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Samia demands tough action on 68.3bn/- project funding frauds

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has instructed the Prime Minister's Office and the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to take action against all those involved in the embezzlement of funds meant for 49 development projects worth 68.3bn/-.

The particular projects were not inaugurated during the Uhuru Torch Race as planned simply because they were not implemented in the first place.

She issued the instructions yesterday in Chato District, which hosted the climax of this year's Special Uhuru Torch Race - held under the theme: "ICT is the Foundation of the Sustainable Nation: Use it correctly and accountably."

The president said she found it difficult to understand why there were such serious

anomalies in the projects in 38 villages in different parts of the country while there are government officials and other leaders in those areas.

"This is a bad sign showing that some officials do not care to closely and effectively follow up the implementation of government projects in areas under their jurisdiction," she noted.

She further warned that funds recently dished out for the implementation of development projects should be spent strictly as planned and intended, instructing officials in the areas concerned to make close follow-ups on how that will be done.

She said corrupt practices and activities hinder development and discourage investment, and therefore sabotage efforts by the government to oversee

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Commander-in-Chief President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives the Uhuru Torch from the group leader of this year's edition of the national Uhuru Torch Race, Lt Josephine Mwambashi, at the climax of the event held at Chato in Geita Region yesterday. Photo: State House



Lack of investment in clean energy is compromising fight against climate change and poverty - report

By Special Correspondent

NEW research highlights a chronic lack of finance that will leave billions of people in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia without electricity or clean cooking by 2030.

The report suggested the need for an urgent action to accelerate investment in clean energy for developing countries needed from global leaders assembling at COP26 to ensure a just energy transition.

This year's Energizing Finance research series - developed by Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) in partnership with Climate Policy Initiative (CPI) and Dalberg advisors shows the world is falling perilously short of the investment required to achieve energy access for all by 2030 for the seventh consecutive year.

In fact, tracked finance for electricity in the 20 countries that make up 80 per cent of the world's population without electricity - the high-impact countries - declined by 27 per cent in 2019, the year before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The economic strain

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Government relinquishes part of Igombe river forest reserve

By Guardian Correspondent, Uyui

THE government has relinquished part of Igombe river reserve to residents of 12 villages in Uyui District, Tabora Region.

The move follows President Samia Suluhu Hassan's recent directive that residents who were in conflict with the government for a long time after invading parts of the protected land and the peripheries of marshlands ecosystems not be evicted.

Some of the villages that benefited from the government's decision include Mbeya, Ishihimulwa, Gilimba, Nzubuka, Izugawima, Kingwanhoma, Usagali, Bukala and Uwimate Whilst in Uyui district on Wednesday,

He said the government has set aside 1.5bn/- for revamping of rural roads in the constituency

some of the members of the eight-man ministerial committee were forced to use motorcycle transport to reach remote villages including Ishihimulwa village to report on the implementation of the Cabinet decision in regard to the resolution on proper land use in villages.

At Ishihimulwa village, the chairman of the ministerial committee, Lands Minister William Lukuvi had to address the villagers from a helicopter after the villagers decided to follow the ministerial delegation, instead of at the area originally planned for the public meeting.

The ministerial committee also visited

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Malawian diplomat seeks closer ties with Tanzania



By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MALAWI's Deputy Works and Transport minister, Nancy Chaola (pictured), has visited Mbeya Region. The tour was

aimed at strengthening diplomatic and trade relations between Tanzania and Malawi.

The deputy minister who made the visit on Wednesday this week

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Tanzania because our country is landlocked, we depend on our imports to pass via the port of Dar es Salaam and then transported by road to our country, hence we appeal to the government to continue cooperating with us," said Nancy Chaola.

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She advised the rail transport to be strengthened to enable cargo to Malawi transported by railway to Mbeya and then by road to Malawi.

She also urged Mbeya authorities to strengthen banana trade by

establishing special centres for selling the commodity, saying that as for now her country is in acute shortage of bananas due to the outbreak of an unknown banana disease.

She also appealed the government

via Air Tanzania Company Ltd (ATCL) to establish flights between Mbeya (Songwe airport) and Lilongwe.

For his part, Mbeya Regional Commissioner Homera praised Malawian deputy minister for

the visit pointing out that it will strengthen existing good neighbourliness as well as opening up trade opportunities between the two countries.

Homera said in order to strengthen the cooperation,

they are planning to hold good neighbourliness talks in either in Tanzania or Malawi in the near future that will be coordinated by both governments.

He appealed to his host to persuade Malawian traders to transport their cargo via the two cargo ships built by the government in Lake Nyasa.

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Kangeme village in Urambo district where the Lands minister William Lukuvi told residents that the boundaries of Ulyankulu forest reserve should be respected.

"Even though the forest reserve was registered officially, its boundaries should be respected and villagers should remain where they were and will let the team make assessment here, the assessment that will be inclusive," Lukuvi said.

Every minister in the delegation outlined government plans on the land conflict resolutions in 975 villages.

The Livestock and fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki said it would be better for the villagers to respect the reserve's boundaries and stop the habit of invading the areas as they were not livestock grazing areas.

Water minister Juma Aweso told Urambo constituents that in

addition to ministerial committee committing itself in finding solutions of the land conflicts, the government has listened to their long time complaints in regard to water woes, whereas the constituency will now receive water from Lake Victoria, from the project that had supplied water to Nzega, Igunga and Tabora.

Mary Masanja, Deputy natural resources and Tourism minister told residents to make sure they do not invade reserve areas and should respect the boundaries.

Deputy minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (RALG) David Silinde said the government, apart from providing development funds to various areas, it has not forgotten Urambo Constituency whose Member of Parliament is Margaret Sitta.

He said the government has set aside 1.5bn/- for revamping of rural roads in the constituency.

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caused by Covid-19 is expected to have caused even further reductions in energy access investment in 2020 and 2021.

Energising Finance: Understanding the Landscape 2021—one of two reports released under the series, finds committed finance for residential electricity access fell to US\$12.9 billion in 2019 (from USD 16.1 billion in 2018) in the 20 countries. This is less than one-third of the USD 41 billion estimated annual investment needed globally to attain universal electricity access from 2019 to 2030.

Meanwhile, there is an abysmal amount of finance for clean cooking. Despite polluting cooking fuels causing millions of premature deaths each year and being the second largest contributor to climate change after carbon dioxide, only USD 133.5 million in finance for clean cooking solutions was tracked in 2019. This is nowhere near the estimated USD 4.5 billion in annual investment required to achieve universal access to clean cooking.

The findings have been released just ahead of COP26 in Glasgow, where global leaders will focus on how to spark meaningful progress on fighting climate change. As part of this, they will need to consider how to reduce global emissions from the energy sector while also increasing energy access in developing countries to support their economic development.

"We are at a critical moment in the energy-climate conversation," said Damilola Ogunbiyi, CEO and special representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy. "What is clear is that the path to net zero can only happen with a just and equitable energy transition that provides access to clean and affordable energy to the 759 million people who have no electricity access and 2.6 billion people who lack access to clean cooking solutions. This requires resources to mitigate climate change and create new opportunities to drive economic development and enable people everywhere to thrive. Energising Finance provides an evidence base of current energy finance commitments and the finance countries require meeting SDG7 energy targets."

In 2018, 50 percent of total electricity finance flowed to grid-connected fossil fuels in the high-impact countries compared to 25 per cent in 2019. While this is a positive trend for the climate, tracked investment in off-grid and mini-grid technology also declined and represented only 0.9 per cent of finance tracked to electricity.

Dr. Barbara Buchner, Global managing director at CPI, who partnered with SEforALL on Energising Finance: Understanding the Landscape 2021, said: "Achieving both the Paris Agreement and universal energy access requires far greater investment in grid-connected renewables and off-grid and mini-grid solutions than what has been tracked in Energising Finance. These solutions are essential to helping high-impact countries develop their economies without a reliance on fossil fuels."

To better illuminate the challenges high-impact countries face, the second publication in the series, Energising Finance: Taking the Pulse 2021 offers a detailed look at the estimated volume and type of finance needed by enterprises and customers to achieve universal energy access for both electricity and clean cooking by 2030 in Mozambique, Ghana and Vietnam. Importantly, it illustrates the energy affordability challenges people face in these countries and the need for financial support for consumers, such as subsidies.

The report finds that providing access to clean fuels and technologies—modern energy cooking solutions, in Ghana, Mozambique and Vietnam will cost a total of USD 37-48 billion by 2030; 70 percent of which will be for fuels—LPG, ethanol and electricity. A more achievable scenario would be for all three countries to deliver universal access to improved cook stoves at a total cost of USD 1.05 billion by 2030.

"Ghana, Mozambique and Vietnam each have unique challenges to achieving universal access to electricity and clean cooking," said Aly-Khan Jamal, partner at Dalberg advisors, who partnered with SEforALL on Energising Finance: Taking the Pulse 2021. "This research digs deep into these national contexts to identify solutions that can make Sustainable Development Goal 7 a reality."

Providing results-based financing for energy project developers and exploring policies that facilitate demand-side subsidy support and reduce taxes on solar home systems are among several policy recommendations presented for Ghana, Mozambique and Vietnam.

Energising Finance also advocates for increased innovation in financial instruments to reach the scale of finance needed for universal clean cooking access; for integration of electricity access, cooking access and climate change strategies; and for national governments, bilateral donors, philanthropies, and DFIs to all increase their efforts to mobilise commercial capital to sub-Saharan African countries.



Tanzanian author and editor Rubacha Deus (R) pictured at a ceremony held in Dar es Salaam earlier this week presenting an excellence certificate to Standard Four pupil Evelyn Kilasa of Dodoma's Feza School for winning an essay writing contest dubbed 'My history'. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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the country's social and economic development.

Speaking specifically on Mwalimu JK Nyerere, the president said the Father of the Nation had high regard for fellow humans and unswervingly demonstrated a high level of patriotism.

She said Mwalimu Nyerere selflessly united Tanzanians, adding that the government and the nation would continue to hold him in high esteem.

The president meanwhile announced that the government was finalising work on the criteria that would make Chato District, currently forming part of Geita Region, graduate into a full-fledged region - which

would see one of the dreams of her predecessor, the late Dr John Magufuli, come true.

