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# Samia: Current birth rate hurts social services

By Guardian Reporters

**P**RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has appealed for lower birth rates to match existing social services.

She expressed this view at Runzewe, Bukombe District in Geita Region in a tour of in western regions, Kagera, Geita and Kigoma regions.

She spoke of her experiences at Buseresere area where she was told that one health centres helps nearly 1,000 mothers to deliver, each month, demanding what will be the case after three years.

"How many classes are there? How many health centers, and how many tonnes of food? Slow down a bit," she appealed.

Shaka Hamdu Shaka, the ruling party secretary for Ideology and Publicity had earlier urged people in the region to get more children as social services continue to be improved.

He said people had nothing to worry about as President Samia is there, classrooms are being built, health centers are being built, and the president has opened up opportunities so investors are coming.

Inaugurating the 3.5bn/- Kakonko District Hospital in Kagera Region, the president pointed at risks when people trek long distances for health services, thus the urgency of building health

centres in all wards.

The government was also focused on equipping hospitals to provide all basic services, she said, urging proper maintenance of its facilities to provide services for a long time

Ndaki Stephano, the council's executive director, said that the project cost 2.9bn/-, most of which came from central government, with 24.6m/- sourced from local revenue.

The council received 500m/- for the purchase of medical equipment and 57.9m/- to compensate people who were

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moved so that the hospital is built, he said.

Buildings completed so far are outpatient wing, laboratories, mother and child ward, and a radiation facility. There is also space for drug storage, laundry, administration, emergency services and a staff house.

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A Kagera Sugar Limited engineer (with microphone) pictured at the firm's premises in Misenyi District, Kagera Region, at the weekend briefing Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on sugar production. To the engineer's left is KSL board chairman Seif Ali Seif. The PM praised the firm as a truly strategic investor relentlessly placing a premium on investing heavily in expansion and modernisation efforts. That, he said, was meant to ensure that the government's dream of making Tanzania produce enough sugar for its own needs and a surplus for export come true in the near future. He similarly congratulated the firm on its years-old strategy of engaging in the fight against unemployment by progressively picking young Tanzanian graduates for training locally and outside the country before employing them. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## PM directs police to ensure security for SGR materials

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has directed the police force in Mwanza City and Misingwi District to check ongoing vandalism of construction materials for the Mwanza-Isaka section of the standard gauge railway (SGR) project.

He was on an inspection tour at the section of the

SGR project which has now reached 14 percent. It was police responsibility to ensure total security of the materials and other properties tied to the project.

Anyone involved in vandalism in this strategic project must be dealt with, he said, noting that contractors have raised concerns over theft of construction materials like

iron steel, cement and fuel

He challenged local contractors and technicians engaged in the 341 kilometres section of the SGR project to learn from the project to excel in other areas after the project is completed.

The contractor has to work

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## Sugar board projects total local market adequacy by end of 2025

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

SUGAR self-sufficiency will be attained in three years, the new board of directors of the Sugar Board of Tanzania (SBT) has declared.

Board chairperson Filbert Mponzi said here last week that shortages of the key consumer product will soon be history, while director general Prof Kenneth Bengesi said the deficit in local supply stands at 60,000 metric tonnes annually.

This requires increasing annual sugar output by 20,000 tonnes to attain self-sufficiency by 2025, he said, on the sidelines of a three-day meeting of the new board at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC).

The meeting was attended by six of its eight members, where apart from the chairperson the others were Ephraim Mafuru, Hussein Sufian Ally, Pelagia Zacharia Kayonga, Paulo Matiko Chacha and Jitihada Yusuph Chelenzo.

Board members affirmed here last week that the country has

**When inaugurating this board last month, Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe issued 10 directives to guide us**

all it takes to deliver in the sugar sufficiency quest, pointing at the prevailing supportive policies and growing local production capacity.

SBT data show that output rose by 17 per cent in six years, with observers noting that the stagnation had to do with producing firms importing cheap sugar and rebranding it to sell at prevailing prices.

This scale of growth was rapidly being outstripped by demand, with the board chairperson stressing the current endeavours to increase local production. This will require "further improvement of the sector's business environment to consolidate the prevailing operational terrain and lure new investments," he stated.

The board members expressed the wish to see Tanzania becoming a net exporter of sugar in the near future, asserting that it has

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## UN Women director hails TAHA climate-smart drive

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

STRATEGIES used by the Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) to empower rural women economically whilst conserving the environment have earned praise from the United Nations.

Sima Bahous, the visiting United Nations under-secretary general and executive director of the UN Women agency, hailed the approach used when visiting the Kimbojo and Shukrani Zetu horticulture groups.

The groups are based at Kitongani in the Unguja South Region, with TAHA playing a leading role in the projects.

"I am stunned by TAHA's apt approach of empowering rural

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Abdulmajid Nsekela (R), CRDB Bank Plc's Group CEO and managing director, receives the 'Best Bank in Tanzania' award certificate from Global Finance founder and editorial director Joseph Giarraputo at the World's Best Bank award ceremony held in Washington, DC, at the weekend. This is the fourth time running for CRDB to be so honoured by what is widely rated as the world's most prestigious business and finance magazine. Story on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent





## UN Women director hails climate-smart initiative by TAHA

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women through horticulture cultivation while protecting nature by using climate-smart technologies" the director said, noting that the method is integral to gender equality as well as inclusive and sustainable development.

She implored women in Zanzibar to use the opportunity to produce quality and substantial horticulture crops to improve income and stimulate rural economic development.

Rural women face a number of challenges impacting their ability to enhance productivity and income, she said at the launch of a five-year project, titled 'Accelerating progress towards rural women's economic empowerment.'

"We need to step up our support now and into the future to help address these challenges and support rural women's pathways to progress," she stated.

Financed by Norway and Sweden, the \$5m project will benefit more than 8,000 rural women in Singida, Dodoma regions as well as Zanzibar, helping to improve resilience in the agriculture sector.

TAHA CEO Dr Jacqueline Mkindi said what was seen during the visit is a small part of the organization's achievements in empowering rural women economically, pointing at the work being carried out in Singida and Shinyanga regions.

For TAHA to host the UN-Women delegation offers a new impetus to lift thousands of rural women from abject poverty, she stated. She also referred to a project for realizing gender equality through empowering women and adolescent girls, executed by TAHA working with UN Women and the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) at Ikungi in Singida Region and Msalala town council in Shinyanga Region.

The project has seen tremendous productivity and income upsurge for women and girls, thanks to extensive adoption of climate-smart agricultural technologies tied up with finance and market access, she stated.

What started as a pilot to encourage rural women and girls to engage in horticulture has yielded huge dividends, she said, asserting that the women are reaping the rewards of their labour, as tomatoes, watermelon and passion fruit value chains are blossoming, attracting lucrative prices. Lumolumo women group chairperson Angelina Lutego said that her cluster in Msalala with a little over two acres of passion fruit are looking forward to harvest 78.4 metric tonnes this year, priced at 78.4m/-.

The group has replicated the model to 14 other women groups and 30 individuals within the region, changing the situation for many small-scale farmers, he said. Aziza Nyuha, Munyu women group chairperson in Singida Region, said the project has improved the health and social status of women.

"Our lives are changing tremendously by just growing tomatoes and green peppers. Believe me horticulture holds the key to unleash the sleeping rural economy," the villager declared.



Sugar Board of Tanzania board chairman Filbert Mponzi (3rd-L) and board members accompanied by members of the TPC sugar factory management at the weekend in visit harvested sugarcane fields - in Kilimanjaro Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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The president also inaugurated the 220kV transmission line of 144km from Geita to Nyakanazi and onward to Kigoma, with TANESCO CEO Maharage Chande, telling the audience that in the past Chato,

Biharamulo and Ngara districts pushed for power supply amidst rationing.

The supply was not enough, making it difficult to pump water to people as Ngara and Biharamulo district has thermal generation of electricity, he said. The generators at Biharamulo,

Ngara, Loliondo, Kibondo and Kasulu had now been switched off, he stated.

This had saved 60bn/- used to purchase fuel and conducting maintenance each year on average, he said.

Energy minister January Makamba pointed out that

switching off generators in Kigoma had delayed a bit as four transmission lines, the 33kV and 400kV for Sumbawanga-Mpanda-Kigoma and Tabora-Urambo-Kigoma respectively were being built. Kigoma will also get power from the Malagarasi hydropower project,

he elaborated

Launching a water project at Kanyamfisi in Kakonko town, Kigoma Region, the president said the contractors had done a good job, enabling the government to promise he made to the people is fulfilled.



Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman (L) shares a light moment with Abdulrahman Bakari Omar alias Maalim ABOF when the latter paid him a courtesy call at his Shangani residence in Unguja at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## New sugar board projective total market adequacy by end of 2025

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the potential to "even dictate terms of the market in the region."

"When inaugurating this board last month, Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe issued 10 directives to guide us," the chairperson noted, affirming that the key issue is to ensure the country becomes sugar self-sufficient by 2025.

In the press conference at a visit to TPC Ltd, he said this is the board's number one goal, as it can be realized "if we put in place supportive policies and address inherent issues handicapping the growth of the sector."

During the familiarization tour on Tuesday upon starting its first working meeting in Arusha, he expressed support of their stakeholders and current projects to increase capacity, pointing at TPC as working on an expansion project.

The scarcity of sugar in the country will soon be history, he emphasized.

The director general aired the view that the development of the local sugar economy is an agricultural sector priority, with remarkable progress being made in that regard, as the new board is bent on the sugar self-sufficiency mission by 2025. Sugar output was now pegged at 380,000 tonnes against the national demand of 440,000 tonnes annually, he said.

TPC chief executive officer Marius Jacobs said since its privatization over two decades ago, the company has invested over 250bn/- for rehabilitation, increasing capacity and modernising operations.

Capital injections have been a worthy investment, attaining 110,000 tonnes annually and projecting 115,000 tonnes by 2025, he added.

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day and night to make sure the section is completed as planned by end of May, 2024, he said, noting that Misungwi residents have opportunities arising from the project, like accommodating and catering at Fela Station. After the section is completed the government will put up an inland container terminal (ICD), he stated.

Godfrey Kasekenya, the Works and Transport deputy minister, said the entirety of the 1,219 kilometres SGR project is being built at international standards, highlighting that the modern and fast train will use eight hours from Dar es Salaam to Mwanza.

The fifth lot of the project from Mwanza to Isaka will cost 3.12trn/- upon completion, he said, whereas Amina Lumuli, the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) acting director general, said 10 stations will be built in the section, including Fela.

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"The whole project will cost 16.17trn/-. The government has so far disbursed over 6trn/-," she reminded the audience, noting that the 20 hours travel from Dar es

Salaam to Mwanza will be cut to eight hours.

Cargo transport costs would be reduced by more than a third at current projections, she stated.

Inspecting the Kigongo-Busisi Bridge construction work, the premier urged close supervision to make sure it is completed on time without added costs.

"Construction of the bridge has

now reached 54 percent; it is our expectation that it will be completed as scheduled by end of February 2024," he affirmed.

A supervising engineer said the project will cost 716.3bn/- upon completion, noting that it had so far provided 864 direct and indirect jobs. On the site are 55 foreign employees and a small number of workers are women, he added.

## Mbeya residents urged to grow passion fruits

By Guardian Correspondent,

Mbeya

MBEYA Region residents have been urged to grow passion fruits to increase their incomes due to its great demand within and outside the country.

Passion fruit increases maternal health and energy

in men due to its huge zinc content.

Rungwe District Commissioner, Dr Vincent Anney made the remarks at the weekend during the visit by the Programmes Advisory Committee for improving the value chain in regard to coffee, tea and horticulture products known as AGRI-CONNECT.

The programme is sponsored by the European Union (EU) and implemented in various areas in the country, and for the Southern Highlands regions it is implemented in three regions - Mbeya, Songwe and Katavi regions.

Dr Anney gave the advice to farmers following the committee's visit to a passion

fruit farm owned by farmers of the UAMSHO Group at Utengule Village in Mbeya District.

He said the crop's demand in the market is fast increasing due to its many health benefits, hence he appealed to farmers to adopt its cultivation to benefit from the growing market.

"But also, I advise, espe-

cially men to eat the fruits, they have big zinc content which assist in men's sexual prowess, which is a great problem to many men at the moment," said Dr Anney.

UAMSHO Group Chairperson, Agnes Ndeka said they started cultivating the crop three years ago but now they can see great achievements.

She said they reap the fruits on a weekly basis selling a pail between 8,000/- and 10,000/- depending on the money season and use some of the money to expand their farms.

She added that they sell the passion fruit to one hotel in the City of Dodoma incurring its own transport cost.





NMB Bank Plc staff pose with the bank's flag at the top of Mountain Kilimanjaro, during a recent climb on which they spent a whole seven days to and fro with the idea of symbolically taking their services right to the "roof of Africa". Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## NMB workers plant bank's flag on Uhuru peak to celebrate Customer Service Week

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank workers have planted the bank's flag at the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro as part of celebrations to mark International Bank Customers Service Week.

The Bank has also used the incident to mobilise its workers and Tanzanians in general to participate in domestic tourism to assist in developing the sector with multitudes of business and economic opportunities.

Last Saturday in Moshi, NMB Bank officially began started advertising domestic tourism and announced participating in the sector to assist its growth when welcoming its six workers who succeeded to scale up Mt Kilimanjaro.

Speaking at the event at the Mweka Entrance, NMB bank Northern Zone Manager, Dismas Prosper said a team of six work-

ers that climbed Africa's highest mountain spent seven days up and down it.

He said its achievement to plant the NMB Bank flag at the Uhuru Peak was a huge accomplishment for the country's leading banking institution.

"First and foremost, the intention of the trip to plant the NMB flag at the summit was a special way for us to celebrate the bank Customers Week," he said, and added that NMB officials also used the exercise to mobilise for domestic tourism to assist the sector's growth in the country.

He said to mark Bank Customers Week celebrations 5,895 metres above sea level has a great meaning in how the Bank abides by quality service in its position as a leading banking institution in the market.

He further said it was the occasion to recognize the importance

of tourism business and its basic responsibility in the nation's economy and the country's development in general.

Acting Kilimanjaro national park Conservator, Iman Kikoti said NMB bank workers scaling Mt Kilimanjaro buttresses the Bank's position to be close to the tourism sector and other strategic institutions for the nation's development.

Kikoti also praised NMB for that saying tourism is the country's biggest treasure that needs cooperation with stakeholders to develop and sustain.

"As for now the tourism sector's contribution was still small, hence, he added, the NMB's decision to revitalize it is a good thing that needs to be supported by all stakeholders in the private sector.

Alfred Shayo, the leader of the NMB team that scaled up Mt Kilimanjaro, the trip that started Oc-

## Z'bar First VP calls for sustenance of unity

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman has called on the public to sustain the unity, saying it is the main foundation in building up a better culture among them.

Othman, who is also the Vice Chairman of ACT-Wazalendo party in Zanzibar made the remarks during a special visit to comfort the sick and old people in various areas of Unguja Urban west region.

He explained that elders have great treasures hence it is important to visit them and learn various

issues they went through, hence it is important in increasing the knowledge and continue building unity and solidarity among the people.

He said the step to visit the sick and elders shows that they are being held in high esteem for their contribution to the nation during their youth.


Othman also appealed to the sick he visited to remain patient and prayed for them to speed up their recovery and wished them long life and good health.

For their part, some of the elders who were visited thanked the First


Vice President for his decision to visit them and advised that it would be better to sustain the habit as it was a good thing for the nation.

They said the visit is an important issue in attaining the goal to build up unity in realizing various goals, both socially and politically under the umbrella of solidarity and unity.

For his part, Deputy ACT-Wazalendo Secretary General, Salim Dima thanked First Vice President Othman for the visit and stressed that the habit should be sustained as part to exalt the late Seif Sharif Hamad.




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## TBL, traffic police scale up road improvement safety intervention

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Breweries Ltd (TBL) in collaboration with the government has launched the national scale up of the motorcycle buffer zones intervention in Dar es Salaam Region aiming to improve road safety and reduce accidents.

The project which engages TBL, Traffic Police and Tanzania National Roads (TANROADS) was launched for the first time in Arusha Region late last year producing positive outcomes in the area.

Speaking during the launching event in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, National Traffic commander, SACP Wilbrod Mutafungwa commended TBL for their support to strengthen road safety in the country.


He said the government or the traffic police alone cannot fulfill this but only with support from various stakeholders.

"In 2021, TBL in collaboration with the government launched this programme in Arusha and today is in Dar es Salaam before extending it in other regions," he said.


He said the programme last year saw TBL and the government painting five junctions along the busy Nairobi road in Arusha and this year, as the scale-up commences, the programme will paint 11 junctions along Morogoro Road starting at the junction with Bibi Titi Mohamed Road ending at the Ubungo John Kijazi Interchange.

He said accidents claim thousands of lives in the country and that Dar es Salaam being one of Africa's fastest growing cities, the rate of accidents will increase if strong coordinated measures are not taken.

"In the period from January to September 2021, motorcycle related accidents were 300 accidents causing 181 deaths and leaving 181 injured. From January to September, 2022 a total of 296 bodaboda related road accidents occurred leaving 181 dead and 181 casualties. This is not a small number, we can see how this transport claims people's lives every day," he explained.

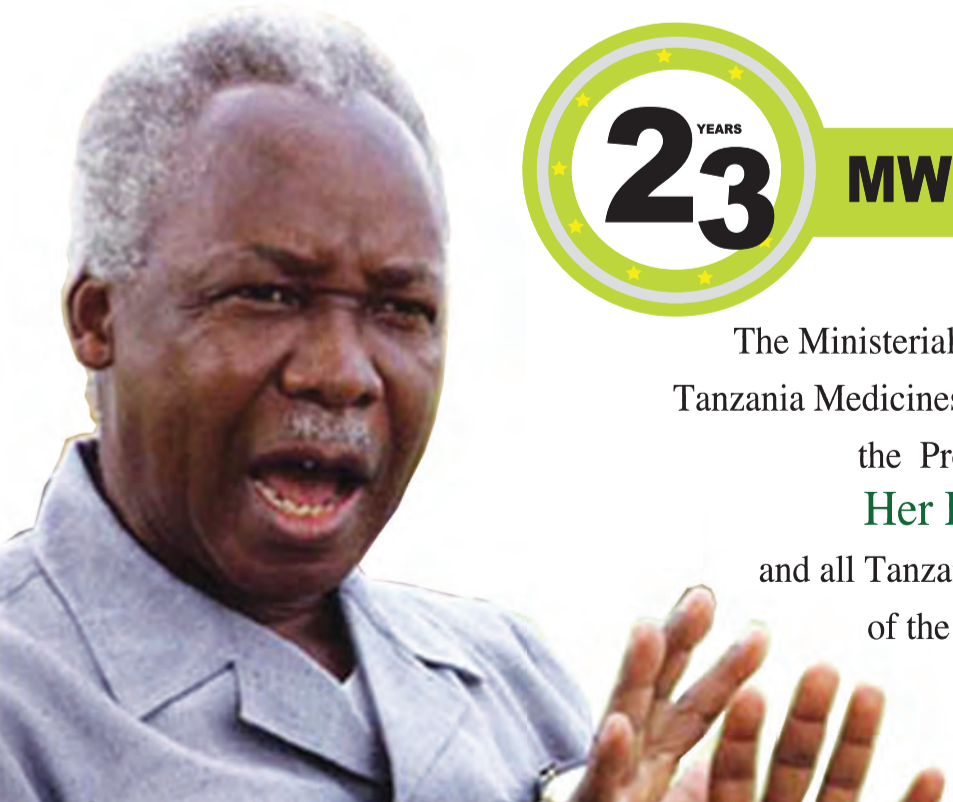


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**Anselim Peter (L), board chairman of Mponde Tea Factory based at Lushoto in Tanga Region, briefs members of the Parliamentary Public Investment Committee at the weekend. The delegation, led by committee chairman George Malima, visited the plant to assess the progress of activities at the project. It is a joint venture of the Workers Compensation Fund, the Public Service Social Security Fund and the Office of Treasurer Registrar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent**

## Mainland, Z'bar vow to cooperate to support SOS children's villages

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

TANZANIA Mainland and Zanzibar governments will continue working together to make sure they support efforts and other strategies to value and take care of children by SOS children's villages.

