held in Abuja.

According to MTN, the company's Group Chairman Mcebisi Jonas and MTN Group President and CEO Ralph Mupita attended the road-show, which is being held on the sidelines of the state visit to Nigeria by South African President Cyril Ramaphosa.

Both countries are also participating in the 10th Bi-National Commission. Jonas said the offer to retail investors to buy shares in MTN Nigeria was a milestone: "We are delighted to be here to mark this momentous event and would like to express our thanks to the regulator and MTN Nigeria's broader stakeholder base for their support over the years. MTN is a pan-African company which works to deepen inclusion and create shared value."

Mupita said the MTN Group had



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made a clear strategic decision to build shared value across operations: "The best way we can do that is by enabling broad ownership in our operating companies. This offer is the first phase of that process in Nigeria, as we progressively reduce our shareholding from 78% to 65% over time. I am incredibly proud to be able to be here today, engaging directly with the Nigerian shareholders we hope will join us on the next phase of our journey."

MTN Nigeria CEO Karl Toriola said the offer had been structured to be available to as many Nigerian investors as possible: "Today's road-show in Abuja is the first in a schedule that takes us to every state of the Federation over the next two weeks. It is really important for us to provide Nigerians across the country with the opportunity to engage with us as we build a shareholder base that is nationally representative."

MTN added that the offer opened at 8:00am on 1 December 2021 and will close at 5:00pm on 14 December 2021. The minimum subscription is for 20 shares and lots of 20 shares thereafter. "The offer includes an incentive in the form of 1 free share for every 20 shares purchased, subject to a maximum of 250 shares per investor. The incentive is open to retail investors who buy and hold the shares allotted to them for at least 12 months after the allotment date," the company stated.

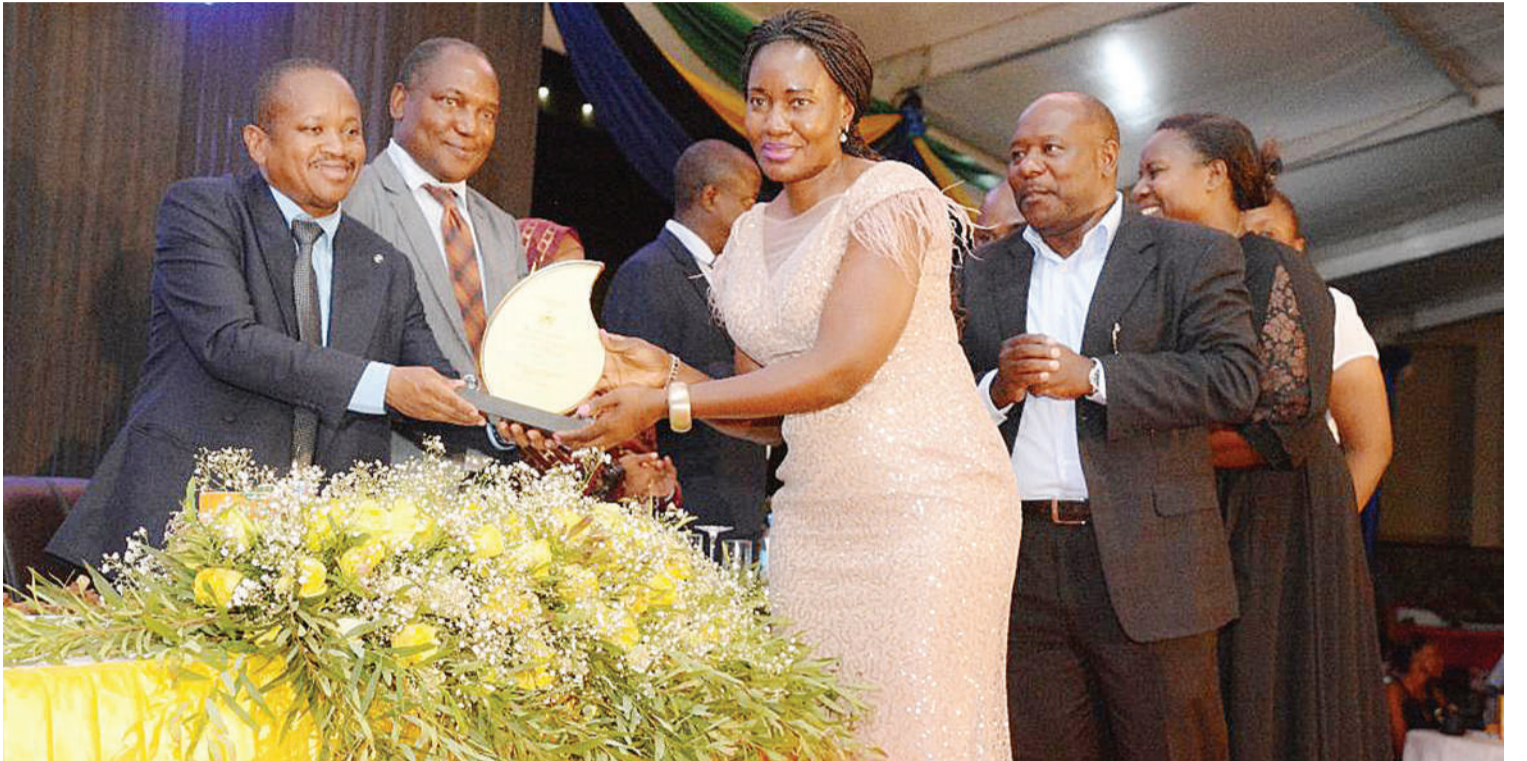
Investors are able to submit applications through the issuing houses, receiving agents (authorised stockbrokers and Nigerian banks) and online via a unique digital application platform, PrimaryOffer, administered by the Nigerian Exchange Limited.



From L-R: CEO and President of MTN Group, Ralph Mupita; Chairman MTN Group, Mcebisi Jonas; MTN Nigeria, Ernest Ndukwe; and CEO MTN Nigeria, Karl Toriola.

## IMPRESSIVE

## PSSSF director happy with NBAA recognition for the best accounts presentation



Public Sector Social Security Fund's director of finance, Beatrice Musa Lupi receiving the Best Presented Financial Statements for the Year 2020 Award in the category of social security and health funds from the government's chief accountant, Leonard Mkude during an annual event organised by National Board of Accountants and Auditors held in Dar es Salaam on Friday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

## By Guardian Reporter

**A** best presented financial statements for year 2020 award which Public Sector Social Security Fund received from National Board of Accountants and Auditors last week is testimony that the fund invests a lot in better book keeping practices.

PSSSF Director of Finance, Beatrice Lupi said in Dar es Salaam on

Friday after receiving the award that as a pension fund which keeps billions of shillings in members' cash, there is need to maintain high professional standards keeping of financial records.

"This award also means that we at PSSSF prepare our account records using the latest international standards as defined by audit and accounting bodies including NBAA," Lupi said while stressing that PSSSF will continue

to exercise professionalism in the conduct of its duties to ensure that members contributions are safe.

She pointed out that as a public institution, PSSSF is duty bound to adhere to best professional practices by making sure that its books of accounts are in line with both NBAA guidelines but also civil service regulations.

"In addition, this award gives our members confidence that their savings are safe because the

fund is adhering to best professional practices that conform to international accounting standards," she added noting that the award will simply motivate the fund's management and staff to work even better and harder.

"But more importantly, this award also assures our members of a better and predictable bright future because their savings are in safe hands," Lupi noted.



Shareholders of Nicol Investment Plc registering to attend the company's annual general meeting that was held over the weekend in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole.

## REMUNERATION

## Nicol Investments shareholders endorse 1.047bn/- dividend payout

## By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

SHAREHOLDERS of Nicol Investments Plc endorsed dividend worth 1.047bn/- which they will share among themselves thanks to profit made from investments made in 2021.

The shareholders who met in Dar es Salaam on Saturday during their annual general meeting under their chairman, Dr Gideon Kaunda approved the 17/- per share dividend will be paid before 30 December this year.

The company's acting CEO, Erasto Ngamilaga said his management has weaned Nicol from its troubled past and that now it is stable with prospects of sustained profit making for the foreseeable

future. Ngamilaga said as a result of the tremendous work done by his management, the company has been doing better and will continue doing so to boost the value of its shares at Dar es Salaam Stock Market.

"We had a very fruitful meeting with shareholders and many of them were happy with the company's performance especially in profit making from the various investments that we have done," he said.

The Nicol acting CEO promised shareholders that his management will continue with its plans to invest in various profitable listed companies and other vehicles such as government securities where some 14bn/- has been put

generating windfall profits annually.

"We are very proud to see shareholders are happy with the development of their company because they get what they expected for a very long time," Ngamilaga added while stressing that his management team will ensure that shareholders continue to earn more from their investment.

He said for the year ended 2020, management had recommended a dividend of 10/- per share but due to the good performance made, shareholders endorsed more because during the first half of the year ended 30 June 2021, profit after tax increased to 3.8bn/- from 2.2bn/- last year.

During the AGM, Nicol Chair-

man Dr Kaunda told the shareholders that the company has managed to control all challenges they faced due to failures of the old management. He said the company won successfully 37 cases mostly filled by the old management and board members.

Dr Kaunda assured shareholders that as for now, the company is stable and shall continue to pay dividend while the value of its investment is increasing daily. "I can assure you that Nicol is now through with the bad past of making losses year in and out," Dr Kaunda hinted.

During the AGM, shareholders also endorsed a proposal to increase of the number of company directors from the current seven.

## DIGITIZATION

## Cameroon leans on South Korean alliance to boost e-govt

## AOUNDEY

The Cameroonian government intends to roll out digital centres and smart campuses nationally as part of efforts to digitise service delivery. The country plans to leverage its economic ties with South Korea to help with rollout.

Speaking during the Korea-Cameroon Digital Forum under the theme

'Digital Governance for Administrative Transformation', Minister of Public Service and Administrative Reforms Joseph Le said infrastructure to the value of CFA4-billion is part of a project to harmonise the data systems of different ministerial departments to improve data processing and management. This will enable better access to public service and improve efficiency, accord-

ing to the Minister.

Le said the smart campuses will be set up within the premises of the National Advanced School of Posts, Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technologies (SUPPTIC), National Advanced School of Engineering (ENSP) and National School of Administration and Magistracy, (ENAM); all located in the capital Yaounde.

The Minister added that 4,000 persons will receive training from these facilities each year. The project will benefit from the technical and financial support of the government of South Korea through the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Le acknowledged the South Korea government for its support in the construction and furnishing of the smart campuses. "This is only

the beginning. Many more things could come in terms of capacity-building of public servants," he said.

South Korea Ambassador to Cameroon Kim Jonghan noted that e-governance is a strategic sector of cooperation between his country and Cameroon. He pledged his country's support to Cameroon's Vision 2035 to become an upper middle-income country leveraging the digital econ-

omy.

