



## Samia: Basic freedom has clear limits

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has called upon politicians in the country to use the current existing democratic freedoms to market their manifestos to the citizenry and refrain from using the same as a platform to threaten national unity and co-existence.

Addressing stakeholders at a meeting of the Political Parties Advisory Council in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the president warned politicians against seeking to lay ownership of the constitutional making process as it belongs to the whole country.

She demanded that politicians use the lifting of the ban on activities of political parties to inform the general public on what should be done to improve performance in the public service, while promoting unity and national cohesion.



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When there is freedom of expression, there are also limits to it, not only legally but also by political usage and culture, therefore politicians must be aware that these freedoms have limits and must take into consideration when making use of their right to speech, the president explained.

She affirmed having a special team to gather what is being advised or spoken by politicians and community leaders, to be worked upon for implementation, highlighting that the government intends to start awareness building on the constitution so that the general public is aware of the document before the process to make a new one begins.

She said politicians have raised up characters who demonstrate that they

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# Minister: Housing sector opening up should start

By Correspondent James Kandoya



President Samia Suluhu Hassan addresses a Special Meeting of the Political Parties Advisory Council which opened in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Immaculate Makilika

ALLOWING foreigners to purchase houses, bringing in foreign direct investment and boosting foreign exchange earnings will require reviewing and improving policies and laws in the housing sector, the government has stated.

Jerry Silaa, the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister, made this observation before staff and management of the National Housing Corporation (NHC) in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

He addressed NHC staff shortly after visiting the 7th Kawe Square project, the Samia Housing Scheme phase I in Magomeni and the Morocco Square project



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in Kinondoni, to inspect progress of the key corporate project engagements.

He said his brief presence in the ministry has shown that some current laws and policies are outdated, noting that it is the task of the legislature to make these changes, to start allowing foreigners to buy houses in Tanzania.

He said there are many people who have different views on the matter but we must make some changes in our laws and policies, he emphasized, noting that NHC need not depend only on its own money or loans to implement its projects but engage with investors from outside the country.

"If you want to open up, you must allow foreign direct investment to reach the housing sector. No one takes his/her money abroad and brings it to Tanzania without having a proper legal framework to safeguard his/her money," he told the gathering.

It is high time for land policy and other

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## NIC profits rising fast, operational costs low

By Francis Kajubi

NIC Insurance registered remarkable growth in its profit before tax by 43.91 percent to 63.21bn/-

in 2021/22 from 33.65bn/- in 2019/20.

Dr Elirehema Doriye, its chief executive officer, told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the corporation registered growth in profit

arrears at 45.74bn/- as of June 2022 from loss accruals pegged at 19.31bn/- in 2019, when explaining the state insurer's performance for the past five years.

These achievements had to do with a rise in the value of assets, growing to 423.99bn/- in 2021/22 from 350.36bn/- in 2019/20, representing 10.51 percent annual growth, he said.

In 2020/21 the value of assets had grown to 391.49bn/-, with operational efficiency

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## PSSSF initiates seminars for prospective retirees

By Getrude Mbago

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) has embarked on the second phase of nationwide seminars targeting public servants who are about to retire.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, the Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability state minister in the Prime Minister's Office, flagged off the seminars yesterday, intended to equip prospective retirees with key safeguards as they embark on other concerns in life after employment.

During this series of seminars, PSSSF officials will also run a special campaign to facilitate the planting of one million trees countrywide, involving fund members and stakeholders.

The minister commended PSSSF for coming up with the seminars, noting that they are essential for public servants who are preparing to retire. The tree planting campaign complements the government's efforts to restore landscapes and boost environmental conservation, she stated.

She said the government was strengthening social security funds to ensure that civil servants and retirees face no difficulties upon ending their service, hailing the seminar effort as vital to keep fund members up to date on various services offered, along with handling financial issues.

Retirees are often major targets of fraudsters waiting for retirees to line up for their benefits and hatch plans to take the cash from them, the minister affirmed, citing that in certain cases retiring people take high

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Prof Joyce Ndalichako (L, foreground), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday escorted by PSSF director general Hosea Kashimba (to her left) as she headed to the venue where she shortly later opened a sensitisation seminar for prospective retirees. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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policies that regulate housing to be reviewed and improved to stimulate development, he stated.

"Leaders must be at the forefront to remove people's fears so that the housing sector attracts substantial investments," he said, insisting that foreigners should be allowed to own houses.

He said the move is in line with improvements that President Samia Suluhu Hassan has started to implement, to enable fellow Tanzanians who have taken citizenship in other countries to invest safely in their native country.

The minister directed the NHC management to ensure the start of re-development of the 711 Square project in Kawe by next month, noting that the 711 Square project with initial cost of 107bn/- was projected for completion in 2017 but it was then enveloped by chaos.

It is time to ensure that construction work resumes to avoid piling up

interest payments on the loan arrangements involved, he pointed out.

"I am aware that the management is currently determining the cost, I therefore task it to ensure the project resumes as soon as possible," he remarked, urging the NHC management to reach out to more people to invest in real estate development.

Housing demand was still rising especially in urban areas, he said, intimating that work on the Morocco Square project is completed by the end of this year.

Hamad Abdallah, the NHC director general, said that Morocco Square is nearly completed. As of now the project stands at 98 percent, with expectations that once it is optimally operational, it will be generating upwards of 850m/- per month in revenues.

NHC has received 16bn/- as booking reservation from expected tenants waiting for its completion, the CEO added.

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attracting growth in shareholders' capital, pegged at 217.07bn/- in 2021/22 from 72.16bn/- in 2019/20, a massive 100.40 percent annual growth, he explained.

NIC has registered growth on investments in commercial bank deposits along with treasury bills and treasury bonds, with bank deposits growing to 32.23bn/- from 19.53bn/- in 2019/20, representing 32.54 percent annual growth, he stated.

Investment in treasury bills and treasury bonds capped at 105.64bn/- compared to 51.58bn/- three years earlier, while for the year ending June 2022 NIC extended to the government 2bn/- dividends, up from 1.5bn/- remitted in the year ended June 2021.

To improve NIC underwriting capacity, the corporation has seen an increase in its share capital by 12.05bn/- in April 2022 from 2.95bn/- earlier, taking its total capital to 15bn/-, a 408.47 percent rise, he stated.

Insurance revenue grew to 103.94bn/- in 2021/22 from 76.45bn/- in 2019/20, equivalent to 17.98 percent growth, while in 2020/21 it registered

104.43bn/-o income, he said.

NIC deposited 15.14bn/- as income tax to Treasury coffers in 2021/22, from 11.86bn/- in 2019/20, a 13.80 percent annual growth, while in 2020/21 income tax paid to the government stood at 13.61bn/-.

In the three years to June 2022, NIC covered life insurance claims worth 33.79bn/-, along with property and casualty claims pegged at 40.18bn/- . Life insurance covers grew from 8.08bn/- in 2019/20 to 10.09bn/- in 2020/21 and 22.01bn/- in 2021/22, he elaborated.

On the other hand, the value of property and casualty covers went up from 5.01bn/- in 2019/20 to 11.53bn/- and then to 17.25bn/- as of June 2022, he said.

Expenditure on operations went down in budgetary terms, with 29.47bn/- allocations for 2019/20 where 20.67bn/- was spent, he said.

In 2020/21 a total of 44.76bn/- was budgeted but actual expenditure stood at 18.97bn/-, same as in 2021/22 where 46.14bn/- expenditures were budgeted and actual expenditure stood at 24.94bn/-, he added.

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risk loans from individuals, pegging their benefits to those loans.

"They hand over their ATM cards for the lenders to take out the funds the moment retirement payments are deposited," she elaborated, noting that the seminars will help those who are about to retire to make correct decisions on their benefits.

They should be able to make proper investments by making sure that the place they put their money is safe, she cautioned, asking the civil servants and PSSSF staff "to live up their oaths" when serving retirees in their final steps.

They must make sure that information on members and retirees is well protected and not issued to other people, she said, intoning that the government is working on the matter.

It seeks to make sure that pension funds staff remain ethical when serving retirees and those who are about to retire "so as to ensure that they keep their information well and by any means they don't share it with scammers," she stated.

Doing so is contrary to Public Service Regulations and the government will not entertain such deviation, the minister declared.

She said that the sixth phase government had repaid a total of 2.17trn/- out of 4.6trn/- owed to the fund, the debt having been reached in 1999, explaining that the debt was a result of servants receiving benefits without contributions being made to existing pensions funds.

The 2.17trn/- repayments had greatly helped PSSSF to carry out its functions, including paying retirees on time,

she stated, with Hosea Kashimba, the PSSSF director general, saying that the seminars will be conducted in seven regions.

The members will be trained on various areas including investment in financial markets, psychological preparation when retiring, investment in tree farming and beekeeping, proper utilisation of funds and avoiding scammers.

The trees to be planted are a mix of fruits and ordinary trees, to be planted in homes, schools and health centres in particular.

He expressed gratitude to various financial institutions for supporting the seminars, citing CRDB Bank, DCB, TCB Bank, Azania, NMB, Stanbic Bank and Orbit Securities.

PSSSF has raised the value of investments from 6trn/- in 2018 to 7.9trn/- by June 2023, an increase of 23.5 percent or an average increase of four percent per year, he stated.

Apart from the 2.17trn/- payments during the sixth phase, the government has also paid PSSSF 500bn/- out of 731.4bn/- for loans to implement various projects as part of the fund's investments, he added.



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Chadema Vice Chairman (Mainland) Tundu Lissu (L, foreground) pictured in Arusha city yesterday exchanging greetings with followers of the opposition party shortly after being released on bail for one month. Police briefly held him and a few other officials of the party at the weekend in connection with what was described as involvement in illegal assembly. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

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own the constitution making process, leaving behind the people who are the actual owners of the mother law.

"The constitution is a document which carries the voice of the people, therefore this constitution must be owned by the people themselves, but politicians have taken it and want the process to be driven by their agenda

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which is wrong," she sternly affirmed.

She lamented that politicians are using the current state of affairs to disrupt national unity, hence there is need for the group to understand that freedom has limits which need to be taken into consideration when

exercising their rights.

Earlier, political parties' registrar Judge Francis Mutungi said the meeting was aimed at discussing issues raised in the multiparty democracy taskforce formed to assess the political situation in the country.

Prof Ibrahim Lipumba, the Tanzania Centre for Democracy (TCD) chairman, said political parties agree that the new constitution making process be taken up and embedded with reforms to facilitate proper handling of the next general election late 2025.



Ramadhani Kazuvi, head teacher of Mamboleo Primary School in Muheza District has a word yesterday with Standard Seven students lining themselves up for their final national exams scheduled for today and tomorrow. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

## 'North Korea leader appears going to Russia to meet Putin'

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North Korea since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Broadcaster YTN said Seoul "expects that Chairman Kim will hold a meeting with President Putin of Russia around the day after tomorrow", meaning Wednesday.

Moscow, a historical ally of Pyongyang, was a crucial backer of the isolated country for decades and their ties go back to the founding of North Korea 75 years ago.

Kim has been steadfast in his support for Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, including, Washington says, supplying rockets and missiles.

In July, Putin hailed Pyongyang's "firm support for special military operations against Ukraine".

Experts suggest that Putin is seeking artillery shells and antitank missiles from North Korea, while Kim is reportedly in search of advanced

technology for satellites and nuclear-powered submarines, as well as food aid for his impoverished nation.

Vladivostok will be hosting the Eastern Economic Forum until Wednesday.

The Kremlin has refused to confirm any meeting between Putin and Kim on the sidelines of the summit, which was attended by 68 nations last year.

The White House warned last week that Pyongyang would "pay a price" if it supplies Moscow with weaponry for its war in Ukraine.

Washington said Russia could use weapons from North Korea to attack Ukrainian food supplies and heating infrastructure heading into winter to "try to conquer territory that belongs to another sovereign nation."

Andrei Lankov, a North Korea expert at Kookmin University in Seoul, told AFP that the possible Putin-Kim

summit was part of "gentle diplomatic blackmail" by Moscow of Seoul because Russia did not want South Korea to supply weapons to Kyiv.

Seoul is a major arms exporter and has sold tanks to Kyiv's ally Poland, but longstanding domestic policy bars it from selling weapons into active conflicts.

"The major worry of the Russian government now is a possible shipment of the South Korean ammunition to Ukraine, not just one shipment but a lot of shipments," Lankov said.

Cheong Seong-chang, researcher at the Sejong Institute, told AFP that, were North Korea to expand military cooperation with Russia, "there is an increased likelihood of prolonged conflict in Ukraine."

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Tanzania Investment Centre acting executive director John Mnali addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the launch of the centre's Tanzania Investment Electronic Window slated for Saturday (Sept16). He is with TIC Administration and Finance director Pascal Maganga (L) and Investment Facilitation manager Juventus Baitu. Photo Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## TIC to launch electronic system to serve investors

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) is at the weekend expected to launch an electronic system to serve investors at a one-stop centre to be known as Tanzania Investment Electronic Window.

Acting director of the centre, John Mnali, said in Dar es Salaam yesterday when briefing journalists about the launch of the system.

Mnali said the inauguration will take place on Saturday and the official guest of honour is expected to be the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa.

He said the system had resulted from the integration of various systems of government institutions that are concerned with issuing permits and licences to investors.

He said these institutions have integrated their systems that are used to register investors and issue permits and that in the first phase they will integrate seven institutions.

He said the system will connect the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), TIC for the issuance of licences and investment certificates and the Labour Commissioner for work permits, Immigration for work permits.

He mentioned other institutions that will be connected to the system as the National Identity Agency (NIDA), the Ministry of Land for land to serve foreign investors who will need land.

"For this phase, the investor will be entering one system when he starts the registration of the company, he will continue to apply for various permits through the system and his previous information that the investor will have provided such as his name, the name of the company, the owners of the company, that information will be available to all government institutions without having to provide that information every time," said Mnali.

Mnali said that the system will make it easier for the investor to get various permits and licenses within a short

period of time unlike what was the case before the system.

He said that through the launch, they also hope to launch a guideline that will be used by service providers for investors, as some investors request registration services while they are abroad.

"There are times when an investor is abroad and wants to register a company or get a license, so on the day of the launch of the new window, we will also launch a guideline for these people who provide these services to investors, this service is known as Investors Service Providers Guidelines," he said.

He said they will also launch a special campaign to encourage domestic and foreign investment to get more local and foreign investors who will invest in various projects.

"We have created a special attractive campaign that shows various programs to attract investment in various regions so that local and foreign investors come to invest and in fact the launch of these three tools will help to a large extent to attract investments," he said.



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## Minister Bashungwa appeals to public to desist from vandalism

By Guardian Correspondent, Iramba

WORKS minister Innocent Bashungwa has called on the members of the public whose areas the 7.6 kms Sabasaba-Sepuka-Ndago-Kizaga road in Singida Region to desist from any acts of sabotage including theft of road building materials and equipment so as to have the project finalised as the value planned.

Bashungwa made the appeal here at the weekend at the event to hand over to the contractor - Henan Highway Engineering Group Ltd from China the 88bn/- road project at tarmac level.

"The government has dished out a lot of money towards various

projects countrywide including Singida Region, I commend all the people for the cooperation extended to the contractors, but I would like to caution against theft of equipment and building materials to be used in the project," he said.

He called on TANROADS to make sure they fully supervise the contractor to make sure the project is completed in time and quality as per contract agreement.

For his part, the Minister for Finance, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba called on Tanzanians to unite especially in the issue of the country's economic growth, the task which the CCM government has started by involving

the private sector in the economic investment.

"Professionally I am an economist, there is no country in the world that can develop its economy without investing in the private sector and in this issue, we shall not backtrack because it will boost the country's income and create many job opportunities," he said.

He used the occasion to thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan for dishing out funds for the construction of the road which he had been asking for its construction since the time he was elected to Parliament the first time, and added that the road will boost people's economies of people in Ikungi and Iramba districts in Singida

Region and the entire country in general.

Singida Regional Commissioner, Peter Serukamba said in the two years of President Samia's administration Singida Region was provided with 210bn/- for road construction.

He said in the same period, TANROADS in Singida Region was provided with 34bn/- from which several road projects have been implemented, including the building of the 82 metre Sibiti Bridge costing 32bn/-, the 100 metre Msingi Bridge that cost 11.9bn/- and the 10km Itigi road that cost 8.9bn/-.

He added that 60bn/- has been allocated for the Itigi-Mbeya road, saying when all the ongoing road projects in Singida Region are completed, the region will be a hub for crops production that will be easily transported to various markets countrywide.



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# 300 stakeholders convene in Arusha to discuss climate action financing

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 300 stakeholders from inside and outside the country are this month expected to convene in Arusha in the 3rd International Transparency and Accountability Conference (ITAC) to discuss how to jointly facilitate climate action financing.

Organised by Wajibu Institute of Public Accountability with support from various stakeholders, the two-day event is slated for September 28 to 29 with a theme of "Strengthening Accountability for Climate Action."

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the Institute's executive director Ludovick Utouh said that during the two days, participants will engage in deep discussion on various agendas including the science of climate change, climate change financing-best practices and challenges in tracking and monitoring climate finance flows.

The conference will also hear and discuss on climate change fiscal risks, private sector engagement in climate change financing and accountability mechanisms for private financé as well as innovative mechanisms for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Utouh said that guests and stakeholders from South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe have confirmed to attend the conference with others also continuing to register.

"Climate change impacts touch everyone in these globe, be it in town or rural, we have witnessed how climate change has led to decrease of pastures and water thus leading to death of a number of livestock in some parts of Tanzania and Kenya, this is a very critical issues which need joint efforts to overcome," he asserted.

He said the conference's major objective is to widen understanding especially in critical climate change impacts and how stakeholders can mobilise resources to increase in financing in tackling climate change impacts.

"So, we are encouraging stakeholders and experts to continue registering through our website where they will be required to contribute only 25,000/- for locals and \$15 for foreigners before September 25, in order to participate in the forum," he added.

Utouh further said the conference will be a hybrid of physical and online thus providing opportunity for interested stakeholders from across the globe to be able to participate.

Last week, African Heads of State expressed their commitment to redouble their efforts towards boosting agricultural yields in the continent through sustainable agricultural practices.

They made their commitment in marking the three days Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi which was conducted from September 4 to 8.

Through a joint communiqué dubbed The African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change and Call to Action, the leaders have recognised the adverse effects of climate change on the entire environment ecosystem disrupting livelihoods of many smallholders depending on farm produce.

In emphasising Africa's potential and ambition to be a vital component of the global solution to climate change, the leaders promised to strengthen actions to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, deforestation, desertification, as well as restore degraded lands to achieve land degradation neutrality.



Food vendors in Tanga city 'parade' with working tools including tables, gas cylinders and aprons issued to them jointly by Coca-Cola, Oryx Gas Tanzania Limited and the Institute of Social Work at the weekend. The support was in implementation of an economic inclusion campaign dubbed 'Mwanamke Shujaa' (literally, Brave Woman). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## RABAT

THE gap between the damage caused by the deadly earthquake in Morocco and the property actually insured risks being considerable, with many houses not being covered, reinsurer Scor has ruled.

The human toll for the country, which was hit by a violent earthquake during the night from Friday to Saturday, is already at least 2,500 dead.

This disaster is all the more "dramatic", according to Thierry Léger, general manager of Scor,

## Earthquake in Morocco: Many houses were not insured - Scor

whose role is to insure insurers against large-scale events, that in addition to the numerous lives lost, many houses were not not designed to withstand an earthquake and were therefore difficult to insure against this risk.

According to Jean-Paul Conoscente, general manager of the group's damage branch, the rate of insured

persons is thus lower than in Turkey, which was hit by an earthquake last February, and "the gap between economic damage and property insured should be more important."

According to a preliminary estimate from the World Bank, the economic losses caused by the disaster in Turkey and Syria are estimated at \$34 billion,

but the costs for insurance companies have been estimated at \$5.3 billion by the reinsurer Swiss Re.

In Morocco, "the losses for insurers will be much lower than in Turkey", underlined Mr. Conoscente, without providing a precise figure.

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## Boosting food availability : PASS Trust's impactful investment in the agriculture sector

Tanzania, like many other African nations, ensures food security and availability is at the top of its priorities. Agriculture plays a pivotal role in the country's economy, employing a significant portion of the population and contributing to both domestic consumption and exports. However, challenges such as climate change, limited access to modern farming techniques, and inadequate infrastructure have hindered the sector's growth.

PASS Trust's role in securing food availability has undeniably yielded great results. Its endeavors in fighting food insecurity in Tanzania, cannot go unrecognized.

In addressing these issues and boosting food availability, PASS Trust has emerged as a key player in catalyzing positive change in Tanzania's agricultural sector by assisting agricultural entrepreneurs with loans availability of between 20% and 60% and up to 80% for women and youth of the loans amount from 14 concerted financial institutions in the country.

PASS Trust facilitation in gender equality and youth empowerment, has prioritized women and the youth by making it easier for these groups to access loans since most have no collateral property or finances. It is at the frontline to empower women and youth by fighting to allay the loan requirements and limits.

It has supported women and youth inclusion in the world of agriculture by offering loans of up to 80% for these underrepresented groups. Over 1.5 million women are beneficiaries of PASS Trust countrywide.



It has deeply aided in food availability in the country because women and youth are able to get loans easily and channel their agricultural power into food production.

The youth define our future by playing an integral role as the vigorous workforce of the nation; hence investing in them to backup our agricultural engine will save us from the wrath of food insecurity.

In addition, over 3.05 million people have greatly benefited from the loans that have amounted to a value of 1.219 trillion. About 532,798 agribusinesses have also reaped huge interests from the grants and as a result, sprouted a total of 2.7 million job opportunities. This is an accurate

benchmark that portrays the true intent of PASS Trust for farmers and Tanzania at large.

Knowledge is power, thus instilling agricultural skills and attributes to farmers and potential key players in agriculture, is at the core of PASS Trust's vision. In this same spirit, regular training is offered to farmers, women and youth that mainly showcase step by step ways to improve food production. It pushes for more innovative and well advanced agricultural practices, advises on where to get the best equipment and highlights the Do's and Don'ts of agribusiness. The training not only dwell on agriculture but also



Mwani Zanzibar

encourages farmers to use cashless digitized payment

methods through banks or mobile apps. At the end, farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs stand at an equipped position to improve food availability.

Worth noting among the many efforts of PASS Trust's contribution to improving food availability in Tanzania, is the Inclusive Green Growth initiative. This movement is directly aimed at fermenting our agricultural growth through encouraging farmers to practice environmentally friendly ways that are not only realistic but also sustainable.

From the inception of the Inclusive

Green Growth up until December 2022, a total of 66,077 businesses have profited alongside 3,427,960 beneficiaries creating 2,712,048 employment opportunities.

With the ever growing demand for food because of the rapid population increase, many farmers are compelled to resort to fast but inefficient methods to bridge the gap. However, PASS Trust advises farmers for better production methods like recycling for the environment to remain safe and for man to satisfy his needs, making it a win-win situation.

PASS Trust's central role in agriculture and food availability deserves uncountable rounds of applause.



Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (2nd-R) cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam yesterday launch the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) board of directors. He is with board chairman Ally Amani (2nd-L); Neema Musomba (R), Management Services director at the Treasury Registrar's Office; and TRC acting director general Amina Lumuli. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Mbarawa charges newly appointed TRC board to involve private sector

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TRANSPORT Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has directed the new Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) Board of directors to come up with ways on how the private sector can fully be involved in the rail operations.