The remarks were made here by Unguja South District Commissioner Rajab Yussuf Mkasaba when closing zonal training seminar on uniting SOS Children's Villages in their original families held at Jambiani in Unguja South Region.

In his speech, Mkasaba said the step is among efforts being taken by both governments in making sure all children get the basic rights.

The DC also told training seminar participants that the Zanzibar Government values great work by the Zanzibar SOS Children's Village and pledged to continue with the cooperation to bring together all children in SOS Children's Villages to their original families.

He praised the village leadership for taking care of SOS children by selecting Zanzibar, especially the South District as well as holding the five-day training seminar to discuss various issues in regard to the children's destinies as well as their basic rights.

"In their leadership, both Tanzania President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Zanzibar counterpart, Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi have

been making deliberate efforts in making sure children receive their basic rights, hence there is every reason to get support," said DC Mkasaba.

He added that the training will to a great extent help to attain the intended goals in countries with SOS Children's Villages and praised them those from the Mainland and Zanzibar for organising the training in the country.

He also showered praise on Denmark, Norway, Finland, Austria and others for supporting and helping SOS Children's Villages in various African countries.

For his part, Zanzibar Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children, Anna Athanas Paul praised the step which she said will to a great extent assist to value and caring for the children in the country.

For their part, participants of the training seminar said they will take deliberate effort to make sure the work on the training they received in their respective countries.

The Deputy Minister assured seminar participants that her Ministry will continue to offer great cooperation in making sure the intended goals are attained.

Participants from various countries with SOS Children's Villages attended the training seminar including those from Denmark, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Botswana, Tanzania Mainland and host Zanzibar.

## Chief government chemist calls on community to support UHI

By Correspondent James Kandoya

CHIEF Government Chemist Dr Fidelice Mafumiko has called on the community to support the new yet to be established mandatory Universal Healthcare Insurance (UHI) to access a range of essential healthcare services without financial impoverishment.

According to him, out-of-pocket spending on health has pushed some of the families into extreme poverty adding that it must change.

On September 25 this year, the government tabled the Universal Health Insurance (UHI) Bill 2022 in Parliament providing compulsory conditions for people to have registered in insurance schemes in order to secure several social services.

Briefing journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Dr Mafumiko said the UHI will ensure people get healthcare services in public and private health facilities.

He called on the community

to be on the forefront to air their views and support government initiatives of ensuring it comes into practice after being enacted to be law.

Dr Mafumiko said the new UHI will ensure the availability of quality, affordable health services for all when needed without financial impoverishment.

The experience has shown that diseases come without an alert and sometimes meet you in financial constraints, which sometimes

cause death for failure to access health services.

He detailed that currently, only 15 percent of the country's population are covered with health insurance schemes offered in the country adding that the new UHI bill will ensure the remaining 85 percent of the population is covered.

"Since, only 15 percent of Tanzanians are covered with insurance schemes offered by different services providers, therefore the new UHI will ensure the remain-

ing 85 percent are covered to have all people assured of getting treatment and guarantee a healthy population," he said.

"I call on the citizens to support the government initiatives of coming with UHI to ensure the remaining 85 percent of the population access healthcare services without financial impoverishment.

Compared to the previous scheme, the new UHI will have a full range of essential health services ranging from health promo-

tion to prevention and treatment to mention a few.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), at least half of the people in the world do not receive the health services they need.

About 100 million people are pushed into extreme poverty each year because of out-of-pocket spending on health. It is estimated that over 930 million people spend at least 10 percent of their household income on healthcare.

## Stakeholders in special move to upscale Tanzania's cassava production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

DIFFERENT stakeholders in the country's cassava production sub-sector have signed a special Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) for implementation of a robust project to boost production and productivity of the economic cash crop.

Christened 'Building an Economically Sustainable and Integrated Seed System for Cassava -BASIC II, the timely initiative aims to ensure cassava productivity and incomes of smallholders are boosted through access and application of affordable improved cassava seed varieties.

The stakeholders which signed the MoU include the Menonite Economic Development Associate (MEDA), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), as well as the ministry of agriculture.

Speaking over the weekend during an event to sign the said MoU in Dodoma region, Stephen Magige, the country project manager at MEDA expressed that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been entered with a very innovative

approach to help solving one of the most entrenched problem facing the agriculture sector in Tanzania, that of limited access to affordable improved seeds.

"It is of great interest to TARI, private companies, MEDA and the funding agencies that this commercial improved seed supply business model is replicated for other crops," he added.

And he added: "In recognition of the strategic importance of cassava to the Tanzania economy and food security, in 2020 the ministry of agriculture put in place a cassava development strategy 2020-2030 with a target to expand the areas planted with improved cassava seed varieties production from 40,000 hectare in 2020 to 260,000 in 2030 that will increase the number of improved cassava seed cuttings from 80 million to at least 1.6 billion per annum.

Giving more details, Magige informed that given the ambitious target set by the parent ministry, BASIC II project had to come up with an innovative solution to ensure there's an efficient, but well integrated -commercially driven and sustainable EGS supply chain.

"Following successful implementation of the BASIC II project on commercial seed supply system and the responsibility, the ministry of agriculture has entrusted the parties with (in the cassava development strategy 2020-2030) the partners led by TARI have resolutely decided to commit themselves to formalize and strengthen this very important partnership to guarantee Tanzania cassava farmers, clean, high yield, disease resistant and tolerant and affordable seed varieties," he expressed.

For his part, the Director General for the Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI), Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo said the state-of-the-art owned seed breeder will work professionally to ensure for sustainable research and production of improved cassava seeds varieties with an eye to enable involved farmers to improve production and productivity.

MEDA, in cooperation with agriculture ministry, TARI, IITA, the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), Agriculture Seed Agency (ASA), and private companies namely AMINATA Seed Com-

pany in Tanga, Techgrow Services Ltd in Coastal region, Kakindo Farm in Lindi and Kagera, Getunguye Farm in Mara, Lima Africa in Kigoma, RABICA farm Lindi and more than 600 cassava seed entrepreneurs (CSE) implemented the supply chain for improved cassava seeds in eleven regions in the Coastal, Lake and Southern Zones.

Before the intervention, the cassava crop faced diverse on-farm challenges, the most devastating was diseases such as cassava mosaic diseases (CMD) and cassava brown streak diseases (CBSD), and they were exacerbated by lack and low adoption of high yielding, clean, disease resistant or tolerant seed varieties.

Through the financial auspicious from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), BASIC II worked to put in place a functioning commercialized seed supply system that vertically integrates TARI for production of early generation seed (EGS), seed companies for multiplication of basic seeds and individual cassava seed entrepreneurs that multiply certified and quality assured planting material of improved, disease-resistant varieties.

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**Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister Dr Dorothy Gwajima addresses residents of Mang'ula ward in Kilombero District at the weekend during the commemoration of October 15 as International Day of Rural Women, a day to celebrate the accomplishments of rural women around the world. Photo: Guardian Correspondent**



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## IKUPA Trust Fund donates special delivery bed to disabled people to Kahama District Hospital

By Guardian Reporter

IKUPA Trust Fund (ITF) has donated 5 wheel chairs and a special bed for delivery to disabled people worth 3.1m/- to the Kahama District hospital in Shinyanga Region

The support is part of the funds funded and contributed by the Nos Vies en Partage Foundation (NveP) sponsored by CEO and the President of Barrick Gold Corporation, Mark Bristow. NveP objective is tackling social development challenges which affect communities' particular focus being on raising funds for those people, especially women and children, who do not benefit from the economic growth in Africa.

Handing over the donation Ikupa Trust Fund (ITF) founder and Special Seats MP Stella Ikupa said that disabled women need special care, while seeking medication and promised to support more initiatives of providing special care to disabled people.

"We join with President Samia Suluhu Hassan who has been insisting on the existence of special birthing rooms for people with disabilities. During childbirth, people with disabilities experience many challenges compared to people without disabilities. People with disabilities need privacy and friendly infrastructure during childbirth, that's why we have seen the importance of bringing birthing beds for people with disabilities," Ikupa said

Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine's acting Manager of Community Relations Zuvena Senkondo, said

that Barrick and Ikupa Trust Fund have provided chairs for children with disabilities and beds for mothers with disabilities to give happiness to people with disabilities and show them that they can engage in production works as other people without disabilities.

Rehema Joshua, Kahama Municipal Council's chairman of the Department of Women and Children with Disabilities thanked the Ikupa Trust Fund and Barrick for the support while stressing that people with disabilities have the right to love, marry, get married and have children like other people.

Kahama District Hospital in charge, Dr. Deo Nyaga, expressed gratitude to the ITF and Barrick for the donation, saying the hospital would set aside a special room for delivery for disabled people.



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Ikupa Trust Fund founder Stella Ikupa (5th-L), a Special Seats legislator, receives a delivery bed for women with disabilities at Kahama District hospital from Barrick Bulyanhulu Mine acting community relations manager Zuvena Senkondo at the weekend. The support is courtesy of funding from Nos Vies en Partage (NveP) Foundation with sponsorship by Barrick Gold Corporation president and CEO Mark Bristow. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Oil, gas firm insists on current exploration licence

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SWALA oil and gas Tanzania Plc has vowed to focus on Kilosa-Kilombero project despite the changes of its board of directors.

Speaking in an interview, the company's secretary Christina Eugene, said that despite the resignation of Scott Gilbert, a non-executive director, the company does not need to be replaced as they have three non-executive directors still

on the board. She added that they will assess as required to do so.

However she said his resignation does not affect the company's operations or shares at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange and the firm remains focussed on Kilosa Kilombero project.

Last month Swala oil and Gas Tanzania issued a statement on the resignation of Scott Gilbert, a non executive director.

Gilbert combined his role as a

non-executive director of the Company with an involvement in other oil and gas interests in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa, the statement said.

It said that the interests have now progressed significantly, and Gilbert is required to take on an executive role leading the company where his other interests are held.

According to the statement, this will require Gilbert's entire attention and he has regrettably decided

to step away from his other commitments, including his role on the board of the Company.

Abdullah Mwinyi, Swala Chairman, said: "We are grateful for Scott's contribution to the board and the Company's shareholders, and wish him well in these international projects that he is progressing." Swala Oil and Gas (Tanzania) plc ("Swala") is an oil and gas company listed on the Dar es Salaam stock exchange with assets in Tanzania and Burundi

and an active growth programme in both Africa and elsewhere. Their current exploration licence is the Kilosa-Kilombero licence in Tanzania, which they operate with a 100 percent participating interest.

Swala is a shareholder of PAE PanAfrican Energy Corporation ("PAEM"), a Mauritius-registered company that owns PanAfrican Energy Tanzania Limited ("PAET").

PAET in turn holds the rights granted by the Government of Tan-

zania to explore, develop, market, produce and sell natural gas from the Songo Songo gas field in Tanzania, the associated infrastructure and distribution and marketing agreements with private sector and state enterprises.

Swala has been, and continues to be, an active contributor to the development of the Tanzanian capital markets and to local content participation in the Natural Resources sector.



Bank of Africa managing director Adam Mihayo (R) welcomes Dodoma regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule to tour the bank's booth at the Village Community Bank Night Out exhibition over the weekend. Others are Alternative FM Radio executive chairman Emmanuel Rutagonya (2nd-R) and manager Tatenda Njawa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Parents, guardians urged to make close follow up of academic performance of their children

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

PARENTS and guardians have been advised to make close follow up of academic performance to their children so that they can be able to perform better in their final examinations.

The call was made over the weekend in Dar es Salaam by the project manager with Kilua Group, Ammanzy Mohamed, during the St. Mary's Mbezi Beach form four graduation ceremony at the school's premises.

He said parents and guardians should take interest to know academic development of their children instead of leaving it to the teachers thinking that to pay school fees is enough.

He said parents should create friendship with teachers to get information of their children because the tendency show that after paying their school fees many parents think that they have done and they don't bother to do follow up of their children.

"Am very happy and I was amazed by talents I have seen here I commend teachers and school management for your efforts because to prepare students to this level is not easy job so you deserve congratulations, but I insist parents to be very close to teachers" he said

"For the academic exhibitions I have seen here it is a clear testimony that this students will do wonders in their final examinations because you have prepared them well," said Ammanzy.

The head teacher of the school, Ntipoo Recca said since its establishment in 2001

under the late Dr Reverend Getrude Rwakatare, the school has been striving to produce students who have morals and are able to the best in their final examinations.

He said since then, the school has managed to build enough class rooms to accommodate only 25 students in each class to make it easy for teachers to reach every students in the class.

He said apart from building enough classrooms, the management have employed competent teachers in all subjects something which has enabled their students to excel well in their final examinations each year.

He added that the school management has managed to put in place huge library which have all important books and laboratory for science students to do their practical work.

"We have tried and managed to frame the behaviors of our students they are very good in ethics. They follow their class time tables without any pressure from teachers and in this year's form four results we expect to do the best" said Recca.

On her side, the Mbezi Juu Education Officer, Clarence Makule, commended the school management and teachers for the good academic performance and argued them not to relax but pull their socks to maintain the standard.

"I know their teachers are very competent enough and some of them studied here since baby class and they came back to teach, my advice to you don't relax and maintain your standards because there is competition outside," she said

## Regulators called upon to work closely with researchers to ensure quality survey outcomes

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

RESEARCH regulators have been challenged to work closely with researchers to ensure quality research outcomes that address health challenges in the country.

Prof Bruno Sunguya, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) director of research and publications made the statement over the weekend in Dar es Salaam when wrapping up four-day training on good research regulatory practice (GRRP).

The GRRP training is one of the deliverables of the consortium for clinical research regulation and ethics capacity in

Eastern Africa Region (CCRREEEA) project, funded by European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP).

It brought together members from five countries—Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Malawi.

"Our task is to conduct research in good manner and timely. Scientific output from all our countries is poor, we have low scientific output due to our regulations or practices, research regulators are the gatekeepers who allow good or bad research and to decide for unethical and ethical research, your recommendations can save peoples' lives," he added.

Prof Sunguya said MUHAS understands the importance of conducting clinical research ethically with the aim of minimizing risk to research participants and ensuring respect for their rights, values and interests.

Dr Mwanaidi Kafuye, Head of department of laboratory sciences at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) said: "We have been able to develop an integrated system to manage information in order to simplify the management of research in general. Our responsibilities are to manage research values in the country, ensure better research to protect the interests and health of the public."

Dr Noah Kiwanuka is an associate professor and chair of department of epidemiology and biostatistics and director of the clinical trials unit at Makerere University School of Public Health; he urged political leaders and the East Africa health commission to look at possibilities to harmonize the region's research regulations.

Dr Kiwanuka said: "We need to come up with general research regulation guidelines which will allow researches reviewed and approved in Tanzania to be used in other countries."

Vice Chairperson from Mathari Institutional Research Ethics Committee (IREC) in Kenya, Dr Charles Waweru said region-

al collaboration with ethic approvals is a good idea to harmonize monitoring of clinical trials across the region

"We have learned the importance of being ethical in our dealings, declaring conflict of interest at onset, respect human rights, and effective communication. We have a monumental task to keep abreast with regulation and ethical issues pertaining to clinical trials," said Waweru.

Member of National Health research ethics committee (NathREC) from COSTECH, Dr Bunini Manyilizu said: "Our role is to coordinate all research in the country, this training is important because we are managers of quality, hu-



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## World Food Day has mixed signals for Tanzania, Africa

WORLD Food Day is an international day marked annually on October 16th to commemorate the date of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) in 1945. International agencies working on issues like hunger or food, agriculture or nutrition, as well as stakeholders in those fields at national level or academic, not to say corporate level links, mark the day to interact and reflect. A UN chronicler says the World Food Programme (WFP) received the Nobel Peace Prize for 2020 for their efforts to combat hunger, contribute to peace in conflict areas. Agency staff and diplomats played a leading role in stopping the use of hunger as a weapon for war and conflict, now being heard of in Tigray.

Each year when the day is marked has its special theme, and for 2014 it was 'family farming,' sub-themed "feeding the world, caring for the earth." Clearly enough there are gender and poverty alleviation issues in that theme, as well as the constant return to environmental matters, as food security is finally anchored in that sphere. Noticeably in 2015 the theme was more direct as 'breaking the cycle of rural poverty,' and in 2016 the theme more angled towards climate change, with activists saying that food and agriculture must change as well. That is precisely why the sixth phase government is laying acute stress on irrigation agriculture.

The chronicler says that the latter theme echoes the theme of 2008 and earlier in 2002 and 1989 before that, whereas the 2020 theme was "grow, nourish, and sustain: Together, our actions are our future." That goes without saying, but the issue is too often raised

as one of welfare, whereas food security ought to be part of policy coherence and feasibility as a whole. It isn't a matter of pleading for the poor or shouting against hunger but having workable programmes that actually make a difference. So we need to evaluate our actions for sustainable food security here.

While activists in Tanzania could conceivably be a bit relaxed in their reflections and demands to the government, most of Africa will be at pains to figure out what aspect they should emphasise. We had a bit of that issue two years ago or a bit earlier when the fifth phase government moved to liberalise grain markets, and even to this day commentators wish to believe that what is produced in Tanzania belongs to us, not to be easily accessed by outsiders. The government rejected that position; current moves to end non-tariff barriers with Kenya cement this outlook.

The chronicler points out that World Food Day (WFD) was established by FAO member countries at its 20th general conference in November 1979, on Hungary's proposal. It has since been observed every year in more than 150 countries, with a focus on the issues behind poverty and hunger. Since 1981, World Food Day has adopted a different theme each year to highlight areas, to enable a common focus. Most of the themes revolve around agriculture as investment in agriculture, tied up with education and health, and are expected to turn the situation around, activists say.

That view is helpful enough but it doesn't take sufficient note of climate change on the one hand and the population challenge on the other.

## Institutional solidarity checks PCCB, ZAECA zeal in preventing corruption

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has castigated the two anti-corruption bodies at a ceremony to receive the Uhuru Torch, and commented on the report delivered by the CCM Youth team entrusted with inspecting development projects the race team was asked to inaugurate. The president was unsatisfied with how the bodies, legally tasked with preventing and fighting corruption, were conducting little or no preventive action, after the report pointed at 65 projects the team refused to launch on suspicious use of funds. The president told the two bodies to probe the projects.