South Korea has previously supported Cameroon in designing the country's e-government master plan and setting up electronic procurement and customs clearance systems. The country has continued to facilitate trilateral cooperation on an e-government capacity-building plan between itself, Cameroon and Nigeria.

## ACTIVISM

# SBL chief pledges to continue supporting the disabled agenda

By Guardian Reporter

**S**UPPORTING diversity and people with disability will remain to Serengeti Breweries Limited focus area as the company is committed to continue investing in special needs groups of people.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam on Friday to mark this year's commemoration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), SBL's Managing Director, Mark Ocitti said the brewer is committed in backing up Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) Agenda.

Ocitti said during an exercise to light the company's head office in purple colour as part of a series of activities to mark the day, that inclusion and diversity are in the DNA of SBL's business. He noted that the company is a strong believer in equal opportunities for all. Ocitti said SBL has set a three-pillar strategy that guides the company's effort in promoting the plight of Persons with Disabilities.

"With our first pillar, SBL as an employer, we have made a conscious decision to employ PwDs directly in our business and across the value chain. We target to employ



SBL managing director, Mark Ocitti speaks at a past event.

PwDs every year and at least ten by 2025. To achieve this, we share any arising job vacancies with PwDs institutions and colleges, which then give us CVs of their members to consider in the recruitment process," he said.

The SBL chief executive

pointed out that the company has positioned itself as a partner on the second pillar and as such partners different institutions to promote and empower PwDs through supporting events and other related forums.

"On our third pillar, we play an

advocacy role. We are doing all this, and in line with our company inclusion and diversity agenda, SBL is advocating for promoting PwDs inclusion in society. We create this awareness across our business value chain by encouraging SBL suppliers, farmers, contractors

and other partners to embrace the inclusion of PwDs," he elaborated.

Apart from diversity and inclusion, Ocitti said SBL is also implementing six community support programs that impact and bring positive changes to the lives of millions of Tanzanians. Such programs include: Water of Life which since 2010 has witnessed SBL invest in 21 water boreholes across the country, benefitting over two million people with free clean and safe water.

The second project is 'Kilimo Viwanda' Agro-scholarship program which has seen the brewer provide fully-funded scholarships to at least 30-40 students from local farming communities to study agri-related diploma courses in local colleges to build technical capacities for the farming communities.

The third project is Responsible Drinking which the company reaches out to thousands of its customers and members of the public countrywide, mainly drivers, college students, 'bodaboda' riders and pedestrians to sensitise them on not drinking and driving.

Through the Agribusiness project, SBL is developing and empowering a network of local farmers who cultivate raw materials such as maize, barley and sorghum used in the manufacture of its beers. More than 400 smallholder farmers are benefitting from this project as contract farmers.

The brewer also supports tree planting as part of conservation and protection of water catchment areas hence contributing to increased natural vegetation while fighting climate change.

## DIGITIZATION

## Capitec launches new free QR-Code payments in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

Capitec, one of South Africa's largest digital banks, is expanding its digital offering with the launch of Capitec Pay Me, a new solution enabling its clients to generate a personalized QR code on the bank's app to receive payments immediately and securely from other Capitec clients.

With over 9 million digital banking clients, Capitec's Francois Viviers, Group Executive of Marketing, explains how the solution will advance South Africa's digital economy. "Carrying cash is expensive and unsafe. We're giving our clients, who are from all different walks of life, a simpler and safer way to pay. You'll no longer need cash to pay for small purchases at informal retailers, tip car guards or pay the person selling ice creams at the beach. It's also an easy way transfer money to family or friends and to split the bill at a restaurant. We've already seen over 2.5 million clients activate their unique QR code after quietly launching it on our app last week."

Clients can activate and access their unique Pay Me QR code on the bank's app or visit a branch to get a printed version supplied in a plastic pouch with a lanyard. To pay someone the person receiving money shows their QR code, while the other person simply selects 'scan to pay'. The payment is verified using your app pin or biometrics making it very secure. There is no need to enter account or cell phone details, saving time and preventing errors.

"Just as we've made immediate payments affordable and accessible to all South Africans, we believe Pay Me is going to reduce South Africa's need for cash," Viviers says. Pay Me provides a way for clients to track their spending. Transactions are listed on the track money feature on Capitec's app. While smaller transactions may not feel like big spending, they quickly add up. Pay Me can show where even small amounts go each month.

"We don't believe in innovation for innovation's sake. Each new feature must put clients in better control of their financial lives," Viviers concludes. How Pay Me works in 3 simple steps: Open the Capitec banking app, tap Transact and choose 'Pay Me' (to receive a payment) or Scan to Pay (to make a payment). Both these options can also be added to your favourites on your home screen; When selecting 'Pay Me' you can choose: 'My QR' which is your personal QR code. (No amount is specified, and the payment will automatically go into your main savings account) or 'Custom QR' which is created based on the amount you enter (you specify the amount to be paid by the other person and choose which account it should be paid into); and Show your 'Pay Me' QR code to the other Capitec client who will tap 'Scan to pay' and hold the phone over the screen displaying the QR code. The transfer of funds is processed instantly.

## PROMOTION

# Dar resident wins motorcycle in ongoing 'Wagiftishe' end of year campaign

By Guardian Reporter



Tigo's communications manager, Woinde Shisael.

A resident of Kurasini in Dar es Salaam, Noel Kabuje has won a 'bodaboda' motorcycle in the ongoing Tigo Tanzania's 'Wagiftishe' end of year campaign.

Kabuje who won the motorcycle after purchasing an ITEL T20 smartphone from a Tigo shop in the commercial capital on Friday, expressed his joy for getting the bike which will enable him to start a motorcycle taxi or 'bodaboda'. "I am self-employed so this motorcycle will give me an alternative means of earning a living. I really thank Tigo for caring its customers, not only by providing quality smartphones at an affordable price, but matching these with exiting prizes that will now assist me to improve my economic condition," he said.

Tigo's Communications Manager, Woinde Shisael congratulated Kabuje for winning the bike saying the telco as the market leader in digital lifestyle transformation in the country, the campaign is

geared at ensuring that everyone has a chance to own a quality smartphone at an affordable price.

"Furthermore, with every ITEL T20 smartphone purchase from Tigo shops countrywide, customers enter into a draw for a chance to win one of the five motorcycles and smartphones that are still up for grabs in the promotion," Shisael said.

She explained that upon a customer's purchase of the model ITEL T20 smartphones, Tigo's customer service staff at the shops will record the smartphone's IMEI number and the customer's name and mobile phone number. These details are entered into weekly draws with the luck winner driving home the motorcycle for a period of six weeks.

"This campaign is also aimed to show appreciation to our customers for supporting Tigo as a brand in the market for the whole 2021 as we come to the end," the Tigo Tanzania Communications Manager added.

## CENSURE

# Rogue matatus in city roundabouts put on notice

NAIROBI

Public service vehicles (PSVs), which have turned roundabouts in Nairobi into termini, lay-bays and parking areas, have been put on notice.

Members of the County Assembly (MCAs) have approved a motion calling on City Hall and the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) to clamp-down on such matatus. The motion by Komarock MCA John Kamau wants the rogue matatu operators who illegally use the roundabouts to be punished.

Mr Kamau decried the persistent use of roundabouts by PSVs as termini which causes heavy tailbacks of traffic on key roads such as the Outer Ring Road leading to loss of productive time and value for public money and investments.

He pointed out that the Nairobi City

County Traffic Act 2020 prohibits matatus from picking and dropping passengers at undesignated bus stops with the Act further prohibiting persons from parking on public roads in a manner that impedes traffic flow.

"The County Executive and NMS should issue a public notice prohibiting public transport from using roundabouts as termini, lay-bays and parking areas with punitive measures against operators who defy the order," said Mr Kamau.

Minority Whip Peter Imwatok cited Outer Ring Road and Globe Cinema roundabouts which have been turned into parking termini creating snarl-ups on Nairobi roads. "If you go to Outer Ring Road you will find that the bus terminus operators or the brokers are the ones manning these termini," said the Makongeni MCA.

Deputy Majority Leader Peter Wanoyke added: "If you happen to pass

through Outer Ring Road roundabout to Dandora, you stay at that roundabout for an hour while you used seven minutes from Nairobi CBD. You can spend an hour or two due to these matatus picking and dropping passengers."

Umoja I MCA Mark Mugambi said that most of the matatus using the roundabouts as their termini have designated picking and drop off areas but there are some unscrupulous county officers who give letters for pickup and drop off in undesignated areas.

This besides walk ways also being converted to picking and dropping off points by matatus leaving pedestrians competing for walking spaces with the matatus. He added that traders are also complaining that the loading zones which they pay for annually have been turned into picking and dropping off points by matatus.



Matatus parked at the Globe Roundabout.

PARTNERSHIP

# Barrick, Novagold agree on next steps towards advancement of Donlin Gold



Mark Bristow of Barrick and Greg Lang of Novagold on a visit to Donlin Gold project in Alaska, the US.

ALASKA

Donlin Gold LLC which is owned 50/50 by Barrick Gold Corporation and Novagold Resources Inc. has reported on progress made during the executive management workshop and site visit in early September between senior representatives from the two companies accompanied by Donlin Gold management team.

Additional assay results for 18 completed drill holes, plus partial results for 22 holes from the 2021 drill program indicated that during the September 2021 executive management meetings in Alaska, the combined team reaffirmed its confidence in the deposit and charted a course toward advancing the project up the value chain.

In a statement, Barrick said senior executives from Barrick and Novagold who included CEOs Mark Bristow and Greg Lang, met with local stakeholders as well as senior Alaska federal and state government officials who expressed their continued strong support for the project.

The statement added that assay results from approximately 65 percent or 15,700 meters of drilling continue to support the global resource estimate, recent modelling concepts, and strategic mine planning work.

With a progression plan in place, subject to results from the upcoming drill program the

partners are well positioned to be able to proceed with a feasibility study update in 2022. The release noted that this year's drill program delivered consistent results.

"The 2021 drill program was completed in September with 79 holes drilled for a total of 24,264 meters. To date, Donlin Gold has reported assays for 36 complete holes and 22 partial holes, encompassing 15,700 meters of length drilled," the statement said.

The last core was logged in mid-October with final samples sent off site to laboratories for further processing. The camp was closed at the end of October and is expected to reopen in January 2022 for a winter drill program. Final results from the 2021 drill program are expected to be disclosed in 2022.

The primary objective of the 2021 drill program was to complete the work necessary to validate and increase confidence in recent geologic modelling concepts to support future feasibility work. The logging and assay results will be incorporated into a geologic model update, followed by a shift in focus to feasibility study work, subject to a formal decision by the Donlin Gold Board.

