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# EU observers, 96 local NGOs, set to observe October polls

By Guardian Reporter

ELECTION observers sourced from 15 countries have so far been accredited by the government, ahead of the general election late next month.

Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday following a meeting with the head of the European Union delegation to Tanzania, Manfredo Fanti.

In a statement, the minister said accredited persons come from countries that applied to send election observers by following diplomatic channels.

"In adherence to our national laws and principles of international election observation, we opened doors for applications and so far observers from 15 countries have been accredited," he said.

Ambassador Fanti on his part noted that the EU was closely watching the ongoing electioneering process, expressing satisfaction with the peaceful campaigns.

The bloc was now keen on observing the critical state of the democratic process, namely the voting, counting and announcement of results, he stated.

As for local observers, two months ago the government listed civil society bodies approved for the exercise, which stakeholders said left out some big players with experience in such undertakings.

The list of 96 local institutions approved by the National Electoral Commission (NEC) did not include the Tanzania Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC), the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) and the Tanzania Constitution Forum (TCF).

On the other hand, those that were accredited include the Research and Education for Democracy in Tanzania (Redet) based in the University of Dar es Salaam, the Tanzania Cross Party-Platform (T-WCP Ulingo) and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) also based at the UDSM.

Others are the Action for Change (Acha), the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), the Dar es Salaam University College of Education (Duce) and the Tanzania Youth Coalition (TYC).

During the October 28 polls, registered voters will cast ballots to elect the Union president, the president of Zanzibar,

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Civic United Front presidential candidate Prof Ibrahim Lipumba addresses a campaign rally at Dodoma's Medeli Primary School grounds yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

# Ruaha airstrip gets badge as 'most scenic' in Africa

By Guardian Reporter

AN airstrip located within the Ruaha National Park has been voted the most scenic in Africa and second best in the world.

In a poll conducted by a global booking service

for private charter flights, PrivateFly, Msembe airstrip emerged as the most breathtaking on the continent, beating several airports with big names across the world.

In the results of Scenic Approaches Airport Poll 2020 posted by the firm yesterday, it said

the online poll which targeted frequent flyers sought to know the respondents' favourite scenic airport approach.

"We received thousands of votes," the

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CCM presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli addresses a campaign rally in Muleba District, Kagera Region, yesterday. Photo: State House

# 'Covid-19 stalls SDGs progress for 20 years'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation yesterday launched its fourth annual report showing that ripple effects of Covid-19 have stopped 20 years of progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Goalkeepers Report unveiled in Johannesburg, South Africa's business capital, provides the most contemporary global data set for how the pandemic is affecting progress toward the global goals, showing that, by nearly every indicator, the world has regressed.

Africa made tremendous improvements in poverty reduction with a 28 per cent decrease in the number of people living in extreme poverty since 1990. But at the end of 2020, 13 million Africans are expected to fall below the poverty line in the best-case scenario, and 50 million at the worst.

"We could see a doubling of malaria deaths this year compared to 2018, and 80 million children under the age of one worldwide may be at risk from preventable diseases," the foundation affirmed.

Economic damage being caused by the continent's first recession in 25 years is reinforcing inequalities, with women and other vulnerable groups suffering disproportionately. Those in low-income countries are struggling with food and school closures, unfairly disadvantaging rural children.

However, despite the constraints, some African countries are innovating to meet the challenge, and there is much the world can learn from the continent's response, it stated.

For instance, the government is deploying mobile testing units in South Africa, the private sector is raising money to bolster resources in Nigeria, and new and improved cash transfers are reaching millions in West Africa. In Senegal, scientists are developing cutting-edge, low-cost ventilators, and public-private partnerships are bringing internet connectivity to rural and remote communities in Kenya.

African Union special envoy Strive Masiyiwa, in collaboration with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention,

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# JPM vows to work on coffee market hurdles

By Henry Mwangonde, Kagera

CCM presidential candidate Dr John Magufuli yesterday promised to address challenges facing the coffee crop especially the lack of reliable

markets as he appealed to residents of Kagera Region to vote for him in next month's general election.

Dr Magufuli made the assurance while addressing a public rally at Kemondo in Bukoba

municipality. Coffee is a key cash crop for Kagera Region.

"I know there are challenges facing coffee growers in this region, we want to address it as soon as we are elected, and that is why I called

the minister for Trade and Industry whose letter directed permanent secretaries to come here," he said.

The ruling party candidate is expected to

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Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi (R) presents copies of booklets with regulations and guidelines on the upcoming (October 28) General Election to Italy's Ambassador to Tanzania, Roberto Mengoni, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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members of Parliament, members of the Zanzibar House of Representatives and ward councillors.

NEC data indicates that about 29 million Tanzanians are registered to vote in this year's election, compared to some 23 million voters registered in 2015.

## Prof Lipumba pledges to support tobacco farmers

By Guardian Reporter

CIVIC United Front (CUF) presidential candidate Prof Ibrahim Lipumba has declared that if elected he will support tobacco farmers and connect them to international markets, including China.

Addressing a rally yesterday as part of his ongoing election campaigns at Igalula in Uyuwi District, Tabora Region, Prof Lipumba said that once in power, his party will ensure that farmers benefit from their produce.

According to him, Tabora Region is famous for tobacco farming but majority of its people are living in abject poverty.

"We are going to support farmers, educating them on good tobacco markets online while also lining them with major markets across the world. China has over 400 million users of tobacco products, so this is a very special place to focus," he said.

Prof Lipumba said that his party mulls to create a government which works to initiate development for the people by investing heavily in the agriculture sector, creating a conducive environment for investments and trade so as to encourage more investors to establish tobacco factories.

"We are aware that tobacco has its side effects, but majority of people consume products by adhering to given precautions, we still have a chance to invest in this crop for the development of our farmers and the country at large," said Prof Lipumba.

He explained that the current government has destroyed tobacco markets making thousands of farmers live in poverty.

"Our famers are no longer selling tobacco at fair prices, majority of them have kept tobacco in their godowns, the market has been destroyed due to bad marketing system but once I am in power, I will make sure that all the challenges are addressed to enable tobacco farmers benefit from it," he added.

He said that several tobacco factories have closed operations due to unfavorable conditions including multiple taxes. "A company which was purchasing tobacco here has failed to continue with operations due to high taxes, I went to Morogoro recently, tobacco processing factories are no longer working," he said.

The presidential candidate further urged famers to also grow other crops instead of depending on tobacco alone proposing that they can embark on cashew nut farming.

"My government will put conducive systems to ensure that farmers conduct their activities smoothly by engaging in mixed farming and gain profits from their activities. I know cashew nuts can be grown in Tabora, so farmers have to utilize the potentials," he said.

For her part, Kaliua constituency parliamentary candidate Magdalena Sakaya said that the majority of graduates are in the streets without jobs.

She said that recently, Tanzania joined the middle income countries club but majority of people are not even able to get two meals per day.

"People do not have money and life has become even harder but there are some people who are saying that the country's economy has grown," Sakaya said.

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company posted, listing Msembe tops in Africa and second most breathtaking in the world.

Reacting to the news of the win, a senior assistant commissioner in charge of communications for the Tanzania National Parks (Tanapa), Pascal Shelutete termed the outcome 'milestone' recognition.

"It is a result of proper management of all our airstrips in the national

parks which also considers issues of environment," he said.

Shelutete said the outcome seen by millions of travel enthusiasts all over the world propels Tanzania into further limelight internationally and the Ruaha National Park in particular.

"This recognition will also be used to promote Ruaha National Park to attract more tourists," he said.

Ruaha National Park is the largest national park in Tanzania, covering an

area of about 13,000 square kilometres. It is located in the middle of the country, about 130 kilometres from Iringa. The park is part of a more extensive ecosystem, which includes Rungwa Game Reserve, Usungu Game Reserve and several other protected areas.

The name of the park is derived from the Great Ruaha River, which flows along its south-eastern margin and is the focus for game-viewing. Apart from the now world famous Msembe

airstrip, the park can also be reached by car via Iringa. Airports that made it to PrivateFlies' top 10 are Donegal airport in Ireland which took the first position, Skiathos airport in Greece (3), Orlando Melbourne-US (4), Scotland's Barra airport (5), Bora Bora Airport in French Polynesia (6), St Maarten International Airport (7), Praslin Island airport in Seychelles (8), Dubai International Airport (9) and Nadi International Airport-Fiji (10).

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launched the African Medical Supplies Platform in June. Its purpose is to ensure that countries on the continent have access to affordable, high-quality, life-saving equipment and supplies, many of which could also be manufactured in Africa. "Bill and Melinda Gates believe Covid-19 is a true test for the global community," the report underlined.

"The response to the Covid-19 pandemic has shown us some of the best of humanity: path-breaking innovation, heroic acts by frontline workers, with ordinary people doing the best they can for their families, neighbours and communities. This is a shared global crisis that demands a shared global response."

In the report, which Bill and Melinda Gates co-author every year, they call on the world to collaborate on the development of diagnostics, vaccines, and treatment; manufacture tests and doses as quickly as possible; and deliver these tools equitably based on need, rather than the ability to pay. There are currently several viable paths to help achieve an equitable outcome, including the Access to Covid-19 Tools (ACT) accelerator, the most serious collaborative effort to end the pandemic, which brings together proven organizations like the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) and the Global Fund (for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria).

The report makes clear that no single country will be able to meet this challenge alone. Any attempts by one country to protect itself while neglecting others will only prolong the hardships caused by the pandemic. Developing and manufacturing vaccines will not end the pandemic quickly unless they are delivered equitably.

Northeastern University modeling shows that if rich countries buy up the first two billion doses of vaccine instead of making sure they are distributed

equitably, then almost twice as many people could die from Covid-19.

"All people deserve the chance to live a healthy and productive life and, while progress in Africa is possible, it is not inevitable. An equitable outcome is needed to end the virus and ensure that reversals in development do not become permanent," said Cheikh Oumar Seydi, Africa Director for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "We need strong global collaboration with leaders in government and the private sector to ensure that everyone can access safe, effective coronavirus treatment, leaving no one behind."

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projects that despite the US\$18 trillion already spent to stimulate economies around the world, the global economy will lose US\$12 trillion or more by the end of 2021. There are inherent limits to what low and middle income countries can do to backstop their economies, regardless of how effectively those economies have been managed. While high-income countries have mobilized 22 per cent of GDP in emergency spending, this is compared to just three per cent in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Bill and Melinda Gates began learning about and donating money to public health more than 20 years ago, after reading a story about how hundreds of thousands of children living in poverty-stricken environments were dying of diarrhea, something that was easily treatable in the United States. Today, because of global coordination and commitment, 4.5 million fewer children are dying each year from preventable diseases compared to 2000.

On September 25, 2015 at the United Nations headquarters in New York, 193 world leaders committed to the 17 SDGs. These are a series of ambitious objectives and targets to achieve three extraordinary things by 2030: end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and fix climate change.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa helps out as CCM member Grace Andrew reads from the party's election manifesto at a campaign rally at Gumanga in Singida Region yesterday. Photo: PMO

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address another rally today as he continues with his campaign trail in Lake Zone regions.

Dr Magufuli, who is seeking re-election, said it was time to address all the challenges facing the crop which is the main source of income for the region, noting that his government was committed to ensuring that farmers in the region adequately benefit from the crop.

He said 20 years after the MV

Bukoba tragic sinking, people of Kemondo have no safe mode of transport on the lake.

He promised the people of Kagera Region in general and Kemondo in particular a new ship bigger than MV Victoria that would transport people and goods from the area to other places.

He said he wants to transform Kemondo into a port area so that people of the area can benefit and hence improve their economic prospects, underlining that he knows

the challenges facing people of the area.

It was due to this that he sent an engineer from the same area to build a road from Katerero to Ngono River, he elaborated.

"We want people from Kemondo to move to Mwanza, Jinja in Uganda, Kisumu in Kenya then Musoma in Mara region and back home freely with the coming of the new ship," said Dr Magufuli.

On a request by parliamentary aspirant for Bukoba Rural, Jason

Rweikiza (CCM) who requested him to connect Bukoba Rural district to the national grid, Dr Magufuli said as soon as he is sworn in he will work on the matter.

On water, Dr Magufuli said it was sad that Kemondo is just on the shores of the lake but had no safe drinking water, promising that upon re-election he will address the challenge.

The government upon resumption will assign officials in the Ministry of Water to quickly address water challenges in Kagera, he added.





Work well in progress on the Ubungo interchange at the Morogoro Road/Mandela Road/Sam Nujoma Road intersection in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

## Dr Mwinyi pledges to have investments focusing more on boosting tourism sector

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

CCM's Zanzibar presidential candidate, Dr Hussein Mwinyi, says if elected he will put in place a special programme for investors needing to invest in the tourism sector to be provided with special permits to enable people of Zanzibar to benefit from their investments.

Addressing the people in Zanzibar South Region during his visit to various villages to listen to their complaints, Dr Mwinyi said the system will also ensure the areas sold to investors are developed and nothing less.

He said many areas have been taken up by investors, the situation that deny the residents opportunities in self-employment via the sector.

"We want investors but we do not to see them given land without developing it, if one fails, it should be given to someone else to develop," he said.

He said tourism is an important sector in both Zanzibar and Pemba including beaches, hotels and historical sites, hence the government will develop the sector by increasing the number of tourists entering the islands from 500,000 to more than

850,000 per year.

He also said if elected his government will do away with mistreating and favoritism in the public service so that every Zanzibari who qualifies to be employed, gets that right.

Dr Mwinyi said he will also ensure he will work on the public service issues with seriousness it deserves as he knows the challenges that exist in regard to the employment issues within the public service.

He said it would be better for Zanzibaris to trust him in that task including other tasks which he pledged to work hard for the benefit of all Zanzibaris.

He said his government will give priority to the fisheries sector to enable it benefit all Zanzibaris as many people have not fully benefitted from the sector.

On Gender Based Violence (GBV) and child abuse, Dr Mwinyi said he will join forces with members of the community to eradicate the vice.

Residents from villages visited by Dr Mwinyi said they hold high hopes with him in solving various challenges facing them including GBV and child abuse and other social services including the supply of safe and clean water.

## Invasion of wildlife corridors threatens elephants' survival

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

INVASION of wildlife corridors by people and related human activities has been described to be the major cause of rapid reduction of elephants population in the country.

That was among the topics addressed during the recently held virtual media training sessions on 'biodiversity conservation' organised by the Journalists Environment Association of

Tanzania (JET) in association with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Director of Land Planning Commission, Dr Stephen Nindi, pointed out that, it is difficult to manage animal passages that normally link several national parks as well as game reserves on that they are usually located within village government authorities, thus cannot be intervened.

"The corridors already form part

of the local land-use patterns in the related villages," stated Dr Nindi adding that in some areas these important wildlife passages have been converted into farms or residential areas, cutting off animals' routes.

"While we sometimes blame poaching, but invasion of wildlife passages have also contributed into disappearance of animal species such as elephants and rhinos; the jumbos' population used to be more

than 100,000 but this number has decreased to around 40,000," he added.

Dr Nindi was presenting a paper on 'unleashing livestock grazing potentials through land use planning processes in Tanzania via multi stakeholder approach, during the virtual JET media training and explained that wildlife corridors are diminishing

The latest jumbos' census, whose results were tabled five years ago,

indicates that there are 43,521 elephants left in the entire country with Tanzania reported to have lost nearly 70,000 such large mammals in the last five years.

The census was conducted by the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) in collaboration with the Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS). The data was published in 2015.

The previous 2009 estimates documented that Tanzania had around

110,000 jumbos, placing the country in the second position after Botswana, which by then had close to 150,000 elephants.

However, the number of trumpeting jumbos in Tanzania, according to the latest census report, has drastically dropped from over 100,000 estimated five years ago, down to the current 45,000 average, indicating a loss of more than 60 per cent in the country's elephant population.

### Partnering in the Operationalization of TADB's Integrated Agricultural Value Chain Financing model

"The Farmers' Bank"

**Introduction:**  
Expression of Interest is requested by the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank Limited (TADB) from interested parties to form a pool of institutional experts to partner with the bank, as project implementers/administrators to design and implement agricultural projects which follow the Integrated Agricultural Value Chain Financing Model recently adopted by the bank. The partnership entails the design and implementation of agricultural projects which brings together various actors in agricultural value chains to play different roles in the implementation of TADB financed projects with the view to create the much needed synergies necessary to create sustainable agricultural value chains.

The ideal partners will have demonstrated experience in the design and implementation of inclusive agricultural value chain projects focusing on, among others, enhancing the productivity and expanding production by small scale farmers by supporting greater access to inputs and technologies, training and extension services, financial services and facilitating guaranteed off-take by traders and agro-processors. The ideal partners will also demonstrate thorough understanding of agricultural value chains of their interest and specialization. This will include, but will not be limited to, understanding of the key players in the value chains of focus, their organization, interests, roles, influences and interactions; production and market characteristics; opportunities, incentives and disincentives along the various segments of the chains; and the institutional, legal and regulatory environment of the same.

**Projects will be designed following a collaborative approach with specific responsibilities for each partner as will be defined by framework agreements (joint MOUs) to be signed by the partners. Some of the key partners envisioned include, but not limited to;**

- i. **Producer groups** (crop, livestock, fisheries and forestry); who are the target beneficiaries of supported projects;
- ii. **Input and technology suppliers** including suppliers of seedling, seeds, fertilizers, agro-chemicals, farm implements, tractors and related technologies;
- iii. **Off-takers and/or agro-processors;** to determine produce specification and ensure reliable off-take from producer groups.
- iv. **LGA's** to make possible the supply of reliable extension services, assist in project monitoring and enforce contracts between producer groups and off-takers/agro-processors;
- v. **Research institutions;** to play the R&D role including researching and/or developing seeds and seedlings and facilitate their distribution to farmers;
- vi. **Project implementers/administrators;** to play the overall project coordination role and bring together various actors (mentioned above) along the various agricultural chains and the services of various support institutions.
- vii. **Project Manager;** where appropriate, a project management professional may be engaged to provide expertise in conceptualizing projects, planning, overseeing execution, management and dosing as appropriate.
- viii. Any other partners as specific projects may require.

Below is a schematic depiction of the Integrated Value Chain Financing Model which will inform the design of projects to be implemented under this arrangement (for illustrative purposes only – actual project designs may differ depending on value chain specific characteristics).

**Submission of Expression of Interest**  
Interested parties must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting the company's profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff or any other information which assist selection process etc.

Interested parties may obtain further information from the office of the Strategic Planning and Policy Manager, Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB), 4th Floor Acacia Estates, Plot No. 84, Kinondoni Road, P.O. Box 63372, Dar es Salaam from 0800 hours to 1600 hours from Monday to Friday except on Public holidays.

**Shortlisting**  
A shortlist of eligible companies will be prepared on the basis of Expression of Interest submitted to TADB and will be communicated to all shortlisted firms in writing. Selection will be done in accordance with procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act No.7 of 2011 and the Public Procurement Regulation of 2011 (Amendment of 2016) of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Expression of Interest should be channelled through the Tanzania Electronic Procurement System (TANEPS) on [www.taneps.gov.tz](http://www.taneps.gov.tz) within fourteen days from the date of publication of this advert.

**Late Submission**  
Late submission of Expressions of Interest (EoI) shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of circumstances.

submitted to TADB and will be communicated to all shortlisted firms in writing. Selection will be done in accordance with procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act No.7 of 2011 and the Public Procurement Regulation of 2011 (Amendment of 2016) of the United Republic of Tanzania.

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## INSURANCE

UAP Insurance Tanzania Ltd wish to invite for salvage tenders/bids for various damaged vehicles listed below which are located in various places in Dar es Salaam and various regions in Tanzania. If you are interested, please visit and inspect the items between now and 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020.

MAKE/ MODEL	YEAR OF MANUFACTURE	REG NO	CLAIM NO	SALVAGE LOCATION
TOYOTA NOAH	2004	T 479 CNC	336MP19	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA ALLEX	2001	T 648 DNR	509MP19	ATHUMAN S KHAMIS - KAHAMA
SUBARU	2006	T 538 DLX	558MP19	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA VITZ	2005	T 572 DDW	605MP19	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA IST	2004	T985DMM	107MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TVS KING	2019	MC174CFF	009MC20	DRAGON GARAGE- DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA CORONA FIELDER	2007	T 151 DGE	164MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA CROWN	2004	T 217 DSP	183MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA CRESTA	1999	T 739 BHB	425MP19	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA BREVIS	2003	T 628 CVW	202MP19	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
POLO VOX WAGON	2003	T 274 CQQ	187MP18	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
VOX WAGON GOLF	2004	T 186 CDD	995MP16	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
NISSAN ELGRAND	2005	T 966 CHL	837MP18	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA RAV 4	2006	T 685 DGL	066MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
M BENZ	2005	T 578 DLL	563mp19	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA IPSUM	2001	T 466 DHT	105MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA L/CRUISER	2008	T 194 DCV	174MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
LAND ROVER	1999	T 231 BSA	804MP17	ATHUMAN S KHAMIS - KAHAMA
TOYOTA WILLS	2003	T 424 CXF	839MP18	CHINA XIANDA AUTO - MWANZA
HYUNDAI	2007	T 307 ASV	775MP17	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE	2002	T 161 AWX	086MP18	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
MITSUBISHI PAJERO	1997	T 469 BBQ	193MP18	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA SPARK	2002	Z 209 GR	029CV19	BUDDA AUTOWORKS - ZANZIBAR
RANGE ROVER	1999	Z 985 FK	585MP18	INSURED'S RESIDENCE - PEMBA
BMW 318	2003	T 335 DGD	544MP19	MILANO EXPERTS - ARUSHA
TOYOTA MARK 11	2001	T 208 DJQ	068MP20	TONNY AUTO GARAGE - MOSHI
HYUNDAI TUCSON	2008	T 359 AXC	165MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM
TOYOTA IST	2004	T860DEA	157MP20	AHEE AUTO GARAGE- DODOMA
TOYOTA ALPHARD	2006	Z871 JP	222MP20	HAMADI ALI GARAGE-ZANZIBAR
MERCEDES BENZ	2001	T384 DLC	246MP20	UAP YARD - DAR ES SALAAM

**Terms and Conditions:**  
All tenders will be opened at Head Office on the day of 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020. No verbal or telephone tenders or offers will be accepted.

Bidders will be required to quote the salvage price and VAT (18%) amount. Successful bidders will be contacted and required to pay the full amount within two days and to change details of ownership before collecting the salvage within 24hours after payment.

Salvages will be sold on 'as is where is basis' and no claim shall lie against our company for any charges or liabilities after the salvages have been sold or collected. No refund will be given after the payment has been made.

If you wish to tender for any salvage and post (or deliver by hand) to our office in a sealed envelope and address to:  
**Salvage Committee, UAP Insurance Tanzania Limited,**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Absa House- Ohio Street, P.O Box 71009, Dar es Salaam**





## REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

### For Procurement of Lenovo Laptops, Server Storage and Cisco Products

RFQ Number	09-07-0001
Requested Quotation	Procurement of Lenovo Laptops, Accessories, Server storage and cisco products
Issuing office and Tender Submission Address	Abt Associates Inc. /Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus (PS3+) Activity Msasani Rd, Plot No. 1132  P.O. Box 32444  Dar es Salaam  Tanzania
Request For Quotation issuance Date	15th September 2020
Request For Quotation closing Date	25th September 2020
USAID Prime Contract Number	GS-00F-252CA

#### 1. Background

Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus (PS3+) is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The project is implemented by Abt Associates Inc. The overall goal of the project is to support the Government of Tanzania to strengthen the Tanzanian public system to promote the delivery, quality, and use of public services, particularly for underserved populations. Abt Associates is hereby inviting interested bidders to submit quotations for procurement of laptops, server storage and cisco products as per below specifications.

#### 1. Bidding Instructions:

##### All responses must include;

- The owner's name / business name, physical address and phone number;
- A written statement indicating that the service will be delivered prior to payment.
- Financial offer must clearly indicate the Price and VAT quoted if available.
- All submissions must be stamped or presented in company letter head.
- Delivery point is Abt Associates Inc. /Tanzania Public Sector Systems Strengthening Plus (PS3+) Activity |Msasani Rd, Plot No. 1132| P.O. Box 32444 |Dar es Salaam| Tanzania.

#### 2. Eligibility Criteria:

- The Vendor should be Authorized Partner of Lenovo and Cisco.
- The Vendor should be a reputed company in Tanzania doing business for 10 years and above
- The Vendor should have experienced to execute hardware business valuing minimum \$60k and above
- The Vendor should furnish Valid MAF (Manufacturer's Authorization Form) during submission,
- Vendor should have at least one branch outside Dar es Salaam.
- Vendor should have executed hardware business with other business organizations and NGOs

#### 3. General RFQ Information:

- All interested bidders are advised to carefully read the details in the table before quoting.
- Abt Associates Inc. shall make payment to the vendor within 10 days of receiving, in good condition, all goods and services specified in the Purchase Order and a full and complete vendor invoice.
- Abt Associates general terms and conditions as well as USAID Prime Contract flow downs are applicable and a copy of each is available for pick-up at one of the below Abt Associates offices
- Only those vendors who are able to meet the selection criteria will be considered,
- This RFQ shall not be misconstrued to be a commitment on the part of Abt Associates to award any form of contract to any respondent nor shall it entitle any organization or individual to be reimbursed for the costs preparing or delivering their response to Abt Associates.