She added that all development projects whose implementation Dr Magufuli had pledged would indeed be implemented as planned.

She cited them as including the completion of Chato Hospital, bus stand, VETA college, port, airport and a mosque.

She then turned to the upbringing of the country's youth, warning against drug abuse and the cultivation of hashish.

Commenting on the implementation of the 1.3trn/- worth projects, with funding from the International Monetary Fund, President Samia called on regional and district commissioners and executive directors to ensure water-

tight supervision so that the people benefit most.

She then called on Tanzanians to change their lifestyles and have their regular and frequent health check-ups, as a way of minimizing the possibility of developing non-communicable diseases.

She also reminded the nation on the need for people to grab the ready opportunity of being vaccinated against Covid-19.

Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), shortly earlier said that 1,067 projects worth 1.2trn/- were inaugurated during this year's Uhuru Torch Race which covered 21,480km and passed through 31 districts in 150 days.

She said most of the projects launched were in the health, education, water, environment, finance and good governance sub-sectors.

She further noted that the race also saw many people benefiting from free screening for HIV/AIDS, malaria and various other diseases.

The minister admitted, though, the investigations by PCCB found loopholes in some projects and the government immediately ordered that remedial and other action be taken as appropriate.

She recommended that next year's edition of the Uhuru Torch Race, to be launched in Njombe Region, cover all government development projects - including those recently referred to by the president.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pays homage to Dr John Magufuli at the former president's grave at Chato in Geita Region yesterday. Left is Dr Magufuli's widow, Janeth Magufuli. Photo: State House

Rungwe District to produce 1.6 million tree seedlings

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

RUNGWE District in Mbeya Region in collaboration with various stakeholders is set to produce more than 1.6 million tree seedlings for timber, fruits, and shade to fight the effects of climate change and conserve the district's environment.

This was revealed on Tuesday by the District's Natural Resources

Officer, Castor Makeula speaking to this paper during the planting exercise of the seedlings at Bulyaga ward in Tukuyu town.

Makeula said the seedlings will be distributed for free to the people including the public and private sectors for economic activities via timber and fruits trade.

He said as for now, they continue to produce the seedlings and by

January 22 next year they will start distributing them to the people in collaboration with extension officers from all wards in the district.

Some people interviewed said it was a good thing as the seedlings to be given for free will supplement efforts in environmental conservation for current and future generations.

Mary Mwangupili from Iloilo village said for a long time they have been receiving tree seedlings for timber and fruit from district officials from which they have begun reaping profits.

She thanked the government and advised it to increase efforts towards the protection of the water source of Kilasi River to prevent it from drying up.



Information, Communications and Information and Technology minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji has an audience with members of the Parliamentary Budget Committee who went to the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority offices in Dar es Salaam earlier this week for an inspection tour of the agency's telecommunications traffic monitoring system. Photo courtesy of TCRA

Monitor children's use of internet, parents told

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

PARENTS and guardians have been advised to closely monitor how their children use the internet in order to control what they watch and share on social media platforms which may lure them into victim of sexual abuse.

Chief Executive Officer of Humuliza a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Victor Nestory made the call during the week when commemorating the International Day of the Girl Child, a day declared by the United Nations Organisation, to amplify the voices of young girls and increase awareness of issues affecting them.

Addressing participants at the symposium, Nestory stated that young girls are victims of sexual abuse which results to early pregnancies and marriages which he said kills their life potentials.

He pointed out that according to the theme of this year, "Digital generation is our generation" online sharing has occasioned friendship which is established over an extended period, explaining that the offender (the grown person) is ultimately able to get the victim (a girl) to agree to sexual activities.

"Sometimes, sexual abuses are filmed and shared online, resulting to victims' embarrassment and become psychological

torture," he emphasized.

One of the participants noted the digital benefits when used appropriately, as children and youth can access reproductive health education through online lessons.

Humuliza was founded in 1997 to give psychological assistance to community and vulnerable children, operating in 38 wards of Muleba District.

The organisation runs a youth club programme in primary and secondary schools to teach them skills and six character pillars of truthfulness, respect, accountability, fairness, caring and citizenship.

It has given out and continually collects school supplies and sanitary pads to reach 14,000 school girls in 151 primary schools.

The NGO now engages in distributing hand sanitizers and face masks to schools and the general community in the effort of creating awareness to the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, while mobilising people to take precautions of getting vaccinated.

According to experts, it is important to address the problems encountered by girl children by focusing and sticking to Early Childhood Development Interventions for 0 to eight years children, as the brain grows starting before birth into early childhood at eight years, the time when they first learn to interact with peers, parents and teachers and begin to develop interest in future life.

City council dishes out 569m/- in loans to vulnerable groups

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA City Council has dished out 569m/- from the 10 per cent of its internal revenues in loans to 62 vulnerable groups of youth, women and people with disabilities.

The loans were handed out on Wednesday this week to the groups by the city Mayor, Dr Mohammed Issa who said the loans were 10 per cent of the council internal revenues of which four per cent each handed to the youth and women groups and two per cent to the people with disabilities.

He said the aim to dish out the loans is to strengthen the groups economically and that the council has been implementing the procedure quarterly.

For his part, Mbeya Urban Member of Parliament who is also Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Dr Tulia Ackson called on the groups to make sure they repay the loans in time to enable other groups to benefit from the loans.

She said there has been problems for some groups not repaying the loans in time the practice that hinders the government's aims to reach as many vulnerable groups as possible.

She called on groups' members to make sure they conduct their business activities while adhering to the laws, to enable them reap profits for their own economic wellbeing.

Ensure availability of drugs countrywide, Majaliwa urges MSD

By Guardian Reporter,

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has instructed the Director General of Medical Stores Department (MSD), Maj. Gen Gabriel Saul Mhizze to make sure that by Saturday October 16 drugs are available in all areas countrywide.

Majaliwa said these were government's directives that all centres that provide health services including dispensaries, health centres, district hospitals and regional referral hospitals should have the drugs as they all depend on MSD.

The PM made the remarks here on October 10 when he met and held discussions with the deputy minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children as well as the MSD boss Maj. Gen Mhizze.

"The government stand is that we do not want to see a person going to a health centre only to be told to buy drugs from private pharmacies, the government provides funds every month, not just here in Lindi, but everywhere, drugs have to reach health providing centres," he stressed.

He also reiterated President Samia Suluhu Hassan pledge to provide funds for construction of health centres so the government must also provide drugs, medical equipment and health experts.

He called on top MSD officials to make sure they send ten consignments of drugs to each zone to ensure every health centre have enough drugs.

He also called on the MSD boss to make sure he supervise the institution and not hesitate to make changes when and where needed.

"We want to do away with public complaints on the availability of drugs, the money is there, there is no reason for any complaints," he added.

For his part, Maj Gen Mhizze pledged to supervise the operations of his institution and remove all deficiencies that are obstacles to the availability of drugs at health centres.

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JOHNVIAN NYAMISISA	GM-TREASURY	SIGNED	12-10-2021
KAUSHENDRA TIWARI	GM-CREDIT	SIGNED	12-10-2021

By Getrude Mbago

Stakeholders discuss new ways of promoting mental health of African children and youth

STAKEHOLDERS from various countries in Africa and across the globe are meeting for three days in a virtual forum aimed to discuss new robust measures that will help promote mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of children and youth in the continent.

Themed "Innovate. Integrate. Thrive", the 6th Psychosocial Support Forum is blended by a main physical forum in Maputo, Mozambique, with satellite forums in Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and virtual for partners from around the globe.

The forum is organised by the Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI) and is conducted from October 13 to 15, this year.

Speaking during the opening of the forum Edwick Mapalala, REPSSI country director said the forum is aimed to discuss and share expertise so as to further help children to

reach their potential.

She said that in Tanzania, Dar es Salaam and Kagera regions are national centres of the forum where some stakeholders have met physically with others virtually.

"During the forum, participants will have an opportunity to share lessons on how to prioritize the resourcing of programmes that promote the mental health of staff and volunteers. It will also discuss deeply on early pregnancies and Gender Based Violence (GBV)," she said.

Mapalala said for nearly 20 years REPSSI has conducted research, developed resources, delivered innovative training so as to further support the provision of required support to children.

She noted that increasingly, studies also show that PSS interventions are an effective protective mechanism

against child abuse and violence.

"We will discuss deeply on how Covid-19 pandemic has affected children, social workers and other stakeholders which in one way impacted their development and aspiration," she said.

She said as Covid-19 has continued to bring sorrow and tears among many, having robust strategies which include provision of psychosocial support to groups in need is vital.

Sharing her experience of Covid-19 pandemic, Mary Msuya from the Care and Treatment Clinic (CTC) at Mwananyamala hospital said the disease brought fear not only to the public but also to health workers.

"At first, the disease brought a lot of fear to us, we all feared of falling ill and dying, but after several measures taken by the government

and stakeholders to train and ensure our safety, the situation improved," she said.

Msuya recalls when she got ill and faced several challenges including discrimination.

"Some of my neighbours abused me shouting that I have brought the disease to infect them. But also

I remember when I went to hospital no one wanted to touch my health insurance card, so the situation was hard and I was going through pain," she said.

She said the disease affected smooth provision of clinic services to children and mothers.

Jeanne Ndyetabura, REPSSI

Tanzania board chair underscored the need for the government and stakeholders to work collaboratively and strengthen psycho-social support in various areas including schools, health centres and at community level so as to protect children and youth.

"We need to train and hire more social workers and stage them in various parts up to the grassroots levels so as to ensure that the public are educated and children are served when they face challenges.



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ACHIEVE is funded by USAID in Tanzania to implement a four-year activity (October 2020 to April 2024) which aims: (1) to improve national- and community-level social welfare systems in order to sustain support for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and families affected by HIV and (2) to strengthen the capacity of local organizations to deliver OVC services and (3) to deliver high quality OVC services and DREAMS interventions for AGYW 9-14 years.