What was pointed out about the president's remarks was the gap in the work of the two agencies, since they are more of prosecuting agencies for acts of graft pointed out by other authorities, which they then pursue. The president was surprised or has often been surprised that the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) and the Zanzibar Anti-Economic Crimes Agency (ZAECA) never find out that acts of corruption are likely to be committed. Or such acts being committed.

Even though the president said they wait for reports of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) or the Zanzibar version of that office, the fact is that even then they must be asked to actually probe a certain project, office or individual. This is also what the president did in this instance, that the defaulting projects be investigated, and with that green light something is definitely going to be done, but not at PCCB behest or ZAECA, but the responsible authorities. It is a sense of a regulatory failing to ask the two bodies

to 'prevent' corruption as they would be interfering with how the other agencies work, as mostly they are ministerial departments or parastatals.

In other works the idea of an agency to prevent corruption is a non-starter since it amounts to asking someone to bad mouth another government official for plans or decisions in one or other direction. It is virtually impossible to ask someone to make enemies on a day to day basis, for each public official presumably has the trust of higher authorities (whether it is up to ministerial or State House level being another issue) and that imposes a duty of respecting one another. Strictly, they observe this rule.

The CAG is mandated with the task of checking the flow of facts and figures on what was seen, not say who wished to steal public funds. Even the police are called into a situation and sets to arrest or find the one about whom a complaint has been raised. So we need to understand that we only need an agency to prosecute, like the DPP (as part of the police), not a public agency for probing other public agencies.

Even those who formed PCCB didn't expect it would actually do that work; they needed to placate nagging international agencies, asking us to privatise. We opted to assure them on checking corruption, but graft has to be ensnared from the inside by institutional reform, as diverse shareholding makes boards actually govern. Full public ownership eases winking at graft, so PCCB or ZAECA can't do the dirty job for parastatals or authorities. We need to reform and cut corruption from the inside.

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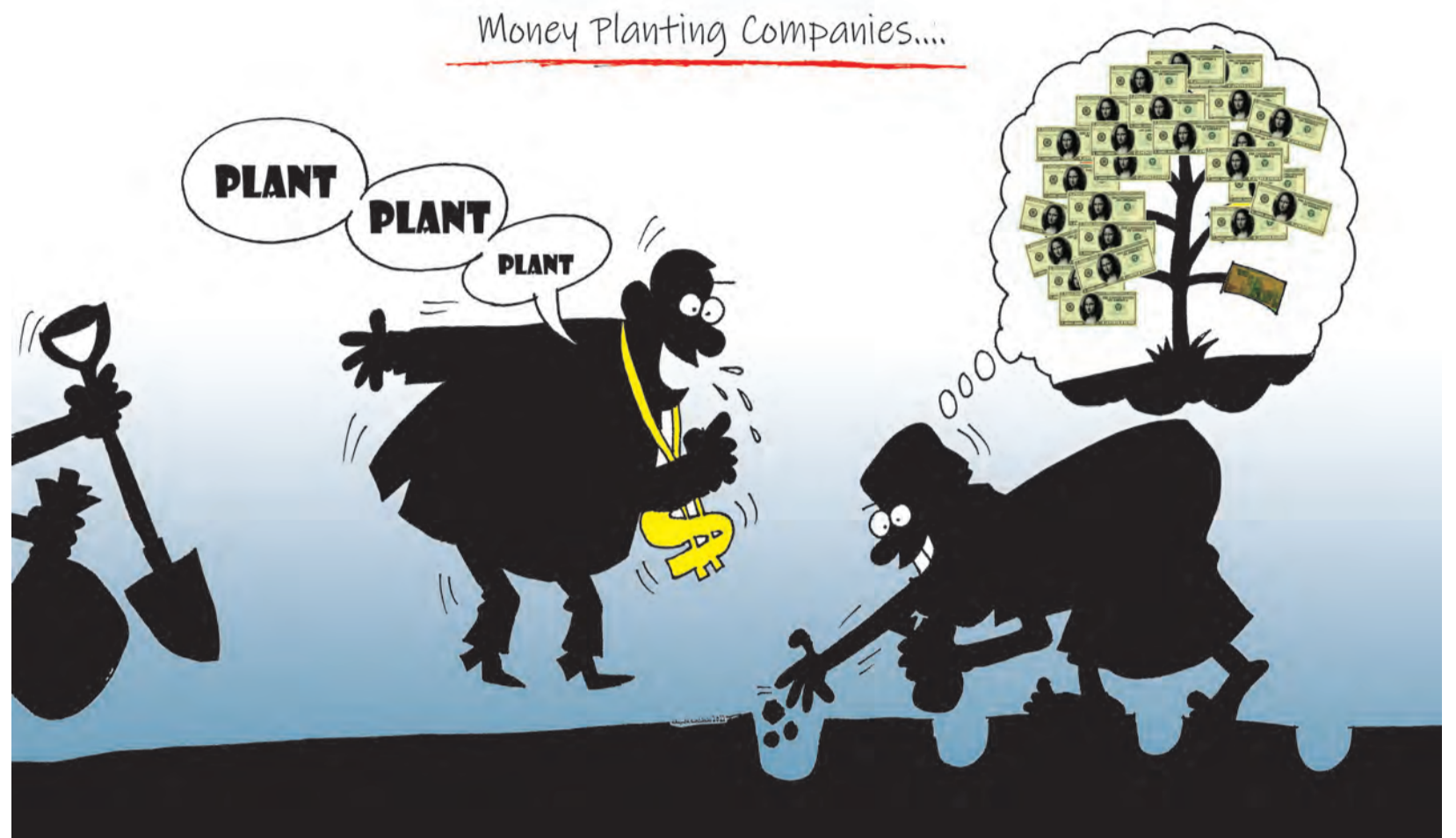
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## A deserted north: Forgotten by history and cursed by devolution

By Ali Edin Abdi

THE history of Northern Kenya and marginalisation goes as far back as the colonial days. The same trend used by colonisers has remained in play. Historical evidence points at a neglected, abandoned and marginalised region and successive governments have not done enough to reverse the deep inequalities and marginalisation.

The history of Northern Kenya and marginalisation has an historic bearing right from the colonial masters to the subsequent Governments who continued to consider the region unproductive and was therefore neglected from any form of development. The colonial masters set out a plan of segregating the region and that was necessitated with the British's view of the Somalis as a threat and their belief that the region's climate was harsh and their agricultural interests stands no chance. The commissioner of the East African Protectorate, Sir Charles Elliott in 1904 recommended that the NFD region be separated to form a separate government, even though that did not happen the way the region was administered in comparison with the other protectorates was a clear indication of the white man's tendency to lean towards Elliott's recommendations. The problems of the Northern Frontier Districts as it was formerly known began with the formulation of three policies which have had a serious historical injustice to the region. The Outlying District Ordinance of 1902, the "Closed District" Ordinance of 1926 and the Special District Administration Ordinance (SDO) of 1934. The Outlying District Ordinance established posts within the NFD making Isiolo the district headquarter as well as imposing administrative tax in the region. The armed Somalis did not accept that and the colonial master was forced to administer the region using the military between 1921 and 1926. The "Closed District Ordinance" of 1926 was meant to isolate the region by regulating travelling of non-residents into the area.

The Special District Administration Ordinance (SDO) OF 1934 was meant to hamper social interaction between diverse groups in the NFD. It delineated the area into tribal zones in order to prevent Islam from spurring the people in the NFD against the colonial administration and, allegedly, to prevent epidemics from spreading to livestock in the rest of the Kenya. This policy of isolation only got worse as nationalistic feelings spread across the Southern part of Kenya by the 1940's. Later on, no resident of the NFD could leave the region, which meant going past imaginary peaks marked by the Ewaso Nyiro and Tana Rivers,



A man walks through a compound of rural homes in Turkana County, northern Kenya (file photo).

without NFD passes authorised by colonial government officials as the British feared that the Somali would aggravate political awareness in the country. The white man alienated the region to the extent that when they left, the region was the most backward both politically and economically. The situation appeared extremely volatile to the extent that there were feelings within the region that they are not part of Kenya, a feeling that still remains to date.

Post-election and sessional paper no.10 of 1965

In 1963 the country celebrated independence and as the nation was in joy and ululation, Northern Frontier Districts were in disarray and appeared more alienated than ever before. The Jomo Kenyatta's government picked up exactly where the colonialists left and the marginalisation of the North continued. In 1965 the Government released the infamous Sessional Number 10 which Okoth Ogingo opined that it was neither a political philosophy, nor a plan, but rather, a simple answer to public clamour for an ideology of government. Policy analysts termed the paper as a policy malfunction and recognised it as the root cause of all the problems in the North. The paper perpetuated the biased distribution of public investment established under the colonial rule and resources were then directed towards the so called 'high potential' areas of crop production, overlooking the wealth of lowland livestock-based economy and creating the deep inequalities in human development which we see in Kenya today.

The residents of the region were apprehensive and they immediately began to alienate themselves as the 'Shifta War' commonly referred to as 'Gaf Daba' began to take shape. The Shifta war was a secessionist conflict in which the ethnic Somalis in NFD attempted to join Somalia. The war was just a culmination of long periods of conflict and calls for self-determination which the colonial mas-

ter refused to heed. The treatment of the NFD post-independence created mistrust among the NFD communities and lack of services and minimal development escalated the situation to the point of violence. The Kenyan Government then opted to respond to the protesters quite violently and several others were arrested. The resignation of 33 Somali Chiefs who protested against the colonial chieftaincy which went against their clan structure was a culmination of the anger from the residents against the government of the day. The Northern Frontier Districts boycotted the election which was viewed as a total disobedience to the regime and slowly by slowly the government was being pushed to the corner.

The assassination of Senior Chief Haji Galma Dida and District Commissioner Daudi Wabera Dabaso, was quite significant considering the fact that it is believed that assassins had sneaked into Somalia and upon inquiry the Somali government refused to hand over the killers for trial within the Country. The Country had attained self-rule and thus there was a lot of pressure from Kenyans for the government of the day to prove its worth by stamping authority and protecting its border. The government acted aggressively and swiftly by declaring a state of emergency in what was commonly referred to as 'Gaf Daba'. The people were separated into manyattas who were then confined in one area, as their animals were killed and several lives taken. The government did not care and the level of destruction, loss of animals and human lives was in quite a significant level and most people from the North have never forgotten about that. Once the Shifta war was over and NFD was now officially recognised as part of Kenya, there was hope that the government will now invest in the region to try and bridge the gap. However, the historical evidence points at a neglected, abandoned and marginalised region by successive govern-

ments as the same trend used by colonisers remained in play. The North was a deserted parcel with little or no significant development, the poor pastoralists were forgotten and completely cut-off from the other parts of the Country and when they travelled to Nairobi they would say, "Tunaenda Kenya" (We are going to Kenya).

### The advent of devolution

The promulgation of the 2010 constitution appeared to create an array of hope especially with the introduction of devolution which was seen as the best bet for the historically marginalised and under privileged Counties. The hope and aspirations of thousands of residents living in the North was short lived and as one angry resident noted, "before devolution public funds were being eaten far away in Nairobi, however, devolution allowed few individuals to eat public funds but now closer to us." Dreams were shattered and 10 years later we are still faced with the same problems ranging from lack of good roads, dilapidated health sector, lack of access to clean water, as well as shameful and disgraceful launch of relief aids every now and then. The billions that have been sent to NFD Counties since 2013 have ended up building luxurious hotels in Nairobi as a few cronies have enriched themselves at the expense of the poor locals who have nothing to smile about.

### Close

The calls for an all-inclusive, accountable and transparent NFD Counties still remains the primary objective of many residents of the North. Article 174 of the constitution calls for both County and National governments to provide for citizens well-being through an equitable provision of services, recognition of the right of communities to manage their own affairs and to further their development, the protection and promotion of the interests and rights of



# SUMAJKT strives to ensure quality of products, good customer service

## By special correspondent

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By Ezekiel Gebisso

On January 27, 1838, Abraham Lincoln delivered a speech titled "the perpetuation of our political institutions" to the Young Men's Lyceum in Springfield, Illinois. The core message of his speech was the need to preserve two great American ideals: self-rule and human liberty. At the same time, he warned that nations crumble because of one of two dangers. The first is external aggression, which he declared was inconceivable since the United States was protected by two great oceans. The second, which Lincoln insisted the country should fear, is corrosion from within - the internal decay, viciousness, the lassitude, the ignorance - exemplified by the rise of an ambitious leader who is unfettered by conscience, precedent, or basic human decency.

The two great ideals that Lincoln emphasized must be preserved are currently endangered and the two factors he identified as threats have converged on Ethiopia. In just four years, the country moved from a hopeful moment of democratic transition to the precipice of a violent dissolution. The leadership derailed the political transition, mismanaged the political space, engendered conflicts, and launched a devastating war. The combined effect of failed leadership has left the government drifting and the country teetering, shocked by foreign invasion and internal anarchy typified by a collapsing economy, a hollowed-out military, and escalating incendiary political rhetoric.

In this article, I argue that the specter of dissolution that now haunts Ethiopia resulted from the choices that Abiy Ahmed made among the real alternatives that were available to him. I contend that Ethiopia's chance of democratization was scuttled and a devastating civil war was set in motion when the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) selected him as its leader. In conclusion, I posit that the solution to Ethiopia's current predicament cannot come from within. The international community must work out a negotiated settlement to avert more bloodshed.

#### External aggression

Ethiopia's neighbors are taking advantage of the internal turmoil and freely meddling in the country's internal affairs. Isaias Afewerki has made himself supreme in Ethiopia. He publicly pontificates that he will assist Ethiopia in annihilating the authors of the 1995 constitution, multinational federalism, and electoral democracy. His forces have conducted a campaign of extermination, expulsion, rape, destruction, and starvation against the people of Tigray. He is on a rampage of revenge. The anomaly is that the Ethiopian leader praises Eritrea's atrocity crimes as a goodwill gesture

## Beyond national dialogue: Ending Ethiopia's civil war needs international engagement



A family from Samre, in southwestern Tigray, walked for two days to reach a camp for displaced people in Mekelle.

to save Ethiopia from its enemies.

Even Somalia which is reconstructing itself after decades of civil war has begun incursions and intervention in Ethiopia's affairs. Historically, Ethiopia often intervened in Somalia to fend off the latter's efforts to recover the territories Britain ceded to Ethiopia in 1954. In the last few decades, Ethiopia has intervened on the side of one warlord or another, culminating in Ethiopian troops officially entering Somalia in 2006. Nowadays, the direction of incursion and intervention has reversed. In 2020, more than 3,000 Somali troops were

deployed in Tigray, where they massacred hundreds of civilians in villages. After a lull of several years, Al-Shabab forces attacked and killed five Ethiopians in AMISOM bases. On July 20, 2022, Al-Shabab forces crossed into Ethiopian territory and killed several Ethiopian soldiers. That the direction of incursions was reversed for the first time in four decades indicates that Ethiopia is not in a position to secure its territory along the Ethiopia-Somalia borderlands.

In the last two years, it has become clear that Ethiopia cannot defend its territory along the Suda-

nese border. On November 1, 2020, three days before the start of the Tigray war, Abiy Ahmed requested the Sudanese leader to close the border to deny an escape route to Tigray fighters fleeing the war Ethiopia was preparing to launch. The Sudanese leader welcomed the invitation as an opportunity to recover his country's disputed land. Accordingly, Sudanese forces seized the land known as the Fashaga Triangle and drove out Ethiopian farmers from the land.

Because both the federal military and Amhara regional forces were busy ethnically cleansing Tigrayans in Western Tigray, as evidenced in the June 16, 2022 joint Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International report, the Ethiopian farmers in the Fashaga Triangle were left to fend for themselves. In the subsequent months, Sudanese forces seized more land and dislodged many more Ethiopians. Unable to respond to

the violation of the country's territorial integrity and displacement of its citizens, Abiy was left with no choice but to accept Sudan's action as a fait accompli. Though Ethiopia came out from the Sudan saga looking impotent, it did not matter to the prime minister who reckoned that the internal threat to his power was more ominous than the welfare of citizens and the borders of the country.

To conceal the failure, the government blamed third-party involvement, insinuating that Egypt incited Sudan into launching a conflict with Ethiopia. Despite the provocation, Egyptians remained silent over the Tigray war or occasionally expressed their support for stability at the source of the Nile river. This does not mean Egypt did not want to take advantage of Ethiopia's internal turmoil to protect its vital and strategic interests. In moments of candor, President al-Sisi and Foreign Minister Shukri have stated that Egypt "will not tolerate" any development upstream that will affect the Nile water flow. Their first move came with a cyber-attack on more than a dozen Ethiopian government websites in which the hackers warned that Egypt would attack if the filling of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) caused water levels to drop in Egypt.

Egyptian officials also launched a diplomatic juggernaut to counteract the shift in the regional geopolitical balance that controlling the flow of the Nile River would give Ethiopia, making it a dominant player in the Red Sea basin. The Ethiopian leader was unprepared to play the high-stakes diplomatic game. His gaffes (Walahi, I won't harm Egypt), missteps (the Sochi debacle) and misplaced priorities (Tigray War) gave an opening to Egypt, which they used to great effect with superior diplomatic adroitness.

**Agencies**

## Re-envisioning kangaroo mother care implementation through socio-ecological model: Lessons from Malawi

“EFFECTIVE scale-up of KMC requires a comprehensive approach that understands and addresses social norms that contribute to low levels of KMC uptake.”

Kangaroo mother care (KMC) offers a potential solution in resource-constrained settings with high rates of preterm or low birth weight (LBW) infants. Malawi was an early adopter of KMC, but post-discharge adherence is low. Research within Malawi has identified striking sociocultural barriers to KMC engagement. In 2015, Save the Children conducted research to inform the design, development, and implementation of a pilot KMC social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) programme in the districts of Machinga and Thyolo in the Southern Region of Malawi. The formative research described in this article sought to better understand social norms and community perceptions of preterm infants and KMC to guide programme design.

The study described in this article centres on an analysis of the social norms affecting KMC practice. Key concepts include: descriptive norms, or people's perception of the prevalence of a behaviour in their social environment; injunctive norms, or people's understanding of what others expect them to do in a social context; and outcome expectations, or social rewards (positive) or sanctions (negative) conferred in response to a behaviour.

For the qualitative study, the researchers conducted 11 focus group discussions and 20 in-depth interviews with actors across the spectrum of KMC adoption, including pregnant women, parents already engaged in KMC (caregivers), health workers, community members, and religious leaders. The data show that social interactions modify KMC parents' interest in and commitment to KMC, as well as their ability to manage the demands of the practice. As such, the findings are organised according to a socioecological model that illustrates the key roles of each group involved in KMC engagement and the related social norms affecting that engagement:

The analysis revealed 3 key injunctive norms influencing KMC engagement in this setting: (i) a perception that although preterm infants are abnormal, they should still be cared for; (ii) an understanding that men should provide for their families, while



women should care for their families, and (iii) a belief that families and communities should support one another. These norms cascaded down through the community, affecting family, household, and individual behaviour related to KMC:

- **Community level:** Community members enforced social norms - e.g., through interactions with parents, community members perpetuated the norm that preterm infants are aberrations - but also offered social support: For example, it seemed to be routine for religious community members to support families with newborns; additional care and concern were afforded to those with preterm infants.