#### LOT A: Lenovo Laptop

Description	Quantity
Lenovo ThinkPad T490 -Core i7 (with Microsoft Windows 10 Operating System)	73

#### Specifications:

Fingerprint Reader	: Fingerprint Reader
Preload Type	: Standard Image
Display Shell	: 14.0 FHD (1920x1080), No touch, 2D-Camera, Mic, WWAN, WLAN
System Unit	: T490 i7-8565U IG+8GB MB
Pointing Device	: Fingerprint NoNFC
Battery	: 3 Cell Li-Polymer Battery, 50Wh
Power Adapter	: 65W AC Adapter PCC (3pin)-UK (USB Type C)
Publication	: Publication - English
Storage Selection	: 256GB Solid State Drive, M.2 2280, NVMe, Opal, TLC
Package Box	: Standard
Keyboard	: Backlit Keyboard Black English (US)
System Expansion Slots	: No Smart Card Reader
Warranty	: 3 Year Courier/Carry-in
WLAN Selection	: WLAN
Total Memory	: 8GB DDR4 2400MHz Onboard
Security Chip Setting	: Enabled Discrete TPM2.0
Wireless WAN	: Fibocom L850-LT LTE CAT9
Wireless LAN	: Intel Wireless-AC 9560 2x2 AC, Bluetooth Version 5.0 Onboard
Display	: 14.0 FHD (1920 x 1080), IPS, AntiGlare, 250nits
Color	: Black
Processor	: Intel Core i7-8565U Processor (1.80GHz, up to 4.60GHz with Turbo Boost, 4 Cores, 8MB Cache)
Package Box Type	: Standard Packaging
WWAN Selection	: WWAN
Top Cover Material	: Standard PPSU Poly Cover
Preload OS	: No Operating System
ITC BIOS Customization SVC:	: Std ITC Service BIOS
ITC Asset Tag SVC	: Std ITC Service Asset Tag
Camera	: 720P HD Camera with Mic
Preload Language	: No Operating System Language
Onboard Memory	: 8GB DDR4 2666MHz Onboard
Graphics	: Integrated Graphics
SIMCard Slot/ LTE	: Local SIMCard Size

#### LOT B: Accessories:

Description	Quantities
5WS0A23002: ThinkPad Professional Backpack Refresh Units	73
4X30M39458: Lenovo Essential Wireless Combo Keyboard & Mouse (US English 103P)	80
40AH0135UK: ThinkPad Pro Dock CS18 - 135 W (UK AC Power Adapter)	73
61C9KAT1UK: Think Vision S22e19 21.5-inch LED Backlit LCD Monitor	50
4XD0S92991: Lenovo Pro Wired Stereo VOIP Headset	80

#### LOT C: Server Storage:

Description	Quantity
HP ProLiant DL360p G10 SFF Server	1
24U Server Rack	1

#### Server Specifications:

Processor	TypeIntel
Processor	FamilyIntel® Xeon® Scalable 8100/8200 series - Intel® Xeon® Scalable 3100/3200 series
Processor Core	Available4 to 28 core, depending on model
Processor Cache	Installed8,25 - 38.50 MB L3, depending on processor
Maximum Memory	3.0 TB with 128 GB DDR4; 6.0 TB with HPE 512GB 2666 Persistent Memory Kit
Memory Slots	24 IMM slots
Memory Type	HPE DDR4 SmartMemory and HPE Persistent Memory, depending on model
NVDIMM Type	HPE NVDIMM-N *Only available on 1st Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors
NVDIMM	RankSingle rank
NVDIMM	Capacity16 GB
Drive Supported	4 LFF SAS/SATA, 8 SFF SAS/SATA + 2 NVMe, 10 SFF SAS/SATA, 10 SFF NVMe, 1 SFF or 1 Dual UFF rear drive optional depending on model
Network Controller	Embedded 4 X 1GbE Ethernet Adapter (select models) or HPE FlexibleLOM and optional PCIe stand-up cards, depending on model
System Fan Features	Hot-plug redundant standard
Storage Controller	HPE Smart Array S100i and/or HPE Essential or Performance RAID controllers, depending on model
Processor	NameIntel
Processor Number	1 or 2
Processor Speed	3.9 GHz, maximum depending on processor
Standard Memory	3.0 TB (24 X 128 GB) LRDIMM; 6.0 TB (12 X 512 GB) HPE Persistent Memory
Security	Optional locking Bezel Kit, Intrusion Detection Kit, and HPE TPM 2.0

#### Form Factor1U

Weight (imperial)	28.74 lb minimum, 37 lb maximum
Weight (metric)	13.04 kg minimum, 16.78 kg maximum
Product Dimensions (imperial)	SFF Chassis: 1.69 x 17.11 x 27.83 in, LFF Chassis: 1.69 x 17.11 x 29.5 in
Product Dimensions (metric)	SFF Chassis: 4.29 x 43.46 x 70.7 cm, LFF Chassis: 4.29 x 43.46 x 74.98 cm

#### LOT D: Cisco Products:

Item	Description	Quantity
Cisco phone	Cisco IP Phone 8841	5
Cisco WebEx Room	Cisco WebEx Room 55	1
Conference speakerphone	Polycom Sound station Duo	1

# If elected, I will widen Tanzam highway, 'Sugu' says in Mbeya

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA City parliamentary candidate (CHADEMA) Joseph Mbilinyi 'Sugu' has appealed to Mbeya City residents to vote for him on October 28 this year in order to bring them development including the widening of the Tanzania-Zambia Highway (Tanzam) to four lanes.

He said in the last five years he could not fulfill some of his pledges due to the difficult period he had passed through including five-month imprisonment and loss of his mother who he claimed died from pressure.

Sugu was speaking at a campaign rally at Nzovwe Ward grounds in the city during which he said apart from his imprisonment, his party, including other political parties were barred from holding political rallies.

He said in the last five years he only

held two rallies including the one at Mwenge Primary School which caused his imprisonment.

He said the aim for the imprisonment was to weaken him politically but the results were opposite as he is now stronger politically as more and more people were supporting him.

He said Mbeya City residents, disregarding their political affiliations showed great esteem to him during his time in jail.

Sugu said despite the ordeals he underwent, still he accomplished some of his pledges including the construction of infrastructures in the city including road infrastructures.

He said when he was first elected MP in 2010 Mbeya City had only nine kms of tarmac roads but now it is 70 kms and promised that he would ensure more tarmac roads are built if elected.

He said he would also ensure the

Kiwira river water project is completed as it is the only solution for water woes for both residents of Mbeya city and Tunduma border town in Songwe Region.

Chadema Chairman for Mbeya City John Mwambigija said the CCM government has failed to offer employment for the youth during the last five years and that even those who were employed have not received salary increases during the entire five-year period.

He said the government has failed to revive Mbeya Textile Mills, Mbeya Farm Implements and Highlands Soap Factory which could have employed hundreds of youths in Mbeya region.

He called on Mbeya residents to vote for Chadema candidates because if elected the party will form a government friendly to the citizens.



Joseph Mbilinyi alias Sugu, the opposition Chadema's candidate for the Mbeya Urban constituency parliamentary seat, addresses a campaign rally in Nzovwe ward on Monday. He is seeking re-election. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

# Majaliwa appeals to Singida residents to vote for Magufuli

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBER OF CCM Central Committee and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called on Singida residents to think carefully the type of leader they would prefer to lead the country.

Majaliwa was speaking at a campaign rally at CCM Ilongero Ward grounds to introduce and campaign for CCM candidates to various elective posts.

"The country's leadership is not a thing that one needs to try on, or even pushed by fanaticism. You must think carefully who is fit to lead this country."

he said.

He called on the residents to be careful with people who use rostrums to insult others, saying this is not time for insults, but time to speak about policies.

In the circumstances he called on Singida residents to vote for John Magufuli for another five years to enable him accomplish what he had started.

"Magufuli is good in planning and following up, he is good in identifying problems facing the people and in solving them. He has always called on his lieutenants to serve the

people, and all of us have witnessed the development gained," Majaliwa added.

He also used the opportunity to appeal to the residents to vote for the party's Singida North parliamentary candidate ramadhani Ighondu, and Ilongero Ward Council candidate Issa Mwiru.

Meanwhile Majaliwa received former Chadema Chairman for Singida District, Frank Petro Akunay who defected to CCM.

Akunay said he decided to "return home" as he was formerly a CCM member but lost his way.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

# Zanzibar parliamentary candidate Turkey (57) dies

CCM parliamentary candidate for Mpendae Constituency in Zanzibar Salim Hassan Turkey died yesterday in Isles.

Turky, who has completed 10 years as the constituency's MP and was again nominated to contest the seat this year died at Global Hospital in Zanzibar where he was receiving treatment after suddenly feeling unwell.

Toufiq Salum Turkey, the son of the deceased confirmed his father's death saying burial had taken place yesterday at Fuoni Kijitoupele.

On September 12 this year, Zanzibar president Dr Ali Mohamed Shein introduced Turkey during the launching of CCM campaign at Kibandfa Maiti Democracy Grounds in Zanzibar town.

At the event Dr Shein handed Turkey the CCM 2020/25 Election Manifesto whereupon he called on Zanzibaris to vote for John Magufuli as Union President and Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi as Zanzibar President.

Many Mpendae residents expressed shock by the departure of their leader saying they had great hopes he would lead them again for the next five years.

Among them, Mashavu Shaali said the deceased, during his tenure as MP was treating all his constituents equally without discrimination based on colour, religion or political

affiliation.

"We, Mpendae residents had our own saying - 'fast changes' a saying coined by the late MP and true enough during his 10 years as MP we have seen great changes in the constituency," he said.

Another resident, Ali Haji said the late MP had put in place a special system to assist students from poor families to join higher learning institutions.

Salim Turkey, born on February 11, 1963 apart from being a politician, but was also a prominent businessman in the Isles.





Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo (L, gesturing) briefs Agriculture ministry permanent secretary Gerald Kusaya on Monday on the production of oil palm seedlings. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TARI Ilonga embarks on major project for palm oil seed production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Morogoro-based Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) Ilonga centre has embarked on a 4.5 hectares special project so as to produce enough oil palm seedlings to serve farmers.

The project, which is now in its six months, targets to produce and distribute the "coded Tenera" improved palm oil seed variety to farmers in the regions of Morogoro, Tanga, Coastal, Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

Palm oil researcher for Eastern Zone, Frank Reuben said that the project involves production and crossbreeding of Pisifera and Dura palm oil varieties to generate Tenera, an improved variety.

He said that the implantation of the project is aimed to support farmers with more improved seedlings so as to boost cultivation and palm oil production in the country. "The plot of land, which will enter into a pollination level after five years to come, will have capacity of producing the targeted

seedlings to serve farmers in at least 30 consecutive years," he said.

He also said that the project (crossing block) will also serve as a key centre for imparting relevant farmers with best agronomic practices needed to be embraced in cultivating the crop more professionally. "The project will assist farmers in the targeted regions with reliable and timely accessibility of the seed varieties," he added.

According to him, to start with and as part to speed up the pace of production of the crop in the country, the centre has so far produced more than 80,000 oil palm seedlings, with the focus being to produce 200,000 seedlings within a period of six months.

He said demand for oil palm seedlings keeps on mounting as more farmers in the country now want to cultivate the crop.

"Lack of enough improved oil palm seed varieties and poor awareness on best practices among farmers and agricultural officers stands among factors that weaken performance of

the vital sub-sector," he said.

Speaking earlier to this paper, the national coordinator for palm oil research in Tanzania, Dr Filson Kagimbo, said TARI was focusing on producing a total of 5,000,000 seedlings annually.

He unveiled that the government has already injected the institute with at least 1.4bn/- as part of a three months budget to support coordination and implementation of key activities pertaining to development of oil palm production in the country.

Among others, he said the amount meant to support the state-owned institution to research and produce enough oil palm seedlings to farmers, as well as imparting extension officers and farmers with needed agronomic practices to cultivate the cash crop professionally.

"Since when the government decided to embark on large production of oil palm in the country with an eye to increase availability of crude oil, TARI was tasked to research, produce

and distribute the key crop's seedlings to farmers, with TARI-Kihinga centers being picked to coordinate for the purpose," Kagimbo said.

He added, as of June 20, this year, the centre had already produced at least 1,805,868 seeds, which suffice to cover a total of 36,117 acres. "Currently we have more than 800,000 seedlings, whereby the annual centre set estimations is to produce at least 1.2million oil palm seedlings," he said.

Available data depict that in 2018, Tanzania produced a total of 40,500 tons of palm oil, out of which, 31,750 tonnes was produced from 19,640 hectare in Kigoma.

In Tanzania, the low oil palm produced is contributed to the use of low yielding oil palm varieties, small areas of land devoted to palm production, poor agronomic practices, use of low-quality planting material, old palm trees which have not been replanted for over a century, pot processing facilities as well as lack of extension services.

## WHO appeals to nations to make workers' safety a much greater priority

By Guardian Reporter

AS Tanzania joins the rest of the world in commemorating World Patient Safety Day tomorrow, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has called on countries to prioritise safety of health workers so as to end avoidable deaths in hospitals.

In her message released yesterday, WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti said in hospitals in low- and middle-income countries globally, every year, there are 134 million adverse events due to unsafe care, contributing to 2.6 million lives lost.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has reaffirmed that to keep patients safe, health workers must be protected, and so this year's theme is Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety," reads the statement.

She said front-line health workers are at greater risk of infection because of the care they provide to patients. In the WHO African Region, more than 41,000 health workers have been infected with COVID-19, accounting for 3.8 per cent of all reported cases. Some countries, like Sierra Leone and Cote d'Ivoire have made progress in reducing the proportion of health worker infections. Others such as Eritrea, Rwanda and Seychelles have not recorded a single case of Covid-19 among health workers.

To protect health workers from Covid-19 and contribute to enhanced patient safety, in collaboration with partners and national and provincial authorities, WHO has trained more than 50,000 health workers in the African Region in infection prevention and control, with plans to train over 200,000 more.

Around 31 million items of personal protective equipment have been shipped to Member States and guidance documents on best care practices are in-development, to support the creation of enabling environments for

safe health workers and safe patients.

Often the solutions to enhance patient safety are simple and cost effective. For example, after a Quality Management Unit was established in Sierra Leone, deaths among children in 13 high burden hospitals dropped from 15.6 per cent in 2017 to 9.6 per cent in 2019.

Patient safety is an essential component in strengthening health systems to achieve universal health coverage, and achieving it requires collaboration and open communication between multidisciplinary health-care teams, patients and patients' organisations, professional associations and other stakeholders.

Action is needed to understand the magnitude of patient harm, including through transparent incident reporting to learn from mistakes with no-fault and no-blame handling of adverse events. Patients and their families must be enabled to take preventive, systematic measures to participate in improving the safety of care and to reduce risks to all individuals, with special attention to at-risk groups, including people with disabilities and older people.

By pursuing patient-centred policies, redesigning processes, ramping up hygiene practices and transforming organizational cultures, health care can be made safer.

So today, I call on all of us to work together to protect health workers, so they can protect patients, in supportive, enabling environments for the delivery of quality health care.

*"The Covid-19 pandemic has reaffirmed that to keep patients safe, health workers must be protected, and so this year's theme is Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety"*

## PS instructs agricultural institutes across Tanzania to operate commercially

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

ALL agricultural institutes in the country, the middle level ones in particular, have been told to operate commercially by initiating various economic projects aimed to develop the country's farming sector.

The directive was given by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Gerald Kusaya during his working visit at Mkindi farmers college, Dakawa Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Dakawa) in Mvomero District and Ministry of Agriculture Training Institute (MATI) in Kilosa District.

"There are huge areas in these institutes that lie idle, hence it would be better if they will be used commercially by starting various farming and livestock keeping projects for the institutes' and national interests," Kusaya said.

He said the institutes are being faced with many challenges including dilapidated building infrastructures hence such projects would assist in solving some of the challenges.

He said his ministry has set aside 1bn/- for refurbishment of all agricultural colleges in the country, but also envisaged commercial projects will also assist in face-lifting many of these colleges.

He said from now on he would not like to see these colleges being surrounded by forests hence they should ensure all open areas are commercially developed.

Meanwhile, the Permanent Secretary visited TARI-Ilonga Centre in Kilosa District where he praised the centre's researchers for the good job they were doing.

He said the country was using a lot of money to import edible oil but these researchers have come up with quality oil palm seeds that will assist in saving the foreign exchange to import the commodity.

TARI Director General Dr Godfrey Mkamilo said all researches conducted by the country's research institutes have been of great success and that will improve farmers' economic wellbeing and the nation in general.

TARI-Ilonga researchers called on farmers to stop traditional farming practices and instead adopt new farming technologies that have been researched on.

## Regions urged to allocate specific areas for various human activities

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ALL regions in the country have been required to prepare plans for better land use by ensuring they allocate specific areas for livestock, wetlands reserves and ones for agriculture aimed to eradicate land conflicts as well as preserve the environment.

The directives were given by the Director General of the National Land Use Planning Commission (NLUPC), Dr Stephen Nindi

when he spoke to reporters on how the government endeavours to mobilise environmental protection and resolving land related conflicts.

Dr Nindi told reporters that they have the responsibility, through their pens, to educate the people the importance of environmental preservation as well as reminding regional officials to allocate land for livestock keeping, farming, wetlands and human settlements.

He said the Ministry for Livestock and

Fisheries has set aside a total of 48,502.2 hectares from national ranches to be given, in short time arrangements, to livestock keepers in Kongwa in Dodoma Region, Kalambo in Katavi Region, West Kilimanjaro and Misenyi in Kigoma Region.

He said a total of 100 blocks have also been allocated out of which 93 have been rented to investors who have invested a total of 44,668 cattle and 4,551 sheep.

Dr Nindi explained that 13,679.94 hectares

have been provided by the Ministry for grazing in livestock holding areas out of which 11,598,552 hectares at Shoga area in Mbarali, Mbeya Region has been set aside while other 7,492,000 hectares in Sangambi area in Chunya District have also been set aside.

One of reporters present, Salome Kitomari advised the government to be rational in resolving conflicts between conservators and citizens living around reserve areas.



### RECRUITMENT NOTICE

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### CALL FOR BIDS

#### DESIGN AND SUPERVISION OF WATER SUPPLY WORKS

The Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP) is inviting bids from suitably qualified consulting firms to design and supervise water supply works in Kigoma region. WASKIRP is a project jointly funded by the Kingdom of Belgium through Enabel and the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Water. This is a 5-year project which aims at providing sustainable water supply solutions in Kigoma region. Under one of its result areas, Enabel is now looking for consultants to design and supervise construction of water supply schemes in Kibondo and Kakonko District.

#### Service contracts

There are two lots to this public service contract as follows:

- Lot 1:** Design and Supervise construction of Kidyama water supply network. This project will supply water to a peri-urban area of Kidyama in Kasulu District
- Lot 2:** Design and Supervise Kakonko water supply network. This project targets a service area that covers three Wards of Kiziguzigu, Kakonko and Kasuga Wards in Kakonko district.

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

The same notice is also published on the Enabel website, [www.enabel.be](http://www.enabel.be), in the Belgian Public Tender bulletin (BDA). For any additional information contact the Intervention Manager of Enabel – Belgian Development Agency on **0743 736 554** during working hours only. **Please note that the submission deadline for these tenders is September 28, 2020**

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, 26th September, 2020 at 11:00 a.m at Shaaban Robert Secondary School.

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# Government promises to support the private sector in distribution of tractors to farmers

By **Guardian Correspondent,**

**Sumbawanga**

THE Ministry of Agriculture has vowed to provide fully support to a private company—Agricom Africa Limited so that it supplies tractors to villagers through their cooperative societies.

Godwin Mubi, a senior farm tools officer from the ministry of Agriculture made the pledge here yesterday when speaking during the training that involved farmers and cooperative leaders from Kalambo District. The training was meant to empower farmers on the effective use of tractors and other implements.

Mubi explained that the ministry admired the efforts of the private company because they sought to transform farming at the grassroots level and improve lives of smallholder farmers.

Agricom Africa is one of the stakeholders who support the efforts of the ministry and the government as a whole in implementing the Agriculture Sector Development Programme, Phase II by making sure modern farm tools reach farmers in order to transform the sector," he said, adding that the ministry valued the efforts of the company towards taking farm implements to all corners of Tanzania. More than 17 tractors would be distributed to Rukwa Region villages next month.

Mubi said the current efforts of the Agricom Africa towards modernizing farming would be fully appreciated by first understanding that most of the peasants do not attach due importance modern farm implements, hence recurrent insufficient harvests.

Tanzania, he said, had 44 million hectares of arable land but only 10.8 million were cultivated for lack of appropriate tools.

"In Rukwa Region, our statistics show that only 4 percent of the farmers use tractors, 80 percent use animal-drawn implements and the rest use holes. Therefore, we have good reasons to support the efforts of this company towards taking tractors to the lowest level," he said.

Monica Mgala, a villager from Kate endorsed Mugi's argument, said that their village was dependent on animal-drawn implements, but animals were insufficient. "We hire animal-drawn ploughs, but the demand far outstrips supply. Tractors will be a great help to us," she said.

Agricom Africa Head of Technical Division Phillipo William, assured authorities that the tractors would be delivered to cooperatives by the RC as per scheduled.



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Muheza district commissioner Mwanaasha Tumbo has a word with motorbike taxi riders (bodaboda) yesterday. She urged them to observe traffic laws without fail. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

By **Correspondent Felix Andrew**

MORE than 50 types of banned cosmetics have been confiscated at various shops in Kinondoni municipality, Dar es Salaam region during an ongoing crackdown launched by officials from Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS).

Speaking during the exercise, a Quality Control officer and registrar of cosmetics products at TBS, Mboni Mwampeta said during the exercise they found a trader selling banned cosmetics which are harmful to users.

Citing she said during the inspection, they found a type of soap known as botooer which ingredients were not familiar.

"We have also found another trader selling cosmetics whose language is not supposed to be in the East African market. Languages which are supposed to be in products are Swahili,

# 50 types of prohibited cosmetics seized in Dar

English or French but the said product was written in Arabic language, said Mwampeta.

The official said they found another trader producing local mixed lotion popularly known as 'mkorogo'.

"Many customers might buy the lotion believing it is made by the factory but in actual fact it is from the shop."

She asked sellers, importers and producers of cosmetics to register all imported products at TBS offices which local producers are required to obtain a mark of quality from the bureau.

"We also advise shop traders who buy goods from wholesalers to make

sure that they do so from registered traders and avoid buying unregistered products which might bring them into trouble," she said.

For his part the TBS Marketing Officer, Mussa Luhombero said they would continue with inspection warning traders not to engage into the business since it endangers users and costs the nation.

"We have focused on inspecting cosmetics and other products to ensure Tanzanians remain safe and consume approved goods," he said.

He warned cosmetics traders to stop selling unauthorized products saying apart from such brands causing side

effects to the users, they made them to incur unnecessary losses or face jail or heavy penalty.

Health experts say one of the most side effects of banned cosmetics is skin diseases and cancer to the users, who most of them are women.

The government organs have managed to control importation of the banned cosmetics, but there are some untrustworthy traders who continue the trade through unofficial routes (panya routes).

Speaking, a trader identified as Dorothy Kisaki, said they are not aware of the banned products, urging TBS officials to continue educating them.



Majaliyo Kyara, Secretary General of the opposition Sauti ya Umma party, addresses a campaign rally at Ukonga in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

By **Beauty Mwakatobe TUDARCO**

DAR ES SALAAM Region Commissioner Abubakar Kunenge has called on leaders in Temeke District to go out and solve people's problem to scale up development in the district.

RC Kunenge made the call on Monday when speaking at the official launch of the 'One Stop Jawabu' campaign, which aimed at addressing people's problems under one roof.

The launch of the campaign goes hand in hand with the seven-day exhibition at Zakiemu Mbagala grounds and later the platform will move to Mwembe Yanga grounds. The exhibitions brings on board all

# Go and solve people's problems, RC for Dar tells Temeke leaders

government's departments at the district level.

"It is high time for you (leaders) to work closely with people at the grassroots level and address their problems," he said, commending Temeke District authorities for coming up with that idea, which is in line with the government.

"I commend district officials for coming up with this initiative and you

have interpreted the vision of President John Magufuli of providing services to vulnerable people in the society," he said, urging other districts to emulate the same for quick development.

Temeke District Commissioner Godwin Gondwe said that the campaign is part of the implementation of RC's directives on coming up with something practical that will address people hiccups.

For his part, Temeke Municipal executive director Lusubilo Mwakabibi described the One Stop Jawabu as a key platform for people to express their grievances and get answers instantly.

Under the 'One Stop Jawabu' people's problems such as land related conflicts, national IDs, birth certificates, health insurance, banking services and water woes will be addressed.

# Dodoma RC underlines the need for top-quality planning of urban areas

By **Polycarp Machira, Dodoma**

DODOMA Regional Commissioner, Dr Binliith Mahenge, has called on urban planning authorities to take measures aimed at proper planning of urban areas.

He said there is dire need for well planned urban areas in the country as the nation moves towards industrial economy.

Dr Mahenge argued that urbanisation processes of rural areas and small town development have attracted considerable attention, not least in relation to how small town development can play a central role in rural development and be instrumental in rural poverty reduction.

In a speech read on his behalf by the Mpwapa District Commissioner, Jabir Shekimweri, while officiating the opening of spatial planning training in Dodoma, he noted that proper planning of urban areas can spur economic growth.