Commenting on the progress made, Barrick's President and CEO, Mark Bristow said, "Getting together in Alaska, visiting the Donlin project site and sitting down with stakeholders drove home the significance and importance of Donlin to both partners. We have a

unique opportunity to progress a world-class project in both a jurisdiction and with local partners that recognize the contribution such an asset can bring to the lives of future generations of Alaskans."

In response to Bristow's observation, Novagold's President and CEO, Greg Lang, said, "The successfully concluded site visit and the meetings that followed with our Alaskan constituencies provided an excellent lead-in to Barrick's and Novagold's onward progression for the Donlin Gold project. The identification of key work plans represents a most welcome and important achievement in taking Donlin Gold up the value chain and is the natural extension of confirmation work carried out with our partners at Barrick, which includes the recently completed drill campaign. This campaign is not only yielding high-grade intercepts in the future open-pit areas; Donlin Gold's 2021 drill program is producing some of the best drill results seen lately in the gold mining industry, from juniors to majors."

Lang's observation was seconded by Donlin Gold General Manager, Dan Graham, who added, "We enjoyed hosting the senior management teams from both Barrick and Novagold here in person in Alaska. We are also energized with the interest and resources the owners are dedicating to the Donlin Gold project. It is a great economic opportunity for the region and the State."

APPRECIATION

# Thw world's biggest ever soybean crop gets bigger, keeping a lid on prices

BRASILIA

There are fresh signs the world's largest ever soybean crop is getting even bigger, driving down global prices. Brazil has seen nearly ideal weather for growing the oilseed, with abundant rains during planting season followed by plenty of sunshine in key regions like Mato Grosso.

As the harvest approaches, local prices are sliding, pointing to expectations of a bumper haul. Private consulting companies are now raising the country's output to 145 million metric tons, a world record.

The gigantic harvest could help to alleviate some of the inflation that has global food prices at the highest in years. "Of course the weather in December will be key," Marcelo Lacerda, head sales trader for HedgePoint in Brazil. "But I see a good crop coming out of Brazil."

Supplies are still leftover from the previous season, which is

weighing on the market and helping to make Brazil's products cheaper than its main competitor, the U.S. Prices are so low that farmers are withholding sales, hoping that better deals will come up in January. That's driven down overseas shipments. A standard 60-kilogram bag of soybeans plunged about 10% over the last two weeks.

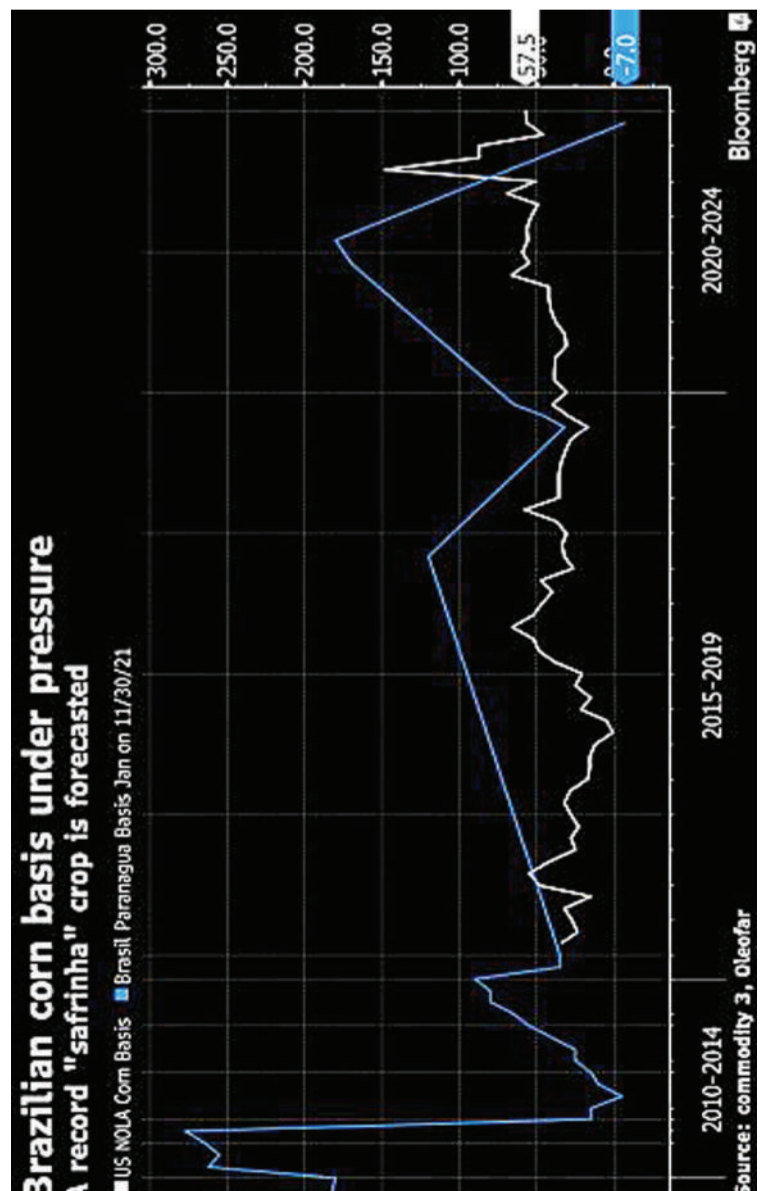
There's still room for rallies. There's drought in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul and in Argentina. La Nina weather patterns, currently in play, are a wild card. Any such shifts could impact yields, according to Lacerda.

Buyers of soybeans including local industries like chicken farms are also at the sidelines. They're waiting for the harvest to start, when supplies will really mount and drive down prices even lower. Brazilian corn, known as safrinha, is also benefiting from the favourable weather, and output is expected to reach all-time highs.



## UZALO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM

Table with TV schedule columns for Saturday 4 Dec, Tuesday 7 Dec, Thursday 9 Dec, Friday 10 Dec, Saturday 11 Dec, and Sunday 12 Dec. Includes program names and times.



A graph depicting Brazil's corn output.

CAPITAL section with a sub-header 'Sat 04 Dec' and a list of programs including 'Korean Drama rpt: Emperor Of The Sea', 'Telenovela rpt: Lover her to death', and 'Sun 05 Dec' programs.

## WORLD

## Virus: Britain tightens testing for inbound travelers

LONDON

BRITAIN will require all inbound travelers to take a pre-departure COVID-19 test and arrivals from Nigeria will have to quarantine in hotels to slow the spread of the Omicron variant, health minister Sajid Javid said on Saturday.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said that travel restrictions are necessary to slow the spread of Omicron while scientists work to understand more about the transmissibility and implications for vaccine effectiveness of the variant.

The UK Health Security Agency said

that the total number of confirmed Omicron cases had risen to 160.

The pre-departure testing requirement will mean that, from 0400 GMT on Tuesday, all inbound travelers must take a either a PCR or a rapid lateral flow test a maximum of 48 hours before departure.

The health ministry said that the measure was justified as UKHSA analysis indicated the window between infection and infectiousness may be shorter for the Omicron variant.

But British Airways said it was a "devastating blow" for the industry, while



In this file photo taken in Dec 23, 2020, passengers board a Eurostar train at St Pancras International station in London, as services prepare to resume following a 48-hour closure of the French border, due to a new coronavirus strain being discovered in the UK. AFP

pilot union BALPA said the government was destroying confidence in air travel.

The measures will be reviewed on Dec 20.

Nigeria will be added to Britain's travel "red list" at 0400 GMT on Monday. The health ministry said the vast majority of cases in Britain have clear

links to overseas travel from Nigeria and South Africa.

South Africa and nine other Southern African countries were added to the red list last weekend, meaning that entry is only allowed to UK citizens or residents who then must quarantine in a hotel.

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## Russia bashes new Western sanctions against Belarus - foreign ministry

MOSCOW

MOSCOW firmly denounces the new sanctions imposed by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom and Canada on Belarus on December 2, and believes that those restrictions are illegitimate, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement posted on the Russian Foreign Ministry's website on Saturday.



"We strongly condemn the new restrictive measures against Belarus, which were synchronously approved on December 2 by the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, and Canada. These sanctions are illegitimate, like any other restrictions imposed in circumvention of the United Nations Security Council. They are inhumane due to their negative impact on the lives of ordinary citizens of Belarus," the statement said.

Zakharova added that the West's sanctions against Belarus have "a clear political connotation and are another example of interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign state."

"Their authors do not conceal that they intentionally deliver blows to the backbone of the Belarusian economy," the diplomat said. "They obviously aim at its collapse and at reducing the Belarusians' living standards, thus attempting to set preconditions for another 'color revolution'."

## Payback for migrants

Zakharova pointed out that the option for sanctions was "extremely cynical."

"The Western countries are trying to use it in order to punish Belarus for the migrant crisis, which was caused by their own policy of 'democracy export' to the Middle East and North Africa," she explained. "That neocolonial policy destabilized and shattered the sovereignty, statehood, civilizational foundations and socio-economic patterns of regional nations, and resulted in a mass exodus of migrants and mounting cross-border threats."

According to the Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, the hypocrisy of the sanctions is becoming more and more evident against the backdrop of continuing gross violations of human rights and refugee rights by Western countries.

"Poland and Lithuania perfidiously refuse to comply with international obligations by denying entry to asylum seekers. The incidents of brutal treatment towards migrants by Polish and Lithuanian border guards and service members have been documented by relevant bodies of the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency Frontex," the diplomat said.

She pointed out that even in these conditions, the Belarusian counterparts, on the contrary, "in spite of illegal sanctions and sweeping accusations, show a humane attitude to the refugees on their territory."

"We expect that international agencies will take the necessary measures to exert their influence on Warsaw and Vilnius to make them stop mistreating migrants," Zakharova stressed.

## Solutions

The Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson recalled that the history of previous migration crises proves that their solutions "can be found only through close cooperation between the countries of origin, transit and destination of migrants."

"We call on the Western states to abandon double standards and the policy of illegitimate sanctions, but to demonstrate a civilized approach and proceed with the practical settlement of the migrant crisis in cooperation with the authorities of the Republic of Belarus," the diplomat said.

The European Union enforced the fifth package of anti-Belarusian sanctions on December 2. The sanctions cover 17 individuals and 11 organizations. The US Department of the Treasury also imposed restrictions on Belarus' public debt securities and banned operations with the country's new promissory notes with a maturity of more than 90 days issued after December 2.

Apart from that, 20 individuals, 12 legal entities and three aircraft were backlisted in connection with the migration crisis and in the light of allegations about the clampdown on civil freedoms. The United Kingdom and Canada also announced extra sanctions against Belarus.