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Application Deadline: Sunday -24th October 2021

Position: Senior Internal Control Officer (1 position)
Project: ACHIEVE Tanzania
Position Location: Dar es Salaam
Contract Duration: 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:

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Application Deadline: Sunday -24th October 2021

Position: Compliance and Internal Review Officer (1 position)
Project: ACHIEVE Tanzania Project
Position Location: Dar es Salaam
Contract Duration: 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:

<https://cvpeople.tanzania.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers/594044000005061091/Compliance-and-Internal-Review-Officer-%E2%80%93-ACHIEVE-Tanzania-project?source=CareerSite>

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Jennifer Gilla (C), a member of the Nipashe newspaper editorial staff, holds the trophy she was presented with in Nairobi recently after emerging winner in the African Journalist Equality in Environment category of a competition organised by FEMNET. The agency, also known as African Women's Development and Communication Network, was established in 1988 to promote women's development in Africa. It helps NGOs share information and approaches on women's development, equality and other human rights. She is with Tanzania Media Women's Association (Tamwa) executive director Rose Reuben (L) and Aurelia Gabriel of Mwananchi Communications Limited. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

The Guardian Ltd reporter wins FEMNET Award

By Guardian Reporter

A member of The Guardian Limited editorial staff, Jenifer Gilla, has won the Gender Equality Award in the environment category from The African Development and Communication (FEMNET).

The awards were presented on Wednesday in Nairobi, Kenya at a function on the sidelines of the FEMNET General Conference that fights for the rights of women.

The awards were presented in five categories regarding the fight

against gender based violence, which also included categories on environment, women leadership, economic rights and health and reproductive rights.

The contest involved a total of 389 reporters from 17 African countries out of whom 15 scooped first, second and third awards.

The conference's coordinator from FEMNET, Rachel Kagoyi, said the conference was for two days - October 12 to 14 where a total of 100 participants met physically while the rest did so via video conference

due to Covid-19 considerations.

"I think members from Tanzania, including Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) members participate in efforts in defence of the rights of women and 12-year old girls," she said.

She added that they presented the prizes for the first time in order to identify journalists doing good work by writing on challenges facing women. She said the conference was identified by the title - "Pan African Women, Gender and Women Rights Activists."

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Kigoma

THE Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) has now produced more than 7 million improved oil palm commercial seeds of tenera variety.

Speaking during an interview yesterday, TARI Kihinga centre director Dr Filson Kagimbo said this is a great milestone for TARI and the ministry of Agriculture in general as far as research and production of the improved oil palm commercial seeds are concerned.

"So far, we have distributed the improved oil palm commercial seeds of tenera variety to all district councils in Kigoma region and other eleven district councils outside Kigoma region. We are not stopping at this juncture but rather we are putting much effort to produce more seeds to cover all potential oil palm growing districts and regions in the country," he said.

To ensure total transformation and sustainability of the crop, Dr. Kafimbo said TARI Kihinga has trained more than 124 extension officers on good agronomic practices.

The research institute has also conducted formal training on good agronomic practices to more than 1,200 farmers in Kigoma region and the training work is still going on.

"We thought we should conduct these formal training to the farmers in Kigoma and outside the region as well so that they can understand good agronomic practices for increased production and productivity," he said.

TARI Kihinga has also reached more than 6,000 farmers in terms of informal training because they also attend agricultural exhibitions shows, agribusiness expo, and through media.

Besides farmers and extension

Agro-research body produces 7 million improved oil palm seeds

officers, TARI Kihinga has managed to train more than 90 secondary school students and some schools have planted palm nurseries. The research institute has also trained more than 30 students from different Universities and colleges who are attending field practical and formal training.

"The oil palm crop has received big support from both government leaders and the farmers as we are still receiving more farmers who want to come to us for extended formal training," he said.

TARI director for technology transfer and partnership (TTP) Dr Juliana Mwakasendo said that to ensure increased yield of oil palm crop, TARI has different technologies ranging from improved seed varieties to post harvest management.

The current priority of the research institute is to scale up production, achieve agricultural productivity, food and nutrition and spur the nation's economy.

TARI under the ministry of Agriculture has kept a very close eye to the farmers in Kigoma region and other districts outside the region which are potential for oil palm production. Through formal and informal training, we will continue generating and promoting application of knowledge, innovation and agricultural technologies to enable farmers and the nation achieve sustainable agriculture and ensure food security, she said.

"We are encouraging farmer and district councils to put more emphasis on the training particularly good agronomic practices because one can receive

many seedlings but without good agronomic practices, he or she will end up getting poor yield. "That's why in every training, we put more emphasis on good agronomic practices. TARI is determined to ensure that improved technologies reach the end users using different dissemination pathways, among them is through the training and extension agricultural shows.

Citing an example he said TARI started to showcase the technologies to the farmers at all agricultural exhibition grounds across the country. In recent years, the research institute also launched agricultural technology transfer hubs at different places in the country. They include Nyakabindi in Baridi, Simiyu region, Mwalimu Nyerere agricultural exhibition grounds in Morogoro and Nzunguni in Dodoma region.

In all these places, TARI is promoting technologies which enable the farmers and investors on the improved crop varieties which offer much higher yields, better quality, and more stable production. During a tour of TARI Kihinga centre recently to inspect the progress and management of the seedlings Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa directed TARI to work around the clock to make sure that the improved oil palm seeds of Tenera are produced massively and made available to the farmers for free to cater farmers demand.

According to researchers, Tanzania edible oil consumption is estimated to be 570,000 MT, out of which only 40 percent is sourced locally, the rest which is 60 percent is imported from outside which cost the nation a staggering amount of 443bn/- annually.



Alberto Mramba (back to camera), Tanzania Breweries Limited's Occupational Safety and Health training manager, pictured yesterday briefing members of Tanzania People's Defence Forces undergoing training at Babati Military College in Arusha Region on beer processing. The delegation was on a tour of the firm's Ilala plant in Dar es Salaam. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE advocate representing the Board of trustees of the Zanzibar Council of Imams (JUMAZA), Omar Shehe Omary has said the notice to file a case against the Zanzibar Attorney General and the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board was given since February 8, this year for violating the Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No 9 of 2020).

Omary made the remarks when hearing objections filed by the respondents claiming the case was filed against the government without giving notice of 60 days before doing so as required by the law.

"Hon Judge, the notice to file the case was given since February 8, this year and now it is October and the letter for the notice shows that it was received and stamped by the office of the Attorney General," said advocate Omary.

He said the argument in regard to the date missing on the day the affidavit was sworn was done on the application of his clients and should not be an error

JUMAZA insists notice for filing case against Zanzibar Liquor Board was properly issued

to deny justice while the error can be corrected to ensure justice is done in the basic case. He added that the case against the Zanzibar attorney general and the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board was filed by his clients under section 23(1) and 24 (1) of the 1984 Zanzibar Constitution after the Board violated Zanzibar Alcohol Control Act (No 9 of 2020).

He said another point for contention was that the Zanzibar Alcoholic Drinks Control and Advisory Board failed to respect Section 28(k) of the same Act that had set a condition for bars to be more than 1,000 metres away from areas with basic social services including schools, health centres, mosques, churches, madrassas, markets or bus stations.

He added that failure by the Liquor Board to observe the law enacted by the House of representatives has

created conflicts among members of the community.

Advocate Omary further said JUMAZA has been solving conflicts between the community and mosques as part of its responsibilities especially due to the increase in the number of bars among residential areas.

"Hon judge, the argument that the case against the Attorney General should have been filed in his name instead of his institution has no basis in law and therefore I pray for all these objections to be rejected and we should continue with the basis case," he added.

Earlier, when submitting his objections, state attorney from the Attorney General's Office Ali Issa Abdallah said the case was filed contrary to the requirements of the law, in that it was filed without the 60 days prior notice by the plaintiffs.

'Villages will now be registered with other sectors' involvement

By Guardian Reporter, Tabora

DAVID Silinde, Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government), has said from now on, his office will not register villages without involving important stakeholders in order to eradicate emerging conflicts on land use.

The move aims at removing conflicts that emerged when dealing with disputes stemming from land use in 975 villages that saw some villages were registered inside reserve areas' boundaries.

Speaking here yesterday, Silinde said: "President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed the office to involve important stakeholders when registering villages to ward of disputes arising from land use in 975 villages."

He said when the committee of eight ministers was dealing with the land disputes arising from land use, some villages were found to be inside reserve areas while the residents thereof participated in various elections including local government elections.

Important stakeholders to be involved during registration of the villages include the Office of the


Vice President (Union Affairs and Environment), the ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, the Ministry of defence and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism.

"My ministry is the one charged with village registration, but due to challenges that emerged in 975 villages, from now on we will not register any village unless we communicate with other sectors," Silinde said.

Speaking on the implementation of the decision of the Cabinet in solving the disputes in the 975 villages, William Lukuvi, the Lands minister said Tabora Region involves 100 villages and is the region with a great number of villages than others whereas 94 of them will remain as they are.

He said the cabinet also decided that 50 villages in the reserves that were registered will continue with their statuses while disputes in 15 villages have already been resolved, while one village will remain in the reserve.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed us to implement these decisions diligently without instilling panic to the people, while considering wider national interests," Lukuvi added.



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**We are all praying for you.
You fought the good fight,
finished the race and remained faithful. (2 Tim 4:7-8)**

Premier Majaliwa, stakeholders to discuss forestry sector issues

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa will next month expected to hold a meeting with stakeholders from the forestry sector to discuss issues related to success realised, related challenges and the way forward of the sector that has vitally contributed to the country's economy.

Addressing the press yesterday with some stakeholders from the sector, Iringa Regional Commissioner Queen Sendiga said the meeting will be held for two days at Wambi Primary School grounds in Mafinga, Mufindi district of the region.

"The meeting aims to bring together forestry stakeholders from within and outside the country as well as forest service providers, forest sector investors, policy makers, institutions and the ministry responsible for forestry," said Sendiga.

According to her, the ministry is collaborating with the PO-RALG, Ministry of Investment, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) and manufacturers and distributors of forest products processing technologies in organizing it. It also collaborates with Forest education institutions, stakeholders in the transportation sector, financial institutions, as well as various stakeholders in the value chain of the forest sector.

Sendiga added that the forum will feature

various debates and exhibitions of investment opportunities available in the forestry sector, technology for processing forest products as well as works by traders who have already invested in forests.