- **Family level:** The roles and reactions of the extended family were governed by all 3 social norms. For example, female relatives supplied the material to wrap the child to the chest (wrappers) and physically engaged in KMC themselves. A strong sense of support emerged through the women's accounts of their experiences.

- **Household level:** Both KMC parents actively engaged in the practice; however, their interest in and ability to manage its demands were influenced by the prevailing social norms. For instance, when KMC fathers described their involvement in the care of their preterm infants, they emphasised providing material goods (e.g., wrappers). Once probed, the men also acknowledged that they physically participated in KMC, especially at night (when they were not at work); however, they seemed to value their role as "the provider" more highly.

- **Individual level:** KMC mother behaviour was

driven by a need to care for the family and modified by individual-level characteristics. While women wished to engage in KMC, they were limited by their physical state, available resources, and the need to care for the rest of their families.

Table 2 in the paper highlights key findings linked to each social norm, with implications for implementation to underscore areas for intervention. It also provides suggestions for potential corresponding activities to conceptualise ways to integrate these learnings into KMC programmes.

In discussing the findings, the researchers point to:

- The fact that KMC is physically demanding and requires a substantial time commitment: There is a need not only for behaviour change among primary caregivers but for sufficient social and economic support to overcome such barriers.

- The important effect of gender norms on KMC engagement: Broader family and community sensitisation could help prevent gaps in social support and bridge understanding when KMC conflicts with local customs. For instance, if the community becomes aware of existing male involvement in KMC, this may normalise the behaviour and foster increased participation. It may also be beneficial to frame KMC as part of men's role as a provider for the family.

Based on the findings, in Malawi, successful efforts to promote KMC will: (i) emphasise the value of life and work to shift community attitudes about preterm infants toward positive perceptions, (ii) encourage family

and community support systems, (iii) highlight the discrepancy between perceived and actual male behaviour regarding KMC practices to normalise male involvement, (iv) share strategies that support and encourage both KMC parents to engage in the practice collaboratively, and (v) develop or strengthen efforts to provide economic relief to KMC parents.

The Ministry of Health and Save the Children used the results of this formative research to develop and pilot a SBCC campaign entitled *Khanda ndi Mphatso* ("A Baby is a Gift") in the districts of Machinga and Thyolo. The campaign aimed to reach pregnant women and mothers of preterm and LBW infants, as well as their influencer groups. It included mass media, facility-based activities, and community-based activities, with a focus on shifting social norms and emphasising the value of newborn life. An evaluation of this programme showed significant improvements in individual attitudes toward preterm infants and KMC, as well as significant positive shifts in the injunctive norms described in this study.

In conclusion: "KMC efforts can be strengthened by incorporating context-specific actions to bolster social norms that align with KMC and shift those that discourage it. Activities must include a focus on the community and family levels to engender meaningful change at the household level...In contexts where gender roles are very distinct, KMC efforts may be most effective when paired with gender-transformative programming." **Agencies**



# Be innovative to earn income, varsity graduates challenged

By Guardian Reporter

UNIVERSITY graduates have been urged to be innovative so that to earn income apart from waiting for career opportunities from both government and private sectors.

Former Natural Resources and Tourism minister, Hamis Kigwangallah made a call during a one-day seminar of youth career guidance and financial literacy organized by Guided Path foundation under Chief Executive Officer, Hilda Tizeba. The seminar involved students and graduates from various universities in the country. He said that many graduates think that there are employment opportunities once they complete their studies, but they found them in the group of many job seekers in the country. According to Kigwangallah, waiting for employment is a waste of time and you have to think broadly on how to be self-employed and start earning income.

"I was a minister, but now I am not a minister rather than being a Member of Parliament.

I have decided to get engaged in modern livestock farming rather than waiting to be appointed in the post of minister again. My idea led me into that and I am doing fine," he said. He said graduates should not think about the capital rather than innovative ideas such as product, process and business model that would lead them to secure capital.

Guided Path CEO, Hilda Tizeba said they have decided to conduct seminar due to the current unemployment crisis and high statistics related to youth suicide rates and depression as a result of unemployment and purposelessness, as expressed by the World Health Organization.

Tizeba said that Guided Path has decided to educate youth on how to build successful careers and create financial freedom by thinking outside the box, being innovative and imparting knowledge and soft skills to help youth navigate today's extremely competitive career market.

"Alongside career development, it is also vital for youth to also learn about the principles of financial literacy and investment so as to build



**Guided Path CEO Hilda Tizeba (C) speaks during a seminar on youth career guidance and financial literacy. Nzega Rural MP, Hamis Kigwangallah (L) and Dr Bernadetha Rushahu (R) from the University of Dar es Salaam's Mental Health and Counseling Unit.**

a successful future free of financial related distress," Tizeba said.

According to Tizeba, youth were capacitated and educated on challenging issues facing youth such as how to choose the right career path, creating financial discipline and how to

commence their investment journey through a series of critical panel discussions, questions and answer sessions.

Youth were able to discuss these key topics with experts from UTT AMIS and the Mental Health and Counseling Unit from the University

of Dar es Salaam.

She said so far, more than 800 youths have attended their program based on important issues such as career guidance, self-esteem and confidence building, personal development, entrepreneurship and financial discipline and literacy. The organization is also part of the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice.

Tizeba called upon all youth stakeholders including the government, international organizations, the private sector and fellow civil society organizations to actively and tangibly support Guided Path's mission to mould, guide and bolster youth that are focused, driven, confident and innovative in tackling the challenges of the modern world. She said the future of our nation depends on all of us to participate towards the shaping and grooming of youth that are able to contribute to the development of our country and be psychologically equipped to be self-reliant, leaders of tomorrow.

By Guardian Reporter

# Educating girls transforming communities

CAMFED Tanzania's beneficiary, Stumai Kaguna reflects on 10 years of the organization's programs which are funded through UK Aid, explaining what a sustainable, scalable model for educating the most vulnerable can look like.

More than 277,000 girls and young women have seen a tangible difference in their lives as a result of two CAMFED projects implemented under UK Aid funded Girls' Education Challenge - Transitions (GEC-T) in peri-urban and rural districts of Tanzania, and rural districts of Zambia and Zimbabwe. Stumai, former CAMFED Tanzania client-learner guide and now district program coordinator, said through CAMFED she has seen first-hand transformation of girls' lives. Learner guides are women once themselves supported through school, who bring their lived experience and determination to ease the journey for the

girls coming behind them, offering the mentoring and social support so critical for students from disadvantaged backgrounds - both girls and boys.

Stumai has changed the lives of more than 277,000 young women in Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe thanks to investment under the Girls' Education Challenge (GEC) project.

Stumai grew up in a marginalized rural community where families lack financial resources to educate their children, and a dearth of educational and economic opportunities, especially for women.

"Life was extremely challenging. I am the fifth-born in my family, and lost my father when I was just three years old. My mother lives with a disability, and in order for me to be able to go to primary school, she sent me to live with relatives.

But once I finished primary

school my relatives could not support me for secondary education. The village Chairperson advised her to sell whatever she had to cover the fees for the first term. My mother sold a stack of corrugated iron sheets that she had been saving to build a better house for the family," she explained. It was through her CAMFED-trained mentor, Madame Milimko that Stumai ended up on a list of students suggested for CAMFED support by the community development committee, composed of local stakeholders, including the village head.

Stumai's school days were daunting. Her mother had been selling a locally brewed drink to make ends meet, but this became untenable given her disability.

Stumai convinced her to set up a home-based restaurant, and took on the job of setting up and preparing food before she went to school. This meant getting

up at 4 am every morning. Just after 6 am, she would start her 45-minute walk to school.

"Before CAMFED came, I couldn't imagine my future. Getting that support led me to see a future where I could provide for my mother and the rest of my family. My education was just the beginning. It was the support I received after school that brought transformation to my community," she said. After secondary school, Stumai joined the CAMFED Association of women leaders - a sisterhood network where girls learn and empower each other. At one of their meetings, Stumai found out about CAMFED's newly-introduced learner guide program, which focuses on improving girls' access to and retention in secondary education and equipping them with a broad set of life skills necessary to transition to productive, fulfilling livelihoods.

Stumai grasped the opportunity to train as a Learner Guide, absorbing the My Better World curriculum, which was developed by CAMFED. Volunteering as a learner guide from 2014 to 2016, Stumai reached around 400 students, with lessons initially delivered to Form 3 and Form 4 students, so the program's impact could also be measured in improved

Research by the University of Cambridge revealed an unprecedented uplift in learning outcomes - measured in Math and English exam scores - among marginalized girls as a result of CAMFED's multidimensional programs, with the role of the learner guide being pivotal to their success.

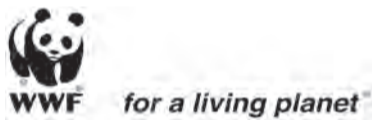
Stumai speaks of her pride in the students she has supported - not just with life skills but with business skills - who have gone on to establish viable enterprises that help them earn an income and become independent. She organizes training sessions for students, parents and community leaders, teaching practical skills that can be applied to income-generating projects, such as the production of liquid soap and financial literacy training. In sharing her knowledge, she has been the catalyst sparking improved living conditions for families in her community, and parents are able to support their children to stay in school.

Beyond the classroom, learner guides like Stumai create home-school links, work with traditional leaders, district and regional education officials as well as social services, magistrates and the police in their determination to protect vulnerable children and keep them learning.

Stumai regularly conducts home visits, checking on children who had missed class and

speaking to parents about the importance of girls' education. "I have probably reached thousands of people in my district," she said. During her time as a learner guide, she met with about 50 students and parents outside of the classroom. Her work put her in touch with around 50 village leaders, whom she spoke to one-on-one, as well as being invited to address village and ward meetings, with each meeting consisting of 80-150 community members. "I am showing the community that everything is possible."

According to Stumai, the need to address girls' financial challenges doesn't end when they graduate from school. Lack of jobs and prospects for young women continues to make them vulnerable to early marriage or exploitative labour. That's why CAMFED's learner guide programme capacitates the young women themselves at the same time as serving the needs of students.



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy to assess populations of black and white colobus monkeys and elephants, plus other relevant wildlife species, in 10 villages within the East Usambara sub-montane, lowland and coastal forest sub-landscape, Tanzania.

### Background of the project & assignment

The East Usambara Restoration project (EURP) is a new five-year project (2022-2026) - implemented by WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF-TCO) and funded by WWF -Switzerland (WWF-CH) - aiming to restore and conserve East Usambara sub-montane, lowland and coastal forests for local community's livelihoods and wildlife. The forests have long been known for their diversity of plant species - harboring at least 1,500 endemic plant species like the African violet genus Saintpaulia found nowhere else, as well as unique mammals (Black and White Colored Colobus), birds (Usambara) eagle, owl, reptiles (snake-Dipsadoboa wernerii) and amphibians like Hyperolius spinularis. There are 333 globally threatened species, including the Critically Endangered Aders' duiker (Cephalophus adersi).

WWF TCO, under the East Usambara Restoration project (EURP), therefore seeks to engage a consultant/s to assess the population of the black and white colobus monkey, elephants and other relevant wildlife species in the selected villages in the East Usambara mountains. This information will be a benchmark to monitor wildlife populations, human-wildlife conflicts and the restoration of corridors that still exist.

### The objective of the consultancy.

- The main objective of this consultancy is to search and assess the current population data on the black and white colobus Monkey, elephants and any other relevant wildlife species in 10 villages in East Usambara lowland and coastal forest sub-landscape.

### Specific objectives

- Assess and document the current population data on black and white colobus monkeys, elephants and other relevant wildlife populations in the 10 villages in the East Usambara sub-montane, lowland and coastal forest sub-landscape
- Assess human-wildlife conflicts (HWC) status in the 10 villages in the East Usambara sub-montane, lowland and coastal forest sub-landscape (incidences, injuries of people/death, retaliation killings, crop raiding, etc.)
- Assess community capacity to mitigate human-wildlife conflicts and develop a capacity-building plan
- Support and facilitate two capacity-building workshops for 5 CSOs, 10 village-based CBOs and private sector partners on developing assessment and monitoring plans for the key selected wildlife flagship species populations

### Scope of the assignment.

The main geographical area of focus will be the East Usambara-lowland and Coastal Forests sub-landscape. Particularly the study will be carried out in 10 selected villages in Korogwe and Mkinga districts, Tanga Region.

### Methodology

This consultancy should employ acceptable data collection and analysis tools. The selected tools for data collection should lead to the findings of the correct data for the population of the wildlife species including distribution, habitat condition, hunting activities and human wildlife conflicts. Generally, the methodology must be acceptable for wildlife population surveys.

### Required profile of the consultancy:

#### Required Qualifications

We are seeking an expert in the wildlife sector who has deep knowledge of the forest and wildlife sector and best practices and use of quality standards in natural resources management and who has a passion for research. The ideal consultant/s should have extensive experience in research of the East-Usambara-Coastal forests and their biodiversity values and ongoing wildlife connectivity. Also, the expert should have,

#### Contract duration

This assignment will last for one month (30 days). Please, submit your full proposal to [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org). Only successful applicants will be contacted.

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy to conduct an assessment of the production systems, practices and knowledge (including yield and pesticide management), value chains, markets and opportunities in the target villages, and the number of men and women in the East Usambara sub-montane, lowland and coastal forests.

### Introduction

WWF Tanzania Country Office (WWF - TCO) is implementing a five-year project funded by WWF-Switzerland (WWF-CH), which seeks to use innovative and multiple landscape restoration approaches to enhance human wellbeing and wildlife in Sustainable Forest Management in the East Usambara sub-montane-Coastal Forests.

The East Usambara sub-montane, lowland and coastal forests are of small size but biologically one of the richest, serving as an important source of food and cash crops such as bananas, potatoes, coffee and tea for communities living in the area and beyond, as well as a source of water for the urban areas in northeastern Tanzania. Food production is the main driver of agriculture expansion which leads to the degradation of water sources, deforestation and encroachment of wildlife corridors. The project therefore aims to maximize productivity (value chains and markets), improve livelihoods and minimize negative environmental impact.

WWF seeks to recruit consultant/s to assess Production systems and practices conducted in the East Usambara-Coastal Forests and identify value chains in place, existing markets for their products and various opportunities from the production process for the process of developing sustainable forest management in the East Usambara-Coastal Forest.

**Overall objective:** Conduct an assessment of production systems, practices and knowledge (including yield and pesticide management), value chains, markets and opportunities in the target villages, and the number of men and women) in the East Usambara sub-montane, lowlands and coastal forests sub-landscape

### Specific objectives.

- Undertake an assessment of the production systems, practices and knowledge in the selected villages
  - Identify agricultural products value chains, markets and opportunities
  - Undertake gender participation analysis on the use of sustainable agriculture production systems, best practices and product value chains
  - Undertake community capacity needs assessment of sustainable agriculture production systems, practices and knowledge (including pesticide management), value chains, and markets
- Key deliverables.
- An Inception Report that provides details on the tools, methodology, team composition, work plan and budget. An inception report should include a clear methodology for the assignment (data collection and analysis)
  - Two hard and soft copies of the Final Report with recommended results.

### Duration and proposal submission deadline

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# CPC's national congress under global gaze for more contribution to world peace, development

BEIJING

**T**HE 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) will fully summarize China's major achievements and valuable experience gained in its reform and development endeavors.

It will also formulate programs of action and overarching policies to meet China's new development goals on the journey ahead in the new era and the new expectations of the people.

The world is keeping a close eye on how the week-long meeting will map out a blueprint for China's growth, and how the country will further contribute to world peace and development.

### ACHIEVEMENTS IN NEW ERA

Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, China has made historic achievements and shifts in economic and social development, successfully promoting and expanding a Chinese-style modernization. Over the past decade, the CPC has led the Chinese people in striving for this great success, demonstrating the strong vitality of socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Speaking highly of China's great achievements in the past 10 years, overseas experts and observers have expressed their high expectations for China's bigger role in global affairs after the 20th CPC National Congress, which is expected to write a new chapter for socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

The past decade was extremely extraordinary for China as the country has achieved significant success in its development, said Xulio Rios, director of the Observatory of Chinese Politics in Spain.

China has eliminated extreme poverty and made remarkable achievements in such fields as science and technology and environmental protection, Rios said. He added that as China's role in global affairs becomes increasingly important, the global society has great expectation for the 20th CPC National Congress.

Ehecatl Lazaro, researcher of Mexican Center for Economic and Social Studies, said that under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, China has become one of the countries with an important influence on the international economic, political and social development in the 21st century.

The decisions made at the 20th CPC National Congress will have great significance for the whole world, including Latin America, Lazaro said.

Noting that the meeting will review the CPC's valuable experience in state governance, Randy Alonso, director general of popular Cuban website cubadebate.cu, said that the experience will not only help embark on a new journey for China's growth, but also continue to push for world development.

He said China's vision of building a community with a shared future



Aerial photo taken on July 23, 2021 shows the Yachihe Bridge of the Guiyang-Qianxi Expressway in southwest China's Guizhou Province. (Xinhua/Yang Wenbin)

for mankind, and the Global Development Initiative (GDI) and the Global Security Initiative (GSI) proposed by the country will remain important in international cooperation and global governance.

Reviewing China's achievements in the past decade, Tang Zhimin, director of China ASEAN Studies at the Bangkok-based Panyapiwat Institute of Management, highlighted China's adherence to the people-centered development philosophy, the eradication of poverty for nearly 100 million rural residents, the building of the world's largest education system, and social security and healthcare system.

He said these achievements have made China a model in developing countries, adding that with the 20th CPC National Congress taking place, ASEAN countries are highly interested in how China's future economic and social progress will bring more certainty to global development.

### POSITIVE INFLUENCE

The 20th CPC National Congress will envision the two-step strategic plan for building China into a great modern socialist country, with a focus on outlining strategic tasks and major initiatives for the next five years. The congress is expected to bring more benefits to the people of China as well as the rest of the world.

The Chinese "seem serene even if they are very busy," said French international affairs expert Bruno Guigue. "In my eyes, the serenity of the Chinese people is the tangible expression of their material and spiritual success."

Guigue said socialism with Chinese characteristics is in line with China's national conditions, adding that he will focus on China's plan to further promote high-quality development at the upcoming CPC na-

tional congress.

As the world now faces great turbulence and turmoil, China is bringing hope for developing countries via the joint construction of Belt and Road, said William Jones, Washington bureau chief of the U.S. publication Executive Intelligence Review.

"The path charted by China at the upcoming 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China will be decisive in determining the direction the world takes," Jones said.

The world is looking forward to the meeting, because China will unswervingly promote its high-quality development and firmly strive for a strong modern country, said Luis Antonio Paulino, a professor at Sao Paulo State University.

At the same time, China's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind and the GDI will continue to promote an early realization of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) will continue to drive the development and prosperity of developing countries, including Latin American countries, the professor said.

China's new guidelines to be unveiled after the CPC national congress will not only shape the future of China, but also promote the development of the world, said Joseph Mathews, a senior professor at the BELTEI International University in Phnom Penh.

From the Belt and Road Initiative to the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, China has provided a clear blueprint for global development, which has a transformative effect on both Asia and the world, he added.

### SHARED OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

In today's world, with major global changes and the COVID-19

pandemic, both unseen in a century, economic globalization is facing headwind, and the world has entered a new period of turbulence and change.

Against such a backdrop, observers expect that after the 20th CPC National Congress, China's growth will promote global economic recovery and an open world economy, bringing new opportunities to other countries.