Meanwhile, Belarusian Foreign Minister Vladimir Makei said at a meeting of the OSCE top diplomats that his country was being punished with sanctions because it had highlighted "the dark side of European democracy."

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## Omicron mutations signal vaccine evasion, same symptoms

By Bloomberg

As fears of another global surge of COVID-19 cases send jitters through global markets, spur a new round of travel bans and cause Americans to rethink their holiday plans, scientists studying the Omicron variant are getting the first hints of what's in store for the months to come.

The new variant's mutations suggest that it is likely to evade the protections of vaccines to at least some extent, but that it is unlikely to cause more severe illness than previous versions of the coronavirus.

These early hypothesis appear in line with real-world observations from places like South Africa, where infections have included the vaccinated and previously ill but appear so far largely mild. That data, however, is thus far extremely limited, so much current evidence has come from computer modeling and comparing Omicron's physical structure to past variants.

A lot remains a mystery about omicron, which has more than twice the number of mutations as the delta variant, with the bulk found in the spike, the crown-like protein on the surface of the virus that vaccines train our bodies to attack. The appear-

ance of such a highly mutated virus nearly two years into the pandemic caught the scientific community by surprise, as many had hypothesized that the ultra-contagious delta variant might mark the last major wave, peaking and then eventually burning out, much like the 1918 influenza pandemic.

It will take scientists weeks of careful laboratory testing and study to untangle exactly what Omicron's mutations mean, and definitively nail down details about how much more contagious it is and what the implications are for those who get infected. But early observations have already allowed scientists to make some informed guesses about what's to come.

The location of Omicron's mutations suggest two things. The first is that the virus is likely to evade vaccines to some extent. Some of the spike mutations are in the same locations seen in other variants that spread quickly. In past variants those mutations have led to what's known as antibody escape, in which the virus is able to evade the attack of antibodies generated by vaccines or a previous COVID-19 infection.

The second insight is that it appears likely omicron won't be impervious to the body's



This undated photo shows a technician at a Testaro COVID-19 laboratory in the Dunkeld suburb of Johannesburg, South Africa.

second line of defense, T-cells. They work hand-in-hand with antibodies to ward off infection and the development of disease. If a virus manages to escape the attacks of antibodies, T-cells then get to work killing infected cells.

"Many of the mutations occur in the hotspots on the spike protein, which we know are important for antibodies to bind," said Wendy Burgers, an immunologist at the University of Cape Town. "What we predict is that a lot of the T-cell response will still be active against Omicron."

Her lab is awaiting samples from omicron-infected patients and spike-protein based on omicron to begin experiments to help confirm this suspicion.

But early computer analysis has backed up the theory.

Antibodies have narrow targets of attack on the spike protein, aiming for just two specific regions known as the receptor binding domain and the N-terminal domain. That means that a handful of mutations in those regions can significantly impact the ability of antibodies to attack. T-cells, on the other hand, target the entire spike. A handful of changes are less likely to impact their effectiveness.

"What we need to confirm with our lab experiments is how much is the T-cell response affected?" she said. While some of Omicron's dozens of mutations have been seen before in previ-

ous variants, many are completely novel. That means more time and data will be necessary to fully understand the full impact of omicron with any certainty.

At Rockefeller University in New York, Theodora Hatzioannou's lab has spent the past year experimenting with a non-dangerous, synthetic version of the virus to see what might happen were there significant numbers of mutations to the COVID-19 spike protein, many in the same locations as Omicron.

"We can be quite confident that this new spike is going to be rather resistant to neutralization by antibodies," she said. "I am hoping that this omicron spike will not escape every single response of our immune system and that the vaccines will still afford some protection from severe disease."

In the long term, what these mutations highlight is that predictions about the pandemic are hard to make.

Charles Chiu, a microbiologist at University of California, San Francisco whose lab sequenced the first-known US case of Omicron, said that he was in the camp of scientists that suspected the delta variant was the beginning of the end of the pandemic.

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THE parents of a Michigan teenager accused of murdering four fellow high school students were taken into custody on Saturday, a day after each was charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the campus mass shooting.

Authorities began searching for James and Jennifer Crumbley after Oakland County prosecutors announced the charges on Friday, saying the Crumbleys bought the gun for their son as a Christmas present and then ignored warning signs that may have presaged such a massacre.

Detroit police said in the early hours of Saturday that they had taken the couple into custody.

The police found the two at what "looked like a residential building," Detroit police spokesman Rudy Harper said.

## Parents of suspected Michigan school shooter arrested

"We arrested them," Harper said when asked if the parents turned themselves in.

The couple's 15-year-old son, Ethan Crumbley, is being held without bail and has been charged as adult on suspicion of carrying out the deadliest US school shooting of 2021 on Tuesday at Oxford High School, about 40 miles (60 km) north of Detroit.

Crumbley's parents were expected to appear for a Friday afternoon arraignment but stopped responding to calls from their attorneys, according to Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe, prompting a search by the Sheriff's Fugitive Apprehension Team.

After they failed to appear, the US Marshals Service said it had taken on the case and was joining Oakland County officials in the search.

"The action of fleeing and ignoring their attorney certainly adds weight to the charges," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in a statement on Friday. "They cannot run from their part in this tragedy."

Even so, lawyers for the parents issued a state-

ment on Friday saying they intended to return for their arraignment.

"They are not fleeing from law enforcement," attorneys Shannon Smith and Mariell Lehman said.

## Gun Purchase

Four days before the shooting, Ethan accompanied his father to a gun shop, where James Crumbley bought a 9mm handgun, prosecutors said.

Ethan posted photos of the gun on social media, writing, "Just got my new beauty today." The next day his mother posted that the two of them were "testing out his new Christmas present," Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald said.

McDonald detailed a number of other warning signs that she said the parents failed to act on.

On Nov 21, a teacher found Ethan Crumbley searching for ammunition on his phone. His mother later texted him, "LOL, I'm not mad at you. You have to learn not to get caught."

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## Chinese path expands channels for developing countries to achieve modernisation

THE Communist Party of China (CPC) has led the people in pioneering a uniquely Chinese path to modernization, creating a new model for human advancement, and expanding the channels for developing countries to achieve modernization, pointed out the Resolution on the Major Achievements and Historical Experience of the Party over the Past Century, a landmark resolution released by the CPC recently.

"This has offered a new option for countries and nations who want to accelerate development while preserving their independence," said the resolution adopted

at the sixth plenary session of the 19th Central Committee of the CPC.

The important conclusion has profoundly revealed the global significance of the CPC's leading the Chinese people in blazing the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics and continuously advancing socialist modernization.

Finding a path to national development and revitalization is the shared aspiration of all countries across the globe.

Throughout human history, no nation or country has ever become strong and prosperous by relying on external forces, indiscriminately copying the models of other coun-

tries, or blindly following in others' footsteps. Those who have attempted to do so have either suffered inevitable defeat or been reduced to vassals of others.

To keep the fate of its development and progress firmly in its own hands, a country must explore a viable path that suits its national conditions and stick to the path no matter what.

The CPC has explored and followed the right path that suits China's realities in its century-long history.

Since the country's reform and opening-up, the CPC has led the Chinese people unwaveringly on

the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, significantly improving China's economic strength, scientific and technological capabilities, comprehensive national strength as well as its international standing, raising the living standards of the Chinese people from bare subsistence to moderate prosperity in all respects, and creating a miracle of rapid economic development and long-term social stability.

Compared with the modernization of western countries, which is like a process of "series connection" during which industrialization, urbanization, agricultural

modernization, and informatization have taken place in sequence, China's modernization process is a "parallel connection" process, during which the country completed development processes that took developed countries several centuries in the space of mere decades, said a scholar.

Because of such significant changes and miraculous progress, today's China is considered the growth pole of global modernization and the largest lab of economic and social reform in the world.

Whether a country's path of development works is judged, first and foremost, by whether it fits the

country's conditions; whether it follows the development trend of the times; whether it brings about economic growth, social advancement, better livelihoods, and social stability; whether it has the people's endorsement and support; and whether it contributes to the progressive cause of humanity.

The Chinese people have full confidence in the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics as they consider it a right and practicable path that conforms to China's national conditions and traits and is in line with the development requirements of the times.

People's Daily



## Putin and Biden to hold online meeting on Ukraine

WASHINGTON/MOSCOW

US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold a video call tomorrow, with the two leaders set to discuss the tense situation in Ukraine.

"Biden will underscore US concerns with Russian military activities on the border with Ukraine and reaffirm the United States' support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine," White House spokesperson Jen Psaki said in a statement.

She said other topics would include "strategic stability, cyber and regional issues."

The two will also talk about bilateral ties and the implementation of agreements reached at their Geneva summit in June, the Kremlin said on Saturday.

"The conversation will indeed take place on Tuesday," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told Reuters. "Bilateral relations, of course Ukraine and the realization of the agreements reached in Geneva are the main (items) on the agenda," he said.

The exact timing of the call was not disclosed.

More than 94,000 Russian troops are believed to be massed near Ukraine's borders. Ukraine Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov said on Friday that Moscow may be planning a large-scale military offensive at the end of January, citing intelligence reports. US officials have come to similar conclusions, they said.

Biden, meanwhile, has rejected Russian demands for security guarantees in the region.

"My expectation is we're going to have a long discussion with Putin," Biden told reporters on Friday as he departed for a weekend trip to Camp David. "I don't accept anybody's red lines," he said.

The US president said he and his advisers were preparing a comprehensive set of initiatives aimed at deterring Putin from an invasion. He did not give further details, but the administration has discussed partnering with European allies to impose more sanctions on Russia.

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin separately said that Washington was committed to ensuring that Ukraine had what it needed to protect its territory.

Austin added that there was a lot of space for diplomacy and leadership to work on Ukraine.

At the same conference, James C McConville, chief of staff of the US Army, on Saturday referred to estimates of 95,000 to 100,000 Russian troops on the border with Ukraine.

"I don't know what they are going to do, but I am very, very concerned," McConville said.

Moscow accuses Kyiv of pursuing its own military build-up. It has dismissed as inflammatory suggestions that it is preparing for an attack on its southern neighbor and has defended its right to deploy troops on its own territory as it sees fit.

US officials say they do not know yet what Putin's intentions are, including whether Putin has made a decision to invade Ukraine.

US-Russia relations have been deteriorating for years, notably with Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine, its 2015 intervention in Syria and US intelligence charges of meddling in the 2016 election won by now-former President Donald Trump.

But they have become more volatile in recent months.

The Biden administration has asked Moscow to crack down on ransomware and cyber-crime attacks emanating from Russian soil, and in November charged a Ukraine national and a Russian in one of the worst ransomware attacks against American targets.

Russia has repeatedly denied carrying out or tolerating cyber-attacks.