"There will also be trips to visit investment sites made in the forestry sector with the aim of learning more," she said.

She asserted that the investment meeting in the Iringa region is a reflection of the region's various efforts to stimulate investment. It is estimated that the country's growing forests covers an area of approximately 325,000 hectares and more than 40% of the area is located in the Iringa region.

"Investment in the entire value chain in the forestry sector is still low compared to the opportunities available and making forests account for 75 percent of revenue in Iringa region;

Many investors are focused on the production of timber, poles, as well as engineered wood products such as plywood. But there are more opportunities such as paper production that is widely used in schools, quality furniture that can compete in the domestic and foreign markets, the manufacture of matches, toothpicks and other products," adds Sendiga.

However, she added, wood processing has been done using poor technologies that reduce efficiency and lead to the loss of raw materials.



Victoria Humburya (2nd-R), Dar es Salaam zone manager with the National Council of People Living with HIV (NACOPHA), presents sanitary pads to Kibiti Secondary School headmaster Estomic Kimwemwe (L) earlier this week. It was a donation by the council jointly with UNAIDS for more than 500 girls pursuing studies at the Kibiti District school. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30-09-2021

Report of Condition of Bank pursuant to section 32 (3) of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

	(Amount in Million Tshs)	
	Current Quarter 30-Sep-21	Previous Quarter 30-Jun-21
A. ASSETS		
1 Cash	6,571	4,260
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	24,017	8,476
3 Investments in Government securities	19,182	28,070
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	17,159	5,967
5 Cheques and items for clearing	-	0
6 Inter-branch float items	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	31,026	46,300
10 Investments in other securities	-	-
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	66,148	71,445
12 Other assets	10,984	10,271
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	2,045	1,853
16 TOTAL ASSETS	177,133	176,642
B. LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	9,302	48,196
18 Customer deposits	119,254	85,136
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-
20 Special deposits	12,802	8,263
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	-	-
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	1,968	1,314
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	1,175	1,814
27 Other liabilities	4,978	4,811
28 Borrowings	-	-
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	149,479	149,535
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)/(6 minus 29)	27,655	27,108
C. CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
31 Paid up share capital	31,420	31,420
32 Share Premium	29,104	29,104
33 Retained earnings	(37,053)	(37,053)
34 Profit (Loss) account	4,184	3,636
35 Other capital accounts	-	-
36 Minority Interest	-	-
37 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	27,655	27,107
38 Contingent liabilities	1,002,626	951,915
39 Non performing loans & advances	4,149	4,029
40 Allowances for probable losses	354	354
41 Other non performing assets	-	-
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to total assets	16%	15%
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	6.2%	5.6%
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	50%	77%
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	37%	40%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	66%	83%
(vi) Deposits Growth	41%	10%
(vii) Assets growth	0.28%	14%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

	(Amount in Million Tshs)			
	Current Quarter 30-Sep-21	Comparative Quarter 30-Jun-21	Current Year Cumulative 30-Sep-21	Comparative Year Cumulative 30-Sep-20
1 Interest Income	3,144	3,109	9,056	3,085
2 Interest Expense	(1,223)	(1,040)	(3,027)	(2,591)
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	1,922	2,069	6,029	3,226
4 Bad Debts Written Off	-	-	-	-
5 Impairment losses on loans and advances	-	-	-	-
6 Non-Interest Income	2,510	3,664	9,242	3,553
6.1 Foreign currency dealings and translation gains/(losses)	413	257	981	358
6.2 Commissions and fees	2,074	3,355	8,147	3,081
6.3 Dividend income	-	-	-	-
6.4 Other operating income	24	52	113	13
7 Non-Interest Expenses	(3,765)	(3,794)	(10,912)	(8,820)
7.1 Salaries and other staff benefits	(1,744)	(1,615)	(4,975)	(3,881)
7.2 Fees and Commissions	(270)	(493)	(897)	(961)
7.3 Other operating expenses	(1,751)	(1,748)	(4,951)	(1,877)
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	467	1,937	4,359	2,059
9 Income Tax Provision	(120)	(28)	(175)	(56)
10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	548	1,910	4,184	2,003
11 Other comprehensive income/(itemized)	-	-	-	-
12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	548	1,910	4,184	2,003
13 Number of employees	124	121	124	115
14 Basic earning Per Share	87	304	666	319
15 Number of branches	7	6	7	4
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	0.31%	1.08%	2.37%	1.30%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	2.03%	7.03%	15.28%	8.38%
(iii) Non-Interest Expense to Gross Income	66.58%	56.04%	59.44%	57.55%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	1.47%	1.42%	4.60%	1.76%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

	(Amount in Million Tshs)			
	Quarter 30-Sep-21	Quarter 30-Jun-21	Cummulative 30-Sep-21	Cummulative 30-Sep-20
I. Cash flow from operating activities				
Net Income/(Loss)	548	1,910	4,184	4,947
Adjustment for:				
-Impairment/Amortization	456	276	456	121
-Net change in loans and advances	5,298	(3,599)	5,298	4,313
-(Gains)/Loss on Sale of Assets	(236)	19,825	(236)	(56,877)
-Net change in Short Term Negotiable securities	8,387	1,894	8,387	54,428
-Net change in other facilities	167	1,086	167	(12)
-Net change in other Assets	(713)	(2,657)	(713)	(190)
-Tax paid	-	-	-	-
-Others (specify)	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by operating activities	14,405	18,737	18,041	6,730
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend received	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(372)	(661)	(372)	(56)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by investing activities	(372)	(661)	(372)	(56)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided/(used) by financing activities	-	-	-	-
IV. Cash and Cash equivalents:				
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	14,033	18,076	14,033	3,730
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the quarter	104,214	86,138	104,214	74,812
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter	118,247	104,214	118,247	78,542

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

	(Amount in Million Tshs)						
	Share capital	Share Premium	Retained Earning	Regulatory Reserve	General Reserve	Others	Total
Current Year 2021							
Balance at the beginning of the year	31,420	29,104	(37,053)	-	-	-	23,471
Profit/(loss) the year	-	-	4,184	-	-	-	4,184
Other Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end of the current period	31,420	29,104	(32,869)	-	-	-	27,655
Previous Year 2020							
Balance at the beginning of the year	31,420	29,104	(40,498)	-	-	-	20,026
Profit/(loss) the year	-	-	3,445	-	-	-	3,445
Other Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at the end of the previous period	31,420	29,104	(37,053)	-	-	-	23,471

Name and Title	Signature	Date
1 Kingsley Ulinfun Managing Director / CEO	Signed	15th October 2021
2 Chomele Hussein Chief Finance Officer	Signed	15th October 2021
3 Joseph Ringo Country Head, Internal Audit	Signed	15th October 2021

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
1 Amb. Tuvako Manongi Director	Signed	15th October 2021
2 Oliver Alawuba Director	Signed	15th October 2021

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Programme in Iringa to arrest adolescent pregnancy and GBV

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

AUTHORITIES in Iringa Region have embarked on a programme aimed to fight adolescent pregnancy as well as violence against children and women.

A social welfare officer from Iringa regional commissioner office, Josephine Mwaipopo said that in collaboration with stakeholders they have started providing reproductive health training, life skills, and gender violence issues to young people in and out of schools.

This, according to her, will help reduce or eradicate various challenges facing young people such as teenage pregnancies.

Josephine said this recently while closing the reproductive health and life skills training for 66 young people from 17 schools in five councils in Iringa Region, who will later help pass the education on to their peers in schools and in the community.

The training was organized by SOS Children's Villages Tanzania in collaboration with the government through the Children with Children (CwC) project being implemented in the Iringa region.

Mwaipopo commended SOS for helping to combat incidents of violence as well as helping to educate the 66 children from Iringa MC, Iringa DC, Mafinga TC, Mufindi DC and Kilolo DC councils

She explained that the Iringa region is facing the challenges of various incidents of violence thus inviting other stakeholders to help fight issues of violence against children as well as women.

She also said that as a regional government, they have various anti-violence strategies in collaboration with stakeholders to allocate budgets at the council level to reach children with children through the CwC project funded by SOS in collaboration with the government.

Fred Tuluka, a national trainer for adolescent reproductive health issues from Dodoma, said that they have provided peer education training to young people to build their capacity in issues of reproductive and sexual health, life skills, violence, and sexuality as well as give them peer education techniques

He said that they were using a national curriculum developed by the health ministry which is used across the country to educate young people about reproductive education and life skills.

Tuluka said that the young people who received the training will be a catalyst for their peers as they have time to meet their peers as well as connect with various stakeholders who will be able to provide them with various services like health, sexual violence, psychological, economic, and spiritual support.

"We have prepared this army (youth) to meet another larger army in the society that has not been directly exposed to our training and ultimately reduce the challenges that young people face such as teenage pregnancy, HIV infection, sexual infectious diseases but also low consumption of youth health care," Tuluka said. SOS project assistant officer from Kilolo District, Jonimika Mgalumi said that SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is implementing a project known as children with children (CwC) aged 12-19 with funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, in five councils of Iringa region.

He said the project focuses on two things--prevention and response, where in terms of prevention educate various young girls and boys who are in adolescence period to prevent teenage pregnancies for young girls.

He said that the boys were trained how to protect their sisters from teenage pregnancies, sexual violence and harassment.

In terms of response, the project aims to reach young girls who have been identified by the project by equipping them with entrepreneurship education to enable them to initiate income-generating projects.



Outgoing Vodacom Tanzania managing director Hisham Hendi (R) introduces his successor, Sitholizwe Mdlalose, to journalists at an event the firm hosted in Dar es Salaam last week to bid him farewell. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Increase in rate of teen pregnancies shocks Kisarawe District officials

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo, Kisarawe

EDUCATION officials in Kisarawe District, Coast Region have expressed disappointment at the increasing rate of early teen pregnancy amongst school girls in the district.

In an interview, District Education Officer (DEO) for primary school, Hadija Mwinuka said that 55 school girls have been impregnated at different times between January 2019 and June 2021 in the long-time district.

According to Hadija, two pupils from Kwala and Gwata were impregnated between January 2019 and December 2020 and seven others from Sungwi, Marui Mipera, Kwala, Mengwa and Kibwemwenda primary schools.

