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President Samia Suluhu Hassan presses a knob to launch Public Bar Association in Dodoma city yesterday. To her left is Constitutional and Legal Affairs minister, Dr Damas Ndumbaro, followed by Attorney General Dr Eliezer Feleshi. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Samia: Revisit investment law, take contracts to AG's office first

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the authorities responsible to revisit the law that protects investments as it has prevented the execution of three or four large projects that had matured for implementation in the country.

The president issued the directive in an address at the state attorneys' annual general meeting where she launched the attorneys' association, its logo and a revamped format of the Attorney General's Office.

She said the country has been entering various big contracts with international

companies which fail because if disputes occur, the law requires the investor to use local laws, courts or tribunals.

She deplored using local courts to threaten investors, which hinders big investors coming into the country and initiating huge projects.

"But unfortunately a dispute occurs and then you threaten that you will sue the investor," the president quipped, underlining that this harms the country's image. State Attorneys should always adhere to professional ethics and serve people with integrity, she stated, noting that for the country to attract and keep large investors, the pace of working on various

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UAE extends soft loan for power line, Z'bar housing

By Correspondent Benny Mwaipaja,

Abu Dhabi

A power transmission line in Kagera Region and the construction of low cost housing for public

employees in Zanzibar will be covered in a \$420m soft loan (979.2bn/-) extended by the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development director general, referred to the

pledge in press conference remarks following talks with a Treasury delegation.

The Benaco-Kyaka power transmission line in Kagera Region and civil servants housing were key

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CRDB Bank Plc Board chairman Dr Ally Hussein Laay (R) presents a gift to Dr Syahira Binti Hamidon, Undersecretary in the Policy and International Relations Division of Malaysia's Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives ministry, when the bank's delegation called on her at her office in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Left is CRDB Bank Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CRDB Bank board on Asia study tour

By Guardian Reporter

BOARD members and top management of CRDB Bank Plc visited Malaysia recently to learn on the country's entrepreneurship

growth, it was learnt yesterday.

Dr Ally Laay, the board chairman and leader of the delegation, said at a press conference that the visit was part of efforts to see how Tanzania can replicate the success of the

'tiger economies' of South Asia and the Far East.

Dr Syahira Hamidon, an undersecretary for policy and international relations at the

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Govt lauds TBL smart agro-sector initiatives

By Getrude Mbago

INVESTING heavily in smart and sustainable agriculture initiatives engaging the private sector closely will help create

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country's Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives held talks with the delegation.

A presentation was made on the country's entrepreneur development, with the visiting team keen to learn about how the Malaysian government and the private sector managed to establish a robust economy backed by entrepreneurs, he said.

CRDB Bank is pursuing government efforts to speed up economic growth with focus on small and medium enterprises, employing the bulk of youth and women countrywide, he stated.

"As a truly Tanzanian bank we have been working with small and medium size enterprises for many years. Our visit here is aimed at learning more on the latest good business practices that can be

imparted to SMEs," he explained.

CRDB Bank led in setting up an SME banking unit in 2005, he said, pointing out the country's estimated 3.2m micro, small and medium-sized businesses contribute 27 percent of the gross domestic product and employ more than 5m people, he said.

Abdumajid Nsekela, the CEO, said as a leading bank with a strong SME segment, it wants to take SME operators to global standards to facilitate competition.

"We came to Malaysia because it's an ideal place where SMEs have played a key role in the growth of the Asian Tiger's economy," he stated.

The visit by top management and the board was an aspect of efforts to back government efforts in speeding up economic growth with a strong SME segment, he added.



Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman opens the Italy-Zanzibar Business Forum meeting in Zanzibar on Wednesday on behalf of Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi. Photo: ZFPVO

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legal disputes need to be quickened, before sending them to court.

She also directed that from now onwards no contract will be signed engaging the government without seeking approval from the office of the Attorney General, to avoid unnecessary disputes.

The government has been entering into disputes due to contracts being signed without engaging the keeper of the government law seal, she said, pointing at situations where the person who signed the contract has retired or passed away when the dispute arises.

"The burden remains to those who are present but unaware of the details of the contract. This is why we should stop this and engage the AG in every contract," she said.

This was part of a wider appeal by the president for law organs to timely dispense justice and resolve people's grievances at the grassroots level for confidence building and trust.

She pointed at instances of collision between the offices of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General, saying that there was need to address the situation.

Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Juma said in his remarks that there are laws impeding national development, bemoaning the lack of interest in government circles for climate change law and fostering

renewable energy.

Attorney General Dr Eliezer Feleshi explained why the government often loses cases in court, affirming the lack of collaboration among a section of government officials.

"The government has been losing cases abroad due to lack of involvement of key stakeholders, making the cases take long," he said.

Dr Damas Ndumbaro, the Justice and Constitutional Affairs minister, said that lawyers are the main executors of court activity and lawful state custodians in contracts where international tribunals are involved.

The president emphasized that to stand up for justice, officials must listen to people's queries, listen to complaints or discuss with them the issues before they arrive in court.

"We will reduce those grievances significantly and we'll facilitate justice," she said, lamenting the violation of justice leading to piling up of remand prisoners as justice is not being done," she said.

She tasked state attorneys with the responsibility to listen to people and helping them solve problems involving execution of government activities, "which sometimes do not need to be brought to court."

Worldwide, justice administration is in the hands of lawyers and the courts, she emphasized, underlining that lawyers and attorneys are trusted with managing this sector. "Go and do it," she added.

Govt lauds TBL smart agro-sector initiatives

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a competitive agro-sector based economy. Agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde has observed.

Launching the smart agriculture report at the Tanzania Breweries Ltd (TBL) in with the parent company AB InBev participated, he said this would transform the lives of small-scale farmers.

Since TBL started contract farming in 2019, it has transformed the lives of 4,524 agro-sector families in Dodoma, Arusha and Manyara regions, assured of income security. They are capacitated with the right skills, technology and access to markets, the study noted.

The deputy minister affirmed the need to work closely with the private sector towards the Agenda 10/30 goal, to attain 10 percent annual growth rate for the agriculture sector by 2030.

The private sector can help to stimulate agro-sector investments and productivity, marketing capacity, value addition, enhancing farmer's income, ensure food and nutrition security and add to GDP growth, he said.

"Smart agriculture initiatives create valuable connections,

impart skills and expert lessons, and give Tanzanian farmers the tools they need to build sustainable livelihoods," he said.

This requires focusing on financial inclusion, research and development, adoption of best-practice technology taking account of innovation and development, he said, lauding TBL for taking up strategies that complement the government's efforts.

AB InBev and TBL are working to support the livelihoods of their agro-sector stakeholders, setting up sustainable practices, and assisting local communities to improve farming, he said.

TBL managing director Jose Daniel Moran Ramirez said the smart agriculture initiative uplifts agriculture value chain directly by empowering farmers supplying it with sorghum, barley and grapes.

By 2025 this stakeholder base will be 100 percent skilled, connected and financially empowered, he said, elaborating that smallholder farmers enabled the success of Tanzania Distillers Ltd.

Lowering the barriers the farmers face in running successful farms benefits TBL as a business and helps to ensure they are financially able to run a profitable business, he added.

Local authorities to be empowered to tackle impact of climate change

By Guardian Reporter

LOCAL government authorities are set to implement climate change mitigation and adaptation projects that are currently done at national level.

Director of Environment in the Vice President's Office Dr Andrew Komba said this in Dodoma yesterday at a workshop on Integrating Climate Change Adaptation Planning into Tanzania's Development Planning Processes.

A statement released by the Vice President's Office quoted Dr Komba says that the aim of the project is to ensure that plans for dealing with the effects of climate change are included in government plans at all levels.

He said that the implementation of the project will help in providing a comprehensive national

assessment based on developing methods to deal with the effects facing the country and the world in general.

"After today's meeting which has brought together various stakeholders, we expect that councils, counties and villages will now be empowered to identify and implement interventions to deal with climate change."

"Climate change brings a great environmental, social and economic risk and therefore there is a need for a rapid national and international response to deal with its effects," said Dr Komba.

He added that Tanzania is facing the effects of climate change, including extreme heat, rising sea levels and increased rainfall, and these effects have caused frequent floods that affect social and economic aspects, especially infrastructure, human

settlements, destruction of ecosystems.

Other impacts are frequent droughts, melting of mountain glaciers, spread of pests and crop diseases, changes in agro-ecological areas and reduced crop yields, ocean acidification, seawater intrusion into fresh water resources and land use change.

"All these effects of climate change threaten the safety and life of citizens and social and economic development in general," he warned.

He added that in response to the impacts of climate change, Tanzania has taken a range of policy, legal, strategic and cultural measures including this project that will be implemented to enable countries to adapt to the effects of climate change.

In this context, the NAP project we are launching today is one of the

international community's efforts in coordinating with the UNDP Development partner in order to strengthen the country in adaptive and resilience capacities.

Project Director of the United Nations Development Organisation (UNDP) the sponsor of the project, Amon Manyama commended the government for the preparation of the project.

Manyama said UNDP recognises the readiness and contribution of the government, stakeholders and non-governmental institutions in the implementation of the project which was approved in August 2022 and is expected to be completed in 2024.

The project is implemented by the office of the vice president of the united republic of Tanzania and the first vice president's office in the revolutionary government of Zanzibar.



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (L) exchanges greetings in Abu Dhabi yesterday with his host, Abu Dhabi Fund for Development director general Mohammed Saif Al Suwaidi, shortly before they held talks on cooperation between Tanzania and the Fund. Photo: MoFP

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projects, he said, noting that the fund would sponsor agricultural and fishing projects.

The money will be sourced through the financing agency linked with the UAE authorities, he stated, hinting that it is possible to obtain investments for strategic projects that the Treasury submitted, pointing at the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project (JNHPP) and the Standard Gauge Railway

(SGR), despite that they need huge investments.

The minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba, expressed gratitude for UAE handing out 201m/- and \$1.3m for the 51km Uvinza-Ilunde-Malagarasi road being built at tarmac level. Construction has stalled for a long time, he affirmed.

President Samia had expressed concern on the issue, he said, underlining that legislators from Kigoma region "were eagerly

waiting for the completion of the road."

Deputy permanent secretary Lawrence Mafuru said the soft loan pledge was among benefits of having signed a pact on avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion on income taxes between the two countries.

The pact eases the way for more UAE investors, especially those from the private sector, he stated.

The government is exploring a

joint venture arrangement with the private sector to implement strategic projects, where such agreement makes it easier to rope in capital from within and outside the country.

The UAE fund has provided funds for the construction of Wete hospital in Pemba, the 77km Kidawe-Uvinza road, the Kagera Sugar Company and Zanzibar rural water projects, all of which are now completed, he added.

NBC launches campaign for Mtwara, Lindi cashew farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has launched the second season of its special campaign for cashew farmers in Mtwara and Lindi regions, dubbed: 'Vuna Zaidi na NBC Shambani'.

The campaign aims to support and achieve the government's goal of producing 700,000 tons of the crops per year by 2025.

Mtwara District Commissioner Dunstan Kyobya graced the campaign launch held in the region yesterday, attended by different stakeholders of the crop including government officials and representatives from Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies (AMCOS) and the bank's senior officials led by the bank's retail director Elibariki Masuke.

Speaking about the campaign, Kyobya said it has come at the right time as it goes in line with the government's ambition to ensure that the agricultural sector contributes 10 percent to the national income by 2030.

"And that's why I congratulate NBC Bank for this commendable move, which not only focuses on market purpose but also supports the government's efforts to promote this important sector and also aims to boost the economy of our farmers. My call to cashew farmers in Mtwara and

Lindi region is to support NBC in this," he emphasized.

Commenting on prizes offered through the campaign such as motorcycles, spray pumps and tractors, Kyobya said they aim to support the farmer's efforts in improving agriculture and production, a step that is even more productive for both the government and the individual farmers.

"My only emphasis for farmers is the whole issue of financial discipline and making good use of the training provided by NBC bank on the importance of saving, health insurance as well as investing in modern agricultural tools," he said.

Masuke said the second season of the three-month campaign is a continuation of the bank's ambition to promote the cultivation of strategic crops, including cashew, in the two regions.

"We are grateful to see that our previous campaign was very well received by cashew farmers in the two regions and we are more proud to see that the campaign ended successfully as we were able to hand over to more than 150 farmers a total of 25 motorcycles, 60 spray pumps, 70 bicycles, and 1 tractor. We hope this year things will be much better," he mentioned.

He said that in this year's campaign, the farmers will also be in a position to

win various prizes including bicycles, motorcycles, spray pumps and family gifts including smart phones, khangas, school bags and exercise books for pupils.

"For the case of AMCOS they can win bigger prizes including tricycles (Toyo) and tractors. All they need to do is just to open an NBC bank account and channel their payments through the accounts and they will already be in a position to win the mentioned prizes through weekly and monthly draws," he mentioned.

Speaking about the campaign AMCOS leaders in the region said that it has been very productive for farmers.

"Let alone the presence of various gifts announced in the campaign that include bicycles, motorcycles, spray pumps, tractors and many more, we are also very interested in the account as it answers a number of challenges we were facing in financial services, including credit delays and extreme deductions," said Juma Hamadi Saidi Secretary of the Tandahimba AMCOS based in the region.

"We are grateful to see that NBC has decided to design such a product specifically for us... being leaders of various AMCOS in the region, we have well received the product and we are committed to ensuring that it reaches all our members," he promised.



UBA Bank Tanzania Ltd managing director Gbenza Makinde (L) presents a book to a student of St Matthews Secondary School at the school's premises in the city's Kongowe suburb yesterday. Through the UBA Foundation, the bank has so far donated 400 books to the school's administration and students in an initiative meant to boost reading culture. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Italian delegation in Tanzania for investment opportunities

By Henry Mwangonde

A DELEGATION of Italian businesspersons is in the country to explore investment opportunities in the agro-processing sector which experts term as a game changer if given more focus.

Speaking at a Tanzania-Italy Business and Investment Forum, acting Director General of the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) John Mnali said Tanzania has taken various initiatives to promote investment in various sectors including establishment of a one stop centre to facilitate trade.

He said agriculture is undoubtedly the

largest and most important sector of the Tanzanian economy, with the country benefitting from a diverse production base that includes livestock, staple food crops and a variety of cash crops.

Investment in agro-processing industries entails adding value, and improvement of standards of quality. There is a significant potential for provision of heavy equipment for commercial farming and processing of fruits and vegetables for the locals as well as export markets.

Tanzania's Ambassador to Italy Mahmoud Thabit Kombo said Italy has made tremendous progress in agro-processing where the country

is now working closely with Tanzanian trade institutions to transfer knowledge on how best to process. "The Italians have come with huge interests in agro processing and fruit storage to ensure the availability of fruits throughout the year," he said.

Agriculture in Tanzania represents almost 30 percent of the country's GDP with three quarter of the country's workforce involved in this sector.

Director of Investment and Promotion at the Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) James Maziku said the entity provides general investment promotion and facilitation (manufacturing, tourism, agriculture,

infrastructure and businesses.

"Our objectives include to promote investments in designated SEZ, to attract and encourage transfer of new technologies, promote processing of local raw materials, create and increase employment opportunities and increase foreign exchange earnings," he said.

The 27 member delegation had the opportunity to listen to various presentations by officials from strategic business institutions in the country which was aimed at giving them an experience of the entire investment platform that Tanzania offers to pave the way for future collaborations.

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By Guardian Reporter, Zaragoza

WORLD Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA Women in News -WIN) yesterday presented excellence awards and good governance to women leaders in media organs in Zaragoza, Spain.

Among those awarded included three editors from Zimbabwe, Lebanon and the Philippines.

The Editor of 'Zimbabwe Independent' newspaper, Faith Zaba was announced the laureate award winner from Africa; whereas Diana Moukalled, one among the founders of Daraj, a Lebanon media organisation for the Arab Countries Region, and Regina "Ging" Reyes, Vice president and Head of ABS-CBN from Philippines were announced this year award winners.

The annual awards are known as 'The annual WIN Editorial Leadership Award' recognize

African women scribes sparkle at WIN awards

the contribution of women editors in newsrooms as well the contribution of the media organ in conveying information to the community.

Other three award winners for 2019, 2020 and 2021, received their awards at a function that was held in tandem with the 73rd World Forum for Media Organisations due to the eruption of Covid-19 pandemic.

For 2020, award winners were Mary Mbewe from Zambia, Anna Nimiro (South Sudan), Edyth Kambalama (Malawi), Samia Nakhoul (Lebanon), and Nyein Naing from South Asia.

Praising award winners, WAN-IFRA Chief Executive Officer, Vincent Peyregne said the importance of media organs in disseminating information helps

in creating a better environment in any country.

He said those who received the awards have shown great difference between their work performances as women leaders in their media organs.

"The awards are a message to young women scribes with dreams to bring about transformation by joining this important sector that they also can hold the positions," he said.

However, he added, one must work hard, should offer herself and evade obstacles that hinder women to progress.

Receiving the award, Zaba, the winner from Zimbabwe, called upon young women scribes not to despair, because they are valued and can perform better if they want to.

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is among African countries to benefit by USD 100 million from the African Investment Fund (KEIZAI DOYUKAI) of the government of Japan to be disbursed beginning March next year.

This was disclosed by the Chairman of Japan Association of Corporate Executives, Mutsuo Iwai during talks with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa in the institution's offices in Marunoichi, Tokyo, Japan.

"By December this year, we will launch a firm to manage the investment fund that is beneficial to Africa and implementation will start March 2023.

"We hope that by March 2024 we shall have disbursed USD 100 million to firms of upstart youth to facilitate joint venture initiatives and exchange of experience," he said.

He said the start-ups investment capitals aim to boost businesses that will solve challenges facing the community including in health,

Tanzania to gain from financing by Japan's African Development Fund

farming and energy sectors as well as improving environmental conservation.

The provision of money is in the implementation of the pledge from Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida issued August 27 this year in his speech at TICAD 8 Conference held in Tunis.

Prime Minister Kishida said Japan aims to boost investment and that this time they target to raise the youth who form companies as the step will provide them African youth to work closely.

KEIZAI DOYUKAI is an institution established on April 30 1946 with about 1,500 members who are chief executives of large Japanese companies dealing in providing solutions to policy issues concerning the development of countries and the world in general.

Majaliwa also met and held

talks with representatives of Japan Business Federation (KEIDANREN) in downtown Tokyo where Chairman of the Committee for African countries in the South of the Sahara, Hajime Kawamura told him how their federation is involved in water, roads, energy and communications projects including crops buying.

The representatives from Sumitomo, Marubeni, Toshiba, Komatsu and Mitsubishi told Majaliwa of their intention to invest in energy projects including geothermal power generation, distribution of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Information Communication Technology (ICT).

For his part, Majaliwa told traders from both groups (KEIZAI DOYUKAI and KEIDANREN) that his government is ready to work together with investors from Japan and that is why it decided to improve infrastructures.