The training organised by the Nairobi-based African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) brought together land and planning officers from Dodoma, Singida, Morogoro and Iringa regions.

"As we are all aware, Dodoma just like other urban areas in the country is growing very fast, thus the need to have proper methods and technology for urban planning," he said.

He thanked AICAD, an institute working under support of the three East African countries of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda for the decision to have the training in the country, noting that it will help empowering urban planners and land officers in the country to improve in their duties.

The institution has held similar trainings in Kenya and Uganda, aimed at helping solve problems caused by poor planning in the three countries.

"I am glad to hear that such trainings in the neighbouring countries have brought tremendous changes, I hope

the same will happen in Tanzania, especially in Dodoma where the government has recently relocated to," he added.

According to the RC, research has shown that growth of small urban areas and towns open opportunities for development compared to big towns and cities like Dar es Salaam.

Speaking earlier, AICAD's Executive Director, Prof Dominick Byarugaba said lack of proper land use plan is majorly the main cause of land conflicts in many parts of the country.

"The aim of spatial training is to empower land and planning officers with the right skills on analysis, preparation, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development planning," he said adding.

"AICAD, in keeping with African Union Agenda 2063, is out to promote speedy integration and fulfill the expectations of researchers by linking knowledge to application within communities in order to reduce poverty on the continent."

He said that AICAD anticipates success in negotiations that are underway to reach out to all member states of East African Community and thereafter to extend to countries within ECOWAS, SADC and North Africa.

"In this way, AICAD should be able to become the leading centre and institute to cooperate with in areas of human capacity building and research endeavors," he said.

The institute's activities in its member countries are coordinated by country offices housed by some of the partnering universities, which are Egerton University in Njoro, Kenya, Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro, Tanzania and Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

Partner institutions come together in a consortium of an Annual General Meeting to receive and accept plans and policies set by the Governing Board for the smooth and proper running of AICAD affair.





Works, Transport and Communications ministry permanent secretary Dr Zainab Chaula (C) presents a 5G Technology training certificate to TCRA (Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority) representative Anania Mashenene at an event organised by Huawei Tanzania in Dodoma yesterday. Looking on is Huawei Tanzania deputy CEO Damon Zhang. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Civil servants, engineers complete 5-G training in technology, application

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TWENTY-FOUR civil servants and engineers from the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communications, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation (TTCL) and the ICT Commission received certificates of completion of a 9-day 5G technology and application training.

This is another solid step taken by Tanzania towards strengthening its capacity to move to digital.

This digital up-skilling programme was provided by Huawei Tanzania. The first batch of Tanzanian professionals, took courses including 5G radio key technologies and network deployment, 5G spectrum requirements and planning, 5G business models and 5G governance.

The programme was honored by Dr Zainab Chaula, the Permanent Secretary of MWTC, while addressing the certificate awarding ceremony held in Dodoma early this week.

"As government, we need to enhance our digital capacity building. We need to keep ourselves updated with the latest knowledge and skills that meet the requirements of this digital era and be sensitive to the latest trends that could transform or disrupt our businesses and lives. More importantly, we need to sharpen our essential ICT skills through up-skilling and re-skilling in order to catch up with the fast-moving train, to cope with challenges and to better serve our people in an innovative and efficient way," Dr Chaula said.

Dr Chaula pointed out: "This training provided by Huawei as a good example of how successful it can be in working with trustworthy private partners in strengthening its capacity."

"It is a timely empowerment of the digital literacy for the civil servants as initiatives is also in-line with the

National ICT Policy (2016) whose one of the objective is to develop and enhance human capital that is capable of championing ICT in the creation of Tanzanian's knowledge based society. It is important for us to foster an open and healthy ecosystem where every stakeholder can participate, contribute, and benefit from, and which will drive the sustainable growth of the sector and social-economic development of the country. So we welcome partners like Huawei to further participate in the discussions, capacity building and policy consultation on how to better tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities along the road to a middle-income country, and make your unique contribution to the prosperity of Tanzania," the PS added.

Speaking at the certificate awarding ceremony, Damon Zhang, Deputy CEO of Huawei Tanzania said as Tanzania has greatly improved its ICT infrastructure and extended the coverage to almost every corner of the country, bridging digital skills gap is where the country can make a real difference in making the most out of the existing connectivity.

"Since we started operations in Tanzania in 2007, Huawei Tanzania has committed to transferring ICT knowledge and skills to Tanzanians, by both upskilling and reskilling professionals with our global expertise and encouraging youth to start the journey of ICT-related studies. We envision that in Tanzania, practitioners will be more capable of innovating with deeper ICT knowledge, ordinary citizens will be able to explore opportunities with basic ICT skills, and young people who are interested in ICT studies and will build their country digitally," Zhang said.

*"This training provided by Huawei as a good example of how successful it can be in working with trustworthy private partners in strengthening its capacity."*

By Special Correspondent

## Urban growth in Africa providing new opportunities for agriculture - report

RAPID urban growth in Africa is providing new opportunities for the continent to transform its agricultural advantages into businesses, according to a new report.

"Today and even more so tomorrow Africa's rapidly growing cities and food markets offer the largest and fastest growing market opportunity available to the continent's 60 million farms," said the annual Africa Agriculture Status Report by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), an

Africa-based agriculture institution. According to the report, annual urban food sales in African countries amounts to around 200 to 250 billion U.S. dollars, and over 80 percent comes from domestic suppliers.

Cities are shaping the agribusiness environment in Africa by affecting patterns of agricultural production, processing, and distribution, the report

said, noting that the most rapidly growing urban food markets include processed, prepared and perishable foods.

The report forecast that the number of traditional markets and small-format shops, the major urban food retailers in African cities, will decline in the coming decades, while the share of supermarkets is likely to increase.

This year's report showed that as the center of gravity in Africa's agri-food systems shifts increasingly towards urban areas, a cohort of new, non-traditional actors, including city planners, district councils and trader organisations are becoming key players in the implementation of agricultural policy, Andrew Cox, AGRA's chief of staff and strategy, said in the report.

By Special Correspondent

## African lobby: Improving of land governance vital in food security

THE ability of African countries to feed themselves amid climatic shocks and COVID-19 disruptions hinges on the establishment of robust and community-centered land tenure systems, a lobby group has said.

Regional coordinator of International Land Coalition in Africa (ILC Africa), Audace Kubwimana said that strengthening the land tenure systems in the continent is key to eradicate hunger and enhance response to climate change.

"For Africa we want to be achieved, we must strategically address the burning issues of weak land tenure security for millions of smallholder farmers," Kubwimana said in a statement.

He said that desert locust invasion, perennial conflicts, outdated policies and climatic stresses had undermined efforts to transform the land tenure system in Africa.

The International Land Coalition in Africa has partnered with the African Union Commission (AUC) and Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to convene a forum on improving land governance in the continent.

Over 1,000 delegates including policymakers, scholars and campaigners will participate in the virtual Africa Land Forum 2020 to be held from September 15 to 17 whose theme will be delivering the continent's transformation agenda through people-centered land governance.

Kubwimana said that enactment of laws and policies that promote land governance in Africa is key to transform rural livelihoods amid economic downturn linked to COVID-19.

Janet Edeme, head of Rural Economy Division, AU's Department

of Rural Economy and Agriculture, said that regional and continental blocs should join hands to promote the land governance agenda as a prerequisite to achieving sustainable development.

"The 2020 Land Forum affords us the opportunity to assess how far we have come, and what needs to be adjusted so as to improve land governance in the continent," said Edeme.

Esther Obaikol, a land governance expert at IGAD said that women and youth should be involved in efforts to strengthen land tenure in Africa in order to realise inclusive growth and cohesion.

"It is critical that the actors on the continent employ multiple pathways to gender equality agenda on land if we are to meet the targets set in the Agenda 2063," said Obaiko.



Yasmin Bachu (R), chairperson of the CCM women wing in Arusha Region, sensitises small traders at a market in Arusha city yesterday on the importance of their taking full part in the upcoming General Election. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

### MUHIMBILI NATIONAL HOSPITAL (MNH)



## JOB VACANCY

Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) is 1500 bed capacity Hospital located in Dar-es-Salaam-Tanzania. It is the apex referral and National hospital for Tanzania and the only Haemophilia Treatment centre for Tanzania which attends all patients with haematological conditions including Haemophilia and Sickle cell disease referred from all over the country. MNH aims to achieve the highest standard of care for people living with Haemophilia and other bleeding disorders in Tanzania.

In order to achieve this goal, the Hospital is looking for a competent and experienced person to fill the position below.

**Job Title** : Project Officer  
**Job Type** : Three years' contract  
**Reports to** : Medical Advisory Lead for Tanzania  
**Salary** : Negotiable

#### Job Summary

- The Project Officer will provide technical assistance to ensure that MNH Project goals and objectives are achieved.
- The Project Officer will assist with planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project, acting as an administrative liaison with the external project partner, NNHF, to ensure timely and quality achievements of projects outputs, results and objectives.
- Assists with the creation of the Annual Work Plans (AWPs) and schedules for the project and its components for the approval of the MNH.
- Assists with the enforcement of the overall budget for the project as well as for project components and conducts budget reviews and analysis in conjunction with the MNH.
- Assists the MNH with the development and implementation of a framework for each health facility to calculate their Level of Effort (LOE) contributed to the project.
- Develops Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in keeping with the MNH and NNHF procurement policy for the approval of MNH.
- Prepares regular reports to assist MNH to track the progress of project components to ensure schedules and deadlines are being met.
- Performs any other related duties that may be assigned to him/her from time to time.

#### JOB REQUIREMENTS

**Academic Qualification:** Degree in Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Business Administration, Bachelor of commerce, or a related field. Masters degree is an added advantage.

**Experience Level:** At least three (3) years' experience providing support to medium and large scale projects.

#### Other Qualities:

- Dynamic professional with experience in project planning, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of medium to large projects.
- Strong project management and reporting skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with multi-disciplinary teams and stakeholder groups, nationally and regionally.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Health Sector Administration.
- Knowledge and understanding of the region and regional organizations (including, NCD Alliance)
- Knowledge and understanding of Performance Management Frameworks (PMFs).
- Good understanding of Results Based Management (RBM).
- Good working knowledge of internationally accepted rules governing procurement of goods and services.
- Proficient in the use of different project management software and the Microsoft Office Suite.
- A relevant Project Management qualification such as Project Management Professional (PMP) certification and experience.
- Any equivalent combination of experience and training.

#### MODE OF APPLICATION

Applicants must send application letter attached with certified copies of academic certificates and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) with three referees with reliable contacts, postal address, e-mail, and mobile numbers to either of the following address:

**Executive Director,**  
**Muhimbili National Hospital,**  
**P.O.Box 65000, Dar es salaam.**

OR

Email: hrt@mnh.or.tz

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## Funding of research to develop projects could boost country's economic growth

RESEARCH is creative and systematic work undertaken to increase the stock of knowledge. It involves the collection, organisation, and analysis of information to increase understanding of a topic or issue. A research project may be an expansion on past work in the field. Research projects can be used to develop further knowledge on a topic, or for education. To test the validity of instruments, procedures, or experiments, research may replicate elements of prior projects or the project as a whole.

The primary purposes of basic research (as opposed to applied research) are documentation, discovery, interpretation, and the research and development (R&D) of methods and systems for the advancement of human knowledge.

There are several forms of research: scientific, humanities, artistic, economic, social, business, marketing, practitioner research, life, technological, etc. The scientific study of research practices is known as meta-research.

Agriculture minister Japhet Hasungu recently directed TARI to speed up research and production of improved seeds of different crop varieties to enable smallholder farmers' move from subsistence economy to commercial agriculture. He has also directed farmers to dictate market price for their crop.

He was speaking to researchers and staff of TARI Ilonga before visiting and opening agribusiness expo demo plots hosted by TARI Ilonga at Majambaa village, Kilosa district, Morogoro region.

Yes, indeed is good news that Agriculture ministry has decided to invest and prioritize research activities in order to improve agriculture and this can only be done if there will be adequate improved seeds for the farmers.

Farmers in this country need improved

seeds and it is the organization that can make sure that the research activities are enhanced to get adequate improved seeds.

We call upon TARI to do this work very successfully for the country's industrial economy. England, for example, started with improved seeds during agrarian revolution, a situation that helped the country to move into industrial revolution.

Our farmers in the country cultivate food or commercial crops without directives of research as such the productivity had always been low. They actually need improved seeds that are tolerant to drought, resistant to diseases and with high yielding so that they can increase production.

It was reported that in the just ended agricultural season, improved seeds requirement in the country was 186,500 tonnes, but until recently when closing the year, we had only 71,000 tonnes of improved seeds, which means, we have not even reached half of the goal. This also means that many farmers did not use the improved seeds, instead, they used local seeds in their farms.

According to the minister out of 71,000 tonnes, about 66,000 tonnes which is equivalent to about 92 per cent was produced in the country and the rest was imported. This situation is not healthy at all.

The country stands a better chance to stop dependency of improved seeds from abroad. We know TARI Ilonga centre, is doing a great job that should be supported by the government as well.

The government should provide enough research funds for our research centres to perform research activities including modern laboratories with international standard. The can only be done in the spirit of realising the country's industrialization agenda.

## Patient Safety Day should be a worldwide health priority

WORLD Patient Safety Day was established by the World Health Assembly, in May 2019, with the adoption of a resolution on 'global action on patient safety', and an endorsement for the Day to be marked annually on 17 September. The overall objectives of World Patient Safety Day are to enhance global understanding of patient safety, increase public engagement in the safety of health care and promote global actions to enhance patient safety and reduce patient harm. The origin of the Day is firmly grounded in the fundamental principle of medicine - First, do no harm.

The COVID-19 pandemic is presently among the biggest challenges and threats to face the world and humanity, and health care is living its greatest crisis in patient safety ever! The pandemic has exerted unprecedented pressure on health systems worldwide. Health systems can only function with health workers, and a knowledgeable, skilled and motivated health workforce is critical for the provision of safe care to patients.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the huge challenges health workers are currently facing globally. Working in stressful environments exacerbates safety risks for health workers, including being infected and contributing to outbreaks in the health care facility, having limited access or adherence to personal protective equipment and other infection prevention and control measures, and inducing errors which can potentially harm patients and health workers. In many countries, health workers are facing increased risks of infections, violence, accidents, stigma, illness and death.

The most important challenge in the field of patient safety must be how to prevent harm, particularly avoidable harm, to patients during treatment and care. All preventable errors can, and should be, avoided.

Tanzania has a number of laws and regulations that govern occupational safety and health (OSH) protections for workers. The International Labour Organisation reports that due to insufficient statistics and consistent

reporting, it is impossible to determine the number of workplace accidents that occur in the country.

The first law in Tanzania that related to workers health and safety was the Factories Ordinances of 1950, that provided for occupational health and safety standards for workers in factories. As most of Tanzania's workforce was employed in the agricultural sector, this ordinance left most workers in the country unprotected. This law was replaced in 2003 with the new Occupational Health and Safety Act which covers workers in all sectors, including within the public sector and in local government authorities.

In addition to the general act, the country has also adopted a number of laws providing for protection in individual industries that are perceived to be more hazardous than usual. The Employment and Labour Relation Act also contains provisions for OSH, although it is primarily concerned with industrial relations matters rather than worker safety.

In 2008 another important step was made: The establishment of Workers' Compensation Fund through Workers Compensation Act with objectives of providing for compensation to employees for disablement of death caused by or result from injuries or diseases sustained or contracted in the course of employment; to establish Fund for administration and regulation of workers compensation and to provide for related matter.

Patient safety is a discipline that emphasises safety in health care through the prevention, reduction, reporting, and analysis of medical error that often leads to adverse effects. The frequency and magnitude of avoidable adverse events experienced by patients was not well known until the 1990s, when multiple countries reported staggering numbers of patients harmed and killed by medical errors. The World Health Organisation calls patient safety an endemic concern. Indeed, patient safety has emerged as a distinct healthcare discipline supported by an immature yet developing scientific framework.



By Anselm Okolo

IT has been a telling story, but returning Sokoto State on the path of economic prosperity through agriculture had always been a cardinal ambition of Governor Aminu Waziri Tambuwal from the first day of his assumption of office as governor of the state.

"You will all agree with me that the mainstay of our state's economic activities lies in agriculture," he told a team of journalists on a fact-finding tour of the state recently. "It is the business of every town and every home," he noted, while pointing out that: "Allah SWT has bestowed us with mass arable land for variety of crops for both domestic use and commercial purposes".

What he did not envisage, he told the team, was that to achieve his ambition he would have to virtually re-start from point zero. First, he had to deal with the issue of poor data on the sector and the capacities and inadequacies of key players engaged in real agriculture.

A technical committee on a research-driven Framework for Agricultural Development in the state was appointed. The committee was chaired by the former deputy governor, Chiso Abdullahi Dattijo, to recommend mechanisms to revive agriculture as a reliable business in the state.

Prior to the findings of this committee, which now serves as a baseline for all agricultural considerations and decisions in the state, there was no data to tell who is producing what and where and at what capacity.

Conducted in two phases, the state wide farmers' enumeration culminated in what is today the Sokoto State Agricultural Database, SSAD. The first phase captured over 65,000 Fadama farmers covering over 125,000 hectares across the state. The second phase captured another 70,000 farmers across over 130,000 hectares. Information collected includes pictures, coordinates of the farmland and what crops is/are farmed on the farmland.

Governor Tambuwal confesses: "It has helped us to take appropriate decisions as to what support and assistance the individual farmer will need to be productive". Information from the baseline study has helped improve results from intervention in agriculture, especially in CBN Anchor Borrowers Scheme in the state.

Relying on it, the state was able to accredit up-takers who now provide all what a farmer needs from plantation to harvest serving as a safeguard and guarantee for end benefit, a reason the

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state is today first among equals in rice and other farm produce production.

It has further helped in other ways. Potentially irrigable Fadama land in the state is now known; also known are all individual farmer's data, farmers groups and clusters. The knowledge has eased planning and investment promotion. Governor Tambuwal says "these data have helped us in our support to farmers and helping them get best returns on their yields through our up-takers groups and the state grains board".

As a result, procurement of certified seedlings and distribution free to farmers in the state since 2016 have been targeted to individuals or groups engaged in actual farming. So far 981,000 kg of certified rice seed Faro 44 valued at over N285 million was procured and distributed to targeted farmers since 2016 while 6,000 bags of 100 kg of wheat seed (Attila gan) valued over N161 million was similarly procured and distributed free to farmers.

As production was booming, accredited up-takers like Forse, Popular Farm, Labana, AA Rice Mill and Flour Mills Nigeria Limited through the Anchor Borrowers Programme, of CBN were waiting on the sides to buy up the produce from the farmers, thus guaranteeing good returns on their efforts.

On the side of the CBN programme, the state has also promoted a private sector-driven Out-Grower Programme similar to the CBN Anchor Borrowers Programme called the Dangote Rice Out-grower Scheme Programme at Goronyo in the state, with 500 hectares of land already committed to the programme on a pilot basis. Over 1000 farmers are currently engaged in dry season rice farming.

To ensure that farmers do not suffer unnecessary losses due to the disruptive activities of birds, the state government under the programme has spent heavily on the purchase of protective nets for distribution free to farmers and farmers' clusters in the state. Indeed, the Rice Out-Grower scheme will be replicated soon in Silame and Kware under the second phase of the programme.

The state has similarly made giant strides in the area of procurement

of farming inputs for farmers. It has procured 15,000 units of 2" and 3" water pumps to support dry season farming of which about N450 million has so far been spent. The pumps were resold to farmers and farmers clusters at a rebated rate of N10,000 per unit. This has tangentially increased yields of the farmers per hectare by nearly 30 percent.

Within the same period 300 trucks of assorted fertilisers were procured at the cost of N617 million and sold to farmers at a subsidised rate of N2,200 per bag for 2016 wet season farming. Also, under 2017/18 wet and dry season farming, the state government procured another 15,000 metric tonnes of fertiliser at the cost of N1,650,000,000.00, including cost of transportation under the Federal Government Presidential Fertiliser Initiative and sold to farmers at subsidised rate of N4,000.00 per bag.

In an unprecedented demonstration of support to farmers in the 2017/2018 wet and dry seasons farming, the state government procured 25,000mt of NPK fertiliser from Messrs Ponglomerape Limited at the cost of N6,800 per bag amounting to N3.4 billion. The sale of this fertiliser was flagged-off at Sabon Birni by Governor Tambuwal at the subsidised rate of N4,000 per bag. Total government's subsidy to farmers under the intervention alone was N1.4 billion.

The state is also collaborating with the fertilizer firm OCP to make subsidised fertilizer available to Sokoto farmers even during this COVID-19 period. According to Tambuwal: "The palliatives will go a long way in boosting the agriculture sector of the state and country as farmers will be able to plant in time and harvest rich yields for national food security."

Governor Tambuwal, however, believes that actual production of fertilizer in Sokoto will save huge foreign exchange for Nigeria and boost the economy of the state.

To this end, he visited Morocco and sealed a deal to tap into Sokoto State's massive phosphate reserves in producing phosphorus-containing fertilizer. The Sokoto phosphate reserve is estimated at about 10 million tonnes and is very suitable for fertilizer

production. The establishment of the plant is at an advanced stage through a strategic partnership with the Moroccan government-owned firm.

As a concrete expression of the state's readiness to partner with OCP Morocco, Governor Tambuwal has allocated 10 hectares of land at Kalambaina Industrial Layout, for the Phosphate Blending Plant, with a Certificate of Occupancy, C of O, issued to OCP Morocco.

The government has also purchased assorted seeds (carrot, watermelon, onion, pepper, garlic, cabbage etc) at over N11 million distributed free to farmers to improve farming and revenue to farmers as well as availability of vegetables for citizens of the state.

In the area of land preparation Governor Tambuwal is confident that "with what we have been able to do in the last five years, farmers in the state will readily testify that they have never had it so good". The reconstruction of Kware Irrigation Scheme under the ATA-SP II intervention has been completed. Its completion was facilitated with the payment of the State Government's counterpart contribution of N91 million to the project.

The state government similarly paid its counterpart funding of N1.2 billion to Nigeria Erosion and Watershed Management Project, NEWMAP, for rehabilitation of Wurmo Dam and for the control of erosion/flood that affects over 4,000 farmers within the area. The real deal for farmers in the state will be the start of the state government's collaboration with Zenith Bank that will usher farming credits worth over N3 billion across value chains.

According to the current Commissioner of Agriculture, Mohammed Adzika Tureta: "Arrangements are at advance stage for the start of this credit scheme. I can assure you that farmers, their yield and revenue will skyrocket with this intervention".

This will be an addition to an earlier approval of the release of N1,312,914,435 under the ABP to three banks namely UBA, Access Bank, and Unity Bank for the payment of five per cent Equity and 30 per cent Credit Risk Cover for dry season farming covering all farmers in the state.



# More villages experience change via community control of village forest reserves

By Beatrice Philemon

COMMUNITY based forest management (CBFM) that was conducted at Chihuruka Forest Reserve located in Sautimoja village 92 kilometres from Tunduru district has borne fruit to the village after a total of 147 Certificates of Customary Rights of Occupancy (CCROs) were issued to residents in Sautimoja village, increasing the land value and helping villagers access loans services.

This has been possible through the Leading for Change programme being supervised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Tanzania) with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Similarly, 19 village natural resources committee (VNRC) members and forest management committee (FMC) members obtained health insurance cards to help them access quality health services.

In 2019, during preparations of CCROs in Sautimoja Village, about 11 land disputes among villagers were identified and resolved and there were nine complaints by some men depriving their spouses of the right to own family land, all of which were resolved through village committees.

There were four cases of people invading public areas which were resolved, while some villages set aside grazing lands to avoid agro-pastoral-forestry conflicts.

The villagers raised these experiences recently when speaking to journalists in separate interviews at Sautimoja village involving village government office bearers, individual villagers and VNRC members, with the visit aimed at seeing what has been achieved through the programme.

Airing experiences of Sautimoja residents, village chairman Saidi Juma says that through the programme and the VRRFR trade for conservation activities, the village has been able to sell timber worth 77,345,000/- "We used the funds to build a modern village office, pay allowances for villagers who carry out patrols inside the forest to prevent encroachers invading the forest reserve for illegal timber harvesting. The village also built one classroom and bought office furniture, along with paying five percent withholding tax on the revenue collection, amounting to 3,867,250 /- to the district council.

The village also bought two motorcycles, contributed 200,000/- to rehabilitate a teachers' house, donated chalk, exercise books and food to 146 pupils at the Sautimoja primary school. Other uses were paying health insurance for VNRC members, allowance fee for log harvesting supervision and timber processing, while remaining funds were used for forest conservation and hiring modern wood processing machinery for their forest products.

The initiative has alleviated the cost burden for the government to serve the villagers via different needed projects, meanwhile as the village has managed to obtain another project worth 75m/- of timber processing for Arusha region.

Sautimoja village has obtained modern machinery for timber processing with the support from WWF and the Mpingo Conservation and Development Initiative (MCDI) to enable the village process timber and logs.

The use of modern technology has helped the village to improve the quality, quantity and value of the timber they produce inside their forest reserve per unit cubic meter of wood.

The village processes different wood species in accordance with customer or businessman's needs, so the village invites customers from different regions as it uses modern wood machinery sold at the best prices, the village chairman noted.