Jean Christophe Iseux von Pffeten, president of the Institute for East-West Strategic Studies in Britain, kindled his interest in China as Chinese students took part-time jobs in the factory of his family in France several decades ago.

As a long time observer of China, he said that the country's development has been a stabilizer for the world economy for many years, thus the 20th CPC National Congress will have a profound impact not only on China, but also on the international community.

Alexey Maslov, director of the Institute of the Asian and African Studies of Moscow State University, said the world is paying close attention to the action plan and major policies to be formulated at the 20th CPC National Congress, which are very critical not only for China's development, but also for global issues such as food and energy security, as China is one of the most important parties.

Recently, the "FutureChina Global Forum" was held in Singapore, during which the 20th CPC National Congress became a hot topic. Chen Gang, assistant director of the National University of Singapore's East Asian Institute, said at the forum that China will continue to attract foreign investment and strengthen trade with regional countries.

China's implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and efforts

in promoting its accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement are clear signals that China will continue to integrate into regional economy to advance its growth.

Hanat Baisek, president of the Kazakhstan-China Trade Promotion Association, highlighted China's contribution to world economic growth. Since the 18th CPC National Congress in 2012, China's share of the global economy has risen from 11.4 percent to more than 18 percent, and the country's contribution to world economic growth has generally remained at around 30 percent, he noted, adding that China has signed BRI cooperation documents with 149 countries and 32 international organizations as of September this year.

Baisek said China has proposed the GDI and the GSI, and promoted the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. He also said he believes after the 20th CPC National Congress, China will continue to provide dynamism for global economic growth and contribute to the development and stability of the world.

### CONTRIBUTION TO HUMAN CIVILIZATION

Standing at a crossroads, the human society is facing unprecedented challenges. At this critical juncture, observers expect that China's visions and experience on state governance to be summed up at the 20th CPC National Congress could offer more inspirations for the whole world, further contributing to world peace and development and the progress of human civilization.

Charles Onunaiju, director of the Abuja-based Center for China

Studies, said the 20th CPC National Congress will present a roadmap of action and major policies for China's future growth, which is of great significance to world development and global governance.

Developing countries, including African countries, have high expectation for the meeting, he said.

The Nigerian expert has traveled to China many times for various forums and seminars, and therefore gained a close observation on China and Africa-China relations. He said a series of initiatives proposed by China on international cooperation and global governance in recent years has proved China's willingness to share its prosperity and undertake the responsibility as a major country in the world.

Calling the Africa-China ties a model of international relations, Onunaiju said that at a moment when global development is facing various challenges, strengthening cooperation between Africa and China will be significant to the world.

China has put forward a series of new ideas, proposals and initiatives in the past 10 years. As one of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, China has been firmly defending the international system with the United Nations at its core, said Alistair Michie, secretary general of the British East Asia Council.

China actively participated in UN peacekeeping operations and played an important role in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. China has made a significant positive contribution to global economic governance with its lead to create the AIIB -- the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Michie added.

He said he will keenly focus on the 20th CPC National Congress to see how China may help contribute to global governance.

Abdulaziz Alshaabani, an expert on China from Saudi Arabia, said that China's vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind promotes solidarity and coordination among countries, and the GDI responds to the appeal of developing countries to get rid of the impact of the pandemic as soon as possible and return to the right track of development, giving a strong boost to multilateralism.

The expert said he hopes that the 20th CPC National Congress will continue to provide constructive and pioneering propositions and ideas for global development and human solidarity and progress, so that more countries can learn from the successful experience of CPC governance, he said.

The GDI has accelerated the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and helped create synergy for global development, said Evandro M. de Carvalho, head of the Center for Brazil-China Studies at Getulio Vargas Foundation School of Law. He wished the 20th CPC National Congress a complete success.

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# BUSINESS

## BOA vows to empower SMEs

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

BANK of Africa (BOA-Tanzania) has expressed its commitment to continue empowering small and medium businesses (SMEs) by providing them with soft loans along with training in business techniques so that they can grow and contribute to the country's economic growth.

Adam Mihayo (pictured), BOA managing director and CEO noted this during the "Vicoba Night Out" group event over the weekend in the capital city Dodoma.

Mihayo said BOA is focused on empowering small entrepreneurs as part of the bank's strategic plan and so far it already has 1,000 VICOPA accounts that allow the members to borrow up to 3 times the amount they have in their association account.

"The operation of these accounts is very simple which is also connected to our digital services that enable every transaction that will go through the group account to correspond with a special message (notification) to the group members to help keep transparency in the operation of the group account," he said.

Mihayo added that until the end of the ninth month of this year, the Bank had loans amounting to 383bn/-.

In the year 2022, the Bank has provided more than 250bn/-, of which 72bn/- was directed to small investors (retail customers) and medium customers including various groups (SMEs).

In its strategic plan for the next three

years - the bank plans to support this Group where more than 315bn/- will be provided in collaboration with other development stakeholders like International Finance Corporation (IFC) to reduce obstacles such as guarantees.

"This is a group that includes small, medium, and large businesses, from nutritionists to owners of small animal food production industries. We believe that this is a significant group for the economy of our country as it is the group that employs the most people in the country. We'll continue to be with you side by side so that together we can reach our goals," said Mihayo.

According to him, BOA is determined in practice to liberate Tanzanian women economically, to ensure that this goal is achieved, the bank has put in place a solid plan to achieve this, including the provision of education and training for capital development, including specialized services and credit opportunities. Until now, he said: "The Bank has given loans amounting to 200m/- to more than 100 groups across the country that have benefited from this programme."

Dodoma Regional Commissioner, Rosemary Senyamule congratulated the Bank of Africa and all other stakeholders who are making efforts to empower entrepreneurs.

He also called on Vicoba groups and entrepreneurs to work hard and diligently get rid of poverty and continue to increase the scope of employment.



# CRDB Bank named best bank for the fourth time



CRDB Bank's Group CEO and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela (3rd L), and Tully Esther Mwambapa, Director of Corporate Affairs, show the "Best Bank in Tanzania" award certificate presented to them by Joseph Giarraputo, Founder and Editorial Director of Global Finance (2nd L), at the World's Best Bank award ceremony held at The National Press Club in Washington, USA. Others pictured from CRDB Bank are: Head of Asset and Liability Management Division, Joseph Maji (2nd R), Senior Manager Sustainable Outreach and Relationship, Kenneth Kasigila (1st R), and left is Business Manager And Strategic Partnership, Masele Msita. PHOTO BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent, Washington

CRDB Bank has been recognized as Tanzania's best bank for the fourth year in a row, underscoring the bank's leadership and standing in the financial sector.

CRDB Bank's latest Tanzania's best bank accolade comes from the New York-based financial publication Global Finance.

The award was presented during the gala dinner held at the National Press Club, which was attended by over 900 financial sector leaders from around the world.

This recognition reflects the Bank's sustainable growth, which benefits customers, investors, and the country's economy. The award is also entrenched in the Bank's digital transformation strategy, which has resulted in cutting-edge

digital offerings critical to driving the country's financial inclusion agenda.

"We are honored to be recognized as Tanzania's Best Bank by Global Finance once again. This is a recognition that we are on the right path to providing a differentiated experience to our customers and creating value for our shareholders while transforming the country's financial sector," said Abdulmajid Nsekela, CRDB Bank Group CEO.

For the past four years, CRDB Bank has been revamping its service delivery processes and procedure to provide customers with world-class services on retail and wholesale business fronts, expanded its product base, and strengthened its footprint by investing in digital channels.

Nsekela dedicated the Global Finance award to the Bank's esteemed customers, shareholders,

and investors supporting the Bank's business.

CRDB Bank is currently the largest Bank in Tanzania, with over 10trn/- in assets. The Bank is also leading in customer deposits (i.e., 7trn/-) and loans advance (i.e., 6trn/-).

The Awards' judging panel has specifically selected CRDB Bank for its continued success across all key business metrics. "Over the past year, we have witnessed CRDB Bank make significant improvements in service delivery, particularly digital banking services," said Joseph Giarraputo, Founder and Editorial Director of Global Finance.

Giarraputo also mentioned that the award recognizes a commendable job done by CRDB in assisting the business and SME sectors in surviving, recovering, and thriving in the face of COVID-19 challenges. "All of these efforts have contin-

ued to strengthen this bank, resulting in a strong performance," he added.

The lender's profit for the previous fiscal year stood at 268.2bn/-, representing a notable 62.3 percent increase compared to 165.2bn/- recorded in 2020.

The Bank made a profit of 174bn/- in the first half of the year, compared to 88bn/- in the same period last year.

Nsekela attributed the solid performance to the country's favorable business environment. He expressed gratitude to the fifth government, under President Samia Suluhu Hassan, for its ongoing efforts to improve the business and investment environment.

This is CRDB Bank's second 'Best Bank in Tanzania' award this year, following a similar award from the prestigious UK financial and economic magazine *Euromoney* in July.

# Vodacom's m-mama programme lined up for launching in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter, Unguja

In efforts to fight against maternal mortality rate for pregnant women and infants, the government of Zanzibar in collaboration with Vodacom Tanzania, Vodafone, Touch Foundation and Pathfinder expected to launch m-mama programme on January 12, next year, during commemoration of Mipinduzi Day.

Speaking during stakeholders meeting held in Unguja over the weekend, permanent secretary, ministry of health Dr Fatma Mrisho said all preparations have completed, and what is waited is just the official launch of the programme, which will save lives of women and children through emergency services.

"I would like to congratulate Vodacom and Vodafone for funding this project to reach in Zanzibar, as we consider this as important step because will help in serving the lives of women and children who have been dying due to lack of emergency services," she said.

She said in helping the extension of emergency services, the government has provided 11 ambulances, while Vodacom and other stakeholders will have vehicles owned by communities to help carrying patients when ambulances will be far from the location where there is a mother who need emergency services.

The permanent secretary said the government is valuing contributions by different stakeholders in improving health



President Samia Suluhu Hassan with ministers and other stakeholders during the launch of m-mama programme in Dodoma. FILE PHOTO

services delivery and m-mama will be part of important lives serving for pregnant women and children.

"Apart from servicing pregnant women and infant children through giving them emergency transport, this programme will assure the government to have proper data for improving health services delivery to the community," she explained.

Vodacom public relations manager, corporate affairs Alex Bitekeye said the company always believes inclusion for all

and though health sector, they saw it important to participate in serving pregnant women and children programme.

"We have received a grant of about 34.9bn to introduce this programme which has been successful in Shinyanga, Geita, Morogoro and Lindi regions, and we are expecting to launch in Tanga and Dodoma regions next month," he said.

Speaking during the launch of m-mama programme in Dodoma in April this year President Samia Suluhu Hassan

said the government has ordered 233 ambulances which will be distributed countrywide and other 25 ambulances at referral levels.

During her official visit on Qatar recently, President Samia technological innovations, mainly mobile phones has enabled pregnant women in need of services to just click the button through m-mama to access services.

She said these innovative products have helped to reduce deaths of pregnant women and children.

# DSE share prices indices end the week with gains

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) indices closed last week up, following the increase of Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) and NMB Bank Plc share prices.

The market report shows DSE All Share Index (DSEI) closed 0.53 points up to 1,833.80 points on Thursday's close from 1,833.27 points recorded during the previous day while the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) increased by 1.95 points to close at 3,840.28 points from 3,838.33 points respectively.

JHL share price went up by 9.57 percent to 4,580/- on Thursday close from 4,180/- on Wednesday close, pushing its market capitalization to 331.93bn/- from 302.94bn/-.

The report shows NMB share price also increased by 2.22 percent to 2,760/- from 2,700/- which expanded its market capitalization to 1,380bn/- from 1,350/- respectively.

This also increased the total market capitalization to 15,283.09bn/- from 15,278.65bn/- respectively, despite the decrease of Tanga Cement Company Limited (TCCL), Tanzania Portland

Cement Company (TPCC), KBC Bank and DCB Commercial Bank.

Daily market report show local investors dominated the market with CRDB Bank Plc and NMB Bank being top movers in the market after transacting shares valued 403mn/- and 157mn/- respectively.

The market report for Thursday last week shows a total turnover of 2.43bn/- has so far been recorded since the start of October of which foreign investors injected 45.12mn/- from buying shares or 1.86 percent of total value of share buying while local investors injected 98.14 percent of the value of shares bought.

The report shows foreign investors also injected a total of 325mn/- through selling shares of 13.36 percent of total value of shares sold while the remaining 86.64 percent of the value sold by local investors.

Meanwhile, the report shows government bonds with face value of 122.35bn/- ad transaction value of 147.98bn/- have so far been recorded since the start of this month and the face value of 20mn/- and transaction value of 18mn/- of corporate bonds traded during the period.



# Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco officially reopens its factory in Morogoro

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

Tobacco farmers will have another assured market for their crop after the Morogoro based Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco Company owned by investors Ahmed Huwei reopened its factory to commence crop processing.

In their visit at the factory premises during the weekend, Tanzania Tobacco Board (TTB) directors congratulated the company for officially reopening the factory.

The newly appointed TTB board of directors led by Chairman Victor Mwambalasa, paid a visit to the factory, which has changed hands from previous owners to local investors who acquired the assets of previous owner, after closure for nearly four years.

Speaking after the completion of the guided tour at the factory, Mwambalasa said the directors had witnessed that the factory was fully revived and was up and running processing tobacco.

"The country was facing processing capacity deficit, so after the defunct TLTC plant had finally changed hands, the new owners had promised to commence processing; the aim of our visit was

to ascertain ourselves on the real situation on the ground," said Mwambalasa.

The chairman, who is the former Lupa MP, said the economy of his province in Chunya district in Mbeya region relies heavily on tobacco as the main source of livelihood.

He said the directors were confident with the good work which had been initiated at the factory, saying they were optimistic that it would be permanent and thus restore the already dwindled hopes of tobacco farmers country-wide, as they had to reduce the sizes of their farmland due to lack of reliable market.

"We have learnt that during the 2021/2022 crop season, the company procured seven million tonnes of the crop from various regions in the country and it was the very crop being processed at the factory," he said.

Speaking in the company of six other board directors out of the total eight, with two of them failing to attend due to other commitments, he said the board was also upbeat about the number of employment opportunities the factory had created in Morogoro municipality, as well as any other related economic benefits that comes alongside it.

Mwambalasa also urged



TTB Director General Stanley Mnozya (L) listens to Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco official during a tour of the board of directors. Left is the company's managing director Paul Crossan. PHOTO BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

the management of the factory continue the good work brought about by the investor, saying was in the expectations of the investor to see that the factory's processing capacity expands and the return on investment is realized in due course.

"We have asked the management to process the crop professionally regardless of the fact that the crop

was theirs or it belonged to any other company," he said.

On his part, TTB Director General, Stanley Mnozya urged tobacco buyers in the country to widen their tobacco farming land and grow more volumes of the crop.

"We were in a serious disaster as regards to the tobacco market, therefore the reopening of this facto-

ry is big blessing to this sub sector and the country's economy at large," he said.

He thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her personal efforts that enabled the defunct factory to come back to life within the shortest possible time of her tenure of office.

According to Mnozya, the factory had opened doors contributing significantly to the country's

processing facility, no tobacco company would be allowed to export raw crop.

"From now onwards, we will stop issuance of export permits of green tobacco as stipulated by the Tobacco Act, which dictates that all crop grown in the country must be processed within the country prior to export," He said.

"Because we were facing processing capacity challenges in the country at that time, the government through the sector ministry had to relax the rules of the trade including the issuance of the export permits of the green crop," he said.

Other TTB directors who were present in the tour include Modester Yamlinga, Richard Sinamtwa, Upendo Mndeme, Hassan Wakasvi, Said Ntahondi and Onesmo Mahundi. Those who failed to make it to Morogoro due to other commitments are Happiness Mwangole and Christopher Mwalugenge.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan on August 24th appointed Mwambalasa to lead TTB, which was followed by Minister of Agriculture Hussen Bashe appointing the above named eight directors.

## Zanzibar goods export earnings gain by 82 pct in August 2022

By Guardian Reporter

Zanzibar Exports earnings increased by 82 percent to \$77.4 million during the year ending August this year, compared with \$42.5 million recorded during the year ended in August 2021.

According to Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Bank of Tanzania Computations, the increased caused by increased value of exported cloves, other exports and expansion of exports of manufactured goods.

Provisional data show cloves export earnings increased to \$50.6 million during the year ending August this year from \$17.3 million recorded during the year ended in August 2021.

The growth of earning from cloves exports caused by increase of both volume and unit price. Volume of exported cloves increased to 7,600 tonnes from 2,400 tonnes respectively while the unit price gained by 45 percent to \$10,690.2 per tonne from \$7,327.2 per tonne respectively.

The computations show the value of exported manufactured goods from Zanzibar increased by 48 percent to \$10.9 million in August 2022 from \$7.3 million recorded in August 2021.

Other exports, which include souvenirs and spices, went up to \$7.4 million from \$2.6 million.

However, the report shows exports earnings from seaweeds, fish and fish products slowed during the reviewed period.

Earnings from seaweeds slowed by 48.4 percent to \$6.8 million from \$13.3 million respectively due to decrease of both exported volume and unit price.

Seaweeds exported volume went down by 16.4 percent to \$15,500 tonnes from 18,600 tonnes while the unit price decreased by 47.2 percent to \$461.5 per tonne from \$873.3 per tonne respectively.

The report shows provisional earnings from fish and fish products exports decreased by 14 percent to \$1.59 million from \$1.85 million respectively.

On month-to-month basis, goods exports increased to \$5.3 million in August 2022 compared to \$2.1 million in July 2022 due to increase of the value of exported cloves, seaweeds and manufactured goods.

Meanwhile, imports of goods and services rose to \$500.7 million under the reviewed period, from \$382 million recorded in the corresponding period in 2021, largely due to increases in imports of intermediate and consumer goods.

Intermediate goods imports rose to \$332.1 million from \$188.4 million, mainly due to increase in imports of industrial supplies, fuel and lubricants (particularly white petroleum products) as well as food and beverages (particularly edible oil and wheat), as compared to the corresponding period in 2021.

The rise in imports of consumer goods was recorded in food and beverage for household consumption, non-industrial transport equipment and other consumer good categories.

On month-to-month basis, imports (f.o.b.) amounted to \$45.1 million in August 2022, compared to \$31.4 million in July 2022 and \$31.4 million in August 2021.

## Three million coffee seedlings ready for distribution

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe is expected to officiate the launching of 3,000,000 Robusta seeds that will be distributed for free to Kagera farmers.

The seeds which were produced by JJAD Kagera Farmers in collaboration with Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), will be provided free in six district of Kagera Region, in Kareng'e ward Kaisho Village in Kyerwa District on Thursday this week.

The TCB Director Priscus Kimario, confirmed to this paper that everything is going well for the launching and they have invited the Minister to launch the project and distribute the seeds to farmers.

He said they have also invited Kagera Regional Commissioner, district commissioners and farmers to attend the launching day occasion.

The production of the Robusta seeds is the implementation of phase three of the Robusta project which started in 2020.

JJAD Kagera Farmers director Dr. Albert Katagira, said many farmers have confirmed to participate in the launching on Thursday and they have regis-

tered for the chance.