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Supply of Safety Showers

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-qualification Criteria
NM54/2022/E	<p>Package 1: Supply of Safety Showers and Eyewash Stations Including Ancillary Equipment for New Paste Plant.</p> <p>Specs Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined emergency shower and eyewash station unit. • Hand and foot operated, double-column emergency shower. • Hand operated eyewash basin. • Aerators on eyewash bowl supply. • Shower spray nozzles on safety shower frame. • Equipment tagging, as per the project specification. • Equipment pressure and flow requirements. • Corrosion specification that complies to a C4 atmospheric corrosive category with a high durability (15 – 25 years) in accordance with ISO 12944 • Self-draining design 	<p>i. Applicant to submit company profile with experience in supply of showers eyewash stations</p> <p>ii. Should have supplied shower stations within the last 3 years from the closing date of EOI, provide proof of POs/ certificate of completions</p> <p>iii. To be able to supply One station of each of the below showers and eye wash stations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conditioning Mixer Level Safety Shower – Qty 1 b. Continuous Mixer Level Safety Shower – Qty 1 c. Paste Hopper Level Safety Shower – Qty 1 d. PD Pump Level Safety Shower – Qty 1 <p>iv. Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted.</p> <p>v. Work Completion Schedule - Level II, Lead time of delivery</p> <p>vi. Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans and documentation certificates.</p> <p>vii. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified</p>
	<p>Package 2: Supply of Safety Showers and Eyewash Stations Including Ancillary Equipment's for New Filtration Plant.</p> <p>Specs Description:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Combined emergency shower and eyewash station unit. ii. Hand and foot operated, double-column emergency shower. iii. Hand operated eyewash basin. iv. Aerators on eyewash bowl supply. v. Shower spray nozzles on safety shower frame. vi. Equipment tagging, as per the project specification. vii. Equipment pressure and flow requirements. viii. Corrosion specification that complies to a C4 atmospheric corrosive category with a high durability (15 – 25 years) in accordance with ISO 12944. Self-draining design 	<p>i. Applicant to submit company profile with experience in supply of showers eyewash stations</p> <p>ii. Should have supplied shower stations within the last 3 years from the closing date of EOI, provide proof of POs/ certificate of completions</p> <p>iii. To be able to supply One station of each of the below showers and eye wash stations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Top Level Safety Shower - Qty 1 b. Pressure Filter Level Safety Shower - Qty 1 c. Conveyor Level Safety Shower – Qty 1 d. Ground Level Safety Shower - Qty 1 <p>iv. Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted.</p> <p>v. Work Completion Schedule - Level II, Lead time of delivery</p> <p>vi. Quality Assurance, Quality Control Plans, and documentation certificates.</p> <p>vii. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified</p>

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Supply of Modified Container Offices

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria
NM54/2022/D	<p>Package 1: Supply of Two Modified Containers for Control Room for New Paste Plant</p> <p>Specs: Control rooms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Modified 6m High Cube ISO container. 40 mm sandwich panel insulation on walls and ceiling. Wooden floor covered by linoleum or equivalent. Floor surfaces shall be resistant to Water <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate impact Abrasion due to foot traffic and Shall be slip resistant when wet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x insulation external steel door with lockable handle, fitted internally with a panic exit latch. 2 x Wall mount 18000 BTU inverter air conditioning units. Wall plugs/electrical outlets to be to Tanzanian standards. A total of four (4) double plug outlets are to be allowed for. All window frames are to be aluminium, top-hung and fitted with 4 mm thick glass as a minimum. Spacing, quantity and size as per sketch in 7. Internal wall partition (insulated) fitted with a lockable wood door. Built-in heavy duty, 750mm deep by 30mm thick melamine desktops as indicated in 7. with adequate support legs. Built-in heavy duty, steel shelving and cupboard combination as indicated in 7. Grounding lug(s). Electrical panel, internal wiring, trucking and conduit. All internal Lighting and switches. Multiple louvers for adequate ventilation. 4 x twist lock (bootable type) container footings per container Standalone fire detection and suppression system as specified in 11-2723-00-EL-D-CD-0001 (NOVEC suppression and Techno Switch detection) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant to submit company profile with experience in Supply of containers Should have supplied similar containers within the last 2 years from the closing date of EOI, provide proof of POs/ certificate of completions To be able to supply <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Control Room Container – Qty 2 Office/Storage Container – Qty 2 Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted. Lead time of delivery Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans and documentation certificates. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified
	<p>Package 2: Supply of Two Modified Containers for Lavatory Room for New Paste Plant</p> <p>Specs Lavatory Containers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Modified 6m High Cube ISO container. 40 mm sandwich panel insulation on walls and ceiling. Wooden floor covered by linoleum or equivalent. Floor surfaces shall be resistant to Water <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate impact Abrasion due foot traffic and Shall be slip resistant when wet 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant to submit company profile with experience in Supply of containers Should have supplied similar, provide proof of POs/ certificate of completions To be able to supply <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lavatory Container – Qty 2 Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted. Lead time of delivery

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Supply of Electric Cables

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria
NM54/2022/B	<p>Package 1: Supply of Medium Voltage (MV) Reticulation Cabling for Filtration, Paste Fill, Filter Cake Warehouse and Tailing Transfer Plant</p> <p>Specs Description:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Steel Wire Armoured (SWA) Black (UV Protected) PVC with Red Stripe (Fire Retardant) – for surface installations Phase L1 = Red Phase L2 = White / Yellow Phase L3 = Blue Neutral = Black Ground = Green; Green/ Yellow or Bare Copper Shall have stranded Copper conductors, shall be new and shall be of the XLPE/PVC/SWA/PVC type in accordance with SANS 1339. Shall be tested after installation in accordance with SANS 97 for DC pressure (applicable only to PILC Cable), earth continuity, insulation, megger phasing and phase rotation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to supply <ol style="list-style-type: none"> XLPE/SWA Copper cables (SANS 1339) on a rack or pulled through sleeves or laid directly in the ground of the following sizes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 240 mm² 3 core Cu = 350M 95 mm² 3 core Cu = 100M BCEW (Bare Copper Earth Wire) on a rack or pulled through sleeves or laid directly in the ground of the following sizes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 70 mm² Earth Wire = 450M Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted. Lead time of delivery Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans and documentation certificates. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified
	<p>Package 2: Supply of Low Voltage (LV) Cabling for Filtration, Paste Fill, Filter Cake Warehouse and Tailing Transfer Plant</p> <p>Specs Description:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Steel Wire Armoured (SWA) Black (UV Protected) PVC with Red Stripe (Fire Retardant) – for surface installations Phase L1 = Red Phase L2 = White / Yellow Phase L3 = Blue Neutral = Black Ground = Green; Green/ Yellow or Bare Copper Shall have stranded copper conductors, shall be new and shall be of the PVC/PVC/SWA/PVC type, 600/1000 V grade and shall comply with SANS 1507 Single core cables shall have stranded copper conductors with PVC insulation and PVC sheath and shall comply with SANS 1507. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to supply <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LV cable 630 mm² Single Core Cu = 1280M PVC/PVC/SWA/PVC Copper cables (SANS 1507; 600V/1000V): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 240 mm² 3 core Cu = 1080 M 185 mm² 3 core Cu = 2290 M 150 mm² 3 core Cu = 950 M 120 mm² 3 core Cu = 380 M 70 mm² 3 core Cu = 185M 50 mm² 3 core Cu = 420M 35 mm² 3 core Cu = 1195M 25 mm² 3 core Cu = 570M 10 mm² 3 core Cu = 2708M 6 mm² 3 core Cu = 765M 4 mm² 3 core Cu = 1363M 2.5 mm² 7 core Cu = 80M 2.5 mm² 4 core Cu (Field Stations) = 10786M 2.5 mm² 3 core Cu = 2440M 70 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 4700M 50 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 85M 35 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 420 25 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 1195 16 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 570M 6 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 2708M 4 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 795M 2.5 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 1363M 1.5 mm² PVC Insulated Earth Wire = 2440M Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted. Lead time of delivery Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans and documentation certificates. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified
	<p>Package 3: Supply of Instrumentation Cabling for Filtration, Paste Fill, Filter Cake Warehouse and Tailing Transfer Plant</p> <p>Specs Description</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have flame-retardant PVC insulation, 300 V insulated, UV resistant grey PVC sheathing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be able to supply <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ethernet/IP, Shielded, Industrial CAT5E = 1200M Composite Fibre Optic (12core SM & 12core MM) = 1200M 1.5 mm² 4 core Mylar (OAM/SWA Black) = 14915M 2.5 mm² 4 core Cu (PVC/PVC/SWA/PVC) = 30075M Supply field Equipment / Connection

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By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

Stakeholders offer free milk to 3,000 pupils in Dodoma to mark World School Milk Day

THE Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) in collaboration with key stakeholders in the milk sub-sector have partnered in distributing free drinking milk to at least 3,000 pupils in different primary schools in Dodoma Region.

Apart from being a move to observe this year's World School Milk Day, the timely nutritious campaign also focuses on increasing milk drinking culture from grassroots levels across the country.

The World School Milk Day was set this year for 28 September, and the day was created in 2001 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations with a general purpose to recognise the importance of milk.

Among the stakeholders and development partners that decided to ramp-up efforts to help to freely distribute the milk to the pupils include FAO, European Union (EU), ASAS Dairy Farm, and the livestock

ministry among others.

Speaking during an exercise to provide the milk, TDB Registrar Dr George Msalya observed that the day was very important in helping improve milk drinking culture from grassroots levels within the country.

He added, milk drinking had potential in elevating cognitive and learning ability among the pupils, but saying the state-owned board was crippled with some financial constraints to help it run the continued programme to offer the milk to the pupils across the country.

"To continue running a sustainable milk programme to pupils we need to have collective intervention from various stakeholders and donors," he said.

For the past fourteen years, 2006 to September 2020, the

government of Tanzania through the Tanzania Dairy Board (TDB) has been implementing a School Milk Feeding Programme (SMFP) with an eye to improving milk production and consumption in the country.

The timely programme was spearheaded by Heifer International through East Africa Dairy Development (EADD) and it aimed, among other things, to improve health status among pupils and promote milk drinking culture from the grassroots the country.

While the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that an individual should drink at least 200 liters of milk in a year, the relevant statistics is still very discouraging in Tanzania, currently at only 54 litres in a year per industry.

Moreover, the programme which

used to receive major support from key domestic dairy stakeholders like ASAS and Tanga Fresh geared also to create a stable demand for milk in the country as well as boosting milk yields and incomes among small scale farmers from across the country.

For the said duration, from 2006 to September 2020, the programme saw at least 12,023,186.83 liters of milk, worth at 19.24bn/- freely distributed to pupils in different 210 primary schools within the country, whereby a total of 89,922 pupils in ten regions of Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Mbeya, Njombe, Morogoro, Mwanza and Mara benefited accordingly.

So far, numerous academic and health researchers have proved that the School Milk Feeding Programme is very helpful in improving

children's mental-cognitive and physical health status apart from playing a key role in containing pupils' school absenteeism.

But the 2018/19 fiscal year saw the phasing-out of the long-standing Heifer International's sponsorship package towards the essential programme in Tanzania, a move which prompted TDB to cut down the number of beneficiary schools to only 30 from formal 210.

World School Milk Day was set this year for 28 September. This date was chosen because schools were open in all the countries surveyed during this month.

The end of the month was selected to allow countries in the Western hemisphere sufficient time to prepare for this day, as in most of these countries the school year starts in early September.

Wednesday was chosen as it was a school day in all countries surveyed.

The 1st World School Milk Day was held in 2000 and it has since become an annual event. A number of countries - regardless of whether they are large or small, rich or poor - celebrate World School Milk Day, demonstrating that the interest in school milk is universal.

The goal of World School Milk Day is to provide a particular day when attention is focused on this issue and so promote such programmes. Importance is lent to the event by the fact that other countries are doing the same thing, on the same day, and that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is supporting the activity.

FAO's role is to co-ordinate celebrations by informing people through the Dairy-Outlook and School-Milk lists about the day and collating information from list members regarding preparations for celebrating this day and inspire others to join in.



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Supply of Cylindrical Steel Tanks for Slurry and Water Duty

Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria
NM54/2022/A	<p>Supply of Cylindrical Steel Tanks for Slurry and Water Duty, for New Paste Plant Construction</p> <p>Specs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Tank materials to be to EN 10025-2-S275JR ii. All cat ladders and hand railings (as applicable) to be included in supply iii. Tank nozzles to ASTM A53 SMLS material to be included in supply iv. All fabrication, inspections, and testing to be to API 650 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Applicant to submit company profile with experience in design, engineering, supply and fabrication of steelwork, erection bolts, rubber lining, corrosion protection, shop inspection, testing, marking and delivery to site of various cylindrical, steel tanks for water and slurry storage ii. Should have supplied similar cylindrical steel tanks within the last 3 years from the closing date of EOI, provide proof of POs/certificate of completions iii. To be able to supply One piece of each of the below tanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tank 1 = \varnothing 7 m x 9.5 m, 8 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 23 t, Rubber Lined b. Tank 2 = \varnothing 4.8 m x 5.7 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 9 t, Rubber Lined c. Tank 3 = \varnothing 3 m x 3.5 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 3 t, with Roof, Epoxy Lined d. Tank 4 = \varnothing 6.5 m x 4.7 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 8 t, Epoxy Lined e. Tank 5 = \varnothing 2 m x 2 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 2 t, with Roof, Epoxy Lined f. Tank 6 = \varnothing 3 m x 3.5 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 3 t, with Roof, Epoxy Lined g. Tank 7 = \varnothing 5.5 m x 8.5 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 10 t, Epoxy Lined h. Tank 8 = \varnothing 2 m x 2 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 2 t, with Roof, Epoxy Lined i. Tank 9 = \varnothing 4.5 m x 7 m, 6 mm wall, 8 mm base plate, mass = 10 t, Rubber Lined iv. Commercial proposal (prices) to be submitted. v. Work Completion Schedule - Level II, Lead time of delivery vi. Layout for the workshops where the welding will be conducted vii. Quality Assurance and Quality Control Plans and documentation certificates. viii. Warranty & Guarantee period to be specified ix. Installation and commissioning support and assistance.

Submission of Proposals

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PURCHASING MANAGER (1 post)

CONTRACT TYPE	PERMANENT
BASED IN	TANZANIA / MALAWI

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Experience and Qualification

- Must have a degree in procurement and supply or its equivalent.
- Must be a holder of a Certified Procurement and Supplies Professional -CPSP (T)
- 3 years Procurement and purchasing function with exposure to warehousing and inventory management.
- Sound exposure to imports, exports including Inco terms with experience in leading diverse teams.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

Purchasing for all sites in country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Ensure the right inventory is procured per site in line with reorder parameters established through ABC forecasting model. • Monitor and manage aging orders with weekly feedback • Map lead times with supply base in country providing weekly and monthly reports on supplier performance and OTIF. • Back-order management 7 days, 14 days and 30 days plus. • 30 Day stock holding in -line with supplier lead times. • Supply parts at a 90% OTIF or better
Stores and Inventory Management per site in country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure stores staff are aligned to policy, identity training requirements to lift the standard of stores management. • Provide support in best practise to stores controllers around but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Receiving o Binning o Housekeeping o Issuing o Administration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall accountability to stock count accuracy and variances in line with 5% tolerance up and down. • Obsolete inventory management, 5% relative to required stock holding value. • Stock Turn by each movement category strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 5 to 7 times an nually in season o 4 Times in off crop period
Coaching and Mentoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching stores controllers, buying administration and supervisors to take ownership of processes in line with their functions. Participate directly in implementation of new projects management around purchasing and stores to drive Implementation requirements
Assess impact of supply chain operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating performance of stores through coaching, developing staff to provide internal customers best service and availability requirements relative to Stores and purchasing KPI's • Tracking implementation progress and reporting back to management
Implement and manage key relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote ongoing exceptional relationships with internal customers • Seek collaboration with customers and their participation in initiatives were necessary to fulfil supply chain mandate.
Comply with company code of conduct, policies and procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company code of conduct, policies and procedures are adhered to and promote compliance amongst employees when necessary.
Performance Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote high performance culture, the use of KPI's for team performance • Day to day staff management on HR and general operational requirements governed by KPI's
Training & Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and train supply chain staff to empower them to influence and drive the standard of supply chain requirement

If you are interested in this position, please forward your CV to iness.nangali@unitrans.africa Before **08.10.2022**.



Ubungo district commissioner Kheri James (R) congratulates Songas managing director Aneel Samuel in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday during celebrations to mark the tenth anniversary of the company's Industrial Practical Training programme. The programme has enabled the shaping of the careers of 140 young people, preparing them for leadership roles in key sectors of the economy and thus helping drive the country's industrialisation agenda. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

THRDC inaugurates digital platform to ease registration, follow-up of members

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

A digital platform – 'Mtezei Data Base' was launched in Dar es Salaam yesterday by the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) aiming to link member organisations in both mainland and Zanzibar.

Briefing journalists at the launching ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday, THRDC National Coordinator, Onesmo Olungurumwa, said the platform will link the organisation with members and enable them to access the organisations' news or clear payments through their personal accounts that they will acquire after filling in their username and password.

"THRDC has today opened a digital platform aiming to ease registration and follow up of members who are Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) registered by law," he said.

Olungurumwa said as human rights activists they decided to utilize the presence of digital platforms to ensure they digitally coordinate the members as the world is switching off from paper work.

"As times goes we are trying our level best to ensure registration, follow up and management is done digitally. Therefore the website will link the two parties."

Analysing some of the website categories that a member would access is the payment section,

members will access to know their debts and acquire digital invoices as they pay 100,000/- yearly membership fee.

Likewise members will have an opportunity to access the training section and fill the number of training they attended of which on the other hand will enable THRDC to know what training platforms should be given out at that particular time.

Bluefin Solutions Limited Director, Musa Kisenia, assured members on the security of the system saying the platform was made with the current technology that ensures data security.

"The website installation process considered international standards. We are quite sure

that there is no way that hackers can interfere with the system in whatever way based on the initial penetration test done to test hacking scenarios," he said.

Kisenia added that the website also offers platforms to non-members who can access the website info@thrdc.org.tz and in brief attain the required information and have an opportunity to send their enquiries wherever they need any support.

Currently, THRDC consists of 220 members from mainland and Zanzibar both (Unguja and Pemba) consisting of both individual and organizational membership, it visualizes to contribute towards protection capacity building and advocacy of human rights to the members.

IRB's delegation now in Benin for a study tour

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of the Independent Regulatory Board (IRB) of the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) were recently on a study tour in Cotonou, Benin, a visit which is expected to increase IRB's awareness and knowledge of the regional electricity market.

Addressing members of the West African Power Pool (WAPP), IRB Chairperson and Director General of Energy and Water Regulatory Authority (EWURA), Eng. Modestus Lumato said the main objective of the visit is to learn from their counterparts on how the regional electricity market and its regulation are arranged.

"It is also my expectation that this study visit will provide an opportunity to explore a range of different options to inform our decision-making as a regulatory board of the EAPP," he remarked.

Eng. Lumato added: "I understand that several similarities and differences exist between the EAPP and WAPP. Our two markets consist of countries with varying and wide differences in the status of their national electricity markets, ranging from very small countries with vertically integrated state-owned utilities to partially unbundled systems, and one or two countries that have fully unbundled and privatized power companies."

He said that IRB members expect to exchange knowledge on how to organize a regional market with different member countries' conditions.

Eng. Lumato said the visit to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Energy institutions will increase member's awareness and understanding of how regional power trade and its regulation is arranged and executed.

"During the development of our Strategic Plan, we identified the ECOWAS region as a good example of a region that had demonstrable

success in setting up a power pool and especially a functional and autonomous regional regulator in Africa," he said.

He said IRB has been able to incorporate valuable lessons from the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERERA) into its ten-year strategic plan. He said the IRB team aims to learn from WAPP's experience about the development of regional energy markets and to understand how WAPP is organised and structured to implement regional projects and how it interacts with ERERA.

He said several achievements that have been made since the inception of the IRB, the development of the IRB ten years strategic plan, the three-year action plan, and the IRB road map and implementation plan. He said the IRB was established in 2012 to promote cross-border power exchanges between member countries and to ensure harmonisation of practices within the regional market.

Eng. Lumato noted that at the level of the national energy regulators yet more skill development programmes are needed to augment the shortcomings of national regulators in matters of regional power trade and related policy and legal frameworks harmonisation.