Prof Mbarawa issued the directives yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the inauguration of the TRC new board of directors.

The inauguration of the new board comes after President Samia Suluhu Hassan recently dissolved the TRC board.

He said the government has established open access law that among others want and emphasize the involvement of the private sector in rail operations.

The minister said after the construction is over, the next step is operation that needs involvement of private especially in the procurement of rolling stocks to cope with new expected raise in agro-products.

He said since there is an increase in demand for horticulture, the new board focuses on coming up with strategic plans to procure wagons specific for horticulture products.

"I'm informed that there will be a rise in supply of tonnes of agro products estimated to reach 8 metric tonnes. Therefore, the demand for special carriage wagons to carry such products is obviously needed and the private sector is going to cut off the demand," he said.

Prof Mbarawa said the government has already established the open access modal, therefore, it was the right time to ensure it becomes practical.

"Open access law is not a new modal since it is also practiced by the Tanzania and Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA). Get prepared to start implementing it to speed operations," he said.

The minister said the new modal will

help to reduce congestion at the port and stimulate the economy.

Ally Karavina, chairperson of the newly appointed TRC Board assured the minister to implement all the directives, noting that the board will further ensure the successful implementation of the open access modal.

"Open access modal has been done successfully by TAZARA. We shall do the same to ensure it is also implemented at TRC," he said.

Karavina said the board will also ensure procurement of wagons to carry out strategic agro-products that are projected to be on the rise in a few years.



**I'm informed that there will be a rise in supply of tonnes of agro products estimated to reach 8 metric tonnes. Therefore, the demand for special carriage wagons to carry such products is obviously needed and the private sector is going to cut off the demand**

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

# Human activities posing threat to Shinyanga's Ning'hwa Dam

HUMAN activity at Ning'hwa dam water source at Chibe in Shinyanga Municipality is cited to endanger the dam's existence, as it has started drying up.

The dam is used as an alternative source for water supply to Shinyanga residents, especially when its main water source, Lake Victoria, faces problems.

The managing director of Shinyanga Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (SHUWASA), Eng. Yusuph Katopola made the observation here at the weekend during his visit at the dam, saying efforts are needed to rescue

the water source because it is of great assistance to supplement water to the people.

He said the people need to be educated to stop engaging in human activity near the dam, including fishing, farming and herding because such activity causes mud soil to enter the dam and decrease its depth.

"If this goes on the dam will dry out completely and will force the closing

down of our water pumping plant and continue getting water from only one source - Lake Victoria by buying water from our neighbours, KASHWASA, which will enhance operational cost," said Eng. Katopola. He also appealed to the people around the dam to immediately stop human activity to rescue the water source.

Dam's supervisor from the Central Water Basin sub-office, Ninje

Kashindye said as for now the dam's depth is only five metres compared to its full capacity of 10.6 million cubic metres.

He said they have been making efforts to prevent the people from engaging in human activity as well as educating them on the adverse effects, but have been adamant, sometimes even to the point of threatening the officials.



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### TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION LIMITED: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT

Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified parties wanting to participate in the provision of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) to International Standards for the Kabanga Nickel Project in Ngara District, Kagera

Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited ("Tembo") is an operating company formed via the Framework Agreement (19 January 2021) between Kabanga Nickel Limited ("Kabanga Nickel") and the Government of Tanzania ("GoT") for the development of the Kabanga nickel deposits in the Ngara District in the Northwest of Tanzania. Under the Framework Agreement terms, Tembo (owned 84% by Kabanga Nickel and 16% by GoT) has been formally established for the mining, processing, and refining of Class 1 nickel with cobalt and copper co-products.

The Kabanga Nickel Project is among the world's largest high-grade underdeveloped nickel sulphide deposits, with exploration upside on existing licenses. Once in operation, the Kabanga Nickel Project will produce battery-grade nickel, cobalt, and copper refined metals in Tanzania. The mine-to-metal operation will use Hydromet Technology that is significantly more cost efficient than smelting. The Hydromet Technology will reduce the carbon footprint, minimise environmental impact, lower capital, and production costs, and contribute significantly to the economic growth of Tanzania.

Tembo, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable and experienced ESIA Consulting companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the ALL Services detailed below:

| No. | Reference no.    | Scope of Work (Description of Work)  | Pre-Qualification Criteria   |
|-----|------------------|--|--|
| 1   | TEMBO-2023-08-30 | <p><b>SCOPE OF WORK (UPGRADE OF ESIA FOR KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS)</b></p> <p>a. Undertake selected Environmental &amp; Social specialist studies in accordance with the requirements of International Finance Corporation Performance Standards (IFC PS) and the Equator Principles version 4 of 2020 (EP4) to update the ESIA baseline.</p> <p>b. Upgrade ESIA to meet international standards specifically IFC PS and EP4.</p> <p>c. Develop an Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan (ESMMP) in line with International Standards for the Project.</p> <p>d. Develop a Rehabilitation and Mine Closure Plan in line with International Standards.</p> <p>e. Undertake Disclosure of Lender compliant ESIA to relevant stakeholders.</p> | <p>i. Experience with the Mining sector and experience in the delivery of large ESIA to International Environmental &amp; Social Requirements (such as IFC PS, EP4, etc.), Having a registered office in Tanzania is an added advantage.</p> <p>ii. Preferred local ESIA Consulting Partner shall demonstrate full compliance with the Local Content Legislation and have an approved Local Content Plan.</p> <p>iii. Demonstrate experience in undertaking similar assignments in Tanzania and East Africa (to Lender's expectations) in the recent 5 years.</p> <p>iv. Provide biographies of key subject matter experts proposed for the assignment indicating their experience in delivery of task to IFC PS and EP4.</p> <p>v. Confirm availability of key personnel and willingness to start immediately after authorization.</p> <p>vi. Confirm flexibility to complete the assignment within 6 months, from the date of authorization.</p> |

The above Services are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable qualified and experienced international contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. If your company would like to be considered for pre-qualification to receive the invitation to tender, please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Comprehensive company profile.
- Preferred local ESIA consulting firm/partner and proposed team setup.
- Company Registration documents including those of the preferred local partner i.e., Certificate of Incorporation, Business License, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate, approved local content plan, etc.
- Details of similar services in Tanzania and East Africa, and detail of contracts for similar services completed in the last 5 years.
- Details of experience in the mining sector.
- Biographies indicating experience of proposed key personnel with similar services to International Standards.
- Availability of firm and key personnel to start the specific work.

Kindly send your response by email to [tenders@kabanganickel.com](mailto:tenders@kabanganickel.com) by the close of business on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote the reference number "TEMBO-2023-08-30" in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of Tembo Nickel Corporation.

For and on behalf of TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT



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### TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION LIMITED: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT

Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualified parties wanting to participate in the provision of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) to International Standards for the Multi-Metal Processing Facility (MMPF) Project (Refinery) in Kahama, Shinyanga

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The Kabanga Nickel Project is among the world's largest high-grade underdeveloped nickel sulphide deposits, with exploration upside on existing licenses. Once in operation, the Kabanga Nickel Project will produce battery-grade nickel, cobalt, and copper refined metals in Tanzania. The mine-to-metal operation will use Hydromet Technology that is significantly more cost efficient than smelting. The Hydromet Technology will reduce the carbon footprint, minimise environmental impact, lower capital, and production costs, and contribute significantly to the economic growth of Tanzania.

Tembo, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable and experienced ESIA Consulting companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the ALL Services detailed below:

| No. | Reference no.    | Scope of Work (Description of Work)  | Pre-Qualification Criteria  |
|-----|------------------|--|---|
| 1   | TEMBO-2023-08-31 | <p><b>SCOPE OF WORK (UPGRADE OF ESIA FOR KAHAMA MULTI-METAL PROCESSING FACILITY (MMPF) TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS)</b></p> <p>a. Undertake selected Environmental &amp; Social specialist studies in accordance with the requirements of International Finance Corporation Performance Standards (IFC PS) and the Equator Principles version 4 of 2020 (EP4) to update the ESIA baseline.</p> <p>b. Upgrade ESIA to meet international standards specifically IFC PS and EP4.</p> <p>c. Develop an Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan (ESMMP) in line with International Standards for the Project.</p> <p>d. Develop a Decommissioning Plan in line with International Standards for base metal smelting and refining.</p> <p>e. Undertake Disclosure of Lender compliant ESIA to relevant stakeholders.</p> | <p>i. Experience in delivery of large ESIA to International Environmental &amp; Social Standards (such as IFC PS, EP4, etc.) for the mining sector &amp; base metal processing/refining facilities. Having a registered office in Tanzania is an added advantage.</p> <p>ii. Preferred local ESIA Consulting Partner shall demonstrate full compliance with the Local Content Legislation and have an approved Local Content Plan.</p> <p>iii. Demonstrate experience in undertaking similar assignments in Tanzania and East Africa (to Lender's expectations) in the recent 5 years.</p> <p>iv. Provide biographies of key subject matter experts proposed for the assignment indicating their experience in delivery of task to IFC PS and EP4.</p> <p>v. Confirm availability of key personnel and willingness to start immediately after authorization.</p> <p>vi. Confirm flexibility to complete the assignment within 6 months, from the date of authorization.</p> |

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- Preferred local ESIA consulting firm/partner and proposed team setup.
- Company Registration documents including those of the preferred local partner i.e., Certificate of Incorporation, Business License, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate, approved local content plan, etc.
- Details of similar services in Tanzania and East Africa, and detail of contracts for similar services completed in the last 5 years.
- Details of experience in the mining sector and projects within base metal smelting and refining sector.
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For and on behalf of TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYOR ACCESSORIES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of prequalifying companies for the supply of Conveyor accessories and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these items as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of Supply:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION                         |
|------------------|---|
| GGME01630        | SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYOR ACCESSORIES |

### I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)   | 20%         |
|--|-------------|
| <b>COMMERCIAL</b>  |             |
| Company Profile  | 2%          |
| Company Code of Conduct and Ethics   | 2%          |
| Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license  | 2%          |
| Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.  | 2%          |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate   | 3%          |
| Copy of company memorandum and article of association  | 2%          |
| Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate  | 2%          |
| Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.  | 3%          |
| <b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>   |             |
| Audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis. | 2%          |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding s credit position. If any.   | 1%          |
| All bank statements of the applicant active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date  | 1%          |
| A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.  | 1%          |
| <b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>   |             |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate  | 1.5%        |
| Environmental compliance certificate   | 1.5%        |
| Workers' compensation fund certificate   | 1%          |
| Safety and Environmental policy  | 1%          |
| <b>OTHER POLICIES</b>  |             |
| Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure   | 1%          |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour   | 1%          |
| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment  | 1%          |
| Grievance Procedure  | 1%          |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme  | 1%          |
| <b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>   |             |
| At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)                                     | 1%          |
| Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)   | 1%          |
| Acceptance certificates /completion certificates   | 1%          |
| Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients   | 2%          |
| <b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA</b>  |             |
| Proof of Authorized dealership from Melco, True Track, Moret, Rock Lantern or Any other approved product used in other AGA mine site.  | 12%         |
| Proof of Availability of reference from similar environment on accessories applications with durability  | 12%         |
| Proof of Capability and History of supplying accessories for heavy duty conveyors (Rated up to 1200t/h capacity or higher)   | 12%         |
| Proof of Capability to provide after sales technical service   | 12%         |
| Proof of Holding performance guarantee for accessories to be supplied  | 12%         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100%</b> |

III. Interested bidders must submit their expressions Letter of Interest ("LOI") by quoting GGME01630 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYOR ACCESSORIES on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL. Interested bidders must also provide full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the company is of interest to work with, what the prospective bidder has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the company.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the Company. Submission should not be later than 8.30AM 21 SEPTEMBER 2023. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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# Tanzanians told not to doubt DNA test results

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIANS should not doubt DNA test results provided by laboratory experts of the Government Chief Chemist since the exercise for receiving samples, examination and issuing of results has a long chain of secrecy that involves several people.

The director of control services at the Chief Government Chemist Laboratory Agency (CGCLA), Daniel Ndiyo, made the remarks here at the weekend as he represented the Government Chief Chemist as he was addressing experts involved in receiving, DNA samples and other issues related thereto who were reviewing laws on the DNA issue.

Addressing the experts, including magistrates, prosecutors, police detectives and community development officers, Ndiyo said DNA

testing issue is now explicable and that CGCLA continues to educate the people on the DNA testing technology.

"This technology has been of great help in regard to various issues, for instance accidents and disasters when people die and their bodies need identification," he said.

He said another benefit from the technology includes treatment of various health complications including kidney diseases, prominent gender for the transgender people, identification of children with suspicious parentage, and in issues of inheritance.

For his part, community development officer from Morogoro Municipality, Amina Mhando said they have been countering cases in which a parent keeps a child but not being entirely sure he is his/her child hence he applies from the court seeking permission to DNA testing.

Director of Nanguji hospital in Morogoro Municipality, Dr Salehe Nyumba said DNA profession helps to solve various challenges in the community including issues of rape which were now becoming rampant.

She called on members of the community, especially parents and guardians to make sure they refer to hospitals in time all rape victims without bathing and cleaning themselves up or change their clothing.

For his part, Morogoro Region Resident Magistrate, Richard Kasele said many criminal cases involving illicit drugs, murder and others need DNA testing.

In Morogoro Region, DNA testing helped a lot during the fire disaster involving a fuel tanker on 10 August 2019 when more than 60 people died on the spot and were identified by relatives through DNA.



Mark Breda (4th-R), Country Director of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, visits a Tanzania People's Defence Forces health facility at Makambako in Njombe Region yesterday. He was on assessment tour of renovation of a laboratory facility supported by Henry Jackson Foundation Medical Research International Inc. (HJFMRI) and meant to improve the provision of laboratory testing for monitoring progress in attending to persons with HIV/AIDS. The Walter Reed Army Institute of Research is the largest biomedical research facility administered by the US Department of Defence. Through PEPFAR funding, HJFMRI implements an HIV care and treatment programme in 21 military health facilities in both mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TPA offers beds, bed sheets worth 10m/- to Bukumbi Health Centre in Misungwi

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

TANZANIA Ports Authority (TPA) has provided hospital delivery beds, two computers and 123 bedsheets valued at 10m/- to Bukumbi Health centres, Misungwi District, Mwanza Region.

Fransco Mwanga, acting manager for Lake Victoria ports said here at the weekend after handing over the items that the assistance is TPA's effort towards community social responsibility.

"This is part of celebrations to mark TPA Week, it is the Authority's tradition

to supplement the government's efforts in providing better services to the people," he said.

He added that after receiving information that the health centre was facing various challenges including shortages of medical devices in its orthopedic unit, TPA required it to submit its request, hence the items have been provided as an opening for future relations between the two sides.

Some pregnant women at the health centre commended the government's effort to improve health infrastructures, including urging its various institutions to chip

in to supplement its efforts through Corporate Social Responsibility.

Anita Ferdinandi, one of pregnant women at the health centres said the assistance, especially delivery beds will assist their shortage at the maternity ward.

For his part, the health centre's Doctor in Charge, Pius Fred commended TPA efforts for reducing challenges facing the maternity unit.

He said the computers will help in record keeping and simplify services systems that will reduce long queues of patients as it will no longer use cumbersome paper work.

## Indian digital financial payment company is granted BoT licence

By Guardian Reporter

IN making sure that Tanzanians in both Zanzibar and on the Mainland get reliable digital financial services, Airpay Payment Services Private Limited has been recognised and licensed by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) to provide the service in the country.

According to the firm's headquarters in India (and for Tanzania its head offices are in Zanzibar), it will make sure it implements its activities with achievements and protect details of users.

Speaking in Zanzibar, Airpay founder Kunal Jhunjhunwala said they are pleased to receive the licence from BoT and that this shows their commitment in expanding financial digital finance services in Africa with Tanzania as its

hub.

Jhunjhunwala said Airpay involved Twigalpha Limited as consultants headquartered in Tanzania for guidance in its goals to expand its services in Africa.

He said the beauty of Tanzania is in its tourist attractions and real opportunities for them to provide digital financial services that will see less use of hard cash circulation.

For his part Airpay Tanzania co-founder, Yasmin Chali said the firm safe innovative payments that can reach out to businesses and other users in the African continent including internal financial services.

She said the licence stresses for Airpay to adhere to allowable controls when making digital payment transactions on behalf of customers.

For his part, the firm's Strategies manager, Mihayo Willmore said the licence allows the firm to operate within the Tanzania ecological financial systems, hence strengthening its existence in Africa.

He said Airpay is building its headquarters in Africa with international status in Zanzibar, and from the 'Paradise Island' the firm aims to reach every corner of Africa through valuable cooperation.

He stressed that the Airpay digital financial paying system offers high level safety standards as expected in Tanzania.

"The firm will closely collaborate with Tanzania authorities, partners and other stakeholders to make sure reliable and safe financial services for users are guaranteed," he added.

# ‘Increasing awareness against suicides vital’

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

FAMILIES with history of one its members having committed suicide, drinking, sudden attitude change, emotions and betrayal are directly related to suicide incidents.

In addition, apart from males leading in such incidences, people often cited to be prone to suicide include jobless, singles, those with relationship to married couples and divorcees.

At different times experts on mental health have elaborated on that during the event to mark World Mental Health Day to boost up understanding and education for preventing incidents of people committing suicide marked yesterday, while in Tanzania the event was held in Dodoma at the national level.

Dr Raymond Mgeni, expert on mental health at Mbeya Zone Referral Hospital (MZRH) said that September 10 each year marks World Mental Health Day for increasing awareness

against suicides.

“I have encountered an incident regarding my patient, apart from having talked to him, he later committed suicide. Every year there are 700,000 incidents of people committing suicide all over the world hence the event increases awareness on people against taking their own lives,” said Dr Mgeni.

He added: “And when you come to gender, many of the suicides are committed by males. This is contributed by the methods they use to commit suicides, quite different to those for females.”

He further said that the reasons that push men to commit these acts is there being slow to tell issues that confront them, hence they arrive at the decision quietly without others knowing.

“These methods have little room for rescue, for example shooting oneself, jumping out from high rise buildings, and drinking strong poisons.

“At our hospital, we had four incidents of people committing suicide

by taking poison from January to August this year,” he added.

He said suicides are related to family history if it had a member who had committed suicide, drinking and taking illicit drugs and betrayal.

“One’s mental conflicts becomes so huge that the only remedy is to commit suicide.

“But such a person can be helped even though after advice, some continue with their suicide plans,” he added.

He elaborates that some take their own lives when they get signs of mental disorders and hear voices telling him to proceed with the suicide plans and the environment to do that.

“Emotions whose origin are known are among hazardous situations. But there is a group that is in more grave danger to commit suicide, for example those jobless, those living single and those with relations to the opposite gender or divorced married couples,” Dr Mgeni explained.



Prof Preeti Aghalayam, Director of the Zanzibar campus of the Indian Institute of Technology - Madras, briefs journalists in Zanzibar yesterday on the resumption of the enrolment of students from various countries for the academic year starting next month. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

## Zanzibar to get more students from abroad as IITM kicks off next month

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR has the opportunity of getting many students from across Africa and around the world including India to join the science and engineering programmes at the the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) in the Isles.

Prof. Preeti Aghalayam, director in charge of IITM- Zanzibar campus said this when speaking to journalists about the institute that is to start offering programmes next month.

The director said that IITM- Zanzibar campus will offer two academic programmes—degrees in science and a master’s degree in data technology.

“We have more than 100 applicants from South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria,

Tanzania Mainland, Zanzibar and the whole world including India,” she said.

Speaking about the infrastructure, Prof. Preeti said that the programmes will begin to be released in October this year, where the college is located in Bweleo village, Urban-West region, Zanzibar.

According to her, the Zanzibar government has given them more than 200 acres of land in the Fumba area to build permanent structures for the college with the same standards as those in the main campus in India.

She praised the great cooperation she gets from officials of the Ministry of Education and Training in Zanzibar, stressing: “It is the most important step in international

efforts. A comprehensive strategic plan that includes increasing the number of international students, developing joint degree programs and partnerships with international academic institutions.”

Lela Muhamed Mussa, Zanzibar minister for Education and Vocational Training urged Zanzibarians to use the opportunity to join the college to have many experts in science and technology.

“The country needs to have many experts in science and technology issues, so the people of Zanzibar should not be behind in using this opportunity, especially we women should not be afraid to study science so that we are not left behind by science and technology,” she said.

## AU delegation pays week-long visit to Somalia ahead of troop drawdown

MOGADISHU

The African Union dispatches a high-level team to the Somali capital, Mogadishu as ATMIS is expected to pull 3,000 soldiers out of the country, the second phase of the troop drawdown.

The AU delegation from the Peace and Security Council (AUPSC), is led by the Permanent Representative of the Subcommittee on Refugees, Returning Refugees and Displaced Persons, Jainaba Jagne.

She arrived in the capital on Saturday for a week-long visit to Somalia to meet with key stakeholders and assess the humanitarian situation in the country, according to ATMIS. Jagne was welcomed by the

Deputy Permanent Representative of Somalia to the African Union AU and UNECA, Shafie Nurallaas Farah, the Commander of the ATMIS Forces, Major General Sam Okiding, and the Deputy Commander of the ATMIS Forces for Operations and Planning, Sergeant Major Marius Ngendabanka

The delegation is expected to hold meetings with the senior leaders of the Federal Government of Somalia, Charitable Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, IGAD, Ambassadors of the countries whose forces are ATMIS, and other important members.

The African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) says preparations for the drawdown of 3000 soldiers by 30 September 2023 are at an advanced stage.

The drawdown is in compliance with the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 2628 and 2670 which mandates ATMIS to draw down 2000 soldiers by the end of June and hand over security in agreed areas to the Somali Security Forces (SSF).

ATMIS said it continues to conduct both joint targeted and routine operations to degrade Al-Shabaab, which wants to topple the Somali government and expel the AU troops.

In Mogadishu and the regions, ATMIS provides security to population centers, main supply routes, and key government institutions including Parliament, Presidential Palaces, seaports, airports, and airfields.

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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CLEANING OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS AND WASH BAYS – GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited (“The Company”) a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti’s (“AGA”) is in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring a service of cleaning wastewater collection systems and wash bays and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of this service as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of Service:

| REFERENCE NUMBER | SERVICE DESCRIPTION                                      |
|------------------|--|
| GGME01745        | CLEANING OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS AND WASH BAYS. |

#### I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

| PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)  | 20%         |
|---|-------------|
| <b>COMMERCIAL</b>   |             |
| Company Profile   | 2%          |
| Company Code of Conduct and Ethics  | 2%          |
| Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license   | 2%          |
| Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.   | 2%          |
| Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate  | 3%          |
| Copy of company memorandum and article of association   | 2%          |
| List of Directors and Company Shareholding Structure  | 2%          |
| Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate   | 2%          |
| Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.   | 3%          |
| <b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>  | <b>5%</b>   |
| Supplier’s audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier’s experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis. | 2%          |
| At least 1 reference from the applicant’s bankers regarding supplier’s credit position. If any.   | 1%          |
| All bank statements of the Supplier’s active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date  | 1%          |
| A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.   | 1%          |
| <b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>  | <b>5%</b>   |
| OSHA Compliance Certificate   | 1.5%        |
| Environmental compliance certificate  | 1.5%        |
| Workers’ compensation fund certificate  | 1%          |
| Safety and Environmental policy   | 1%          |
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| Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment   | 1%          |
| Grievance Procedure   | 1%          |
| Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme   | 1%          |
| <b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>  | <b>5%</b>   |
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## Optimal use of new Kwala industrial park will demand regulatory reforms

INVESTORS at the new Kwala industrial park in Kibaha District are projecting upwards of 15trn/- turnover when fully operational, on the basis of remarks by the Sino-Tan key investor and board chairman. He made this affirmation to a delegation of the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI) visiting the site at the weekend to inspect its progress. The scale of the project is impressive, with expectations of accommodating up to 200 industries, \$320m being sunk into capital up to project completion. The turnover, potential revenue are also vast.