He said the free distribution of Robusta seeds is the continuation of implementation of 6th phase government goals under good leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan which intend to boost agriculture sector.

He said the 6th phase government has expressed its intention to boost strategic crops including coffee.

"I would like to invite all Kagera farmers to attend the launching on Thursday and use the opportunity to get free Robusta seed to improve their farming," he said.

He said Robusta Coffee is depended by 89.7 percent of Kyerwa residents and 78.2 percent in Karagwe.

Either, Dr Katagira commended the government for engaging private sector in coffee farming improvement.

One of the Kagera Farmers, Estavia Henry applauded JJAD Kagera Farmers and TCB for the free Robusta coffee because it will encourage farmers and improve their farming.

"Coffee plantation is the backbone of agriculture in Kagera Region it help us to improve our economy so this assistance has come at a very right time," he said.

Elisera John also from Kyerwa

applauded the government and JJAD for the free provision of Robusta seeds saying that many farm-

ers will improve their farming and increase their incomes.

"The seeds I got last year are do-

ing better that's why I will go to ask for more 2,000 seeds to improve my farming activities," he said



Absa Bank's Zanzibar Branch Manager, Rabia Abood (centre), presents a souvenir to customer Jabir Alfarsy at a function to mark the end of customer service week at the weekend. Looking on is Salim Salum, the premier manager at the branch. PHOTO/ GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

## Bolt reinstates its cash-paying retail car services

By Guardian Reporter

Following the issuance of LATRA's Order No.01/2022, Bolt had agreed to temporarily comply with the directive in order to demonstrate goodwill, and create an opportunity for an amicable resolution, with the overall objective of developing the nascent ride-hailing sector in Tanzania.

Despite Bolt's commitment to continue offering ride-hailing services in Tanzania, LATRA's Tariff control directive Order no. 01/2022, continued to constrain the prospects for Bolt to run a sustainable car ride-hailing business in mainland Tanzania.

This untenable situation resulted in the operational changes that took effect on 17 August 2022, and led to the car categories being unavailable to cash-paying

retail passengers, and only available to corporate passengers.

Following the implementation of the operational changes, Bolt held a fruitful meeting with LATRA on 6 September 2022, and subsequent stakeholders meeting with all industry players on 11 October 2022.

As a result of these meetings, agreeable solutions were tabled to address the concerns of the industry players vis-a-vis LATRA's Order No.01/2022.

In light of LATRA's receptiveness to implement the proposals made by the ride-hailing industry players, Bolt is going to reinstate the retail car category services to all cash-paying passengers, effective immediately.

This operational directive from Bolt is a show of confidence that the stakeholder engagements that LATRA has

convened over the past weeks are intended to yield a win-win-win situation for drivers, government, and ride-hailing platforms.

Reinstating the retail car category earlier than the full waiting period for the formal gazettement of the new price, and commission directives is incentivised by Bolt's appreciation of the diminished economic opportunities to drivers, as well as the inconvenience experienced by the riders.

"We have heard the outcry of our drivers on the lost earning opportunities experienced since effecting our operational changes, and our roundtable with the riders also indicated the convenience challenges they have had in the past few months," Bolt said in a press statement yesterday.

As such, Bolt said is now resuming

full scale operations to demonstrate its credence in the direction of the stakeholder engagement, seeking favourable conditions for drivers, and ride-hailing platforms, whilst also providing access to convenient and affordable services to riders.

Bolt said is hopeful that hundreds of thousands of users in Mainland Tanzania, will now be able to access their preferred means of moving around the city.

"We are also committed to ensuring that thousands of people driving on the Bolt platform in Tanzania will have access to earning opportunities that will allow them to meet their payments on their cars, fuel and insurance," the company stated.

However, Bolt said should LATRA's implementation process derail in purpose or duration, the company will review the









## WORLD

## IMF chief warns of risk of geopolitical fragmentation

WASHINGTON

THERE is a risk of geopolitical fragmentation, as geopolitics turn into geo-economics with negative impacts, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Friday.

"Emerging markets and developing countries have stressed that for them, it is paramount that they have the opportunity to drive growth and employment on the basis of a more integrated global economy," Georgieva said at a press conference during the IMF and World Bank annual meetings in response to a question from Xinhua.

That was also a message coming from small advanced economies, she said, referring to the meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC), the policy advisory committee of the IMF Board of Governors.

"The predominant mood in the room was we cannot possibly allow fragmentation to happen because everybody would be poorer, but it would be devastating for low-income and, for emerging markets and developing economies," said the IMF chief.

She said that a simulation showed that for advanced economies, global economic fragmentation would mean a loss of 2 percent of output, while for



International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva speaks during the 2022 annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group, Oct 14, 2022, in Washington. (MANUEL BALCE CENETA / AP)

emerging markets and developing economies, it could be 10 to 15 percent.

Nadia Calvino, Spain's first vice president and minister for economy and digitalization, who is the chair of the IMFC, also highlighted the risk of fragmentation.

In the Chair's Statement of the 46th Meeting of the IMFC, Calvino said the global economy is subject to increased fragmentation risks and the IMFC reiterates its call for greater international cooperation to prevent

fragmentation and safeguard global economic integration.

Looking back, Georgieva noted that an integrated economy led to the tripling of the world economy in the last decades, in which emerging markets and developing economies quadrupled, and advanced economies doubled.

"So, if we want to have a secure future, we do need to retain that efficiency that comes from an integrated economy," said Georgieva.

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## Xi: China dedicated to promoting human community with shared future

BEIJING

CHINA is dedicated to promoting a human community with a shared future, Xi Jinping said yesterday at the opening session of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China.

China has always been committed to its foreign policy goals of upholding world peace and promoting common development, Xi said.

Stressing that human society faces unprecedented challenges, Xi called upon all countries to hold dear humanity's shared values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy, and freedom, and promote mutual understanding and forge closer bonds with other peoples.

"Let us all join forces to meet all types of global challenges," Xi said.

China remains firm in pursuing an independent foreign policy of peace. It has always decided its position and policy on issues based on their own merits, and it has strived to uphold the basic norms governing international relations and safeguard international fairness and justice, Xi said.

China stands firmly against all forms of hegemonism and power politics, the Cold War mentality, interference in other countries' internal affairs, and double standards, Xi said.

Xi noted that China will never seek hegemony or engage in ex-



Xi Jinping delivers a report to the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) on behalf of the 19th CPC Central Committee at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, yesterday. XINHUA

veloping countries and safeguard the common interests of the developing world, Xi said.

China is committed to its fundamental national policy of opening to the outside world and pursues a mutually beneficial strategy of opening up. It strives to create new opportunities for the world with its own development and to contribute its share to building an open global economy that delivers greater benefits to all peoples, Xi said.

China adheres to the right course of economic globalization. It is committed to working with other countries to foster an international environment conducive to devel-

opment and create new drivers for global growth, Xi said.

China plays an active part in the reform and development of the global governance system. China upholds true multilateralism, promotes greater democracy in international relations, and works to make global governance fairer and more equitable, Xi said.

Xi said the world has once again reached a crossroads in history, and its future course will be decided by all the world's peoples.

The Chinese people are ready to work hand in hand with people across the world to create an even brighter future for humanity, Xi said.

Xinhua



The 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China opens at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday. XINHUA

## Iran: 'Enemies' highlight solely enrichment part of nuke programme

TEHRAN

THE spokesman of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) said on Saturday that uranium enrichment constitutes only part of Iran's nuclear activities, but the "enemies" seek to solely highlight it.

Making the remarks in an address to a meeting, Behrouz Kamalvandi added the country has done good work in the fields of producing radiopharmaceuticals and agriculture, according to the AEOI's website.

He noted that the "enemies" do not want Iran to enter the nuclear industry at all and as a result, they seek to make the world believe that Tehran is after other objectives through its nuclear activities.

The AEOI spokesman said the United States claim that foodstuff and medicine are not in the list of sanctions on Iran is a "lie."

The radiopharmaceuticals and even an Iranian producer of radiopharmaceuticals are sanctioned, he said.

In September, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said in a report that it was "not in a position to provide assurance that Iran's nuclear program is exclusively peaceful" and that "no progress" has been made in resolving questions about the past traces of nuclear material in Iran's "three undeclared sites."

Slamming the IAEA for the report, Kamalvandi said at the time that it was a repetition of previous "baseless cases" with "political purposes."

In June, the IAEA's Board of Governors adopted an anti-Iran resolution proposed by the United States and three European countries, Britain, France, and Germany, accusing Iran of non-cooperation with the agency.

Following the move, Iran began injecting uranium gas into advanced centrifuges and disconnected some of the IAEA's cameras monitoring its sites.

Iran signed a nuclear deal with world powers in 2015, accepting to put some curbs on its nuclear activities in return for the removal of the international sanctions on Tehran. In May 2018, however, the United States pulled out of the agreement and reimposed Washington's sanctions on Tehran, prompting the latter to reduce its commitments under the deal.

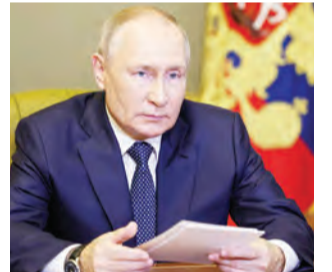
## Putin waives ban on currency operations for some international development banks - decree

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree on waiving special economic measures, which were imposed in March in response to the sanctions, for a number of foreign investment funds and development banks, according to the decree published on the official online registry of legislative information on Saturday.

Among them are the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the International Bank for Economic Cooperation, the International Investment Bank, the Russian-Kyrgyz Developmental Investment Bank, the Russian-Kyrgyz Development Fund, and the New Development Bank (NDB).

In particular, they will not be subject to the procedure for transactions established under the March 1 presidential decree on special economic measures. Additionally, these banks and investment funds are exempt from the ban on foreign currency transactions that involves lending by Russian residents to



foreign individuals and depositing foreign currency by Russian residents to the accounts opened outside Russia.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the International Bank for Economic Cooperation, the International Investment Bank, the Russian-Kyrgyz Developmental Investment Bank, and the New Development Bank are also not subject to the temporary procedure regarding obligations of Russia and Russian companies to foreign creditors. Moreover, some other restrictions, which are stipulated in the measures taken in response to unfriendly moves of the US and the countries and organizations joining them, are lifted on the mentioned development banks and investment funds.

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## Chinese foreign trade companies gain confidence in Q3

CHINA'S policy packages aiming at stabilizing economy and foreign trade took effect in the third quarter, as showed in a recent report by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT).

The problems of freight rates, energy, capital and exchange rates, which were reported by enterprises in the first half of this year, were significantly alleviated in the third quarter, the report said.

On the whole, the confidence and expectations of Chinese foreign trade enterprises have increased significantly, and they continue to show relatively strong resilience, said Sun Xiao, spokesperson of CCPIT and secretary-general of the China Chamber of International Commerce.

According to the report, confidence of 45.1 percent of foreign trade enterprises gradually recovered in the

third quarter; and 30.31 percent are expected to achieve year-on-year growth in annual trade, which is 4.09 percentage points higher than in the second quarter.

Large- and medium-sized enterprises are more optimistic about the foreign trade situation for 2022, while the expectations of small- and micro-sized enterprises, although less strong, have improved from the second quarter.

The export value and profit of foreign trade enterprises have both improved. About 22.69 percent of enterprises saw monthly growth in their trade volume, and 19.52 percent reported a rise in profit.

There was a prominent increase in the export profit of high-value-added industries. The railway, ship, aerospace and other transport equipment manufacturing industries, the paper industry, the special-

ized equipment manufacturing industry and the automobile industry saw strong momentum for foreign trade growth, with 40 percent, 39.29 percent, 35 percent and 28.28 percent of them reporting month-to-month growth in export profit.

ASEAN has become the largest source market of foreign trade orders in China, especially with enterprises' deeper understanding of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

In the third quarter, ASEAN, the EU and the U.S. were the top three main source markets of foreign trade enterprises' new orders, accounting for 30.6 percent, 30.55 percent and 25.29 percent, respectively.

Foreign trade enterprises were optimistic about new business forms in the trade sector. It is believed by 46.7 percent of the enterprises that comprehensive foreign trade

services play a bigger role in promoting exports, while 22.52 percent held that cross-border e-commerce possesses a more important position in this regard.

The spokesperson detailed the difficulties facing foreign trade enterprises, such as shrinking external demand, insufficient orders in hand, high comprehensive costs, repeated epidemics, and increasing economic and trade frictions.

According to the CCPIT survey, 60.02 percent of enterprises said that the decline in orders was the biggest difficulty; 51.83 percent felt the diversion of orders; 56.22 percent thought that the cost of raw materials increased; and 47.68 percent said COVID-19 impacted production.

The report said enterprises expect the country to further expand the scale of tax-and-fee reductions, so as to help them

lower costs, improve confidence and solve problems.

They hoped to accelerate the resumption of offline exhibitions in China, actively participate in overseas exhibitions, and see better facilitated flow of cross-border personnel.

Enterprises also called for training courses or consultation services on the use of preferential policies of free trade agreements to help them effectively cope with international economic and trade friction.

The CCPIT, as an agency assisting Chinese organizations and companies in holding overseas economic and trade exhibitions, has rolled out targeted measures to encourage the resumption of such exhibitions. It is learned that the agency will soon kick off pilot programs on approving delegations to host exhibitions in key countries and to attend key overseas exhibitions.

People's Daily



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## Current US administration doesn't need cybersecurity talks - Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

THE current US administration does not need talks on cybersecurity issues, Russian Special Presidential Envoy for International Cybersecurity Cooperation Andrey Krutskikh said in an interview with the International Affairs magazine, published on the Russian Foreign Ministry's website on Friday.

"Washington does not currently need talks [on cybersecurity issues]. It cannot get concessions from us through talks and its diktat does not work.

The US seeks to resolve global political issues, in its own words, on the battlefield.

The main negotiator on digital issues, recently appointed by Congress, made a public statement the other day that US policy was aimed at containing Russia in the cyber sphere.

It's a hopeless case," he pointed out. "Washington has almost completely suspended dialogues on cybersecurity, while accusations and threats keep coming to us from overseas as if they have a horn of plenty there," Krutskikh stressed.

"Our responsible negotiators are deprived of the opportunity to carry out their diplomatic duties at the United Nations, attempts are made to deny them access to the organization's headquarters, which undermine the international negotiation process on international information security in general," he added.

At the same time, the diplomat was confident that "Russian diplomats and our country's political leadership will have enough restraint, will and resolve to keep the world from a catastrophe without sacrificing the slightest bit of Russia's national interests."

## Report: Long COVID affecting 2 million people in Britain

LONDON / OTTAWA / BERLIN

LONG Covid is now estimated to affect 2 million people in Britain, and almost 145 million globally, the British newspaper The Guardian has reported.

It's a complicated diagnosis to receive and those affected have to cope with both the physical symptoms and the psychological strain of having an illness that is not yet well understood and does not have well-established treatments, said the report on Thursday.

The report said children are also among those affected by long Covid, unlike what was previously anticipated. Up to one in seven children and adolescents still have symptoms 15 weeks after infection -- including unusual tiredness and headaches -- while about one in 14 have five or more persistent symptoms, according to the report.

Canada

Canada confirmed 20,002 new COVID-19 cases for the week ending Oct 8, the Public Health Agency of Canada said on Friday.

The number of total COVID-19 cases and deaths in Canada reached 4,293,273 and 45,689 respectively, according to the weekly update issued by the PHAC.

Germany

Germany's Minister of Health Karl Lauterbach called on the country's federal states to reintroduce stricter requirements for wearing face masks as COVID-19 infection figures are rising amid the current autumn wave.

"The sooner you hit the brakes, the better it is," Lauterbach said at a press conference on Friday.

According to the German Intensive Care Availability Register (DIVI), the number of COVID-19 patients requiring treatment in intensive care units in the country increased to 1,683 on Friday (around 300 more than one week ago,) but was still well below the record figures seen in previous waves.

To counter the trend, Germany has launched a new vaccination advertising campaign.

Of the 69.4 million adults in Germany aged 18 or older, around 85 percent are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Almost 73 percent of them have received one booster vaccine and around 13 percent two booster shots, according to official figures.

## Rome marks World Food Day with calls to 'leave no one behind'

ROME

THE Italian capital celebrated World Food Day on Friday under the rallying cry "leave no one behind," with head of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) calling for a united approach to confront "a looming global food crisis."

Also delivering messages on Friday were United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, Italian President Sergio Mattarella, Alvaro Lario, president of the Rome-based International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and David Beasley, executive director of the Rome-based World Food Program (WFP).

In his address to a ceremony in Rome, FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu said the world needed to "harness the power of solidarity and collective momentum to build a better future where everyone has regular access to enough nutritious food."

World Food Day is celebrated each year to mark the anniversary of the founding of FAO in Rome in 1945, in the wake of the end of World War II. The main celebrations took place at FAO headquarters, but the organization said there were hundreds of related initiatives being held in around 150 countries, with calls to action in more than 50 languages.

Officials said that this year's commemoration was especially important since global food security was under threat. One of the biggest risks is rising prices for food, fertilizer, and energy, which has reduced grain supply and disrupted global supply chains.

The residual impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic have also had an impact on global food security along with persistent long-term challenges related to climate change and regional armed conflicts, officials said. In his remarks, Guterres said this year was "a challenging moment for global food security."

Similarly, Mattarella called for greater action to prevent the world's poorest from suffering from a lack of a healthy life, education, and the opportunity for social and economic growth.

Lario, meanwhile, said that this year, more than ever, World Food Day should be "a call to ramp up action to help small-scale farmers in rural areas, who supply food to their communities and countries, through crisis after crisis, despite inequality, vulnerability, and poverty."

"My gravest concern is what's coming next: a food availability crisis as the fallout from conflict and climate change threatens to sabotage global food production in the months ahead," Beasley said.

In a statement, FAO estimated that as many as 828 million people worldwide were facing chronic hunger, and 3.1 billion people lacked the resources for a healthy diet.

Among those were nearly a million people at risk of famine in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen, according to the United Nations' "State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" report released in July.

Xinhua

# Empowering women initiative helps rural women in Namibia have a better future



Women display handmade craft products in Omuthiya of Oshikoto region, northern Namibia, on Saturday. Xinhua

WINDHOEK

"I have been weaving baskets since my 20s. Talent alone could not translate into business success due to a lack of knowledge on accessing other markets," said Johanna Ndjodhi from Akoonde village in the Oshikoto region in the northern part of Namibia.

Ndjodhi, now in her 40s, until recently had struggled to commercialize her handmade craft products beyond her village borders.

In August this year, things have started to change when she joined five other women at a newly formed women empowerment initiative run by ShaNangolo Arts Academy, an art project based in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia.

Through the project, rural women who do not have access to opportunities are trained and helped to improve their skills in handmade crafts, including basket-weaving, jewellery, marketing, and how to modernize traditional items.

The academy has also exposed the women to exhibitions and local retailers such as the Local Merchant Shop, a one-stop shop for local products and has als.

With the increased exposure, Ndjodhi becomes one of the rural women in the northern part of Namibia who has transformed indigenous knowledge of handmade crafts into entrepreneurship to help improve livelihoods.

Thanks to the training and links to other markets, Ndjodhi has been able to sell her products on the mainstream market.

"It felt like a dream," she told Xinhua on Saturday. "Since then, the initiative has redefined a new meaning to my life. I would spend many days wandering at home, looking at how to keep active."