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Health insurance could skim NCDs to balance the figures

DEBATE has started in various forums on the bill for health insurance legislation already presented for its first reading in the legislature.

The minister overseeing the respective (health) portfolio has meanwhile started engaging in some form of rearguard action by explaining what is intended as well its rationale.

She must be having in mind the difficulties the government has been having with hiked oil prices, then hikes in cash transfer levies, and now hiked fees to all sorts of avenues in order to boost national health insurance funds.

Not many people are actually aware how this 'health tax' is going to be paid, which makes it closer to the disputed levies.

The crucial element of its design is that one must take up health insurance and show a registration card in seeking services. These include a driving licence, motor vehicle insurance, having children pursuing college studies or advanced secondary education, etc.

Bigger personal needs like the provision of travel document (passport); taxpayer's identification number (TIN), business licence, visa, simcard registration or the provision of a national identification card shall all call for this all-important card.

It more or less replaces the NIDA card in its usage, as its universality for everyone above 18 makes it equivalent to an identity card.

Worldwide, health insurance is essentially individual, but there is no country where free access to basic treatment will be denied if someone has an accident or falls down in a public place and is rushed to hospital from home but cannot pay cash in advance.

This has usually been regretted when it comes up, and often medical personnel are instructed to attend

to people and demand payment later. At times patients are restrained in hospitals until bills are paid, and perhaps worse, bodies are kept lying in mortuaries for relatives to pay.

The clincher is that if the insurance is fully voluntary, upwards of 90 per cent of those enrolled will be patients, which is why the government opted to embody it in their services.

The minister said that experience had shown that 99 per cent of people enrolling are already victims of diseases, including NCDs. It is a situation where one takes up insurance to get free treatment for diseases already contracted.

It isn't surprising that the National Health Insurance Fund and the Community Health Fund schemes become inefficient and overwhelmed, with family-based contributions nowhere nearing the burden that families add to the schemes.

Nor are individual policies suitable as they aren't big enough and can't be ballooned, so the 'cake' has to be shared out.

Without a wider tax base, health insurance could be available for only a section of employees, and maybe they would not afford sufficiently enhanced contributions for the math to add up, as the basic contributions aren't high enough.

Even if the new scheme seeks to make medical care available for everyone - and who wouldn't fancy that? - it is possible that policy designers just won't decipher the NCDs riddle, the one that is besieging the NHIF's operations.

At the moment, diseases like malaria, tuberculosis and HIV have mostly free medicines, in which case other momentary disturbances need to be looked at, especially injury.

When it comes to NCDs, though, scaled private payment will be necessary, at least to avoid socially disruptive taxation on the matter.



By Special Correspondents

WITH yesterday (29 Sept) marked as World Heart Day, a report published recently by a group of regional experts warns that urgent action is needed to stop and reverse the steep rise in heart failure happening across the Middle East and Africa (MEA).

The report, published in the Journal of the Saudi Heart Association, shows how heart failure is associated with significant morbidity and mortality and considerably impacts patients' quality of life, as triggering a substantial economic burden.

It highlights the gaps identified by the expert group and lays out their recommendations on how to reverse current trajectories by urgently improving awareness, diagnosis, and prevention of heart failure in the region.

The experts have identified significant gaps in awareness, diagnosis and prevention of heart failure in the region under review and have called for urgent implementation of and adherence to region-specific recommendations.

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The experts say the economic burden incurred come to a total estimated cost of US \$1.92 billion.

Experts identify gaps in heart failure awareness, diagnosis and prevention

It notes that the average age at which a person will develop heart failure in the MEA region is significantly lower than elsewhere: Africa (53 years), Middle East (56.4 years), North Africa (58.79 years), Asia (60 years) and Europe (70 years).

The experts point to risk factors such as diabetes, obesity, smoking and socio-economic transition, marked by a sedentary (= inactive) lifestyle, lack of physical activity and high consumption of fatty foods, as the main contributors to the higher prevalence of heart failure in the region.

They also concur that, in certain countries, high prevalence of existing infectious diseases such as tuberculosis shifts the focus and resources from non-communicable diseases like heart failure.

"Heart failure is a serious and growing threat to health in the Middle East and Africa, but it does not have to be this way," said Dr Ahmed Bennis, Professor of Cardiology in the Department of Cardiology in Casablanca, Morocco.

He added: "Policymakers across the region must act now to prioritise heart failure and associated diseases, through better training for health workers, national registries

to ensure the collection of quality data and improved access to novel therapies."

Dr Eric Klug, Professor of Cardiology at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, meanwhile notes: "Whilst local guidelines are available in South Africa, too many lives are being cut short in this part of the world owing to gaps in how we identify and treat heart failure."

He adds: "This problem also places a huge economic burden on already over-stretched health systems. This paper clearly lays out what needs to be done to avert further suffering. In honour of World Heart Day, we are calling on policymakers to turn words into action."

"For the first time, experts from across the Middle East and Africa have published a set of region-specific measures to tackle heart failure in efforts to save lives and livelihoods," remarks Dr Viraj Rajadhyaksha, AstraZeneca's Area Medical Director for the Middle East and Africa.

"AstraZeneca is committed to playing our part and supporting health authorities to turn these recommendations into concrete actions," he adds.

The paper points to the lack of

community-level awareness and a high prevalence of associated conditions such as hypertension and diabetes, compounded by poor accessibility and affordability of healthcare, as major barriers to the prevention of heart failure in the region.

It urges policymakers to take the following steps to reverse current trajectories, among them prioritising heart failure and its associated comorbidities (conditions alongside other infectious diseases).

Among the other measures recommended are developing and implementing region-specific clinical guidelines on heart failure, creating local data registries on heart failure, training health workers in early identification of high-risk patients, improving access to advanced diagnostics, training primary care health workers to use the available technology, and enhancing access to and insurance for novel therapies.

World Heart Day is a global campaign during which individuals, families, communities and governments around the world participate in activities to take charge of their heart health and that of others.

Agencies

Uplifting of Ruvuma river zone economy is massively important

MEETINGS have started again for members of the Tanzania-Mozambique Joint Permanent Commission after having been dormant for some 15 years.

This is going by recent remarks by a Tanzanian Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation deputy minister.

He was making observations on what is being done to take up accords on areas of cooperation agreed between President Samia Suluhu Hassan and her host, President Felipe Jacinto Nyusi, during the former's three-day state visit to Mozambique. The resumption of consultations at the level of the permanent commission stands as a pace setter, a test.

The deputy minister said at a virtual press briefing that defence and security cooperation was the first line of a slew of issues, along with communications, border verification, farming and mining.

Natural resources and student exchanges were also matters of reciprocity between the two sides, in which case the commission would be holding regular meetings on border security. They also intend to exchange experience in the oil and gas sector.

It is not very clear as to how much hard business the joint commission is likely to transact, but there are sure to be several aside from projects arising from pacts on cooperation that could also be handled by relevant ministerial departments. Trying to figure out how to make the Tanzania-Mozambique joint commission a much busier forum is concomitantly trying to map out accelerated economic activities in the southern regions bordering Mozambique.

So far, what is being discussed is boosting security cooperation to halt movements of terror recruitment groups notorious for filtering into Cabo Delgado province from the southern

regions.

The datum aired during President Samia's visit that trade between Tanzania and her southern next-door neighbor had plummeted to a half in the past year relative to the previous financial year spoke volumes about the impact of insecurity on cross-border activities. The fact that the commission did not meet for a whole decade and a half also has its own lessons, as the resulting vacuum may have helped terror organisations find something of benefit to them to do - with Mozambique paying a high price.

Thus, one would want to see the commission figuring figure out how exactly to make the vast common region a busier place. But here is a country with more of the history and experience one would need to weather the storm than perhaps any other.

One maxim dear to strategic studies pundits is that 'the best form of defence is attack' - in this particular case suggesting that perhaps the best way to defend the strife-prone zone is by 'economically attacking' it.

This means making it a buffer zone for the security of its outlying areas, north for the southern regions of Tanzania and south for the Cabo Delgado province, even if an economic uplift in the zone wasn't the first order of things.

This is a segment where a special economic zone could be set up complete with special residential rights involving the purchasing of property, encouraging development partners and SADC member states, private firms or individual entrepreneurs in agribusiness to gain a foothold.

Both parties to the joint permanent commission will have discerned the sense in electing to do as much by variously putting the zone to more noticeable economic use - and affording it the chance to know sustainable peace and harmony.

Every one counts to leave no one behind in Tanzania

By Mark Bryan Schreiner

TWO weeks, 14 million households, 205,000 census enumerators.

Across Tanzania and reaching the corners of even the most remote areas, the 2022 Population and Housing Census rolled out with a clarion call to Tanzanians to 'prepare to be counted'.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania's National Bureau of Statistics announced that, as of September 5, an estimated 99.99 per cent of households were covered in the traditional census data collection process - an impressive feat in the country's census history.

This high level of engagement in the census shows commitment by the government and partners in ensuring that each individual is a valuable member of the society and a contributing asset to the country's development.

As the enumeration process has come to an end, and the data processing and analysis stages begin, we recognize the core census purpose - a collective commitment of leaving no one behind.

Data will inform policy and programming and these will be the

cornerstones for the sustainable development of Tanzania.

Accessibility of census data at both the national and local level is essential in supporting evidence-based decision making, accountability and transparency.

A critical resource, census data expand our collective ability to identify and respond to the needs of all the people of Tanzania.

By reaching all households in the country, census data are a unique source of information, offering comprehensive population data disaggregated by age, sex and location.

Through mapping the needs of vulnerable and marginalised groups - women and girls, adolescents, older people, persons with disabilities - census data can show where potential disparities remain.

Tanzania has made significant investments to ensure that the census included all elements to meet international standards for a high-quality census.

The 2022 Population and Housing Census is the first digital census in Tanzania, and the first to conduct a buildings count and national physical addressing using digital software and equipment.

Geospatial technologies were utilised to generate census field

maps, and collect and digitise census information.

Enumeration areas - small geographic areas canvassed by one census enumerator during data collection - were mapped with details including public infrastructure: schools, health facilities and water points.

These investments and precise level of detail will optimise the generation of high-quality population data for an accurate census count.

UNFPA, the United Nations sexual health and reproductive agency, is proud to be a partner in this process by providing technical and financial support to the National Bureau of Statistics to prepare the tools and skill-building for these technological advancements.

As in all previous censuses in Tanzania, UNFPA serves as a technical partner throughout the census process - supporting the preparation phase, including census cartography, developing guidance documents and questionnaires, and mobilising resources through inter-agency efforts.

All phases of the once-a-decade census required extensive preparation and resources - a clear commitment of investment in the development of Tanzania.

The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office, the Government of Sweden, Ireland, Finland, Republic of Korea, and UN system partners including UNICEF, UN Women, the World Bank, and the US Census Bureau, among others, supported Government in the census exercise.

Additionally, the census comes at a key period in Tanzania as the dynamic youth population is growing, calling for expanded education and employment opportunities to support development and fuel the country's economic growth.

This includes the urgent development of youth-responsive and resilient essential services, including health services, especially for sexual and reproductive health.

As the numbers clearly show, we see a crucial time and an engaged population that can accelerate the national and global goals.

UNFPA stands ready for continued collaboration with the Government of Tanzania to support the processing, analysis and dissemination of 2022 census results. Because everyone counts.

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Success is for those who are ready to pay the cost that comes with it

By Thomas Lyimo

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is a well-known phrase in the United States declaration of independence. But pursuit of happiness is known globally, thanks to popular culture, notably the 2006 American biographical drama film by that name starring Will Smith.

It is defined as a fundamental right mentioned in the declaration of independence to freely pursue joy and live life in a way that makes you happy, as long as you don't do anything illegal or violate the rights of others.

Everybody desires success but the challenge is how to attain it. We all know that to succeed is a good thing but we are not clear of the ways we have to take to arrive at it. The uncertainty of attaining success has led to the rise of several principles guiding people on how to succeed.

Some say that in order to succeed, one needs to manage people, time and money. Others argue that you need to be patient so as to succeed. But there are also those who believe that in order to succeed, you need to have positive thinking and there are those suggesting possibility thinking as a way to success.

It is indubitable that the term success is a multidimensional one and hence opening a way for various thinkers to come up with various kinds of explanations. As many people contribute to the concept, more understanding regarding it is developed.

Looking at it critically, one may suggest it to be contradicting as there are many people who claim to have been successful through various ways. This kind of account justifies the contention that success is completely contradictory. But as we have tried to believe that knowledge may dwell in contradiction, we should not worry about the contradictory nature of the term success. That belief is what has urged me to come up with the proposition that success rests on incurring costs and putting efforts.

It will prove very hard for someone



who desires success to reject the validity of incurring costs and putting efforts. Taking a simple example which some can see not find sensible, we can learn something. Assuming a man wants to engage a woman who already has a sweetheart. What he may do to succeed in his plan is mostly incurring cost and putting efforts. How? In order for that man to succeed, he has to arrange a meeting. In arrangement of the meeting, costs must be involved.

One of the costs is that of transport when we assume the two are far from each other. But also there will be costs on food and drinks because a meeting is not promising when the stomachs are empty and throats are suffering from thirst.

On the other hand, putting efforts is inevitable. Convincing is a way of putting effort. Telling someone why she has to abandon someone else and come to you is not an easy task. It

demands some efforts for it to be successful.

Taking another example of a father who wants his son or daughter to excel academically, he must also incur some costs and has to make efforts. For him to succeed in his pursuit, the first thing he has to do is sending him or her to a school where he will pay fees. Then there are follow-ups on behaviour and academic performance.

Incurring costs and putting efforts can take different forms. One of the forms is the cost of waiting. This does not mean waiting for success to come miraculously but being patient as you wait for response after making an attempt. For Example, if you have sent an application for a job somewhere, you need to wait for the feedback. Failure to do this may mean making unnecessary frequent calls which may cause the boss to consider you as a stubborn individual and may decide

to reject your application.

On the other hand, if you have sent an application letter somewhere and you have been called for an interview, then there is necessity of putting effort. It is through answering the questions from the panelists and also defending yourself as the right candidate for the post. Responding to questions properly needs some efforts and justifying your eligibility for the post needs efforts as well.

Incurring costs and putting efforts make someone operational. It is through operations that success is attracted. Understanding well the idea of being operational may take a case of a striker in a football match. One of the costs he has to incur is that of waiting for a pass at a right position so as to score.

Waiting is a kind of cost and many people don't want to incur it. Again, the striker needs to keep on running

always on the pitch so as to create possibility of receiving a pass which may result in a score. Running on the pitch needs efforts. If someone is lazy and less energetic, running on a football pitch for ninety minutes will prove hard.

Success is an item worth of purchase. We purchase it through incurring costs and putting efforts. We normally pay for good things. Therefore, purchase success and make it your possession. Possession may make someone happy. If possessing success makes you happy, just purchase it because happiness is the most valuable gift life can give.

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Go and tell the hungry that their food is being thrown in the garbage

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These are facts, not guesses: about 1.3 billion tons of food is wasted and lost... every single year, the equivalent of one ton per each of the one billion hungry people, many of them are those who produced the food.

The findings have been reported by the World Bank, whose recent study: What a Waste 2.0 also informs that the number of wasted calories "could fill hunger gaps in the developing world."

On this, it reports on the breakdown of the number of calories wasted per day and per person -out of the recommended 2,000- : 1,520 calories in rich North America and Oceania -of which 61% are by their consumers-, and 748 wasted calories in wealthy Europe.

With a much bigger population than Europe, a similar amount of calories is reported as wasted in industrialised Asia (746), compared to 414 in South and Southeast Asia.

Subsaharan Africa and Central Asia register 545 wasted calories per person and day, and Latin America 453, according to the World Bank's report.

For its part, the United Nations, on the occasion of this year's International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction, on 29 September, reports that reducing food losses and waste is



Controlling the loss and waste of food is a crucial factor in reaching the goal of eradicating hunger in the world. Credit: FAO

essential in a world where the number of people affected by hunger has been slowly on the rise since 2014, and tons and tons of edible food are lost and/or wasted... every day.

How is the food of the hungry being wasted?

Two main reasons lay behind such food waste and loss. One of them is attributed to inadequate transport and storage facilities in developing countries.

But the major one is the rules imposed by the markets.

Indeed, the dominating marketing, the profit-making technique consists of selecting part of the crops while discarding great amounts of food, just because they are "ugly," "not nice" in the eyes of the consumers.

This way, millions of tons of potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, lemons, apples, pears, peaches, grapes... are every day left

in the field or thrown in landfills, while millions of litres of milk and millions of eggs are dumped in the sea just to reduce their availability in the supermarkets, therefore raising their prices, and this way make more money.

Another market rule is to attract consumers with "special" offers, such as "buy one, take two" or more, while advertising their products as natural, biological, grown in the field, etc. Other foods are presented as gluten and lactose-free; zero added sugar, more Omega, more healthy... and cheaper.

Add that they fix tight "expiration date" and this way, pushing consumers to dump the extra amount of food they are induced to purchase just to take advantage of such "special" offers.

The consequences
Significant quantities are wasted in retail and

at the consumption level, with around 14% of food produced is lost between harvest and retail.

An estimated 17% of total global food production is wasted: 11% in households, 5% in the food service, and 2% in retail.

Food that is lost and wasted accounts for 38% of total energy usage in the global food system.

Not only the food is wasted...

The International Day meanwhile reiterates that food loss and waste undermine the sustainability of the world's food systems.

"When food is lost or wasted, all the resources that were used to produce this food - including water, land, energy, labour and capital - go to waste."

In addition, the disposal of food loss and waste in landfills, leads to greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to climate change.








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Climate action plans could help address injustice and inequality in African cities

By Gina Ziervogel, CAPE TOWN, South Africa,

Equity and justice feature prominently in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 6th (IPCC) Assessment Report Working Group II, published in 2022. The report focuses on the impacts of climate change, as well as vulnerability and adaptation.

In its summary for policymakers, the report states: "Inclusive governance that prioritizes equity and justice in adaptation planning and implementation leads to more effective and sustainable adaptation outcomes (high confidence)." This is a welcome, albeit long overdue development.

The report offers widespread evidence in support of a focus on justice across different sectors and regions. It reflects rapidly mounting concern for climate justice – in both advocacy circles and in the public discourse – and a sharp increase in the volume of information on this topic.

Arguments concerning climate justice include the need to address historical inequities, contest established power, and consider diverse perspectives and needs in planning and delivery. Only by confronting these issues directly can we deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals and climate goals.

Africa's cities need to respond better

As outlined in the Africa chapter of the IPCC, Africa is highly vulnerable to climate risk. The continent features strongly in discussions on equity and justice, which argue for low carbon development without interfering with the economic growth.

With their concentration of people and growth, African cities are particularly important places to focus climate action. They have been slow to develop adaptation and mitigation policies and practice, but there are ample lessons worldwide and within the continent from which to draw motivation.



The FRACTAL project (Future Resilience for African Cities and Lands) engaged a trans-disciplinary group of researchers, officials and practitioners that worked across six cities in southern Africa between 2015 and 2021. Voices of the marginalized and at-risk people are crucial for generating appropriate locally owned solutions.

Organisations such as 350.org and Climate Justice Alliance, are fighting for equity and justice locally and internationally. We can glean approaches by studying and understanding these efforts, but we need to make them locally relevant.

Across the globe, cities are rapidly integrating climate action in their plans to reduce emissions and the impacts of hazards, such as droughts, floods, fires and heatwaves.

A few African cities have made progress by building justice and equity into climate response programs. Kampala is converting organic waste into briquettes for cooking. This provides an alternative livelihood strategy, reduces the number of trees cut for charcoal, and decreases the amount of waste going to landfill.