The two leaders have had one face-to-face meeting since Biden took office in January, sitting down for talks in Geneva in June. They last talked by phone on July 9. Biden relishes direct talks with world leaders, seeing them as a way to lower tensions.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken warned Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Stockholm earlier this week that the United States and its European allies would impose "severe costs and consequences on Russia if it takes further aggressive action against Ukraine."

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US President Joe Biden (left) and Russian President Vladimir Putin meet at the Villa La Grange in Geneva, Switzerland, June 16, 2021. File photo

## Somali forces destroy al-Shabab hideouts, kill several in southern region

MOGADISHU

SOMALI National Army (SNA) said its elite forces, Danab, on Saturday destroyed hideouts being used by al-Shabab to carry out terror attacks in the southern region.

The SNA commanders told Radio Mogadishu that several terrorists were killed during the sting security operations against the militants at a village in the Lower Shabelle region.

"Somali Army's commandos, Danab destroyed al-Shabab hideouts and killed several terrorists in a planned security operation near Leego village in Lower Shabelle region on Saturday," the state-owned radio reported.

The SNA commanders said the Danab forces stormed the Leego village and destroyed the terrorist cells that had made life difficult for the region's farmers and livestock traders.

Xinhua

# China issues white paper on its democracy

BEIJING,

CHINA'S State Council Information Office on Saturday released a white paper titled "China: Democracy That Works."

Democracy is a common value of humanity and an ideal that has always been cherished by the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people, said the white paper.

Over the past hundred years, the Party has led the people in realizing people's democracy in China. The Chinese people now truly hold in their hands their own future and that of society and the country, said the white paper.

The people's status as masters of the country is the essence of people's democracy, it said.

China's whole-process people's democracy integrates process-oriented democracy with results-oriented democracy, procedural democracy with substantive democracy, direct democracy with indirect democracy, and people's democracy with the will of the state, it said.

It is a model of socialist democracy that covers all aspects of the democratic process and all sectors of society. It is a true democracy that works, the white paper noted.

Democracy is a concrete phenomenon that is constantly evolving. Rooted in history, culture and tradition, it takes diverse forms and develops along the paths chosen by different peoples based on their exploration and innovation, it said.

Democracy is not a decorative ornament, but an instrument for addressing the issues that concern the people. Democracy is the right of the people in every country, rather than the prerogative of a few nations, the white paper noted.



A press conference releasing a white paper titled "China: Democracy That Works" is held by the State Council Information Office in Beijing on Saturday. Xinhua

Whether a country is democratic should be judged by its people, not dictated by a handful of outsiders. Whether a country is democratic should be acknowledged by the international com-

munity, not arbitrarily decided by a few self-appointed judges, it said.

There is no fixed model of democracy; it manifests itself in many forms. Assessing the myriad political systems in the

world against a single yardstick and examining diverse political structures in monochrome are in themselves undemocratic, it added. Xinhua

## Polls close in Gambia's presidential election as candidates call for peace, calm

BANJUL

VOTING came to an end exactly at 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening in Gambia's capital Banjul as the president and other candidates all called for peace and calm in the country.

It is the first presidential election since long-term ruler Yahya Jammeh was defeated in 2016 by the current leader.

On Saturday, hundreds of thousands came out to vote to choose among the six presidential candidates. Incumbent Adama Barrow's National

People's Party (NPP) is facing a tough test against his former vice president Ousainou Darboe, who is leading the United Democratic Party (UDP).

Other candidates include Halifa Sallah of People's Democratic Organization for Independence and Socialism (PDOIS), Mama Kandeh, leader of the Gambia Democratic Congress (GDC), Abdoullie Ebrima Jammeh of National Unity Party (NUP) and independent candidate Essa Mbye Faal.

Shortly after casting his vote

at the McCarthy Square in Banjul, President Adama Barrow hailed Gambian people for the impressive turnout.

"We are very happy for the people coming out in numbers to exercise their rights. It is a constitutional right for every citizen to vote. I think it is good for Gambia.

So far, the process is smooth, it is peaceful but wait and see," he said. He advised that the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) remain neutral, so as to make it easy for all to accept the final results. Bar-

row said he is confident of a resounding victory as an outcome of the election.

"We will never lose this election. It will be the biggest landslide victory in the history of elections in this country. I enjoy unprecedented support in this country."

Meanwhile, his main challenger Ousainou Darboe has also cast his vote in Fajara. He called on Gambians to maintain peace and order throughout the election period.

"What I would implore to every Gambian is to stay calm.

No one should engage in the act of provocation whether by conduct or by words. If we do so we would destabilize our country."

Essa Faal, the independent candidate, has also called for restraint. The counting of votes is ongoing at the polling centers and the results will be sent to the Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) Aliou Momar Njie for announcement. The official declaration of the final results is scheduled for Sunday morning. Xinhua

## Industrial heritage in China gains new vigor

By Han Xin

SHOUGANG Park, the century-old former production premises of Chinese steelmaker Shougang Group in Shijingshan district of Beijing, is now a famous cultural and sports complex that enjoys increasing popularity.

Many tourists have been attracted to the special park, which has crisscross footpaths and ingenious landscape designs, and more importantly, a magnificent newly-built large ski-jumping platform, one of the venues for the Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

The raw material area of the old plant has been transformed into the work site of the Beijing Organising Committee for the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, while the past clean coal workshops have become the training field of China's national ice and snow sports teams.

Besides the old production premises of Shougang Group, many other old industrial sites, including factories, mines, and industrial areas, have gradually fallen into decay and become industrial heritage with the passing of time.

Since industrial heritage mirrors the history of technology and industry and is of important social, architectural, and scientific value, many Chinese cities are looking for the right way to deal with it so as to revitalize industrial relics, inject new vitality into them, and enable them to generate new value.

Some people didn't understand the value of industrial heritage, and even regarded industrial remains as a burden to the rapid development of cities. Some industrial remains have been pulled down to make room for high-rise buildings, and some were left to go to waste and decay.

In fact, industrial relics scattered in various parts of the country are like a book on the history of Chinese manufacturing.

As witnesses to the country's industrialization process and economic structural transformation, factories and workshops, which used to be filled with rumble of busy machines, are precious pages of the book on the industrial culture of China, and refresh people's memories of the development of Chinese manufacturing.

As industrial heritage is rich and diverse in content, it is necessary to explore distinctive development paths and models to protect and utilize it,



Tourists watch industrial relics in Shougang Park, a popular cultural and sports complex converted from former production premises of Chinese steelmaker Shougang Group in Shijingshan district of Beijing. File photo

instead of adopting an identical approach. In recent years, some cities in China have carried out pilot projects in this regard, setting different examples that are worth learning.

Jingdezhen city in east China's Jiangxi province, which is known as China's porcelain capital, has made good use of old state-owned ceramics factories and created a special zone for cultural and creative industries named Taovichuan Ceramic Art Revenue. Nearly 15,000 Chinese and foreign makers have been attracted to the place to set up their own businesses or make innovations.

In Qingdao city, east China's Shandong province, a beer museum has been set up inside the century-old plant of the Tsingtao Brewery Co., Ltd., one of China's largest breweries.

Bringing people closer to the long history of the brewery as well as its technological processes, the museum has emerged as a part of a high-quality experience-oriented tourist route.

Such examples have proven that besides the role of production property, old factories and machines can still be useful and their value can be fully unleashed as long as people can accurately highlight and tap into their cultural features.

Nevertheless, revitalization of industrial heritage is not easy. It requires proper handling of the relations between protection and

development. During the transformation of the Shougang Park, for instance, in an effort to preserve the original texture of the old blast furnace, engineers specially developed clear lacquer that can not only prevent hot blast stove from continuing to rust, but also preserve its original appearance.

China can learn from the experience of some developed countries in reusing industrial heritage. The key to the successful transformation of Ironbridge Gorge in Shropshire, England, and the Ruhr area in Germany, among others, lies in good design and planning.

Through creative display and industrial upgrading on the premise of overall protection, the UK and Germany have effectively injected new vigor into their industrial heritage.

As the world's largest manufacturer, China has rich industrial resources. As industrial transformation and upgrading speed up across the country, industrial and mining enterprises across the country have shut down or transformed some of their plants, which can be valuable industrial heritage.

Injecting new vitality into industrial heritage through protection, development, and reutilization is not only an inevitable trend of the innovation-driven development of cities, but a necessity for fostering new drivers of development.

People's Daily

## French right picks Paris region chief to challenge Macron

By Bloomberg

FRANCE'S Republicans nominated their first woman presidential candidate in a primary that sharpened the focus of the challenge facing Emmanuel Macron in next year's election.

Valerie Pécresse won the final round of the conservative's ballot on Saturday after 61 percent of members backed her. Eric Ciotti, a lawmaker from southern France often compared to far-right rival Eric Zemmour, took 39 percent.

By selecting the Paris region leader over Ciotti, the party of General Charles de Gaulle, Jacques Chirac, and Nicolas Sarkozy opted against joining the crowded battle for the extremist vote and instead chose a candidate who can compete with Macron for moderate voters.

Pécresse, 54, is waging that she can reinvigorate the party that was set to reclaim the presidency in 2017 until her predecessor, Francois Fillon, was undermined by a corruption scandal that opened the door to Macron.

"What's striking is that this seemingly old-fashioned right has picked a woman," said Bruno Jeanbart, a pollster at Opinionway. "This will represent a powerful change." An adviser to Macron's government said recently that Pécresse could pose a serious threat to his re-election. The president declined to comment on the ballot during an official visit to Saudi Arabia.

Pécresse said Saturday she would save public services including hospitals, schools and the legal system, defend social justice, reassert the value of work, raise France's global standing and reform Europe.

"Dear friends, the Republican right is back," she said. "The right of convictions, the right of solutions is united."

The latest Ifop poll published Nov 28 showed Pécresse with 10 percent of votes, in fourth place behind Macron on 25 percent. His longtime rival and nationalist leader Marine Le Pen polled 19.5 percent and Zemmour, 15 percent.

VOTER BASE

Pécresse polled highest among people 65 and older, who tend to be the most frequent voters, as well as right-wing voters.

Opinionway's Jeanbart said the way forward for her is to court those who think Macron hasn't done enough on security, immigration and reining in public finances, while also convincing Le Pen's supporters that she has greater chances of winning.

It's what Sarkozy, Pécresse's former mentor, did in 2007.

That year, the Socialists picked Segolene Royal as the first woman to head its presidential ticket. Its 2022 candidate is Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo. The party dominated French politics along with Republicans until Macron's centrist run.



## Player expectations key hurdle for new Simba SC coach to make a difference

By Correspondent John Kimbute

THERE was a certain amount of whistling and acclamation as Simba SC, the Premier League defending champions, unveiled a new coach in the person of Pablo Franco, a 41-year-old former Real Madrid assistant coach.