The conservation activities at Chihuruka Forest reserve



Mbuzini suburb chairman Hassan Mahelela (L) and Hamza Kibua show the area they said has been set aside as a village land forest reserve, meaning that it is exclusively for community-based forest management and conservation. Photo: Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

was officially started in 2014, so far the forest reserve has 21,926 hectares of land.

Sautimoja village has 518 residents, among whom 272 are women, noticeably more numerous than the 246 other gender residents. For her part, the village natural resource committee secretary Hadija Athumani was grateful to the national community forest conservation network (MJUMITA), WWF Tanzania and SIDA for their support. This assistance helped the villagers to undergo training on good governance, forest conservation and project management generally.

"We were trained on good governance that in turn has helped us to make our work and procedures more transparent, accountable and equitable in terms of decision-making processes that increase the public's trust and appreciation of our work," she says.

Villagers are involved in decision making and not just being informed about decisions already made, a situation that has created trust between the village government and the villagers. Villagers are involved in decision-making processes, implementation, determining costs of timber harvested from the forest reserve and taking part in forest management activities.

"Good governance training has opened our eyes. Right now we know that all natural forests that we have within our village land is our own, we can use it for village development activities," she says

Every three months, the village issues a report relating to revenue and expenditure to villagers.

Right now transparency, accountability and integrity in the village government to the community is being observed, with village government leaders engaging local communities in the management of the village forest reserve.

Sautimoja village was named best village in Tunduru district in good governance among 22 villages that are engaged in CBFM activities.

In 2017, the village attained a 47 percent score, while in 2018 it rose to 62.42 percent and last year reached 74.74 percent governance status.

The forest reserve is now safe to the extent that some wild animals that had disappeared have started coming back to the forest reserve. Wildlife poaching is therefore rising and villagers say it presents a serious threat to wildlife conservation.

"We noticed this when conducting patrols in the forest reserve to keep encroachers, in which case the village is now demanding government intervention over illegal wildlife poaching inside the forest reserve.

"As villagers we don't have modern working gears to patrol inside the forest to keep out poachers and other encroachers. Machesets and clubs are the main working gears used in patrols," she affirmed.

She urged Tunduru district authorities to assist VNRC members to undergo militia training to clean out poachers

inside the forest by learning how to use weapons.

"We are scared because poachers attack patrol groups in the forest and beat them. We are just conserving our forest reserve but they invade and kill our wild animals and destroy our forest. After killing animals they roast it inside the forest," the village operative intoned.

Also she called on WWF Tanzania, MJUMITA and other stakeholders to support the village with working gears to patrol the forest.

For his part, a 24-year-old youth, Mohamed Rashid was happy that MJUMITA had assisted him to obtain a right of occupancy certificate, as in turn it has helped him to access a 1.5m/- loan from the Tanzania Postal Bank.

"I took a loan from TPB Tunduru branch in June and used it for agricultural activities and raise capital for my Halope-sa project," he said.

Leading for Change programme has helped the village to get revenue. "Now we are fully aware on forest conservation and good governance issues but the main challenge is poachers," he stated.

For his part, Deputy District Executive Director Jonathan Haule reminded Sautimoja residents that before they go to the forest to conduct patrol, they should contact the district council to obtain forest rangers to accompany them.

The district has a number of experts who train people on forest resource conservation, so they have to use them, the director noted.

## Grief and COVID-19: Interviewing loved ones left behind

By Abby Geluso

COVID-19 has devastated the world in less than a year, killing nearly 900,000 people and infecting more than 27 million. Loved ones are left behind to grieve their loss at the hands of a virus that has, and will, continue to disrupt our way of life.

Grief counsellors and doctors are practised in the task of speaking with those who have recently lost someone in their lives. Now, more journalists are taking up that mantle.

The New York Times, The Washington Post and CNN are just a few of the outlets that have published remembrance series to honour victims of Covid-19. Reporters from different beats have been called upon to contribute memorial pieces, which often include interviews with close friends and relatives of the deceased.

New York Times senior staff editor Joshua Barone typically writes about the arts and architecture. In April, the Times called on him to report on the deaths of several figures in the music industry for their series, *Those We've Lost*.

Barone was familiar with how to approach someone grieving a loved one; he began his reporting career writing student obituaries in his college newspaper. It was an assignment he had since avoided, however - until Covid-19 struck.

"Normally I write about music, and the obituaries I've written have been in the music world. And that has been an industry like so many others that's been so severely affected by the pandemic," said Barone.

He added: "It's a conversation with an objective, but they're very understanding of that because they want to get the story of their loved one out there into the world."

The most important thing a reporter can do is to approach the conversation with compassion, as you would with anyone who has lost a loved one. "Just be patient and let people talk for a very long time," said Barone, who interviewed the

widow of conductor and music festival leader Joel Revzen shortly after he died.

He elaborated: "It is just such a fresh shock for so many people that often they'll forget to say things that they will remember later in the conversation. It is always a good thing in journalism to sort of shut up and listen. But especially in the case of obituaries, it's crucial because people remember a lot along the way."

Sometimes, it may help to speak with your interview subjects more than once. If the individual seems overwhelmed or reluctant to speak, it's important to feel that out and determine if a follow-up phone call would be appropriate and helpful.

"In journalism, more of the work should come from listening than from asking questions, and questions should be asked at the appropriate time," said ICFJ Knight Fellow Fabiola Torres, director and founder of Peru-based health news site *Salud Con Lupa*, which also began its own memorial project.

She elaborated: "We try to determine if it's the right time to talk, or if we should call back again later. In order to help the relatives providing us with information feel comfortable, we exchange multiple calls and messages to make it clear that we are going to use the details they provide us in a respectful way."

Psychologist Dr Yasmine Saad advises journalists to educate themselves on the five stages of grief before approaching the family of the deceased. "Somebody can be in many different stages at once. Somebody can be in denial in the morning, angry in the afternoon, and back in denial the next morning," said Saad, adding: "So knowing the state is very useful because the moment you encounter a family, you can feel where they're at. And based on where they're at, you can adjust your approach."

As journalists, we're practised in relating to stories and people, and are able to guide conversations based on our instincts. In that way, interviewing for obituaries is not so different.

"Grieving is such a personal process and the personality of the person, their culture and their beliefs filter into that so much that the best advice is to use your intuition. Empathy is about picking up what the person is conveying, and matching it and seeking to tune into the person," said Saad.

Experts from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington predict that, most likely, 2.8 million people worldwide will have died from Covid-19 by January 1.

This means that more than 25 million people around the world will have grieved the loss of a loved one to the coronavirus by the end of the year, according to a study released over the summer which estimates that for every death, nine close family members are left behind.

The isolation felt because of the lockdowns has made loss from the virus even more impactful. Families are unable to mourn together, some feel the burden of self-blame if social distancing recommendations are flouted, and many have been unable to be at their loved ones' side owing to restrictions. As a result, experiencing loss during the pandemic will affect the bereaved in a new way.

Drawing from your own experiences is helpful in recognizing and empathising with grief, but Saad advises against directly sharing your own story of loss.

"Everybody's story is different, and when you share yours, the person will feel that the perception is not the same. It's not useful because it becomes a comparison when you share your story - you invite the person out of their own sadness of their own story and into your story," said Saad, adding: "That tactic is meant for empathy, and it can really backfire."

*A dispatch by the International Journalists' Network (IJNet), a project of the Washington-based International Centre for Journalists (ICFJ). Abby Geluso is a journalist based in New York City.*



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# Convicts, organised crime and Covid-19: The cost of going undercover for the story

By Aliza Appelbaum

AS the world focuses on combating the novel coronavirus, some governments are making it even more difficult for journalists to write about the impact of the global pandemic.

In Romania, where the government severely limited access to public information, two investigative journalists went undercover to track the country's supply of dysfunctional masks.

The two journalists, Ana Poenariu and Andrei Ciurcanu, spoke with ICFJ Director of Community Engagement Stella Roque to explain how they went undercover to carry out their reporting:

"You have to be a really good actor when you're doing undercover (reporting), and you have to believe your covers so much," said Ciurcanu, adding: "We were reporters, but we really believed that we were businesspersons."

Poenariu and Ciurcanu worked with RISE Project Romania and the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) to produce their reporting.

They originally started looking into the issue when one of Poenariu's friends who worked in a hospital sent her a photo of masks and other protective equipment that were constantly breaking and were not usable. They tracked the faulty masks back to a Turkish company, which turned out to be exporting the faulty masks in

collaboration with organised crime in Romania.

Recent government restrictions on journalists made verifying this information much more difficult.

"One of the first things that our government did was to restrict access to information during the crisis situation," said Poenariu. Normally, information requests take 30 days, but since the pandemic started it's been increased to 60, she added.

Once they had identified the local players, they realised that one of them had ties to the Prime Minister's office. Another was a well-known Romanian gangster who had a record of theft, extortion and kidnapping. After publishing an initial story about the Turkish company, several local informants reached out to them about the organised crime connection, said Poenariu. They then decided to go undercover as potential mask buyers in order to get the proof.

The meeting with the Romanian organised crime ring was set for a fuel filling station, and they had already established their cover as buyers, said Ciurcanu. He acknowledged that two people undercover can be trickier than going alone, but added that they managed it well because of their experience working well together.

"When we first arrived in the filling station, we had no idea with whom we were going to negotiate," said Ciurcanu, elaborating: "But we had all the elements, as in how the industry is



working...We can say we were bullet-proof from this perspective as we were posing as businesspersons. We knew how the market was developing. We knew how to negotiate. And it was really easy for us to do an undercover in two persons because we are really good friends. So we had a really good chemistry together."

Ciurcanu described how they played the part by renting an expensive car for the meetings. They also always made sure that the location tracking system

on their phones was turned on so that their colleagues could see where they were at all times.

Both journalists make frequent television appearances; since Romania isn't a large country, they acknowledged that they could have been recognised. But Poenariu said that one benefit of the current situation was that it was normal for them to show up wearing masks, which helped them go incognito.

Poenariu and Ciurcanu published

their first story about the faulty masks in April. The follow-up reporting, for which they went undercover, was published in early July. The government has taken no official action since.

"If you ask me, it should have been the authorities to investigate the way this phenomenon evolved in Romania," said Ciurcanu, adding: "Unfortunately, even to this day, I am not aware of a big investigation led by an authority in Romania to discover the criminals behind this phenomenon."

*"The Washington-based International Centre for Journalists (ICFJ) is connecting journalists with health experts and newsroom leaders through a webinar series on Covid-19. The series is part of the ICFJ Global Health Crisis Reporting Forum - a project with the International Journalists' Network (IJNet), itself an ICFJ project. Aliza Appelbaum is an ICFJ programme director."*

# Can masks function as a crude vaccine against Covid-19?

By Dana G Smith

THERE is mounting evidence to suggest that masks are effective at protecting people from Covid-19 both by limiting the chance of someone coming into contact with the virus and by reducing the severity of the disease if they do get infected.

A new opinion paper published last week in the New England Journal of Medicine takes the power of masks one step further, suggesting that they could serve as a sort of crude vaccine - historically known as "variola" - for the novel coronavirus.

The idea is that masks expose people to just enough virus to cause them to develop an immune response to it but not enough to get sick.

The Medium Coronavirus Blog spoke with one of the paper's authors, Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, about the benefits and drawbacks of the idea, which types of masks are best, and why the US doesn't have a mask mandate. Excerpts:

Question: I'm fascinated by this idea of masks as a sort of variola, or a stop-gap, for a vaccine. I'd love to hear how you came up with this theory.

Monica Gandhi: I've been really interested in how much asymptomatic infection there is with Covid-19. It's very different from other respiratory viruses, or any other virus, where you can get totally sick or you can be completely fine. So I was trying to understand the risk factors for asymptomatic infection, and we started noticing that in any setting where masking was done, there would be a lot of asymptomatic infection. In cruise ships, food processing plants - when people got sick and they started masking, they didn't get sick anymore. It really seemed to drive up the rate of asymptomatic infection from 40 per cent as a standard to 81 per cent on a cruise ship, 95 per cent in jails, and 95 per cent in food processing plants when they started giving masks routinely.

In our article in the Journal of General Internal Medicine that came out three or four weeks ago, we tried to put together all the evidence for why that would be. And, essentially, masks reduce your viral inoculum - that is, the amount of virus a person is exposed to. It's very well known in science that the lower viral inoculum you get, the less sick you get. So putting it all together, it seems like masks increase rates of asymptomatic infection by decreasing viral inoculum.

Then, over the last month, we've been getting these amazing studies about asymptomatic infection leading to really strong T-cell immunity.

This isn't shocking because it's actually probably the process by which you get asymptomatic infections - the lower viral inoculum allows you to have a really strong and organised adaptive immune response.

And we've been seeing cases go up in places that have opened up, like San Francisco, but the case fatality rate has been so low in cities that mask compliantly. So are we actually getting immunity by getting cases with our masks but not getting fatalities?

## How does variolation fit into all this? What does that mean?

This is a theory that originated with smallpox. They would have these parties where they would cut their arms and put inside a piece of hair, a scab, some pus, anything from an individual infected with smallpox. The idea was that you would give people small amounts of virus - by definition, that's what variolation is - and hope that you would get an asymptomatic or mild infection and then hope that you could generate immunity, which it absolutely did. In fact, that's what led to the concept of vaccination with bits of virus. Variolation really launched vaccine development.

Masking also seems to decrease the severity of disease, and then if that's going to lead to immunity to boot, that's what we mean by masking being a kind of variolation, or a poor man's vaccine.

How do masks compare to a vaccine in terms of long-term immunity? Is there some world where if a vaccine takes too long, we could actually reach herd immunity through mask variolation?

That fundamental question of "What does natural infection do for you in terms of durability of immunity versus vaccine generated immunity?" is unclear for SARS-CoV-2.

We do know, for example, that with chickenpox and DNA viruses, natural infection is durable immunity, meaning that usually



people don't get chickenpox twice. We know with measles, which is an RNA (ribonucleic acid) virus like SARS-CoV-2, that people got pretty long-lasting immunity from natural infections but sometimes could get it again. And, by the way, it's the same thing with the vaccine; that's why we get multiple booster shots of the vaccine as children. But the duration of immunity from natural infection versus what we're going to get from a vaccine is unclear with SARS-CoV-2.

With some other coronaviruses, there has been super hopeful data that getting lots of colds, for example, does generate long-lasting T-cell responses. That's the other potential explanation behind asymptomatic infection - we have these cross-reactive T-cells to other coronaviruses. So it's a hopeful sign from other coronaviruses, including SARS-1, that natural infection can give you durable immunity. But we don't know yet with this virus. One thing is that we see antibodies coming down faster with asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 than we do with severe infection. I think that's not that depressing, though, because durable immunity with viruses is mediated by memory T-cells and memory B-cells, not an-

tibodies. So, I would say, we don't know, but I think it's really hopeful.

Is there a concern with the asymptomatic spread that you could be infecting people in your own household? Would this require people to wear masks inside the home at all times? Because if you're infected asymptotically and have no idea that you have the virus, you're still shedding tonnes of virus and so could infect someone in your home who then has a full-blown infection.

Yeah, inside the home, where we have not recommended masking, is quite an area of debate. I have two young children who I'm desperately waiting to go back to school, and I have two older parents who are 86. And if my parents lived with me, I'd probably have my children masked or them masked. So, yes, I do think that there is a degree of vulnerability in the home. If someone already has host defences down because of their age or another risk factor - cardiovascular disease, obesity - then I would consider masking in that situation.

Would the masks be able to protect enough against airborne spread? Most people don't have

N95 masks, they have cloth masks, so would they still block enough of the infection for this to work?

The mask literature is not convincing that you need to block out all viral particles by having a tight-fitting N95 mask to protect you from airborne spread. It's true that N95 masks, because they're tight-fitting and because their fibres are really close, probably block out the majority of viral particles, whereas cloth and surgical masks - two-ply when I say cloth - block out about 85 per cent. That's literature from other respiratory viruses, not SARS-CoV-2, because you can't do the experiments you'd need to do where you spray people with virus because it's obviously not ethical. But there was a hamster mask study from Hong Kong that got a lot of attention and showed that transmission was decreased quite a bit when you simulated masking the hamsters, and even if they got infected, which some of them did, they had mild infections. So you may not need to block out all the virus.

A follow-up question to that: would wearing two masks help? Is there any additional benefit of wearing a cloth mask and a surgical mask rather than just one or the other, or would that largely be superfluous?

I think it's superfluous. Research

with other respiratory viruses shows that a two-ply cloth face mask blocks out as much as a surgical mask. I would just recommend two-ply masking - covering nose and mouth, of course.

This is more of a policy question, but why don't we have a universal mask mandate yet? Is it purely political? Is there any doubt about how well they work?

I think there is very little doubt that they work. So why don't we have a national mask mandate, which I believe we should? I think it is entirely political. We have a president who doesn't model masking. We have a Libertarian streak in this country that makes it seem like we're restricting people's freedom - which is exactly what happened when we mandated seat belts to limit car crash fatalities, by the way. And I think we did some wrong messaging at the beginning. The messaging in April from the CDC (US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) was "Wear a mask to protect others". We are not a civic-minded nation at the moment. I think we need to stress that it does protect you as well as others.

My last question for you is a little bit sticky. Are you worried that people will try and get infected with SARS-CoV-2, like the pox parties that you mentioned, or even chickenpox parties more recently? Is that a concern? And is there a way someone could do it right, or is that just a road we don't want to go down?

Yeah, I was worried that this could be misperceived - as this article saying that. I definitely wouldn't encourage pox parties, and I don't think that people should deliberately be infected. I did try to put a lot of caveats in the article that said that. So, yeah, I'm worried that it could be misperceived, but I hope the article is worded carefully enough that it won't be. I hope people don't misunderstand that it's saying I want them to get infected - because it's not. I want people to be safe.



## Development of tenera improved oil palm seedlings sees TARI save 14bn/-

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has produced and disseminated 2.3 million improved commercial oil palm variety (Tenera) which, if they were to be imported from outside, would cost a total of 13.8 bn/-.

TARI's director general, Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo, said this during a tour of TARI agriculture researchers in Kigoma region adding that before TARI's intervention to revamp the crop, a single imported improved commercial oil palm variety (Tenera) was sold to the farmers at 6,000/- but now they are being given the improved seedlings for free.

The government through TARI's new improved commercial oil palm variety (Tenera) roadmap embarked on research, production and dissemination of the improved seedlings in collaboration with Kigoma district councils, and has so far saved this huge amount of money. The government can now direct the saved money into other socio-economic development projects in the country.

TENERA is improved commercial oil palm variety after crossing two local seeds namely DURA and PISIFERA which are female and Male respectively. They were being imported for many years but now they are available and can be accessed through research centres, district councils, military institutions and the private sector

"I have come back to Kigoma region to assess this oil palm project being implemented in collaboration with the district councils, the private sector, the farmers and the region as a whole. So far the work is going on well and we are getting close cooperation with other stakeholders.

Dr Mkamilo said that the advantage of conducting research, and production of improved commercial oil palm variety (Tenera) in the country is that it considers the local environment and local expertise which is far better than imported seedlings which one cannot determine its quality easily.

We are intensifying the crop production to

increase oil palm production to ensure we it meets and matches quality and international standards, sufficiently enough to fix edible oil shortage.

The efforts include multiplying and disseminating the improved seeds of Oil Palm at local government authorities and to the farmers in Kigoma and elsewhere. These efforts are basically trying to address the issue of importation of vegetable edible oil from Malaysia and some other countries like Costa Rica, which in recent years has cost the nation billions of shillings.

In Tanzania, palm oil is the most consumed oil due to its widespread availability and, at a relative lower-price. In 2016, Tanzania edible oil consumption was estimated to be 570,000 MT, 64 percent of it being palm oil, 30 percent sunflower oil and 2 percent cottonseed oil. In the same year, Tanzania edible oil production was estimated to be 210,000 MT, 83 percent of it being sunflower oil, 5 percent cotton seed oil and 2 percent palm oil. This indicates that about 99.3 percent of palm oil consumed in Tanzania is imported from other palm oil producing countries.

"Therefore, we cannot continue incurring a cost of 443bn/- to import 365 metric tons annually, we have potential land to produce all types of vegetable edible oil that we need in this country," he said

Citing an example, he said Kigoma alone has an area of about 114,000 hectares of land which is suitable for Oil Palm production saying if it can be utilized well definitely the nation will be able to reduce or eliminate importation of vegetable edible oil in the country.

"The government saw this problem and that's why the Ministry of Agriculture through TARI, the region and Military Institutions such as Kwitanga Prison and JKT Bulombola to work together and enhance multiplication and distribution of adequate seeds for the farmers," he added.

At Kwitanga Prison, the Officer in-Charge, Senior Superintendent of Prison (SSP) Dominic Kazimil said Kwitanga Prison has a total



TARI director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo (R) and Bulombora farm manager Major Godfrey Mwakabole (L) have a first-hand account of the production and development of the tenera improved commercial oil palm variety at Bulombora military camp. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

of 8,026 out of which 6,000 acres will be planted improved TENERA oil palm of variety.

"This the government directive. I think you are all aware that we import 635,000 metric tons, which costs the nation billions of shillings. As government Military Institution, we are working together with TARI Kihinga to improve oil palm production and arrest this problem," he said

Currently the Prison has produced 191,774

TENERA improved seedlings which are at different stages such as primary and secondary nurseries. For example there are 22,500 improved seedlings at secondary nurseries, the number which is enough to plant a total of 450.5 acres. These acres of land have already been prepared, waiting for the rain season.

"We are aiming to produce more and supply edible oil to all Prisons in the country but the main objective I to make sure that the surplus

produced edible oil, contributes to fix the edible oil deficit in the country," he said.

821KJ Bulombora Military Camp farm manager, Major Godfrey Mwakabole said that the camp has produced TENERA improved variety of seedlings which are enough to plant on a 2,000 acres of land.

"These seedlings are ready to plant. We are just waiting for the rain season to start in October. These seedlings will not be used by Bulombora Military Camp alone, but for other neighbouring villages, the district council and Kigoma region as a whole," he said.

"The government has already issued a directive that we must collaborate with researchers from TARI to produce and disseminate the improved seedlings. Therefore, I call on farmers in group to come and get the seedlings. We want them to plant in their farms and eventually address the problem of importing huge number of oil palm from outside," he said.

Most farmers in Tanzania grow exclusively Dura type with low yielding potential in old farms which have been established ever since. This is one of the main causes for low oil palm yield in Tanzania

According to Kihinga Centre Director, before this improved seeds TENERA, two oil palm varieties were locally grown in Tanzania. Dura is the widely grown variety in Tanzania. The variety is characterized by thin mesocarp, thick shell and low yield potential. Dura constitutes about 90 percent of all oil palm trees grown in Tanzania. The second variety is Pisifera which is characterized by thick mesocarp and have no shell. Pisifera constitutes about less than 0.01 percent of all oil palm trees in Tanzania and are hardly found.

Dr. Filson Mbezi Kagimbo who is the National Coordinator for oil palm research in Tanzania said to boost oil palm production in Tanzania, we must increase palm oil availability. Three most important interventions are being fulfilled:

The first intervention is the production of improved commercial oil palm variety (Tenera) and supply to farmers. The second intervention is to deploy all the potential area for palm oil production in Tanzania by planting Tenera variety. The third intervention is to replant the old oil palm trees existing in Tanzania with Tenera variety.

## Covid-19 thwarts women's dreams of becoming leaders in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter

AS the 2020 General Election nears, hundreds of women in Zanzibar who were interested to vie for different political posts failed to do so due to the outbreak of Covid-19.

In separate interviews, some women said Covid-19 outbreak took a toll in the Isles' political landscape as it affected various social and economic activities, putting women in the Indian Ocean archipelago in a tight corner.

"As women, we started preparing ourselves psychologically and intellectually on how we could get into this year's elections, but suddenly, the disease broke out and completely destroyed our dreams," says Halima Ibrahim, one of the women in Zanzibar.

Halima, a parliamentary candidate for Malindi through ACT-Wazalendo ticket says before the outbreak of COVID-19, the 2020 General Election was an election for women. To her, COVID-19 pandemic has robbed women of the opportunity to realize their dreams.

"Women were in preparation to vie for different political posts, but all of a sudden the pandemic hit the world and Zanzibar had nowhere to hide, rather than being forced to stay home and nothing was going on," she recounts.

"It wasn't easy for me to get this chance. I worked hard and fought for this, I thank God that I managed to overcome the competition but majority of women here have failed to due to various challenges which were brought by Covid-19 pandemic, this included economic hardships and lack of enough time to market their policies to the public. During this time women spent much time taking care of children who were also on holiday."

According to her, COVID-19 pandemic forced all people including women to stay at home denying them an opportunity to meet with people so as to exchange ideas as well as market their goals and priorities.



Vuai Ali Vuai, a veteran politician and former CCM deputy secretary general in the Isles also says that the outbreak of COVID-19 has left many women unable to achieve their goals considering many of them were not financially capable to bring members together.

"I believe that if it wasn't Covid-19 outbreak, Zanzibar could have witnessed wonders this year especially with the number of women in politics," he says.

However he says Zanzibar political atmosphere has changed, as of now there are more women who are coming out and vie for various political positions.

"This year, the number of women has increased even more, we have seen six women from CCM vying for presiden-

tial post, this is not normal in Zanzibar, it was very rare to see a woman in politics," he attests.