In response to neighbourhood flood risk, residents in Nairobi have invested in reducing their exposure. In addition, they have mobilized youth groups to disseminate environmental information and engage in activities such as tree planting to stabilize riverbanks.

Some local governments are ramping up their climate change management efforts. Yet, city government responses are often sector-specific and can't succeed by themselves – the challenge is too massive

and urgent.

More projects and programmes are needed that use a collaborative or co-productive approach for meeting equity and justice goals. We must have innovative ways of bringing in different sectors and actors – to really hear their perspectives and explore potential solutions. Such an approach might require safe space for experimentation.

In addition, we have to develop methods for scaling urban solutions that ensure adaptation responses meet the needs of the most at-risk groups across cities and institutionalize strategies in city planning and implementation.

Epistemic justice

Epistemic justice refers to the extent to which different people's knowledge is recognized. Scientific evidence abounds that solving complex problems benefits from multiple types of knowledge bases. Yet city governments provide little opportunity to integrate diverse viewpoints.

In the context of inequality, ensuring that the voices of marginalized and at-risk people are included is crucial for generating appropriate locally owned solutions.

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FRACTAL exemplifies how city stakeholders and researchers can co-produce knowledge around climate impacts and potential adaptation responses in cities such as Lusaka, Maputo, and Windhoek.

Although climate science was an important part of the project, the initial stages provided time and space for participants to share "burning questions" in their cities and collaboratively decide how to address these.

Some cities developed climate risk narratives to guide future decisions. Others developed climate change planning documents and platforms that thought about adaptation projects through a holistic lens. Importantly, participants, built trust and capacity, for city actors to take this work forward collaboratively.

When prioritizing adaptation actions at the city level, local governments have tended to use criteria based on their frameworks and data, providing just one perspective. However, more bottom-up data is required to meet the needs of those most at risk.

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Such data can better capture challenges that citizens face, such as accessing water during droughts or recovering from flooding that might have washed away homes and possessions.

A recent project in Cape Town sought to do this. Local activists from low-income neighborhoods collected data on issues around water services and explored diverse ways, including film, comics and maps as ways to share this information with other residents and city officials.

Collaborations between NGOs, researchers and local governments can strengthen the type of data available and contribute to more nuanced understanding.

The National Slum Dwellers Federation of Uganda, for instance, collected local data that informed planning and the development of solutions to reduce climate risk with sustainable building materials and im-

proving water and sanitation services. This work positioned them to negotiate effectively with local government to support further efforts.

Across the globe, cities are rapidly integrating climate action in their plans to reduce emissions and the impacts of hazards, such as droughts, floods, fires, and heatwaves. They also are rapidly expanding opportunities to access climate funding.

The time has come for African cities to determine how they will engage in the climate action and justice space to ensure they meet the serious challenges they are confronting.

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Bogdan-Martin elected as new ITU secretary-general

By Guardian Correspondent, Bucharest

MEMBER States of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) have elected Doreen Bogdan-Martin of the United States of America as the organization's new Secretary-General.

Bogdan-Martin is the first woman to lead ITU, which was established in 1865 and became a United Nations specialized agency in 1947.

The election took place during ITU's Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22) in Bucharest, Romania, on Thursday, with representatives of Member States voting during the meeting's morning session. Bogdan-Martin won the position with 139 votes, out of 172 votes cast.

"Whether it's today's children or our children's children, we need to provide them with a strong and stable foundation for growth," Bogdan-Martin said.



The Minister for Information Communication and Information Technology, Nape Nnauye (R), exchanges views with delegates from various countries at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (ITU PP22) shortly after the election of the council's Secretary General and his Deputy, in Bucharest, Romania yesterday. Looking on (2nd R) is the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr Jim Yonazi. Photo courtesy of TCRA

"The world is facing significant challenges - escalating conflicts, a climate crisis, food security, gender inequalities, and 2.7 billion people with no access to the Internet. I believe we, the ITU and our members, have an opportunity to make a transformational contribution. Continuous innovation can and will be a key enabler to facilitate resolution of many of these issues."

Bogdan-Martin has held leadership positions in international telecommunications policy for over two decades. Throughout her career, she has brokered innovative and visionary partnerships with the private sector, civil society, and other United Nations agencies to accelerate digital inclusion and connectivity. Bogdan-Martin will begin her four-year term as ITU Secretary-General on 1 January 2023.

The Secretary-General-elect has pledged "to continue driving this institution to be innovative and increasingly relevant for our Member States, better positioning all of us to embrace the digital environment and make progress on achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals and connecting the unconnected."



Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) Senior community investment officer Masaki Godlove (L) explains how the firm considers health and safety issues in mining activities to the Minerals ministry's deputy permanent secretary, Msafiri Mbibo, at the GGML pavilion at the ongoing National Mining Technology Exhibition at the Bombambili grounds in Geita Region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

600 companies take part in the fifth mining technology exhibition in Geita

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

OVER 600 mining companies have been participating in a two-week National Mining Technology Exhibition that kicked off on Tuesday at the Investment Zone (EPZ) Bombambili grounds in Geita Region.

The fifth event gives a room for mining stakeholders to showcase modern systems and new technologies that are used in the sector as well as facilitate business clinics for entrepreneurs and companies with needs and opportunities.

The event provides a great opportunity for participants to learn various modern technologies in mining, made possible by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGM) who is the main sponsor.

Simon Shayo, AngloGold Ashanti's Vice President (Sustainability) Tanzania and Ghana said in an interview that the company is relieved to be the main sponsor of the exhibition.

He said that the mining technology exhibition which started five years ago, is a good idea that the Geita regional administration and other stakeholders came up with.

"We're relieved that we were involved as one of the biggest sponsors from the beginning but we also realize that other stakeholders who are not even in the mining sector

such as banks and other stakeholders saw the importance of participating not only to sponsor but also to bring their products to these exhibitions and show them.

"Our call to all stakeholders, even those out of the mining sector to join the Geita regional government and we as GGML will continue to be there at all times to ensure that these exhibitions become large, productive and international," said Shayo.

Msafiri Mbibo, Ministry of Minerals' deputy permanent secretary, said that the firm is doing well not only in the way they show their willingness to sponsor but has enabled the exhibitions to grow year after year.

"GGML empowers us with capacity building for more participants, not only GGML, but also other people participate for the benefit of the whole country and all people," he said.

Jeremiah Musa, Blue Coast Investment Limited manager and one of the GGML's contractors said that they have successfully obtained two tenders from the mining firm, which are to supply fuel and to transport the company's employees.

The opportunity to expand and provide employment opportunities for Tanzanians as of now we have 400 employed workers," he said.

Manager of engineering activities African Underground Mining Services (AUMS), Redempta Samky said that the firm, which is responsible for providing mining and operation services, especially underground, has grown due to the addition of various projects by GGML.

"GGML has helped us grow as a company because we started with one Star and Comet project that they provided us, we ran well and got another Nyankanga project in which there were three more projects. We have just started a new Geita hill project," Samky said.

"Until now we have more than 200 employees, we started working here at GGML in 2016, so we are GGML's service providers," he said.

The fifth national exhibition of mining technology this year carries the slogan: "Mining and economic opportunities, employment for sustainable development." GGML has been a beacon of investment in the community since its inception in 2000 where the main priorities have been health projects, education, water, roads, income development projects and many other social projects to ensure the host community gets a better life.



THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FINANCE AND PLANNING

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRM SELECTION)
COUNTRY: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

NAME OF PROJECT: BOOSTING INCLUSIVE GROWTH FOR ZANZIBAR: INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (BIG-Z).

Loan No: IDA - 69140 -TZ

Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for Design Review and Construction Supervision of Area-Based Integrated Urban Upgrading Program in Unguja (Tomondo, Sebleni-Kwa Wazee and Meya - Magomeni) and System C Drainage Works

Reference No: TZ-POFP-274871-CS-QCBS

This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for the Boosting Inclusive Growth of Zanzibar: Integrated Development Project (BIG-Z) that appeared in the UN Development Business online No. WB-P811333-8 of 27-08-2021

The United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Boosting Inclusive Growth for Zanzibar Project (BIG-Z), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consultancy Services ("the Services") includes the provision of design review and validation of the existing detailed engineering designs, necessary updates of environmental and social safeguard documents, technical specifications/bill of quantities (BoQ) for the proposed works generally comprising of open spaces and markets, tertiary and secondary drainage, and street upgrading within the jurisdiction of the Municipal areas so that deficiencies (if any) are identified in time and adjustments are made before construction work started; Where necessary, carrying out: redesign, revision of drawings, identification/suggestion of suitable alternative routes or construction methodology for the works, sources of construction materials, material testing/quality control and any other professional activities that will control cost and time as well as enhance the quality of outputs, completeness, use and effectiveness of completed sub-projects/facilities; Supervision of two works contracts to ensure that the construction works activities comply with safeguard requirements, quality, time, budget, approved design, drawings/ specifications, occupational health and safety requirements, and sound engineering practices; Preparation of final construction report and review of the contractor's as-built drawings of all completed works; Monitor maintenance activities during the Defects Liability Period (DLP); and preparation of the Project Completion Report.

The assignment shall be for thirty-five (35) calendar months, 5 months for design review, 18 months for construction and 12 months for the Defect Liability Period (DLP).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.mofzanzibar.go.tz or upon request to the following email: bigzpmt@gmail.com

The Principal Secretary, President's Office Finance and Planning now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:

A: Core business and 10 years in business.

B: Relevant similar experience as specified below

1. The firm should demonstrate at least ten (10) years of experience in the urban infrastructure development sector.
2. Successful completion of at least three similar assignments in developing countries within the last 10 years.
3. Documented experience in the implementation of at least 2 similar multi-sectoral integrated urban development contracts successfully completed within the last 10 years;
4. Demonstrated experience in design and supervision of at least two (2) stormwater drainage infrastructure projects that address flooding in urban informal settlements;
5. The firm should have relevant planning, design, and supervision experience in green infrastructure, open space, and public facilities;
6. Demonstrated experience in environmental and social safeguards due diligence and high-quality supervision of Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs).

C: Technical and managerial capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications, and number of key staff). Do not provide CV of the key staff. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to section III, paragraph 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's Policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. Therefore, each member of JV shall independently meet the requirements of the evaluation criteria.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 07.30 am to 03.30 pm EAT excluding public holidays.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by mail) by 19th October 2022. The firms that will submit their REOI via e-mail must get confirmation of the receipt of their documents from the Project Coordinator, BIG - Z Project. In case the firm does not receive an acknowledgement within two days after sending the documents via email they should call +255 776 979979 for follow-up.

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The Principal Secretary, President's Office Finance and Planning

Hard hit by climate change, villagers raise a forest on their own

Meghalaya, India

Some ten years ago, Sheemanto Chatri, a 39-year-old farmer hailing from India's northeastern state of Meghalaya, was reeling with distress. The unseasonal rainfall had washed away all the crops he had cultivated after year-long labor in his far-off hamlet. In 2013, this farmer had sowed a ginger crop on his half-acre land and was hoping for a profitable yield. However, providence had willed otherwise. In September that year, unseasonal rains wreaked havoc on Sheemanto's village, destroying his crops beyond repair.

"We had not anticipated this. We were praying to God to grant us a good yield. But the rains destroyed everything - our hopes and our livelihood," says Chatri.

Another farmer, only identified as Marwin, shares a similar predicament. He said that he had grown potatoes on his farm and was planning to sell them in the open market to settle a loan from the bank. However, says Marwin, the drastic change in the weather

pattern affected farmers the most in the village.

"At times, it is draught and at times unexpected heavy rains. All this is unprecedented to the core. It affected our livelihood and would hit our families hard," says Marwin.

He added that the entire village had been incurring losses in farming due to such an unprecedented situation, putting people in dire straits in more ways than one.

"We had absolutely no clue why this was happening. We even performed congregational puja (prayers) and offered sacrifices to our Gods, but nothing happened," Marwin said.

According to another farmer, Arup Chater, a team of local NGOs with researchers came to the village in November 2014 and assessed the crop losses. The team also studied the pattern of the weather changes in the area and said they believed deforestation was responsible for the situation.

After the team visit, the villagers - men and women, young and old congregated at an open ground to discuss the remedial measures. They realized how the ruthless



The villagers work in a forest they planted to save themselves from the ravages of climate change. Credit: Umar Manzoor Shah/IPS

chopping of trees from the nearby forests had affected their livelihoods.

"At the onset, we didn't understand that any such thing would happen to us if we allowed the axing of trees from the nearby woods. Now

we understood that nature works in unison, and it was now affecting our lives so drastically," Chater told IPS.

At this moment, the inhabitants of this village decided to grow a forest.

The village head made a

general announcement asking the households in the village to provide saplings so they could be planted in the community forests.

"A kind of roster was devised that divided works amongst the villagers. Every

day, duties were distributed among the households for toiling in the woods, tending it with natural fertilizers, irrigating the saplings, and taking care of the newly sown plants. Three labor groups were created - each given a task of their own: "longkpa" (men), "longkmie" (women), and "samla" (youths)," says Mattheus Maring, the headman of the village.

He adds that at present, there are more than 4000 saplings that are growing.

"This forest was our only hope of not witnessing the impact of climate change. This has grown into a full forest," Maring told IPS. "There is the chirping of birds and the sounds of leaves everywhere. Gradually, the climatic conditions and water scarcity have subtly begun to improve."

He says he believes that this forest building has made nature "kind." "For the last couple of years, farmers haven't complained about losses. They get adequate rains on time and water supplies too. The economic conditions of our village also have begun to improve," says Maring.

He adds that a regular water supply was created by planting 2,000 each of the Michalia champaca (Diengrai), Duabanga

grandiflora (Dieng Mului), and 250 Drimy carpus (Dieng Sali) seedlings.

To enhance the water source coming from the roots of the trees, there was significant participation from the "longkpa" (men), "longkmie" (women), and "samla" throughout the day. To prevent wildfires, they make sure to clear and clean it. This activity aims to preserve the water supply for future generations while transforming it into a Nutri Garden by growing traditional veggies or wild delicacies.

Due to climate change, groundwater supplies, rivers, dams, streams, and others are all under stress. In India, rain-fed agriculture occupies 65% of all arable land, highlighting the industry's vulnerability to water constraints. Since less groundwater is being used for agriculture due to depletion levels, several states of the country are already experiencing water shortages.

Recent studies have demonstrated that climate change-induced global warming enhances the monsoon's oscillations, causing both brief bursts of intense rain and protracted dry spells. Since 1902, 2022 has experienced the second-highest number of severe events - a frightening scenario that gave rise to droughts and floods.

In India, as per government data, monsoon rains decreased in frequency but increased in intensity in the second half of the 20th century. These extraordinary shifts are severely impacting India's hundreds of millions of food producers and consumers, raising questions about food security.

However, the inhabitants of this northeastern village are optimistic that their hard work will yield the results - if not today, then tomorrow for sure. "We will not allow the chopping of the trees as we used to in the past. We will be vigilant now and understand that nature is a two-way street. We have to tender it with care to expect it to care for our lives in return. This community forest will save us for sure and will make our lives, the lives of our children better in more ways than one," says Maring.

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

WORD-FIT

3 letters: RAT, EAT, BYE
 4 letters: MERE, MENU, OSLO, OMAN, REIN, HATE, MEED, ORES, BULL
 5 letters: AMPERE, RACHIS, DINER, NOBLE
 6 letters: BUCKET, PLENARY, SOMALIA, TEASED
 7 letters: BROWSER, BULGARE, OMADHAUN
 8 letters: EMINENCE, DYNAMITE
 9 letters: CALAMITY

CROSSWORD

Clues Across:
 1 to reprimand
 5 sex that fertilizes the ovum
 6 unkind, cruel
 9 Overpopulated country in Africa
 13 Animal of Australia
 14 to stay
 16 coloured tropical freshwater fish
 17 barrier constructed to hold back water
 19 stopped, ceased
 20 small flat cake
 22 highest point
 23 largest horned African antelopes

Clues Down:
 1 Italy's Capital
 2 bed cover
 3 infidel
 4 human beings
 7 Niger's capital
 8 chain around a prisoner's ankle as a restraint
 10 insect which sucks
 11 an Indian actor
 12 barbary sheep
 15 friendly and sociable with fellow members not outsiders
 17 duets
 18 a walking stick
 19 used as an expression of pain
 21 large tailless primate

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WORD-FIT

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CORE CAPITAL REQUIREMENT FOR MORTGAGE REFINANCIER UP TO 30BN/-

By Guardian Reporter

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has raised core capital requirement for new entrants in Mortgage Refinancing business to 30bn/- or higher amount as the central bank may determine from previously 6bn/-.

This is in accordance with new Banking and Financial Institutions (Mortgage Refinance Companies) regulations 2022 published this week.

The new regulations come after the revocation of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Mortgage Refinance Companies) regulations of 2011.

The objective of the new regulations according to BoT is to ensure safety and soundness of mortgage refinance companies operations in Tanzania.

BoT says the new published regulations aim at creating conditions for a solid capital base that adequately reflects mortgage refinance companies risks and sufficient to absorb unanticipated losses; and good corporate governance, including an effective system



of internal controls, disclosure, and transparency.

According to the new regulations, MRC shall also maintain at all times a minimum ratio of core capital to the value of its risk-weighted assets and off-balance sheet exposures of not less than ten percent.

"The MRC shall maintain at all times a minimum ratio of total capi-

tal to the value of its risk-weighted assets and off-balance sheet exposures of not less than twelve percent," the regulations reads.

The MRC shall also not invest more than forty percent of its financial resources in the treasury bonds or equivalent instruments issued by the government and fixed deposits in banks and financial institutions

licensed by the BoT.

However, the limit of forty percent shall not apply in the first year of operations of Mortgage Refinance Company.

At no time shall MRC engage in activities that may lead it to incur foreign exchange, commodity or equity risks or use financial derivatives except as hedging instruments.

According to the regulations, any person who intends to engage in mortgage refinancing business shall apply for a license to the BoT with non-refundable application fee of five million shillings or any other amount as may be determined.

The fee has been raised from 3mn/- in accordance to the revoked 2011 regulations.

The license applicant shall also require disclosing any intended products and services it proposes to provide and how such products and services will benefit Tanzania.

The applicant shall provide a detailed feasibility study, business plan and projected balance sheets, income statements and

cash-flow statements for four years, the regulations reads.

According to new regulations, the mortgage refinance company shall not extend credit to any member primary mortgage lender equal to more than twenty times the member's paid up capital in company.

MRC may extend to a non-member primary mortgage lender shall not exceed the lesser of fifty per cent of credit accommodation allowed to member primary mortgage lender with minimum investment to MRC, or core capital of the borrowing non-member primary mortgage lender.

According to the regulations, the board of directors of MRC shall have a membership of not less than five, two of whom shall have mortgage finance or related experience and the majority of whom shall be non-executive.

The MRC shall not appoint any person to hold a senior management or Board of directors' post without obtaining prior approval of the Bank of Tanzania.

Construction software market to hit \$5.22bn by 2030

By Guardian Correspondent

According to a comprehensive research report by Market Research Future (MRFR), "Construction Software Market Research Report: By Product, Application - Forecast till 2030", the market is anticipated to acquire a valuation of approximately \$5.22 billion by the end of 2030.

The reports further predict the market to flourish at a robust CAGR of over 9.7% during the assessment timeframe.

The construction software market is expected to garner rapid traction across the globe. The growing trend of using data-driven, integrated processes and systems to efficiently manage construction projects would drive market growth.

The global construction industry is undergoing tremendous transformations. Construction companies increasingly need different solutions with tracking capabilities to manage multiple projects at a time.

They also need prioritized software that provides reporting tools, file sharing, and real-time updates with financial planning features, third-party accounting systems, and efficient project documentation.