It was probably the first time any club in the region - if not in Africa - has tapped a coach from the ranks of the best technical benches in the UEFA circuit if one recalls that continental giants, Al Ahly, tapped Pitso Mosimane in replacing their coach, as he showed the capacity to tame the Cairo giants as South African club champions Mamelodi Sundowns' coach.

The question is whether Pablo Franco is even better.

Still, expectations in that regard need to be tempered with by the fact that the team depth that the fairly well-exposed coach has to take up isn't as profound as the coach selection would suggest, that an assistant coach for Real Madrid is being tapped for a team that distantly has Real Madrid ambitions.

Looking through the list of cash awards the coach was promised in taking up the job, concerning achievements would he register to qualify for those awards, there is a faint expectation of being in the shadow of the former club of the new coach.

Looking at player strength that comes up virtually as an impossible task, because the best player the club featured failed to find a proper place in the Al Ahly squad.

Still, this should not be a huge problem for a coach who knows the techniques of the game, as what a coach needs is a list of good players, not a list of the best players the region, or the continent, has to offer.

Taking an example of Pablo's own Real Madrid backyard, there was a time veteran striker Gareth Bale, who has since shifted, told city rivals Atletico Madrid that not one player in that side could get a number in Real Madrid.

That was true but the UEFA Champions League final between the two sides - for which the clubs were preparing for at that moment - was only decided by post-match penalties.

At times players have left big teams and joined presumably smaller club sides and then



Pablo Franco Martin. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

excelled even against their original clubs where they were seen as failures, as was the case last year when Luis Suarez and then Antoine Griezmann left Barcelona to go back to Atletico, to win the La Liga title ahead of both their city rivals and the Catalan giants.

So the fact that not a single Simba SC player can get a number at Al Ahly doesn't guarantee that the Cairo gi-

ants stand to win twice in competitive encounters with Simba SC, as we indeed saw in the past tournament.

So the club leadership isn't tasking Pablo Franco with impossible goals but marginally realizable targets, even if, admittedly, making it to quarters and beyond is difficult.

That means the new coach may have to draw up plans for realizable recruitment targets, that is, those whose

pay expectations or minimum demands are within the club's player emoluments range, that one doesn't look for a player who is entirely above the range that the club can reasonably afford.

Such a move is vital as an aspect of club improvement if there is indeed a sore area, first in the first eleven selection - that it has the potential to stand to the continent's best when usable and effective training and imparting of field methods are added.

Skills or methods are added to players' basic skills and match fitness, essentially.

The NBC Premier League title holders showed a low spirit or perhaps there were other machinations at work during mid-October to mid-November encounters, winning with a single goal once and drawing goalless once in the premier league.

In the later weeks, their scores have been more decent, winning the CAF Confederation Cup preliminaries by a clear 3-0 margin, then putting up a similar result in a Premier League match and a 2-1 result subsequently.

Here, coach Franco pointed out in a post-match interview that there was a problem with player expectations, that when a second goal was scored well within the lower reaches of the second half, players appeared to be satisfied, the opposition started to dominate the game.

So there are a few issues that can rapidly be settled based on the recent performance of the club, from its 3-1 loss to Jwaneng Galaxy to 3-0 win against Red Arrows, settling the potential of the side for African club champions, for these teams are largely comparable.

At the local level, it is evident that what players feel inward and perhaps what others do outwardly when Simba SC players can make or break its ability to retain the title, but low ebbs of performance are reversible.

In that sense, there is evident potential for the new coach to attain club goals but he must contend with inward challenges, outside plots.



Mdundo Senior Marketing Manager, William Abagi.

## Mdundo launches 2021 DJ Mixtapes competition

By Guardian Correspondent

MDUNDO, Africa's leading online music streaming service, has launched a one-month Disc Jockey (DJ) competition in Tanzania.

The contest aims at creating a platform for DJs to showcase their talents along with growing awareness and trust of the 'Mdundo' brand which works with over 100,000 musicians and talents across Africa.

The Senior Marketing Manager, Curation East Africa at Mdundo, William Abagi, said the campaign will involve DJs of any genre who will participate by registering on [www.mdundodj.com](http://www.mdundodj.com) and then submitting mixtapes.

The one-month campaign which is currently going will draw in submissions up to December 10, 2021.

He further noted that Tanzania had the platform's biggest user base in the quarter leading to September, recording 4.1 Million unique users and this is an opportunity that the DJs can leverage to expand their fanbase and further their brand reach.

He urges DJs to register in numbers,

submit their mixtapes and mobilize their fans to support, download or vote for them as the DJ with the most downloads by users who will be crowned King of the Turntables.

According to Abagi, the winning DJ will walk home with a sponsorship deal worth 7,000,000/- plus 30 minutes DJ set at a major event in 2022 and radio airplay.

The winner of the campaign is expected to be unveiled on December 22, 2021.

"We have also partnered with Vodacom Tanzania to offer music lovers unlimited access to premium music content- DJ Mixtapes, for as low as 100/- daily," Abagi revealed.

"Interested participants and supporters of the Mdundo DJ battle should follow Mdundo social media accounts for further information, Instagram: @mdundomusicTz, Facebook: @mdundomusic, Twitter: @Mdundotanzania," he concluded.

Mdundo prides itself on over 10,500,000 monthly users in Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, and other African countries and works directly with over 100,000 African musicians.

## Azam FC leadership now issue trio's fate

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AZAM FC players, Salum Abubakar 'Sure Boy', Muthahir Yahya, and Aggrey Morris, now serving an indefinite suspension, will soon know their fate.

The three players were suspended indefinitely in September for misconduct, with allegations that they may be released by the Dar es Salaam club.

Azam FC's Director of Football, Jonas Tiboroha, said the players could be offloaded and allowed to join other clubs.

He said in the period in which they continue to serve the suspension, Azam FC continues to pay them salaries.

The squad's technical bench under head coach, Zambian George Lwandamina, has no further information on them.

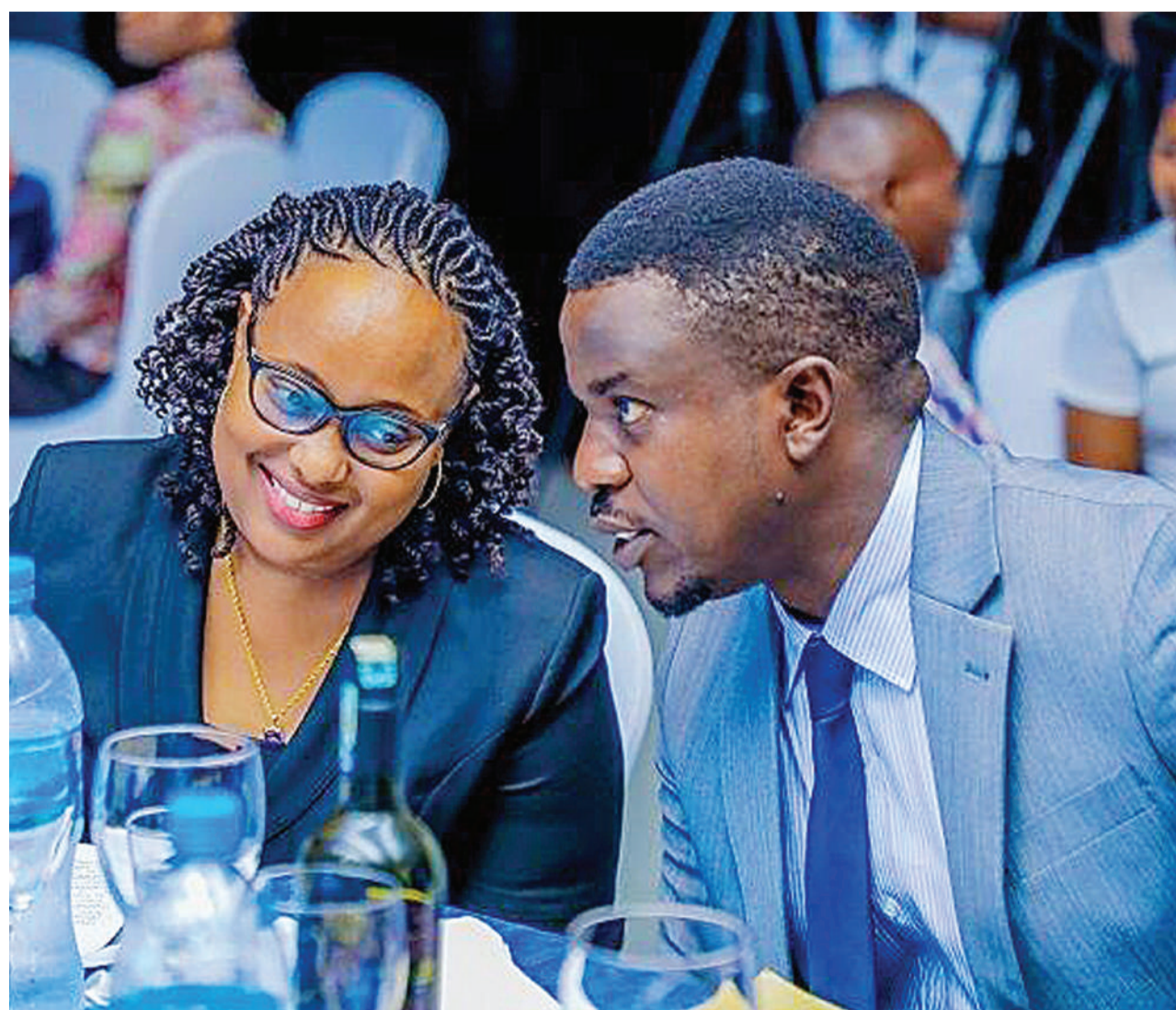
Tiboroha revealed: "I don't think Abubakar, Yahya, and Morris will play for Azam FC again, the coach has no plans with them anymore and leaders have no information on them even though they have contracts to continue serving Azam FC."

"We continue to pay them their salaries as usual until their contracts will be terminated," Tiboroha added.

Midfielders, Abubakar, Yahya, and center-back Morris are among the experienced players left at Azam FC.

A section of football stakeholders in the country have grown to believe that the trio's absence from the squad may be the reason for the team's poor showing in this season's Premier League.

Azam FC sits sixth in the Premier League standings with 10 points, after playing seven league games this season.