District Education Officer for secondary school, Paskazia Kagisa also noted that 38 Form One to Five students were impregnated between January 2019 and December 2020.

She said among them included four were from Janguo, and Maneromango school respectively, six from Kibuta, one from Kurui, four from Chole, eight from Msimbu, one from Mfuru, one from Kimani and two from Mzenga, one from Chanzige and five from Vikumburu secondary school, while 10 others were impregnated between January 2020 and June 2021.

She mentioned that within those of whom are Form two, Three and Four students, one came from Chanzige, four from Vikumburu, one from Masaki, one from Kibuta, one from Gwata, one from Janguo and one from Mfuru secondary schools. "The situation is difficult to control after the parents and guardians have been ignoring to give evidence at the court when the culprits are taken to court to answer charges," she complained, insisting that the court would free the culprits as the relatives fail to go to the court due to unknown reasons.

Tanzanian, Tunisian and Zambia bodies win pan-African ATU telecom competition

By Guardian Reporter

A Tunisia-based organisation, Startup Tunisia, has won the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) Innovation Challenge 2021.

Startup Tunisia, which offers grants and provides technical guidance for startup innovators, has, in just 2 years, supported 550 startups as well as startup support organisations through providing a supportive policy environment, investments and capacity building.

They claimed USD 10,000 top prize and the title, "2021 ATU Best Ecosystem Practice Enabling Youth ICT Innovation in Africa".

The competition, launched by the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), also saw Tanzania's Coding Clubs, Mentorship and Incubation initiative by Apps and Girls, and the ICT Innovation Programme of Zambia's ICT Authority secure second and third place respectively, taking home USD 5000 and USD 2,500. The former has empowered over 34,686 girls with problem-solving and coding skills, improved their academic performance in ICT and other STEM-related subjects and led to 69 businesses being set-up. The latter has successfully commercialized 30+ Start-ups, created 100+ jobs and worked with 15+ local partners.

Announcing the winners in the virtual awards ceremony headlined by Zambian minister of Technology and Science, Hon. Felix C. MUTATI, ATU Secretary General Mr. John OMO affirmed the Union's commitment to inspiring the creation of an ecosystem in Africa that supports the development of homegrown solutions to local challenges. "It remains our desire to enable a systemic perspective on innovation in the continent and I encourage all ICT stakeholders to be open minded to the idea of collaboration. ATU is open and ready to facilitate contact and communication between any parties within our scope that want to make deliberate efforts to work together. It is in this regard that I thank all the partners of the Challenge especially our title sponsor Huawei for their collaboration and investment in innovation and skills promotion among the African youth," he said.

This year's edition of the Challenge identified institutions from Africa that create an enabling environment for youth to develop ICT innovations. Among the institutions sort included policy making bodies, incubators, universities and non-profits. This is in recognition of the critical role that such organisations play and the importance of investing in fertile soil from which innovators can grow from.

Applicants had to explain how they supported innovators and were additionally required to highlight two beneficiaries that have profited from the practice.

Speaking during the ceremony, Huawei's President of Carrier Business Group, Huawei Southern Africa Region, Mr. Samuel Chen, called for "further investment in connectivity, power and mobile money infrastructure that innovators can use to develop their innovations and through which citizens can access them," whilst highlighting Huawei's commitment to supporting local innovation and skills as being key to the company's success: "...for over 23 years we have supported local innovation in Africa by building infrastructure all the way from 2G to 5G, providing innovative software such as mobile money and AI, and we will continue to build local talent and build platforms and products to enable African innovators to develop solutions to African challenges" he said. Echoing Mr. OMO, David Chen also thanked co-sponsors and partners, Intel Corporation, GSM Association, and AfriLabs, for significantly contributing to the success of the Challenge.

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MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF CHARGES AND FEES					
S/N	ITEM/TRANSACTION	RETAIL	CORPORATE		
SECTION A: SAVINGS ACCOUNTS					
1 FREEDOM SAVINGS					
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 15,000	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 2,000			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges	1,000 instant charge			
2 GENERAL SAVINGS					
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 5,000			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges	TZS 1,000			
3 EMPLOYEE SAVINGS					
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 15,000 USD 15	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 2,000 USD 10			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges @ Counter	TZS 1,000			
4 SAVINGS ACCOUNT (DOMESTIC)					
	Required minimum opening balance	15,000	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	5,000			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges @ Counter	TZS 1,000			
5 SAVINGS ACCOUNT (LOCAL)					
	Required minimum opening balance	15,000	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	5,000			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges @ Counter	TZS 1,000			
6 SAVINGS ACCOUNT (INTERNATIONAL)					
	Required minimum opening balance	USD 15	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	USD 15			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges	1% per Transaction			
SECTION B: CURRENT ACCOUNTS					
7 INDIVIDUAL CURRENT ACCOUNTS					
	Required minimum opening balance	USD 15	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	USD 15			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Cash withdrawal at counter	1 PER MILLE			
	Penalty for overdraft account	PLR + 5%			
8 BUSINESS CURRENT ACCOUNTS					
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	NIL			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges	NIL			
9 DOMESTIC CURRENT ACCOUNTS					
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	NIL			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges	NIL			
10 HAZINA ACCOUNT					
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A		
	Minimum operating balance	NIL			
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL			
	Withdrawal Charges	NIL			
SECTION C: DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS					
1 Call Accounts					
	Minimum opening balance	TZS 1,000,000	TZS 10,000,000		
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 1,000,000	TZS 10,000,000		
	Monthly average balance requirement	Negotiable	Negotiable		
	Interest Rates	Negotiable	Negotiable		
2 Term Deposits					
	Minimum deposit - local currency	TZS 500,000	TZS 10,000,000		
	Minimum deposit - USD	USD 1,000	USD 10,000 or equivalent		
	Interest Rates	Negotiable	Negotiable		
SECTION D: ELECTRONIC BANKING					
1 E-Banking					
	Internet banking monthly subscription	TZS 2,000 Per Month	TZS 10,000 per Month		
	Internet banking (Re-issue pin)	FREE	FREE		
	U-Connect (Reversal transaction)	FREE	FREE		
	U-Connect (Self-download)	FREE	FREE		
	POS purchase (Local)	FREE	N/A		
	POS purchase (International)	FREE	N/A		
	POS cash withdrawal	TZS 1,500	TZS 1,500		
	ATM reversal	FREE	N/A		
	Fund transfer/company load	TZS 1,000 per transaction	TZS 1,000 per transaction		
	Card Load	TZS 1,000 per transaction	TZS 1,000 per transaction		
	Manual pin change	TZS 1,500 per transaction	TZS 1,500 per transaction		
	U-MOBILE (mobile banking-Bank to wallet)	TZS 1,000 (0 - 200,000/+) and TZS 2,000 (200,001 - 400,000/+)	N/A		
	Card to card transfer	TZS 1,500 per transaction	TZS 1,500 per Tr		
Agency Banking Withdrawal					
	1,000-9,999	TZS 500	TZS 500		
	10,000-49,999	TZS 900	TZS 900		
	50,000-99,999	TZS 1,200	TZS 1,200		
	100,000-299,999	TZS 2,000	TZS 2,000		
	300,000-499,999	TZS 3,000	TZS 3,000		
	500,000-1,000,000	TZS 4,500	TZS 4,500		
	Uconnect Withdraw	2% of the principle	2% of the principle		
	Uconnect Deposit	1.5% of the principle	1.5% of the principle		
	Africash	TZS 8000 + 1.5% of the principal amount sent/USD 4.45 + 1.5% of the principle amount to be sent	N/A		
SECTION E: OTHERS					
1 Statements					
	Monthly	FREE	FREE		
	Achoc requests	TZS 1,000/ PAGE	TZS 1,000/ PAGE		
2 Cheque Books Issuing					
	25 Leaf	TZS 15,000; USD 10	N/A		
	50 Leaf	TZS 30,000; USD 20	N/A		
	100 Leaf	TZS 45,000; USD 30	TZS 45,000; USD 30		
	Counter cheque request	TZS 20,000; USD 10	TZS 20,000; USD 10		
	Cheque stop payment instructions	Leaf last: TZS 20,000; Book last: TZS 40,000;	Leaf last: TZS 20,000; Book last: TZS 40,000;		
	Issuance of Manager's cheque	TZS 25,000; USD 20 per item	TZS 25,000; USD 20 per item		
	Manager cheque cancellation charges	FREE	FREE		
3 Standing order					
	Standing order set-up	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent		
	Standing order maintenance	NIL	NIL		
	Standing order/Foreign Bank (Tf charge)	MIN USD 50; 0.25% MAX USD 200	MIN USD 50; 0.25% MAX USD 200		
	Amend/ Stop Standing Order	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent		
	Unpaid standing order	TZS 40,000; USD 40 or its equivalent	TZS 40,000; USD 40 or its equivalent		
4 Insufficient funds/effects not cleared					
	Insufficient Funds (Refer to drawer)	TZS 50,000; USD 50	TZS 50,000; USD 50		
5 Other Local Charges					
	Retrieving old documents (2-6 months)	TZS 10,000; USD 10	TZS 10,000; USD 10		
	Retrieving documents (6 months and above)	TZS 15,000; USD 15	TZS 5,000; USD 15		
	Confirmation/Audit/ Certificate of balance	TZS 30,000; USD 20 or its equivalent	TZS 30,000; USD 20 or its equivalent		
	Status enquiry / Reference Letters	request	TZS 25,000; USD 25 or its equivalent		
	Giftward cheque clearing	USD 500	USD 500		
	Salary processing fee	TZS 1,000; USD1 or its equivalent	TZS 1,000; USD1 or its equivalent		
	Dormant Account Reactivation	FREE	FREE		
	Cash handling fee-COFS ONLY	PK of the Deposit	PK of the Deposit		
	Cashed cheque	PK of principal amount	PK of principal amount		
	Coin	PK of principal amount	PK of principal amount		
SECTION F: TRADE FINANCE					
1 Guarantees					
	Facility Commission	2% p.a (0.5% per qtr), Min USD 250 per qtr.	2% p.a (0.5% per qtr), Min USD 250 per qtr.		
	Amortisation fees	2%	2%		
	Cash Covered	0.5% per qtr Min 250 per qtr	0.5% per qtr Min 250 per qtr		
	Amendment	USD 100.00 flat	USD 100.00 flat		
	Extension to next quarter	0.5% per qtr (Or % of the agreed rate)	0.5% per qtr (Or % of the agreed rate)		
	Amount in advance	0.5% (qtr on the diff) (Or % of the agreed rate)	0.5% (qtr on the diff) (Or % of the agreed rate)		
2 Letters of Credit - Imports					
	Insurance commission	0.5% per quarter, Min USD 250.	0.5% per quarter, Min USD 250.		
	Handling Fees	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat		
	Swift charge	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat		
	Amendment	USD 100.00 flat	USD 100.00 flat		
3 Letters of Credit - Exports					
	LC Advising Commission	USD 200 flat	Letters of Credit - Exports		
	Amendment advising commission	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat		
	Correspondence Swift charge	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat		
	Document handling and examination fee	0.5% of invoice amount, min USD 200	0.5% of invoice amount, min USD 200		
	Counter charge	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat		
	LC confirmation charges	1.5% per quarter (only for confirmed usance lcs)	1.5% per quarter (only for confirmed usance lcs)		
4 Letter of Credit Refinancing					
	Interest on refinancing	LBOR + 8% p.a of value, Min USD 100	LBOR + 8% p.a of value, Min USD 100		
	Commission on refinancing	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat		
5 Discounting on LC/Invoice/Cheque					
	Interest on discounting	LBOR + 8% p.a of value, Min USD 100	LBOR + 8% p.a of value, Min USD 100		
	Commission on discounting	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat		
6 Discounting (Bills of exchange including cheques)					
	Interest on discounting	PLR +3%-local; International LBOR+8%	PLR +3%-local; International LBOR+8%		
7 Documentary Collection - Export					
	Handling charge	0.25% of the invoice min USD 100 flat	0.25% of the invoice min USD 100 flat		
	Correspondence Swift charge	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat		
	Correspondence commission	USD 50 Per tracer	USD 50 Per tracer		
8 Documentary Collection - Import					
	Handling Commission	0.25%, Min USD 100	0.25%, Min USD 100		
	Correspondence Swift charge	USD 50	USD 50		
	Outward bills for Collection (clean collections & TC)	USD 50	USD 50		
	DNH charges	0.25% of value, min USD 75 or its equivalent	0.25% of value, min USD 75 or its equivalent		
	Returned foreign cheques	claimed charges + locally un-recovered charges	claimed charges + locally un-recovered charges		
9 Inward Bill for Collection					
	Handling Commission	USD 50 flat per collection	USD 50 flat per collection		
	Swift charged	USD 40 flat per collection	USD 40 flat per collection		
10 Local Currency Transactions					
	Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers	TZS 10,000 PER TRANSACTION	TZS 10,000 PER TRANSACTION		
	Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers by customer or by bank	NIL	NIL		
	Inward Swift Transfers (ISS)	NIL	NIL		
11 Foreign Currency Transactions					
	Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers	MIN USD 50 in between 0.25% MAX USD 200	MIN USD 50 in between 0.25% MAX USD 200		
	Telegraphic Overseas Charges/ OURS	USD/EUR/GBP 35-50 MAX FLAT (OURS)	USD/EUR/GBP 35-50 MAX FLAT (OURS)		
	Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers by customer or by bank	USD 10 flat	USD 10 flat		
	Inward Swift Transfers	USD 5 flat	USD 10 flat		
	International Money Order (IMO)	USD 30 per IMO	USD 30 per IMO		
	Foreign cheques for collection	0.25% of value, USD 75 min; USD 250 max.	0.25% of value, USD 75 min; USD 250 max.		
SECTION G: OTHERS					
1 Statements					
	Monthly	FREE	FREE		
	Achoc requests	TZS 1,000/ PAGE	TZS 1,000/ PAGE		
2 Cheque Books Issuing					
	25 Leaf	TZS 15,000; USD 10	N/A		
	50 Leaf	TZS 30,000; USD 20	N/A		
	100 Leaf	TZS 45,000; USD 30	TZS 45,000; USD 30		
	Counter cheque request	TZS 20,000; USD 10	TZS 20,000; USD 10		
	Cheque stop payment instructions	Leaf last: TZS 20,000; Book last: TZS 40,000;	Leaf last: TZS 20,000; Book last: TZS 40,000;		
	Issuance of Manager's cheque	TZS 25,000; USD 20 per item	TZS 25,000; USD 20 per item		
	Manager cheque cancellation charges	FREE	FREE		
3 Standing order					
	Standing order set-up	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent		
	Standing order maintenance	NIL	NIL		
	Standing order/Foreign Bank (Tf charge)	MIN USD 50; 0.25% MAX USD 200	MIN USD 50; 0.25% MAX USD 200		
	Amend/ Stop Standing Order	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent	TZS 10,000; USD 10 or its equivalent		
	Unpaid standing order	TZS 40,000; USD 40 or its equivalent	TZS 40,000; USD 40 or its equivalent		
4 Insufficient funds/effects not cleared					
	Insufficient Funds (Refer to drawer)	TZS 50,000; USD 50	TZS 50,000; USD 50		
5 Other Local Charges					
	Retrieving old documents (2-6 months)				