Yet there is an unstated preliminary to these projections, for instance the idea that the park will create 100,000 direct jobs and 500,000 short-term jobs for local residents. To get all those firms, and in the space of a few years from the time the basic infrastructure is completed, shall demand that authorities go better on investment attraction than is often the case. It is definitely aware of it as these elements must have been taken into account in the project design.

Yet there are cases where investors have indeed set foot and failed to reach 'final compromises' with the relevant authorities, or failed to go through an already agreed project, not establishing it. One of the preliminary demands of optimal use of the park area or facilities is to ensure that our taxation regime is fully consonant with the demands of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) 'without ifs or buts.' Investing in Tanzania by a large number of Asian firms is intended for the vicinity of the Africa region, not local markets.

Especially since agro-agro-processing is a key component of industries to be set up there, plenty in current prerogatives on crops and

crop processing (which means the trade regime in the first place) will come up for questioning. There are policy elements which are designed to impose low consumer prices as a -political expediency by controlling traders, which will stymie agro-processing. The alternative is to let market pain install for a few years while production expands, thus lower grain prices will follow optimal production capacity use.

Each of the projected sub-sector units or establishments like building materials, pharmaceuticals, textiles, chemicals and an export processing zone will have their own optimal capacity use requirements. In most cases they will have some contentions with current regulatory frameworks, which requires a clear policy directive to sort out in a preemptive manner. So long as Tanzania wants to use its logistical position for optimal use of AfCFTA, it has to alter its regulatory frameworks to cater not to powerful local stakeholders but as AfCFTA guardian.

There is a way in which these demands rhyme with positions lately expressed by the secretariat of the East African Community (EAC) and the regional trade apex body EABC. When Tanzania comes out clean as a committed member to existing integration protocols within the EAC, it will be sufficient to resolve any auxiliary contentions over AfCFTA. The sort of challenges noticed over optimal AfCFTA use are regulatory, largely the same issues, like tariff and non-tariff barriers to integration. As the EAC is expanding, it's internal image approachese AfCFTA in its demands on local policies, implying that the government needs to be proactive, to shore up EAC and deeper AfCFTA strategic designs.

## Climate change mitigation policies of immense value

AN orthodox assumption frames gender equality as a panacea to the climate crisis, whereby empowering women is assumed to have tremendous positive effects on countries' environmental performances.

However, the gender-climate nexus literature often disregards feminist epistemology, detrimentally integrating harmful gendered assumptions within its analyses, and therefore policy recommendations.

Africa needs climate change mitigation policies that are inclusive and provide equal opportunities for women participation through approaches that address challenges women face in accessing resources and information.

Tanzania's climate change mitigation policies should ideally consider gender equality and the empowerment of women, noting that though influential, women have often been underrepresented in climate change mitigation programmes due to socioeconomic factors, cultural norms, and unequal access to education and resources.

The Green Action Programme is designed to empower young women in Tanzania to become champions of green actions and environmental stewardship.

Advisably, the programmes could incorporate gender-sensitive approaches that recognise and address specific challenges, but all in all engaging women in policy development and implementation can lead to more comprehensive and effective strategies.

When fully involved, women can help drive community engagement, facilitate behaviour change, and promote sustainable practices at the grassroots level.

Their involvement can lead to more holistic and effective solutions, as they often play key roles in resource management and decision-making within their families and communities.

The motive behind the programme is to empower and engage young

women and girls in environmental and climate change initiatives as it aims to equip young women and girls with the knowledge, skills, and leadership capabilities necessary to take proactive steps toward sustainable and green practices.

By involving young women and girls in these efforts can create a more inclusive and diverse approach to addressing environmental challenges and fostering positive change within their communities and beyond.

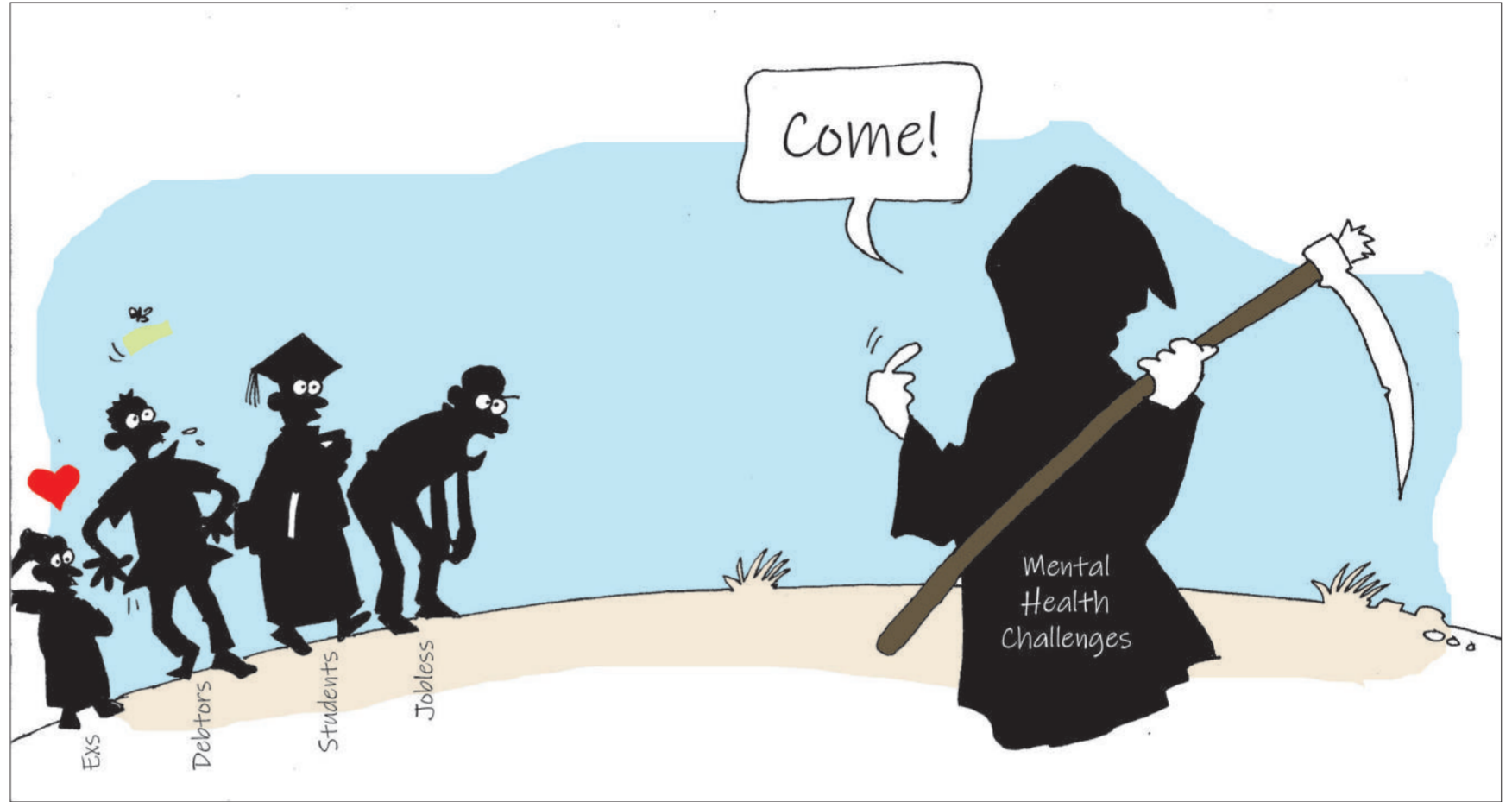
The decision to target young women and girls stems from the recognition that they are often a marginalised and underrepresented group in environmental and climate change initiatives adding that by focusing on this demographic group. Young women and girls have the potential to bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and unique strengths to the table, making them valuable contributors to green action efforts.

Let us make the goal to see the trained green action champions actively leading and participating in a range of environmental initiatives.

These champions should have taken on leadership roles, advocating for sustainable practices, influencing policies, and inspiring others to adopt eco-friendly behaviours. The hope is for these individuals to be driving forces behind positive environmental change and fostering a culture of sustainability within their communities.

However, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of gender equality and women's involvement in environmental initiatives with efforts being made to address the gaps and ensure that women have equal opportunities to participate and lead in climate change mitigation programmes.

Tanzania can involve women in formulating climate change mitigation policies by providing educational and training opportunities for women to enhance their knowledge and skills in environmental management and sustainable practices.



By Tatiana Kazim

AS the November 2023 deadline looms, 70 per cent of public schools still don't have libraries.

On 30 August, the Right to Read campaign was launched at the Women's Jail in Johannesburg. The campaign brings together several organisations, including the Legal Resources Centre, the Centre for Child Law, SECTION27, Equal Education (EE), and Equal Education Law Centre (EELC) to mobilise civil society to make early-grade literacy a national priority. But the road ahead will be hard.

The campaign launch comes a few months after the shocking results of the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) were released, revealing that 81% of Grade 4 learners in South Africa cannot read for meaning in any language, including their home language. As we mark International Literacy Day on Thursday 7 September, we must soberly reflect on the action required to end the national reading crisis.

One of the core strategies of the Right to Read campaign is to motivate for binding reading regulations. These regulations would clarify the state's obligations in relation to the 'four T's': the time that must be spent on teaching literacy; the training that all foundation phase teachers must receive to ensure they are equipped to teach children to read; the texts that must be provided to teachers and learners; and the regular testing of learners to gauge their ability to read for meaning.

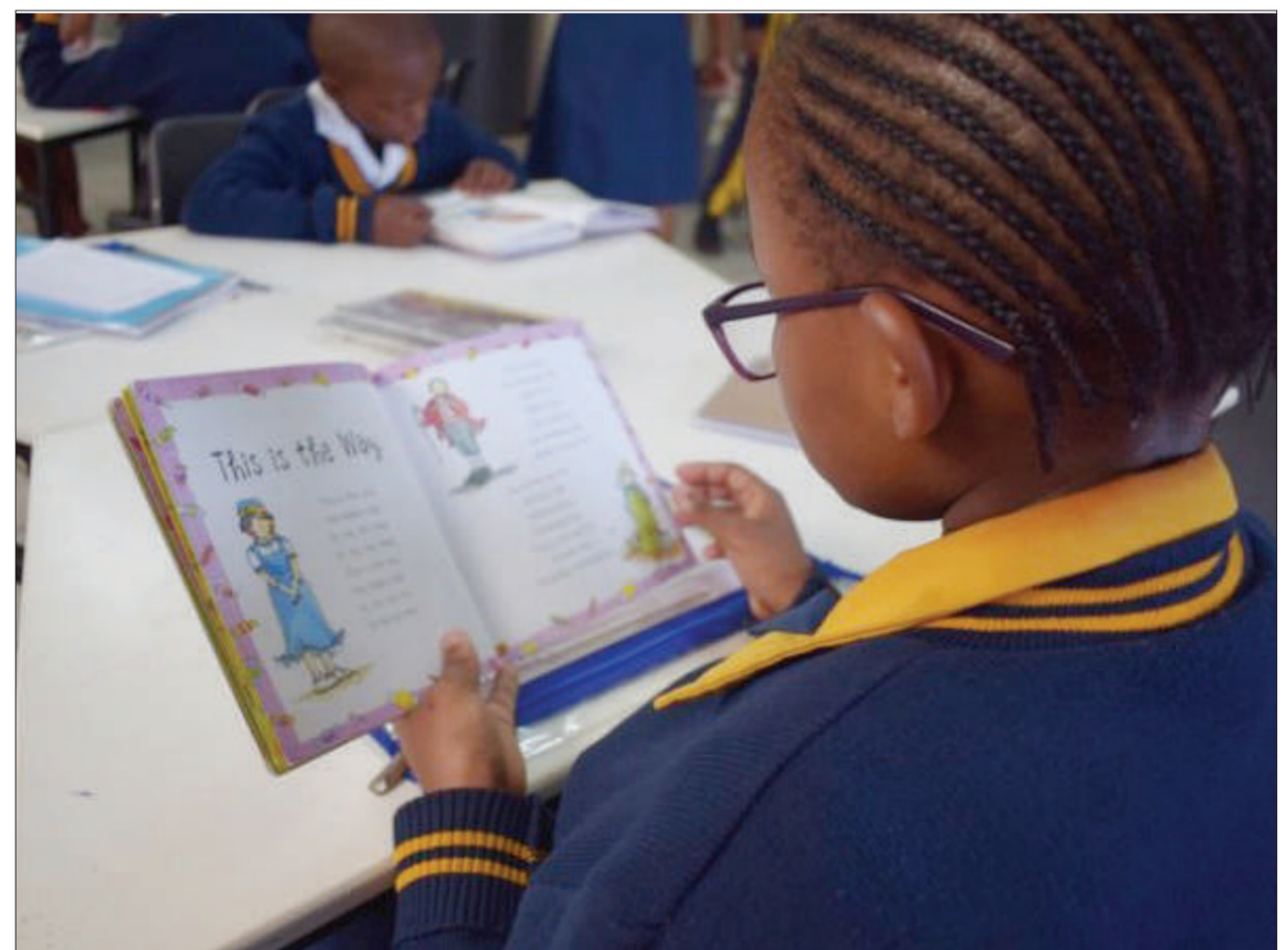
At the EELC, we recognise that law reform is necessary and important. Reading regulations would bring together law and policy and make crystal clear the state's obligations in relation to reading. Equally, however, we know that law is just one tool in the activist arsenal. Experience shows that good laws on their own are not enough. Time and again, we have seen Herculean efforts made to secure laws that - at least in principle - protect and advance different aspects of the right to basic education. But people are let down when it comes to the implementation of those laws.

An example is the continuing failure of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to meet the norms and standards for school infrastructure.

Since it was formed in 2008, Equal Education has been campaigning to #FixOurSchools. On 29 November 2013, norms and standards for school infrastructure were finally promulgated. The norms and standards were a victory, in that they set minimum requirements for things like classroom and class sizes and included deadlines for the DBE to meet.

Among other things, the norms and standards required that all public schools must have libraries within ten years; in other words, by 29 November 2023. Yet, EE's research shows that 70% of public schools still do not have libraries. In addition, a third of school

## This is what we can do to end reading crisis in South Africa



The promulgation of new regulations would help tackle the reading crisis, says the author. But law reform is not enough  
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libraries are not stocked. This means four out of five public schools either have no library, or a library without books. The deadline for provision of libraries looms large. It is another deadline that education departments are poised to miss.

The attitude of the DBE towards its legal obligation to provide libraries is disturbing.

On 1 June, not long after the PIRLS results were released, the Minister for Basic Education held a meeting with civil society. She spoke about the results, their causes, and the actions the DBE plans to take in response. She also invited questions from participants.

The EELC took this opportunity to ask whether and how the DBE will be meeting its 2023 deadline for the provision of libraries in schools.

The Minister's response was astonishing. She appeared unaware that the norms and standards require that all public schools have libraries before the end of the year. And she said this in any event is not going to happen. Her comments make it very clear that laws are not, on their own, enough to secure state action.

What do we at the EELC think this means for the Right to Read campaign?

First, it means recognising that new reading regulations would just be one piece of the puzzle. We must implement what we already have. When public schools have overcrowded classrooms,

no libraries, and no books, how can you expect a child to be able to read? The norms and standards for school infrastructure place legal obligations on the DBE to remedy this situation. The DBE must be held accountable for failing to meet those obligations.

We must also recognise that the regulatory framework for basic education already covers teacher qualifications, the curriculum, testing, and more. So the content of reading regulations will be carefully crafted, to ensure that the regulations add value and do not create new inconsistencies or confusions. Done right, reading regulations have the potential to bring coherence and clarity to the fragmented law and policy landscape.

Second, communities must be central in the development and implementation of the regulations. This means that the content regulations must be developed alongside affected communities - particularly learners, parents, grandparents, caregivers, and teachers at quintile 1 to 3 schools, which are mostly made up of previously disadvantaged schools.

And if and when reading regulations are promulgated, people must be empowered with knowledge and understanding of their content. What do the regulations mean in concrete terms? What are people's entitlements? A key part of the EELC's model is creating and sharing popular

education materials. This will be essential to ensure that the DBE is held accountable, and the regulations translate into meaningful and community-driven change on the ground.

Third, we must acknowledge and support other efforts to realise the right to read, over and above laws and their implementation.

To give just one example, in 2010, EE established the Bookery in Cape Town. The Bookery is now an independent sister organisation to EE. It takes donations of books suitable for either primary or secondary school learners and distributes them to schools committed to establishing a library.

There are countless more initiatives to further the right to read - initiatives which were started, and which can make gains, despite the problems with the legal framework. In campaigning for regulations, we must not overlook the continuing importance of these initiatives.

Good laws - while necessary and important - are not enough. To end the reading crisis, we will need to muster all our resources.

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# G20: How Russia and West agreed on Ukraine language

NEW DELHI

**T**HE G20 joint declaration that avoids direct criticism of Russia for its war against Ukraine is being described as a significant diplomatic win for India.

The agreement of a joint statement in Delhi looked almost impossible a few days ago, given how sharply divided the group was over Russia's invasion of its neighbour.

In the end, we had a declaration that garnered unanimous support from all G20 member nations, without a single dissenting note.

Ukraine itself, which was not represented at the summit, was unhappy - though key players, including the US, the UK, Russia and China, praised the outcome.

So, how did India manage to bring together nations with starkly divergent views on Ukraine?

A close reading of the declaration and some geopolitical developments weeks before the summit offer some clues.

The five-nation Brics group - which includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - decided to include six new members during its annual summit in August.

The new members - Argentina, Ethiopia, Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE - have close ties with China.

The expansion may not have played a direct role in the outcome of the G20 summit but it's no secret that the West has been wary of China's growing clout, particularly in the developing world, in the past few years.

"It was not a direct factor but the West, especially the US, is conscious that China is effectively trying to create an alternative international order that is anti-Western," says Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, South Asia practice head of Eurasia Group.

What is also not a secret is that the West sees India as a counterweight to China and it would have not wanted Delhi's presidency to end without a declaration.

So, there was more than one reason for the West to help India forge a consensus.

The main sticking point was the war in Ukraine. The G20's declaration in Bali last year had called out "aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine" while noting objections from some members to this assessment.

It looked impossible that the West would agree to language that was weaker than that used in Bali, and Russia also indicated it would not agree to a statement that blamed it for the war.

A breakthrough was needed and India was well placed to broker one as it has good relations both with Moscow and the West. In the end, the declaration used language that satisfied Russia but also gave enough to Western countries.

Rather than directly criticising Russia, it said "all



Russian Foreign minister Sergei Lavrov (L) seen here with Indian PM Narendra Modi, expressed surprise at the wording agreed

states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition", while noting "different views and assessments of the situation".

"It was clear that the West did want India to have a diplomatic win. There was always a compromise involved. But the US and the West would not have signed onto a joint declaration if there were issues in the language on which they could not come to an agreement," says Angela Mancini, partner and head of Asia-Pacific markets at consultancy firm Control Risks.

Although the Delhi declaration refrained from blaming Russia for the war, it did reference the "human suffering and adverse repercussions of the conflict in Ukraine on global food and energy security".

In the end, leaders from the UK, the US and France appeared to be in agreement with Russia that the declaration was a good outcome of the summit. The two sides, however, interpreted the wordings differently.

UK PM Rishi Sunak said the declaration had "strong language, highlighting the impact of the war on food prices

and food security". Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov called the Delhi summit a milestone.

But the unexpected agreement has upset Ukraine as it said the G20 had nothing to be proud of.

The debt crisis facing many developing countries was also a major concern ahead of the summit.

Developing nations have consistently argued that affluent countries must increase their support to help their economies. These were battered by the pandemic, and the war has exacerbated their challenges. The World Bank said in December that the world's poorest countries owed \$62bn in annual debt service to creditors and two-thirds of this was owed to China.

China's lending practices have been often described as predatory by Western officials - an allegation Beijing rejects.

China, firmly aligned with Russia, could have potentially vetoed the declaration but it did not. The paragraph about the debt crisis makes no direct or indirect mention of China.

"On debt relief, we did not see any forward movement. In many ways, any criticism of lending practices would have been interpreted as an anti-China move," Pal Chaudhuri adds.

The declaration acknowledged the crisis and called upon G20 nations to step up the implementation of the common framework (CF) agreed in 2020 to help vulnerable nations.

Meanwhile, the group agreed on tripling renewable energy capacity by 2030 but it didn't set any major goals on emission cuts, despite the G20 nations accounting for nearly 80% of greenhouse gases.

Crucially, the declaration did not mention any targets on reducing the use of crude oil, and instead focused on phasing out the use of coal. This would have satisfied crude producers like Saudi Arabia and Russia. Even India and China have been uncomfortable with the West setting emission cut targets that they see as "unrealistic".

It's clear that Delhi worked hard to build consensus, even if it came at the cost of making serious compromises.

"Given the fact that it had to be a consensus document, it's not surprising that some of the language was a bit muted in certain areas to reach that consensus," says Ms Mancini.

One topic that united the group even before the summit was the inclusion of the African Union into the G20.

It further bolstered Delhi's push to give the Global South developing nations a bigger say on global platforms.

A Russian government negotiator said this was "one of the most difficult G20 summits" in the almost 25-year-old history of the forum. "It took almost 20 days to agree on the declaration before the summit and five days here on the spot," Svetlana Lukash told Russian news agency Interfax.

It remains to be seen whether the G20 brings the rich and developing nations together or divides the world into two camps.

# Why is Africa important in tackling climate change?

BEIJING

**A**FRICA'S important role in tackling climate change has again drawn the world's attention as dozens of African heads of state and senior officials of international organizations including the United Nations gathered in Nairobi, Kenya from Monday to Wednesday for the first Africa Climate Summit.

Focusing their discussions on the threat of climate change and green growth, the participants called for increased financing and technical assistance to Africa to "jointly provide solutions" to the climate crisis facing the world.

As the crisis is getting increasingly worse, Africa's extensive participation and enhanced adaptability are crucial to developing mutual trust between the North and South as well as global synergy to cope with it.

There is an urgent need for the international community to increase financing and technical assistance to Africa and to assist in African countries' transition toward a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

The African continent is most affected by climate change, suffering disproportionately from the crisis. In recent decades, the rate of temperature increase in Africa has accelerated, with weather- and climate-related hazards becoming more severe, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in a report last week.

More than 110 million people on the continent were directly affected by weather, climate and water-related hazards in 2022, causing more than 8.5 billion U.S. dollars in economic damages and over 5,000 fatalities, with 48 percent associated with drought and 43 percent with flooding, said the report.