Minister for Culture Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa (R), chats with MultiChoice Tanzania's Managing Director, Jacqueline Woiso, during the MultiChoice Tanzania Local Content Showcase 2021 event held in Dar es Salaam recently. The event, which was officiated by the minister and attended by local artists and film industry stakeholders, marked the official launch of new local series and content available on DStv Maisha Magic Bongo and Maisha Magic Poo channels. The shows include 'Danga' and 'La Familia' series available on Maisha Magic Bongo and 'Watubaki' comedy, 'Original Comedy', 'Salama Na', and 'Maskani Poo' available on the DStv's newest and low cost package, DStv Poo. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Davis' 28 lead Kings to 2nd straight win over Clippers

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

TERENCE Davis scored 23 of his 28 points in the second half and the Sacramento Kings beat the Los Angeles Clippers for the second time in four nights with a 104-99 victory Saturday.

Davis made all four of his 3-point attempts in the third quarter and finished 6 of 11 from beyond the arc.

"I think he's getting a little more comfortable in stuff," Kings interim coach Alvin Gentry said. "I think with him, the whole idea is behind what is a good shot and what is not, or when do you shoot it and when do you not shoot it. I think he did a good job tonight of picking those opportunities."

Tyrese Haliburton added 18 points, six rebounds and five assists for Sacramento, which beat the Clippers 124-115 on Wednesday in Los Angeles. De'Aaron Fox had 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists, and Marvin Bagley III recorded his first double-double of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"When you make shots, everybody's feeling good," Haliburton said. "It feels like you're throwing a rock in the ocean. It feels like everybody's going and everybody's having fun. It definitely feels good for us and we've just got to keep this momentum going."

Marcus Morris Sr. led the Clippers with 21 points and nine rebounds. Reggie Jackson added 18 points.

Paul George had 15 points and nine assists, but shot just 5 of 21 from the field. Ivica Zubac had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

## Striker Haaland fumes at 'arrogant' ref in Bayern loss

DORTMUND

STRIKER Erling Haaland fumed at referee Felix Zwayer over his decision not to award Borussia Dortmund a penalty in their 3-2 defeat to Bayern Munich in a crucial top-of-the-table clash in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

Dortmund had two claims for a penalty in a match that also saw manager Marco Rose sent off with a second booking for dissent, but referee Zwayer refused both times to review the plays, most notably when winger Marco Reus went down in the box after a tussle with opposing defender Lucas Hernandez.

"I think it was a scandal when it comes to the referee," Haaland told ViaPlay. "I asked him [Zwayer] 'why didn't you just go and look?' He said: 'No, there is no need.'"

"I need to calm down a little bit now. He was arrogant, and I will not say more."

However, Bayern were given a break when Robert Lewandowski scored the disputed winner from the spot in the 78th minute, after referee Zwayer awarded the penalty following a VAR check. Zwayer penalized Mats Hummels for handball after Serge Gnabry's corner struck the Dortmund defender's elbow as he appeared to stumble.

Zwayer said he saw Hummels' elbow make contact with the ball, but he was not sure whether the elbow was in or out, so he checked the video footage. He said it was not necessary to check Reus' penalty appeal because he had a clear view of the incident and the video referee watching in Cologne did not contradict his decision.

"I had a very clear and unambiguous impression that was ultimately checked and also confirmed on the monitor in Cologne," Zwayer said.

Dortmund midfielder Emre Can also made his frustrations with the referee clear after the match, saying: "It's a shame that such a crappy penalty decides the game. I'm sorry I have to say that."

"I stand here and talk again about a referee's decision. We played a great game today and then this happens."

Dortmund midfielder Julian Brandt opened the scoring when he found the top right corner of the goal in the fifth minute before Bayern forward Thomas Muller chased down a poor touch from Hummels to set up Lewandowski, who equalized.

Bayern winger Kingsley Coman put his side ahead on the stroke of half-time with a deflected shot, but Haaland hit back in the second half to level the scores.

Lewandowski -- who ranked the top striker in ESPN FC 100 -- then scored a spot kick, his 11th league goal in eight games this season.

On the two disputed no-calls for Dortmund in the match, Bayern coach Julian Nagelsman said: "I think we deserved to win but I also understand the discussions over the two penalty situations."

(Agencies)

## Xavi after Betis loss: Barca can beat Bayern

BARCELONA

BARCELONA coach Xavi Hernandez has said he believes his team can beat Bayern Munich in their crucial Champions League clash next week despite being dealt a reality check by Real Betis on Saturday.

Juanmi's second-half goal earned Betis a 1-0 win in LaLiga at Camp Nou as Xavi suffered his first defeat since replacing Ronald Koeman in November.

Barca's next game is a daunting trip to Munich on Wednesday, where a win would seal their place in the last 16 of the Champions League. However, a draw or a defeat would see them knocked into the Europa League if Benfica beat Dynamo Kiev.

"The team is capable of going to Munich and winning," Xavi said in a news conference after the Betis match.

"That's the objective. We depend on ourselves. We're going to one of the toughest grounds in the world, but we're going there to give everything and to compete."

While Barca play for their Champions League future in the week, Saturday's loss saw them slip seven points behind opponents Betis, who sit third in LaLiga.

It was the Catalan club's sixth defeat of the season in all competitions -- and their third at Camp Nou -- but their first under Xavi, who had overseen wins against Espanyol and Villarreal and a draw with Benfica in his first three games in charge.

"We conceded on the break when we were at our best," Xavi said of Juanmi's 79th-minute winner. "We have to be smarter tactically. I'm really annoyed about the goal we conceded."

"It's a shame because we had played well in the second half. It's a defeat that hurts, but that's football. Sometimes you win without deserving it, like against Villarreal, but today it was the opposite."

Xavi also confirmed that young midfielder Gavi, who suffered a knock to the head in the first half, has been taken to hospital as a precaution.

There was some good news for Barca ahead of the trip to Germany in the performance of winger Ousmane Dembele, who came off the bench to create his side's most dangerous chances in the second half.

(Agencies)

# West Ham defeat exposed weaknesses that could harm Chelsea's EPL title challenge

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE success of Chelsea's Premier League title campaign is poised to be decided by how well they can continue their remarkable defensive record under Thomas Tuchel -- and therefore West Ham exposed weaknesses on Saturday afternoon that must be quickly eradicated.

This 3-2 defeat at the London Stadium constitutes the first time this season the Blues had conceded more than once in any competition, and it is only the third occasion since Tuchel took charge 11 months ago. It should trigger a kneejerk reaction now given that, in the German's 53 matches at the helm, they have conceded just 29 goals.

But while Chelsea continue to struggle to find proper attacking fluidity -- and another subdued substitute display from Romelu Lukaku was a reminder of the distance to travel in that aim -- the chances of lasting the pace with Liverpool and Manchester City rely precisely on the efficient, controlled defending which was absent against West Ham.

Troublingly for Tuchel, this isn't the first time. Last weekend's 1-1 draw against Manchester United featured an error from Jorginho, which gifted Jadon Sancho his goal. Mean-



Edouard Mendy had one of his worst games in a Chelsea shirt against West Ham. (Agencies)

while, the midweek win at Watford was made harder by Ruben Loftus-Cheek losing possession cheaply, which allowed Emmanuel Dennis to equalise.

"Every loss is a bump in the road," Tuchel said. "That will not hold us back from what we demand from us but we need to play more accurate, more stable and reduce big mistakes."

Edouard Mendy was the biggest culprit against the Hammers. The goalkeeper's superb form over the past year led to much criticism of the Ballon d'Or structure for his omission from that conversation, yet this was an afternoon he will not look back upon with any fondness.

Chelsea dominated the opening exchanges and were leading through a 29th-minute Thiago Silva header when

Jorginho played a rushed back-pass, which put Mendy under a degree of pressure. With the relentless Jarrod Bowen rapidly closing him down, Mendy shunned the option to clear the ball quickly and instead got himself in a dreadful mess, hacking Bowen down as the winger nipped in front of him to take the ball. Manuel Lanzini converted and, although Mason Mount restored the visitors' advantage with a sumptuous volley from Hakim Ziyech's raking diagonal pass, Chelsea were unable to play out the second period with their usual composure.

West Ham deserve immense credit for this. They were curiously passive early on, David Moyes opting for a five-man defence that

negated Chelsea's wing-backs but left them short in midfield. The second period was different. Bowen and Michail Antonio led from the front, ruffling feathers and causing problems to unsettle Chelsea into further mistakes, which cost them dearly.

Silva won a 56th-minute header from Antonio but the ball fell to Vladimir Coufal on the edge of Chelsea's box. Marcus Alonso was outmuscled too easily, allowing Coufal to find Bowen and his shot buzzed past Mendy to level the scores.

Lukaku had earlier been introduced in place of the injured Kai Havertz but Chelsea were less potent going forward, managing just one shot on target in the entire half -- after six in the opening 45 minutes -- until Arthur Masuaku's

late intervention. It is hard to argue he meant it. Three minutes from time, after taking a quick throw-in, Masuaku appeared to be using space created by Antonio on the left flank to line up a cross but his delivery took a deflection off Loftus-Cheek and straightened in shape towards Mendy's near post.

Mendy was caught flat-footed and instead of taking a step to his right, he was at full stretch to his right and could only palm the ball in his net.

"Edu is going through a rough period," said Tuchel afterwards. "I don't know why exactly but he seems to have lost a bit of confidence. Decision-making was not the highest today for the first goal but we also bring him a really awkward situation. We are far, far away from blaming anybody but we need to admit we make too many crucial mistakes at the moment that cost us three times [in a week]. The [title] race is not interesting at the moment, what is interesting is the next 90 minutes."

"We need the focus and attitude right and take care of the details. We are not good enough in the details at the moment. We need to care about the details. There is no need to start doubting about the big picture. If we don't do big mistakes, there is a big chance we win this game."

Injuries are perhaps becoming a factor.

Chelsea badly missed N'Golo Kante's ability to anticipate danger as West Ham generated a head of steam. Tuchel admitted in his post-match press conference he had no idea when the influential midfielder will return. Mateo Kovacic was also absent once more and with Havertz and Alonso joining the casualties, this month is shaping up to be a stern examination of Chelsea's durability.

Lukaku was a peripheral figure, understandably lacking sharpness after missing seven matches with an ankle injury but his longest outing since Oct. 20 will reignite the debate over how Chelsea can get the best out of him in coming weeks. Too often, they continue to resemble strangers in the final third with the Belgian on the field.

West Ham have now beaten both Manchester clubs in the EFL Cup in addition to Chelsea, Liverpool, Tottenham and Leicester in the Premier League. They are just six points behind the Blues, whose lead at the top was on the brink of being swallowed up with Liverpool and City in action as Chelsea's bus departed east London with the sun setting over the capital.

The race will surely come down to fine margins and while it is only December, Chelsea know they cannot afford too many more afternoons like this.

## Rangnick wants to help Man United regain 'control' of games

By Rob Dawson, ESPN Correspondent

RALF Rangnick said one word again and again at Old Trafford on Friday as he was presented as Manchester United's new interim coach: control.