Fighting poverty is fighting for human rights: They are inseparable

EXTREME poverty is a violation of human rights. Coming together to ensure that these rights are respected for adults and children is at the heart of all we do.

This entails working to keep families together and to find opportunities for dignified employment and housing, for access to quality health care, and for access to education, art, and creativity.

The United Nations' Guiding Principles on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights are a significant victory in the effort to end extreme poverty. These principles, written with the contributions of many people in poverty, acknowledge that poverty is not simply a matter of lack of income. They clearly identify actions that governments and other relevant actors should take to ensure that all people are able to enjoy their human rights.

"Poverty is an urgent human rights concern in itself. It is both a cause and a consequence of human rights violations and an enabling condition for other violations. Not only is extreme poverty characterised by multiple reinforcing violations of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, but persons living in poverty generally experience regular denials of their dignity and equality."

The observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to 17 October 1987. On that day, over a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadéro in Paris, where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger.

They proclaimed that poverty is a violation of human rights and affirmed the need to come together to ensure that these rights are respected. These convictions are

inscribed in a commemorative stone unveiled on this day. Since then, people of all backgrounds, beliefs and social origins have gathered every year on October 17 to renew their commitment and show their solidarity with the poor. Replicas of the commemorative stone have been unveiled around the world and serve as a gathering place to celebrate the Day. One such replica is located in the garden of United Nations headquarters and is the site of the annual commemoration organised by the United

Through resolution adopted on 22 December 1992, the General Assembly declared 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and invited all states to devote the Day to presenting and promoting, as appropriate in the national context, concrete activities with regard to the eradication of poverty and destitution. The resolution further invites intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations to assist states, at their request, in organising national activities for the observance of the Day, and requests the Secretary-General to take, within existing resources, the measures necessary to ensure the success of the Day's observance by the United Nations.

October 17th presents an opportunity to acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognise that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty. Participation of the poor themselves has been at the center of the Day's celebration since its very beginning. The commemoration of October 17 the also reflects the willingness of people living in poverty to use their expertise to contribute to the eradication of poverty.

World Anesthesia Day: A tribute to benefits of painless medicine

INSENSITIVITY to pain, especially as artificially induced by the administration of gases or the injection of drugs before surgical operations. During anaesthesia body temperature falls due to the effect of drugs.

General anesthesia: Patient is unconscious and feels nothing. Patient receives medicine by breathing it or through an IV. Local anesthesia: Patient is wide awake during surgery. Medicine is injected to numb a small area. Regional anesthesia: Patient is awake, and parts of the body are asleep.

Every year on 16th October WFSA supports anaesthesia providers the world over to celebrate their profession and have a bit of fun whilst doing it.

World Anaesthesia Day commemorates the birth of anaesthesia on 16th October 1846. When doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital demonstrated the use of ether for the first time on a patient. In doing so they changed surgery forever, proving it was possible for patients to undergo surgery without the torture of pain previously associated with it.

Despite nearly 170 years having passed since that first anaesthetic procedure and the countless breakthroughs that have succeeded it, nearly 5 billion people continue to lack access to safe anaesthesia practices.

In the light of this on-going neglect, global awareness days like World Anaesthesia Day can be a powerful advocacy tool to mobilise political will, educate the general public and enforce achievements of the global anaesthesia community.

Each year for World Anaesthesia Day WFSA focus on a different aspect of anaesthesia care. This helps us

to explain the varied, diverse and critical roles that anaesthesiologists play in patient wellbeing.

On October 16, 1846 at Massachusetts General Hospital by William. T. G. Morgan for the first time successfully used ether for general anesthesia. The day is celebrated as World

This day is globally celebrated as an important event in the history of medicine, as it had contributed immensely to all surgical advancement both historical and modern.

Anesthesia is one of the most important discoveries in the history of medicine and has completely revolutionised the quality of healthcare that patients can receive. In fact, it's almost impossible to imagine healthcare without the application of anesthesia.

Anesthesia is so special that it has its own day, World Anesthesia Day, on October 16th to celebrate its invention and the discipline of its use. In honour of World Anesthesia Day, we want to take a look back at the key events in the history of anesthesia, showing just how far modern medicine has advanced.

It may come as a surprise, but the first attempts at using an anesthetic go all the way back to 4000 BCE when historians believe Sumerians used opium poppy as a form of anesthesia. However, it wasn't until the mid-1800s that anesthesia as we know it today saw its first use.

In 1846, a dentist named William T. G. Morton was the first in the world to publicly demonstrate the use of ether anesthesia for surgery. Morton performed a painless surgery removing a tumor from a man's neck. Before this public demonstration in Boston, Morton had tested his use of anesthesia on his dog and an on a young man for a tooth extraction.