The indirect impact of climate change on Africa's economy and society is also intensifying. Agriculture has been the backbone of African countries' national economy and people's livelihoods, but due to the impact of climate change, Africa's agricultural productivity growth has fallen by 34 percent since 1961, and by 2025 African countries are expected to increase their annual food imports by about three times, with the funding for food imports increasing from 35 billion dollars to 110 billion, creating a heavy financial burden.

From a moral point of view, it is the common responsibility of the international community to increase support for Africa in tackling climate change.

Africa has the largest number of developing countries, and whether Africa can achieve its development goals and achieve green transformation is of great significance to forming a more sustainable development ecology for the whole world.

In fact, Africa has made great efforts to this end, with



Officials take part during the launch of Green Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap at the Africa Climate Summit 2023 in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on Sept. 5, 2023. (Photo by Charles Onyango/Xinhua)

many African countries committing to a green energy transition in a relatively short period of time, and more than 70 percent of African countries listing clean energy and agriculture as priorities in their Nationally Determined Contributions.

Africa is rich in renewable energy resources. In addition to the development of hydropower, the commercialization of other renewable energy is also accelerating.

For example, Morocco's solar energy industry is already a global leader, saving the world more than 760,000 tons of carbon emissions per year; Kenya's use of geothermal energy will help the country reduce its carbon emissions by 32 percent by 2030; and many carbon sequestration projects have been carried out across the continent.

The immediate priority is to address climate financing, an essential topic at the summit. Research data from the African Development Bank show that an estimated 2.8 trillion dollars are needed to meet Africa's climate financing demand between 2020 and 2030, with an additional 1.3 trillion dollars needed annually to achieve sustainable development

goals. However, Africa currently only receives 3 percent of global climate financing, with 14 percent of that coming from the private sector, the lowest proportion in the world.

During the recent New Global Financing Compact Summit held in France, Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi pointed out that Africa's demand for climate financing is high, and there is a substantial funding gap to achieve the Nationally Determined Contributions outlined in the Paris Agreement and to promote green infrastructure development.

Mohamed Adow, a representative from Power Shift Africa, said, "We have abundant clean and renewable energy, and using these resources to drive our future prosperity is crucial. But to achieve the goal, Africa needs funding from countries that have benefited from our suffering."

Filling the financial and technological gap is not an easy task for Africa and faces multiple challenges. Firstly, there is the lack of credibility from developed countries.

At the New Global Financing Compact Summit, Congolese President

Denis Sassou Nguesso raised the issue that transitioning developing countries to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies would require trillions of dollars, and the commitment of developed countries to provide 100 billion dollars annually to help developing countries address climate change has never been delivered since 2009.

Secondly, there is a lag in global development financing. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres described the current international financial structure as "outdated, dysfunctional, and unfair," and African leaders such as South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Senegalese President Macky Sall have called on the multilateral development banks to lower borrowing costs and improve efficiency in providing the necessary credit support to underdeveloped countries that they deserve.

Additionally, there are technological barriers to green protectionism, where some countries provide substantial subsidies to their manufacturing industries through unfair laws and administrative measures with the excuse of promoting their own energy transition.

At the same time, they impose trade barriers on green industries in other countries, cutting off the path for developing countries, including Africa, to access green technology.

The summit adopted the Nairobi Declaration, calling on developing and developed countries to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and urging developed countries to honor relevant financial and technical assistance commitments.

In addressing the common challenge of climate change, the role of African countries should not be ignored, and Africa's voice should not only be heard - its appeals should be valued and truly influence the international agenda.

Just as what the organizers have advocated, the summit aims to showcase Africa as a destination for climate investment and a key player in solving the global climate crisis.

# PLA support base in Djibouti pursues peace, cooperation, friendship

By Zhang Zhiwen, Yan Yunming, Huang Weixin, Hou Lulu

**T**HE establishment of the PLA Djibouti base was a decision made by the two countries after friendly negotiations.

In accordance with UN Security Council resolutions, China has deployed vessels to the Gulf of Aden and the waters off the Somali coast on escort missions since 2008. During the process, Chinese officers and men encountered difficulties in replenishing food and fuel, and Djibouti offered logistical support in multiple instances.

The construction of the support base enables China to better fulfill its international obligations such as escorts and humanitarian rescue in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off the Somali coast. It also contributes to the economic and social development of Djibouti and enables China to make new and greater contributions to safeguarding peace and stability in Africa and the world.

Over the past six years, the capabilities of the support base have steadily improved. The base has provided efficient and professional support for escort fleets and Chinese peacekeeping troops deployed to South Sudan, Mali and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The construction and growth of the support base has strongly aided the Chinese military's escort missions in the Gulf of Aden and peacekeeping operations in Africa, while making prominent contributions to regional peace and stability and safeguarding international maritime channels.

The Chinese support base plays an important role in maintaining regional trade flows, Aboubaker Omar Hadi, chairman of the Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority, told People's Daily.

The PLA support base promotes mutual trust and understanding, and conveys a message of peace and friendship.

Since its establishment, the base has held over 10 joint exercises and drills with Djiboutian and other foreign troops in Djibouti. It has also participated in more than 200 bilateral and multilateral exchange activities, and held five multinational basketball and football tournaments. This has continuously advanced bilateral and multilateral exchanges and showcased the open and confident image of the Chinese military.

Since 2019, the PLA Support Base Hospital in Djibouti has partnered with the general hospital of Djibouti's military for paired assistance. So far, China has sent over 100 medical experts to Djibouti, assisted with 45 surgeries there and held a series of bilateral clinical skills training sessions.

The base has become an important platform for medical exchanges, said Feng Dan, a medic who has joined multiple exchange activities. "We are very proud to be doctors at the base," Feng told People's Daily.

Fran, a military doctor at the Djibouti Military Hospital of the Djiboutian Republican Guard, said that China's long-term medical assistance is important for Djibouti and it is hoped that there will be further exchanges with the Chinese side to improve local medical capabilities.

Li Zhaohui, head of the PLA support base, noted that the base hopes to strengthen its communication with Djibouti and foreign troops in Djibouti, constantly enhance practical cooperation with them, fulfill China's international obligations, and work together with them to cope with security threats and challenges, so as to make greater contributions to regional peace and stability.

Teenagers are the future of Djibouti's economic and social development, as well as the hope for the continuous friendship between China and Djibouti. In order to improve the teaching conditions in local schools, the support base has established a regular education assistance mechanism with Djibouti, which conducts public welfare assistance activities.

In January this year, the support base donated computers, projectors, desks and chairs, sports equipment and stationery to three primary schools in the Balbala district of Djibouti City. It was the support base's third round of public welfare assistance to local schools.

"The new desks, chairs, and equipment have made our school more beautiful," said Hassan, a student at the PK12 Primary School in Djibouti City, carrying his new blue backpack with a happy smile on his face.

Minister of National Education and Vocational Training of Djibouti Moustapha Mohamed Mahamoud said that with the help of the PLA support base, the teaching environment of local schools has been improved, providing children with better conditions for growth.

"I'm grateful to Chinese doctors and nurses," said Mohamed Ali Ahmed, a 66-year-old man from Djibouti, who had his cataract cured at the PLA support base after having had the problem for six years.

In December 2019, the support base kicked off a 25-day medical campaign in cooperation with Djibouti's Ministry of Health, which offered



Then Chief of General Staff of Djibouti Armed Forces Zakaria Cheikh Ibrahim awards Independence Day Medals to 10 Chinese medical team members of the PLA support base in Djibouti, Jan. 16, 2020. File photo

free cataract surgery for over 100 local patients including Ahmed. The campaign received widespread praise from the local community.

Ten medical staff members of the support base were awarded with the Inde-

pendence Day Medal signed by President Ismail Omar Guelleh of Djibouti.

Saleh Banoita Tourab, then secretary-general of the Ministry of Health in Djibouti, noted that the Chinese military doctors have brought great relief to local

cataract patients, and their act of compassion will be forever remembered by the people of Djibouti.

In 2019, Djibouti experienced a rare heavy rainfall, which caused flooding and resulted in casualties. In response

to Djibouti's request, the PLA support base dispatched troops to provide assistance to the affected population, and thousands of people received timely help.

Idle, a resident of Djibouti, and his family and friends were severely affected by the flood. "The house of a friend of mine was almost swallowed by the flood, and we felt desperate," he said. Fortunately, Chinese soldiers arrived and helped them with drainage and dredging. "We are grateful to the Chinese military," Idle said.

Since its establishment, the support base has been committed to assisting in the local economic and social development of Djibouti through various initiatives such as public welfare education, medical services, and disaster relief. These practical actions have earned widespread praise from the government and people of Djibouti.

"When I first arrived in Djibouti in 2018, there were few locals who could speak Chinese," said Zhang Daqian, a PLA officer who has been stationed at the base for five years. He told People's Daily that whenever the soldiers go out on missions nowadays, local people would warmly greet them in Chinese and give thumbs-up to them.

"This change is a testament to the unwavering dedication of Chinese soldiers who have been serving the local community for six years. It inspires us and motivates us to continue our efforts," Zhang said.

People's Daily



The PLA support base in Djibouti conducts a joint medical evacuation exercise with the EU 456 Task Force, Dec. 1, 2018. File photo

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# Issa: Empowerment funds to create jobs for needy Tanzanians

By Guardian Reporter

**P**ARTICIPATION, ownership and management of Tanzanian economy by Tanzanians themselves is not an easy thing. It is a process which calls for implementation of long-term strategies, National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC) Executive Secretary Bengi Issa told our Guardian Reporter in a recent interview.

All sectors of the economy need to understand economic empowerment philosophy and make it an agenda that is implemented in their daily activities, she argues, saying the pillars of economic empowerment include skills, capital and provision of information. Access to capital is key for economic empowerment to succeed, the CEO says, explaining that any successful business, which needs to grow, will inevitably need capital. Empowerment funds are cheaper sources of capital for entrepreneurs in Tanzania because, she says, loans given by these funds have less interest rates compared to loans given by commercial banks. When used well, she reports, those funds have been found to be creating direct and indirect jobs to people who would otherwise miss such jobs...

**Q: Who are the stakeholders you cooperate with in engineering participation of the majority of Tanzanians in the modern economy?**

**A:** NEEC works with various partners in the public and private sectors. In the government NEEC works with all economic sectoral ministries because these ministries are expected to implement economic empowerment policy, strategies and programmes. Economic empowerment based on policies, strategies, programmes and projects is expected to occur at ministerial level and in the ministries' institutions. Economic ministries are expected to inject economic empowerment into their sectoral plans and are having sectoral coordinators to oversee implementation of the empowerment.

Regions and districts have appointed coordinators for economic empowerment. To say the truth actual economic empowerment of our people takes place at regional and district levels. NEEC has Regional and District Coordinators in 26 regions and 184 districts.

You will appreciate that NEEC works very closely with the private sector, especially private companies. In practice the council works with the umbrella organisations such as Tanzania Private Sector Foundation, Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, the Chamber of Trade and Industry (CTI) and the Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce and so on. It also works with non-governmental organizations and grassroots organisations such as VICOBA, VSLAs, SACCOS' and AM-COS'.

Guidelines issued by NEEC require public institutions and agencies to implement economic empowerment in their projects and programmes. The private sector, as the engine of the economy, is a major player in economic empowerment especially in the areas of capital formulation. You know a private company may decide to involve members of the public in its ownership by offering shares. That is a good example of direct economic empowerment of our people.

The act that establishes our council names the following as the major stakeholders of NEEC: Credit Guarantee Agency, all institutions dealing with entrepreneurship, Small Industries Development Organization, Vocational Education Training Authority, Financial Institutions such as banks, savings and credit cooperative societies, Non-governmental organizations, empowerment funds such

as Rural Electrical Fund, Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank, Community-Based Organizations etc. You will appreciate that these are important stakeholders we have to work with.

**Q: If my memory serves me well, I remember you saying that the challenge you saw then was how to widen the participation, ownership and management of Tanzania economy by Tanzanians themselves. Has the challenge been overcome?**

**A:** Not yet. We need more skilled people in organic sciences such as engineering and technology. We need innovators. We need to be smart in business facilitation, marketing, and customer relations. Tanzania has good policies and strategies to empower its people economically but we need more programmes and projects to make this true.

In the Local Government Authorities we have the 10% empowerment funds. This is an important empowerment programme. It is essential for people to have access to capital. This programme has been of assistance to small holders in businesses in Tanzania. In some cases it has facilitated financing business start-ups through formation of the groups. Formation of groups is a good mechanism in developing a culture of working together. Many Tanzanians have benefited from this 10% programme because it is implemented in every district.

Participation, ownership and management of Tanzania's economy by Tanzanians themselves is not an easy thing. It is a process which needs implementation of long-term strategies. All sectors of the economy need to understand economic empowerment philosophy and make it an agenda that is implemented in their daily activities. This is the only way of living this dream.

**Q: Tell us something about the importance of empowerment funds and programmes. Are these funds established or initiated by NEEC?**

**A:** The pillars of economic empowerment include skills, capital and provision of information. Access to capital is key for economic empowerment to succeed. In Tanzania, we estimate that around five million Tanzanians are involved in entrepreneurship. But any successful business, which needs to grow, will need capital. Empowerment funds are cheaper sources of capital for entrepreneurs in Tanzania because loans issued by these funds have less interest rates compared to those issued by commercial banks.

These economic empowerment funds were not established by the NEEC. The funds are established under different ministries by different laws in different sectors. In fact the first empowerment fund was established in 1983 under the President Office and such funds are still being established. The empowerment funds that have been established in recent years are the National Arts and Culture Fund under the Ministry of Sports and Culture. This fund issues direct loans to beneficiaries. The other fund is the Fuel Price Stabilization Fund under the Ministry of Energy. This is a grant fund with the objective of enabling Tanzanians to access fuel at reasonable prices. It also seeks to stabilize the economy especially in cases of price fluctuations. Fuel has serious economic effects. We all understand that fuel price fluctuations impact significantly the national economy.

**Q: How have you fared in using the funds to achieve your goals?**

**A:** Think of things like loan provision, think of guarantees for the loans issued by commercial banks and grants issued to facilitate and ease access to essential services for



economic development then you will understand the importance of these funds. Most of these empowerment funds have been helpful in building our people's small economies. Up to March 2023 economic empowerment funds have given loans amounting to 6.1 billion shillings. A total of 8,650,936 entrepreneurs have benefited from these funds -4,747,321 are women (or 55%) and men 3,902,936 (45%). Empowerment funds have generated a total of 17,603,271 direct jobs, women are 9,248,916 (53%) and men are 8,354,355 (47%).

In Tanzania we still have a challenge of accessing capital in the form of loans for start-up businesses. Most of the empowerment funds, which issue loans, have a rigid condition. For a business to access a loan, the condition is that it has to have at least a one-year experience in running a business. This condition may seem simple. However, this is a huge impediment for newcomers. Nonetheless, as I have just said, empowerment funds have helped many entrepreneurs build their businesses. So we have fared well

**Q: You have 'Empowerment Programmes'. Tell us something about these programmes and what the council has achieved using these programmes.**

**A:** In Tanzania we have seven major economic empowerment programmes. Let us see what we have done with these programmes.

I shall start with economic empowerment centres. This programme was established in 2018 by the NEEC. In this programme we ask every region and every district to establish a centre which will facilitate provision of services of economic empowerment directly to people at a located area. The services that are expected to be delivered include training, business formalization, access to loans, value addition to agricultural products, formation of groups and cooperatives.

Secondly let us look at the national skill development programme. This programme is under the Prime Minister's Office Labour Youth and Employment. It facilitates skills-building in the area of internship for fresh graduates who have completed university studies. Young people who have acquired skills informally are beneficiaries of this programme too. Then you have the less privileged young people, they benefit from this programme because they are provided scholarships.

Then we have the building of a better tomorrow programme, popularly known as BBT. This programme is run by the Ministry of Agriculture. It is a programme designed to enhance the engagement of youth in the agricultural sector for sustainable and improved livelihoods. Through this programme youths are trained, mentored, coached and empowered to lead enterprises.

The UTT Asset Management and Investor Services (UTT AMIS) is a fund management company but it is also one of the important empowerment programmes we are proud of. This company deals with establishment, launching and managing collective investment service. The company also provides Wealth Management Service. UTT AMIS operates under the amended Capital Markets and Securities Act, 1994 and Collective Investment Schemes Regulations, 1997.

I hope your readers are aware of the SANVN Viwanda Scheme. Well, this is a collaborative scheme established by the five public institutions: NEEC, NSSF, VETA, SIDO and Azania Bank. This scheme seeks to enhance industrialization in Tanzania by focusing on value addition of agricultural products and by providing manageable or call them cheap loans. It is imperative to add here that since its inception until May 2023, the SANVN Viwanda scheme has issued loans totalling to 3,781,896,907.23/- disbursed to 64 enterprises in 13 regions: Arusha, DaresSalaam, Kilimanjaro, Shinyanga, Mwanza, Geita, Simiyu, Dodoma, Iringa, Njombe, Mbeya Rukwa, and Songwe. In addition to that, the scheme created 8,232 jobs; males scooped 4,939 jobs and females had 3,232. Some 1,745 jobs are direct jobs and 6,487 are indirect jobs.

Then we have the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT). The FSDT aims to develop market systems that benefit underserved individuals, households and enterprises, offering them capacities and opportunities to improve their lives. This programme addresses challenges, supports innovations and market interventions.

Finally, let us look at another good empowerment programme called Agriculture Innovation Centre (AIC) PASS. It is popularly known as PASS Trust. PASS Trust, in collaboration with other agribusiness stakeholders, provides learning experiences in various focus areas. The areas include farming, crop trading, agro-processing, livestock, mechanization, irrigation, beekeeping, horticulture, aquaculture, transportation and input trading.

**Q: Now let us turn to the much talked about 'local content'. How do you explain local content in economic activities?**

**A:** Local Content is the added value brought into a country's economy by an investment decision made by the government. The value can be in terms of economic activities or ownership by the citizens. The Council coordinates implementation of local content in Tanzania. The 10-year Local Content strategy was developed together with its guidelines. The following are the main contents of the Local Content programme for Tanzania.

First, is employment of Tanzanians. Second, is procurement opportuni-

ties for Tanzanian companies. Third, is goods and services produced in Tanzania. Fourth, is transfer of technology to Tanzanians and Fifth is community engagement.

**Q: What has been achieved?**

**A:** Local content programme applies to all government major projects and investments. It also has something to do with changes of policies and laws. The following achievements were obtained in the implementation of Local Content in Tanzania since its inception in 2015. Policies and laws were amended to reflect Local Content issues. The following laws were amended: minerals, oil and gas, microfinance, insurance, shipping and public procurement.

May be I would rather solidify this argument by using the performance of following projects.

The Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) has employed total of 20,800 Tanzanians or 93% of the total employment in the project. Domestic Procurement worth 300 billion shillings was domestic -- purchases from domestic industries and companies. Total of 1,100 local companies were offered contracts for procurement. Training of Tanzanian was conducted in the areas of field, pre-job, flagger, defensive driving, in-charge, fire safety and power tools safety. Communities were engaged in construction of classrooms, dispensaries, local market, water accessibility, doctors' houses and local road maintenance.

The Mining Sector has employed total 16,620 Tanzanians or 96% of the total of people employed. Thirty two local companies were offered tenders in the mining sector. Procurement from the local markets and industries was worth three trillion (3 trn/-). Training of Tanzanian staff was conducted in operations, fire fighting and industrial programmes. Community engagement was mainly done through local Government Authorities to improve social services such as schools, hospitals and markets.

East African Crude Oil (EACOP) has employed a total of 1,672 Tanzanians in skilled and unskilled jobs. A total of 80 local companies have been offered contracts for procurement in this project. Local procurement worth 108 billion shillings was offered to local companies. A total of 2,499 Tanzanians were trained in order to either work with EACOP under employment or work with EACOP to deliver services.

Let us have a look at other oil and gas projects. The Oil and Gas sector, with exception of EACOP, has employed total of 346 Tanzanians in skilled and unskilled jobs. These projects are Pan Africa Energy Tanzania Limited, Equinor, Songas, ARA, M & P Exploration Tanzania, Shell Exploration & Production Tanzania Limited and REA.

A total of 417 local companies have been offered contracts for procurement in this sector. Local procurement worth 70 billion were offered. A total of 300

Tanzanians were trained in order to work with this sector. Technology transfer on slick line equipment operation, designing and acquisition of seismic data, intelligent pigging and data analysis was done accordingly.

Now let us turn to construction sector. This sector includes construction of roads, flyovers, bridges and airport terminals. Construction sector led by TANROADS has employed total of 21,379 Tanzanians in skilled and unskilled jobs. A total of local 3,738 contractors have been offered contracts for procurement in this sector. Local procurement worth 290 billion for the last financial year were offered. A total of 9,482 Tanzanians were trained. Communities were engaged in improvement of village roads, water pump support, construction of hospitals, classrooms, course aggregates, access to water services.

Lastly, let us touch on the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project. This project has employed total of 8,736 Tanzanians in skilled and unskilled positions, representing 89% of the total jobs. A total of 40 local contractors have been offered contracts for procurement in this project. A total of 66 Tanzanians were trained.

Communities were engaged in construction of Dodoma city sports complex, development of Fuga project site and Matambwe to Fuga junction covering five kilometres.

Your readers may wish to know that NEEC coordinates implementation of 18 economic empowerment centers in eight regions: Shinyanga (2), Singida (1), Geita (1), Rukwa (1), Dodoma (7), Coast (1), Morogoro (1), and Kigoma (6). The centers made it possible for 4,017 entrepreneurs, 2,431 (men) and 1,586 (women), to secure loans worth 9,400,000,000/-. Kaham Empowerment Centre, was our leading centre. It issued loans worth 4,804,356,000/- to 365SMEs. 199 owned by men and 166 owned by women.

25 community microfinance groups received loans amounting to 570,000,000/-. SELF-Microfinance managed disbursed 2,732,043,000/- to 329 loan beneficiaries, and PASS Trust Fund issued credit guarantees worth 2,031,100,000/- to the 36 loan beneficiaries: 32 farmers received 32 modern-farming tractors. It also distribute a 17 Power Tillers and equipment for tractors, worths 177,435,000/-. SIDO disburse loans amounting to 113,278,000/-.

**Q: We have also heard about the national empowerment data base. Tell us something about this data base.**

**A:** National Economic Empowerment Data base is a digital web-based data base designed to bring together suppliers, investors, service providers and practitioners within Tanzania and outside Tanzania into a digital forum through online registration.

Participants in the database can see each other even if they are outside Tanzania. The objective of the database is to facilitate linkage between domestic practitioners and foreign practitioners. You will appreciate that NEEC is overseeing implementation of Local Content in Tanzania. Investors in some of sectors are required to team up with Tanzanians business practitioners. We consider this data base to an important thing in this collaboration. Currently there about 150 practitioners registered.

**Q: Do you foresee or would you wish to see changes being made in the National Economic Empowerment Policy for the sake of improving and enhancing participation of majority of Tanzanians in modern economy?**

**A:** Tanzania National Economic Empowerment Policy is still valid and most of its pillars were developed based on a very thorough research and inputs from the actual situation in the early 2000s. If we were to review it given the current situation the following would make it a better policy:

Improvements in the education system, culture and practices to enable Tanzanian youth to be more independent economically and socially.

The pillar on privatization needs to be reviewed to reflect the current situation in our country.