According to him, many women are now aware and eager to be leaders in their communities and nation at large because they have recognized that they have great potentials.

Mgeni Hassan Juma, the former deputy speaker of the House of Representatives says that various efforts made by activists to educate and encourage women to vie for leadership positions bore fruit as there are many women, who have developed interests to get into political leadership as compared to the past.

Mgeni cited the Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) in Zanzibar as one of the organizations which spent

much of their efforts to educate and capacitate women on the issues of leadership in Unguja and Pemba.

"But, COVID-19 outbreak shuttered women's dream to get into political leadership in Zanzibar. I believe that majority of women suffered psychological torture and failed to fulfill their goals," Juma says

Kheri Abdalla Ally from Magombeni area in Unguja town admits that the outbreak of coronavirus reduced the room for more people to get civic education including the need for women to effectively take part in the democratic process.

"The disease came in at the critical time when people were supposed to be trained on all issues related to elections. And that's why we see there are few women who are taking part in

this year's elections," Ally says. He believes that if women were well informed on elections issues, things would have been improved.

Dr Mzuri Issa, Director of Tamwa- Zanzibar says that the association has invested much on civic education particularly encouraging women to take part in different political leaderships in Unguja and Pemba islands.

This was made possible through a number of initiatives including a campaign known as 'Male Change Agent Team (MCAT)', aimed at changing mindsets of the communities towards women's full participation in political decision making bodies in the country.

According to Dr Mzuri, more than 1,000 women were empowered with skills on how get into politics and vie for different

posts across Zanzibar, "but unfortunately, many of them failed to realize their dreams due to a number of reasons including the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Women shouldn't be discouraged with what happened, they should continue to work on their dreams and one day their dreams will come true because I believe women have that ability to lead," she suggests

Apart from Covid-19 outbreak, there is a need to change mindsets of the communities towards women full participation in political decision making bodies in Isles as of now there is a negative perception on women leadership.

Secretary of ACT Wazalendo committee leadership, Salim Abdalla Bimani says that the party has provided equal opportuni-

ties for all members including women, attesting:

"For the first time large number of women came out and are contesting for different political posts-parliamentarian and House of Representatives. This is because; we know the potentials of women in political leadership."

He encourages women to continue fighting for their rights of being elected in different political posts within ACT Wazalendo and other parties.

Alliance for Democratic Change (ADC) presidential candidate in Zanzibar Hamad Rashid Mohamed also points out that equality in leadership remain a priority in his party, saying: "That's why in the union presidential race, we've given the chance to a women."



# Surge in Covid-related interest in investment migration from citizens of developed nations

LONDON

The massive volatility driven by Covid-19 has pushed the steady growth in investment migration into overdrive, with a nearly 50 per cent increase in enquiries overall as the pandemic coursed around the globe in the six months to June 2020 compared to the same period last year.

While the surge in interest shown by citizens of emerging economies such as India and Nigeria is somewhat predictable, a fascinating turn of events is the growing attention from nationals of leading developed nations.

Most notable is America, with a dramatic 100 per cent increase in enquiries from US citizens in the first six months of 2020 compared to the same period last year, along with significantly greater interest shown by Canadians and UK citizens.

"The tumultuous events of 2020, including the unplanned pause during the Great Lockdown, have resulted in people reconsidering how they wish to conduct their lives and - for those fortunate enough - choosing where they want to live by opting for investment migration," says Henley & Partners CEO Dr Juerg Steffen.

"The relentless volatility in terms of both wealth and lifestyle has resulted in a significant shift in how alternative residence and citizenship are perceived by high-net-worth investors around the world," he notes.

In terms of the total number of enquiries made in the first six months of 2020, Indian nationals outstripped all other nationalities by a long stretch.

Henley & Partners received 96.5 per cent more enquiries from Indian nationals than Nigerian nationals, who were placed second, followed by Pakistan and, startlingly, the US.

Several countries that host investment migration programmes rank high on prominent indexes such as the 2020 Global Peace Index (GPI), the World Bank's 2020 Ease of Doing Business ranking, and Deep Knowledge Analytics' Covid-19 Regional Safety Assessment ranking.



For those seeking the comfort of an alternative residence option in times of crisis, New Zealand comes out on top, impressively ranking first in both the GPI and Ease of Doing Business index and second in the Covid-19 Regional Safety Assessment ranking.

Other secure alternatives for high-net-worth families are Singapore, which ranks seventh in the GPI, second in the Ease of Doing Business index, and tenth in the Covid-19 Re-

gional Safety Assessment ranking, and Australia, which ranks 13th, 14th, and sixth in the three indexes, respectively.

In terms of alternative citizenship options in Europe, Austria is the top option, ranking fourth in the GPI, 27th in the Ease of Doing Business index, and eighth in the Covid-19 Regional Safety Assessment index, while Montenegro ranks 69th, 50th, and 83rd in the three indexes, respectively.

The GPI omits the Caribbean small-island nations, but St. Lucia ranks 93rd in the Ease of Doing Business index and 127th in the Covid-19 Regional Safety Assessment ranking, making it the Caribbean investment migration program of choice for high-net-worth individuals.

"Once 'nice-to-have' assets of convenience and privilege that enhanced travel freedom and provided vacation

or second homes, alternative residence and citizenship have rapidly become 'must-have' essential assets, not just to survive, but to thrive in the 21st century," says Henley & Partners Group Head of Sales Dominic Volek.

He points out that 19 of the G20 nations offer some form of mechanism to encourage inward investment in exchange for residence rights. The 20th member is the EU, and 6 per cent of EU member states offer investment migration options.

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# China endeavours to open up new vistas for aiding Tibet

By Wei Wei

MANY roads in southwest China's Tibet autonomous region are named after provinces or municipalities in the country that have assisted the region, such as the Beijing Road in Lhasa, capital of Tibet, Hunan Road in Shannan, and Shandong Road in Shigatse.

There's an elevation difference of more than 3,600 meters between Beijing and Lhasa, which stand over 3,500 kilometers apart, yet such distance has never blocked the close friendship between the two cities.

Since it started to provide partner assistance for two districts and two counties in Lhasa, namely Chengguan district, Doilungdeqen district, Damxung county and Nyemo County, in 1995, Beijing has invested massive manpower and resources in the city, building for which 554 relevant

projects covering such facilities as modern ranch, the city's first Class A of Grade 3 hospital, Tibetan-style family inns and vegetable greenhouses.

At the end of September 2018, Lhasa became one of the first batch of prefecture-level cities in the country's "three regions and three prefectures" suffering extreme poverty that had been entirely lifted out of poverty.

Such a historic achievement resulted from the hard work and dedication of more than 900 Communist Party of China (CPC) cadres from Beijing who have assisted Tibet.

In addition to the tough tasks, these cadres have to overcome all kinds of difficulties. Their families have also given resolute support for their work and made sacrifices silently.

It is the original aspiration and mission of seeking happiness for the people as well as the noble responsibility for administering, stabilizing and rejuvenating Tibet that have prompted them to devote themselves where they are most-

ly needed by the Tibetan people.

The establishment of and improvement in the partner assistance mechanism for Tibet is not only an institutional task and duty incumbent on them and considered it their mission to build, develop, stabilize and benefit the region.

To fulfill their mission, batches of CPC cadres have sacrificed what they should have had and enjoyed, taken root on the plateau, and dedicated themselves to hard work, continuously injecting new dynamism into the "old Tibetan spirit" of being tough, brave, indefatigable, united, and devoted.

Aiding Tibet in the new era is about providing all-round assistance for Tibet and helping the region to thrive on its own.

Today, the ninth batch of CPC cadres dispatched from Beijing to Tibet have worked in the region for more than a year. Attaching great importance to Party building, they have established 12 temporary Party branches in the region.

To stimulate the endogenous power of Lhasa for economic and social development, CPC cadres from Beijing have made arduous efforts.

Based on a systematic review of more than 20 years of experience in aiding Tibet, they focused efforts on identifying the region's weak links in development, and proposed five major projects involving such ideas as development of endogenous power, targeted assistance, partner assistance, and revitalization of Tibet.



Staff workers with the State Grid Anhui Electric Power Co., Ltd. conduct inspection on power supply equipment in Zhanang county, Shannan, southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, in preparation for the peak demand for electricity in summer, June 17. File photo

By concentrating on accomplishing major tasks in Lhasa, Beijing has aimed to provide high-quality assistance to Lhasa in a bid to consolidate the results of poverty alleviation and promote rural revitalization.

"Being lifted out of poverty is not an end in itself but the starting point of a new life and a new pursuit," Xi said.

As long as the impoverished areas have greater capabilities for development on their own, they are able to secure a better life for people.

While the lofty Qinghai-Tibet Plateau adds incomparable natural charm to Tibet, the solidarity and concerted efforts of the whole nation to aid the region give the world a glimpse of its humanistic beauty.

Ensuring that Tibet enjoys support from the central authorities and assistance from the whole country has been a consistent policy of the CPC Central Committee, according to Xi, who recently stressed at the seventh Central Symposium on Tibet Work held in Beijing a long-term commitment to the policy, and called on CPC cadres to sum up former experience and open up new vistas for aiding Tibet.

Standing at a new historical starting point, the over 3 million Tibetan people and CPC cadres that have come to assist the region are bound to build a new Tibet that enjoys unity of various ethnic groups, rapid development, and prosperity through concerted efforts and hard work.

**People's Daily**

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 135 00--

WORD-FIT puzzle grid with a list of words to fit into the grid. The words include: TRY, EAR, ERA, USE, EVE, GET, SEE, INS, USED, EDEN, EDEN, LEEK, EROS, KRAAL, MECCA, USHER, KRAFT, PENCE, ARAME, TOWNS, ASSET, KAGAME, GARAGE, AFRICA, ERASED, SEVERE, CARINA, LUGGAGE, CONDOMS, EEL GRASS.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with 22 numbered squares. The grid is partially filled with letters.

SOLUTIONS for the word-fit puzzle. The words are: TUGO, FLOVE, MODERN, S, URLOP, OAVED, DOHA, ENAMOUR, MOROC, IL, SD, OIAKU, BEKE, DULL, DREAD, HARE, ANDES, OLL, AILS, KEY, S, MA, I, IELDS, ADE, ALSO, AAWN, NOPS, S, ION, ICA, GE, EDIT, OR, S, AVOW, AYV, IEMERALE, ELAPSE, MAID, NO, ARRA, D, NSTRIFE, SYELINE.

CLUES for the crossword puzzle. Across: 1 hot well, 6 a brief time of importance, 7 used for emphasis to express anger, 8 Yemen's Capital, 9 carved human image, 10 part of a town, 11 a person who donates something, 13 violent anger, 15 sballable added to the end of the word to modify it's meaning, 17 name for lake Malawi in Tanzania, 20 chopped into small pieces, 21 an air-like substance with the capacity to expand, 22 times between sunrise and sunset. Down: 1 symbol, 2 a student at an armed forces, 3 male cat, 4 to give back, 5 an authorised weight or measure, 6 Boss, 8 a state of serene calmness, 9 coverings for the feet, 12 a room for business, 13 the bark of a tree, 14 short prose work, 16 a mischievous child, 18 military commander during Ottoman Empire, 19 Donkey.



## RECOGNITION

## Dar, Kigali tech firms win GoGettag Agripreneur 230 million/- cash prize

By Guardian Reporter

A LOCAL startup that links farmers and investors, PhemaAgri and its Rwandan peer, Magofarm Limited are winners of the coveted US\$100,000 (over 230m/-) GoGettag Agripreneur cash prize alongside the prestigious Africa Food Prize.

The two winners were announced last week during an Africa Green Revolution Forum virtual summit hosted by Rwanda and will share the prize money taking home US\$50,000 each. The competition which is part of Generation Africa youth initiative, is aimed at identifying and inspiring young people across Africa to seize opportunities across the value chain of the US\$1 trillion agri-food industry on the continent in the decades ahead.

In a statement, Generation Africa said four entrepreneurs were also named winners of a US\$2,500 Impact Award. They were identified as: Elizabeth Gike-

be, founder and CEO of Mhogo Foods (Kenya), Millicent Agidipo, co-founder and production manager of Achiever Foods (Ghana), Dysmus Kisulu, co-founder and CEO of Solar Freeze (Kenya) and Paul Matovu, founder and CEO of Vertical Farm and Micro-Gardening (Uganda).

These entrepreneurs were selected by the judges for the notable environmental or social impact of their businesses, each striving to reach the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and benefit their communities. All 12 top finalists will receive mentorship, program linkages and other guidance to continue their entrepreneurial journeys, the statement noted.

To make it through to the top-12, each finalist first had to submit a comprehensive online application by the June deadline. The top-24 selected to be semi-finalists then had to produce their own pitch videos and participate in 30-minute on-



PhemaAgri's co-founder and CEO Daniella Kwayu

line interviews with a panel of judges. Top-12 finalist ventures and entrepreneurs this year hail from Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanza-

nia and Uganda.

"Throughout all the COVID challenges of 2020, the GoGettag Agripreneurs remained focused and driven, caring not

only for their businesses and employees but their countries and fellow citizens as well. In the face of the global crisis, they adapted their business models to new demands and challenges," said Dickson Naftali, Head of the Generation Africa initiative based in Nairobi.

"Our top 12 young finalists this year are already driving forces for growth and transformation in their own communities. Their agribusinesses are each so different, but they are all steering Africa to become a continental superpower in agriculture," Naftali noted.

Commenting on his firm's success, PhemaAgri's Co-founder and CEO, Daniella Kwayu said the agricultural financing gap in Africa is US\$150 billion as of 2019. "There aren't any direct competitors for an agriculture crowdfunding platform in Tanzania. We are the first market entries in this sub-sector," Kwayu said.

"Our key unique differentiator is our ability to apply technology to provide safely structured market curated investment in a convenient way," the PhemaAgri CEO added. The firm targets to mobilise financing for one million farmers and controlling five value chains in the East African market. The company is currently operating in two value chains (pig and poultry value chains) with the aim of adding other value chains (maize, potatoes, wheat) and training more farmers in these value chains.

"The financial support from the 2020 GoGettag Agripreneur Prize will be utilized to secure market contracts and market analysis to structure and connect more farmers to markets," Kwayu added. The second annual 2020 GoGettag Agripreneur Prize competition began in April and closed in June. Over 3,000 applicants between the ages of 18 and 35, from 29 African countries, registered to compete.

## DIGITIZATION

## Telecoms, networks vital in response to COVID-19

GENEVA

THE International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has launched a Global Network Resiliency Platform (#REG4COVID) to assist national policy-makers, regulators and industry stakeholders to ensure that networks are kept resilient and telecommunications services are available to the maximum extent during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

In a statement released by the organisation, ITU Secretary-General Houlin Zhao said never before have telecommunication networks been so vital to health and safety, and to keep economies and society working.

"...as during the COVID-19 crisis we are living through today. As a result, I have instructed my team to leverage without any delay ITU's existing regulatory and policy-maker platform to help countries and industry cope with the increasing stress being put on global networks. At stake is our ability, as one human family,

to give health workers everywhere the tools they need to carry out their duties, to allow all those that can to work from home, to trade online, to ensure that hundreds of millions of children and young people keep up with their studies, and to keep in touch with loved ones, wherever they are."

According to the ITU, the platform will collect relevant and credible information on actions those within the telecommunications ecosystem can take to ensure uptime and reliability of their networks.

"This new ITU platform will provide countries struggling to find appropriate solutions to ensure their networks' resiliency with relevant and trustworthy information and expertise on how to cope with the stresses faced by their infrastructure. And because time is of the essence, it will give those countries that still have time to prepare an opportunity to learn from what is being done elsewhere - from emergency spectrum reassignments to



ATU secretary-general John Omo

guidelines for consumers on responsible use," Zhao stated.

He added: "I call on all ITU members, from the public and private sector alike, to come together to build the best platform we can so that information and communication technology can help defeat COVID-19 and make us safer, stronger and more connected."

Africa response

At the same time, the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) has released a set of guidelines to assist member states in dealing with the crisis. In a statement the organisation called for 'harmonised action' by telecommunications regulators and operators in Africa to help combat the virus.

The ATU's Secretary-General John Omo is urging the Ministries of ICT, through the telecommunications regulators and operators in the member states, to consider implementing several recommendations, including activating the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP).

According to the ATU, CAP involves the use of multiple modes of communication to educate the public about the disease as well as the preventive measures.

"The CAP will make it possible for members of the public to receive CAP-originated information in many ways, such as through mobile and landline telephones, Internet (e-mail, Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, smartphone apps, online advertising, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, in-home smart speakers, etc.), sirens (in-building or outdoor), broadcast radio and television, cable television, emergency radio, amateur radio, satellite direct broadcast, and digital signage networks (highway signs, billboards, automobile and rail traffic control), among others," the organisation stated.

ATU also advised fixed and mobile telephony providers to reserve some dedicated network capacity, to be made available free of charge, to authorities handling COVID-19.

## COMPENSATION

## KAM pushes for creation of unemployment fund

NAIROBI

MANUFACTURERS have proposed the creation of an unemployment insurance fund to offer relief to workers who lose jobs to unforeseen crises such as the coronavirus pandemic.

In a policy proposal, the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) says such a scheme will see workers who are involuntarily forced out of work continue earning some income for the time they are unemployed or work part-time.

The insurance scheme could be funded jointly by the workers and employers akin to contributions

to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) or fully by the State. The policy toolkit, drafted by KAM jointly with consultancy firm KPMG, and offered to the Treasury and Labour ministry comes in the wake of Covid-19, which has triggered jobs cuts and unpaid leave.

"[They] should set up an unemployment insurance fund to pay benefits to covered workers who become involuntarily unemployed and meet specified eligibility requirements to cushion them in times of unemployment," say KAM and KPMG researchers in the document.

About 1.72 million workers lost

jobs in three months to June when Kenya imposed coronavirus-induced lockdown that included restrictions on travel, mass gathering and a dusk-to-dawn curfew. Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) shows the number of people in employment fell to 15.87 million between April and end of June compared to 17.59 million the previous quarter.

KPMG and KAM suggest the proposed fund should be designed to allow workers to either work part-time or remain "formally with the business even if not working at all to ensure

quick resumption of activity once normalcy returns." KAM lead researcher Simon Githuku said Kenya could borrow from Germany's and France's frameworks in setting up such a scheme.

"This is abroad policy proposal that will require more parties to come up with suggestions on how it can be designed. It could be the employee contributing and the money is put in a kitty like an insurance scheme," Dr Githuku told the Business Daily. "If you reach retirement age and a pandemic or any other major crisis has not happened, it becomes part of your pension."



KAM chief executive Phyllis Wakiaga

## RESTRICTION

LAGOS

NIGERIA'S Securities and Exchange Commission said it will regulate trade in digital currencies to provide protection for investors and to ensure that transactions are transparent.

"The general objective of regulation is not to hinder technology or stifle innovation, but to create standards that encourage

## Nigeria to regulate crypto-currencies

ethical practices," the Abuja-based regulator said Monday in an emailed statement. The agency said it's obliged to regulate "when the character of the investments qualifies as securities transactions."

The authorities in the West

African nation had in the past declined to recognise digital currencies as legal tender, with Central Bank of Nigeria saying in 2018 that crypto-currencies including Bitcoin, Ripples, Monero, Litecoin, Dogecoin and One-

SEC, as the regulator is known, said it views them as exchangeable securities. "Issuers or sponsors of virtual digital assets shall be guided by the commission's regulation," it said in the statement. "Crypto transactions are already happening and the

earlier it is regulated, the less havoc on the economy," Ayodeji Ebo, managing director at Afrinvest securities in Lagos said by phone. "It's another way to provide alternative assets to investors."

Meanwhile floods early this

month across northwest Nigeria destroyed 90% of the two million tons that Kebbi state officials expected to harvest this autumn, the head of the state branch of the Rice Farmers Association of Nigeria told Reuters. The loss amounts to some 20% of the rice

Nigeria grew last year, and the waters are still rising.

Farther south, outside Nigeria's capital Abuja, chicken farmer Hippolite Adigwe is also worried. A shortage of maize forced him to sell most of his flock of more than 1,000 birds, and the 300 left are hungry. Chicken feed prices have more than doubled, and he isn't sure how long he can cope.



## GROWTH

## Airtel increases subscriber numbers to remain number two in the market

By Francis Kajubi

SUBSCRIBERS of Airtel Tanzania Plc increased from over 11.5 million to 13.1 million during the year ended June 2020, Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority has said in its new quarterly report.

The increase has allowed the telco to command 27 percent of the domestic market hence maintaining its firm grip as the second largest player. The market regulator said Vodacom Tanzania Plc remains the market leader with 31 percent share while Tigo Tanzania comes third with 26 percent market share.

Meanwhile mobile money transactions have maintained an upward increment from 8.32trn/- last year to 10.66trn/- in June this according to a new report by Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority. The TCRA quarterly communications statistics report

said Vodacom Tanzania Plc's

M-Pesa platform maintained its lead in the market with 5.96trn/- from a total of 106,677,433 transactions made by subscribers during the period. "TigoPesa followed in the list with transactions worth 2.33trn/- involving 80,429,264 transactions while Airtel Money took the third position with 61,592,957 transaction worth 1.97trn/-," the TCRA report stated adding that HaloPesa came in fourth with 286bn/- involving 19,652,265 transactions while EzyPesa managed 92.51bn/-. In comparison to the corresponding period of last year, M-Pesa transactions grossed 4.88trn/-, TigoPesa had 2.02trn/-, Airtel Money managed 1.22trn/- while HaloPesa had 111.12bn/- and finally EzyPesa subscribers transacted 68.17bn/-. State owned TTCL remained at the bottom of the list with only 7.90bn/- worth of transactions.

Meanwhile on East Africa voice tariff development during the period, the regulatory body said the cost of making a call per minute without subscribing to a bundle, increased by 300/- compared to last year's price. Airtel subscribers paid 1,035/- as of June this year up from 750/- they paid the corresponding period last year. Tigo subscribers paid 1,020/- compared to 739/- while Vodacom subscribers paid 994/- from 720/- during the period under review.

The TCRA statistics also show that small companies charged subscribers more compared to big telcos with Smile customers paying 1,537/- this year compared to 1,314/- last year; TTCL charged 703/- from 600/-; Zantel charged 1,020/- compared to 720/-. The regulator however stated that Halotel maintained constant charges for the period at 875/- per minute.



Airtel Tanzania Plc's CEO George Mathen

In addition, international voice tariffs also experienced an increase with Vodacom raising it from 1,459/- to 2,015/- per minute, Tigo increased its charges to 1,887/- from 1,367/- while Airtel's

rates rose to 2,098/- from 1,520/- per minute.

Smile subscribers paid 1,743/- from 1,490/-; state owned TTCL's customers paid 1,515/- from

1,294/- while Zantel also raised charges to 1,450/- from 1,040/- per minute. The report stated that total international tariff from April to June this year peaked 31,473,814.

## RECOVERY

## Egypt's smartphone market absorbs pressure

CAIRO

EGYPT'S smartphone market grew 2.2% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) in Q2 2020 to total 2.88 million units, according to the latest research conducted by International Data Corporation (IDC).

The global market research and analysis firm said that while most markets in the Middle East and Africa suffered declines during the quarter, the pandemic did not hurt smartphone sales in Egypt as badly as expected.

This growth was spurred by vendors focusing on pushing affordable phones into the market, while vendors also accelerated their shipments before new import taxes were introduced at the end of June, the company added.

According to the IDC, Samsung was the market leader in Q2 2020 with 23.8% unit share, followed by Oppo in second place and Xiaomi in third. In terms of price bands, the quarter saw a remarkable shift to the ultra-low-end, with devices priced below \$100 growing their share of the market to 30.5%. In terms of screen size, the 6.5-7.0" band gained 12.4 percentage points QoQ to account for 45.4% unit share.

Taheer Abdel Hameed, a senior research analyst at IDC, said: "While COVID-19 did not halt demand for smartphones in Egypt, it certainly led to a change in market dynamics on both the supply and demand sides.

The price band and screen size trends indicate that consumers were opting for more affordable phones due to tighter budgets, while vendors supplied affordable models with higher specs to cope with challenging sales conditions during the pandemic."

Looking at 2020 as a whole, IDC forecasts smartphone shipments to Egypt to increase 2.9% year on year. "Consumer demand continues to be resilient in the second half of 2020 despite certain inhibitors at play in the market," Hameed added.

"The new taxes on mobile phones, exchange-rate fluctuations, and a general decline in the economy due to COVID-19 will definitely have an impact, but the Egypt smartphone market remains dynamic. Global vendors are focused on the country and marketing spend is expected to continue, which will help the market overcome the barriers."



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## RESTRUCTURING

## Economists call for reforms as South Africa's growth worsens during Covid-19

JOHANNESBURG

THE 2010s began on a positive note for the South African economy, with the country hosting the Fifa World Cup. Ten years on, it is in tatters following a decade of disaster that Covid-19 is merely exacerbating.

Ten years ago, the joyful blare of vuvuzelas emerging from football stadiums set a backdrop to overall economic exuberance and a gross domestic product growth of 4.5 per cent. Cape Town was climbing the list of the world's favourite travel destinations and the 'big five' construction firms were paying handsome dividends to shareholders.

By the end of 2020, the country will be fortunate if it achieves even 1 per cent growth, with GDP predicted to reach \$295 billion - a level last seen prior to 2010. The construction industry is in survival mode and two out of three young people are out of work.