"In less than two months, I found a vocation," she said. Josefina Awala, the founder of ShaNangolo Art Academy, said the aim of the initiative is to bridge gaps that impede women in remote areas.

"We aim to build capacity by introducing them to new ways of weaving, exploring unconventional tools such as old newspapers in making art products. But most importantly, link them to mainstream markets," Awala said.

Awala hopes to scale up the initiative to reach and empower more than 100 women in the next five years. "The power is in working together and tapping on the diverse skills to uplift their livelihoods," said Awala.

Ndjodhi is not the only one benefiting from the initiative. Rural women have hailed the project for forging a sustainable path forward.

Memory Mubita from Omayinda village said that the project rescued her from unemployment. "I was struggling not only to find a vocation but also income. This is my lifeline now," said 24-year-old Mubita.

Rauna Lazarus, another beneficiary from Okashanakiyenda village, learned to communicate better with clients and general customer service etiquette.

"I was happy to represent the project at my first-ever exhibition during heritage week, something I never imagined I would do. I also made a sale, and it was an ecstatic moment," Lazarus said.

Meanwhile, the project marked a milestone for many women, with a ripple effect on households and social progression.

"We are still learning more, and I am optimistic that with the skills gained and income, I will be able to support my family better and realize my goal to take my children through school. The future is bright," Ndjodhi said.

## China's Yunnan province makes progress in protection of Asian elephants

LAST year, a wandering herd of wild elephants in southwest China's Yunnan province went on an "exodus" and returned to their original habitat 124 days later.

The 1,400 km journey unprecedentedly made Asian elephants a focus of the world. It showcased China's progress in the protection of wildlife, and the country's historic achievements in biodiversity conservation.

Currently, the 15 elephants are living healthily in the Mengyang area of the Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve in Yunnan province.

Yunnan province is the sole habitat for wild Asian elephants in China. Despite the drop in the total population of elephants around the world, the number of wild Asian elephants in China has increased from 180 to over 300 in the past 40 years or so.

Thanks to the province's efforts to improve monitoring, enhance relevant research and strengthen elephant rescue and breeding, the protection of Asian elephants has been lifted onto a new level.

The Asian Elephant Breeding and Rescue Center, established in Xishuangbanna Dai autonomous prefecture in 2008, is a scientific research base aiming to better rescue and breed Asian elephants.

An elephant cub nicknamed Yangniu was sent to the center seven years ago after being abandoned by its herd. It was in a state of shock when arriving there. The little elephant's abdominal cavity was ulcerated due to umbilical cord infection, and it was suffering a heart failure.

Yangniu gradually recovered at the center thanks to the care



Veterinarian Bao Mingwei of the Asian Elephant Breeding and Rescue Center in southwest China's Yunnan province performs a physical examination for elephant Longlong, Aug. 11, 2021. (People's Daily Online/Li Yunsheng)

of the center's staff and experts. It was fed with sheep milk every day by three sheep, said Chen Jiming, an employee of the center.

Now, Yangniu has become a star elephant that has over one million followers online.

Over the past years, the staff of the center have successfully rescued more than 20 wild Asian elephants. They often visit local schools and villages to raise people's awareness of ecological conservation and promote the harmonious coexistence between humans and elephants.

As protection efforts continue to enhance, the habitat range of wild elephants has been expanded. Efforts such as habitat restoration and the high-quality creation of the Asian elephant national park have become necessary.

The autonomous prefecture has made a new attempt to strengthen Asian elephant protection by building food source bases near the nature reserves.

In Guanping village, Jinghong, Yunnan province, there is a food source base for Asian elephants in a rainforest where

Napier grass, tiger grass and paper mulberry grow. These plants are all favored by Asian elephants.

"We spent more than two weeks building the place after it was designated as a food source base three years ago," said Wang Xiaolan, a local forest ranger. According to him, there is an elephant 2 km away and a 16-elephant herd 8 km away. They often come to the food source base.

Xishuangbanna Dai autonomous prefecture has so far established about 8,000 mu (533 hectares) of food source bases for Asian elephants.

Since 2021, Yunnan province has invested nearly 200 million yuan (\$28 million) in the protection of Asian elephants and their habitats. In July 2021, the National Forestry and Grassland Administration and Yunnan's provincial government jointly proposed to build a national park for Asian elephants. The national park also aims to protect rainforests and alleviate the conflict between humans and elephants, said the province's forestry and grassland bureau.

Recently, Yunnan province issued a guideline on strengthening the protec-

tion of biodiversity. The document reaffirmed the determination to build the national park for Asian elephants, and said the province would accelerate the optimization work of nature reserves and timely amend relevant laws and regulations.

Besides, Yunnan province also subsidizes farmers living in the regions that overlap elephants' habitats, and growers of collectively-owned commercial forests will get compensation once their trees are trampled by elephants. The win-win move will help increase local residents' income and better protect the Asian elephants, said Dao Jianhong, deputy head of the forestry and grassland bureau of Xishuangbanna Dai autonomous region.



The Guardian

# SPORT

## DStv dedicates channels for 2022 World Cup

By Guardian Correspondent

SUPERSPORT has dedicated channels to ensure all 2022 World Cup games are watched live on DStv to give subscribers uninterrupted viewing of the showpiece.

Two channels of FIFA World Cup central and FIFA World Cup Africa will be dedicated to the championship, enabling DStv viewers to enjoy all games live even if the clashes kick off simultaneously.

SuperSport has acquired the pay television rights to air the FIFA World Cup 2022 on DStv in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The tournament will run from November 20 until December 18, with SuperSport broadcasting all 64 matches.

Customers will, MultiChoice Tanzania noted, get access to the FIFA World Cup 2022 alongside other major football tournaments on DStv and can stream all the live football action on the DStv app and Showmax Pro to watch wherever they are.

The acquisition is part of the firm's continuous efforts to put its customers at the heart of everything it is doing by making sure it delivers quality service, unbeatable football, and the world's best entertainment at a great value to customers.

MultiChoice Tanzania's Head of Marketing Ronald Shelukindo said in Dar es Salaam last weekend that DStv will broadcast live all 64 games of the tournament starting with 48 group stage games, eight games of the round of 16, four games in quarterfinals, two semi-finals, third



Various athletes from the Ocean Road Cancer Institute's outfit congratulate their teammate Steven Sanga that triumphed in the men's 21km cycling race of the 2022 Mei Mosi Cup tournament that was held in Dodoma in April. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT RENATHA MSUNGU

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari & Agencies

MANY boxers who have been stripped of their titles found themselves in such a situation because they had failed to adhere to the rules of the particular boxing governing body, such as refusing to defend their titles against the organization's mandatory challengers.

The Guardian has come up with a list of the 10 Middleweight champions who had, at some point, been stripped of their titles for either one reason or another by one of the top four governing bodies, the World Boxing Council (WBC), International Boxing Federation (IBF), World Boxing Association (WBA), and World Boxing Organization (WBO).

In some instances, a champion may have been stripped of his titles by more than one organization.

### Bert Schenk

Even hardcore boxing fans may have a tough time recognizing the name Bert Schenk of Germany.

Schenk turned professional back in 1996 and fought mainly in Germany until 2005 with an impressive record of 36-2 with 23 KOs.

He did not exactly fight the elite of the 160 lb division and in January 1999 in his 22nd professional bout he found himself up against Freeman Barr for the vacant WBO Middleweight title.

The championship was vacant after former champion Otis Grant relinquished it to take on Light Heavyweight champion Roy Jones Jr.

Schenk managed to stop Barr in the fourth round to take the title and then defended it four months later.

However, Schenk's reign lasted just 10 months as the WBO stripped him of the title for failing to defend it against Jason Matthews due to injury.

Matthews was given the title but lost it to Armand Krajnc.

Dmitry Pirog

Another lesser-known Middleweight champion was Russian boxer, Dmitry Pirog.

The 37-year-old fought from 2005 to 2012 and went undefeated with a perfect record of 20-0 with 15 Knockouts.

Pirog gave up chess for boxing and was an accomplished young boxer who claimed to go 200-30 in the amateur ranks.

After winning several regional and international titles, Pirog shocked the professional boxing world in July 2010 when he upset heavily-favoured American Daniel Jacobs for the vacant WBO World Middleweight title.

Pirog knocked Jacobs out in the fifth round with a right hand and then went on to defend his new title three times over the next two years.

Pirog's reign came to a sudden end in August of 2012 when the WBO stripped him for deciding to take on IBO and WBA Middleweight champion Gennady Golovkin instead of the WBO mandatory challenger Hassan N'Dam N'Jikam.

Unfortunately, Pirog

## Is NBC Premier League on the rise?

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

CERTAIN African football perfectionists argue that Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League hype hardly shows the true picture of the status and level of football in Tanzania.

It is almost impossible for any African football fanatic not to feel the vibe around Tanzania's club football, especially on social media.

Activities such as 'Simba Day' and 'Siku Ya Wananchi', organized by domestic football big guns Simba SC and Yanga respectively, are now followed beyond the borders of the East African countries.

Journalists and football lovers from far and wide travel to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's commercial capital, just to have a feel of this unique football culture.

The allure is partly attributed to superb organization and marketing that ensures a carnival feel around these events.

Celebrated South African coach and former head coach for South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns and Egypt's Al Ahly SC Pitso Mosimane was a guest of Yanga during this year's edition of the club's ceremony termed 'Siku Ya Wananchi', held in August.

He commented: "My trip to Dar es Salaam for Yanga's 'Wiki Ya Wananchi' was one for the books. I will never forget this week and the football culture in Tanzania has inspired me so much."

Dar es Salaam derby, a clash between the two most storied clubs in Tanzania, Yanga and Simba SC, needs no introduction.

It is safe to say the rivalry now ranks alongside



Coast Region's Ruvu Shooting FC defender Eradius Salvatory (C) negotiates his way past Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's player as the clubs took on each other in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League clash held in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RUVU SHOOTING FC

great derbies in Africa such as Cairo, Casablanca, and Soweto.

Overall, NBC Premier League, the country's top-flight, has grown in leaps and bounds in the past years and continues to do so.

Backed by a robust television broadcaster that beams live nearly all the league's fixtures, and a vibrant and passionate fan base that is not as distracted by the glamour of the English Premier League as is the case with their counterparts in neighbouring Kenya, NBC Premier League is now a preferred destination for talents across Africa.

Football followers can talk about the success of Simba SC in the CAF Champions League and CAF Confederation Cup, but it is an undisclosed fact that the club's success in the last five years hardly reflects the reality of the league because there is a huge gap between them and other 15 clubs in the league.

This growth has nonetheless not been reflected at the national level where Taifa Stars, the country's senior men's national team, continues to flounder in the face of opposition.

Taifa Stars were recently knocked out of the 2022 African Nations Championship qualifiers, having suffered a 4-0 aggregate defeat to Uganda.

The first leg in Dar es Salaam ended 1-0 in favour of the visitors, a humiliating result that prompted the demotion of Taifa Stars head coach Kim Poulsen.

In his post-match comments, the Danish tactician fell short of outrightly attributing the poor show to an influx of foreign players in the NBC Premier League.

"Most of the top players in Tanzania's NBC Premier League are foreigners but, at the end of the day, we have to work with what we have to produce the desired results," the 63-year-old former head coach for Singapore's U-19 team and U-23 team revealed.

Such cases as the presence of foreigners in NBC Premier League is a hindrance to Taifa Stars' success.

Clubs in the league can sign up to 12 foreign players but are required to only start eight in games.

Club football in Tanzania is exalted above the

national team. Simba SC and Yanga have always been above Taifa Stars, they were formed before the national team.

As Taifa Stars laboured to the loss in Dar es Salaam, some Simba SC footballers, excluding the squad's players on national team duty, played an international friendly against Ghana's Asante Kotoko in Sudan, winning 4-2.

Tanzania's biggest issue is grassroots programs, not just in football, sports, in general, are not part of its education system.

In third-world countries, the education system should always be the backbone of youths' engagement in sports.

Schools and colleges are a place someone can find the highest concentration of youths. NBC Premier League's growth is not organic and is driven by just a few monied clubs.

Tanzania's education system is divorced from sports, NBC Premier League is mainly driven by either two or three teams.

It is not organic growth per se, these two outfits mask a lot of the country's issues.

While domestic soccer enthusiasts have all known and accepted that Simba SC, Yanga, and Azam FC can hardly be compared to other clubs when it comes to operating financially, the playing field has leveled among the rest.

The rest are getting worse. Clubs are competing at the same level. The mid-table zone has disappeared. The rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer and that is why a fourth-placed team in the league can go three months without paying its players' salaries.

Tom Legg, a coach

who worked in Tanzania with Azam FC, agrees with Poulsen that the best players in NBC Premier League are foreigners.

The coach attributes the lack of quality amongst local talents to either inadequate or lack of youth development programs supervised by clubs and by extension, the Tanzania Football Federation.

He suggests that part of the windfall from television rights and other revenue streams that NBC Premier League clubs get should be channeled toward identifying and nurturing talent at the grassroots.

"Apart from Mtibwa Sugar, most NBC Premier League clubs don't take youth development seriously," Legg said.

Despite boasting good facilities and financial strength, Legg thinks that Azam FC does not have a strategy for youth development.

The gaffer pointed out: "Azam FC can dominate but the club lacks a strategic plan, a grand plan on what it wants to achieve in terms of youth development despite having junior teams."

Having failed to book a place in the last two World Cups, a similar concern, whether a lot of foreign players in Serie A have contributed to Italy's lost fortunes, has also been raging.

Italian journalist Alex Cizmiciu pointed out: "We should always look for a balance. Having a lot of foreign players that prevent local players from growing and improving is not good."

Cizmiciu stated: "We should always look for a balance because foreign players can bring new knowledge, they can bring a different vision and way of approaching football."

## Top 10 Middleweight boxers who were stripped of titles - 1

suffered a back injury while training for the bout against Golovkin and retired.

### Daniel Geale

Australia's Daniel Geale was an accomplished amateur who took home the silver medal from the 2002 Commonwealth Games as a Welterweight and also competed in the 2000 Olympics.

Geale turned professional in 2004 and fought primarily in his homeland. He beat lightly-regarded Daniel Dawson for the vacant IBO Middleweight title in December 2007 but lost it in his second defense to fellow Australian Anthony Mundine in May 2009.

Two years later, Geale would win the vacant IBF Title against Sebastian Sylvester.

In his third defense of the IBF belt, Geale added the WBA Super Middleweight title by beating Felix Sturm.

Just two months later though, the WBA stripped Geale of the title after he beat Mundine in a rematch instead of defending the title against mandatory challenger, Gennady Golovkin.

Geale then lost his IBF

title to Darren Barker and was knocked out by Golovkin in a title challenge in July 2014.

The 36-year-old, who has a record of 31-5 with 16 KOs, had title shots against Miguel Cotto (WBC) and Renold Quinlan (IBO) in his last two fights and lost both.

### Jermain Taylor

The boxing career of 38-year-old Jermain Taylor of Little Rock, Arkansas is over after running afoul of the law.

He was the last undisputed Super Middleweight champion (WBA), WBC, IBF, WBO, and Lineal titles having gone 33-4-1 with 20 KOs.

Taylor fought in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia as a Junior Middleweight and was rewarded for his efforts with the bronze medal.

He turned professional in 2001 and started his career at 25-0. His 24th fight was the big one though as he beat Bernard Hopkins by a controversial split decision to win all Middleweight titles in one shot.

Taylor decided to give Hopkins a rematch five months later in December 2005 and had to give up his IBF title for doing so.

After beating Hopkins

again, Taylor was soon relieved of his WBA title for failing to pay sanctioning fees.

He would then lose the WBC, WBO, and Lineal titles in September 2007 when Kelly Pavlik stopped him in the seventh round.

Taylor was knocked out in the last round by WBC champion Carl Froch in a Super Middleweight title challenge in 2009 but would regain the IBF Middleweight title in 2014 by beating Sam Soliman.

Four months later, in February 2015, Taylor was stripped of the title after being arrested on gun charges and he has never fought since.

### Sumbu Kalambay

Sumbu Kalambay was born in the former Belgian Congo and moved to Italy as a youngster.

He enjoyed a great amateur boxing career by going 90-5 and then decided to turn professional in 1980.

Kalambay fought mainly in Italy but after his first 16 outings took on a steady diet of American opponents.

After climbing up the rankings he eventually won the European title by beating unbeaten hometown hero Herol

Graham in England in May 1987.

He challenged Iran Barkley in his next fight five months later and won the vacant WBA Middleweight title by a 15-round unanimous decision.

Kalambay defended the title three times against Mike McCallum, Robbie Sims, and Doug DeWitt.

He then decided to meet IBF champion Michael Nunn next in March of 1989 and the WBA stripped him of his title for doing so.

It did not matter in the grand scheme of things though as Nunn knocked Kalambay out in the first round.

Kalambay defended his European belt several more times and then challenged Chris Pyatt for the vacant WBO title in 1993. He lost by decision and retired with a record of 57-6-1 with 33 KOs.

### Sergio Martinez

Argentina's Sergio Martinez was a hard-hitting two-time WBC Middleweight champion who fought professionally from 1997 to 2014 and also won the WBO and Lineal titles.

He reigned as Lineal Middleweight title

holder for just over four years and the southpaw went 51-3-2 with 28 KOs.

Martinez fought mainly in his homeland before relocating to Spain. He was already 44-1-1 when he beat Alex Bumen for the vacant Interim WBC Junior Middleweight title in 2008.

He defended it with a draw against Kermit Cintron and lost to Paul Williams in his next outing after moving up to Middleweight.

In April 2010 he beat Kelly Pavlik for the WBC, WBO, and Lineal Middleweight titles.

The WBO soon stripped Martinez of his title since he was also the Junior Middleweight winner in another boxing association WBC.

The WBC made an odd move after the new champion defended his title against Williams in a rematch as they also stripped him and handed the title to Sebastian Zbik.

Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. beat Zbik for the WBC crown and Martinez then beat Chavez to get it back.

He defended it once before losing to Miguel Cotto in his final career bout in 2014.

To be continued



## Benzema expected to win Ballon d'Or after exploits with Real Madrid

PARIS

KARIM Benzema is the overwhelming favourite to win the men's Ballon d'Or at a ceremony in Paris today and thereby become the first Frenchman to claim the most prestigious individual prize in football since Zinedine Zidane almost quarter of a century ago.

There are 30 nominees, but the Real Madrid striker is the outstanding candidate after his remarkable performances last season helped his club win the Champions League and La Liga.

Benzema scored an astonishing 44 goals in 46 games for his club including 15 in the Champions League.

His exploits included a hat-trick in 17 second-half minutes against Paris Saint-Germain in the last 16, and another away to Chelsea in the quarter-final first leg. He also scored three more goals over both legs of the semi-final against Manchester City.

Benzema was named the UEFA player of the year in August, and he is living a marvellous twilight to his career with the World Cup to come.

Formerly a pariah, frozen out of the France team for five and a half years because of his involvement in a blackmail scandal over a sextape involving teammate Mathieu Valbuena, Benzema has put that behind him and is playing the best football of his career with his 35th birthday approaching the day after the World Cup final.

"What is most important to me is to win collective trophies. If you do things well on the field, individual awards will follow," Benzema pointed out recently.