Not all economic empowerment funds which were established before the National Policy for Economic Empowerment are well reflected in the policy. Something needs to be done. It has also been observed overtime that when policies and laws are reviewed new funds emerge. Therefore, it is very wise to remain with same specified funds for economic empowerment.





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# BoT seeks to mop up 100bn/- liquidity from the market

By Guardian Reporter

**T**HE Bank of Tanzania (BoT) is expected to mop up 100bn/- from the market tomorrow through the sale of Treasury bills, as part of implementation of the less accommodative monetary policy.

According to T-bills invitation tender, the central bank is expected to raise 172bn/- from the markets, of which 72bn/- will be for the government financing purposes, and 100bn/- will be mopped up for liquidity management.

The interest rates for the bills are subjected to 10 percent withholding tax.

Analysts are expecting the Treasury bills to be traded at discount.

In its statement after its 227th ordinary meeting on 31st August, the BoT's Monetary Policy Committee accepted the central bank to continue implementing less accommodative monetary policy to align liquidity with the foreign exchange demand.

This is the continuation since 2022/23, when the BoT shifted from pursuing an accommodative monetary policy to a less accommodative monetary policy in response to the spillover effects of the global economic shocks caused by the war in Ukraine, the residual effects of COVID-19 pandemic,

and domestic economic conditions.

During the year, the implementation of monetary policy succeeded in maintaining adequate liquidity in banks.

The conduct of monetary policy, fiscal policy measures and improved business environment contributed to the high growth of private sector credit, without causing undue inflationary pressures to the economy.

The current less accommodative monetary policy measures are also expected to facilitate attainment of the targets under the Extended Credit Facility Program for the quarter ending September 2023, says BoT.

Last month, the BoT conducted two Treasury bills auctions of which it intended to mop up combined 200bn/- excessive liquidity.

During the auction held on August 9, the T-bills were under subscribed for 35, 91 and 182 days maturities, with exception of one 364 days maturity, which was oversubscribed.

During another auction held on August 23, of which the central bank wanted to raise 172bn/- the results show 35, 91, and 364 days maturities were under subscribed, with exception of six months, which was oversubscribed.

In its Monetary Policy Statement for June, BoT indicated that the implementation of monetary policy in the first half of the 2023/2024 financial



year will be based on the current monetary targeting framework, while in the second half, an interest rate-based monetary policy framework will be used. "The shift to the new framework is meant to address the weakening of the link between money supply and the ultimate policy variables (inflation and output), due to the proliferation of financial innovations, and the weakening of monetary policy transmission under the

monetary targeting framework," the MPS says.

The monetary targets for the first half of 2023/24 are growth of reserve money of 10.1 percent, growth of extended broad money of 10.1 percent, and private sector credit growth of 16.4 percent.

The targets for the second half of 2023/24 will be announced in the Monetary Policy Statement, Mid-Year Review, to be released in February 2024.

According to BoT's Monthly Economic Review for August, money supply growth sustained an upward movement, growing at 20.9 percent in the year ending July 2023, higher than 7.9 percent in the corresponding period in 2022.

This strong growth was largely attributed to a robust expansion of credit to the private sector. Credit to the private sector remained strong, largely backed by higher demand for loans that is associated with improving business and investment environment.

On annual basis, credit to the private sector grew at 20.8 percent in July 2023, almost the same as the rate registered in the preceding month and in the corresponding period in 2022.

Agricultural activities continued to record the highest growth of credit at 46.4 percent, followed by building and construction at 26.1 percent.

## Bond market

Last week the Central bank issued a 2-year Treasury bond which offers a coupon rate of 7.60 percent.

The bank received tenders worth 21.85 billion reflecting under subscription of 84.21 percent. The bank accepted bids worth 21.85bn/-. Activity in the secondary market experienced a decrease of 2 percent where volume of transactions decreased to 68.87bn/- from 70.28bn/- of the previous week. The Demand notes were primarily the 15years, 20years, and 25years Treasury bonds.

## SPECIAL REPORT:

# When anti-poverty grants fail to end rural poverty-3

By Francis Kajubi, Kisarawe

**I**N yesterday's issue we focused on TASAF Kisarawe District officials' response.

Today we are concluding with concerns raised by TASAF women beneficiary groups in Kitanga village, Kisarawe district and the response from the government.

Beneficiary women groups of grants disbursed by Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) in Kitanga village, Kisarawe district, Coast region are pleading for the facilitation of cassava processing machines to produce competitive products, lure the market, hence improve their livelihoods.

The women whom most of them are widows are also calling upon the Fund to link them to financial institutions for them to secure low interest loans alongside linking them to city food markets and wholesale suppliers to sell their products.

Speaking to the reporter earlier last week, they pleaded to TASAF Kisarawe leadership to fulfill their long awaited demands of being facilitated with a cassava processing machine, linkage to financial institutions and Dar es Salaam city food bulk buyers.

Amina Pembe (53) Jipe Moyo Group secretary said that the group formed with 12 members had since late 2021 asked for the facilitation of a cassava flour processing machine but is yet to be fulfilled.

"The grants we receive are not enough for us to buy the machine that fetches 2mn/-. It is not enough to establish and run sustainable profitable activities. We need to be facilitated so that we can run businesses that generate income on a daily basis," said Pembe.

According to her, the group has obtained all necessary documents required by the TASAF Kisarawe office for almost a year now but nothing has been done.

Pembe said that the group needs a cassava processing machine. The group rented a one acre land at 70,000/- in 2022 and cultivated



Tusilale women group members in Kitanga village, the beneficiary group of TASAF grants, poses in a group photo shortly after an interview held last week. Photo: Francis Kajubi.

cassava on it. It reaped cassava that when processed yielded 100kilograms of flour.

"We paid 50,000/- for the machine for four days to process cassava. We had made 100 packages of one kilogram each. Each package fetches 2,000/- We had struggled for customers in the village, Chanika and Gongo la Mboto markets;

It took us three months to get all the packages sold. It's because we have no easy access to markets, little promotion of our product and poor packaging. It disappointed us to continue," she said.

According to her, she is paid 32,000/- as a primary school student grant and the under 18 years grant for her five children. A TASAF beneficiary since 2015 participates in public work projects (PWP) and earns 90,000/- after every three months.

Asia Geluka (32) a mother of two children married to a mason is a TASAF grants beneficiary through her kids and her 67 years old father. She receives 30,000/- for her children every two months and another 10,000/- for her father.

"I need to work hard to support my husband because his income is little to accom-

modate daily household needs," she said.

According to her, she works in PWP on behalf of her father and earns 90,000/- in every three months.

Apart from PWP she cooks snacks and flat pancakes that she sells to villagers and to workers on construction sites in Kitanga village and other nearby villages.

She also sells the food items to retail shops from which she buys ingredients for preparing the snacks.

"I generate between 6,000/- and 8,000/- in profits a day from the business which I spend almost 25,000/- in buying the ingredients;

I am capable of cooking up to 170 snacks and 40 flat pancakes a day but I make an average of 50 and 20 respectively due to a limited capital and market," said Geluka.

She said if she could afford a loan worth 300,000/- she would buy a new bicycle, cook enough snacks and flat pancakes, make fruit juice and use the bicycle as a means of transport in selling the food items in nearby primary and secondary schools.

"I sell snacks at 100/- each and 250/- for every flat pancake. I can't rely on TASAF grants and PWP payments to grow my busi-

ness. These funds are not even enough for my family needs," she said.

Mariam Muhammad (69), Tusilale Women Group chairperson said that apart from the facilitation they have been facing delays in payments for public work programmes.

"They removed my name from the list of grant beneficiaries in 2021. Their argument is that I'm still energetic enough to work and earn income through PWP. I'm not as energetic as they claim. For them to be old is to walk with the support of a walking stick," she said. Muhammad clarified that delay in payments makes her life even more difficult. For instance, she said that her colleagues received their May and June payments on August 12, 2023 but she received hers on September 4th, 2023.

She used to receive 36,000/- of her own in a two months period. She now receives only 20,000/- as a grant for her two granddaughters.

"I'm a widow. My daughter left me with these children when she got married to another man. One is in standard seven and her young sister is in standard five;

My daughter sends a maximum of 50,000/-

a month which is not enough for students' and household needs," said Muhammed.

Salima Mbwele (63) a member of Tusilale Women Group was also removed from the grants beneficiaries list the same year. The reasons were the same: she is energetic enough to work on public work projects.

"I do receive 24,000/- as a two months grant for my two grandchildren. I'm also a victim of payment delays. Last time TASAF officials told me that the delay was due to a poor network by the mobile company that sends the money to us," said Mbwele.

Silina Agapiti (60) a member of Upendo Women Group formed by ten members said that she has been receiving 16,000/- for every two months as a grant for her grandson. She lives with her daughter aged 36 years.

"I was removed from the grantees list. My daughter works on the Fund's projects on my behalf. I'm not energetic enough to work. If not for my daughter I would have died of hunger because 16,000/- is not enough even for seven days," said Agapiti.

Martha Sikauma (44) chairperson for Amani Women Group formed by 13 members said that they are still waiting for 90,000/- each, a payment of a job they did in 2022.

"The project involved digging two wells. We did the job for almost two week. It was between December 2022 and February 2023. As I speak they have been just telling us that they will pay. We don't know when," said Sikauma.

Hamis Kamba, Kitanga Village Executive Officer admitted that the women groups have almost for two years now asking for the facilitation of the cassava processing machine.

"I have delivered their concerns to the TASAF office at the district level. They need to register their groups as savings and lending groups, have their constitutions written and business plans," said Kamba.

According to him, the village has five women groups TASAF beneficiaries. The village has 80 total beneficiaries of whom 44 are women, eight men, eight elders and the remaining 20 beneficiaries are children under five and under 18 years old.

Edmund Livinda, TASAF Project Coordinator Kisarawe District Council admitted to be aware of the women groups facilitation demands but said not all of them have met the obligations.

"For Jipe Moyo Group we are considering their facilitation of the cassava processing machine but I can't tell exactly when the facilitation will be given out;

We have been encouraging these groups to seek financial institutions loans as TASAF has already played its role," said Livinda.

As for payment delays, Livinda said it is caused by low network and connectivity of a mobile money operator.

"Those who receive their payments through (he mentions the mobile money operator) have been facing delays. We have spoken to the operator but it seems they have failed to fix the problem. I suggest that they register new numbers for receiving their grants and PWP payments," said Livinda.

## OPINION

# Inflation rate, capital flight hobble Tanzania's economy

By Henry Huang

**T**ANZANIA is facing a fuel crisis, and the world seems to be overlooking it. The fuel price has now gone up by 17 percent within a short amount of time. Although the Tanzanian government has announced a cap on the cost of the oil, the initial shock has still led to a price surge in transportation.

The National Oil Producer Association has stated that it has predicted the shortage since January, blaming the government for the lack of action. While the Tanzanian government blamed hoarders for the petrol shortages, other institutions have pointed to the shortage of US dollars as the leading cause of the fuel crisis.

In reality, the fuel crisis is a story foretold. Moreover, it's one that reveals a long-lasting US dollar shortage in Tanzania. A massive trade deficit and the growing international debt have put upward pressure on the Tanzanian government's spending. Meanwhile, the rising value of the US dollar has put the government in an even more vulnerable position. As a result, with increasing prices worldwide, the Dodoma government has to dig ever deeper into its pocket to cover the nation's expenses.

## Trade deficit and debt

The shortage of US dollars did not happen overnight. Tanzania's trading structure is making the financial situation of the Dodoma government more vulnerable. Imports are worth more than 17 percent of the Tanzanian GDP, while exports fall well behind imports. Tanzania's trade deficit was \$4.4 billion in 2021, while the foreign currency reserve was \$6.3 billion. Thus, the country continues to experience a tight balance in foreign trade.

Import demand is particularly apparent in the fuel industry. Although Tanzania and nearby Uganda have oil and natural gas resources, Tanzanians still have to import fuel from other countries due to a lack of infrastructure. UAE and Saudi Arabia are both major Tanzanian trade partners. Last year, Tanzania imported more than \$2.2 billion US dollars' worth of fuel.

Tanzania's debt structure is also alarming. As Tanzanian debt levels rose significantly last year, the stress of paying back these debts also ramped up. The debt level is expected to grow further as the government takes on new major infrastructure projects. The Bank of Tanzania reports that two-thirds of its debt is in US dollars. While Tanzania's debt level is 40 percent of its GDP, a relatively safe level, the predominance of US dollar-denominated debt will continue to act as a major drain Tanzania's foreign reserves.

## US dollar outflows

Apart from the country's massive trade deficit, rising interest rates in the



United States and ongoing capital outflows have compounded the problem of US dollar shortages in Tanzania. The Federal Reserve's long period of rising interest rates has made the US dollar appreciate in international markets. More dollars are now flowing back to the US, which creates downward pressures on other currencies. Moreover, the circle of rising interest in the United States is far from over, with the Federal Reserve planning to increase interest rates again this year. The appreciation of the US dollar and the relative depreciation of the other currencies can thus be expected to continue.

Tanzania is no exception. The Tanzanian shilling remained at a stable exchange rate of 2,300 for over two years. However, the exchange rate jumped from 1 US dollar to 2,500 Tanzanian shillings. While Tanzanian exports do not generate enough foreign exchange and the country mostly relies on imports of critical items, the US dollars will keep flowing out of Tanzania en masse, and these outflows will remain a challenge to the Tanzanian economy overall.

## Rising prices

Global market prices have also skyrocketed since the pandemic, contributing further to Tanzania's dollar shortage. The shutting down of the worldwide supply chain and the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine has made the price of grain to manufactured goods substantially higher. The rapid decline of Tanzania's foreign reserves is an example of the

increasing expenditure of the nation.

Rising prices also hurts production in Tanzania. The country heavily relies on imported fertilizer and machinery to manage its agriculture. Due to the Ukraine war, the international fertilizer supply has become unstable while prices have also jumped. Agriculture remains Tanzania's leading industry, with most exports being raw agricultural products. Rising prices also raise the cost of Tanzania's exports, thus further damaging its international income.

## Impact of the dollar shortage

The dollar shortage may play out on a macroeconomic level, but the implications are quite apparent on the ground. According to Tanzanian fuel traders, the country has imported 24% less fuel in the first eight months of 2023 compared to last year. This decline is due mainly to the lack of US dollars. For everyday life, as Tanzania heavily relies on land transportation for cargo, the dollar shortage and the fuel crisis are driving living expenses up for ordinary people.

The Bank of Tanzania has also recognized that due to the appreciation of the US dollar, debt levels grew significantly last year. Although Tanzania's primary borrowers are international organizations and the loans are usually small or carry no interest, a US dollar shortage and an appreciating US dollar could further deteriorate Tanzania's ability to pay back its loans, especially in the private sector.

Besides putting a cap on the oil price, the government has taken other actions to address the dollar shortage. The Bank of Tanzania has issued letters of credit to the oil companies to purchase oil. Meanwhile, the Tanzanian government has also cracked down on unregistered foreign exchange services while limiting withdrawals in US currency.

The ongoing economic crisis in Tanzania stands as a warning for other African states faced with similar outlooks. Many countries share similar economic structures and heavily rely on imports. Skyrocketing international prices combined with US dollar outflows carry similar risks for these countries. There have already been fuel shortages in Kenya and Malawi, driven by similar factors.

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## Microfinance promotes financial inclusion engagement in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE Y9 Microfinance Institution feels proud to have provided digital and financial inclusion since its establishment one year ago.

The firm started its services in the country last year on September 9, and so far, thousands of Tanzanian entrepreneurs have managed to acquire smartphones through loaning services.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, sales and marketing manager of Y9 Microfinance, Sophia Mangenya, said so far they have marked a landmark moment in their services and now celebrate not just the institution's start but its transformative impact on the Tanzanian economy.

"We have managed to set out with a mission to provide digital and financial inclusion, an ambitious goal that seems to be paying off.

Before Y9 started its services in the country, a smartphone was just a pipe dream for many Tanzanians. Today is a difference because many people can now acquire smartphones at affordable costs through our services," said Mangenya.



Bodaboda rider enjoys services after being connected with smartphone through Y9 services

She said thousands of Tanzanians have been connected, including a diverse range of demographics like Bodaboda riders, food vendors, small shop owners, and teachers.

The institution is not just stopping at providing smartphone financing. In a country where access to loans is often cumbersome and fraught with obstacles, Y9 customers who are faithful in their repayments will now have access to a range of microloans.

These range from cash loans to airtime and various other purposes, adding another layer of financial security for many Tanzanians.

Mwanza's Bodaboda rider, Rashid Shaaban, said he has managed to be engaged in financial inclusion after being connected through Y9 Microfinance and enjoying the services. In its first initiative, Y9 provided smartphone device financing to bridge the digital divide, allowing people and small businesses to access the internet via 4G networks.

The success stories are manifold. Mariam, a Mama Lishe in Arusha, notes how her smartphone has not only improved her business but has also enriched her life.

Now I can take orders online, update my business on social me-

dia, and even learn new recipes. Y9 has truly improved my livelihood," she said. For his part, Juma Idd, who is a grocery store owner, said, "Being eligible for microloans means I can better manage my inventory and cash flow, allowing me to serve my customers more efficiently.

The education sector also sings praises for Y9. Amina Hassan, a teacher from Dodoma, explains, "The smartphone I got through Y9 has become my mini library. I can prepare better lessons, offer my students a wide range of resources, and stay updated on educational trends."

As Y9 Microfinance Institution celebrates its first year, its impact stretches beyond merely offering financial products; it has opened a world of opportunities for thousands of Tanzanians.

By breaking down financial barriers and making digital inclusion a reality, Y9 has not only changed individual lives but has also embarked on a journey to contribute to the country's economy. So today, as they mark this milestone, Y9 is becoming a beacon of transformation in a rapidly evolving Tanzania.

## Reshaping the global finance under India's G20 presidency

By Suman Bery

ON 9 and 10 September, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi (pictured) hosts the G20 leaders' summit in New Delhi. Indonesia handed over the presidency to India on 1 December 2022 and Brazil's presidency will start on 1 December 2023. While each presidency establishes its own agenda, continuity is maintained through the mechanism of a troika where past, present and future presidencies coordinate closely in meetings throughout the year. The fact that the troika centred on India includes two large emerging markets, Indonesia and Brazil, is significant for global finance.

Since the 2009 Toronto summit, successive G20 presidencies have declared that the main justification for the G20 (as a self-selected, non-representative entity) is for the leaders of the world's large economies to provide the political underpinning for 'strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive' economic growth at both national and global levels.

As the world settles down from the disruptions created by Covid-19, India has deployed its G20 presidency to revive this shared ambition in an extremely challenging economic and geopolitical environment. To understand better the ambitions of India's presidency, it is worth briefly recalling the origins of the G20 leaders' summit process in 2008.

Following the failure of Lehman Brothers, financial markets on both sides of the Atlantic were in free-fall. The US was in an awkward transition between the outgoing president, George W Bush, and President-elect Barack Obama. The G7 leaders invited members of an existing ministerial-level G20 (meeting since 1999) to convene at the head-of-government-level. This was widely seen as a device to enlist co-operative behaviour by China, already by then a major force in global trade and finance.

The London summit of May 2009 provided proof of the willingness to cooperate in a crisis and helped calm markets. At that time there was optimism about the prospects for inclusive global growth and the prospects for convergence across countries, although in-country inequality was already an issue, particularly in the US.

Technology was seen as a largely benign force. World trade was booming. The world was enjoying a peace dividend. Conditions were conducive for collective action, although even then pre-emptive action to deal with global imbalances (promoted by the International Monetary Fund) did not find favour till the crisis broke.

The fragility of their financial sectors in the 2008 crisis came as a major shock to the G7 countries, particularly as it was closely followed by the euro crisis. Accordingly, the early activity of the G20 was less about restoring growth and more about insulating the G7 economies from further risks to their financial sectors.

As India looks at the world 15 years later, the shoe is very much on the other foot. Many developing countries are struggling with unsustainable debt, while trying to ensure food and energy security for their people. India, as the G20 chair, sees itself as representing the interests of member countries that belong to the global South and has proposed membership for the African Union, in the way that the European Union is a full member of the G20.

While India has had the scale and autonomy to bounce back relatively quickly from Covid-19, this is not true of most countries of the global South. Development momentum has appreciably deteriorated because of Covid-19, and this has been further complicated by the aftershocks of war, sanctions and inflation. The challenges of adapting to a changing climate adds to economic and social stress. There is a deep crisis of economic development, well-documented in the stagnation of the sustainable development goals of the United Nations and in commentary by the IMF and the World Bank.

But due to changing geopolitics, this deep crisis has not evoked the solidarity of the past. In supporting the revival of growth in the global South through the G20's finance track, India's focus has been on making the multilateral development bank system fit for current challenges and addressing debt issues for low-income countries within the common framework of the IMF.

There is increasing empirical research, from official bodies such as the Bank for International Settlements, European Central Bank and from respected academics (such as Helene Rey of the London Business School) of a clear global financial cycle largely driven by monetary policy decisions of the major metropolitan central banks, notably the US Federal Reserve. This cycle has a discernible effect on portfolio flows in and out of emerging markets and, increasingly, so-called 'frontier markets'.

The existence of such a cycle is of profound importance for development finance because the green transition is capital intensive. Responding to Covid-19 has used debt capacity in most cases, so additional capital will have to come from abroad. Absorbing this capital means higher current account deficits or, in other words, stable capital inflows and a robust global safety net. Expanding the lending capacity of the MDBs only solves part of the problem. The bigger prize is for private capital managed in the North to find its way to high-return projects in the South.

This requires a reimagining of the means and ends of global finance that the G7 presidencies have not chosen to address. India has taken on the MDB initiative from Indonesia after it made a start on the capital adequacy framework. This weekend's summit may give signals on whether the G7 is willing to go the additional step of exploring a capital increase as recommended by the expert group commissioned by India.

As Brazil takes over from India, given the sophistication and integration of its own capital markets, perhaps it will take on the task of reshaping the skills and talents of private finance to serve the development challenges of a hurting planet.

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# Minister Gwajima encourages small traders to grab iMbeju opportunities

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER of community development, gender, women and special groups Dr Dorothy Gwajima has called on small business owners, specifically women and youths to grab training, advisory and seed capital opportunities offered by CRDB Bank Foundation through its iMbeju programme.

Speaking during the opening of iMbeju's exhibition involving small traders in Ilala, Dr Gwajima said women and youths are the engine of socio-economic achievements.

Citing the 2022 census, Dr Gwajima said both groups account for the largest workforce as 51 percent of Tanzanians are women, while 75 percent are youths.

"However, women and youths are facing many challenges including discriminatory cultural and traditions, poor education, lack of capital and entrepreneurship skills. The government is taking necessary efforts focusing to build inclusive economic growth in order to liberate them economically. It is now for small entrepreneurs to grab opportunities offered by CRDB Bank Foundation, through its iMbeju programme in order to mitigate challenges they are facing," the minister said.

The minister said the government is working to ensure women empowerment through implementing various strategies, as part of complying with the targets of the global forum on gender equality on economy.

She further said women and youths empowerment is also part of implementing the National Development Vision 2025, five-year development plan, Zanzibar Development Vision 2025 and gender development policy of 2000.