"We are back to the second quarter 2007 GDP level and all post-2008 financial crisis growth has been wiped out," says Isaah Mhlanga, chief economist at Alexander Forbes Investments in Johannesburg. "Tell me if this is not a depression."

Last week, second quarter figures showed the economy shrank 51 per cent compared to the same period in 2019. The coronavirus-related lockdown - one of the strictest in the world - is partially responsible for these dismal figures. The government is working on a plan to revive the economy as conditions ease but funding will be a major obstacle. "Where will the money come from?" President Cyril Ramaphosa said during a webcast. "The government has largely run out of money. We'll have to cobble the money together."

The reality is that South Africa was broke even before Covid-19 struck, entering into a technical recession in March. Ratings agency Moody's downgraded the country's sovereign credit rating to junk status in late March, in spite of frantic lobbying efforts by the finance ministry and Mr Ramaphosa himself.

The lockdown that followed included a ban on international arrivals, the shutdown of most busi-



Workers prepare to reopen restaurants in Cape Town.

nesses including the mining sector and a prohibition of cigarettes and alcohol sales, which further choked off revenue. On September 10, Moody's said that state tax revenue had fallen to catastrophic levels.

"The loss in revenue will be much more severe than the fall in economic activity. The smaller tax base stemming from lockdown measures, job losses and lower confidence accounts for the vast majority of the revenue shortfall," Moody's said.

The all-important construction industry alone suffered its eighth straight quarter of decline, said Sifiso Skenjana, chief economist at IQ Business in

Johannesburg. "This is really frightening, because this is one of the sectors that is an employment multiplier and is able to employ a relatively high number of unskilled people."

Obviously, most countries reported a collapse in GDP growth during the March-July period, but few fared as badly as South Africa. Trading partners such as India and the UK saw contractions of under 25 per cent in the same period.

"We seem to have contracted twice as much as many other countries around the world, which is quite scary," said Mandla Isaacs, managing director of Zehuti Advisory in Johannesburg. The prohibition of the sale of cloth-

ing and e-commerce meant almost no economic activity took place and an already damaged economy simply imploded. "We don't have the same size commerce and industry as many other countries do."

South Africa's current state is to be partially blamed on the corruption-laden administration of Mr Ramaphosa's predecessor, Jacob Zuma. Although he goes on trial later this year, Mr Zuma is accused among other things of having allowed associates to gain access to state-owned entities and redirecting spending for personal profit. Mr Ramaphosa himself said last year that Mr Zuma may have cost the country 500bn rand in corruption.

## INVESTMENT

## Beyond Limits Africa unveils mentorship programme, grant

LAGOS

BEYOND Limits Africa, founded by Google Nigeria Director Juliet Ehimuan-Chaizor, has unveiled a new initiative called Beyond Limits Think Tank, which is a mentorship and leadership development platform committed to empowering young professionals and entrepreneurs with training, mentoring, and support.

The Think Tank will give the selected participants the opportunity to connect with Nigerian experienced and highly accomplished leaders. This will be in a virtual but intimate environment where their questions would be answered and they will also gain practical insights from some of the country's most successful leaders. Participants also stand the chance to win a total of 1 million Naira in grants.

12 participants - comprising entrepreneurs looking to scale their business and professionals looking to grow in their career or deliver on

viable projects - have been chosen to take part in the Think Tank sessions.

Leaders that confirmed to be mentors are: Tonye Cole - Co-founder & Group Executive Director, Sahara Group; TY Bello - Photographer & Artiste; Bunmi Akinyemiju - Founder of Venture Garden Group; Nimi Akinkugbe - Founder, Bestman Games & Money Matters With Nimi; Osayi Alile - CEO, ACT Foundation; Uche Pedro - Founder & CEO, Bella Naija; Eghosa Omogui - Managing General Partner, EchoVC Partners; Audu Maikori - Group CEO, Chocolate City Group and host, Juliet Ehimuan.

The Beyond Limits Initiative since its inception has been a source of inspiration for many who have gone ahead to achieve great exploits in business and career. At the end of the 2017 Bootcamp, Juliet Ehimuan through The Beyond Limits Africa initiative gave out sewing machines, ipads, professional internships, catering equipment, raw materials to support the businesses and aspira-



Beyond Limits Africa founder Juliet Ehimuan-Chaizor

tions of the participants.

Speaking on the initiative, Ehimuan said: "There's a lot of tal-

ent and opportunity in Nigeria and investing in small businesses, entrepreneurs and innovators can help

drive economic growth and transformation. It is crucial to invest in nurturing their talent, potential, and

creating the opportunity for them to fully realize their dreams.

"This is why Beyond Limits is creating solutions by investing in entrepreneurship and mentorship programs that will play a huge role in helping to develop people and facilitate their move to the next level," she added. The Think Tank is part of six weeks Beyond Limits transformational series, aimed at developing leaders and helping people to realise their goals and ambitions.



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CAUTION

# Google to run its entire business on carbon-free energy by 2030

NEW YORK

GOOGLE has promised to run all of its campuses and data centres on carbon-free energy by 2030. This transformation will create more than 20,000 new jobs in clean energy and associated industries over the next five years, the company said on Monday.

"We are the first major company to make a commitment to operate on carbon-free energy 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year," the company's chief executive Sundar Pichai said. "This is far more challenging than the traditional approach of matching energy usage with renewable energy, but we are working to get this done by 2030," he added.

The Alphabet-owned company was one of the first major firms to become carbon-neutral in 2007. This has involved balancing its energy use through incorporating more renewable energy sources and reducing its emissions. Its latest pledge builds on

this by attempting to run its entire business on carbon-free energy.

"This is our biggest sustainability moonshot yet, with enormous practical and technical complexity," said Pichai. Until recently, powering a business around the clock using only renewable energy was difficult, as wind and solar generation are intermittent and battery storage capacity was limited.

"But thanks to trends in technology and with the right government policies ... this will soon be within reach," Pichai said. Google is investing in new technologies, such as pairing wind and solar power sources together and increasing battery storage to help achieve this. It is also working on ways to apply artificial intelligence to optimise electricity demand and forecasting.

"Our work can accelerate the availability of clean energy in communities worldwide," Pichai said. Google is investing in technologies to help its

partners make sustainable choices. For example, it is investing in its key regions to generate 5 gigawatts of new, carbon-free energy that will help 500 cities to reduce emissions and provide clean power to up to 1 billion people.

"We will enable 5GW of new carbon-free energy by 2030 through investment. We expect this to spur more than \$5 billion in clean energy investments and avoid the amount of emissions equal to taking more than 1 million cars off the road each year," Mr Pichai added. Google is also working with a network of environmental organisations, such as Crowther Lab, on a science-based approach to reforestation and restoration.

It also unveiled an \$11.86 million Google.org Impact Challenge in Europe on Monday to support promising ideas and projects to support sustainability, selected by independent experts. Google's initiatives build on the World Economic Forum's Net Zero Challenge report issued in January.

The Forum said that corporations can accelerate individual action and commit to meaningful short- and long-term reductions.

"Now more than ever, it is important for companies to do their part. This latest example from Google demonstrates their commitment to climate action," said Dominic Waughray, WEF's managing director. "Initiatives that go beyond business as usual will ensure the future is inclusive and sustainable," he added.

The International Energy Agency's analysis shows that reaching international climate and sustainable energy goals will require a major scaling up of clean energy technologies.

"Announcements like Google's show the kind of ambition that is needed from the world's largest corporations ... supporting my growing optimism that we can significantly accelerate clean energy transitions in the coming years," the IEA's executive director Fatih Birol said.



Google's chief executive Sundar Pichai

FORECAST



BP chief executive Bernard Looney

## BP sees peaking of oil demand growth

LONDON

DEMAND for oil has peaked, as countries diversify their energy mix and add a higher capacity of renewables, BP said in its annual energy outlook. Oil and gas, which have dominated demand for energy for decades, are set to wane in significance as consumers make cleaner choices and unlikely to return to levels seen before the Covid-19 pandemic.

Oil will have to compete in an environment of shared mobility and electric vehicles, with consumers looking to increasingly redefine their mode of transport on the basis of convenience. "Countries, cities and industries will increasingly want their decarbonised energy and mobility needs met with bespoke solutions, shifting the centre of gravity of energy markets towards consumers and away from traditional upstream producers," said BP chief executive Bernard Looney.

Mr Looney, who replaced industry veteran Bob Dudley, has been a proponent of BP having a cleaner energy portfolio. Under his leadership, the company plans to downsize its oil and gas output by 40 per cent over the next decade and spend as much as \$5 billion annually to build one of the world's largest renewable power businesses.

BP is the largest oil major to undertake sizeable changes to the way a traditional Big Oil company does business. It plans to reach net zero carbon emissions across all its operations on an absolute basis by 2050.

In June, BP said it is writing off \$17.5bn from the value of its oil and gas business as it lowered its oil price expectations through to 2050. In its latest energy outlook, the company assumed three transition scenarios - rapid, net-zero and business as usual.

In the rapid transition scenario, the company forecasts carbon emissions to decline 70 per cent by 2050. The net-zero scenario, which anticipates significant shifts in societal behaviour and preferences, will accelerate the decline in carbon emissions.

Under this scenario, global carbon emissions from energy use could fall by more than 95 per cent. The business-as-usual scenario expects government policy and technology to move at the same pace as before, expecting emissions to peak by the mid-2020s.

"Despite this peaking, little headway is made in terms of reducing carbon emissions from energy use, with emissions in 2050 less than 10 per cent below 2018 levels," BP said in its report. Primary energy demand is expected to grow 10 per cent in the first two scenarios and by 25 per cent in the business-as-usual case.

Global emissions flattened for the first time in 2019, as economies continue to make the switch from polluting fuels to cleaner power generation, the International Energy Agency said in February. Emissions for 2019 remained unchanged at 33 gigatonnes, as the world economy expanded by 2.9 per cent, according to the Paris-based agency.



# ISIDÍNGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM



ITV PGM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 15 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang
- 19:00 Jungu Kuu
- 19:30 Shika Bamba
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Art and lifestyle
- 21:30 ITV TOP 10
- 22:10 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 22:45 Isidingo rpt
- 01:30 DWTW

SUNDAY 16 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: Najuta mie
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 The Great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 ITV Top 10
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:20 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:05 Bongo Movie: Before wedding
- 00:05 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

MONDAY 17 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera News
- 12:30 Mjue Zaidi
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Mjue Zaidi
- 13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:10 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Aibu yakoko rpt
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:45 Kesho leo
- 19:00 Afya ya Jamii
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari

TUESDAY 18 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Jungu Kuu rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Kesho leo rpt
- 13:30 Shika Bamba rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Yu wapi
- 18:15 Mapishi rpt
- 18:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 19:00 Jarida la wanawake
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Tanzania yetu
- 21:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 22:15 Telenovela: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

WEDNESDAY 19 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 09:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Uchumi na biashara
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Dakika 45
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama rpt: The great queen Seonduk
- 19:00 Ijue Sheria
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
- 21:30 Kipindi Maalum: Watumishi housing
- 21:45 Ripoti Maalum
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 2:00 DWTW

THURSDAY 20 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habariz a saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto
- 10:30 Shamba lulu rpt
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 The Base rpt
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Ijue Sheria
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Ripoti Maalum rpt
- 13:30 Tanzania yetu
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Jagina
- 19:00 Usafiri wako
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

FRIDAY 21 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 09:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Usafiri wako rpt
- 11:00 The Base
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
- 13:00 Jagina rpt
- 13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mizengwe rpt
- 18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Utalii
- 19:00 Shamba lulu
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Kipima Joto
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 DWTW

SATURDAY 22 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Shika Bamba 5
- 10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk
- 13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
- 13:45 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:20 Igizo: Mtego
- 17:00 Shamsam za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang

SUNDAY 23 Aug

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:40 Igizo: Mizengwe rpt
- 12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: Before wedding
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 The Great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 ITV Top 10
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:05 Mizengwe
- 21:20 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:05 Bongo Movie: Before wedding
- 00:05 Telenovela rpt: Elena's Ghost

CAPITAL

Sat 15 Aug

- 08:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
- 17:45 Bundesliga kick off
- 18:15 Capchat rpt
- 19:15 Mizengwe
- 19:30 The Decor
- 20:00 Korean Drama: Beating Again
- 21:00 Out n' About
- 21:30 Movie: Out of fathers 1
- 23:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 16 Aug

- 08:00 Aljazeera
- 09:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Advanced Player League Cricket Tournament 2020 (APL 20) -Live
- 17:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 17:00 The Decor rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
- 20:00 Korean Drama: Beating again
- 21:00 Shift
- 21:15 Capchat live
- 22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

Mon 17 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Tanzania Yetu rpt
- 17:00 Eco@Africa rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 The Décor rpt
- 19:30 Shamba lulu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 The Monday Agenda

TUESDAY 18 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Capchat rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Innovation
- 19:30 Jagina rpt
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime
- 22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt
- 22:30 Eco@Africa
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

Wed 19 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Culinary delight rpt
- 17:00 Innovation rpt
- 17:30 Meza Huru
- 19:00 Sports Gazette
- 19:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Dakika 45:
- 23:15 Al Jazeera

Thurs 20Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 Business edition rpt
- 17:00 In good shape
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Turning the spotlight
- 19:30 Tanzania yetu
- 20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Capchat rpt
- 23:00 Al Jazeera

Frtd 21 Aug

- 06:00 Al Jazeera
- 07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
- 09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
- 13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
- 14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
- 16:00 Series rpt: Grapes of justice
- 16:30 The Monday Agenda rpt
- 17:30 Meza huru
- 19:00 Rev
- 19:30 Eco@Africa
- 20:00 Aibu Yako
- 20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition
- 20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
- 21:30 Capital Prime News
- 22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt
- 00:00 Al Jazeera

Sat 22 Aug

- 08:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Rev rpt
- 09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
- 10:00 Culinary delight rpt
- 10:30 Innovation rpt
- 11:00 Out n'about rpt
- 11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
- 12:00 Usafiri wako rpt
- 12:30 Eco@Africa rpt



## WORLD

## Biden attacks Trump's climate policy as wildfire ravages US west coast

WASHINGTON

U.S. Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden on Monday criticized President Donald Trump's denial of climate change, calling the latter a "climate arsonist" as he addressed an audience in the state of Delaware about the ongoing wildfire sweeping the country's west coast.

Biden, the former U.S. vice president, mentioned in his speech a broad range of natural disasters, including the wildfires raging across the western states like California, Oregon and Washington, the flooding hitting the Midwest, and the hurricane battling the Southeast, blaming Trump's inaction in curbing global warming for causing those catastrophes.

"What we're seeing in America, in our communities, is connected to all of this, with every bout with nature's fury caused by our own inaction on climate change," Biden said.

"If we give a climate arsonist four more years in the White House, why would anyone be surprised if we have more of America ablaze?"

If we leave a climate denier with four more years in the White House, why would anyone be surprised when more of America is underwater. We need a president that respects science, understands that the damage from climate change is already here. Unless we take urgent action, it will soon be more catastrophic," he said.

Biden has incorporated his climate plan into his economic vision, viewing it as a way to create jobs. With a



US Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden

focus on funding for research and development, the plan is aimed at a transition to cleaner technologies, including electric vehicles and renewable energy, as well as a requirement that all power be free of carbon by 2035.

"When Donald Trump thinks about climate change, he thinks hoax. When I think about climate change I think jobs," Biden said. "Here's the deal. Hurricanes don't swerve to avoid red states or blue states. Wildfires don't skip towns that voted a certain way. The impacts of climate change don't pick and choose. That's because it's not a partisan phenomenon," he added.

Trump traveled to California on Monday to inspect

the situation there, denying the role of climate change in the wildfire that blocked the sun and turned the sky red. "It'll start getting cooler."

You just watch," the president told a roundtable at McClellan Park, California. When a panelist expressed the opinion that science disagreed with the president's claim, he pushed back by saying "I don't think science knows actually."

Xinhua

## UN chief to push global ceasefire at world leaders' meeting

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will use his annual address to world leaders next week to push for a global ceasefire until the end of 2020 so countries can fight the coronavirus pandemic, but he said opportunities will be lost because presidents and prime ministers are not physically in New York.

The pandemic means that some 170 heads of state and government are due to make video statements during the week-long meeting starting on Sept 22 to help mark the 75th anniversary of the 193-member world body.

The gathering to mark the start of a new session of the General Assembly has previously been dubbed diplomatic speed dating by some officials due to the hundreds of meetings that traditionally happen on the sidelines.

"It is obvious that diplomacy depends a lot on human contact. And so we will have a loss because of that, especially for what is my first priority at the present moment ... the implementation of the global ceasefire," Guterres told Reuters on Monday at the United Nations.

## 'SIGNALS OF HOPE'

Since the first call for the ceasefire in March as the coronavirus spread, Guterres said there had already been some "positive signals" with peace deals in Sudan, the start of talks between Afghanistan's government and the Taliban, a lull in violence in places like Syria, Libya and Ukraine and "intense negotiations" on a truce to lead to talks in Yemen.

"There are signals of hope, but we need to mobilize the whole of the international community to make this global ceasefire be a reality until the end of the year," said



Guterres, a former prime minister of Portugal who began a five-year term as UN chief in 2017.

Guterres said a global ceasefire would boost efforts to contain COVID-19 and help create conditions for a coordinated, sustainable, inclusive recovery from the pandemic.

He initially called for a global truce on March 23, but it took the

15-member UN Security Council more than three months to formally support his call.

## 'MOMENT OF TRUTH'

Globally there have been nearly 30 million novel coronavirus infections and more than 900,000 deaths, according to a Reuters tally.

As the United Nations marks 75

years since it was established after World War Two - to prevent a similar conflict from occurring again - Guterres said multilateralism needed to reform to better reflect the world today.

"If ... in this moment of truth, we are able to do the reforms necessary to have a truly net-worth multilateralism and a truly inclusive multilateralism, I do believe that multilateralism will prevail and that nationalism, populism that is spreading will, in the end, fail," he said.

He said the pandemic and issues such as climate change, lawlessness in cyberspace and renewed nuclear proliferation show "it is clear that the world is very fragile."

Guterres added: "My hope is that, in the present moment, leaders will be humble enough to recognize our fragility and to understand that we need unity, solidarity and international cooperation."

## Virus undone 25 years of global health progress - Gates Foundation

LONDON

THE knock-on effects of the coronavirus pandemic have halted and reversed global health progress, setting it back 25 years and exposing millions to the risk of deadly disease and poverty, a report by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation warned yesterday.

Because of COVID-19, extreme poverty has increased by 7 percent, and routine vaccine coverage - a good proxy measure for how health systems are functioning - is dropping to levels last seen in the 1990s, the report said.

"It's a huge setback," Bill Gates, co-chair of the Foundation and a leading philanthropic funder of global health and development,

told a media briefing on the report's findings.

The Foundation's Goalkeepers report, which tracks progress on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of reducing poverty and improving health, found that in the past year, by nearly every indicator, the world has regressed.

Alongside dropping rates of routine immunisation, which the report described as "setting the world back about 25 years in 25 weeks", rising levels of poverty and economic damage from the pandemic are reinforcing inequalities, it said.

It found that the pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on women, racial and ethnic mi-



Co-chair and Trustee of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates

nority communities and people living in extreme poverty.

"After 20 consecutive years of declines in extreme poverty, we've now seen a reversal," said Mark Suzman, chief executive of

the Gates Foundation, in an interview with Reuters. "We've had nearly 40 million people thrown back into extreme poverty. That's well over a million a week since the virus hit."

The report cited International Monetary Fund projections that, despite the US\$18 trillion dollars already spent on trying to stimulate economies around the world, the global economy will lose US\$12 trillion or more by the end of 2021 - the biggest global GDP loss since the end of World War Two.

While the scene is "bleak" right now, Gates said he was confident the world would emerge from the pandemic and resume progress towards the goals on improving global health.

"Whether it takes us two years, or even three, we do believe that we'll overcome this and get back on track," he said.

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ON August 30, tanker Yuan Dong Hai of China COSCO Shipping Energy Transportation Co., Ltd. got its certificate of nationality from the port of Yangpu in South China's Hainan Province as soon as it was delivered, thanks to the efforts of the province to promote institutional innovations in the construction of a free trade port with Chinese characteristics.

With a maximum loading capacity of 150,000 tons, Yuan Dong Hai made the port of Yangpu one of the ports that have large vessels with a loading capacity of over 100,000 tons.

"We didn't even actually go to the port of Yangpu to go through the formalities for the certificate, yet we received the first certificate of nationality issued by the port of Yangpu in three workdays," said Dong Yuhang, deputy general manager of COSCO Shipping Specialized Carriers Co., Ltd.

The Hainan free trade port has

## South China's Hainan speeds up construction of free trade port

adopted more open shipping policies, which allow domestic ships engaging in transport of goods for both domestic and foreign trade with the port of Yangpu as a transit port to replenish bonded oil for the voyage, according to Dong.

"A cargo ship with slots for 5,400 twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU) containers on the route from Jinzhou, Northeast China's Liaoning Province to the port of Yangpu is allowed to replenish 553 tons of bonded oil, which means it can save about 600,000 yuan (\$87,600) in a single trip," Dong noted.

As of August, the working committee of Hainan free trade port had rolled out 85 programs targeting institutional innovations in areas including business system reforms, talent cultivation, as well as international

trade and economy.

"Three cargo ships registered at the port of Yangpu within three months, during which the shipping routes of the port for domestic and foreign trade increased from 22 to 31 and the monthly container handling capacity of the port surpassed 100,000 TEUs," said Zhou Junping, secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) committee at the working committee of Yangpu Economic Development Zone.

All these are gratifying changes brought about by the construction of the Hainan free trade port, Zhou added.

In addition to boosting institutional innovations, Hainan has also made unswerving efforts to safeguard the red line for ecological conservation during the construction of the Hainan

free trade port.

One month after the release of the master plan for the Hainan free trade port, Hainan Province set up ten supervision and inspection teams and sent them to various cities and counties of the province for a 100-day supervision and inspection operation for ecological and environmental protection.

From the end of July to mid-August, officials of the Hainan provincial government supervised and inspected relevant tasks in cities and counties, aiming to go all out to resolve the tough issues in ecological governance.

Because of these efforts, the long-standing problems troubling the management of the Xiaohai Lagoon and Laoyehai Lagoon in Hainan's Wanning city started to be solved step by step.

Besides ecological rehabilitation and tail water treatment, the city has also accelerated the formulation of mariculture plans and improvement in infrastructure in the surrounding areas.

Lingshui Li autonomous county in Hainan province has started to remove the fish breeding rafts, fishing nets, and fixed nets in the lagoons of Xincun township of the county, cleaning 21.97 square kilometers of sea areas.

At present, Hainan province is ramping up efforts to draw a red line for ecological protection and the bottom line for environment quality, define the upper limit on utilization of resources, and make a list for environment access, trying to release relevant results and put them into practice by the end of the year.

## Ivory Coast president gets legal approval to seek third term

By Bloomberg

IVORY COAST'S Constitutional Council cleared President Alassane Ouattara to seek a controversial third term in next month's election as it rejected the candidacy of two prominent opposition leaders.

The incumbent and his main challenger, Henri Konan Bedie, are among four candidates out of 44 presidential hopefuls that the panel allowed to participate in the Oct 31 vote. It barred ex-speaker of parliament and former rebel leader Guillaume Soro, as well as Laurent Gbagbo, Ouattara's predecessor, in a decision that may stir unrest.

Opposition activists have staged sporadic protests in the world's top cocoa-grower since Ouattara, 78 (pictured), announced last month he'll seek reelection. His critics say Ivorian law only allows two presidential terms, while the ruling Rally of Houphouetists for Democracy and Peace argues that a new constitution adopted in 2016 reset the clock.

"A judicial debate took place in a transparent manner," Ouattara's lawyer, Abdoulaye Ben Meite, told reporters after the panel announced its decision Monday in the commercial capital, Abidjan. "The Constitutional Council has settled the debate and I think Ivorians will do well to comply with this decision, to respect the decision and the authority from which it came."

Earlier this year, Ouattara said he would step down and hand over to a younger generation of leaders. He reversed course after the sudden death in July of his anointed successor, Amadou Gon Coulibaly, saying he would run again "because of the challenges we face to maintain peace."

A former International Monetary Fund executive, Ouattara has presided over annual economic growth of at least 7 percent since 2012, his first full year in office.

Soro, who has been living in France since December, said he will announce on Sept 17 what steps he'll be taking to "fight for democracy," according to a post on his Facebook page.

Soro was convicted in absentia in April 2020 of embezzlement and money laundering. Gbagbo was sentenced in absentia in November 2019 for "looting" a local branch of the Central Bank of West African States.

These convictions led the electoral commission to remove them from the voter's register -- and that ultimately disqualified them from running for office, the council said Monday.

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## Remains of near 800 genocide victims exhumed in eastern Rwanda

KIGALI

REMAINS of at least 791 victims of the 1994 Rwandan genocide against Tutsi have been exhumed from the shores of Lake Mugesera in eastern Rwanda since the search started in January, said Rwanda's umbrella organization of genocide survivors associations, IBUKA, yesterday.

The remains were discovered in Rukumbeli Sector, Ngoma District, following a tip-off from a child who tended goats on the lake shores and spotted human remains including bones and skulls, Ngoma district president of IBUKA Jean-Pierre Musafiri told Xinhua in a telephone interview.