Leading players in the construction software market are Oracle Corporation, Trimble Inc, Sage Group PLC, Constellation Software Inc, Comptex Software Inc, BuilderTREND, BuilderMT, iSqFt (ConstructConnect), Procore Technologies Inc and Turtle Creek Software.

Construction management solutions can increase productivity and improve workflow, allowing project scheduling, workforce alignment, and assigning of resources & equipment for a project while managing to monitor budgets, schedules, and strategies.

However, one of the most unique and valuable aspects of construction solutions is that they can simplify various building processes and highlight the top-rated project management needs.

Construction management solutions are hugely popular among construction firms, which is a key trend influencing the adoption of construction software.

Resultantly, construction firms are increasingly adopting various software solutions to improve the productivity and efficiency of their projects.

Besides, the rising demand for improved productivity & efficiency and improved quality & integration in construction projects drive the construction software market.

The spurring rise in construction industries worldwide is projected to influence market gains in the next few years.

Construction firms nowadays are looking for comprehensive solutions that can increase their project efficiency by improving various business operations.

Also, growing numbers of construction management platform providers impact the market shares positively.

Construction companies need project scheduling and tracking capabilities to assign workers, resources, and equipment for a project while managing to monitor budgets, schedules, and strategies.

Implementing construction software can enhance analyzing capabilities of contractors, allowing for optimal project schedules and resource mix.

Additionally, these construction solutions can automatically generate corrective schedules if the project falls behind or suffers delays.

The rising demand for improved productivity & efficiency and improved quality & integration in construction projects would boost the market size.

Government seeking investors for Mkinga SEZ

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has asked investors to invest in Mkinga Special Economic Zone in Mkinga district, Tanga region, to take advantage of high tech industrial development to make goods for exports and contribute to economic development.

The Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade Exaud Kigahani said at the launching of Mkinga Special Economic Zone in Dar es Salaam recently that the economic zone has a number of opportunities that needs to be explored by foreign and local investors for the greater interest of the country.

"The Mkinga Special Economic Zone is a great deal of employment opportunities as they will benefit more Tanzanians in line with the government's policies that are keen on raising its people's welfare," he said. He added, "We as government our prime task is to create conducive environment through which the investors can feel comfortable to put in their capital."

On his part, the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) Director General, Charles Itembe said Mkinga Special Economic Zone was registered by EPZA and obtained developer license to design, construct and manage its own industrial park in which various industries and business activities will be located.



"I commend Mkinga Special Economic Zone for their commitment and what they are showing the world today that this project can be done through the private sector initiative," he said.

He noted, "We expect that this project will be one of special economic zone in the country owned by the private companies but focusing on the same government vision of creating environment to attracting private sector investors in the development of infrastructures and attract more industries and add up in the stock of investments in our country."

He said Mkinga Special Economic Zone has a private arrangement with the Egyptian company which is modern and advanced in the design and development of ultra-modern special economic zones.

"So we have this privilege to attract Egyptian developers in the special economic zone in Tanzania and we are quite aware that Egypt is far ahead in terms of attraction of foreign capital and that is very key to having Egyptians in our docket within our special economic zone," he said.

To show how they are serious, they have already acquired over 3,000 acres of land of which they have promised that they will develop in five phases in which 50 acres will be developed in each phase at the cost of \$50 million (over 115bn/-).

This is because investment in infrastructures has been always been very big. And so far the company has received a commitment of 20 investors already.

The company has already made arrangement with investors from Bulgaria, Egypt, India, England, Poland and other countries like Brazil where these countries have gone far in pushing industrialisation agenda.

On incentives, EPZA provide to developers like Mkinga Special Economic Zone namely fiscal and non-fiscal incentives in the form of tax exemptions like corporate tax for 10 years, VAT on utilities, local government levies for 10 years, import duty on raw materials and capital goods, construction materials.

On his side the Director of Mkinga Special Economic Zone Ally Kassim said they are privileged to have government support in their project.

He said the project will use technology from different countries such as China, Bulgaria, Poland, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

"The project will have modern technological infrastructure from different countries that have shown interest to put in their capitals," he said.

PAET: We are back with supply of CNG in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

PanAfrican Energy Tanzania (PAET), a gas production and supplying company, has announced the resumption of compressed natural gas (CNG) supply in Dar es Salaam.

"PAET is happy to announce that it has resolved the CNG supply fault and normal service has been resumed since 18:00hrs 28th September," the company said in a statement issued yesterday.

The company said it experienced an interruption to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) supply at their Ubungu station in Dar es Salaam due to a mechanical fault in the facility's

compression system.

CNG is supplied to several customers in Dar es Salaam, including numerous motorists who have converted their vehicles to run on the gas.

Dar es Salaam city is estimated to have more than 1,000 vehicles converted to compressed natural gas (CNG) while the city has different CNG filling stations.

PAET established a pilot project for CNG to vehicles, the seed for a fledgling industry to deliver tangible cost saving benefits to the people while reducing carbon emissions.

In the wake of volatile fuel prices, the government has outlined measures currently

being undertaken to encourage the use of natural gas, including addressing tax issues in efforts to lower the cost of converting vehicles from gasoline consumption to compressed Natural Gas (CNG).

Minister for Energy January Makamba was quoted last month as saying that the government is engaging private sector so that it can invest in CNG infrastructure to make the service available across the country.

According to statistics charges for converting gasoline vehicles to CNG ranges between 1.5mn/- and 2mn/-.

He said the use of gas in vehicles and industries



A CNG filling station

will not only create jobs and promote businesses but also will be a remedy to inflation brought about by soaring fuel prices.

The government has set aside budget in this financial year for creating public awareness about the use of natural gas especially in converting their vehicles

GOVERNMENT HUNTING FOR PARTNERS TO DEVELOP SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

By Beatrice Philemon

The government is now looking for investors from different countries across the world who can partner in developing Special Economic Zones (SEZ) infrastructures in Dodoma, Ruvuma, Tanga, Kigoma, Bunda, Mtwara, Mbeya, Manyara, Bagamoyo and Kwara in Coast Region.

Export Processing Zones Authority's (EPZA) Director General, Charles Itembe (pictured), told "The Property Watch at the just-ended International Trade Exhibition on Food, Packaging, printing, Plastics products, equipment and machinery that was conducted in Dar es Salaam from September 22nd to 24th this year.

"We are ready to partner with companies to construct modern infrastructures in terms of roads, drainage systems, electrical installation, communication services and water connection and other services," he said.

The main goal is to attracting foreign direct



investment, achieving higher exports and create job for Tanzanians and strengthen business links with other foreign countries.

Apart from that, he said, if investors from India and other foreign countries opt to do business in Tanzania or establish plant, EPZA will provide full

support to them with best incentives.

He said assembly engineering is also another area for business and investment opportunities that is now available for investors from India and other foreign countries to partner with the government to develop economic zones areas.

So far EPZA has already allocated a total of 14,158.1 hectares of land in Northern zone, Lake Zone and coastal zone.

"As an investment promotion authority, EPZA provides reliable and relevant information to investors to assisting them in establishing their investments in Tanzania SEZs," he said.

Such information includes available investment opportunities, market information and other information related to SEZ investments.

EPZA is well placed to offer a wide range of support services under one roof in the One Stop Service Center.

The Centre provides services such as provision of guidance and comprehensive information about the establishment of SEZ investments in Tanzania, facilitates investors in obtaining factory space or serviced land in or outside the existing industrial/commercial parks, company registration process, administrative procedures in getting tax incentives and in obtaining visas and work

permits.

Also assists investors in logistics for clearing and forwarding of merchandise at the ports, provision of useful contacts of key public and private organizations.

Tanzania, one of the countries in Africa which are surrounded by eight countries including six that do not have ports, but is also surrounded by ocean, lakes, and rivers making it the only country with abundant natural resources.

Tanzania is also a peaceful country, generous people, a reliable workforce, and a growing economy every year.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Management team of the EPZA I would like to thank all our esteemed EPZ and SEZ investors for choosing to invest in our Zones," he said.

Currently Tanzania is the bridge economy that geographically links the Eastern and Southern Africa regional markets including EAC and SADC respectively as well as the inland transport and logistics corridor for COMESA Member Countries.

New asset classes emerge in Nairobi's property market

NAIROBI

Over the years, Nairobi's development pipeline has gone through multiple cycles.

The last decade saw a commercial office boom, then a retail one to now a shift in buildings focused on flexibility, accessibility and affordability.

This is contained in the Nairobi Development Pipeline Report compiled by pan-African real estate data company Estate Intel in collaboration with Axis Real Estate.

Estate Intel Research Associate Tilda Mwai said that initially, development cycles were underpinned by the entry of global capital in emerging markets.

"However, Nairobi's rising demographics have largely made the case for the shift in focus to alternative sectors such as data centres, flexible office spaces, neighbourhood shopping malls (plazas and supermarkets), purpose-built warehousing and affordable housing presenting new opportunities to developers," said Ms Mwai.

The report shows that data centres have seen their market supply increase to approximately 10 megawatts. Eighty per cent of this stock has come up over the last five years, with the development pipeline looking even more promising at approximately 470 per cent of total stock, said the findings.

The industrial sector has also continued to boom as one of Nairobi's leading real estate sectors.

Developers' interest matched with occupier demand, especially in the SMEs, agricultural and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sectors means that there are unlimited opportunities in the market for investors.

However, the industrial market, with only 11 per cent of the total stock estimated at 17 million square feet under development, remains largely undersupplied with regard to purpose-built warehousing, says the report.

This has seen investors increasingly explore the space with private equity or investor-operator-type models.

Over 80 per cent of the projects in the pipeline tracked by Estate Intel are already under construction, while the others remain conceptual.

Traditional sectors such as commercial offices are currently oversupplied, noted the researchers.

The office sector has an estimated 2.4 million square feet under development in 2022, which accounts for approximately 20 per cent of the total stock.

Combined with low take-up activity, due to rising inflation and election-related uncertainty, the market has a clear existing supply glut, added Estate Intel.

I&M Bank Tanzania gets new managing director

By Guardian Reporter

The Board of I&M Bank (Tanzania) Limited has announced the appointment of Zahid Mustafa (pictured) as its new Chief Executive Officer in succession to Baseer Mohammed, and to spearhead the Bank's digitally-led growth strategy.

The appointment is duly approved by the Central Bank of Tanzania.

The statement issued by I&M Bank says Zahid is an experienced banker, with over 27 years in the industry and a strong track record of business development and growth.

He has worked in multiple geographies, including in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

He started his banking career with Citigroup where he worked in Global Consumer Banking for over 11 years.

Subsequently, he worked with Barclays Bank in the Middle East and Africa where over a 12-year period he held a number of senior positions in Retail and Busi-

ness Banking across multiple countries and regions; he went on to lead the Retail Banking Business for Absa outside of South Africa.

Prior to joining I&M Bank Tanzania, he led a business turnaround for The Bank of Punjab, a large public sector bank in Pakistan.

Zahid has demonstrated strong leadership and business skills, with an emphasis on Retail, Digital, and Business Banking.

He nurtures a culture of innovation, customer-centricity, and teamwork. As such he is well positioned to successfully drive the I&M Group's strategic aspirations in Tanzania to the next level.

Welcoming Zahid, Mr. Sarit Raja Shah, Group Executive Director, I&M Group and Chairman of I&M Bank (Tanzania) Limited, said, "The appointment of our new CEO will ensure that the Tanzanian business will continue to contribute strongly to the Group's aspiration to become Eastern Africa's leading financial partner for



growth."

He said Zahid joins at a time when the Bank is pursuing a digital-led growth agenda and we believe that he will drive the Bank's business to new heights in a sustainable manner.

Mr. Shah further added, "I believe that the new CEO will steer the Tanzania operations to deliver customer-centric financial solutions and to boost

investor confidence in the market, on the back of our robust iMara 2.0 corporate strategy."

Headquartered in Dar es Salaam, I&M Bank Tanzania is a subsidiary of I&M Group PLC which is listed on the Nairobi Stock Exchange and has a growing regional presence, currently extending to Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, and Mauritius.

It is licensed by the Bank of Tanzania and started operations in 2002 as CF Union Bank. In September 2010, the bank changed its name to I&M Bank (Tanzania) Limited to reflect the new ownership.

Currently, the bank operates in Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Mwanza, and Moshi and has plans to extend to other regions.

Europe's largest hydrogen vessel factory construction starts



PARIS

Plastic Omnium has announced the start of construction of Europe largest hydrogen vessels factory in Compiègne.

During her visit to Plastic Omnium's -Alphatech research and development center, Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne (pictured) - accompanied by Bruno Le Maire, minister for economy, finance and industrial and digital sovereignty, Agnès Pannier-Runacher, minister for energy transition, Roland Lescure minister delegate for industry, and Laurence Boone, secretary of state for Europe - is announcing public funding to support the en-

tire French hydrogen mobility value chain.

Funding includes €74 million to support Plastic Omnium's growth strategy for hydrogen mobility in France.

This French public funding is part of the PIIEC (Important Project of Common European Interest) framework and supports projects considered essential for Europe's competitiveness.

Laurent Favre, Plastic Omnium's CEO welcomed the government's decision to support development of the hydrogen industry in France, and announced the construction in Compiègne of Europe's largest hydrogen vessels factory.

He said: "The future facility will produce 80,000 vessels a year, with the first ones produced as of 2025."

The new Plastic Omnium's plant in Compiègne and its expansion of hydrogen activities in France will in time represent around 200 jobs.

At the same time, Plastic Omnium will continue its hydrogen research and development activities at the -Alphatech research center.

Laurent Favre also announced the signature of two major contracts with Stellantis and HYVIA (HYVIA was also selected within PIIEC framework).

Both contracts cover the design and production, at its future Compiègne plant, of 700-bar high-pressure hydro-

gen vessels modules for commercial vehicles.

Laurent Favre declared that: "The support of the French government allows us to accelerate the ramp-up of our industrial production of hydrogen vessels in France. The signing of two new contracts with Stellantis and HYVIA illustrates our customers' confidence in our technological expertise in hydrogen storage."

"These announcements are a major step in our ambition to become the world leader in hydrogen mobility by 2030 and the preferred partner of the players in this sector, serving the profound transformation of our industry towards low-carbon mobility".

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FUNDING STALLS SH5.6BN THIKA ROAD BRT LINE

NAIROBI

Funding challenges have delayed the completion of Sh5.6 billion Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system that runs from Kasarani through the Nairobi city centre to the Kenyatta National Hospital (KHN) area.

The 27 Kilometer Kasarani-Kenyatta National Hospital line which has been under construction on and off by Chinese firm Stecol Corporation since 2020 was supposed to be opened for public use in June 2022.

But Housing Principal Secretary Charles Hinga said Treasury was yet to allocate the project an additional Sh3billion required to complete it.

"The total project cost for the current line under construction was about Sh5 billion and we have spent up to Sh2billion to date," said Mr Hinga.

"This means that we need an additional Sh3 billion to complete the current line."

The first phase of BRT had

dedicated two innermost lanes of Thika Superhighway to special high-capacity buses and erected boarding ramps to ease access to the buses.

The project was expected to support the city's rickety public commuter service and help ease traffic congestion.

Other motorways identified in the project are the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Likoni, James Gichuru-Riroini and Bomas to Ruiru roads.

Other motorways are Ngong Road, Juja, Mama Lucy, T-Mall and Balozi to Imara roads.

The corridors are expected to hold up to 950 high-capacity buses reducing travel time and cost by up to 70 percent.

In coming up with the project, Kenya was seeking to offer a private firm a 12-year concession to run BRT on Thika and Mombasa roads to ease traffic in Nairobi. Nairobi Metropolitan Area Transport Authority acting director-general Francis Gitau said the firm would run 300 BRT buses.

Passengers were to pay a



Road works for the Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) Station under construction along Thika Road Superhighway PHOTO | NM

flat rate fee of Sh150 to use the bus rapid transport (BRT) to be launched in June along Thika road once the project is launched. Currently, to travel from Kasa-

rani to Kenyatta National Hospital, passengers must use two buses and it will cost about Sh120 for the one-way trip.

Passengers were to be given a

card loaded with points that they can tap at termini situated along each corridor before they can take a ride.

Buses operating on the route

were also supposed to be run by private operators but regulated by the Nairobi Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (NaMATA).

The move to allow private operators to buy the buses is said to have been adopted after the government ran into budget constraints that will see it pull out of the planned importation of high-capacity buses from South Africa.

The government had initially planned to source 32 complete buses from South Africa and another 32 chassis for assembly locally for deployment on an already-demarcated lane on Thika highway and other major roads within Nairobi.

Parliamentarians, however, questioned the rationale of importing the buses without putting in place supportive infrastructure that was still at a design stage.

The World Bank estimates that Nairobi residents on average spend an hour traveling to work and another 60 minutes commuting back home due to traffic congestion.

This has resulted in pain and chaos for millions of commuters amid traffic grid-locks on key roads and highways.

Six skills every real estate investor must master

By Xavier Preterit

More and more people are becoming interested in investing in real estate because of the many advantages offered by this type of investment. Property is one of the most popular safe havens, especially in times of crisis. But investing in real estate cannot be done in just any way, especially for the investors who aim for success. To invest properly and grow your wealth, you need to master several skills, but the six main ones are those that follow:

1. Know the market

Knowledge of the real estate market is essential for investing in an intelligent way. This includes the trends in the prices and the trend of the market: Is it a seller's or a buyer's market? Is a bubble forming? Some people invest in real estate in order to follow the trend – because people around them have started to invest. Others have been tempted because they have heard a friend telling them that investing in such and such city is a guaranteed return, without knowing much about the market. These people, of course, may succeed by chance, but most of the time this is not the case. The market evolves, and it changes according to the economic and social context. The most successful real estate investors study the market in order to know exactly when to invest. This allows them to invest safely and

also ensure a return on their investment.

2. Know how to recognize a property with a high potential

To avoid wasting their time, property investors need to know how to distinguish a property with high potential from an ordinary one. This skill can be acquired with experience, and it allows them to avoid missing an opportunity when they detect the ideal property. Thanks to their many visits, professional investors know how to spot a profitable property at a glance. What may not seem interesting to the average person may have great potential for these professional investors. They rely on a number of techniques in order to enhance the value of an unattractive property at first glance and make it irresistible to future tenants or buyers. It is only by thinking outside the box that you can find the best possible deal. It's important to invest some time into learning how to tell which properties have high potential and which ones don't.

3. Know how to negotiate

Negotiation is an essential skill for any real estate investor to master. It comes into play at several levels. It first comes into play at the level of the seller in order to negotiate the purchase price and the conditions of the sale. Then it comes into play at the level of the financing organization (the banker or the broker), in order to

obtain the best loan conditions. Negotiation also comes into play with the contractor, when some renovation or construction work is involved and with the tenant if it is a rental investment. Note that a negotiation is not an imposition. It is a process in which the investor takes into account the various interests of the other party and seeks a compromise that would be a win-win situation for both parties. Without going through the negotiation process, it is very difficult to find a good deal in real estate.

4. Know to set limits

Limits are important to maintain focus on your investment. Professional investors remember that they are their best asset. It can be very tempting to try to do everything yourself in order to save a few dollars or to invest in properties that don't fit your profile. But real estate investors need to learn to focus on their strengths in order to make their investment pay off. Aren't the few dollars saved actually a loss in terms of time spent on the job? At some point, investors must resign themselves to delegating some of the work. Likewise, the opportunities can multiply to the point of wanting to invest in every property that comes along. But the best property investors must learn to focus on their goal and also to say "no" to certain properties that may distract them from this objective.