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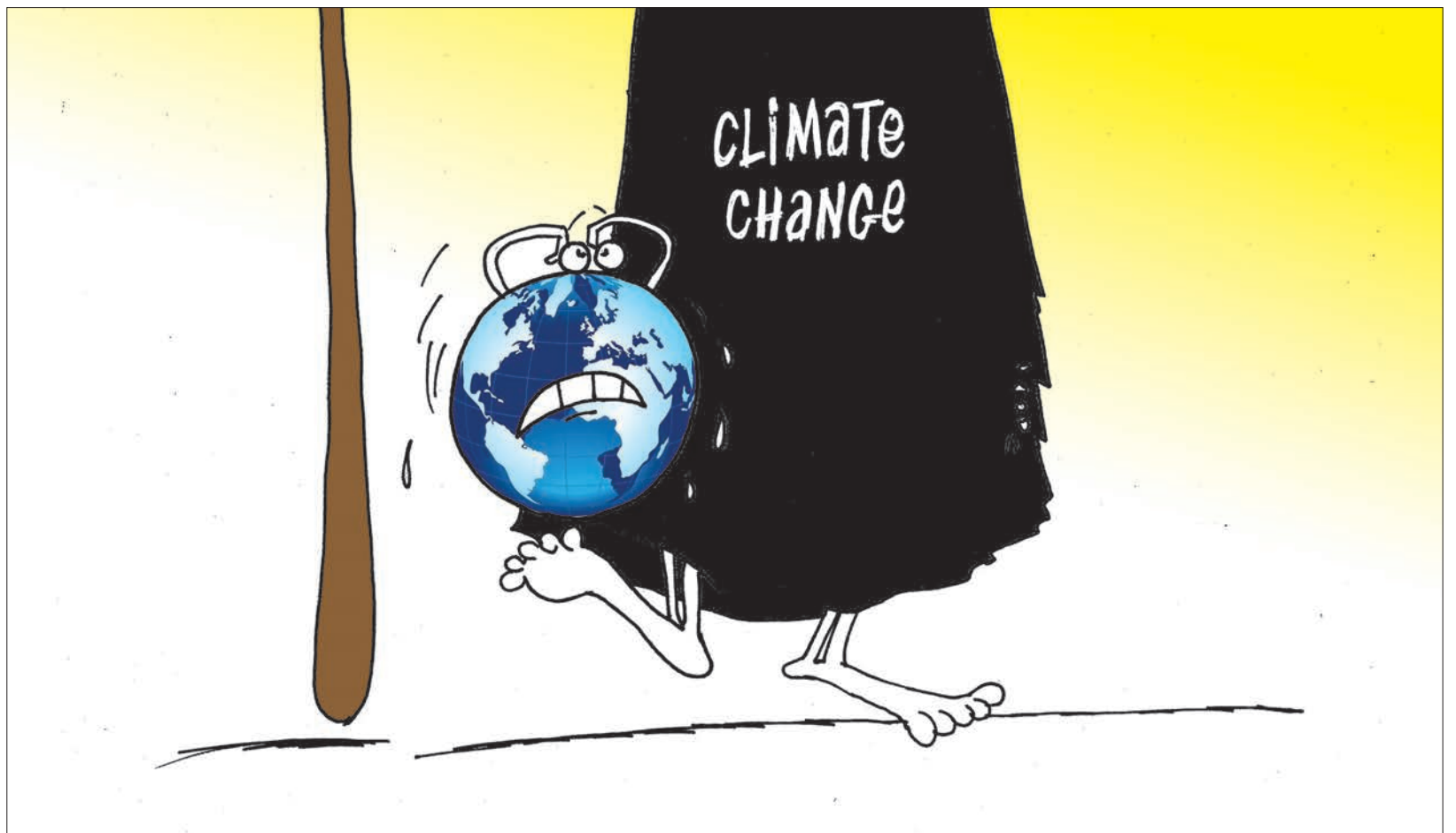
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When girls have access to technologies, true digital revolution will be in sight

By Margaret Butler, Julia Fan, and

Amy West

THIS year's International Day of the Girl theme, Digital Generation, Our Generation, celebrates the potential of digital technologies while calling for the inclusion of all girls in accessing technology. The digital revolution will not be realized if girls without access to digital solutions are left behind. For years, advocates of technology for development have been repeating the mantra that technology is not a panacea. Yet in racing to connect, catch up, and create greater access, we ignore at our own peril the inconsistent or non-existent household- and community-level access girls have to technologies. While digital solutions are available and evolving all the time, they should be accompanied by hybrid methods which include new ways to use analog technologies, so that existing local resources are reimagined and redistributed in ways that support more girls learning.

If we want to ensure equal access to technology to close the gender digital divide, these on-the-ground realities are critical to decision-making and planning. To be clear, the global COVID-19 pandemic amplified digital platforms for learning, training, and connecting, but at the same time some 2.2 billion young people below the age of 25 still do not have internet access at home. Girls do not have equal access to or equal ownership of phones or tablets in the home, and they lack opportunities to gain the digital literacy, which would enable them to grow their own learning, expand their information sources, or communicate with others. The gender digital divide has increased in recent years, with only 15% of women in lower- and middle-income countries using the internet. Globally, girls have significantly less access to the internet, tablets, mobile phones, radio, and television than boys, further exacerbated by household poverty levels, geography, disability, and competing social cultural norms. An estimated 52% of girls have to borrow a mobile phone if they want access compared to 28% of boys. These technological gender gaps are most often due to girls and women lacking access, skills, familiarity with tools, representation and participation in STEM, and leadership and resource support to become champions within the technology sector.

The Coalition for Adolescent Girls (CAG), which is made up of



76 organizations around the world that work with and for girls, has seen the effectiveness of hybrid approaches to technology solutions firsthand. Several of its members focus on strengthening the enabling environments that will reach and retain girls as participants in digital education, health and wellbeing interventions, and youth development opportunities that leverage existing local resources that are fit-for-purpose.

At AMPLIFY Girls, a CAG member based in Kenya, recent research in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda demonstrates that for girls, lack of access to remote virtual learning tools and resources is a clear barrier to staying in or returning to school. Girls do not have regular use of remote learning devices, such as radios, television, smart phones, or computers to participate in virtual classrooms. When directly asked about government-sponsored radio or television lessons, girls said that they did not participate because there was no radio or TV at home. For those that did have a radio or TV at home, a male family member had priority access and they were burdened regularly with household chores.

African organizations are often overlooked as innovators in the technology space, yet are providing contextually relevant services to close the gender digital divide. AkiraChix in Kenya recruits young women from the most remote communities in eastern Africa and invests in year-long training to help them successfully launch their careers in technology. Jifundishe runs an independent study program that young mothers, historically

banned from returning to school in Tanzania, can access to complete both secondary and tertiary education through self-paced learning.

In the Philippines, another CAG member, Education Development Center (EDC), conducted early assessments on gendered use and access of technologies only to learn that few girls own computers or tablets in rural areas in particular, making it difficult to access virtual education and training offerings. Skills development training and materials in those contexts, therefore, have been disseminated through a blended learning approach comprising paper-based, self-directed curriculum for home-based learning, reinforced by interactive audio instruction and home visits by peer leaders and mentors (among these, women).

EDC also utilizes interactive audio instruction and blended learning at-scale to strengthen access and learning of soft skills, literacy and work readiness--this has been particularly valuable during the COVID-19 pandemic, where in-person learning has come to a standstill. In Uganda, EDC has delivered a combination of interactive audio instruction and small group-based home learning activities, including HIV/GBV prevention and life skills curriculum to reinforce household protection messages and mitigate the high risks faced by girls during the pandemic. Radio remains an accessible and low-cost analog method for achieving learning and health messaging at scale.

Research by CAG members Women Deliver and Girl Effect in

India, Malawi, and Rwanda show that digital technologies also hold promise for increasing access to sexual and reproductive health information for girls, but this increased information alone is not enough to produce improved health outcomes. While girls may access health information online, girls are wary of acting on that information because they are unsure of its validity and accuracy, as well as fear social stigma. Linking online information to appropriate youth-friendly medical and community services allows girls to verify that information and seek care.

As these examples and research demonstrate, hybrid digital and analog solutions are not only the most inclusive, but also lead to improved learning and development outcomes, especially for girls. Indeed, digital access is critical to development and innovation. But we should not throw any technology - old or new - at a challenge without ensuring that girls and boys return to school, and have equal access to the content, the tools, and the skilled and knowledgeable teachers and mentors who are vital to sustained uptake and learning outcomes.

On this International Day of the Girl, we call for the broadest access possible to critical health information and education, and we emphasize the importance of contextual relevance in choosing what tools - whether analog or digital - are most effective in achieving impact. If we do this, we create greater opportunities for girls to engage with learning first and then technologies, which ultimately will strengthen multiple development outcomes.