The three days exhibition attend-



Minister of community development, gender, women and special groups Dr Dorothy Gwajima (wearing helmet) tests one of the motorbikes handed over to women entrepreneurs through iMbeju programme at an exhibition held at Mnazi Mmoja grounds. Second left is CRDB Bank managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela, CRDB Bank Foundation, managing director Tully Esther Mwambapa (2nd R), Ilala district commissioner Edward Mpogolo (3rd R), BUTA VICOBA Endelevu director, Semeni Gama (L). Photo by Guardian Correspondent

ed by 3,000 entrepreneurs is organized by CRDB Bank Foundation, Ilala district authority is held at Mnazi Mmoja grounds. The CRDB Bank managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela said the bank values entrepreneur works due to their roles on stimulating economic growth and job creations.

"We believe that this sector contributes to economic growth and what needed are inclusive systems which will enable them to fulfill their objectives and this motivated us to establish a special unit to service these clients since 2005," he said.

He said the bank has spearheaded the empowerment of entrepreneurs and until the end of the second quarter of this year, the bank has already issued loans amounting 3.4trn/- to at least 200,000 entrepreneurs, while 50,000 have benefited from advisory and training.

The Ilala District Commissioner Edward Mpogolo said efforts to build capacity to exhibiting entrepreneurs involved different stakeholders including TRA, BRELA, SIDO, VETA, NHIF, NIDA,

PPRA, TBS, TMDA, GSI, NIC, NSSF and CRDB Bank which played a role of financing.

The CRDB Bank Foundation managing directors Tully Ester Mwambapa said the exhibition is part of endless journey of giving entrepreneurs opportunities to showcase and their products, for both local and export markets.

"This exhibition is part of economic empowerment to our entrepreneurs to find markets for their goods and services through iMbeju programme free of charge," she said.

The foundation's MD said the iMbeju programme has reached 700 youths through competition and 100,000 women entrepreneurs, while more than 250mn/- seed capital have been offered to 100 beneficiaries.

The chairman of CRDB Bank Foundation Martin Warioba has assured Minister Dr Gwajima that the institution will collaborate with the government to empower women and youths to build inclusive economy.

# Dart project to bring multiple benefits

By Correspondent James Kandoya

AN estimated 1.2 million people representing about 25 percent of the population and surrounding community are set to benefit from the Dar es Salaam Rapid Transport Services (DART) phase II.

The (20.3 km) phase II project runs from city to Mbagala area South East of Dar es Salaam city with Kilwa road as its main artery commenced under Chinese Construction Company - Sinohydro Corporation Limited.

The project corridor starts from Mbagala area in Temeke District to the Central Business District (CBD) where it connects with phase I of the BRT system at the Kariakoo hub.

In an interview with the Guardian Newspaper, the Project Manager Yuan Rui said that project was implemented with an objective of providing transport facilities that are reliable and cost effective with the view to improve urban mobility, connectivity and accessibility to commuter and business and thereby supporting economic and social development of the city and country as whole.

Commenced five year ago, the project is closer to hand over, the project will im-

prove business environment for traders arising due to increased accessibility as it will promote new market facilities and improved sanitation.

Furthermore, it will economically boost both formal and informal sectors as it will provide much more accessibility to free movement of goods from one point to another.

"We are proud to be part of development partner in Tanzania by participating in the construction of the BRT phase II. We are "closer" to handing over the project next month," he said

The disadvantaged group such as women, school children, the handicapped and the ordinary are poised to benefit from the newly constructed BRT system as at the moment, they cannot manage comfortably using the existing public transport especially during the peak hours.

Also, improvement in the business environment for traders arising due to increased accessibility as it will promote new market facilities and improved sanitation and enhance the traffic circulation and eliminate bottlenecks to traffic flows to various economic activity centres such as industrial

zones.

According to him, the project will reduce congestion that led to the improved property values within the region.

The provision of the BRT system in Temeke District directly enhances the traffic circulation and eliminates bottlenecks to traffic flows to various economic activity centers such as the industrial zones and the vast populous residential areas of Temeke municipality.

Apart from that, it is expected to result in reduced congestion and improved air quality along the project corridor within the region at Municipal level.

He said that the BRT system will have positive impacts on the environment as it will reduce emissions of gases that contribute to global climatic change which led to citywide air pollution and smog. This will be achieved by replacing older technology with newer high capacity BRT buses.

In addition, the project provides valuable Public health benefits by reducing road fatalities, crashes and injuries, reducing personal exposure to harmful air pollutants and increasing physical activity for BRT users.



# Generation Africa presents \$116,000 to 2023 winners

By Guardian Correspondent

TWO visionary agripreneurs clinched top honours in the fifth annual GoGettag Agripreneur Prize Competition finals held at the just ended Africa Food Systems Forum Summit 2023.

During an exciting Youth Town Hall event attended by Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Generation Africa awarded two grand prizes of \$50,000 to Hasina Andriatsitohaina, Founder and Manager of Mad'Arom in Madagascar, and Ikenna Nzewi, Co-Founder and CEO of Releaf Africa in Nigeria.

Four more inspirational impact award winners were announced at a separate youth celebration on the final day of the summit, receiving a US\$2,500 prize each.

Recognising the extraordinary contributions of all the GoGettag Finalists, Generation Africa partner USAID dedicated a further US\$1,000 each to the remaining finalists.

The Gogettag winners were lauded for their diligent preparation, expertly crafted on-stage presentations, and transformative businesses that embody the best ideals of the summit.

"This year's summit theme is 'Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation.' Far from being a distant hope, these GoGettag have demonstrated to everyone at the summit that they are Africa's Solutions," said Dr Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA.

"I hope the investors were paying attention, because I can clearly see how some of these businesses have the potential to impact millions of lives across the continent in the next decade."

Amath Pathe Sene, Managing Director of the Africa Food Systems Forum, underscored the significance of amplifying youth-led businesses at the AGRF Summit, "We bring together policymakers and industry leaders, so conversations can evolve into actionable solutions."

Innovative ideas are exactly what propelled the two grand prize winners to victory in the Gogettag Agripreneur Prize Competition. Among the women-led businesses, grand prize winner Hasina Andriatsitohaina from Mad'Arom came out top.

Their team in Madagascar produces essential oils and aggregates spices for wholesale for local and international markets.

By encouraging diversified agroforestry among their 2000 small-scale growers, Mad'Arom boosts their resilience and helps them achieve a year-round income. This agronomic approach also yields the highest quality produce.

The second grand prize went to Ikenna Nzewi of Releaf Africa. Their value proposition is lowering food costs through efficiency, which they achieve with both software and hardware solutions, ensured victory among the male-led businesses.

Their multi-pronged approach features geospatial software to find viable farms and a mobile platform to purchase oil-palm fruit from rural small-holders. To process the palm nuts, Releaf constructed the world's most advanced palm nut de-sheller, named Kraken.

Beyond the grand prizes, Generation Africa recognised four Impact Award Winners who each received a US\$2,500 prize at the Youth Innovation Awards on the final day of the summit.

Perkins Ajanoh of CassVita in Cameroon impressed with a strong presentation and their proprietary process using microbes to drastically extend the shelf-life of cassava from 3 days to 18 months.

Margaret Wanjiku of Pollen Patrollers in Kenya developed an IoT smart device to track beehive metrics that are analysed by AI to create actionable insights and precision pollination maps.

Hailing from Sierra Leone, Martin Dainbaque of Eco-friendly Incubator Company is reinventing the egg and poultry industry with high-capacity solar-powered incubators, their own chicken breeds, and quality feed.

And Crescentia Mushobozi of Tanzania Vijana Agribusiness Enterprises is making an impact with a superior potato strain, engineered with Africa's largest gene bank, to solve malnutrition and food insecurity.

Generation Africa founding member, Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO of Yara International, emphasized the urgency of youth efforts in food systems transformation and the essential role of young entrepreneurs, stating, "In the face of mounting food security challenges, it is imperative to revolutionize our food systems. Young entrepreneurs are the torchbearers of sustainable solutions. We are proud to support their endeavours in reshaping the future of food."

Generation Africa founding member, Strive Masiyiwa, "The energy and passion exhibited by these young agripreneurs are a testament to Africa's potential. Their determination to build a healthier society through sustainable agribusiness resonates deeply with our shared vision."



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## WORLD



## King Mohammed VI gives instructions to provide care to quake victims, 3-days of national mourning declared

RABAT

KING Mohammed VI (pictured) has given his instructions to expeditiously continue field relief efforts and provide care to the victims of the deadly powerful quake that hit Morocco on Friday night, killing at least 2,500 people, according to an updated death toll.

During a working session chaired on Saturday at the Royal Palace in Rabat on the quake that caused human & material losses in various regions of the kingdom, the Monarch, who was accompanied by Crown Prince Moulay El Hassan, declared three days of national mourning with the half-masting of national flags on all public facilities. During this session, the Monarch was briefed by the officials on the latest developments in the affected prefectures and provinces, notably in some localities that were inaccessible during the evening and where the situation point and relief intervention were not possible until sunrise, said a press release issued by the Royal Office.

The King was also informed about the measures taken to quickly address this large-scale natural catastrophe. These emergency measures, subject to royal instructions and constant follow-up by since the first moments that followed the earthquake, witnessed the intervention of the Royal Armed Forces, local authorities, security services, Protection civil units as well as the ministries concerned.

The emergency measures focused on reinforcing the national blood stock, supplying drinking water to affected areas, distributing food kits, tents and blankets to the affected population, quickly resuming public services.

Upon the Instructions of King Mohammed VI, Supreme Commander

and Chief of General Staff of the Royal Armed Forces (FAR), the Royal Armed Forces urgently deployed significant human and logistical air and land resources, as well as specialized intervention modules based on search and rescue teams and a medical-surgical field hospital, said the Royal Office statement.

King Mohammed VI has given his instructions to immediately set up an inter-ministerial commission in charge of carrying out an emergency rehabilitation and aid program to reconstruct as soon as possible the destroyed homes in the affected areas.

The goal is to encourage economic operators for a quick resumption of activities in the affected areas. It was also decided to open a special bank account at Treasury and Bank Al Maghrib to receive the voluntary solidarity contributions of citizens as well as private and public instructions.

With all its components, the Mohammed V Foundation for Solidarity will ensure full mobilization to support citizens in affected areas. The emphasis has also been placed on creating stocks of basic necessities—medicines, tents, beds and food in every region of the Kingdom to prepare for any type of disaster.

The King, Commander of the Faithful, also gave his Instructions to the minister of Islamic Affairs to perform the Absent Prayer (Salat Al Ghaib) in all mosques throughout the Kingdom, for the repose of the victims' souls.

The Sovereign also expressed the sincere thanks of the kingdom of Morocco to all brotherly and friendly countries that expressed their solidarity with the Moroccan people on this situation, and many of which expressed their readiness to provide aid in these special circumstances. **Agencies**

## Scholz, Macron lack 'autonomy' to be mediators of Ukrainian settlement – Kremlin

VLADIVOSTOK

GERMAN Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron cannot act as mediators in settling the conflict in Ukraine, since they have lost their autonomy, Russian presidential press secretary Dmitry Peskov said yesterday.

"Evidently, both Mr. Macron and Mr. Scholz would like to continue to pretend, at least on the surface, that they can be mediators, but actually, of course, they have essentially lost this chance. For they have lost their autonomy in this entire story," he said in an interview with the Izvestia daily on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF).

These leaders, according to Peskov, "prefer to align them-

selves with the decisions that are made in Washington," even if this harms them and their countries. At the same time, he noted that Russian President Vladimir Putin "has never ruled out the possibility of continuing dialogue with the European leaders."

"Moscow's position is clear, transparent, sound and consistent. There is nothing new about it and will not be. We must ensure our security and the security of our future generations. We cannot allow a nationalist regime to grow stronger near our border. We cannot afford to see NATO missiles and NATO military infrastructure being deployed several kilometers from our borders," the Kremlin spokesman stressed, adding that Russia cannot accept this so it has to take appropriate measures. **Agencies**



## Banning Russian citizens from entering EU with personal items racist, says diplomat

VLADIVOSTOK

Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called the European Commission's explanations about the ban on entering the European Union with cars, phones, suitcases, shampoos and other items from Russia, even for personal use, racism.

"I believe that this is pure racism. It's not a part of the sanctions, it's not a matter of creating some additional benefits for the sinking EU economy either. This is racism at its finest," she told TASS on the margins of the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF).

Zakharova drew attention to another "wild manifestation of Nazism," wherein a Russian journalist was denied access to French President Emmanuel Macron's press conference, simply because she was from Russia.

"There is simply no other way to put it," the diplomat continued. "Representatives from society at large, culture, and various scientific spheres face this. When visas are not issued, planned events are canceled, they are not allowed to attend some conferences, symposiums, competitions - this is nothing but racism."

Racism "sprung up in the West in very different forms at different historical stages: once in the form of colonialism, once in the form of trade, imperialism, then in the form of Nazism, fascism, segregation," the diplomat said.

According to a September 8 explanatory note from the European Commission, importing items from Russia to the European Union that are listed in Annex XXI to EU Directive No. 833/2014 is prohibited, regardless of the purpose of their use or the duration of stay in the EU, including "cars with a total number of seats less than 10."

The European Commission emphasizes that "it does not matter whether the use of the vehicles is private or commercial."

The list contains a wide range of items from cell phones and audio and video recording devices to suitcases, portable devices, articles of clothing, toothpaste, shampoo and other hygiene products. **Agencies**

## This time for Africa and a multipolar world

NEW DELHI

THE African Union (AU) celebrated its founding anniversary Saturday, marking its creation in 1999. This year, the joy was doubled as the AU became a new Group of 20 (G20) member on the same day.

"It's finally Africa's time," many Africans said on social media, echoing "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)," the official song of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. It's a dream-come-true moment for the AU, which has long strived for a more significant role in world affairs.

In the AU's Agenda 2063, the continent's blueprint and master plan for transforming Africa into the global powerhouse of the future, "Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner," is one of seven aspirations. According to Moussa Faki Mahamat, chairperson of the AU Commission, they "have long been advocating" this G20 membership, and he believes it "will provide a propitious framework for amplifying advocacy in favor of the continent and its effective contribution to meeting global challenges."

In addition to the AU's intense diplomatic efforts, its success in joining the G20 was achieved on the back of Africa's growing clout. According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, with the world's youngest and fastest-growing population, the continent is emerging as a magnet for consumer markets and products.

Meanwhile, the African Continental Free Trade Area has further unlocked Africa's economic vitality and market potential. In the continent's march towards "an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa," the AU has been Africa's most representative and crucial inter-government organization. Since its inception, it has significantly contributed to peace, stability and development in Africa and become a banner of strength through unity. The con-



Photo taken on Feb. 3, 2022 shows the buildings of the African Union (AU) headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Xinhua)

tinental body has also effectively coordinated its 55 members to speak as one on the international stage, commanding more global attention.

With full membership in the G20, the AU has renewed momentum to participate vigorously in world affairs. The next time the G20 discusses major international economic issues, Africa will have a bigger say in shaping global governance and striving for more benefits for the African people.

The addition of the AU to the G20 "will increase the voice of Africa, visibility, and influence on the global stage and provide a platform to advance the common interest of our people," Kenyan President William Ruto commented.

The AU's accession to the G20 is of global significance. The collective rise of emerging markets and developing countries is fundamentally changing the global landscape. The Global South, including many African countries, has consistently pursued strategic autonomy and emerged as an indispensable party in international affairs. The rise of the Global South has significantly increased the multipolarity of the international system. The AU's membership in the G20 has provided a new impetus for this process.

Given the desire for a more multipolar world, China and other partners have supported the AU in pursuing a G20 membership and its efforts to amplify African voices. China was the first country to explicitly express its support for including the AU in the G20. China supports prioritizing Africa's aspirations on the UN Security Council and urges multilateral financial institutions to increase African representation.

That's why Senegalese President Macky Sall has hailed China as a staunch friend of Africa and thanked China for being the first to publicly support the AU in joining the G20. On many occasions, China, as the largest developing country in the world and a member of the Global South, has repeatedly called for developing countries to have a greater voice in global governance. In his recent meeting

with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Chinese Premier Li Qiang emphasized the need to reform global economic governance and increase the representation of developing countries in international financial institutions.

The efforts of China and other Global South nations have gradually paid off. At Saturday's G20 session, when Azali Assoumani, president of the Union of the Comoros and current AU chairperson, assumed his seat as a new member representative, applause erupted.

Similarly, at the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, the announcement of BRICS expansion was met with a round of applause. The two rounds of applause mirror the popularity of a multipolar world and greater democracy in international relations. While celebrating the diplomatic success of the AU, J. C. Okechukwu, a Nigerian filmmaker, recalled the bitter history of Africa. At the founding of the UN in 1945, when many African countries were fighting for decolonization from the West, only four African countries were present.

"How can a slave sit at the table with his masters for meals or talks?" he said on X, explaining the absence of most African countries in then-global governance. Almost eight decades later, the AU is now a G20 permanent member, representing what Okechukwu calls "the aggressive emergence of the multipolar world today." His observation is on point. **Xinhua**

## India, Saudi Arabia bolster economic bonds with 50 plus agreements

NEW DELHI

INDIA and Saudi Arabia yesterday entered into over 50 agreements spanning various sectors, including ICT, entrepreneurship, chemicals, energy, and advanced manufacturing.

Saudi Arabia's Investment Minister Khalid Al-Falih (pictured) led a senior delegation to India-Saudi Investment Forum where the signing of these agreements between the two countries took place.

The forum coincided with the visit of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and followed the G20 Leaders' Meeting.

"The India-Saudi Investment Forum, which brought together policymakers, business leaders and innovators from both countries, has concluded with the signing of over 50 Memoranda of Understanding



(MoUs) and agreements," an official release said.

These landmark agreements covered sectors including ICT, entrepreneurship, chemicals, energy and advanced manufacturing. These include: A definitive agreement with the goal of establishing Petromin Express service centres in HPCL-operated fuel stations throughout India, between Petromin and HPCL; an MoU to cooperate in energy tech-

nology between Desert Technologies and Goldi Solar; an MoU in human resources between ARCO and Indian Personal Export Promotion Council and the Association of Overseas Recruiting Agents.

As per the release, an MoU in agribusiness was signed between Alshalan Co, DD International and AMDD Foods Ltd, for the former to acquire a stake in both companies.

The India-Saudi Investment Forum was attended by HE Khalid Al-Falih, Minister of Investment of Saudi Arabia, HE Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry of India and, Nirvuti Rai, Managing Director and CEO of Invest India.

As well as MoUs, there were presentations which were delivered by Invest Saudi, the Global Supply Chain Resilience Initiative, the Economic Zones and Cities Authority, Invest

India and Gujarat International Finance Tec-City, among others.

The India-Saudi Investment Forum took place following the G20 Leaders Meeting and on the sidelines of an official state visit by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

An MoU in energy between Al Jomaih Energy and Water and Avaada Energy Private Limited, in collaboration for EPC and co-development of Solar, Wind, Hybrid and Battery Energy Storage solutions projects in the Middle East.

At the G20 Leaders Meeting, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor was announced, which involves collaboration between the US, India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, France, Germany, Italy, and the EU. The agreement is being hailed as transformative for regional investment, the statement read. **ANI**

## Israel on edge ahead of top court session on judicial overhaul

JERUSALEM

Anti-government protesters scuffled with police outside the home of Israel's justice minister on Monday, the eve of a historic Supreme Court hearing over the bid by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition to curb its judicial powers.

Today, the entire 15-judge Supreme Court bench will convene for the first time in Israeli history, to hear an appeal against the judicial amendment passed by the coalition in July.

Attempts to reach agreements between Netanyahu and his opponents over the contested judicial overhaul plan have so far been fruitless, adding to fears that Israel's worst crisis in years will only deepen with the court petitioned to quash legislation

by politicians who accuse it of overreach.

Despite the ramped-up rhetoric, a ruling from the Supreme Court could come as late as January, leaving time for the sides to reach agreements on judicial reforms, granting a possible reprieve after months of protests and signalling stability to the markets.

If compromises are not reached, Netanyahu could opt to present a scaled back version of the original plan.

The scuffles broke out as police moved to control crowds gathering outside the house of Justice Minister Yariv Levin, one of the main architects of the plan, with footage showing demonstrators blocking the minister's car. **Agencies**

## Resilience of Chinese economy bolsters confidence in global growth

"In recent days, a growing number of global financial institutions have increased or planned to increase their holdings of Chinese assets, indicating confidence in the recovery of the world's second largest economy with solid supportive measures in place," said a recent article on the website of Brazil's Forum magazine, fully affirming the slew of measures China has introduced to stabilize economic performance.

Many international observers have also pointed out that with macro-policy support, factors for the overall improvement of the Chinese economy have contin-

ued to accumulate, which is expected to further unleash the potential and continuously advance the high-quality development of the economy.

Amidst a complex and grim external environment, the Chinese economy has shown remarkable resilience with a growth rate significantly outpacing that of major developed economies.

In the first half of this year, China's gross domestic product (GDP) expanded 5.5 percent year-on-year, markedly faster than the annual growth rate of 3 percent

in 2022 and the average annual growth rate of 4.5 percent during the country's three-year battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its latest World Economic Outlook Update released last month, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected that China's economy will grow 5.2 percent in 2023, ranking among the fastest-growing major economies.

A series of targeted measures rolled out by China recently, including earnestly optimizing the development environment for

private enterprises, are believed to help consolidate the country's economic growth momentum and further boost international confidence in the Chinese economy's high-quality development.

Despite subdued cross-border investments globally, foreign institutions are increasing investment in China and actively exploring high-end industries and emerging sectors, demonstrating the strong and enduring appeal of the Chinese market.

In the past five years, the rate of return on foreign investment in

China has reached 9.1 percent, far higher than the roughly 3 percent in the U.S. and Europe, according to China's State Administration of Foreign Exchange.

In the first half of this year, foreign direct investment (FDI) from many developed countries into China registered growth, with investments from France, the UK, and Germany increasing by 173.3 percent, 135.3 percent, and 14.2 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, the number of newly established foreign enterprises in China rose 35.7 percent.

A mid-year report released this month by the American Chamber of Commerce in South China found that nearly 60 percent of U.S. companies remain optimistic about the Chinese market, and about 30 percent of the surveyed companies plan to expand their investments in China.

With tremendous market opportunities presented by the stable performance and growth momentum of the Chinese economy, constantly improving business climate, and mature and complete supply-chain system

holding great appeal to foreign capital, China is expected to continue winning favor with foreign investors.

After a smooth transition in COVID-19 response, China has experienced a wave-like and zigzag process of economic recovery. At a crucial stage of stabilization and recovery as well as industrial upgrading, the Chinese economy is faced with obstacles in the process of development and issues in the course of progress. The country has taken active steps to address these problems, with relevant efforts already paying off.

**People's Daily**



## With AU's entry, G20 broadens cooperation, development opportunities in Global South

NEW DELHI

HAVING admitted the African Union (AU) as a permanent member, the Group of 20 (G20) took a historical step forward in improving global governance and revitalizing international economic cooperation.

The expansion, agreed by G20 members on Saturday, gives developing countries a greater voice and more representation.

More cooperation and development opportunities will gravitate toward the Global South as China and other major economies have pledged staunch support for the region to shine in the global arena.