On the pitch, the team have had very little of it this season, and even when they've won it's often been chaotic, either having to come from behind or find a last-minute winner. Usually from Cristiano Ronaldo.

But since Sir Alex Ferguson retired in 2013, there has often appeared to be confusion off the pitch, too. Managers coming and going. Different ideas implemented and then scrapped. Players bought and then sold. If there's been a plan, it's not always been obvious.

Rangnick, the 63-year-old German, says he is here to bring back control. Initially during games to help United recover from a disastrous start to the campaign. Then, with a two-year consultancy position set to start in the summer, his focus will turn to what happens behind the scenes.

As Gary Neville put it, he has a six-month contract to coach the team and a two-year contract to coach the club. And United are a club in need.

Rangnick's first job is to prepare the team for Crystal Palace's



Ralf Rangnick

trip to Old Trafford on Sunday. Coming just three days after the 3-2 win over Arsenal on Thursday night, he will be short on time. And on Friday, he was keen to remind supporters they should not expect some kind of gegenpress revolution. There will, though, be changes.

"The players have to go together with me," said Rangnick, who took his first training session on Friday afternoon.

"They have to follow not only my instructions but they have to buy into the idea that I can offer them how we should want to play in the future. That is what it's all about."

"It has to happen step by step. It cannot be done within one or two days like this. It will not work like that."

Watching from the directors' box on Thursday, Rangnick was impressed with United's performance in the 20

minutes after half-time against Mikel Arteta's side. He gave the impression he thought the rest was a bit too fraught for his liking -- even if it was a good watch.

"The game was exciting for the fans, but even for myself, as the future coach, those are not the kind of games that we need every day because

football, for me, is to minimise the coincidence factor and have control and gain control of a game," Rangnick said.

"This is football, what it's about. The way that they played for 20 minutes [in the second half] in their half, when they close down Arsenal in their box and then you could see the potential that is in the team."

"I think to gain control on games in the future has got to do with playing proactively, no matter if we have the ball ourselves or if the other team is in possession of the ball."

"It's about helping the team to play together, it's not about playing pressing or counter-pressing for pressing sake, it's about control. This is the major target."

Rangnick believes he can do it with the players he has available and a question about the

January transfer window was batted away in a polite, eloquent manner. He was comfortable enough to joke about reports he will receive a bonus if he can help United land Erling Haaland and revealed he had telephoned Ole Gunnar Solskjaer before taking the job.

Solskjaer was the fourth permanent manager to take over following Ferguson's departure more than eight years ago and the squad Rangnick inherits bares the mark of all of them. And that, he says, is not a good thing.

"There have been changes in management and therefore it was also difficult for the club to gain continuity in regard to signing new players and sticking to the DNA of the club and I think this is vital in modern football that you do that," he said.

"For me it is not that unusual that there were so many changes and I think the board members and myself have the same opinion that for the future it's important we develop in the future and there will not be that many changes in management."

That is, of course, easier said than done.

If nothing else, Rangnick sat in the news conference theatre underneath the Sir Bobby Charlton Stand early on Friday and laid out a plan for United, beginning with Palace and ending with what he hopes is a return to those glory days under Ferguson.

The clarity of thinking will be a comfort for fans who have watched the chaos unfold in the eight years since the Scot departed. Next for Rangnick is to put it into practice.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



# SPORT

West Ham defeat exposed weaknesses that could harm Chelsea's EPL title challenge

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Retired President, Jakaya Kikwete (C), Head of Department of Public Institutions and Private Institutions at NMB Bank, William Makoresho (2nd L, front) and Vice Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), William Anangisye (R), lead athletes in fitness exercises before officially beginning the five kilometer race at the UDSM charity race held at the university. NMB Bank was the race main sponsor. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Angola, Zambia into semi-finals on soggy day at Region 5 Games

ANGOLA and Zambia were winners on day three of the Boys' and Girls' football competition at the Region 5 Youth Games Maseru 2020 on Saturday, with one postponement due to torrential rain and two games played in soggy conditions.

The Girls' match between Namibia and Zambia had to be postponed to Sunday due to a waterlogged pitch as the rain pelted down in the morning, but it lightened in the afternoon to allow the Boys' competition to resume.

Angola put in a strong first-half display to see off the challenge of Botswana with a 2-0 win as Ariclene Antonio turned the ball home from six yards after a deep free-kick into the box.

It was a neat finish at the back post after he was left unmarked by the Botswana defense.

Tadeu Gabriel hit the post after an excellent team move, but it took Angola until injury-time at the end of the game to score their second.

They were correctly awarded a penalty and substitute Denilson Mkokissa stepped up to drill the ball home.

Angola is through to the semi-finals and will seal the top spot in the pool if they get a draw against Malawi on Sunday, a result that would suit both sides and see the Young Flames into the semi-finals as well.

Botswana will be hoping the Angolans win by at least three goals to see them move above Malawi on the table on goal difference.

Zambia secured a late win through captain and talisman Joseph Banda as they beat Eswatini 1-0 in Group B to ensure the Young Chipolopolo reach the semi-finals.

Zambia had the best of the chances in the fixture but wasted numerous opportunities, and was saved by a fine finish near the death by Banda, his third of the competition so far.

Namibia will be in action twice in the Girls' competition on Sunday, first tackling Zambia in their postponed match at 10h00 CAT (08h00 GMT).

They will have then have around six hours to recover before they clash with Botswana at 18h00 (16h00 GMT).

The top two teams on the log after Sunday's games will contest the final at 13h00 (11h00 GMT) on Monday.

In between those two games will be the completion of the pool stages in the Boys' competition.

Malawi takes on Angola in the Group B decider at 13h00 (11h00 GMT) and later on hosts Lesotho tackle Eswatini to sort out the other semifinalists from Group A. That match is at 15h30 (13h30 GMT).

Lesotho must win to overtake their rivals on the table, with a point enough to see Eswatini advance on goal difference.

AGENCIES

# 20 regions to battle it out in 2021 National Special Olympics Championships



Children with special needs play volleyball in Dar es Salaam recently.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

**T**WENTY regions have confirmed to compete in the National Special Olympics Championships which will be held next week at Butimba Teachers College ground in Mwanza.

Special Olympics Tanzania (SOT)'s Director, Charles Rays, said all preparations for the championships are going on smoothly.

The official revealed that Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing, and Human Settlements Development, Angelina Mabula is expected to grace the opening of the championships on Tuesday.

"All preparations are going on very well, 20 regions have so far confirmed to battle it out in the championships scheduled for December 14-17."

"Deputy Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Angelina Mabula, will open the championships," he said.

The championships were initially slated for September 13-18 in Mwanza but, after the SOT executive meeting held on November 29 to evaluate preparations, it was agreed that the

championships should be held at a date to be announced later.

He said 80 coaches and 40 volunteers are expected to attend the championships.

The Mwanza championships will also be used to select athletes who will represent the country at the second Pan African Games slated for Rwanda in 2022.

The Pan African Games will be used as qualifiers for the 2023 World Summer Games hosted by Germany.

In the previous interview, Rays disclosed that he had a successful and fruitful meeting with Mwanza Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS), Emmanuel Taluba.

The SOT official stated that they, among other issues, agreed on how to work together to promote sports among people with special needs.

Rays said sports among children with intellectual disabilities are important as they have rehabilitative influence, not only physically but also mentally.

"Sports teach independence while encouraging teamwork, they can be a space where those with and without disabilities can equally participate, demonstrating what real inclusion looks like to those who would try and keep them segregated," he said.

The previous National Special Olympics Championships took place in December 2017 in Zanzibar where the hosts emerged champions.

Fifteen athletes were selected to compete in last year's Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

Tanzania has been doing well in Special Olympic Games. The country collected 11 medals in the maiden Pan African Special Olympics Games played in Egypt last year.

The medals were won by Khalfan Jihad, who won two gold medals and one bronze, Hidaya Vuai won one gold, one silver, and one bronze, Neverson Minja and Elizabeth Kisaka each won one gold and one silver medal apiece, Salama Kheri laid her hands on one gold medal.

## Coast Region runner set for scholarship in USA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

COAST Region's Filbert Bayi Schools runner, Regina Mpigachai, is expected to depart for the United States of America (USA) next week for a four-year scholarship at the University of Northern Colorado.

Regina, who is also a national team athlete, won the \$76 000 four-year scholarship following her previous outstanding performance at local and international events.

Speaking on Saturday when presenting travelling documents to Regina, Filbert Bayi, Board of Directors' Chairman at Filbert Bayi Schools, said the runner's trip to the USA was delayed due to several factors which included the COVID-19 outbreak.

He said he is now happy that the trip is taking place and he is hopeful that Regina will maintain her outstanding performance both in sports and academics.

"We are now happy that her trip to the USA has been confirmed, she will depart on Monday night."

"This is good development not only to her but also the country," Bayi, who is also Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) Secretary-General and legendary runner, noted.

Bayi is also a beneficiary of a USA scholarship.

Filbert Bayi Schools ath-



Board of Directors' Chairman at Filbert Bayi Schools, Filbert Bayi (L), hands over a passport and other travelling documents to an athlete, Regina Mpigachai, in the Coast Region last weekend. Regina is expected to travel to the United States of America to study at Northern Colorado University. The former Filbert Bayi Schools student won the scholarship courtesy of the Filbert Bayi Foundation. Looking on is Filbert Bayi Schools athletics head coach, Ron Davis. PHOTO: JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

letics' head coach, Ron Davis, asked Regina to work hard in the USA as the scholarship can be an opening to many good things for her.

"She is one of the best athletes and I believe she will scale great heights, she was spotted by University of Northern Colorado athletics head coach, Wayne Angel, at All Africa Games in Morocco."

"Since then the university has been monitoring her exploits, I'm happy that Regina has been offered the scholarship which will help her both academically and in sports."

"She will use the education positively to contribute to the development of Tan-

zania," Davis, who coached Bayi during the latter's athletics days in the early 1980s, noted. Meanwhile, two other Filbert Bayi School runners Elizabeth Ilanda and Benedict Mathias are also expected to travel to the USA where they won scholarships at Kansas Community College and the University of Northern Colorado respectively.

Bayi appealed to the community to help the two source air tickets for the trip, saying the air tickets and other essential needs are not provided in the scholarship.

"I have done my part, Elizabeth and Mathias will travel to the USA next year,

but the athletes need air tickets."

"We have provided them with the best education in the country, now I'm appealing to people of goodwill to help them," he said.

Regina, who was spotted in 2012 by Filbert Bayi School in Geita during the national inter-primary schools' games (Umitashumta).

She enrolled at the school in 2012 and went on to become a top athlete for both the institution and the national team.

Elizabeth, aged 17, was spotted in Singida at Umitashumta while 20-year-old Mathias was spotted in Manyoni at inter-secondary schools games.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