His victory at the Chatelet Theatre in the French capital seems an inevitability.

"If they don't cancel it then he's probably going to win this Ballon d'Or," said Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski this week.

That was a joke by the Pole, who would surely have been crowned in 2020 had that year's award not been cancelled due to the pandemic.

- No Messi -

Normal service was restored last year when Lionel Messi won the Ballon d'Or for the seventh time, but he is not even nominated this time after a disappointing season at Paris Saint-Germain.

Cristiano Ronaldo is nominated but there is no Neymar on the list.

Benzema aside, there are four other members of Real's Champions League-winning side: Vinicius, the evergreen Luka Modric, goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois and midfielder Casemiro, now of Manchester United.

Kylian Mbappe, Erling Haaland, Lewandowski and Kevin De Bruyne feature too, but Benzema stands out by a distance.

If Benzema wins, he will be the fifth Frenchman to do so, following in the footsteps of Raymond Kopa in 1958, Michel Platini (1983, 1984, 1985), Jean-Pierre Papin (1991) and Zidane (1998).

The award was previously based on a player's performances over the course of the calendar year.

But the format has changed, with the prize now based on a player's record over the last season.

- Putellas to retain women's award? -

There is far less certainty about the identity of what will be the fourth women's Ballon d'Or.

There are three members of England's European Championship-winning squad short-listed among the 20 contenders.

Lucy Bronze and Millie Bright were both named but Arsenal striker Beth Mead is the most likely candidate after scoring six goals at the Euro.

Australia's Sam Kerr and German duo Lena Oberdorf and Alexandra Popp may have a claim too, but it could also once again be Spain's Alexia Putellas, who won last year.

The 28-year-old is currently recovering from a serious knee injury which saw her miss the Euro with Spain and means she is unlikely to play at all this season.

Putellas, who followed in the footsteps of Ada Hegerberg and Megan Rapinoe by winning a year ago, captained Barcelona to the Champions League final last season as well as a domestic league and cup double.

She was the Champions League top scorer with 11 goals, although her club lost the final to Lyon.

The winners will also receive digital tokens (NFTs) to go with their gleaming trophies, while organisers France Football magazine have also added a new humanitarian prize.

It is named for Socrates, the former Brazil midfielder who also held a medical degree.

The prize "will identify the best social initiative by committed champions," France Football said.

AFP

# Boateng was the bad boy of Berlin, but he's cementing his legacy at Hertha

BERLIN

"WITHOUT being arrogant, the difference was that I was special," Kevin-Prince Boateng tells ESPN. "There aren't many players like me; they come once every 10 years."

The 35-year-old attacking midfielder sits in a conference room at the headquarters of Hertha Berlin. Thick gold chains hang around his neck. He leans back in his chair and sips his cappuccino before speaking.

Prince, as everyone who walks these halls refers to him, is still the same self-confident man who once made many enemies in many dressing rooms and beyond, but he is far more beloved these days. He seems at ease with himself and the way his career has unfolded, a career in which he has played for 13 different clubs in five countries.

It all started, and will eventually end, in Berlin with Hertha.

Boateng joined the club as a 7-year-old while growing up in one of the city's poorest neighbourhoods. A local newspaper once coined the phrase "Wedding gen" to describe the mentality of Boateng and his peers from the boroughs of Wedding, located in the western part of the booming city. Wedding is poor, neglected and run-down, yet full of dreams. It was there, and in nearby districts like Gesundbrunnen, that Prince and his half-brother Jerome played and practices the game in football cages as kids.

"We came from the streets," Boateng remembers. Despite the presence of Jerome and others, he didn't necessarily have a feeling of belonging. "My mom had her demons. My dad had his demons. End of story. I was alone. I achieved all this alone. That's why I became a professional player. I didn't have anything else. The only alternative was to hang out on the streets. No! I had a gift, I had talent."

Hertha helped him foster his talent, particularly his skills as an attacking midfielder. He won the 2003 Under-17 German Championship with Hertha, beating VfB Stuttgart 4-1 in the final. While the majority of his teammates from that time never made it to the Bundesliga, Boateng went on to become a household name with stints at AC Milan, Barcelona and Borussia Dortmund, which he accounts to his extraordinary abilities as well as his attitude.

"I knew I had to kick other people aside to get my spot," he says. "My teammates said to me: 'Jeez, Prince, keep your mouth shut!' But I had to get to the top." Being a brash youngster made things difficult at Hertha and other clubs throughout the first half of his career, he acknowledges. "Yes, I didn't always have my emotions under control when I was younger. That was my mistake, I know that now. When someone wasn't as good



Back in Berlin, Kevin-Prince Boateng is one of the experienced leaders of a young Hertha team that could soon be on the rise.

a player as I was, I didn't respect him. That was wrong."

While regretting that he had possibly too much of a chip on his shoulder in his early years, there was a particular reason for his attitude. His upbringing and the fear of having to go back to Wedding was not an option for him. "When I was 17, I almost got into fights with teammates," Boateng says of his mindset in those days. "I butted heads with someone like Niko Kovac because I told myself that this was my chance and you had to kill me to rip that away from me."

While he was seen as the most valuable player coming out of Hertha's academy in the mid-2000s, Boateng did not stay with the first team for long. He played two Bundesliga seasons before agreeing to a transfer to Tottenham Hotspur in the summer of 2007. In hindsight, he believes that the move to the Premier League came too early, but he also directs some blame at Hertha, where the decision-makers at the time did not convincingly try to keep him.

As he sees it, he felt he was forced to leave his hometown. "This is my city," he says. "I didn't think much about money at the time. I wasn't greedy and didn't go to Tottenham because of the money."

What followed was an odyssey, from Tottenham to Dortmund to Portsmouth to Genoa to Milan and then back to the Bundesliga, where he wore the royal blue of Dortmund's local rivals Schalke 04. The only club that felt somewhat like a second home was Milan, where he played from 2010 to 2013 and again for six months in 2016.

At times, he shared the dressing room with Ronaldinho and Zlatan Ibrahimovic, and for once, Boateng was not one of the most gifted players in the squad. Those were the times in which his steadfast self-belief was needed more than ever.

"I went to Milan at age 23, and I knew exactly that I had to do something special, otherwise I wouldn't play a minute," he remembers. "I worked a lot more than the others. Day by day. I was the first at the training ground and the last [to leave]. I played alongside Ronaldinho,

Ibrahimovic, [Clarence] Seedorf, yet I stepped in front of the mirror and told myself that I was the best. You must act that way."

Despite the competition in the team, Boateng was not a benchwarmer: he played a respectable 100 matches under Massimiliano Allegri during his three-year stint in the fashion hub, which at times appeared to be Boateng's escape from Germany; at one point, his home country had fallen out of love with the former protegee after he injured Michael Ballack in a game between Portsmouth and Chelsea in 2010, denying the national team captain a final World Cup appearance at the tournament in South Africa that year.

Boateng, however, believes his relationship with Germany had been difficult from the moment he stepped onto the national stage. "My relationship with Germany was difficult for a long time. It became difficult from day one because I was a rebel because I spoke my mind," he argues. "I will always voice my opinion, but, today, it comes across differently. My image in Germany has changed because I showed a different side of me. I shared some of my emotions with the people. They saw me crying. They realised I am not just that strong Boateng who will be a tough guy on the field. They now know that I am a real human being."

Regardless of Boateng's troubles with the football community in Germany, despite his decision to represent Ghana on the international stage and the many years spent abroad, Berlin has always been his city. He does not own it, but he made some of it his

own. The Berliners with migrant backgrounds and from poor neighbourhoods can relate to Boateng: they understand the way he speaks, they understand why he behaves more confidently than others, and they understand where the chip on his shoulder comes from.

Asked about the fact that he's playing just his fourth season for Hertha's first team, juxtaposed against his lengthy histories with both the club and the city, Boateng leans forward and gives his view of the concept of time.

"People like to talk about time -- one year, two years, 10 years. But life is not about that. It is about emotions, it is about feelings," he argues. "You can [spend] eight years at a club, but when there aren't any emotions, then you will be forgotten the day you leave."

Boateng has not been forgotten by supporters of Milan, Besiktas or Eintracht Frankfurt. Some of Eintracht's fans believe that the current era, including the Europa League win earlier this year, began with Boateng in 2017. It would be a stretch to say that he is a completely changed man or has become a sort of elder statesman figure; he is by no means the typical aging veteran who hugs opponents and praises the youth. There is still a lot of that fire left in him, and he is often annoyed by what he perceives as apathy among young footballers.

"When you cut [my arm] open here, blood will be flowing. With most of the young guys today, still water would be coming out of them," Boateng believes. "They don't have any emotions. They are not angry when they lose. That's what is missing. Maybe they

don't have to be like us crazy guys back in the day. However, they have to have a mentality that tells them that they cannot lose."

In moments in which he talks about attitude, his upbringing shines through again. He is reminded of thoughts of having to return to the old neighbourhoods and the sacrifices that were necessary regardless of his talent.

"It depends on your mindset to play at such a high level, whether you really want it," Boateng says. "Are you ready to conquer your weaknesses? Are you ready to sacrifice everything else? Are you ready to put your family in second place? Or your friends, your girlfriend, your kids, whatever."

At various points in his career, Boateng was ready to do just that, and circumstances forced him to give his all one more time back in May, when Hertha were fighting for their survival in the Bundesliga. In what could have been Boateng's final professional game, Hertha edged out a win over Hamburg in the relegation playoffs, avoiding the drop by the slightest of margins. As he had only signed a one-year contract in the summer of 2021, Boateng's retirement was expected last spring, but he decided to play one more season before hanging up his boots -- or burning them, as he describes it.

"I am actually looking forward to burning my boots. I am excited about this season, yet after this one, it is over. Then I am finally in my office, can sit around and speak badly of the players," he says with a big laugh.

This campaign is labelled as yet another fresh start for Hertha, with a managerial change over the summer (Felix Magath out, Sandro Schwarz in) and a reinvigorated group of players. Schwarz has certainly improved the aesthetics of the Berliners' football, while the effervescent play of attackers Dodi Lukebakio and Chidera Ejuke has some fans dreaming of better days in the Olympiastadion.

Boateng has become a bit-part player in terms of the time he spends on the field, with him often coming on for the final 10 minutes, but he remains immensely valuable in the dressing room. Club insiders describe him as Schwarz's primary liaison.

"It was clear when I

extended [my contract] that I wouldn't get as many minutes as I had usually gotten in my career. It has to do with my age. It has to do with how demanding the Bundesliga is. But I know that I am very, very important for the team, for the club," Boateng states, adding that feeling relevant within the team is most important to him at this stage of his career.

"I try to share knowledge with the boys every day," he says. "Not just with the 18-year-olds, but even with someone like Lucas Tousart, who is quite experienced himself. It is great that I have gathered so much experience in different countries and have learned about how others, other cultures view and understand football."

He has left footsteps in different places, while maturing as a player and person, and football has taught Boateng a lot about himself and life in general.

"Perhaps my career had more lows than highs, though I always came back," he concludes. "And when I was back, then everyone was my friend again. They were all nice to me. However, when I reached a low point, they were gone. It was the same my entire career. When I don't play right now and I go back to the dressing room, the only message on my phone is from my wife."

Although he feels like the one standing above everyone else in Berlin football, Boateng does not claim any throne. He is far removed from the young kid in the cages of Wedding and Gesundbrunnen or the young rebel breaking into Hertha's first team. He doesn't even hang out in the city's famous enclave of cafes and restaurants. His only goal is to help manifest positive energy in and around Hertha.

What comes after that? "My future lies in football," Boateng says. "That's what I know, what I understand, what I love. I won't suddenly become a lawyer. I will stick around in football. What I will be doing exactly has yet to be decided. I will say this, though, I have different options."

Becoming an office drone would have been unthinkable only a couple of years ago, but as Boateng's continual evolution suggests, the bad boy of Berlin is all too ready for a change in course.

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## Gwiji by David Chikoko





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## Singida Big Stars seeks qualification for next season's CAF inter-club tournaments



Singida Big Stars FC central defender, Pascal Wawa (R), challenges Azam FC's attacker Prince Dube as the squads took on each other in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League match held in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

our fans should not respond to them because we believe actions will speak and we will silence many."

Attacking-wise, Singida Big Stars FC has proved to be a threat, scoring four goals in the side's five games while playing beautiful football showcased by players the squad recruited locally and from other parts of the world.

To play in any of next season's CAF inter-club tournaments, Singida Big Stars FC has to win its matches against mid-table teams that are perceived as having the same level as the former to challenge Azam FC, contenders in this season's CAF Confederation Cup.

It will nevertheless require the Singida-based side to competently play in the Premier League for many more years to successfully challenge favourites Simba SC and Yanga.

Settling for a draw in two games in a row and losing the following duel does not project the quality which befits an outfit with CAF inter-club tournaments' caliber, therefore, improvement is needed for the Singida-based outfit.

Singida Big Stars will have a tough job away from home against Mtibwa Sugar, to be played on Tuesday, after failing to win three games in a row while losing for the first time this season after suffering a 1-0 loss to Azam FC. The outfit has registered foreign players and other Premier League players who have helped the squad kick off its campaign well, winning two matches, drawing two, and losing one out of the five they played to occupy 10th place on the league standings.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**A**FTER enjoying a fine start to 2022/23 NBC Premier League, the top flight debutant Singida Big Stars FC's skipper Pascal Wawa has stated that it is the beginning of their quest for participating in next season's CAF inter-club tournaments.

Wawa joined Singida Big Stars FC at the beginning of this season as a free agent, after his contract with Simba SC had expired.

The experienced central defender explained that his experience spanning more than six years in the Premier League with Simba SC and

Azam FC has made him understand this league and he sees his new club make progress.

The Ivorian defender noted: "Singida Big Stars FC is, at the moment, not to be underrated by any team, it has many quality players with plenty of experience who can confidently beat any team."

"The goals are to do well in all do-

estic tournaments that we will participate in and participate in any of international tournaments next season, I believe it will be possible," Wawa noted. The libero is famous for starting attacks by executing pinpoint passes.

The Ivorian player noted: "There are people who will be taking us for granted but we are very focused and



One of the MultiChoice officials (L) presents a certificate to a MultiChoice Talent Factory (MTF) graduate at a recent ceremony that took place in Nairobi. The graduation event was a celebration of the hard work and dedication of 57 graduating students as well as the success of MultiChoice's Talent Factory concept. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MULTICHOICE TANZANIA

## MTF Academy celebrates next generation of African storytellers

By Guardian Correspondent

MULTICHOICE Talent Factory (MTF) has proved that the African entertainment industry is ripe with gripping stories waiting to be told.

This was made clear at the MTF Academy's annual graduation event which witnessed 57 students across three academies in West, East, and Southern Africa demonstrating the caliber of talent that exists in Africa.

Through their hard work and dedication, they have developed skills that will help them achieve their filmmaking goals.

In addition to the student receiving qualifications accredited by the Academy's three partner universities, the University of Zambia, Kenya's Kenyatta University, and Nigeria's Pan Atlantic University, top graduates from each of the three academies were presented with the incredible opportunity to further their development with internships sponsored by MTF partner organizations.

"Since its inception, MultiChoice has been deeply committed to its African roots. The company recognizes the vast potential that Africa has to offer the world in terms of its creative industries, and this graduation is proof of this bold commitment," Kenya Academy Director Victoria Goro noted.

The top graduates who were awarded an eight-week scholarship at the New York Film Academy (NYFA) are Melkamu Haile from Ethiopia, Lushinjilo Victor Kasanga from Zambia, and Adedamola Akapo from Nigeria.

The graduates awarded a two-week Bollywood internship, co-sponsored by Zee World are Emmanuel Horla Nuvor from Ghana, Audrey Egessa from Kenya, and Yvonne Feresu from Zimbabwe.

Additionally, top graduates Oluwatoyosi Fowode from Nigeria, Kenneth Msanjila from Tanzania, and Larona Dichaba have been awarded a two-week internship at a film and TV production in South Africa.

Alongside the graduates' family members, government officials, high commissioners, MTF partner organizations, and stakeholders also attended the illustrious graduation ceremony to support them.

"MultiChoice congratulates the Class of 2022 on their achievements and looks forward to working alongside these talented graduates to bring uniquely African stories to homes and cinemas across the continent," MultiChoice Northern Africa Regional Director Kobus Bezuidenhout pointed out.

The MTF initiative has enjoyed continued success thanks to its strong partnerships with renowned organizations such as NYFA, Dolby Studios, Canon, Zee World, Pan-Atlantic University, Kenyatta University, and the University of Zambia.

Victoria pointed out: "The students have completed their feature films ahead of their graduation and will be screened across various markets, which is a great testament to what happens when you equip young people with the right tools to go after their dreams. Coming out of the East African Academy are movies 'Cheza' and 'Stinger', one of which is a musical that we look forward to showcasing on our channels."

## Kenyan outfits triumph in 2022 Nyerere International Volleyball tourney

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

KENYAN volleyball clubs, GSU and DCI, lifted this year's edition of the Nyerere International Volleyball tournament's men's and women's categories titles at Ngarenaro in Arusha last weekend.

GSU and DCI sides came out victorious in the showdown's final ties against Rwandan army club APR men's and women's sides.

In the men's category final, the GSU outfit won 3-1 against APR, whereas the DCI squad won the women's category final having garnered a 3-0 drubbing of APR.

The Mwalimu Nyerere International Volleyball tournament attracted 24 clubs from across the East Africa region.

APR men's squad cruised to the category's final after posting a 3-0 win over Tanzania's Pentagon Club in the semi-final, whereas the GSU side outclassed Tanzania's MCT by a similar margin in the same stage.

In the women's category, Tanzania's Magereza lost 3-1 to Kenya's DCI in the semi-final whereas the APR outfit defeated Tanzania's Jeshi Stars in the semi-final.

The tournament which brought together clubs from Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and the host Tanzania ended last weekend. Winners in both men's and women's categories were awarded medals.

Tanzania Volleyball Association (TVA) Assistant Secretary Shukuru Ally hailed all participating clubs for showcasing a spirited fight throughout the showpiece.

"It was one of the toughest tournaments, we thank all outfits which took part, and hopefully next year they will also come, we are also happy with the response we got from clubs," Ally stated.

Kenya was represented by four teams, Rwanda brought two sides, and there was moreover one from Burundi.

There were further 17 clubs from various parts of Tanzania, namely Jeshi

Stars, Chui, Arusha Champions, Karatu, MTC, Mipango, Pentagon, Mbulu, and Kampala International University in Tanzania (KIUT).

Kenya which participated in the men's category are GSU, DCI, and Kenya Forest,

Rwanda had APR in the category.

Women's category sides are Tanzania's Jeshi Stars, JKT, Star Girls, Golden Wings, Magereza, Chui, and Orkeeswa, Kenya's Young Speakers, and DCI, as well

as Rwanda's APR.

The Nyerere International Volleyball tournament takes place annually in commemoration of the Father of the Nation the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere.



Tanzania's Brigadier General Suleiman Gwaya (C) chats with Guinean Colonel Dorah Kaita (R), the retired Secretary-General of the International Military Sports Council (CISM) and Guinea's Army Commander in Belgium when the latter was in Tanzania for an official visit recently. Looking on (L) is CISM Director Joseph Bakari, who also serves as Tanzania Military Games Council (BAMMATA) Director. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

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