Amid cheers and applause from the global leaders in attendance, AU Chairperson, Comorian President Azali Assoumani, assumed his seat representing the 55-member continental body at the inaugural session of the 18th G20 summit held in New Delhi on Saturday. AU Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki hailed the entry, saying it would amplify the continent's advocacy and contributions to meeting global challenges.

The G20, founded in 1999 in response to several world economic crises, is a major forum to discuss financial and economic issues. It previously com-

prised 19 countries plus the European Union (EU).

Granting membership to the AU will give it the same status as the EU, up from its previous designation of "invited international organization." Experts said permanent G20 membership signals the rise of the African continent, whose young population of over 1 billion is set to double by 2050 and make up a quarter of the world's total.

This move really boosts the G20's influence on the global economy and underscores its contribution to human social development," said Wirun Phichaiwongphakdee, director of the Thailand-China Research Center of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Mathapelo Monaisa, a member of the South African delegation to the G20 summit, appreciated China's role in supporting the AU's entry into the group. "I'm seeing something really great happening," Monaisa said. China was the first country to explicitly express its support for the AU's membership of the G20, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said at a regular press conference on Thursday.

At the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue in Johannesburg last month, Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed that China would work actively to support the AU's



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Joe Biden, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren during the G20 dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu, at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi on Saturday. ANI

full membership of the bloc. China supports the AU in playing a more significant role in global governance, Mao added.

Joseph Matthews, a senior professor at the Beltei International University in Phnom Penh, said the move would inject fresh impetus into China-Africa ties. "Through this staunch support, the friendly relations and cooperation between China and Africa will be deeper-rooted," he said, noting that China has been the biggest investor and donor to the continent for

decades. "China is a friend that Africa can count on."

Over the past decade, China has provided a large amount of development assistance to Africa and helped build more than 6,000 km of railway, over 6,000 km of highway, and 80-plus large power facilities on the continent." Xi said at a meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in August. Cavince Adhere, a Kenya based international relations scholar, noted that "as a developing country,"

Xinhua

## Egypt says Ethiopia's filling of Nile dam violation of tripartite deal

CAIRO

EGYPT said on Sunday that Ethiopia's filling of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) reservoir without a consensus with Egypt and Sudan, the two downstream countries, is a violation of the Declaration of Principles, a previously signed tripartite deal.

On Sunday, Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced on social media X, formerly known as Twitter, the completion of the fourth and final filling of the GERD reservoir. "This is a violation by Ethiopia of the Declaration of Principles signed by the three sides in 2015," the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The Declaration of Principles stipulates that the three countries must agree on the rules for filling and

operating the GERD before commencing the filling process, the ministry stressed. It added that taking such unilateral measures constitutes a disregard for the interests and rights of the downstream countries and their water security under the rules of international law. "This move and its negative effects place a burden on the resumed negotiations, which have been set for four months to conclude," the ministry said. On Aug. 28, the Egyptian Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation announced that the latest round of negotiations on the GERD dispute concluded in Cairo with no "tangible results." Ethiopia started filling the dam in 2020 despite the opposition of Egypt and Sudan, which eventually led to the suspension of relevant tripartite negotiations in 2021.

## 'Proud to be strategic partner and friend of India'

NEW DELHI

LAUDING India for the "well-organised" G20 Summit and work done during its presidency, UAE Ambassador to India Abdullnasser Jamal Alshaali has said that his country is very proud to be a part of the process and "very proud to be a strategic partner and friend of India".

In an interview with ANI, the envoy also lauded the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, saying it will help connect markets of different countries.

"Very well done, India's G20 team and the Indian Government on a very well organised not only G20 Summit but the entire process. We are very proud to be a part of this process. We are very proud to be a strategic partner and friend of India," he said.

He said many engagements took place on the sidelines of the G20 Summit.

"Very successful! You could see it from all the bilateral, trilateral and multilateral engagements that took place on the sidelines of the G20 Summit. Besides the G20 itself, the consensus that was arrived at the Declaration was a process that started quite some time ago to make sure that the Declaration was a Declaration worthy of the Indian presidency of the G20," he said.

The UAE Ambassador said that the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor will provide many opportunities.

"The significance is in connecting the markets of those countries as well as the markets of other countries. We want to capitalise on what we can do together - our expertise, our capacity, our capabilities - not only in terms of research and development & investment but also the opportunities in the various fields of cooperation and collaboration that we can work on together, connecting our markets to other markets," he said.

UAE was a special invitee at the G20 summit held in the national capital on September 9 and 10.

India, USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, Italy and the European Union have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden co-chaired a special event on the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) on September 9 on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in New Delhi.

The event aimed at unlocking greater investment for infrastructure development and strengthening connectivity in its various dimensions between India, the Middle East and Europe.

Leaders of the European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Mauritius, UAE and Saudi Arabia, as also the World Bank, participated in the event.

PGII is a developmental initiative aimed at narrowing the infrastructure gap in developing countries as well as help towards accelerating the progress on SDGs globally.

The IMEC comprises of an Eastern Corridor connecting India to the Gulf region and a Northern Corridor connecting the Gulf region to Europe. It will include a railway and ship-rail transit network and road transport routes.

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## Death toll from Morocco earthquake nears 2,500

RABAT / MOULAY BRAHIM

THE death toll from the deadly earthquake in Morocco has risen to 2,497, with another 2,467 people injured, according to the latest update from the Moroccan Interior Ministry yesterday.

Rescue and relief efforts are continuing to access the hardest hit mountainous regions as roads leading up there were blocked by dislodged rocks.

The situation on the ground posed a vast challenge to search and rescue efforts, said Caroline Holt, director of disaster, climate and crises for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on Sunday, identifying "getting heavy machinery into those remote areas" as a "priority."

Many people were spending a third night in the open after the 6.8 magnitude quake hit late on Friday. Morocco said it may accept relief offers from other countries and will work to coordinate them if needed, according to state TV.

The damage done to Morocco's cultural heritage became more evident as local media reported the collapse of a historically important 12th century mosque. The quake also damaged parts of Marrakech old city, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

In Moulay Brahim, a village 40 km south of Marrakech, residents described how they dug the dead from the rubble using their bare hands. On a hillside overlooking the village, residents buried a 45-year-old woman who had died along with her 18-year-



People shelter in tents after their homes were damaged by the earthquake, in the town of Amizmiz, near Marrakech, Morocco on Sunday. AP

old son, a woman sobbing loudly as the body was lowered into the grave.

As he retrieved possessions from his damaged home, Hussein Adnaie said he believed people were still buried in the rubble nearby.

"They didn't get the rescue they needed so they died. I rescued my children and I'm trying to get covers for them and anything to wear from the house," Adnaie said.

Yassin Noumghar, 36, complained of shortages of water, food and power, saying he had received little government aid so far.

"We lost everything, we lost the entire house," Noumghar said. "We want just for our government to help us."

Later, sacks of food were unloaded from a truck which local official Mouhamad al-Hayyan said had been organized by the government and civil society organizations.

Twenty-five bodies had been brought to the village's small clinic, according to staff.

With many homes built of mud bricks and

timber or cement and breeze blocks, structures crumbled easily. It was Morocco's deadliest earthquake since 1960 when a quake was estimated to have killed at least 12,000 people.

In the badly hit village of Amizmiz, residents watched as rescuers used a mechanical digger on a collapsed house.

"They are looking for a man and his son. One of them might still be alive," said Hassan Halouch, a retired builder.

The team eventually recovered only bodies.

The army, mobilized to help the rescue effort, set up a camp with tents for the homeless. With most shops damaged or closed, residents struggled to get food and supplies.

"We're still waiting for tents. We haven't had anything yet," said Mohammed Nejjar, a labourer who was folding his blanket in a makeshift shelter constructed with bits of wood. "I had a little food offered by one man but that's all since the earthquake. You can't see a single shop open here and people are frightened to

go inside in case the roof falls down."

The quake's epicentre was 72 km southwest of Marrakech, a city beloved by Moroccans and foreign tourists for its medieval mosques, palaces and seminaries richly adorned with vivid mosaic tiling amid a labyrinth of rose-hued alleyways.

The government said on Sunday it has set up a fund for those affected by the earthquake. The government has also said it is reinforcing search-and-rescue teams, providing drinking water and distributing food, tents and blankets. The World Health Organization said more than 300,000 people have been affected by the disaster.

Spain said 56 officers and four sniffer dogs have arrived in Morocco, while a second team of 30 people and four dogs was heading there. Britain said it was deploying 60 search-and-rescue specialists and four dogs on Sunday, as well as a four-person medical assessment team. Qatar also said its search-and-rescue team departed for Morocco.

US President Joe Biden expressed his "sadness about the loss of life and devastation" caused by the quake.

"We stand ready to provide any necessary assistance to the Moroccan people," Biden told a news conference in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Agencies

## Seize opportunities for better future of Chinese science fiction

BY LIU CIXIN

I ventured into the realm of science fiction creation, deeply inspired by the wonders of science.

I can still vividly recall the exhilaration I felt when reading the news of the first landing by humans on the moon in my childhood. Over the years, I have imagined countless scenarios of Chinese astronauts walking in space. Now, when I see the frequent launches of the Shenzhou spaceships, and watch Chinese astronauts on space missions on TV, I am occasionally overwhelmed by a surreal feeling - are these truly happening?

In recent years, China's science fiction industry embraced rapid development and received wide attention. This couldn't have happened without the overall progress of society, including advancements in the aerospace industry and the wide application of Internet technologies. We are amid rapid modernization, industrialization and digitalization, with opportunities and hopes, as well as pressure and challenges. We marvel at the wonders of science, and expect science and technology to bring a better life to human beings. These all provide a fertile ground for the prosperity of the science fiction industry.

Science, the source of strength for science fiction

Science fiction is an outcome of the modern scientific and technological revolution. In the early 19th century, scientific and technological advancement promoted industrial revolutions and triggered people's imagination and aspirations for the future. That was how science fiction literature came into being.

As mankind entered the age of electricity from the age of steam between the 1920s and 1960s, the progress of science and technology once again demonstrated the overwhelming power to change the world. The revolution in physics, represented by the theory of relativity and quantum mechanics, has brought people whole new horizons. People's admiration for the power of science and the longing for the future reached a climax during this period, leading to a flourishing era for science fiction works.

Based on science, science fiction creates a sci-fi universe different from the real world. Although science fiction writers imagine the future worlds, they aim not to predict them. It doesn't really matter whether a science fiction book's predictions come true in the future when evaluating its quality. Many science fiction writers, including myself, intentionally choose

settings that are unlikely to be realized to tell stories, and use novel perspectives to show the wonders and marvels of science, thus allowing people to experience the beauty of science.

After 200 years of development, countless science fiction works have already envisioned the future in various ways, and it is sometimes questioned whether science fiction will continue to be creative in the future. In my opinion, the creativity of science fiction is infinite. Even traditional themes can be revitalized, depending on how you portray them.

For example, the classic science fiction short story "A Walk in the Sun" depicts a sole survivor of a terrible crash landing on the moon, who must keep walking continually on the surface of the moon to stay in the sunlight with a wing-like solar panel, in order to stay alive. This is a straightforward narrative with a classic moon landing theme, yet it is amazingly well-written.

In my perspective, as China's aerospace technology continues to advance, it would be a big hit to use a "micro-realism" approach to depict how an engineering team builds a space power station and a lunar base.

Moreover, with progress in science, new fields will constantly emerge, offering new themes for science fiction. Highly developed modern scientific



Chinese science fiction writer Liu Cixin (File photo)

fields, such as physics, cosmology, and molecular biology, show us a more magical, broader, and more unpredictable universe and nature, which contain rich resources for science fiction creation. However, they also make basic science today more complicated in theory and more difficult in mathematical expression, which is hard for non-professionals to understand.

How to fully tap into these resources is a great challenge for science fiction writers, and also a hope for the development of science fiction literature.

In the face of the unknown, science fiction should always present fresh, original and surprising concepts to keep readers interested. To achieve this, science fiction writers should always maintain a young mindset, keeping their imagination in sync with the times.

To release beauty from scientific equations  
Expanding people's imagination is an important mission of science fiction. The well-known "Gravity," a very pure science fiction movie, shows us that for science fiction creation, the most important thing for the creators is to have

a poetic feeling towards the universe. Good science fiction works present to us a drop of water from a perspective of the vast ocean, bringing people out of their limited vision to experience a broader world beyond reality.

Science is the source of strength for science fiction, while the beauty of science is often confined within scientific equations.

Ordinary people need to make tremendous efforts to catch a glimpse of its brilliance. But once it is presented, its impact and power of purification to our soul are immense, which is difficult to be achieved by other genres of literature. Science fiction is a bridge to the beauty of science, releasing this beauty from equations and presenting it to the public.

The success of science fiction largely depends on the attraction of their mind-blowing imagination. The Big Bang theory of modern cosmology is spectacular and awe-inspiring. The long journey of life evolution is twisted and romantic.

The poetic view of spacetime in general relativity, the magical microcosm in quantum physics... The worldview revealed by science is far beyond our imagination. How can writers present such beauty of science?

"Macro-detail" is a technique exclusive to science fiction literature. Although every narrative needs details, the treatment of details has evolved in science fiction. I can imagine a short story - I will call it "Singularity Fireworks" - which describes a group of super-consciousnesses for whom the Big Bang is nothing more than a firework display.

The work uses a few words to depict the talks and feelings between two entities before and after the firework, yet it encompasses the history of the universe since the Big Bang in spacetime, unfolding a vision of a supra-cosmos beyond our universe.

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# SPORT

## Morogoro Boys triumph in 2023 TCA U-18 40 Overs League

By Guardian Reporter

MOROGORO Boys' cricketers put stellar showing to triumph in the 2023 Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) U-18 40 Overs League that came to a close in Tanga last week.

The showpiece, which involved five teams of U-18 cricketers, took place at Usagara ground as TCA strives to improve the promotion of the sport across the country.

Morogoro Boys wound up the showpiece in an impressive fashion as the youngsters commanded a 26-run drubbing of Arusha Boys.

Having won the toss and chose to bat first, Morogoro Boys went on to post 211/5 in 40 overs, with promising cricketers, Augustine Mwamele, and Romani Adinani leading the batting attack.

The duo was the best-performing cricketers when the squad took the crease, in which Mwamele posted 85 runs and Adinani made his way back with 72 runs.

Adinani and Mwamele saw to it their squad had an upper hand, despite having had a wobble early on brought about by the early exit of the opener, Omary Ramadhani.

Ramadhani chipped in with 12 runs, with his plan to turn into a force to reckon with at the crease having been foiled by Arusha Boys' Bilget Colman.

Shabani Hamisi was the squad's other cricketer with the two-digit figure, making his way back with 13 runs.

January Joseph and



Morogoro Boys' cricketers are pictured upon the completion of this year's edition of the Tanzania Cricket Association U-18 40 Overs League that took place in Tanga recently. Morogoro Boys won the five-team showpiece's top honour. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

Ramadhani Ammy returned with bat in hand but they could not notch two-digit figures.

The youngsters' total was to some extent improved by extra runs given away by Arusha Boys, which included one bye, four leg byes, and 14 wides.

Arusha Boys' promising cricketer, Issa Safari, took two wickets giving away 38 runs in seven overs and he was the only one with significant showing during their turn with the ball.

Arusha Boys, thereafter, batted with plenty of zeal seeking to get down to a successful chase, reaching 212 runs however happened to be a daunting task given the youngsters managed to amass 185/10 in 34 overs.

Morogoro Boys' bowling unit led by Ally Chombo ran rings around Arusha Boys' batsmen, with Chombo ending with the most impressive contribution after posting four wickets.

In Chombo's eight-over stint, the bowler had one maiden over, leaked 30 runs, and garnered a 3.75 economy rate.

Ramadhani Ammy piled misery on the Arusha Boys' batting unit, chipping in with two wickets in his six overs that had the cricketer making his way back with the 5.17 economy rate.

Morogoro Boys also had a clean sweep of prizes handed over to the showpiece's best performers.

Adinani walked away with the Best Batsman award and fellow cricketer, Ally Chombo, took the Best Bowler award.

Mwamele, once again, enjoyed the limelight given the cricketer grabbed the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament award.

The TCA Media & Communication officer, Atif Salim, stated: "The tournament has, for a long time, been pending due to school commitments facing many players and it has been completed as we had school holidays last week."

"The showdown is part of the process to prepare our development boys for the longer version of the game as we look to strengthen and showcase a good performance on next year's ICC Africa U-19 qualifiers," Salim pointed out.

Tanga Combine, Tanga Boys, and Dar Boys completed the list of the U-18 sides that battled it out in the 2023 TCA U-18 40 Overs League.

All five teams were in action throughout the week and completed the remaining games of the tournament.

## SPORTS

## All's well that ends well, as Taifa Stars hold Algeria to qualify

By Correspondent John Kimbute

ORDINARILY, we spend more time in life or daily experiences analyzing failures and shortcomings, but it also happens that success has to be explained rather than taken for granted.

The scoreless draw that Taifa Stars obtained against the Desert Foxes (?) of Algeria placed the side firmly in the qualification, as no result by Uganda, the nearest rivals, could have changed anything.

It is the second time this situation has arisen with the hiatus during the last time we played them.

Suspensions have been aired here and there as to the possible use of diplomacy, but as it was in the previous instance, the math quite simply does not add up.

During the second half, the host side coach brought in all the big guns left on the bench during the first half, including ex-Manchester City star Riyad Mahrez.

If they did not wish to win, why not field a spirited substitute side for all 90 minutes to excite?

Even with the qualification in the bag, there was prestige the host side played for.

It is hence evident that Algeria wished to win but they could not have put up a magnificent fighting spirit, precisely as it was with Uganda four years ago when they were just as lackluster, and as they are not as strong as Algeria, we won 3-0.

These comparisons are relevant as in both cases the two sides played for prestige having won the qualification, in which case Taifa Stars won the battle of wits in both cases, that to defeat them one has to wish to win, ardently.

A lackluster wish for victory while not feeling any such urgency has worked twice to our advantage.

The real difficulty would be in explaining where Uganda failed, as it defeated Taifa Stars at the Benjamin Mkapa in their away, then proceeded to lose their home game in Cairo.

Some pundits are convinced that the Ugandan side suffered for not using their home ground as their various stadia need uplifting to meet acute standards of the international federation, FIFA.

This position has its merits merely on the outside, that we all need the home ground to do our best, but it isn't sufficient.

The clincher to this lack of conviction is the fact that the Cranes won at the Benjamin Mkapa in Dar es Salaam, as they proved to be more at home than the local side if one plays on that note.

In that case, they had no reason to lose



Tanzania's senior national soccer team 'Taifa Stars' head coach, Adel Amrouche. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

morale or fail to use the spurious accolade that they were on home ground when they met Taifa Stars in Cairo, as that was neutral ground for both sides.

There was a psychological failing there, in the usual rule that they had defeated Stars at home; they had nothing to fear there.

Using an expert formulation, 'everything else remaining equal', this is where Uganda lost the qualification and Tanzania won since the two sides used their final qualification clashes to the very best.

Uganda needed to win over Niger, in a match played at Marrakesh in Morocco to have any chance of proceeding, hinging on Tanzania losing to Algeria, also on the whole 'predictable'.

Tanzania, though, did what was needed, forcing a goalless draw with the host side, a far superior team.

Uganda fans will have berated not their team as it put in a clean 2-0 win over Niger in its final turnout for the qualification but Algeria, failing to put at least one goal past Taifa Stars goalie, Beno Kakolanya.

That would be a bit misplaced, for there was no diplomacy between Uganda and Algeria that they help the East African side clinch the qualification.

In that case, Taifa Stars remains an underdog in African soccer but they have improved enough to win on psychological technicalities, winning on neutral ground in Cairo.

At that point, the issue comes back to explaining the qualification so soon after last time reaching the AFCON finals with Nigerian tactician and ex-Barcelona star Emmanuel Amunike.

The last time before Amunike was 40 years earlier, and even with the popular Marcio Maximo we did not qualify, or the Poulsen pair who frankly laid the ground for Taifa

Stars modernization both in senior and junior teams, we did not qualify. Even with this new feat, we are still counting our lucky stars.

What one can see in the days and months ahead is a consolidation of the team and pattern of play that qualified, with the likely addition of Mbwana Samatta who was away with injury.

With the criticism over leaving out star players at the Msimbazi Street side to experiment with others even if they feature for good clubs dying out, and the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) being roundly congratulated for an excellent organization that has permitted clinching the qualification, scarcely anyone will be calling for improving the side. It may start looking out of place even to raise such questions.

It may be affirmed that the Simba SC backline is composed of local players, namely goalkeeper Ali Salim (TFF may return Aishi Manula out of respect for the fans if he retakes his first-choice position in the club) but may not yield on Salum only for reasons of prejudice, that he is still young.

Nor will they relent on Shomari Kapombe and Mohammed Hussein 'Tshabalala,' whom an online chronicler says was Tanzania's best defender for 2021/2022.

So the failings of the current side that has won over lackluster opposition as Uganda looked the other way in Cairo and Algeria was not in the mood to fight it out will go as it is.

Later we shall learn why a national team needs its best 18 players in the squad, without prejudice.

## NBC Premier League clubs in intensive drills ahead of top-flight return

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MAINLAND Tanzania's NBC Premier League teams continue to engage in intensive drills ahead of the league's return in various venues across the country this week.

Domestic soccer momentarily paused to pave the way for the FIFA international break as players took part in national squad duties in Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers.

Some teams have been playing friendly matches to keep their players fit and ready for the league's third round.

Premier League defending champion Yanga, which currently leads the top-flight table via a superior goal average whilst amassing six points, will play the away match against Ihefu SC, slated for October 4.

The league duel will be honoured after Yanga engages in a double-header against Al Merrikh SC of Sudan in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round.

Azam FC will play the squad's next friendly match in Arusha this week after defeating Artar Solar 7 of Djibouti 2-1 in an international friendly tie at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

The ice cream makers, despite being

eliminated in the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup, have had a good ride in the Premier League after winning two of their opening fixtures.

Azam FC head coach Youssouph Dabo already declared that his club is now fully focusing on winning the

Premier League title, insisting the league is a showdown his footballers' energy has been directed to after a good response.

However, in the third round of the contest, Azam FC will continue to stay at the club's Azam Complex Stadium to welcome Singida Fountain Gate FC which is still hunting for maximum points.

In other fixtures, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC will host JKT Tanzania at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Elsewhere, Dodoma Jiji FC will entertain Mtibwa Sugar at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma whereas debutant, Mashujaa FC, has been pitted against Ihefu SC in a duel set to take place at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma.

Kagera Sugar will host Geita Gold FC at Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera while in the other fixture, Simba SC is set to take on Coastal Union at Uhuru Stadium in the city.

## Anwar shines as Patel Brotherhood A downs Annadil Burhani in 2023 DC 20 Overs Cup

By Guardian Reporter

KASHIF Anwar blasted 101 runs not out to guide Patel Brotherhood A to a comprehensive 60-run drubbing of Annadil Burhani in this season's Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 20 Overs Cup tournament clash recently.

Patel Brotherhood A is, consequently, sitting third in Group C of the tournament after amassing the -0.9749 net run rate from one win and defeat in two outings.

Annadil Burhani restricted Patel Brotherhood A to 184/2 in the scheduled 20 overs of the encounter, which was held at Leaders Club venue, after the former had won the toss and opted to field.