5. Know how to work with your network

The success of real estate investors depends in part on the quality of their network. Investing in real estate is not something that is done alone. The investors rely on the help of real estate agents, bankers, brokers, notaries, contractors, tax lawyers, accountants and other professionals in the field. This network helps everything move forward more quickly. A network is built, but it is also maintained. Real estate investors need to master the relational skills which allow them to work on good terms with their network. For example, calling your real estate agent from time to time shows them your motivation to take action.

6. Have a long-term outlook

Real estate investors need to keep their emotions in check when it comes to making a purchase. They have to keep in mind that they are investing to increase their wealth and to make money at the same time. Even if a real estate deal looks tempting, it is necessary to analyze it thoroughly before making a purchase. Buying just because your instinct has dictated that a property is a crush is never a good idea. This is why professional investors start with a precise strategy and an action plan in order to properly set up their investment projects. In this way, it is easier for them to stick to their initial plan and not to spread themselves too thin.

Qatar's real estate market attracts strong investment

DOHA

Qatar's real estate market is one of the fastest growing sectors and is attracting strong investment. The country's upcoming and existing real estate developments are providing a selection of lucrative opportunities for investors, said a recent report by IPA Qatar and EY.

The report entitled 'Qatar's Real Estate Market Outlook - Building the Future' underlines the growth prospects of different sectors. "The real estate sector offers unique investment opportunities to investors in the growing economy and stance of Qatar. Foreign direct investment (FDI) is ranked second after hydrocarbon in attracting investments, reflecting the attractiveness of the sector. The GDP of real estate sector grew by 18 percent between 2015 and 2020, with the number of issued building permits nearly doubling," it noted.

According to the report, Doha and Al Rayyan have the highest levels of interest from a transactions volume perspective with most of the residential supply in Doha being in the form of apartments, while Al Rayyan has a predominance of villas and compounds.

Residential supply also witnessed a healthy growth of 6.9 percent per annum between 2010 and 2020, outpacing the population growth of 3.8 percent per annum during the same period mainly on account of the surge in the demand for villas and apartments.

"Existing permits for upcoming residential developments are expected to increase the stock by approximately 24,000, mainly represented by municipalities such as Doha (48 percent) and Al Rayyan (23 percent). Doha, Wakra, and Al Sheehaniya municipalities are largely dominated by apartments in comparison with Al Rayyan, Umm Salal and Al Dayyan, which primarily comprise villas and compounds," the report said.

The report further stated that demand for premium-quality buildings is on the rise as tenants are increasingly opting for apartments that are complemented with high-quality building finishes and free amenities. Apartments are generally in higher demand than villas, with 1BHK and 2BHK being most desirable, given the large population of single males and young couples travelling to Qatar for work.

Heightened demand in areas such as Lusail, The Pearl, Msheireb, Bin Mahmoud, Al Sadd and West Bay in the past months has resulted in a considerable improvement in occupancy levels.

Qatar's upcoming and existing real estate developments are providing a selection of lucrative opportunities for investors. The freehold areas include West Bay Lagoon (66), The Pearl (66), Al Khor Resort (74), Onaiza (63), Al Dafnah (60,61), Fox Hills (69), Lusail (69) and Al Khuraj (69).



China to speed up delayed homes with special loans

BEIJING

China's central bank vowed to expand a special lending program if it's needed to ensure the delivery of delayed housing projects, and called on banks to provide financing support for this effort.

China will roll out city-specific property policies to support demand, implement special loans dedicated to ensuring property completion and increase its magnitude within reason, the People's Bank of China said in a statement Thursday. The statement summarized the decisions of the quarterly meeting of the monetary policy committee, which was chaired by Governor Yi Gang and met on Sept. 23.

The more than year-long slump in the housing market has continued to drag on the economy, adding to the damage to growth and activity from the Covid Zero policy.

While the economy looks to have rebounded from the April-June period, when the lockdowns of Shanghai, Jilin province and other major economic hubs almost drove gross domestic



The central bank also said it would make full use of policy bank financing tools, with an emphasis on supporting infrastructure development

product to contract, many economists are lowering their expectations for the full year.

"The fourth quarter is a critical time to make progress on construction resumption," said Chen Wenjing, associate research director at China Index Holdings. "If the macro economy sta-

bilizes and supportive measures get implemented well, the housing sales slump this year may narrow to about 20% in a sign of stabilization."

China's housing ministry has yet to provide details about the national bailout fund announced in August, although Bloomberg reported earlier

that the lending program will be 200 billion yuan (\$27.8 billion). The People's Bank of China and the Ministry of Finance will channel the money through policy banks such as China Development Bank and Agricultural Development Bank of China, people familiar with the matter told Bloomberg earlier. The special loans will only be used on homes that have already been sold but are yet to be finished, the people said. Still, it remains unclear how much of the special loans have been allocated.

In the statement on Thursday, the PBOC said it will guide commercial banks to provide funding support to safeguard the interests of homebuyers and support the healthy development of the housing market.

China's home sales slump has persisted despite additional easing measures from local governments, as the nation grapples with a job crisis and weak economic recovery. Boycotts have "battered" homebuyers' confidence, the chairman of the second-largest developer China Vanke Co. warned last month, adding that a recovery will only be "mild and slow."

WORLD

UK warned over 'twindemic'

LONDON

PEOPLE in the United Kingdom are being encouraged to get their flu and COVID-19 vaccinations because of fears that the country could be hit by a so-called twindemic of infections of both viruses this winter.

In recent years, pandemic-enforced restrictions and measures meant that the usual seasonal influenza outbreak has been less widespread than usual, but with so many people having now returned to normal behavior and social mixing, there is concern that immunity may have dropped, meaning it could be particularly virulent this year.

Figures from Australia show that the H3N2 flu strain caused an early outbreak this year. It is one of the most severe strains of the virus, and was the driving force behind the UK's last bad flu season, in the winter of 2017-18, when it is believed to have contributed to around

22,000 excess deaths and twice that number of hospital admissions, putting more pressure on the National Health Service, or NHS, whose resources are always particularly stretched at this time of year.

"There are strong indications we could be facing the threat of widely circulating flu, lower levels of natural immunity due to less exposure over the last three winters, and an increase in COVID-19 circulating with lots of variants that can evade the immune response," Susan Hopkins, chief medical adviser at the UK Health Security Agency, or UKHSA, was quoted as saying by The Guardian newspaper.

"This combination poses a serious risk to our health, particularly those in high-risk groups."

Around 33 million people in the UK are eligible for a free flu vaccine this fall, and around 26 million of those people are also eligible for a COVID-19 booster



A nurse prepares a dose of a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccine in Coventry, Britain, April 22, 2022. File photo

shot. For practical purposes, where possible both will be done at the same time. Peter Openshaw, a professor of experimental medicine at Imperial College London, said that should not put people off.

"We know that giving both the flu vaccine and the COVID vaccine simultaneously is safe, and they do not interfere with one another," he said. "People really do need to get both, because they act quite differently against two different viruses."

Steve Russell, the NHS director for vaccinations and screening, said the prospect of the "twindemic" meant that it was "vital" that those most at

risk of illness from the viruses should get their shots, for their protection and the protection of others.

"If you have been offered a flu vaccination or COVID booster you should book in as soon as possible," he added.

England's deputy chief medical officer, Thomas Waite, said the success of vaccines in recent times may lead people to be complacent, which could be costly.

"Infections will rise once again this winter, so it's really important people get both their COVID and flu vaccines if eligible," he said.

Agencies

50-year-old woman becomes first female tractor driver in Palestine

RAMALLAH

ETIHAD Ayyad, a farmer from the West Bank city of Jericho, has become the first Palestinian woman to obtain a tractor driver's license.

After her husband, who used to work with her on their 30-dunum (3 hectares) land, left the field to work elsewhere as a driver, the 50-year-old mother of six decided to earn her own driver's license because she didn't want to lose the land that she had been working on for 20 years.

"I need a driver's license to transport my agriculture products between the Palestinian cities," Ayyad told Xinhua. At first, Palestinians were shocked to see her driving a huge tractor. "Some said I was mad, while others said I was bold to drive a such tractor," Ayyad said.

But soon, Ayyad became an icon for local women as she not only successfully saved her land but also earned enough money to help her husband and support the family.

"I succeeded in recruiting



Palestinian female farmer Etihad Ayyad, who has recently gained the first-ever tractor license in the Palestinian territories, is driving a tractor in a field in the West Bank city of Jericho, on Sept. 24, 2022. (Photo by Mamoun Wazwaz/Xinhua)

at least eight female farmers to work with me and we do all the tasks that the men were supposed to carry out," she said with a proud smile. "Now, I can say that there is no profession that is exclusive to men," she added.

Najah Mohammed, a 44-year-old woman working on Ayyad's land, told Xinhua that "even if men leave the

land, we (women) are able to protect ourselves, our land, our history and our future." "We (the Palestinians) can advance our economic, social and political development if we are able to revive the agricultural field, because it is the basis of development and progress in all fields," Najah said while ploughing the land.

The Palestinian governo-

rate of Jericho and Valley is traditionally an attractive place for agriculture due to its fertile soil and abundant water resources.

However, Israeli authorities had prevented water from reaching the Palestinians' land and restricted their access to local markets, bringing many difficulties to their farm work, according to Ayyad. "Israel fol-

lows a reprehensible policy of displacing us from our land by preventing us from farming and investing in our land," said Ayyad. "But for me, the farmer is the first soldier to protect our land from Israel's takeover and settlers," she says.

Unfortunately, Ayyad said, most local farmers had abandoned their lands because they were unable to earn enough money to support their families, and a big number of them instead chose to work in Israel, where the salary is higher. The exodus of farmers could threaten the existence of the local agricultural products, said Ayyad.

Riyad Al-Atari, Palestinian Minister of Agriculture in the West Bank, praised Ayyad's initiative to employ women in the field of agriculture.

"The Palestinian woman is a pioneer by nature, and she is an essential partner for men in building and developing the Palestinian society," he told Xinhua, adding his ministry supports all women's initiatives aimed at creating jobs for women. Xinhua

Ugandan military helicopter crashes in eastern DR Congo

KAMPALA

A Ugandan military helicopter crashed in the Ituri Province of eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a military spokesperson said here Wednesday.

Felix Kulayigye, the Uganda People's Defense Forces spokesperson, told Xinhua by telephone that the crash of the MI-17 helicopter happened on Monday.

"The helicopter was taking off after delivering supplies to our forces in eastern Congo," Kulayigye said. "Two people, including the pilot and co-pilot have been confirmed dead," he added. However, earlier media reports said the crash killed over twenty people. He said a team had been dispatched to investigate the cause of the accident.

He ruled out bad weather as the

cause of the crash, which came two days after another military helicopter heading to DRC crash-landed on take-off in the western Ugandan district of Kabarole.

"We have dispatched an investigations team led by the deputy Airforce commander, Maj. Gen. Charles Okidi to find out what happened in both crashes," Kulayigye said.

Uganda has since last year been carrying out joint military operations with the Congolese military to flush out the Allied Democratic Forces rebels.

Uganda has had a series of military helicopter crashes in recent years. In February last year, two cadet trainees were injured when a military helicopter they were traveling in crash landed soon after take-off. Xinhua

British young man aspires to become envoy of UK-China friendship

CAMERON Patterson, a young man from the UK, had just joined the Confucius Institute at Lancaster University when he received this interview from People's Daily.

"Affirmed and encouraged by President Xi Jinping, I have always been working hard at my Chinese studies and actively participating in the UK-China cooperation on culture, people-to-people exchanges and education," Patterson told People's Daily in affluent China.

The man, who names himself "Kang Ke" in Chinese, said he hopes to serve as a bridge between the British and the Chinese people.

Oct. 22, 2015, is an unforgettable day for Patterson (pictured), who was a 20-year-old then.

On that day, Chinese President Xi Jinping, on his state visit to the UK, attended the opening ceremony of the UK Confucius Institutes and Confucius Classrooms Annual Conference.

At the opening ceremony, Patterson, as the European Champion in the 2015 Chinese Bridge language competition for foreign college students, recited a poem authored by the Chinese President in 1990 in memory of Jiao Yulu, a long-deceased revolutionary icon of China.

Today, the British young man still remembers every detail of the scenes seven years ago - the fully packed conference hall and the excitement of attending students and faculty.

"I was very excited and too nervous to even raise my head and look at President Xi when I recited, but I somehow felt he was watching me with a smile on his face," Patterson recalled.

"Ten thousand miles away, your soul has flown; the rivers, mountains and land yearn for your return. The people mourn the loss of a caring official, tears flooding under the empress trees you planted," Patterson recited emo-



tionally with clear pronunciation and great intonation, and left the stage to prolonged applause.

Xi praised Patterson, "His Mandarin is very good, better than many in my delegation, and he recites the poem better than I could."

Encouraged by the Chinese President, Patterson noted down Xi's comments and posted them on the microblogging site Weibo. He wrote in Chinese, "My recitation today went well. I was very happy to hear President Xi's praise."

At the opening ceremony, President Xi stressed that language is

the key to understanding a nation and that Confucius Institutes serve as an important platform to help the world understand China, Patterson remembered. Xi also pointed out that the way of thinking and lifestyles in China and the UK were experiencing wonderful "chemistry" triggered by the interaction between the essences of the two cultures.

"President Xi's remarks inspired me so much. As a former student and a teacher today of the Confucius Institute, I'm extremely honored to be able to contribute to UK-China cultural and people-to-people exchanges," Patterson said.

Patterson has a special bond with China. He came to China at the age of nine with his parents and didn't go back home until he finished middle school in China's Shanxi, Shandong, Jiangsu and Guangdong provinces, he went to the same schools as Chinese children, where he gained a profound understanding of Chinese society

through a number of touching stories about the endeavors of the Chinese people.

"When I was in middle school in China, my classmates and I were assigned a task by our teacher that required us to learn the stories of Jiao Yulu. I consulted many materials about him and was deeply touched by his love for the people, his hard work, his truth-seeking spirit, and his selfless dedication," Patterson noted.

He said he had a deeper understanding of Xi's care for the people when he recited the Chinese President's poem about the revolutionary icon at the opening ceremony. "Only those who always bear in mind the people can write a poem like that," Patterson told People's Daily.

Civilizations have become richer and more colorful through exchanges and mutual learning. Patterson said that Xi would always stress the significance of people-to-people exchanges and mutual

learning between civilizations when he visits other countries. Only with exchanges, can people-to-people bonds be established and civilizations learn from each other for common development.

"I was told by many British beginners in learning Chinese that they had a great feeling of being close to China when they recited the poem of Saying Good-bye to Cambridge Again in Chinese for the first time, when they wrote their Chinese names with an ink brush for the first time, and when they talked to their friends in Chinese for the first time," Patterson said.

"I will present the profound Chinese culture and its aesthetic conception to more British students and introduce China's development to more people in the classes of the Confucius Institute, and become an envoy of the friendship between the UK and China," he said.

People's Daily

Hurricane Ian makes landfall in southwestern Florida as 'extremely dangerous' Category 4 hurricane

WASHINGTON

"EXTREMELY dangerous" Ian made landfall as a Category 4 hurricane in southwestern Florida, the southeasternmost U.S. state, on Wednesday afternoon, according to the National Hurricane Center (NHC).

Ian's landfall occurred near Cayo Costa, an island in Florida's Lee County, around 3:05 p.m. ET (19:05 GMT) with maximum sustained winds of 240 kilometers per hour.

The hurricane was causing "catastrophic" storm surges, winds, and flooding in the Florida Peninsula, an earlier NHC update read. Catastrophic storm surge inundation of 12 to 18 feet (approximately 3.66 to 5.49 meters) above the ground level is expected somewhere between Englewood to Bonita Beach, including Charlotte Harbour, forecasters said. Weakening is expected after landfall, but Ian could be near hurricane strength when it moves over Florida's east coast on Thursday, and when it approaches the northeastern Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina coasts late Friday.

As of Wednesday afternoon, more than 814,000 customers are without power in Florida due to the storm, according to PowerOutage.us. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said Wednesday morning that Ian was expected to be a "historic" storm with "a profound impact" on the state. Fleets of high-water vehicles, 42,000 linemen, 7,000 members of the National Guards, and 179 aircraft had been mobilized in response to the hurricane's impact, DeSantis tweeted.

U.S. President Joe Biden said from the White House on Wednesday that the federal government was "on alert and in action" as the storm was closing in on Florida. "This storm is incredibly dangerous, to state the obvious. It's life-threatening," Biden warned.

"You should obey all warnings and directions from emergency officials," he continued. "Don't take anything for granted. Use their judgment, not yours. Evacuate when ordered. Be prepared."

The U.S. Coast Guard is searching for the 23 migrants whose vessel sank off the coast of Florida amid Hurricane Ian, an official said on Wednesday afternoon.

Walter Slosar, chief patrol agent for the U.S. Border Patrol's Miami sector, tweeted that agents had responded to a migrant landing in Stock Island, Florida's Monroe County.

Slosar said that four "Cuban migrants swam to shore after their vessel sank due to inclement weather" and that a search and rescue operation was underway for 23 individuals believed to have been on the same boat.

Russia ready to defend Crimea and territories that will become part of it, says diplomat

WASHINGTON

AMERICAN politicians are wrong if they think that Russia would not defend Crimea or the territories that may join it, Russian Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov said in an article published on the website of the US' National Interest magazine on Wednesday.

"We are not threatening anyone. But we confirm that, as President Vladimir Putin said on September 21, Russia is ready to defend its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and our people with all weapon systems we have," he stressed. "What is so aggressive about this statement? What is unacceptable? Would the United States not do the same if faced with an existential threat?"

"I would like to add that certain American politicians are under a delusion if they think that our readiness to defend our territory does not apply to Crimea or to territories that may become part of Russia on the basis of a free expression of popular will," he noted.

The referendums on joining Russia kicked off in the Donetsk and the Lugansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) and in the liberated areas of the Kherson and the Zaporozhye Regions were held on September 23-27. The overwhelming majority in all the four regions supported their accession to Russia.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Tuesday that Washington would not object against Ukraine's use of Western weapons against the DPR and LPR, and the Kherson and Zaporozhye regions after the referendums.

Agencies

Russia denies involvement in Nord Stream gas leaks

MOSCOW

KREMLIN spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Wednesday called it "stupid and absurd" to allege that Russia was involved in leaks in the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines.

"Is this in our interest? No, we will lose gas supply routes to Europe. Is it in Europe's interest? No, it is also in a very difficult situation," Peskov told a daily briefing.

Dialogue and prompt cooperation of all parties are needed to find out what happened as soon as possible, he said, adding that Russian gas giant Gazprom, the owner of the pipelines, should participate in the investigation.

The European Union's (EU) chief diplomat Josep Borrell on Wednesday said the leaks were most probably the result of sabotage. In a statement on behalf of the EU's 27 member states, Borrell said the EU will support any investigation aimed at getting full clarity on what happened and why, and will take further steps to increase the bloc's resilience in energy security.

Several leaks have been detected earlier this week on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea near Denmark and Sweden, an incident reportedly being investigated as probable sabotage.

The director of the Danish Energy Agency (DEA) Kristoffer Bottzauw said on Wednesday that the gas leaks from the Nord Stream pipelines will continue until the end of the week. "We expect that gas will escape the pipes by the end of the week."

There is still a great deal of gas flowing out of the three leaks. It seems that there is a pressure drop in the pipes, and therefore slightly less gas flows out than yesterday, and we expect to see that in the coming days as well," Danish news agency Ritzau quoted Bottzauw as saying.

"Then, initially from the Danish side, we will look into the cause and approach the pipes so that we can conduct a thorough investigation."

Monday saw the occurrence and reporting of three leaks from the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines in international waters.

Two of them are in the Danish economic zone and one is in the Swedish economic zone. Danish authorities are focusing on the two leaks in the Danish economic zone, while Swedish authorities are concentrating on the leak in the Swedish economic zone.