"We intensified the search from August 26 and thereafter have recovered at least 547 remains of the genocide victims. The daily search continues until the whole area is combed for human remains," said Musafiri.

According to him, recovering the remains of the genocide victims is a great relief to survivors, most especially those who didn't know the whereabouts of their loved ones or didn't give the victims a decent burial.

More than 40,000 Tutsis killed during the 100-day genocide, which claimed over one million lives, mainly ethnic Tutsis, have been laid to rest at the Rukumbeli genocide memorial site, according to Musafiri.

He appealed to all Rwandans with information that could help in identifying undisclosed mass graves of the genocide victims to come forward.

Remains of the 1994 Rwandan genocide are still being discovered in many parts of Rwanda. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the remains of 118,049 genocide victims were discovered in 17 districts countrywide, according to the National Commission for the Fight against Genocide.

Last year the commission said the Rwandan government is considering the use of ground-penetrating radar to locate mass graves for the remains of the victims in order to give them a decent burial.

Xinhua

The province is also integrating the aspirations and needs of the people into the construction of the Hainan free trade port.

During this summer vacation, a family inn adjacent to the mangrove wetland in Dongzhai harbor and Meilan International Airport has been packed with tourists.

Huang Yang, manager of the hotel, was a villager of Shanweitou village, Yanfeng township, Meilan district, Haikou, capital of Hainan Province.

Since February, business of Huang's family inn has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Just when staff members of the hotel were at loose ends, the local government rolled out favorable policies on offering a 50 percent tax cut for hotels and holding free online training courses for employees of hotels.

People's Daily





A staff worker plays football with a robot in the comprehensive exhibition area of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), September 6. (Photo by Chen Xiaogen/People's Daily Online)

## China endeavours to help people of various countries benefit from growth of global trade in services

CHINESE President Xi Jinping delivered a speech at the Global Trade in Services Summit of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) on September 4.

In his speech, Xi shared three thoughts and suggestions on open cooperation in the services sector, demonstrating China's determination and willingness to join hands with other countries in this trying time and work together to enable global trade in services to thrive and the world economy to recover at an early date.

"Our world is going through profound changes unseen in a century, and the COVID-19 pandemic is accelerating such changes," Xi said.

Economic globalization has run up against headwinds; protectionism and unilateralism are on the rise; the world economy is in the doldrums; and international trade and investment have slumped. Such are the unprecedented challenges and tests in the work and life of mankind, he noted.

At the same time, a new round of technological and industrial revolution in recent years has spurred a boom in digital technologies, deepened the integration of industries, and allowed the service economy to flourish.

The services sector is emerging as a key driver of global trade and services are indispensable to running increasingly complex and sophisticated industrial economies – from logistics, to finance, to informatics, pointed out the World Trade Report 2019 released by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Against such background, facilitating openness and cooperation in the services sector is becoming an increasingly important driver for development.

Xi proposed working together to foster an open and inclusive environment for cooperation, unleash the power of innovation in driving cooperation forward, and promote mutually beneficial cooperation.

The three thoughts and suggestions put forward by Xi suit the trend of economic globalization and focus on the long-term development of world economy, indicating that China hopes to deepen cooperation and build consensus with various countries, and work together with them to open up a bright future featuring global services and shared prosperity.

China has been an important contributor to the growth of global trade in services.

In recent years, China has promoted the high-quality development of trade in services with a more open attitude, and actively expanded service imports, creating a huge market for the development of global trade in services and making valuable contributions to promoting openness and inclusiveness in the development of global economy.

In 2019, China's volume of trade in ser-

vices reached 5.4 trillion yuan (\$788.4 billion), ranking second in the world for the sixth consecutive years.

China will continue to work on a negative list system for managing cross-border services trade and develop open platforms for the pilot program of innovative development of the services sector; China will continue to build bases for featured services export and develop new business forms and models in services trade; China will foster diverse partnerships with foreign governments, international organizations, business associations and enterprises, and support the establishment of a global alliance for trade in services, Xi said.

It will support Beijing in developing a national integrated demonstration zone for greater openness in the services sector, establish a platform of high-standard opening-up for the coordinated development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region, and open up new horizons for reform and opening-up at a higher level, he added.

A series of new initiatives and measures have once again demonstrated China's positive actions to open its door wider and its sense of responsibility as a major country in promoting the open and inclusive development of global economy.

In this age of economic globalization, countries share economic interdependency and intertwined interests like never before. To treat each other with sincerity and pursue shared benefits holds the key to state-to-state relations in today's world.

As the COVID-19 epidemic rages across the world, world economy has suffered major setbacks, while global demand has seen a sharp decline and global trade has been put in a severe situation.

Data from the WTO suggest that global trade in goods continued to plunge in the third quarter of this year.

Global trade has shown signs of recovery, but also faces a high level of uncertainty, according to the organization, which also predicted that global trade may shrink by about 13 percent this year.

Faced with such a severe situation, countries need to forge greater synergy in growing their trade in services, seek new ways and more areas of cooperation, and look for the widest possible converging interests in development so as to make the "pie" bigger and bigger. In this way, various countries can boost world economic growth and help people in different countries all benefit from the growth in trade in services.

The global fight against the epidemic has once again highlighted the paramount importance of international cooperation in today's highly connected world, said Yi Xiaozhun, deputy director-general of the WTO, adding that the world needs more than ever to create a favorable environment for trade in services through international cooperation.

People's Daily

## TikTok submits proposal to US authorities to resolve security concerns

LOS ANGELES

VIDEO-SHARING social networking company TikTok said on Monday that it had submitted a proposal to the U.S. administration to resolve its "security concerns."

"We can confirm that we've submitted a proposal to the Treasury Department which we believe would resolve the Administration's security concerns," the Los Angeles-based company said in a short statement, adding this step would help to continue the company's operation in the future.

This proposal would enable us to

continue supporting our community of 100 million people in the U.S. who love TikTok for connection and entertainment, and the hundreds of thousands of small business owners and creators who rely upon TikTok to grow their livelihoods and build meaningful careers," the statement read.

Oracle, an American multinational computer technology corporation headquartered in California as well, confirmed in a statement on Monday that it had reached a deal with TikTok's Chinese parent, ByteDance, to be the latter's U.S. trusted partner. Oracle, who has a 40-year track record providing secure

technology solutions, said that it is part of the proposal submitted by ByteDance to the Treasury Department over the weekend.

The two companies' statements followed U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's note during an interview with CNBC early Monday.

We did get a proposal over the weekend that includes Oracle as the trusted technology partner, with Oracle making many representations for national security issues," Mnuchin said. "There is also a commitment to create TikTok Global as a U.S.-headquartered company with 20,000 new jobs."

Xinhua



## Kremlin sees no factors that might worsen Russia's relations with other countries

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov is against linking the cancellation of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's visit to Berlin with the incident involving Russian blogger Alexei Navalny.

"Our minister made the decision to cancel the visit because its agenda was considerably reduced and changed by the German side," Peskov told the media, when asked if the cancellation of Lavrov's visit to Berlin might be attributed to the Navalny affair.

The original plan was Lavrov would pay a visit to Berlin on September 15 for the closing ceremony of the cross year of scientific and educational partnerships. On September 3, the German side notified Moscow there had been changes to the business schedule of Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, for which reason the closing ceremony was canceled and only one and a half hours was reserved for bilateral negotiations. The Russian Foreign Ministry said the main purpose of Lavrov's visit to Berlin turned irrelevant and the proposed agenda of bilateral negotiations considerably slashed.

"I would avoid saying anything about the relations [between Russia and other countries] in general, because we are certain that there are no factors that might have adverse effects or must have some negative influence on our relations," Peskov said, when asked about the consequences of the Navalny incident for Russia's relations with other countries.

Russia still remains open for interaction on investigating the causes of the incident with Alexei Navalny yet it doesn't understand why there is no response from German experts, the Kremlin spokesman told journalists on Tuesday.

"Russia was and is fully open for cooperation and interaction in figuring out what happened [with Navalny]," the Kremlin representative noted. According to him, "in order to progress in this matter Russia needs to interact with the German side in obtaining of biological materials of the patient."

"For some reason we haven't received a response on this matter from our German counterparts," the spokesman stated. "This situation exists, it raises many questions, mostly it is confusing but we continue to expect that if French specialists had this opportunity, if Swedish specialists had this opportunity, if the OPCW experts were somehow informed of the test results, we do not understand why this opportunity was not granted to Russian specialists," the Kremlin representative said, reiterating that Moscow "is still interested in determining the causes of the incident."

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## Japan's Suga preparing cabinet, continuity in foreground

TOKYO

JAPANESE ruling party head Yoshihide Suga, in line to become the next prime minister, appeared set yesterday to continue his predecessor's policies by keeping key cabinet ministers and party officials in their posts, as he had promised.

Suga, long a loyal aide and chief cabinet secretary under outgoing Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, on Monday won a landslide victory to take over the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). He pledged to carry on many of Abe's programs, including his signature "Abenomics" economic strategy.

He faces a vast array of challenges, including tackling COVID-19 while reviving a battered economy and dealing with a rapidly aging society in which nearly a third of the population is older than 65.

Finance Minister Taro Aso and Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi are likely to retain their posts in the new cabinet to be announced on Wednesday, according to multiple media reports. Yasutoshi Nishimura is likely to be reappointed as economy minister.

Defence Minister Taro Kono is seen becoming interior minister and Nobuo Kishi, an LDP lawmaker who is Abe's younger brother, will take up the defense portfolio, Kyodo news agency said.

Citing unnamed sources, Kyodo News said Suga had also decided to keep Transport Minister Kazuyoshi Akaba and Olympics Minister Seiko Hashimoto in their current posts.

Toshihiro Nikai, who was instrumental in helping Suga cement the support of LDP members and was re-appointed as the party's secretary-general, said at a news conference that the top priority is dealing with the coronavirus, a view echoed by party policy chief Hakubun Shimomura.

"We will do everything we can to secure the vaccines and the medications to protect the people's lives



Newly elected head of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, Yoshihide Suga, poses for photos following his press conference at LDP's headquarters after the party's leadership election in Tokyo, Japan, on Monday. AP

and health, as well as support medical institutions," said Shimomura, a former education minister, adding that reviving the economy would be given nearly equal weight.

Suga may name Health Minister Katsunobu Kato, who has become well known to the public as the face of Japan's efforts to tackle the coronavirus, as chief cabinet secretary, Nippon TV said. Kato is close to Suga, under whom he served as deputy chief cabinet secretary.

Another former deputy, Koichi Hagiuda, is also being considered for the post, Nippon TV said.

"Many different elements are needed," Suga said on Monday, when asked about who should replace him. "One is their fit with the prime minister, but thinking about it overall, they also need to have broad strengths, that will be the most calming."

Suga is virtually certain to be elected prime minister in a parliamentary vote on Wednesday because of the LDP's lower-house majority. He will serve out Abe's term as party leader through September 2021.

Known more for his work behind the scenes, Suga emerged as favorite

to replace Abe, Japan's longest-serving premier, after Abe said last month he would resign because of ill health, ending nearly eight years in office.

There is widespread speculation that Suga could take advantage of strong support ratings to dissolve the lower house of parliament and call a snap election to earn a full three-year term as LDP head, but he appears wary.

Aso said on Tuesday that thought should be given to an early dissolution of parliament given that the Olympic Games will be held in Japan next year.

"When to dissolve (parliament) is an extremely important thing for a cabinet... thinking about the premise that there will be the Olympic Games next year, I think that an early dissolution should be considered," Aso told reporters.

"What's important now is to contain the pandemic while also reviving the economy. I don't think we can immediately (dissolve the lower house) just because the pandemic is contained," Suga said Monday. "That's a decision that must be made looking comprehensively at various factors."

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## First batch of Sputnik V vaccine has been shipped to Russian regions - Health Ministry

MOSCOW

THE first pilot batch of the Sputnik V vaccine against the novel coronavirus for risk groups has been shipped to the regions of Russia, a spokesperson at the Healthcare Ministry told reporters.

"The first batch of Sputnik V (Gam-COVID-Vac) vaccine, developed by the Gamaleya National Research Center for Epidemiology and Microbiology of the Russian Healthcare Ministry, has been shipped to the regions.

As part of the pilot delivery, the logistics chains for delivering the vaccine to the constituent entities of the Russian Federation, distribution and organization of vaccination against COVID-19 of citizens from the high-risk group will be ensured," the ministry's spokesperson said.

On August 11, Russia became the first worldwide to register the vaccine against the coronavirus which was named Sputnik V. The preparation was developed by the Gamaleya

National Research Center and passed clinical trials in June-July. It is based on a known platform previously used for other vaccines. The Healthcare Ministry noted that the experience of use of similar preparations shows that they are capable of providing a lengthy immunity of up to two years.

On Wednesday, Russian Healthcare Minister Mikhail Murashko announced that Phase Three of clinical trials of the Sputnik V vaccine against the novel coronavirus started in Russia. Agencies

## Could mountains of mail-in ballots spark US election chaos?

WASHINGTON

THIS election year could well see the largest number of mail-in ballots in recent memory, and many fear that could cause chaos on election night.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, many Americans fret over going to the polls in person, fearing that close contact with others while waiting in line could expose them to the novel coronavirus.

So far, 48 percent of those who plan to vote for Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden will do so by mail, compared with 23 percent of those planning to vote for U.S. President Donald Trump, according to a recent survey from the Democ-

racy Fund + UCLA Nationscape project.

However, a growing chorus of critics said the coming avalanche of mail-in votes -- likely numbering in the tens of millions -- will make counting them a nightmare that could take weeks. The elections are "flirting with disaster," former White House attorneys David B. Rivkin Jr. and Lee A. Casey argued in a recent Wall Street Journal opinion piece.

New York is one major example. More than a month after its June 23 primary elections, state election officials had still not finished counting votes, and some districts had not even started counting them, in a process that usually takes just one day. Over

100,000 mail-in ballots had been rejected in a system designed for in-person voting. Companies that printed ballots could not keep pace with demand, and the U.S. postal service was overwhelmed by too much volume.

To be fair, some states will likely have no problems voting by mail, such as Oregon, a state that has voted entirely by mail since 1998.

But experts said the tighter the race is, the more uncertain it could become. "If it is a close election, there is the risk of a chaotic election with lawsuits and weeks to count the ballots," Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Darrell West told Xinhua. Besides the sheer volume of mail-in votes to be counted, crit-

ics said fraud could also become an issue.

Mail-in votes -- separate from absentee ballots in which one requests a mailed ballot -- are automatically mailed to recipients using their last known address. But in some cases, the intended recipient may no longer reside at the address on file, which means the current resident could theoretically use that ballot to vote twice.

Mail-in voting differs from in-person voting, where people show up, show their ID cards to officials, and usually tap in their choice on an electronic machine.

While fraud may not occur in millions of cases, even a few thousand cases could swing an

entire state in this tight election. May elections in city of Paterson, New Jersey, were ordered to be conducted by mail due to Governor Phil Murphy's draconian lockdown, and the County Board of Elections said fraud was committed. Other experts said a number of factors could determine how smooth or rocky the elections go.

"A long count isn't necessarily chaotic, it's just slow," Christopher Galdieri, assistant professor at Saint Anselm College, told Xinhua.

"On the other hand, some states will face unprecedented volumes of mail votes which could, if delays are very long, start to bump into deadlines," Galdieri said. "And of course a

lot depends on the candidates -- do they call for patience if the race comes down to a few states taking a long time to count, or do they urge supporters to protest, gather outside facilities where votes are being counted, and the like?" Galdieri said.

Some experts said they believe the elections will go smoothly, but predicted a media circus, meaning a large group of reporters will be there to cover the news event.

"I don't expect chaos in the elections itself, but I do expect chaos in the media," Clay Ramsay, a researcher at the University of Maryland, told Xinhua. "The media will be struggling to predict states for Trump or Biden in the shortest possible

time, and some of these calls will be much too hasty," Ramsay said.

The trend in the national popular vote should be clear by the morning after Election Day. But there will be some states that are very close, which could put the electoral college result in doubt, Ramsay said. Despite polls showing Biden is in the lead, the outcome of this year's elections is very difficult to predict, experts said. "There's more uncertainty surrounding this election than any other I can remember. Despite state and national polling showing a clear lead for Biden, I don't think anyone in either party thinks this is in the bag," Galdieri said.

Xinhua





Simba SC players react after conceding an equalizer when the outfit locked horns with Mtibwa Sugar in Vodacom Premier League clash at the Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro last weekend. The clash ended in 1-1 draw. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

## Mtibwa Sugar hold Simba SC as Yanga record first 2020/21 VPL win

By Florida Raymond, TUDARCO

THE 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League defending champions, Simba SC, were held to 1-1 draw by Mtibwa Sugar at the Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro last Saturday, leaving the two outfits dropping two points.

Former Mtibwa Sugar midfielder Mzamiru Yassin netted for Simba SC shortly before the end of the first half following a mistake committed by Mtibwa Sugar's midfielder Baraka Majogoro.

Both teams headed into the dressing rooms with Simba boasting of the lone goal lead.

Mtibwa Sugar bounced back after the restart, drawing level via Ugandan midfielder Boban Zirintusa who headed home a fine set-piece taken by skipper, Issa Rashid, from the left.

The game went on, with Simba SC attacking now and then, only to be frustrated by Mtibwa Sugar defense.

Mtibwa Sugar had few chances, one of which saw newly signed forward Ibrahim Hilika shoot wide from close range.

Simba SC made substitutions with forward Meddie Kagere coming in to add sharpness to the club's forward line. The change however did little to help the club net a goal.

In the following day's late kick off, Yanga hosted Mbeya City FC at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, with Yanga winning 1-0.

Ghanaian defender, Lamine Moro, headed home a well taken corner kick by Angolan midfielder, Carlos Fernandes 'Carlinhos', on the 87th minute to hand Yanga the victory.

Mbeya City FC, who had suffered a 4-0 loss to KMC FC in the previous clash, came into the game with a defensive tactic, which worked well until they sloppily defended during the remaining three minutes.

Yanga attacked throughout the game through their Congolese winger, Tuisila Kisinda, and Ghanaian striker, Michael Sarpong.

The hosts' pressure, in the end, had the visitors conceding the corner kick which resulted into the goal.

Yanga have for that matter drawn level with Simba SC on points, given they have both collected four points, after the second round of the Vodacom Premier League.

Simba SC is therefore placed fifth, whereas Yanga are positioned sixth in the top flight table.

Other Premier League games, held the same weekend, saw Azam FC climb to the top of the Premier League table with six points after beating Coastal Union 2-0 in Dar es Salaam.

Newly promoted Gwambina FC played to a 0-0 draw with visiting Kagera Sugar at the former's venue Gwambina Stadium in Misungwi District, Mwanza.

Biashara United got a narrow 1-0 win over Mwadui FC at the former's backyard Karume Stadium in Musoma.

Poor pitch condition at the Karume Stadium prompted the Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB) to ban the venue.

The TPLB has as well banned the Gwambina Stadium for similar reason, forcing Gwambina FC to play home matches at either CCM Kirumba Stadium or Nyamagana Stadium in Mwanza town.

KMC FC maintained their winning ways, notching 2-1 win over Tanzania Prisons at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam, while Dodoma Jiji FC won 2-0 against JKT Tanzania in the 'Dodoma Derby'.

Biashara United, KMC FC, Azam FC and Dodoma Jiji FC are now level on six points, with the quartet occupying the top four spots in the Premier League log.

The Premier League's second round was, on Monday, completed by one match between Namungo FC and Polisi Tanzania at the former's venue Majaliwa Stadium in Ruangwa, Lindi.

A second half goal by winger Rashid Juma helped Polisi Tanzania collect maximum points with a 1-0 victory over Namungo FC.

Juma, loaned out by Simba SC to the Kilimanjaro-based side, unleashed a fierce right foot shot from close range, handing his squad the crucial victory.

## Is Harmonize improving or destroying his career?

By Lydia Sospeter, TUDARCO

RAJAB Abdul Kahali, also known as 'Harmonize', 'Konde Boy' or 'Tembo', is a Tanzanian musician, song writer and dancer whose career in music started in 2011.

Harmonize was born in Mtwara on March 15 in 1991 and was raised in the region, marking 29 years of his age this year.

Harmonize left a music label, known as Wasafi Classics Baby (WCB), which is owned by artiste, Nassib Abdul 'Diamond Platnumz', at the end of 2019, and released several projects including the return of compatriot Abubakary Katwila 'Q Chilla', out of WCB.

He also composed different commercial singles and later dropped his latest offering of an 18-track album, titled 'Afro East', which is a follow up of his 2019 Extended Play (EP) record, 'Afro Bongo'.

Afro East is the Tanzanian artiste's first project since leaving Diamond Platnumz's record label.

The album features compatriot, Judith Wambura 'Lady Jay Dee', and Nigerian artistes, Damini Ogulu alias 'Burna Boy', Chibuzor Nelson Azubuike 'Phyno', Yemi Alade, Oluwatosin Ajibade 'Mr Eazi', Folarin Falana 'Falz', Raoul John Njeng-Njeng 'Skales' and several others.

Afro East is another of Harmonize's projects that showcases his ability to seamlessly fuse Afro pop with 'Singeli' and 'Bongo Flava'.

The artiste's exploits in music has in the process seen him get lots of nicknames, which include 'Tembo', 'Konde Boy' and 'Mbunge'.

He is, further, a spouse to Sarah Michelotti.

Soon after he had left WCB he created his own label, known as 'Konde Gang',



Bongo Flava artiste, Rajab Abdul Kahali, nicknamed 'Harmonize'.

whereby he signed local rappers Ibrahim Abdallah 'Ibraah Tz', Ibrahim Mandingo 'Country Boy', 'Cheed' and 'Killy', and Nigerian Skales, who are doing well in the music industry.

Despite all of his endeavours to scale great heights in the profession, there have been talks and opinions aired by majority of music followers, criticizing whether Harmonize is improving or destroying his career.

He, on the one hand, is creating a good platform for him and other artistes since he has come up with his own record label 'Konde Gang'.

He has been getting more chance to add up more creativity on his career, on top of building a

platform for other up-and-coming artistes to fulfill their dreams.

On the other hand, Harmonize might have been destroying his career, simply because he is focusing on a lot of projects, which include signing new artistes, all within a short period of time.

He is as well starting a lot of projects, which take a lot of time to be accomplished, including the food project

that he launched on October 20, 2019.

This may look like he is creating his downfall, simply because he also needs some time to manage himself.

He moreover needs to oversee other musicians he has signed such as 'Ibraah Tz', 'Cheed', 'Country Boy' and 'Killy', thus the audience is a bit shocked whether he can achieve his goals or not.

Managing artistes is among tough tasks that many senior artistes and Chief Executive Officers in the profession are facing.

It may, for that matter, turn out to be a bit difficult for Harmonize to live up to his expectations, simply because he needs to promote his music worldwide and make some collaborations with other artistes as well.

Having many artistes on his back may cause two problems.

Firstly the signed artistes may fail to reach their potential and, secondly, Harmonize may too fail to reach his goals.

Music enthusiasts have seen many record labels fail terribly because they build their business around one major artiste instead of trying to groom all artistes signed under the particular label.

Many artistes, who have left their labels, are claiming they had either been betrayed or had to deal with a clause in their contracts that was not favourable to them.

## Aga Khan A cricketers pulverize GP Pak Stars A outfit in Kazim Nasser tourney



Aga Khan A team's cricketers in group picture ahead of one of their encounters in the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML)'s Division A, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

By Guardian Reporter

AGA Khan A side's cricketers have stepped up their quest for silverware in the 2020 Kazim Nasser Memorial League (KNML)'s Division A, notching 45-run victory over GP Pak Stars A side in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The win has helped Aga Khan SC A scale to the second spot in the KNML Division A table with six points from three wins and one loss, tying the event's leaders, Gymkhana A squad, on points.

Much as they are level with Aga Khan SC A squad on points, Gymkhana A cricketers have been placed at the top of the table, given they boast of a better net run rate of 1.520.

Second-placed Aga Khan A squad has posted net run rate of 0.5307, they have notched 545 runs and leaked 512 runs.

Aga Khan A team will have experienced all rounders, John Zablou and Issa Kikasi, to thank for the victory in the last weekend clash, given the players were impressive at the crease.

Kikasi scored 36 runs whilst Zablou posted 35 runs not out, helping their

squad end with 138 runs all out in 49.2 overs once they won the toss and opted to bat first.

Early exits of openers, Arslaan Premji and Arshaan Jasani, had Aga Khan A team experiencing a shaky start to their innings, with the former posting three runs whilst the latter ended with five runs.

Kikasi, batting at number three, cracked a sixer in his impressive spell at the crease and ended as the top run getter.

The GP Pak Stars A's Zahid Abbas foiled Kikasi's efforts to extend his stay at the crease, dismissing the latter in the 36th over and leaving Aga Khan A team with 86 runs.

Riziki Kisetu and Dhruvit Mehta had brief spells with the bat, posting 15 runs and 10 runs respectively for the squad.

There were two more quick dismissals of Aahil Jasani and veteran skipper Ayzaz Jasani, which had left Aga Khan A squad with 92 runs after 39 overs.

Zablou helped Aga Khan A team pile up runs with his 35 runs not out, nailing three fours.

Low order batsmen, Alhaj Sadick, Vipin Abraham and Sadick Iddi, failed to withstand GP Pak Stars side bowlers' pressure, making their way back to the pavilion in quick succession.