Annadil Burhani's bowling unit struck early on in the opening over, taking the wicket of Patel Brotherhood A's Keyur Patel, who returned to the pavilion with a mere run after seven balls.

Experienced all-rounder, Athumani Kakonzi, thereafter sought to realize steadiness for Patel Brotherhood A with his 21 runs which included three boundaries and a six.

Youthful cricketer, Acrey Pascal, later formed a solid unbeaten partnership with Anwar as the former ended with 53 runs not out which included seven boundaries and a sixer.

Pascal's experienced batting partner was equally in great form, cracking eight fours and seven sixes in his impressive stint at the crease to end with the century.

Annadil Burhani's bowling unit leaked eight extras, which included one leg bye and seven wides, to somewhat boost Patel Brotherhood A's total.

Key players, Mufaddal Patel, registered one wicket as was the case



Patel Brotherhood A's cricketer, Kashif Anwar (L), receives the Player of the Match prize from Unisoft Rising Stars' skipper, Amritbir Singh, once the cricketer's club took on Annadil Burhani in 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 20 Overs Cup tournament clash recently. Anwar scored his maiden century in the clash and catapulted the club to victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

with Firoz Hatim Dahodwala to end as the bowling side's bowlers that had made their presence felt-claiming Keyur and Kakonzi's scalps.

In response, reaching 185 runs from 20 overs to emerge victorious turned out to be a tall order for Annadil Burhani's cricketers, considering they ended up notching 124/9 in 20 overs.

Annadil Burhani's cricketers' chase was dealt a blow earlier, given there was the opener Quresh Karimjee's early exit, as the cricketer made his way back with a mere four runs.

The fellow opening batsman, Mufaddal Seifuddin, had Annadil Burhani seeking to stay in control given the cricketer ended eight runs short of a half-century, clearing the boundary on four occasions.

Adnan Zariwala, Aliasghar Shk Taher Jafferji, and Adnan Karimjee did all they could to see to it the batting team piled runs, having notched two-digit figures.

Zariwala made his way back with 26 runs, Jafferji scored 15 runs, and Karimjee posted 12 runs.

Failure by the remainder of Annadil Burhani's batsmen turned out to be a setback to the club's efforts to reach the target.

Experienced leg spinner, Kakonzi, and fellow bowler Dhavalkumar Patel led Patel Brotherhood A's bowling attack which, in the end, kept Annadil Burhani in check.

Kakonzi notched two wickets, as was the case with Patel, whereas Riteshkumar Tailor posted one wicket.

Patel Brotherhood A, therefore, is trailing the group leader, Specialized K&P A, which has a 1.4356 net run rate after emerging victorious in all three ties it participated in.

The other seasoned campaigner, Union SC, sits second in Group C having collected the 4.2250 net run rate following victory in two outings.

Caravans C and Annadil Burhani come fourth and fifth respectively in Group C. Caravans C has managed to post the -1.9750 net run rate from two defeats.

Bottom-placed Annadil Burhani is without a victory in two ties, settling for the -2.9500 net run rate.

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## Klinsmann in trouble after seven months and no wins with South Korea

SEOUL

SOUTH Korea face Saudi Arabia in a friendly at Newcastle United's St James' Park on Tuesday with Jurgen Klinsmann under severe pressure after a wretched start as coach.

The German legend was only appointed in February but his South Korea side have failed to win in the five games since, losing twice and drawing three times.

The latest disappointment was a drab 0-0 stalemate away at an equally off-colour Wales last week, after which skipper Son Heung-min came to the defence of 59-year-old Klinsmann.

"I understand where fans come from, as someone who's been on the national team for a long time," the Tottenham Hotspur forward told reporters in Cardiff.

"I am not saying the coach is always right, but I also don't think fans are always right either."

South Korea reached the last 16 of the Qatar World Cup before being outclassed 4-1 by Brazil, after which coach Paulo Bento said he would not carry on.

The Korea Football Association launched a protracted search for his successor before settling on Klinsmann, a World Cup winner as a player but whose coaching career has never hit the same heights.

Many South Korean fans were underwhelmed by the appointment and performances since have only added to those misgivings. Klinsmann, whose previous coaching job was a short stint with Hertha Berlin more than three years ago, started with a 2-2 home draw with Colombia, before home defeats to Uruguay and Peru.

Then came a 1-1 home draw with El Salvador and the goalless stalemate with Wales, the result and listless nature of the performance piling the pressure on former United States coach Klinsmann.

Despite boasting Asia's finest attacker in the talisman Son, South Korea conjured up just one shot on target against the 35th-ranked

Welsh.

South Korea have scored four times in five matches under Klinsmann, who was a prolific striker as a player in his pomp.

- Negligent? -

But it is what the former Germany skipper and coach is doing off the pitch that has equally angered fans.

South Korean supporters and media accuse him of reneging on a pledge to move to the country, saying he spends more time at home in California than he does in South Korea.

Klinsmann's media duties away from the South Korea job have also been touted by critics as more evidence that he is not sufficiently committed to the job.

Choi Dong-ho, a commentator and director of the Center for Sports Culture research group, said Klinsmann appeared "negligent".

"Considering his limited familiarity with Korean players, he should at least be watching all K League games in person rather than being 'briefed' by other coaches while he stays abroad," said Choi.

Failure to beat Saudi Arabia, who are ranked 54th in the world to South Korea's 28, would leave Klinsmann clinging to his job after less than seven months in charge.

"Klinsmann's seeming lack of urgency in light of poor performances hasn't sat well with South Korean fans, many of whom have already begun calling for the German tactician's head," Yonhap news agency said on Monday.

Klinsmann insists that the team is in transition and his focus is on the Asian Cup, which takes place in Qatar in January-February.

"How prepared are they mentally for a big tournament? Can they deal with all the pressure, all the expectations and all those different elements?" Klinsmann said after the Wales draw.

"It's a growing process," he added. "And I'm pleased overall with what the players showed, and we'll keep growing game by game."

AFP

## Dutch edge out Ireland, Poland beaten in Albania

LONDON

WOUT Weghorst scored a second-half winner as the Netherlands beat Ireland 2-1 in Dublin to boost their Euro 2024 qualifying hopes on Sunday, while Poland lost for the third time in qualifying against Albania.

Ronald Koeman's Dutch side had to come back from behind against a spirited Ireland but did enough to stay in the second qualifying spot in Group B behind France.

They are level on points with third-placed Greece who have played an extra match and thrashed Gibraltar 5-0.

The Netherlands were stunned inside the first five minutes when Adam Idah scored a penalty awarded for handball against Virgil van Dijk.

But Ireland's momentum was halted in the 19th minute when a mistake from Matt Doherty led to Denzel Dumfries being brought down by home goalkeeper Gavin Bazunu.

Cody Gakpo stepped up to put away the spot-kick and score for the second time in the international break.

Bazunu made a good save to keep out an effort from Donyell Malen before half-time but the Netherlands did take the lead in the 56th minute when Weghorst fired home from Dumfries' header across goal.

Ireland could not summon a late push for an equaliser and remain fourth in the table, six points behind the Dutch with only three matches left.

In Tirana, Poland's bid to qualify for a fifth straight European Championship suffered another blow with a 2-0 loss.

Albania moved to the top of Group E, two points above the

Czech Republic and surprise package Moldova, with Poland two points further behind in fourth.

Jasir Asani, who plays his club football for Gwangju in South Korea, sent Albania on their way to a massive victory with a magnificent left-footed strike from outside the right-hand side of the area.

Mirlind Daku secured the three points by adding a second goal just after the hour mark.

The other game in the group saw Moldova continue their remarkable bid to qualify with a 1-0 win over the Faroe Islands in their first qualifier since shocking Poland in June.

- Hojbjerg downs Finland - Denmark, semi-finalists at Euro 2020, took a big step towards qualification from Group H as Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg's 86th-minute strike grabbed a 1-0 away win over Finland.

The Danes jumped a point above their beaten opponents into the top two, level with Slovenia who saw off San Marino 4-0.

"The goal was a relief and this was a very important win for us. Finland are a good team and they did not make it easy for us," said Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand.

The top four teams in the group are separated by just a single point after Kazakhstan kept their bid to reach a maiden major tournament alive with a 1-0 success against Northern Ireland.

Aleksandar Mitrovic scored a first-half hat-trick as Serbia beat Lithuania 3-1 to stay on course for next year's finals in Germany.

Serbia sit second in Group G, two points ahead of Montenegro who kept pace thanks to Stevan Jovetic's 96th-minute winner in a 2-1 victory over Bulgaria.

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# Spanish football chief Rubiales resigns over kiss scandal

MADRID

SPANISH football federation president Luis Rubiales has resigned following fierce criticism for kissing Jenni Hermoso on the lips at the Women's World Cup victory ceremony.

The already suspended Rubiales sent his resignation to the federation's interim president, he said in an open letter, and also explained his decision to eventually step down in a television interview.

"I'm going to (resign), yes, because I cannot continue my work," the 46-year-old told television show "Piers Morgan Uncensored".

"(Family and friends) say to me, 'Luis, you need to focus on your dignity and continue your life. If not you are going to damage people you love and the sport you love.'"

Rubiales sparked a worldwide backlash after forcibly kissing midfielder Hermoso during the medal ceremony following Spain's World Cup triumph in Sydney on August 20.

After he refused to resign, FIFA provisionally suspended him for 90 days, while Spanish public prosecutors have filed a lawsuit against him for alleged sexual assault and coercion.

Hermoso, 33, had filed a complaint at the National Court on Tuesday, formally accusing Rubiales of sexual assault.

In an open letter published by Rubiales on Sunday night, he said he had informed the federation he was also stepping down as a vice-president of European football governing body UEFA.

"After the swift suspension carried out by FIFA, plus the rest of the procedures opened against me, it is evident that I will not be able to return to my position," said Rubiales in the letter.

"Insisting on waiting and clinging to it is not going to contribute to anything positive, neither for the federation nor for Spanish football.

"Among other things, because there are powers that be that will pre-



vent my return."

Rubiales, who insists the kiss was consensual, said he did not want Spanish football to be hurt by "such a disproportionate campaign" against him.

"I have faith in the truth and I will do everything in my power so that it prevails," he wrote.

Rubiales said his departure would contribute "stability" to the 2030 men's World Cup bid in which Spain are involved.

As the pressure ramped up in recent weeks on him to quit, Rubiales' mother Angeles Bejar went on a hunger strike in protest, locking herself in a church.

- 'It's Over' -

Some Spanish politicians hailed Rubiales' downfall.

"We are with you, Jenni, and with all women," said second deputy prime minister Yolanda Diaz on social media platform X, formerly Twitter.

Spain's equality minister Irene Montero wrote "It's Over" on X, a slogan used by Hermoso and her fellow

players in protest against Rubiales.

Over 80 players went on strike from the women's team in protest after Rubiales' fierce defensive speech following the incident, in which he had railed against "false feminism" and said he would not step down.

The players said they would not return until the leadership of the RFEF (Spanish football federation) was changed.

Controversial women's coach Jorge Vilda was sacked on Tuesday in the fallout from the scandal.

The RFEF, under interim president Pedro Rocha, also apologised for the "totally unacceptable behaviour" of Rubiales.

Vilda's former assistant Montserrat Tome is the new coach - it is the first time a woman has led the team.

Spain's women's team are due to play Nations League matches against Sweden and Switzerland on September 22 and 26 respectively.

- Legal action - Spanish prosecutors' lawsuit

against Rubiales will be analysed by a National Court judge.

If the judge accepts the request, a magistrate will be assigned to head an investigation which will end either with a recommendation for the case to go to trial or be dismissed.

Australian police told AFP on Monday they were willing to help with an investigation, but that a report had not yet been referred to them.

Hermoso, who plays for Mexican club Pachuca, has said the unwanted kiss left her feeling "vulnerable and like the victim of an assault", with a statement on social media describing it as "an impulsive, macho act, out of place and with no type of consent on my part".

She has also accused Rubiales of pressuring her to speak out in his defence immediately after the furor over the kiss erupted, which prosecutors said could be considered a crime of coercion

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## Luis Rubiales, from union boss to Spain's football federation chief

MADRID

SPAIN'S football federation chief Luis Rubiales, who on Sunday said he will resign following the scandal over his kiss on the lips of a Women's World Cup player, is a former attacking midfielder who went on to become a combative players' union head.

The controversial 46-year-old has been under fire after he cupped star player Jenni Hermoso's head and forcefully kissed her after Spain beat England 1-0 in the World Cup final in Australia last month.

Born on Spain's Canary Islands but raised in Motril on the country's Mediterranean coast, Rubiales played for various lower division teams before finishing his football career in 2009 at Scotland's Hamilton Academical.

"He was a modern defender, physically very strong. He liked to attack. He was always a model of dedication and loyalty with everyone," former Levante coach Manolo Preciado once said of Rubiales, who played for the Valencia-based side between 2003 and 2008.

At Levante, Rubiales led a player revolt against unpaid wages, possibly inheriting a taste for public life from his father who served as the Socialist mayor of Motril in the mid-1990s.

The team went on strike and the players eventually collected their wages, a success that likely encouraged him to fight for his colleagues at Spanish football players' union AFE which he headed between 2010 and 2017.

Under his watch AFE called two national players' strikes - in 2011 and 2015 - and oversaw the creation of a fund to cover unpaid salaries. He also persuaded La Liga to agree to pay AFE a percentage of its TV broadcast rights.

- 'Win for sure' -

His first clashes with La Liga president Javier Tebas began during this time, and they continued when Rubiales was elected president of the football federation in 2018.

Tebas once said he felt Rubiales was "not qualified" for the post.

Rubiales defeated Juan Luis Larrea, the federation's former treasurer and interim chief, in the election to become president.



Spanish football federation chief Luis Rubiales carries player Athenea del Castillo after Spain won the Women's World Cup in Australia. Agencies

Larea had taken the post on a temporary basis after the federation's longtime president, Angel Maria Villar, was suspended on suspicion of embezzlement and other offences.

"I'm going to win for sure," Rubiales, a divorced father of three girls, told reporters before the vote.

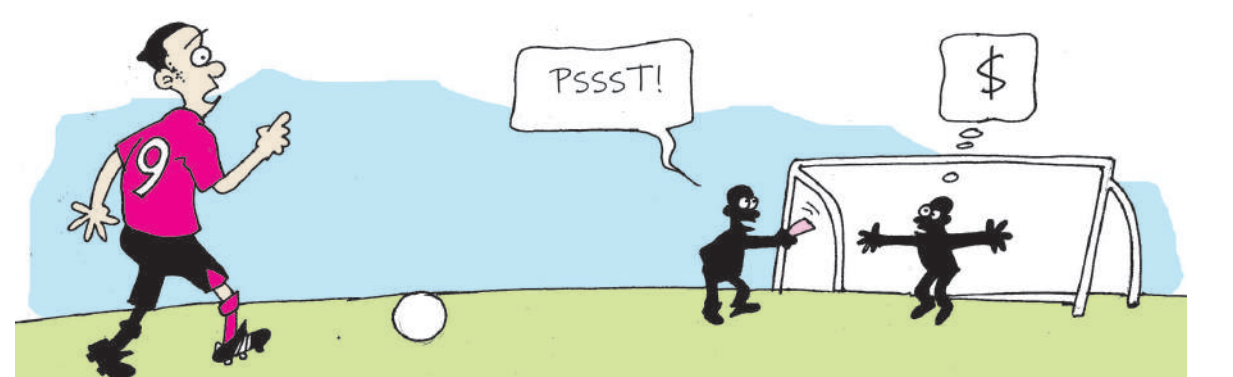
Shortly after he was elected, Rubiales in a surprise move sacked Spain's men's national coach Julen Lopetegui just two days before the start of the 2018 World Cup.

Re-elected president of the federation in 2020, Rubiales angered Spanish football traditionalists by expanding Spain's Super Cup contest between the league champions and Copa del Rey winners to a four-team format.

He also faced a huge backlash for signing a lucrative deal to play the competition in Saudi Arabia, which is frequently accused of human rights abuses.

- 'Falsehoods' -

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega (Front row, L) is pictured playing the drum at the closing of livestock system forum held in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Mbeya City FC, FGA win in NBC Championship

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

THE 2023/24 NBC Championship season is up and running as all but two teams were in action this past weekend, with Mbeya City FC, Pan Africans, and Fountain Gate Talents opening their campaign with victories.

Mbeya City FC, which was relegated from the NBC Premier League last season, thrashed Green Warriors 5-2 at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya on Saturday. They go top of the table courtesy of a superior goal difference.

Dar es Salaam-based Pan Africans came from behind to beat Mwanza's Copco FC 3-2 away from home at CCM Kirumba Stadium, Mwanza.

Polisi Tanzania's bid for promotion for the first time of asking started with a 1-1 away draw with Mbeya Kwanza FC at Nangwanda Sijaona Stadium in Mtwara on Saturday.

At Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha, newcomers TMA FC played out a 0-0 draw with fellow newly promoted Stand United.

Mbeya's Ken Gold FC and Transit Camp FC settled for a 1-1 draw at Sokoine Stadium on Sunday.

Sunday's third draw of the day saw hosts Mbuni FC and Biashara United share spoils following a 1-1 stalemate at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium, Arusha.

FGA Talents - which came short in the side's promotion bid last season by finishing fifth - opened the squad's campaign with a hard-fought 2-1 home victory over Ruvu Shooting at Jamhuri Stadium, Morogoro.

The NBC Championship consists of 16 teams that play on a home and away-basis.

The two top-finishing teams in the NBC Championship are automatically promoted to the NBC Premier League.

The teams that finish the season in third and fourth place enter promotion play-offs.

The two lowest-finishing teams in the NBC Championship are automatically relegated to the First League. Four other bottom teams go to relegation play-offs.

Last week, the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) announced that NBC Bank, the main sponsor of the Premier League, will also be the title sponsor of the NBC Championship this season as part of its ongoing commitment and contribution to developing and uplifting football in the country.

Consequently, the second tier of the domestic football showdowns has now been renamed the NBC Championship.

## Yanga claims clean sweep of NBC Premier League awards for August

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

YANGA has cause for a double celebration after the club was recognized in both the Coach of the Month and Player of the Month awards for August, thanks to the squad's impressive start in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League.

The club's head coach, Miguel Gamondi, and midfielder, Max Nzengeli, have bagged the Coach of the Month and Player of the Month awards respectively.

The duo was voted as winners for their outstanding performance and the awards were announced on Monday by the Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB).

Argentine coach Gamondi took home his first Coach of the Month award since joining Yanga in June, taking over from Belgo-Tunisian Nasreddine Nabi who left at the end of last season.

Yanga's good form during the month has catapulted the club into top spot on the NBC Premier League log table courtesy of a superior goal difference over title rivals Simba SC and Azam FC.

The NBC Premier League defending champion only played two league games during the month on August 23 and August 28 - with both being played at Azam Complex Stadium.

The outfit opened the top flight's title defense with a 5-0 victory over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC before beating JKT Tanzania by a similar scoreline to go top of the table.

Gamondi emerged as the winner ahead of Simba SC's Brazilian coach Roberto Oliveira and Geita Gold FC's Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco'.

Nzengeli claimed the Player of the Month award with two goals and one assist. Nzengeli who was signed at the start of this season scored and assisted against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC before adding a second goal against JKT Tanzania.

The Congolese international claimed the prize, beating his compatriot, Jean Baleke of Simba SC, and teammate, Burkinabe Stephane Aziz Ki.

The Tanzania Premier League Awards Committee has also chosen Morogoro's Manungu Stadium's Manager, Godfrey Komba, as the Best Stadium Manager for August.

He won the prize due to his ex-



Yanga's midfielder, Maxi Nzengeli, has won the 2023/24 Player of the Month award for August. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

emplary performance in various ground management duties as well as issues related to the infrastructure in the stadium.

The 2023/24 NBC Premier League will

resume this weekend following a two-week break necessitated by the FIFA international matches' window.

## Minor details to separate Simba SC from Al Ahly in AFL- official

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC Board of Directors member Mulamu Ngh'ambi believes Egypt's Al Ahly SC would hardly have preferred to be drawn against his club in the African Football League.

The 2023/24 CAF Champions League defending champion, Al Ahly SC, has been paired against Tanzania's Simba SC in the quarter-finals of the inaugural African Football League slated for October.

The first leg will take place in Dar es Salaam on October 20, before both teams lock horns in the rematch set to take place a week later in Cairo to decide the team that reaches the semi-finals.

In case Al Ahly SC makes it through, it will face either South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns or Angola's Petro de Luanda - whose participation in the competition is yet to be confirmed.

Despite Al Ahly SC legend Mahmoud Mokhtar believing Simba SC can hardly match the Egyptian club, Ngh'ambi was adamant his club has what it takes to give Al Ahly SC a hard time.

Speaking of the game, Ngh'ambi said: "The match between Al Ahly and Simba SC in the African Football League will be tough."

The official noted: "Al Ahly is a big club, and we are preparing ourselves for the game. The team has played matches in Tanzania to be ready for the anticipated match."

"Of course, we have reinforced the team with new players, who we have been following over the past five years," he stated.

"Some of them will be in the starting lineup, and we will be better and deliver a better performance than last season," the official pointed out.

The official was bullish about witnessing Simba SC playing against Al Ahly in the opening match of the African Football League.

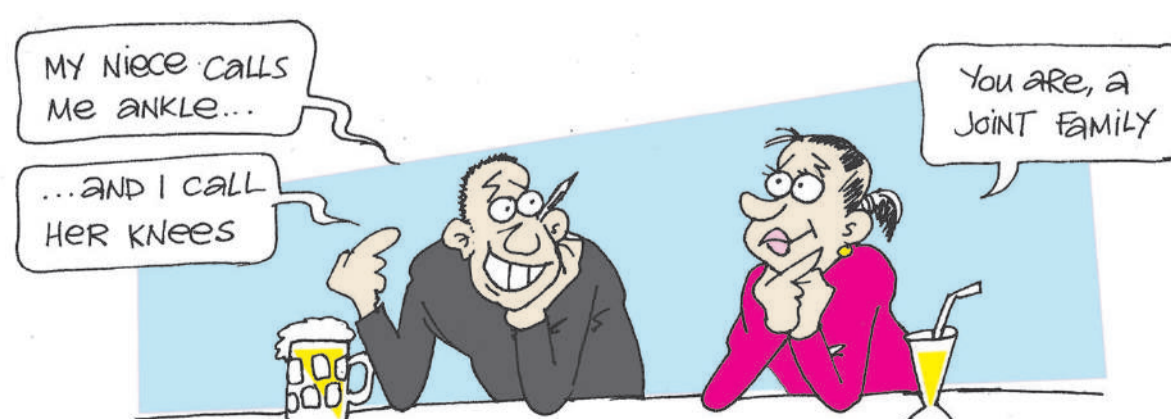
Ngh'ambi revealed: "Al Ahly is a big club and the champions of Africa, and it is a strong challenge to face them. Certainly, Al Ahly did not prefer to face Simba SC in that game."

"The match will be extremely tough, we will face a different Al Ahly with a different coach. It won't be like the match we played before, and there will be small details that will determine the winner of the match, such as technical or tactical aspects."

Before going toe-to-toe with Al Ahly, Simba SC has a 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round first leg fixture against Power Dynamos set to take place at the end of this week.

The two clubs will, later on, take on each other in the rematch in Dar es Salaam on October 1, pursuing a ticket to the premier continental club tournament's Group Stage.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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