IMF calls on UK to 're-evaluate' tax-cutting measures

LONDON

IN a statement issued on Wednesday, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) openly questioned the United Kingdom's (UK) new fiscal plans and called for more targeted support measures.

An IMF spokesperson called the fiscal measures, including the large-scale tax cuts, "untargeted" and said they will "likely increase inequality" given "elevated inflation pressures" in the UK.

The IMF said that "it is important that fiscal policy does not work at cross purposes to monetary policy" and called on the UK government to "re-evaluate the tax measures, especially those that benefit high income earners," on Nov. 23, when Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng is expected to make his next budget announcement.

The UK consumer price index rose by 9.9 percent in the 12 months to August, as food and non-alcoholic beverage prices rose by 13.1 percent. To tackle high inflation, the Bank of England (BoE) has increased interest rates to 2.25 percent, the highest since 2008.

Adnan Mazarei, a former deputy director at the IMF, told BBC that "it was common for the IMF to make strong statements on 'emerging market countries with problematic policies but not often G7 countries.'" Credit ratings agency Moody's also joined the chorus of critics, arguing that the "large unfunded tax cuts are credit negative."

In response, a UK Treasury spokesperson said Kwarteng will "publish his medium-term fiscal plan on November 23, which will set out further details on the government's fiscal rules."

The rebukes were part of drastic market reactions to the government's new measures. The plans, announced last Friday by Kwarteng, include canceling the planned increase in corporation tax to 25 percent and keeping it at 19 percent, and reversing this April's 1.25 percentage point rise in National Insurance contributions. Kwarteng also announced a one percent cut to the basic rate of income tax to 19 percent in April 2023, one year earlier than planned.

The 45 percent additional rate of income tax on earnings above 150,000 British pounds (163,000 U.S. dollars) will also be scrapped. Kwarteng set a target of 2.5 percent economic growth alongside these plans. The tax cuts and reforms, the biggest package in generations, "send a clear signal that growth is our priority," he said.

The 45-billion-pound tax cut is the biggest since 1972, Paul Johnson, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, commented. The large tax cuts are expected to drive up borrowing.

The new policies will see an additional 411 billion pounds of borrowing over five years, according to the London-based Resolution Foundation think tank.

Earlier this month, the UK government also announced a series of measures to support households and businesses with their surging energy bills amid a worsening cost-of-living crisis. However, since the announcement of the new measures, the sterling has fallen and the cost of government borrowing has soared.

China's Xiaomi smart devices gaining traction with upwardly mobile Kenyan youth

NAIROBI

FRESH from high school and bubbling with energy back in 2017, Azeezah Hashim, a 23-year-old Kenyan media personality, found the alluring beauty and sleekness of the Xiaomi smartphone irresistible.

The ambitious radio presenter said that owning a Xiaomi smartphone at the peak of her youth was a decision she remains proud of to date, thanks to its impeccable features and affordable cost.

"Ever since I started using a Xiaomi smartphone five years ago, I can say it has not disappointed me. It was my first phone and it does resonate with local clients, especially the youth," Hashim told Xinhua during a recent interview at a Xiaomi retail center in downtown Nairobi, the Kenyan capital. Hashim is currently a Xiaomi fan and influencer who is proud of raising the visibility of the company's other flagship devices like smartwatches, earbuds, and 3C products in Kenya during her radio shows.

On display at Xiaomi's retail center in downtown Nairobi were a variety of products including phones, smart television sets, vacuum cleaners, scooters, scales, and wearable devices, that attracted curious members of the public.

Frankline Okenye, a 23-year-old sales promoter at the Mi home KTDA, said that while the youth usually buy Xiaomi smartphones, attracted by their sleek design, the middle-aged clients are keen on wearables and smart television sets.

"Kenyans in general love our products. We often interact with our clients and their feedback has been positive. I foresee growth and dominance in this market since we offer quality and diversity of products," said Okenye.

Harry Das Okubasu, a 28-year-old interior designer, revealed that he bought a Xiaomi 11 smartphone in 2021, to aid him in coming up with artworks that are marketable to diverse clients.



Okubasu said that based on his experience with Xiaomi smart devices like smartwatches, earbuds, robot vacuum-mop, and household products, he has come to appreciate their unique features and high quality.

In particular, he cited some pre-installed tool-type applications on Xiaomi smartphones, which can assist in the measurement part of interior design work. Xiaomi phones also support the smooth running of some professional rendering applications, which brings great convenience to design work.

Okubasu said that, unlike other mobile phone companies, Xiaomi has stood out for introducing smart devices in the Kenyan market that have transformed local people's lifestyles.

"The Xiaomi smart devices like wearables and scooters are helping people maintain a rigorous fitness regime. At least with Xiaomi wearables, it can help people track their health, remind people when to exercise, and indirectly help people develop healthy living habits," said Okubasu.

Previously considered alien and luxurious, smart devices are gradually causing a wave in the Kenyan market, amid rising demand by the country's burgeoning urban middle class.

Faith Emali, the store manager at Mi home KTDA, said the company's flagship wellness and entertainment devices have resonated with a growing clientele base with

disposable income. Emali said that smart homes, pioneered by Xiaomi, could shake the Kenyan market soon, given the enthusiasm of the urban population to harness technology and enhance comfort and convenience.

"What I see in the coming years is a lot of Kenyans adopting Xiaomi's smart homes category."

Customers can come here and get a smart TV, smartwatches, purifiers, lamps, and even suitcases all in one package," said Emali. She said that Kenyans who have visited Xiaomi retail center have been keen to learn more about smart homes, the cost of installation, user-friendliness, and security.

Emali stressed that a countrywide expansion will enable Xiaomi to expose local clients to its diverse product range, adding that encouraging them to adopt smart homes will be a key priority.

Juliet Kirauni, a 27-year-old sales promoter at Mi home KTDA, projected a friendly demeanor as she explained to a middle-aged male visitor the features of a model smart home.

Kirauni was persuasive in her description of comfort that accompanies a smart home to the attentive visitor, saying that armed with a Xiaomi smartphone application, one can operate different gadgets like security cameras, television, lamps, and robot vacuum-mop remotely.

In the last two years working at the Xiaomi retail center, Kirauni said she has witnessed a steady growth in demand for smart devices, fueled by rising incomes among the urban middle-class population.

She added while the youth have smartphones, earbuds, and smart home products, the middle-aged often settle for smart television sets and wearables meant for wellness. Su Mou, the head of the Xiaomi brand's distributor (Demart) in Kenya, said that Africa is considered to be a market with great potential.

As a Chinese mobile phone brand, Xiaomi has well-recognized product power and a series of market behaviors based on respect for the cultures of African countries, which are actually a concrete demonstration of Chinese culture and innovative soft power in smart products.

Xinhua

'China sets example for African countries to achieve prosperity'

BY CARLOS AQUINO

By Yang Yi, People's Daily

"The Gabonese Democratic Party (GDP) has a friendship with the Communist Party of China (CPC) lasting over 40 years. Every leader of the Gabonese party has paid visits to China to learn governance experience from the CPC. They witnessed the huge changes in China's development and deeply felt the institutional advantages of socialism with Chinese characteristics," said Michel Philippe NZE, Second Deputy Secretary General of the GDP, in a recent interview with People's Daily.

China is the world's second largest economy, the largest industrial country, the largest goods trading country and the holder of the largest foreign exchange reserves. Philippe admires such developments made by the Chinese people under the leadership of the CPC and speaks highly of the governance philosophy of the Chinese political party. "The CPC adheres to a people-centered approach and always puts people's interests in the first place," said Philippe, adding that is what guarantees China's constant progress.

In the fall three years ago, Philippe visited China together with a GDP delegation. The delegation visited tech firms and cultural organizations in a number of Chinese cities, such as Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen. They also joined symposiums attended by local citizens and professionals from various industries, from which they saw the development of China.

"I was deeply impressed by the Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall. It comprehensively showcases the history, status quo and future of the Chinese capital's urban planning and construction. There, I learned that Beijing



A cadre from Longhai township, Luliang county, Qujing, southwest China's Yunnan province talks with local people of Yi ethnic group to learn the implementation of relevant policies, so as to better serve the local community in terms of poverty alleviation, Dec. 18, 2020. (Photo by Wang Yong/People's Daily Online)

keeps its ancient appearances while adopting modern development approaches and methods," Philippe told People's Daily.

He also felt the prosperous green development of China on the streets of Beijing, where he saw shared bikes and other green transport methods. "The citizens are taking concrete actions to put green development into practice," he said.

China and Gabon have achieved common development through the Belt and Road Initiative. In June last year, China handed over the renovated parliament building of Gabon to the Gabonese government. Five months later, a school constructed by Chinese companies in the African country was completed, which can accommodate over 5,000 students.

Philippe speaks highly of the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind and the Global Development Initiative, both proposed by China.

"Chinese schemes have been recognized and responded by a number of developing countries including Gabon, and our people have also received tangible benefits from such

schemes," he noted.

In March last year, Gabon received the first batch of COVID-19 vaccines donated by China. "We immediately launched nationwide vaccinations. The Gabonese President and his wife were vaccinated at the earliest time possible," Philippe recalled.

According to the man, the pandemic has been put under control in his country, and there has been a significant drop in both the affections and the death rate.

"We and China offered mutual assistance amid the pandemic. It would have been very hard for us if our Chinese friends had not helped us," he said.

China and Gabon have witnessed constantly deepening cultural exchanges over recent years. It was announced last November that the French version of the Chinese drama series *Mining Town*, which spotlights a real-life poverty alleviation project in northwest China, would be aired in Gabon and other African countries.

"These Chinese poverty alleviation stories can strike a chord with African people. They bring the Chinese peo-

ple closer to Africans and set an example for African countries to achieve prosperity," Philippe said.

Philippe believes that China's poverty reduction miracle - lifting hundreds of millions of people out of poverty in the past some 40 years - will go down in history.

"More importantly, it brings hope to African countries that are still bothered by poverty today," he noted.

In March this year, Philippe attended a virtual meeting held by the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, which was themed on the exploration and practice of Chinese and African political parties to seek modernization paths suiting national conditions.

Philippe shared his opinions on the development of political party-led media outlets and journals in the new era. He said relevant parties need to enhance exchanges and cooperation to build a clean cyberspace and a sound environment for public opinion in today's world that is highly informatized.

The 20th National Congress of the CPC will kick off next month. Philippe extended his congratulations to the Chinese people for their achievements made under the leadership of the CPC. He said he hopes China can continue working with other developing countries to create a brighter future.

People's Daily



Bernard Morrison. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

TFF traps Yanga with Morrison ban, after putting off federation on 'Wananchi Day'

By Correspondent John Kimbute

THERE is something that in some literary traditions is known as a game of mirrors, which by some guesswork serves to indicate that it is problem to know who is who when certain events take place.

This is what is being noticed in the current rather low-key standoff between Young Africans SC, nicknamed Yanga, and the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), where two incidents have taken the two sides to a sentimental tug-of-war.

Each side is trying to impress the public it is observing the rules in what is happening, and no side issues are involved, any visible antipathy.

What is taking place at the moment is a prolongation not just of the Haji Manara saga but also its predecessor, the Bernard Morrison 'soap opera,' a never-ending story that has lasted for two seasons, and trips over into the third league season.

It has eclipsed the Simba SC saga of Emmanuel Okwi transfer fees which split the club into two, leading to the arrests of the former leader during the fifth phase.

The latter move was also a sequel to the FIFA clean-up initiated by US law organs.

The latest turn in the ongoing TFF-Yanga saga is the ban handed to Morrison for three consecutive matches, where one of the matches is a scheduled 'Dar es Salaam derby' between the city archrivals, on October 3.

Pundits were not discussing the matter in earnest, leaving the issue with complaints from radio listeners (and social media contributors definitely) that the disciplinary committee (of TFF or the Premier League Board) should deliver its rulings timely, to avoid confusion.

Message sent, or even successful owing to this incomprehension, that the late move was a systemic failure.

That isn't a usable impression for 'those who studied in Cuba,' to use hyphenation currently in vogue in Dar es Salaam, which amounts to having a 'third eye,' in the traditional, quasi-occult rendering.

The idea of 'studying in Cuba' underlines the capacity to notice something clever, like the way the former Real Madrid central defender Sergio Ramos took out Liverpool point striker Mohamed Salah with a violent interaction that removed the Egyptian international from the pitch, and the towering no. 5 did not even get a yellow card.

The intent of harm was there, but so cleverly hidden that no controversy arose thereafter, or using VAR to sort it out.

So the disciplinary committee was simply late in handing Morrison a ban, waiting more than a month to make the decision, although the committee is supposed to receive a match report and work on it within 72 hours.

The lag is hard to explain by procedural means, and the fact that by the time it was issued the matches where the player is ineligible including the derby could hardly have come by chance.

Trusting that it all was a failure to receive the referee's match report, or the commissar's backup report, and work on it timely, is to take trust a bit too far.

This trap is a prolongation of the game of mirrors, or rather of wits, between the two sides that came up in the Manara clash with TFF president Wallace Karia.

It is part of a tradition where the TFF inclination in city rivals' psychological warfare usually depends on who is the leader at that time, and thus the prerogatives at hand to add fuel in one or other direction.

Thus the chronic ailment of the two sides with the haranguing and effective sermonizing of the ex-Simba SC major domo who then shifted camp after his affinities with some club rivals or nemesis was floated.

It is indisputable that Msimbazi Street officialdom has never been at peace with either of the two turncoats, Manara on the one hand and Morrison on the other, despite that in both instances the club parted company with the specific employee.

The trouble is in the fact that former lover hooks up with one's most admitted - and detested - neighbour and the relationship is convivial, thus the intent to sack, thus torment such individual falls by the wayside.

When that happens, a follow-up operation is needed, so that the detestable happiness on the other street is dowsed.

That is more or less what happened when the Jangwani Street side invited Manara ostensibly as a 'master of ceremony' on their anniversary, not featuring as a club mobilizer, which was an indiscreet travesty.

TFF said nothing on that event, despite that it presumably went deep and far into bigwig conscience.

The response was the delayed match report and procedures concerning it, where it was not entirely quite surprising that procedures took time to be fulfilled.

It was a verbatim repeat of what Yanga did and precisely to the same effect - an uplifting of the Yanga mood at the time of its club anniversary, and in the latest move, a clear dampening effect.

Tanzania U-23 soccer squad must improve before facing Nigeria

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S national U-23 soccer side may have qualified for the second round of the 2023 U-23 AFCON qualifier following Monday's scruffy 3-3 draw with South Sudan in Rwanda but they have a 'hell of a lot of work to do' if they are to stand a chance against Nigeria.

Captain Kelvin John grabbed a timely equalizer at Huye Stadium, Butare to secure progress but it was another unconvincing display showcased by players coached by Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco' and the former Namungo FC boss knows they must improve over the next few weeks.

To the relief of millions of patriotic Tanzanian fans, it was good that our players overcame the setback and got the job done against a determined opponent but it was a stark reminder of how far we are from the qualification dream.

Somehow Tanzania dug deep to find an equalizer when it looked as if all hope had gone because they had run out of gas and South Sudan had the upper hand.

This team will know

they got lucky from a position when it had looked so easy, so straightforward from the moment they took an early first-half lead from the spot kick.

Captain John drove forward with a devastating run full of pace and purpose, South Sudan defender made a clumsy challenge and brought the Belgium-based forward down.

Up stepped Abdul Suleiman 'Sopu' to drill home the penalty past South Sudan keeper Joseph Anyama.

South Sudan's equalizer was all of Tanzania's own making. Two central defenders were caught ball watching as Dani Lual headed past the on-rushing goalkeeper Aboutwalib Msherry.

Tanzania looked to have been demoralized until, from nowhere, South Africa-based Ally Msengi connected home an inviting cross from right full-back David Kameta.

Taking a half-time break one would have expected coach Suleiman to calm down his charges and let them at least keep possession.

Contrary to expectation it was South Sudan who came back from the tunnels recharged and



Tanzania's U-23 soccer squad's striker, Abdulhamis Suleiman (L), challenges South Sudan U-23 squad's Loki Emmanuel as the squads locked horns in the Africa U-23 Cup of Nations Qualifiers' return leg which took place at Huye Stadium, Butare in Rwanda recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

duly got their equalizer just eight minutes after the restart.

It was another case of very poor defending which allowed Joseph Malish enough time and space to beat goalkeeper Msherry for the second time.

A confident and more motivated South Sudan side took a deserved lead ten minutes later but, to their credit, Tanzania quickly equalized.

In the end, Tanzania scrapped through on the away goal rule. Talk about getting out of jail. This was a major let-

off, an afternoon that nearly went so wrong and underlines just how much work must be done before the Nigeria encounter next month.

Even though they got the job done in the end, no one should kid themselves.

This was a low key under-strength South Sudan team, missing some of their best players.

On both legs, Tanzania looked far from convincing, was ponderous, and uninspired.

The team simply could not move the ball quickly enough to pull the

South Sudan defensive machine out of its pre-ordained shape. Nigeria will certainly ask tougher questions than South Sudan.

From how they battled, this team has potential, but we have to admit they have got a hell of a lot of work to do.

The assembled squad comprises the brightest youngsters the country has at the moment, most are playing at topflight clubs.

However, the reality of the situation is that many of these players are not exactly on top of their games.

The technical bench will certainly need at least two good build-up matches to know its players.

As it stands, it felt like they were doing guesswork. With little preparation time, one would not be forgiven to assume Morocco was only trying to shoot in the dark with players' selection.

In the return leg, he made five changes to his starting lineup, suggesting he needs more time to know his players.

The disjointed performance may be down to a lack of chemistry as a result of inadequate preparation time.



Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC players participate in training at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday to shape up for 2022/23 NBC Premier League. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Simba Queens request for camp in Ghana ahead of CAF Women's Champions League

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Simba Queens' technical bench has submitted a request to the management of Simba SC, wanting to set up a camp in Ghana before going to Morocco to participate in the 2022/23 CAF Women's Champions League slated for next month.

Simba Queens got the chance to participate in the second edition of the premier continental club tournament for women after winning the CAF Women's Champions League qualifier for the CECAFA Zone which took

place in Dar es Salaam in August. Selemani Makanya, Simba Queens' Manager, disclosed they have sent the request to the leadership by suggesting the West African country as an ideal place for preparations.

According to him, his club believes going for preparations in Ghana will help them in terms of the climate given the West African nation's weather is compatible with Morocco's.

Makanya stated the team will, for the time being, play friendly games with junior men's outfits in Dar es Salaam to improve

fitness while waiting for the answer to the request they submitted to the leadership.

"We have applied and we are waiting for answers, if we succeed, the team will leave immediately for either Ghana or another place," Makanya disclosed.

In the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League, Simba Queens has been put in Group A with Morocco's AS FAR WFC, Zambia's Green Buffaloes, and Liberia's Determine Girls FC.

Group B consists of defending champion Mamelodi Sundowns

Ladies of South Africa, Nigeria's Bayelsa Queens FC, Wadi Degla of Egypt, and TP Mazembe Women's Football Club.

Morocco's AS FAR WFC has automatically garnered qualification for the tournament as the host team, while Mamelodi Sundowns Ladies are runners-up of this season's COSAFA Qualifier for CAF Women's Champions League. The South African women's soccer big guns have further made it to this year's showcase based on winning the inaugural tournament held in Egypt last season.

African Sports laments financial constraints

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

TANGA'S African Sports Club leadership has called on soccer stakeholders and the club's fanatics to assist it financially.

The team got off to a shaky start in the 2022/23 Championship League, recording a 1-1 draw with Green Warriors in Tanga on September 17, and notched similar results in the second duel which pitted it against Ndanda FC on September 24.