Medium pacer, Goodluck Andrew, and Wahid Hussain ended their bowling spells with two wickets apiece for GP Pak Stars A team.

Andrew leaked 13 runs in seven overs, posting an economy rate of 1.86, Hussain leaked 19 runs in 7.2 overs and had an economy rate of 2.59.

Hussain was also responsible for GP Pak Stars A squad's ability to frustrate efforts by Aga Khan A team to set up a challenging target after he had dismissed Alhaj.

Chasing 139 runs to notch victory turned out to be a tall order for GP Pak Stars A team, considering they were, in response, bowled out for 93 runs in 22.2 overs.

They got off to a rather slow start, in which opening batsman Sheraz Khan notched 16 runs, which consisted of a four and a six, attempting to help his team pile runs after an early exit of fellow opener and skipper, Muzamil Hussain.

After two more quick dismissals of top order batsmen, Zafar Khan and Andrew, youthful all rounder, Abdullah Jabiri, managed to hold the innings with his 44 runs.

Jabiri cracked three fours and three sixes in his stint and he so far had the best innings in the fruitless chase.

Humayun Taj chipped in with 12 runs, which included two fours.

Kisetu was impressive during Aga Khan A outfit's turn with the ball, taking five wickets and leaking 30 runs in 10 overs.

Vipin Abraham made matters worse for GP Pak Stars A squad, as he ended his spell

with three wickets, leaking 34 runs in seven overs.

GP Pak Stars A squad is for that matter still placed at the bottom of the KNML Division A's table, having failed to register victory in five outings.

The outfit has recorded 604 runs and leaked 928 runs to settle for a net run rate of -1.7768.

Caravans A outfit and Aces A squad, who are two points below the top two teams, have been pushed to third and fourth spots respectively in the top tier.

Caravans A outfit has recorded 704 runs and leaked 654 runs from two wins and as many losses, posting a net run rate of 0.4482.

Aces A side has posted 622 runs and conceded 509 runs from victory in two games and loss in two outings, recording net run rate of 0.1045.

Strikers A team that have also amassed four points are placed fifth with a net run rate of -0.3299, having registered two wins and a loss in three outings.



## Messi tops wealth league ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo

LONDON

LIONEL Messi was denied a potentially money-spinning move away from Barcelona this month after a contract-dispute but the Argentine maestro remains the world's richest soccer player.

According to a list compiled by Forbes, Messi's total earnings this year are \$126 million – \$92 million from his salary and \$34 million in endorsements.

Not surprisingly Cristiano Ronaldo comes in second although earnings of \$117 million will soften the blow for the Juventus forward, as will his status as the most followed soccer player in the world on social media.

Neymar comes in third on the Forbes list (\$96 million) with his Paris St Germain team mate, 21-year-old Kylian Mbappe, up in fourth spot (\$42 million).

The Premier League remains the world's richest domestic soccer league but only two of its outfield players feature in the top 10 of the wealth table – Liverpool's title-winning striker Mohamed Salah in fifth spot (\$37 million) and Manchester

United's midfielder Paul Pogba (\$34 million) in sixth. Pogba's team mate, keeper David de Gea (\$27 million) is 10th.

Barcelona's Antoine Griezmann was seventh and Real Madrid's Gareth Bale eighth. Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski, the only Bundesliga player, is ninth.

Messi reluctantly agreed to stay at Barcelona for another season this month, despite saying in the wake of an 8-2 Champions League defeat by Bayern Munich that he wanted out.

He argued that a clause in his contract stating that a 700 million euros release fee would need to be met for him to join another club was no longer active and that he could leave on a free transfer – a situation that would have allowed him to command astronomical wages from the likes of Manchester City.

Messi, 33, is in the final year of his contract so could leave for free next summer. By staying with the Catalan club, Messi is in line for an \$83 million loyalty bonus so it is likely he will continue to top the money charts.

REUTERS

## Al-Khelaifi, Valcke in Swiss court for FIFA corruption trial

BELLINZONA, Switzerland

QATARI soccer executive Nasser al-Khelaifi and former FIFA official Jerome Valcke spent their first day at federal criminal court in Switzerland on Monday for a corruption trial expected to last two weeks.

Al-Khelaifi, the president of Paris Saint-Germain and chairman of Doha-based broadcaster beIN Media Group, and Valcke came to court separately and did not speak publicly.

A third defendant, Greek marketing agency executive Dinos Deris, whose name is also spelled Konstantinos Nteris, did not attend the opening of the trial citing medical reasons.

The trial opened with procedural arguments and the panel of three federal judges decided to go ahead with Deris absent. He and Valcke face the most serious charge of bribery.

Defense lawyers are expected to raise more procedural issues on Tuesday. All three defendants deny wrongdoing. A verdict is expected in late October.

Al-Khelaifi faces a lesser charge of inciting Valcke when he was FIFA secretary general to commit "aggravated criminal mismanagement."

During a formal investigation since 2017, Swiss prosecutors questioned al-Khelaifi on suspicion of bribing Valcke with use of a luxury villa in Sardinia in 2014 and 2015.

Around that time, FIFA renewed beIN's World Cup broadcast rights in the Middle East and north Africa for the 2026 and 2030 tournaments without rival bids. The deal was judged

within the industry as good for FIFA with beIN paying above the then-market value.

FIFA withdrew its criminal complaint of possible bribery when it reached a financial settlement with al-Khelaifi before prosecutors published indictments in February.

The bribery charges for Valcke and Deris are a separate matter not involving beIN or al-Khelaifi.

Prosecutors say Valcke took three kickbacks totaling 1.25 million euros (\$1.48 million) to steer World Cup rights toward favored broadcasters in Italy and Greece. He is also charged with falsifying documents by booking the payments to his private company as loans.

Valcke was banned from working in soccer by the FIFA ethics committee in 2016 for conduct separate from the charges he now faces.

Al-Khelaifi, a minister in Qatar's government, has become more influential in world soccer since the Swiss criminal proceeding against him was revealed three years ago.

He is now a member of the UEFA executive committee, which will meet next week in Budapest, Hungary, amid the trial.

More procedural arguments are due on Tuesday about the integrity of the prosecution office and its case.

Since the indictments were published, Swiss attorney general Michael Lauber was disciplined then resigned after an internal investigation into undeclared meetings he had with current FIFA president Gianni Infantino.

AP

## 'I acted like a fool': Neymar regrets Marseille red card

PARIS

NEYMAR said he "acted like a fool" following his red card against Marseille but called on football officials to do more to combat discrimination after accusing Spanish defender Alvaro Gonzalez of racism.

The Brazil forward was one of five players sent off after a mass brawl at the end of PSG's 1-0 loss in Ligue 1 on Sunday, and later claimed Gonzalez had called him a "monkey" in a series of furious tweets.

PSG have stood by the world's most expensive player, saying the club "strongly supports" him, but Neymar conceded he would accept his punishment which is expected to be revealed by the French league's disciplinary commission on Wednesday.

"Yesterday I revolted. I was punished with red because I wanted to hit someone who offended me," Neymar said in a lengthy Instagram post Monday.

"I thought I could not leave without doing something because I realised that those in charge would not do anything, did not notice or ignored the fact."

Neymar was dismissed for slapping Gonzalez on the back of the head, with team-mates Layvin Kurzawa and Leandro Paredes also sent off, as well as Marseille's Dario Benedetto and Jordan Amavi. "In our sport, aggressions, insults, swearing are part of the game, of the dispute. You can't be affectionate. I

understand this guy partly, all is part of the game, but racism and intolerance are unacceptable," Neymar continued.

"Should I have ignored it? I don't know yet... Today, with a cool head, I say yes, but in due course, my companions and I asked the referees for help and we were ignored. "I accept my punishment because I should have followed the path of clean football. I hope, on the other hand, that the offender will also be punished."

"Racism exists. It exists, but we have to stop it. No more. Enough!"

"The guy was a fool. I also acted like a fool for letting me get involved in that," he added.

### -Marseille defend Gonzalez-

PSG have lost their opening two games of the season for the first time since 1984/85, and face another spell without Neymar whose first two seasons in France were marred by injuries. They host Metz on Metz on Wednesday in what was originally scheduled to be their Ligue 1 season opener.

Meanwhile, Marseille issued a statement of their own defending Gonzalez. He denied racism and accused Neymar of being a bad loser.

"Alvaro Gonzalez is not racist. He has shown us that by his daily behaviour since joining the club, as his team-mates have already testified," the statement read.

AFP

# Pandemic batters market for Brazilian football transfers

By Rodrigo ALMONACID

BRAZIL exports more footballers than any other country, but the coronavirus pandemic has caused a plunge in international transfers, hitting the finances of clubs that depend on lucrative deals for their young talent.

The number of Brazilian footballers transferred to foreign clubs fell 62 percent during the European summer transfer window this year, according to an AFP count based on data from the website Transfermarkt.

From June 1 to September 8 last year, 194 players at Brazilian clubs left to play abroad, either on loan or transferred, according to the site.

This year, the number was just 74. "The transfer market has slowed. Clubs are trying not to spend as much because everyone's financial situation is complicated," said ESPN commentator Gustavo Hofman.

Brazil leads the world with 2,742 footballers playing abroad, ahead of Argentina (2,330) and France (1,740), according to a May report by the International Centre for Sports Studies, in Switzerland.

In the country of Pele and Neymar, transfers typically generate around one-fourth of clubs' income, second only to TV rights as a revenue source.

But the number of transfers is not the only thing that has fallen. Amid the financial uncertainty unleashed by Covid-19, the amount of money involved in the deals has also dropped.

Last year, the three top international transfers brought 77 million euros (\$91.4 million) to Brazilian clubs. That included a 45-million-euro deal between Real Madrid and Brazilian club Santos for teenage winger Rodrygo.

This year, the three top transfers have brought less than 62 million euros to Brazilian clubs. In the biggest, Portuguese club Benfica paid 28 million euros to Gremio for forward and national team standout Everton.

The Lisbon club also paid 18 million euros to bring attacking midfielder Pedrinho from Corinthians.

"In any other year, (Everton) might have brought a higher price from Benfica," said Hofman.

- Fragile finances -

## Why the German Bundesliga is one of the world's funnest leagues to watch

By Bill Connelly, ESPN Staff Writer

GENERALLY speaking, German football is a reliable mirror of the most efficient and effective style of the day, which has meant a lot of different things through the years. In the 1970s, it meant building from the back and playing an approximation of Netherlands' Total Football, only with a bit more physicality and counter-attacking. This approach, and the otherworldly skill of players like Franz Beckenbauer and Gerd Muller, led to a European Championship in 1972, a World Cup title in 1974 and a European finals appearance in 1976 for Germany (plus three straight European Cup titles for Bayern Munich).

In the 1980s, it meant something far more cynical. Despite a lack of similar star power, the Germans finished third at worst in seven of nine European and World Cup tournaments from 1980 to 1996, and for most of that run, their play was marked by hard fouls and a level of pragmatism that even their Italian neighbors weren't sure about.

When that style proved outdated into the 1990s -- in short, when everyone else stopped using a sweeper and started relying more heavily on possession and speed and finesse -- Germany began to look tired and old. And by the early 2000s, the country as a whole seemed to go back to the drawing board.

What it emerged with benefited the entire soccer world. And it's something you will get to enjoy on ESPN+ for all of the coming season in the U.S.

Germany has, over the past decade and change, changed forward with a wonderfully optimistic style of play. It works, too. The national team finished in third place at worst in six straight major tournaments from 2006 to 2016. Jurgen Klopp perfected his Gegenpressing approach at Borussia Dortmund at the turn of the decade, nearly conquered Europe with it, then finally did just that at Liverpool at the end of the decade.

Bayern Munich got thumped a few times by Klopp's BVB, adapted with their own pressuring and high-possession style before winning the 2013 and 2020 Champions Leagues (and every Bundesliga title in between). The national team looked tired and old once again by 2018, but the country and their home league had set quite a bar for other countries to try to clear nonetheless.

To watch the Bundesliga in 2020 is to watch football seemingly without the ball ever stopping in midfield. One team puts itself in decent scoring position, and then -- poof! -- the ball's in scoring position on the other end. If you don't believe me, believe the numbers.

- Seven Bundesliga teams averaged at least 1.85 expected goals (xG) per match in 2019-20. Only one other European Big Five league -- Italy's Serie A -- had more than three such teams

- Fourteen Bundesliga teams averaged more than three combined goals (for and against) per match.



Rodrygo (L) scored seven times in 26 games for Real Madrid in his first season at the club. (Agencies)

The slump comes at the worst possible time for Brazilian clubs, which were already struggling with heavy debt. Now, they are also reeling from the economic fallout of Covid-19 in the country that has the second-highest death toll worldwide, after the United States.

"Clubs' financial fragility has increased because of the pandemic," said Rodrigo Capelo, a sports business journalist at Brazilian media house Globo.

The pandemic led authorities in Brazil to cancel all football matches for nearly four months, shattering clubs' sponsorship, TV and ticket revenues.

The economic crisis has made

international transfers all the more attractive, since it has caused the Brazilian real to plunge against the dollar and euro. That means the take-home value has increased for Brazilian clubs, at a time when they are struggling to make ends meet with other revenue streams.

But "European clubs are tightening their belts," as they, too, struggle with the economic uncertainties of the pandemic, said agent Edgardo Aguilar.

The value of transfers handled by his company, Soccer Stars Group, has plummeted by 70 percent this year.

- Cascade effect -

The situation is having a cascade effect around South America.

In normal times, Brazil is also a major importer of football talent. But this year, clubs have dramatically scaled back transfer deals for players from countries such as Uruguay, Peru and Colombia.

"They've basically made do with players who were already on the market in Brazil," said Colombian agent Carlos Calero, of World Sports Management.

He usually brokers three deals per season to send players from elsewhere in South America to Brazilian clubs.

This year, he hasn't done any.

AFP



Bayern Munich's dominance of the Bundesliga belies the competitive nature of the German top flight. (Agencies)

Serie A was the only other league with more than three

- Ten Bundesliga teams created at least 10 chances per match or averaged at least five shots on target. Serie A was the only other league with more than five in either category

- These are good shots, too: Nine Bundesliga teams averaged at least 0.13 xG per shot. The Premier League and La Liga were next in line with six each. The similarly high-volume in Serie A? Zero

- Thirteen Bundesliga teams averaged more than 99 possessions per match. France's Ligue 1 was the only other one with more than three

The Bundesliga has established an idealism to which other leagues can only aspire. Ticket prices remain middle class-friendly, the play is aspirational and sometimes risky, and when a club has a bright young talent -- on either the roster

or the coaching staff -- they put them to work. RB Leipzig manager Julian Nagelsmann is 33 years old and just led the team to the Champions League semis. And even if it cannot eventually afford to keep Nagelsmann, the odds are good that your own favorite club's decision-makers are watching German soccer to find both their next manager and next big signing.

The league lost RB Leipzig's Timo Werner, Bayer Leverkusen's Kai Havertz, Borussia Dortmund's Achraf Hakimi (via loan) and Schalke 04's Weston McKennie this summer, and it still boasts more prime young talent than any other league. BVB still have Erling Haaland, Jadon Sancho (for now), Gio Reyna, Jude Bellingham and Dan-Axel Zagadou.

RB Leipzig still have Christopher Nkunku, Dayot Upamecano, Ibrahima Konate, Dani Olmo and Tyler Adams. Bayern still have Alphonso Davies and Tanguy Nianzou. Schalke still have Suat

Serdar. And on and on.

The league does indeed have a bit of a Bayern Munich problem at the moment, with the Bavarian giants having won the league eight straight years, but in fairness, Europe has a Bayern problem, too, right now. The Bundesliga champs didn't drop a single point in rolling to the 2020 Champions League crown, winning all 11 of their matches with a 43-8 scoring advantage.

You know German fans have it good when you see how hard they will fight to keep what they've got. They rage against clubs with any semblance of sugar daddy influence, like RB Leipzig or TSG Hoffenheim. They vociferously protect their 50+1 rule, which keeps corporate influence in check (but also sometimes creates unmanageable "too many cooks" situations). They don't appreciate when their games are moved from Saturday at 3 p.m.

This holds the league back to a degree -- higher ticket prices and more schedule-shuffling for television mean more money, after all, and a sugar daddy could do wonders for clubs like Hamburg (stuck in the second division due to constant backroom drama), Hertha Berlin or any Berlin club for that matter. But the league still boasted two Champions League semifinalists in August and has, per Elo-Football.com, four of the top 20 teams in Europe. And when fans are allowed to return to the stands, you will witness some of the most intense rivalries in sport: BVB vs. Schalke, Borussia Monchengladbach vs. 1. FC Cologne, Bayern Munich vs. basically everyone.

The Bundesliga boasts intensity, optimism and lots and lots of vertical attacking. Love it, and it will love you back.



Gwiji by David Chikoko



# Kagere's agent blasts Simba SC coach

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Simba SC forward, Meddie Kagere.

### Simba SC takes aim at Biashara United, Gwambina FC in VPL

By Ismail Tano and Lydia Sospeter, TUDARCO

AFTER playing two away matches, Vodacom Premier League's defending champions Simba SC are planning to collect six points in two matches they will play at their home venue, Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, in Dar es Salaam.

In their first match, Simba edged newly promoted Ihefu FC 2-1 at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya.

The second match had Simba settling for 1-1 draw with Mtibwa Sugar at the Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro, leaving the defending champions with four points.

Now Simba, nicknamed 'Wekundu wa Msimbazi', are preparing to host Biashara United from Musoma in Dar es Salaam on September 20.

Simba SC will thereafter welcome Gwambina FC from Mtwara District, Mwanza.

Simba SC information officer, Haji Manara, stated that their players had been given a one-day break and the latter yesterday returned to camp where their head coach, Sven Vandebroek, will give a training program.

"The away matches are tough, we have got four points out of six, it's about 75 percent of the points, we're not in a bad situation as some say," he said.

"The biggest thing now is to prepare for the next games in which we will be at home to Biashara United and Gwambina FC, we have the advantage of getting results at home because the stadium is ours," he disclosed.

"It is a stadium we are used to and the players understand it well even though all matches are difficult."

Simba dropped two points on Saturday as they were held to the 1-1 draw by Mtibwa Sugar.

The defending champions, who were given a big chance to emerge victorious in the game, found themselves settling for the draw, largely because of skilful game approach by the hosts.

Simba's attacking midfielder, Mzamiru Yassin, punished his former team Mtibwa Sugar with a powerful shot from close range after snatching the ball from midfielder Baraka Majogoro.

The home side reorganized in the second stanza and equalized through midfielder Boban Zirutusa with a header, connecting home a free kick from the left.

Simba, who had all of their stars, failed to shine in the midfield, given Mtibwa Sugar's head coach Zubeir Katwila decided to contain the defending champions in the department by fielding many players.

Simba are placed fifth in the Premier League's standing after the two matches.

The KMC FC are positioned first in the table with six points, given they have won their first two games.

They have tied Azam FC, Dodoma Jiji FC and Biashara United, who have also won two matches, on points. The clubs are separated by goal difference.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE agent of Simba SC out of favour striker, Meddie Kagere, has blasted the outfit's head coach, Sven Vandebroek, for not giving the Rwandan international enough playing minutes.

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Kagere has lost his place in the starting 11 in the side and that has apparently upset the striker, or at the very least his agent, Patrick Gakumba, who has come out to blame the Belgian coach.

On Saturday against Mtibwa Sugar, Kagere was a second half substitute once again. He has started a mere seven games out of the last 20 under Vandebroek.

While it is clear Kagere is no longer the first

choice striker at Simba, Vandebroek has insisted all is well and he has faith in all of his strikers.

"I have faith in all of my strikers in the team, the old and new ones. However, I always give priority to the player I feel is better and in-form, the one who will help the team," Vandebroek said in one of his pre-match interviews.

The coach noted: "In this case, Bocco has been in top form, he executes his role well,

and the most important thing is that he follows all my instructions to the letter and it is the reason I keep selecting him."

Vandebroek prefers to employ one mobile forward and, with the addition of two more strikers in the transfer window, Kagere has been linked with a move away from Simba.

His agent, though, has moved in to quash that speculation after stressing that they will honour their contract but he also blasted the coach for not giving the player ample time on the pitch.

Gakumba said: "You have asked me why Kagere is not playing? Let me tell you, you cannot sweep away someone's ability. You can't sabotage him while the fans know his ability. It is true these things happen."

"It was done to Samuel Eto'o at Barcelona, Angel Di Maria and Demba Ba but in the end the truth revealed

itself and fans demanded for ability," he disclosed.

"The team belongs to the fans, it does not belong to the coach. Time will tell. The qualities of a two-time top scorer in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda and SportPesa Super Cup."

"We also saw how he played when he came on in the first match and even scored a goal that was illegitimately disallowed."

"I don't want to talk too much, time will tell. We still have time and many offers on the table and more are still coming our way."

"Since Simba have honoured his contract we told clubs that wanted him to wait. We can't sign pre-contract while Kagere has no problem with Simba."

"Simba have got nothing to do with playing time, that's the coach issue. The coach should know what happened to his fellow who ignored Kagere at Gor Mahia. He will see what will happen. The team belongs to fans."

## Government committed to promoting sports

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE government has said it is committed to seeing to it that sports are expanding and making a meaningful contribution to the country's socio-economic development.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Ally Possi, issued the statement recently when he presided over the opening of this year's National Athletics Championships at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

He said sports are becoming a big industry the world over, hence the need for the country to emulate the trend.

"Elsewhere, sports are a big industry, generating a lot of money and creating many job opportunities, it is now time for us to come up with ways which will help in doing the same," he said.

He said the government will make sure that it improves sports facilities and creates a conducive environment which will help in the development of sports.

Possi, however, asked sports associations to venture into commercialization strategy, as the approach will help the associations manage to create wealth without solely relying on government resources, saying they need to be strategic and aim at success.

"Sports are developed by companies and private institutions when they are run as a business. We cannot do that in our country now as there is no strategy that can take us there, we need to meet all stakeholders and map the way forward," he said.

Possi also thanked Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) for funding the National Athletics Championships which attracted more than 200 athletes from 28 regions.

The regions competed at the two-day event and the top 10 regions are Coast Region who were the overall winners, followed by Arusha in the second spot.

Zanzibar's Kusini Unguja finished third, Mjini Magharibi, Dar es Salaam,

Dodoma and Kilimanjaro were tied on the sixth position, Mbeya, Tanga, Mwanza and Unguja Kaskazini ended seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th respectively.

Also speaking at the closing of the championships, Temeke District Commissioner, Godwin Godwe, affirmed government's commitment to the development of sports in the country.

Gondwe, who had represented Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Aboubakar Kunenge, in the ceremony, said sports are a source of income to many households.

"We will make sure that sports are becoming a reliable source of income, we will come up with measures which will regulate the industry so that it can create jobs to our youths and contribute to the socio-economic development of our nation," he said.



Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Ally Possi.

## Namungo FC targets to bounce back in VPL

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VODACOM Premier League side, Namungo FC, has said it is confident that it will do well in its coming games despite losing 1-0 to Polisi Tanzania at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi on Monday.

Despite the loss, Namungo FC through the club's information officer Kindamba Namli, said they are looking forward to their Saturday game against Tanzania Prisons at Nelson Mandela Stadium in Rukwa.

He, however, praised his team for playing well against Polisi Tanzania, saying in football anything can happen.

"Despite the loss, we played well and I'm confident of good results in our coming game against Tanzania Prisons, it is an away game but we are ready for them," he disclosed.

"Our Monday defeat did not surprise us as it is not the first and it will not be the last for us, the only thing we need is keeping focus and prepare for our next game," he said.

Namli yesterday said his team is on its way to Rukwa in an effort to have enough time to prepare for the encounter and acclimatize with the region's weather.

He maintained they are well aware that the game will be difficult as both teams are coming from defeats.

"The Saturday game will be very difficult to both of us, our opponents are coming from a 2-1 defeat in the hands of KMC FC while we also lost our game against Polisi Tanzania," he noted.

"But we are well prepared for them, we are on our way to Rukwa for the game, we want to have enough time to prepare and acclimatize with Rukwa weather," he said.

During the Monday game, the visitors scored their only goal through substitute Rashid Juma on the 77th minute.

It was the first win for Polisi Tanzania, who succumbed to 1-0 loss to Azam FC in their first Premier League game this season.

Namungo FC has also conceded the first loss. The club had notched 1-0 victory over Coastal Union in the opening game.

Tanzania Prisons' head coach Salum Mayanga had, after his side's defeat to KMC FC, said he is looking forward to bouncing back strongly.

"We have lost to KMC FC today (Saturday), we will go back and rectify our problems so that we can perform well in our next game against Namungo FC, the aim is that we should collect all the required points," he said.

In other Premier League games slated for this week, Polisi Tanzania will host JKT Tanzania at Ushirika Stadium in Kilimanjaro on Friday followed by the Ihefu FC against Mtibwa Sugar tie, which will take place at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya the same day.

On Saturday, Kagera Sugar will host Yanga at Kaitaba Stadium in Bukoba and on Sunday Mbeya City FC will host Azam FC at Sokoine Stadium, Coastal Union will play Dodoma FC at Mkwakwani Stadium, the league's defending champions, Simba SC, will take on Biashara United at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Monday will see Mwadui FC play host to KMC FC at Mwadui Complex in Shinyanga, Ruvu Shooting will confront Gwambina FC at Mabatini venue in Coast Region.

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