According to African Sports' Chairman Bakari Makolo, the club is lately facing financial constraints.

The Tanga outfit's leadership has therefore asked soccer stakeholders to boost the club's operations by donating money through the outfit's official bank account and mobile phone transaction.

He said currently the squad's needs and other financial-related matters depend on leaders' contributions.

"We are in difficulties, we started the Championship League with leaders using their funds to cater to the side's needs," he said.

"We might have a sponsor soon but currently if you would like to donate to the club, you can do so via our club's bank accounts."

African Sports' secretary-general Hatibu Enzi stated financial constraints turn out to be one of the reasons behind the outfit's poor performance in the 2021/22 Championship League.

He further explained that one of the outfit's strategic plans this season focuses on having either one or more sponsors who will enter a mutual agreement with the club's management to promote their products through the side's jerseys.

In the 2022/23 Championship League standings, African Sports is sitting eighth with two points after taking part in two matches that ended in a draw.

Denmark to wear World Cup jerseys that protest host Qatar

GENEVA

DENMARK will wear team jerseys at the World Cup that protest the human rights record of host nation Qatar, with a black option unveiled Wednesday to honor migrant workers who died during construction work for the tournament.

"The color of mourning," kit manufacturer Hummel said in a post on Instagram releasing the black third-choice design.

"While we support the Danish national team all the way, this shouldn't be confused with support for a tournament that has cost thousands of people their lives," the company said.

The designs seem to complete a promise made by the Danish soccer federation last November to wear clothing with "critical messages" at the tournament in Qatar.

Though FIFA's World Cup rules prohibit political statements on team uniform, the three Denmark shirt designs in all-red, all-white and all-black appear to comply with no words or symbols that are an explicit statement. The national team badge, Hummel logo and decorative white chevrons — a famous feature of the Denmark shirt since the 1980s — are faded into the same single color as the shirt.

"We don't wish to be visible during (the) tournament," Hummel said. "We support the Danish national team all the way, but that isn't the same as supporting Qatar as a host nation."

The gas-rich emirate has been fiercely criticized in the past decade for its treatment of migrant workers mostly from south Asia needed to build tens of billions of dollars' worth of stadiums, metro lines, roads and hotels.

Definitive numbers of worker deaths and injuries have been hard to verify with inquests not routinely held and limited data released by Qatari authorities.

World Cup organizers in Qatar disputed Hummel's claim of thousands of deaths in construction work during preparations for the Nov. 20-Dec. 18 tournament.

"Furthermore, we wholeheartedly reject the trivializing our genuine commitment to protect the health and safety of the 30,000 workers who built FIFA World Cup stadiums and other tournament projects," the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy said in a statement.

"The SC's work is recognized by numerous entities within the international human rights community as a model that has accelerated progress and improved lives," organizers said, citing the U.N.'s International Labor Organization.

Denmark, the world's No. 10-ranked team which reached the European Championship semifinals last year, has been one of the 32 World Cup teams most likely to take a strong stance against Qatar.

The Danish federation joined a European campaign launched last week for captains to wear heart-shaped, multi-colored "One Love" armbands in World Cup games.

Danish officials also have taken a leading role in a group of European soccer federations visiting Qatar to monitor the progress of promised reforms in labor laws.

"This dialogue resulted in a better understanding of the progress made, the challenges faced, and the legacy we will deliver beyond 2022," Qatari organizers said, urging the Danish federation "to accurately convey the outcome of their extensive communication and work with the (Supreme Committee) and to ensure that this is accurately communicated to their partners at Hummel."

Denmark has been drawn in a World Cup group with defending champion France, which typically wears a dark blue shirt, Australia, whose first-choice color is gold, and Tunisia, which wears white.

The FIFA match schedule for the tournament lists Denmark as the home team with first choice of color only for its opening game on Nov. 22 against Tunisia.

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FIFA judges detail why they rejected Chile World Cup appeal

GENEVA

FIFA judges comprehensively rejected the Chilean soccer federation's entire case in a failed appeal this month to replace Ecuador at the World Cup, according to the detailed verdict published Wednesday.

Chile argued it had documents proving Ecuador defender Byron Castillo was actually Colombian and should have been ineligible for the eight World Cup qualifying games he played in.

However, "at no point did (Chile) provide 'cogent evidence' that the documents related to the individual born in Colombia indeed relate to the player," the judges ruled.

The 64-page appeal verdict released by FIFA is needed by the Chilean federation as the basis of another urgent legal challenge at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

There are just 53 days left for that judgment to be issued before Ecuador is due to play in the World Cup opening game against host nation Qatar, on Nov. 20 in Doha.

If the FIFA appeal committee had ruled that Castillo was ineligible, Ecuador would have forfeited all eight games he played in — including two wins over Chile — as 3-0 losses and dropped out of contention in the South American qualifying group.

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Racist abuse of Richarlison shows FIFA still has work to do

MANCHESTER, England

WHEN FIFA president Gianni Infantino dashed from Geneva to Paris to watch World Cup favorite Brazil in its final warmup game before Qatar, he cannot have expected to be confronted by such visual proof of the racism that continues to infect soccer.

Not least because the sport's world governing body disbanded its anti-racism task force — declaring it had "completely fulfilled its temporary mission" — shortly after Infantino was elected in 2016.

FIFA has implemented a detailed strategy to combat all forms of discrimination, but the incident at the Parc des Princes on Tuesday, when a banana was thrown at Richarlison as he celebrated scoring a 19th-minute goal in Brazil's 5-1 win against Tunisia, showed just how much work is still to be done.

The Tottenham striker later tweeted: "As long as it's 'blah blah blah' and they don't punish, it will continue like this, happening every day and everywhere. No time bro!"



Tunisia's Ghaylen Chaaleli, right, duels for the ball with Brazil's Richarlison during the international friendly soccer match between Brazil and Tunisia at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris, France, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022. (AP Photo)

In a statement, FIFA condemned the incident, saying: "First and foremost, FIFA strongly rejects any form of racism and violence and has a very clear zero tolerance stance against such behaviour in football."

"FIFA will investigate the incident in yesterday's game in Paris."

Earlier that day, Infantino had been in Geneva to discuss human rights-related matters and their relation to soccer with Federico Villegas of the United Nations.

Later on, he witnessed firsthand the latest instance of racism and discrimination,

which is prompting such concern within the sport.

Leading players have called out online abuse — but there have also been high-profile episodes within stadiums, with FIFA handing Hungary a two-game stadium ban and a fine of almost \$205,000 after England players were subjected to racist abuse during a World Cup qualifier in Budapest last September.

UEFA also sanctioned Hungary for discriminatory behavior during Euro 2020.

It raises the question of whether there will be similar occurrences in Qatar at FIFA's showpiece occasion.

The FARE network, an anti-discrimination organization which works with FIFA and UEFA to investigate cases of discriminatory behavior by fans, does not believe there is particular cause for concern within stadiums at the World Cup. But executive director Piara Powar says "international football has a huge problem."

"There will be a lot of close monitoring of far right and racist banners (in Qatar). They will be taken down within minutes," Powar told The Associated Press. "There will be specific analysts in security boxes. There will be a lot of people watching out for these

things."

FARE has contacted FIFA regarding the Richarlison incident.

"The wilful act of taking a banana and throwing it at black player after scoring a goal is breath-taking," Powar added. "When we're reminded what the act means — it is dehumanizing."

Richarlison's tweet pointed to his own lack of faith in soccer's authorities to deal with racism.

On Wednesday, his club, Tottenham, voiced its support for the forward.

"We are disgusted by the racist abuse of Richarlison at last night's game between Brazil and Tunisia," it tweeted. "This has no place in football, or anywhere. We stand with you, Richy."

Former Chelsea player Paul Canoville was subjected to racist abuse from fans of his own club during his career — and believes today's stars will eventually take extreme measures in protest.

"It's hard hearing about racism," he told AP. "The truth is it's happening throughout the world. Racism is a large problem in football and a huge problem in society."

"When I was warming up I'd hear fans calling me a monkey and throwing bananas. It's telling me I am an animal."

"The players will walk off the pitch. That will be a statement. I can see that. It will be a team with Black players saying, 'Enough is enough. Why should I play in these conditions?'"

"Some people think that's giving in. I don't think it's giving in — it's standing up."

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Warriors-Wizards games in Japan to woo NBA fans, sponsors

TOKYO

JAPANESE basketball fans will get to see NBA stars up close when the reigning league-champion Golden State Warriors take on the Washington Wizards in two preseason games.

Not surprisingly, Stephen Curry and Japanese-born Rui Hachimura will be the star attractions for each team.

And as clearly as the logo of Japanese online retailer Rakuten is splashed on Curry's jersey, big money is riding on the NBA's most recent foray into Japan.

Junya Ogura, senior manager at Japanese automaker Nissan's brand and media strategy department, thinks it's all worth it, given the NBA's strong appeal to the younger generation, a trend that's backed up by marketing studies.

Nissan Motor Co., which sponsors Japanese professional baseball and soccer, had a high-profile deal with tennis superstar Naomi Osaka which recently ended. This is the first time it's sponsoring NBA games.

The tickets cost up to 420,000 yen (\$2,900) each for courtside "VIP" seats. Both Friday and Sunday games are sold out at the Saitama Super Arena.

"These are the Japanese people who grew up on Michael Jordan," said Ogura. "We are banking on a return that will come in the future."

The NBA has drawn 15 marketing partners to support the preseason games in Japan, including American Express, Hennessy, NEC and Nike, and now has 19 market-



Washington Wizards players including Rui Hachimura, center, work out in Tokyo, yesterday, Sept. 29, 2022, ahead of the NBA preseason games in Japan. Japanese basketball fans will get to see NBA stars up close when the reigning league-champion Golden State Warriors take on the Washington Wizards in two preseason games. (AP Photo)

ing and promotional partners in Japan.

Rakuten, which also sponsors Japanese baseball and soccer and holds the Japan Open tennis championships, live-streams NBA games.

"Obviously it's about the money," said Bob Dorfman, a San Francisco-based sports analyst at Pinnacle Advertising.

"Building the fan base in Asia, and everywhere else in the world, results in more sponsorship dollars, increased media rights and greater merchandise sales."

The NBA may have more global appeal than other U.S. sports, being easier to understand than football, for instance, according to Dorfman, who has worked in Japan.

"Every team has foreign-born players on their rosters, and the league's top stars are cultural icons, trendsetters, and social media giants. The game is cool," he said.

That translates not only into sponsorship money but also youngsters spending on sneakers and other fashion items and merchandising.

Between 1990 and 2003, the NBA staged 12 regular-season games in Japan. The last time the NBA played in Japan was in 2019, when Houston and Toronto played a pre-season game. The

coronavirus pandemic had postponed their return to Japan until now.

And so the NBA is again courting Japan.

A giant 3D display at a Tokyo street-crossing depicts Curry and other NBA stars as "manga," or Japanese comic, characters. The NBA's Japanese-language social media accounts have amassed more than

1.6 million followers.

While the players are in town, they will be taking part in various fan events. Besides Hachimura, the NBA now has another Japanese player, Yuta Watanabe, who is with the Brooklyn Nets.

The NBA is also excited about the potential for women's basketball. Japanese women were the silver medalists in

the last Olympics. Rui Machida, an Olympian, signed earlier this year with the WNBA's Washington Mystics.

"Our fan base is growing," said NBA Asia managing director Ramez Sheikh. "There is real momentum around basketball in Japan, and it's a real important market for the NBA."

Wizards officials acknowledged they were surprised by the big reaction signing Hachimura drew from Japan. They suddenly saw more Japanese in the stands, tour buses started coming, and Japanese media showed up in big numbers.

"It was all about Rui (Hachimura)," said Hunter Lochman, chief marketing officer at Monumental Sports & Entertainment, which owns the Wizards. "It's fast-paced. It's high scoring. It's a great sport and it's a global sport."

Besides Japan, exhibition games are scheduled for Abu Dhabi this season. Regular-season games are being played in Paris and Mexico City.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Messi 2 goals, accosted twice, Argentina tops Jamaica 3-0

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Boxing Club Championships pushed back

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS year's National Boxing Club Championships which were slated to take place in Dar es Salaam this month have been pushed to November, the Open Boxing Federation of Tanzania (OBFT) announced.

Lukelo Wililo, OBFT Secretary-General, said the championships were initially scheduled to start last Wednesday and come to an end on Sunday at Tanzania Packers ground, Kawe.

According to Wililo, the National Club Championships will be held from November 18-23 at the same venue.

He could not issue more details as to why the championships have been rescheduled but said it is a blessing in disguise as clubs will have ample time to prepare for the showdown.

"The National Club Championships which were to start last Wednesday in Dar es Salaam will now be held in November, we have communicated to all clubs on the new dates... I think the clubs will have enough time to prepare well," he said.

Dar es Salaam's JKT Headquarters are the showdown's defending champions.

Meanwhile, Wililo said all countries are at liberty to submit their bids to host the 2024 Africa Boxing Confederation (AFBC) Men's and Women's Championships.

Wililo, an Executive Committee member for AFBC, revealed after the just ended AFBC Men's and Women's Championships that took place in Mozambique the confederation's Executive Committee members agreed that the bid for the 2024 showpiece is open to any African country which is affiliated to the confederation.

This year's AFBC Men's and Women's Championships attracted 179 boxers from 24 African countries.

There were 58 female and 121 male boxers, Algeria and Mozambique had the largest number of boxers with 18 apiece.

South Africa fielded 17 pugilists, Cameroon entered 15, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) brought 14, and Zambia had 12 boxers.

Wililo said the 2022 AFBC Men's and Women's Championships had 155 bouts and 18 nations won medals.

The host nation, Mozambique, was the overall winner, followed by Algeria and Zambia which were positioned second and third respectively.

"The AFBC Men's and Women's Boxing Championships were unique as history was made in the showdown, it was the first time that Mozambique topped the medal list," the official revealed.

"For the first time 11 countries won gold medals, it was also the first time that Sierra Leone won its first AFBC Championships medal, Zambia won four gold medals and it was also the first time for DRC to win two gold medals in AFBC Championships," he said.

In another development, Wililo said five Tanzanian boxing coaches who were among 30 African coaches who were attending an online AIBA 1 star course have passed it with flying colours.

The five coaches that attended the course are Wililo, Mohammed Abubakar, Rogate Damian, Makore Mashaga, and Samuel Kapungu.

The official noted: "We are delighted that five local coaches who were attending the online AIBA 1 star coaching course have all passed with flying colours."

"Now we have qualified coaches who can coach any boxing club or national team, gym, or even the Olympic events," he said.

The five have joined compatriots David Yombayomba, Edward Lyakwipa, Juma Uwesu, Said Mwingishe, Zakaria Mwaseba, Gaudence Uyanga, and Joseph Mayanga who possess AIBA 1 star certificates.

Prisons eager to start winning games, says head coach Odhiambo



Tanzania Prisons' head coach, Patrick Odhiambo.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA Prisons' head coach Patrick Odhiambo has made it clear his side intends to start winning matches early on in 2022/23 NBC Premier League after having a slow start to the season.

The Kenyan coach stressed his club is ready to do so against Azam FC when the two sides lock horns at the Sokoine Memorial Stadium in Mbeya today.

Prisons have so far won only one game, drawn one, and lost two games this season after taking part in four

games.

Odhiambo stated his team had been preparing for the game, with each player showing that he is ready to enter the battle for three points.

The gaffer said the main goal going into the game is

to make sure they win, to get back to winning ways after losing the previous game against Simba SC which was played at the same stadium.

He said that they respect Azam FC due to having a good and strong team, and this season they have start-

ed well because so far they have not lost any Premier League games.

"This break has helped us a lot to prepare for our game against Azam FC, our goal is to ensure that we win the game to be in a safe position and restore happiness to

our fans," the gaffer noted.

"As you know we lost the last game we played here in Mbeya against Simba SC, so we have to fight in the game against Azam FC again at home to get a good result."

The gaffer noted: "We give all the respect to Azam FC because this season they are in a good competitive shape, they have just won here against our rivals Mbeya City FC."

"We have to prepare based on taking precautions to achieve the goal of not losing the second game in a row here," Odhiambo disclosed.

Azam FC will play away today while having a good record this season after playing four games and winning two and settling for two draws.

The outcome had the Chamazi-based side collecting eight points which put them in the fourth spot in the standings.

Tanzania Prisons, who battled relegation last season, have tasted one win, knuckled down to a draw, and lost two games. The Mbeya outfit is as a result positioned 10th in the Premier League.

Mgendera to take on Mexican boxer in Featherweight bout

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN professional boxer Ibrahim Mgendera today faces Mexican Gustavo Pina in an international non-title Featherweight bout at the Mlimani City Hall in Dar es Salaam.

As per records, Mgendera, alias 'Class', has managed to win 27 bouts, among them 12 by Knockout (KO), and lost six bouts, three of which were KO defeats.

His opponent Pina has so far won 10 fights, five by KO while losing four, two of which were Knockout losses.

Speaking in the city yesterday, Pina said that he is not ready to lose to another Tanzanian boxer, promising to emerge victorious.

"I cannot mention how I will win but I'm here for victory, not anything else," Pina noted.

Mgendera said he hardly fears Pina and called on Tanzanians to turn up at the Mlimani City Hall to witness how he defeats his opponent.

"I'm fighting for Tanzanians and I'm here to make them happy. I know he is good and I cannot underestimate him but I have prepared to win," the Tanzanian pugilist noted.

The fight has been organized by MO Boxing Promotions, being the first time for the company which operates under a prominent Tanzanian businessman, Mohammed Dewji, alias 'MO'.

The organizer of the fight from MO Boxing Promotions, Ahmed Seddiqi, said preparations have been completed and there will be six undercards.

He said one of the supporting bouts will see former World Box-



Dares Salaam's MO Boxing Promotions' coordinator Ahmed Seddiqi (C) introduces Tanzania's famous professional boxer Ibrahim Mgendera (L) and Mexican boxer Gustavo Pina Melgar in the city on Wednesday. The two boxers will fight in an international Featherweight bout scheduled for today at Mlimani City in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

ing Organization (WBO)/World Boxing Council (WBC) Youth champion Alfred Lamptey (10-0-0; 8 KOs) confront former International Boxing Federation (IBF) Continental champion from Namibia, Abraham Ndauendapo (17-8-0; 5 KOs).

"We are going to have a stacked night of action at the Mlimani City ahead of the highly anticipated fight of the year in Tanzania and the atmosphere is going to be electric on a sold-out night," Seddiqi revealed.

"This iconic night features Tanza-

nians and international fighters from Mexico, India, Namibia, Kenya, and Ghana looking to hook boxing fans with a non-stop action," the official stated.

The undercard list will see Juma Choki (6-0-0; 2 KOs) fight Jose Hernandez (10-8-3; 3 KOs), Nicholas Mwangi (10-4-1; 7 KOs) facing Emmanuel Mwakyembe (8-1-1; 3 KOs).

In other bouts, Sameer Anwar (4-1-0, 3 KOs) will come up against Adam Mrisho (12-3-0; 8 KOs), Mwyni Mzengela (17-10-2; 7 KOs) is set to fight Sabari

(6-1-0; 2 KOs), and Arusha's Sadra Mohamed (2-2-0; 0 KO) will trade punches with Dar es Salaam's Lulu Kayage (7-8-3; 2 KOs).

The September edition is sponsored by Azam TV, Boxer, Mo Xtra, Mlimani City, KCB Bank, White Sands Resorts, Bajaj, and Otapp Tanzania.

According to MO Boxing Promotions, all fights will be aired on Azam TV and tickets are now available on the Otapp Tanzania website, otapp.co.tz/event-tickets.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