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		Local Currency	Foreign Currency
1.0	Current Accounts		
	(a) Required minimum opening balance		
	i) Personal Banking	TZS 20,000/ Salary amount	\$ 50/ E 50/EUR 50
	ii) Prestige	TZS 20,000/ Salary amount	\$ 50/ E 50/EUR 50
	iii) Premier (Relationship balance)	TZS 80,000,000 / Salary amount	€ 30,000
	iv) Business Banking	TZS 100,000 to 500,000	-
	v) Corporate	TZS 250,000 to 1,000,000	USD 500; GBP 300 to USD 1,000; GBP 1,000; EUR 2,500
	(b) Monthly service fee (breakdown per product type)		
	i) Personal Banking	Free to 9.5 00	\$ 10/ E 10/ €10
	ii) Prestige	TZS 10,000 to 20,000 free for above TZS 30M	\$ 10/ E 10/ €10
	iii) Premier (Relationship balance)	TZS 40,000 balance < TZS 80m; else free	TZS 40,000 balance < E 30k; else free
	iv) Business Banking	TZS 20,000 to 35,000	USD/GBP/EUR 15 to 35
	v) Corporate	TZS 26,000 free for above TZS 300M, else free	USD/GBP/EUR 12 to USD 26.2; GBP 20.0; EUR 26.2; free for above TZS 300M
	(c) Cheque withdrawal over the counter		
	i) Personal Banking	TZS 4,000 for amounts up to TZS 25mln, else 0.12% of value max TZS 100,000	1.2% of the value, min \$/E/€5
	ii) Prestige	TZS 4,000 for amount up to TZS 25mln else 0.12% of value max TZS 100,000	1.2% of the value, min \$/E/€6
	iii) Premier (Relationship balance)	1% of value for amount above USD/EUR/GBP/KES/ZAR 10,000	1% of value amount
	iv) Business Banking	TZS 4,000 for amounts up to 25million, 0.12% for amounts exceeding TZS 25million; Max TZS 120,000.00	1% up to USD 20,000; GBP 20,000; EUR 20,000, 2.3% above USD 20,000; GBP 20,000; EUR 20,000, Minimum USD 20; GBP 10; EUR 20
	v) Corporate	-	-
	(d) Fees per ATM withdrawal		
	Local	TZS 1,200 for amount < 200,000 and TZS. 1,500 for amount >= 200,000	\$0.7
	International	TZS 8,000	\$4
	(e) ATM mini statement		
	Off us	TZS 2,500	N/A
	On us	TZS 800	N/A
	(f) Interim statement per page		
	Retail	TZS 2,500	\$2/ E N/A/ € N/A
	Business Banking	Free	Free
	Corporate	-	-
	(g) Periodic scheduled statement	N/A	N/A
	(h) Cheque book		
	Retail	TZS 500 per Leaf	\$0.3/ E N/A/ € N/A
	Business Banking		
	- 100 Leaf	TZS 50,000	TZS 50,000 USD, GBP, EUR equivalent
	Corporate		
	- 25 Leaf	TZS 15,000	TZS 15,000 USD, GBP, EUR equivalent
	- 50 Leaf	TZS 20,000	TZS 20,000 USD, GBP, EUR equivalent
	- 100 Leaf	TZS 40,000	TZS 40,000 USD, GBP, EUR equivalent
	- 200 Leaf	TZS 80,000	TZS 80,000 USD, GBP, EUR equivalent
	(i) Dishonoured cheque		
	Retail	TZS 65,000	\$ 50/ E N/A/ € N/A
	Business Banking	1.2% of value, min TZS 120,000; max TZS 360,000	USD 120; GBP 65; max USD 360; GBP 180; EUR equivalent
	Corporate	1% of value min. TZS 100,000	USD, GBP, EUR equivalent
	(j) Special clearance		
	Retail	N/A	\$ N/A
	Business Banking	TZS 25,000	USD 25; GBP 13 EUR 22.2
	Corporate	-	-
	(k) Counter cheque	N/A	N/A
	(l) Stop payment		
	Retail	TZS 50 ,000	\$ 30/ E N/A/ € N/A
	Business Banking	TZS 30,000	USD 30; GBP 25; EUR equivalent/USD 25; GBP 16;EUR equivalent
	Corporate	TZS 25,000	USD, GBP, EUR 25
	(m) Standing order		
	Retail	TZS 30,000 (Other banks)	-
	Business Banking	Commercial/Other banks	TZS 25,000 USD 25; GBP 15
		Enter, Relationship	TZS 25,000 USD 25; GBP 15
		Enter, Portfolio	TZS 25,000 USD 25; GBP 15
	Corporate	TZS 25,000	USD, GBP, EUR 25
	(n) Balance enquiry		
	Retail	on us TZS 1,000 of us TZS 1,500	TZS 2,500 USD, GBP, EUR equivalent
	Business Banking	N/A	N/A
	Corporate	N/A	N/A
	(o) Annual Card Fee	TZS 10,000 OR Equv. in USD	N/A
	(p) ATM card renewal or replacement (indicate costs for different card types)	TZS 20,000	\$ 10
	(q) Overdrawn account interest charge		
	Retail	35% ;Min TZS 8,000 to 20,000	-
	Business Banking	TZS 50, 000	TZS 50, 000
	Corporate	Interest at 35%	Interest at 35%
	(r) Unarranged overdraft		
	(s) Interbank transfer		
	Retail		
	i) Inward telegraphic transfers	0.3% of value min USD 12,max USD 100	0.3% of value min USD 12,max USD 100
	ii) Outward telegraphic transfers-beneficiary/applicant	0.3% of value min USD 15,max USD 200	0.3% of value min USD 15,max USD 200
	iii) Foreign bank draft	0.3% of value min USD 40,max USD 265	0.3% of value min USD 40,max USD 265
	iv) Inward transfers (Local)	Free	Free
	v) Outward transfers (T1SS)	TZS 11800	Equivalent TZS 11800
	Business Banking/ Corporate		
	i) Inward telegraphic transfers		USD 12; GBP6; EUR 12
	ii) Outward telegraphic transfers-beneficiary/applicant		
	Business Banking/ Commercial		\$60 flat fee for value up to \$10,000, else 0.25% of value min \$60 min; \$280 max ; GBP EUR equivalent
	- Enter, Relationship		\$60 flat fee for value up to \$10,000, else 0.25% of value min \$60 min; \$280 max ; GBP EUR equivalent
	- Enter, Portfolio		\$60 flat fee for value up to \$10,000, else 0.25% of value min \$60 min; \$280 max ; GBP EUR equivalent
	Corporate		
	iii) Foreign bank draft		0.28% of value, USD 85min; USD 280 max ; GBP equivalent
	Business Banking/ Commercial		0.28% of value, USD 85min; USD 280 max ; GBP equivalent
	- Enter, Relationship		0.28% of value, USD 85min; USD 280 max ; GBP equivalent
	- Enter, Portfolio		0.28% of value, USD 85min; USD 280 max ; GBP equivalent
	Corporate		
	iv) Inward transfers	Free	Free
	v) Outward transfers (T1SS)	TZS 11800	TZS 11800
	(t) Bill payments through ATM	Free	Free
	(u) Deposit fee (Counter)		
	Retail	0.3% of value for any amount above TZS. 100M, max TZS 100,000	0.3% of value for any amount above USD/EUR/GBP 10,000 max USD/EUR/GBP 55
	Business Banking/Corporate	Free	Free
	(v) Other (Counter withdrawal fees)		
	i) Personal Banking/Barclays Direct	TZS 4,000 for amounts up to 25M, else 0.12% for amounts exceeding 25M;max 100,000	1.18% of value min \$6/€6/EUR 6
	ii) Prestige	TZS4000 for transaction amount below TZS 2M	1.18% of value min \$6/€6/EUR 6
	iii) Premier	1% of the amount that exceed USD/GBP/EUR 10,000	
	iv) Business Banking		
	v) Corporate		
2.0	Savings Accounts (Disclose for product specific types)		
	(a) Required minimum opening balance		
	i) Personal Banking	TZS 20,000	USD/GBP/EUR 25 or KES2000/ZAR 300
	ii) Prestige / Bonus Saving	TZS 30,000	N/A
	iii) Premier (Relationship balance)	Minimum relationship balance of TZS 80M	N/A
	(b) Monthly service fee		
	i) Personal Banking	7,000 for monthly average balance below TZS. 200k, else free	USD/GBP/EUR 5
	ii) Prestige / Bonus Saving	7,000 for monthly average balance below TZS. 1m, else free	N/A
	iii) Premier (Relationship balance)		N/A
	(c) Interim statement	TZS 2,500	TZS 2,500
	(d) Account closure	TZS 30,000	TZS 30,000
3.0	Electronic Banking		
	(a) Internet banking monthly fee		
	Retail	2500 annual fee	
	Business Banking/ Corporate	TZS 23,000 (Business Banking)	
	(b) Internet transfers		
	Retail	Free on-us accounts	
	Business Banking/ Corporate	-	
	(c) SMS Banking	Free	Free
	(d) Wallet to bank transfer	TZS 1,000	
	(e) Other (Mobile wallet transfer fees)	TZS 1,500 to TZS 4,500	
4.0	Foreign Exchange Transaction		
	(a) Purchase/sale of TCs transactions over the counter		
	(b) Purchase of foreign cheque	N/A	
	(c) Sale/purchase of cash passport	N/A	
	(d) Telegraphic transfer		
	Retail	0.3% of value min USD 55, max USD 200	
	Business Banking/ Corporate	0.28% of value, USD 60 min; USD 280 max ; GBP, EUR equivalent	
	(e) Telex/SWIFT		
	Retail		
	Business Banking/ Corporate		
	(f) Transfer from foreign currency denominated account to local current account (within bank and to other bank)	Free on-us accounts	
	Indicative Rates for Loans and Advances		
1.0	Lending Rates	13% - 20% per annum (Negotiable)	8% - 10% per annum for Foreign currency
2.0	Personal Loans		
	(a) Processing/Arrangement/Appraisal fee		
	i) Personal loans	1% of the facility	
	ii) Overdrafts	1% of overdraft exposure	
	iii) Mortgage finance	1% of the Mortgage Transaction	
	iv) Asset finance	N/A	
	(b) Unpaid loan instalment	N/A	
	(c) Early repayment	3 Month Interest Amount, Minimum TZS 500,000	
	(d) Valuation Fees	N/A	
	(e) Other	N/A	

Made under Regulation 11 Cash management

Type of Account	
Fixed Deposit	Min Operating Bal. TZS 10000000
Call Account	Min Operating Bal. TZS 10000000
Foreign Currency Account (Fixed/Call)	USD 10000 OR EQV
Type of Account	
Business current account	Opening Bal, TZS 2500000; Min Bal 1000000
Transactional and service fees (per month)	TZS 800 Per Item; Min 26000
Penalty for balances below limit	TZS 14200 per month
Penalty for overdrawn account	Interest @ 35%
Cash withdrawal from TZS	Free
Customer Foreign Currency Account (CFC)	
Customer Foreign Currency Account (CFC)	USD, EUR 2500; GBP 1000
Minimum balance	USD/EUR 1000; GBP 500
Transactional and service fees (per month)	USD/EUR 0.80 PER ITEM; GBP 0.5 PER ITEM; MIN USD/EUR 26; GBP 15
Penalty for balances below limit	USD/EUR 14; GBP 7
Penalty for overdrawn account	USD Interest @ 25%; GBP Interest @ 20%; EUR EQV
Cash withdrawal from CFC	1% UP TO USD/EUR/GBP 10000; 2% Above that amount; MIN USD/EUR 25; GBP 15
Transfer from TZS to CFC / CFC to TZS	
Cash Deposit - Small denominations (\$20,\$10,\$5,\$1)	2.5% Of the Value
Local Currency Transactions	
Outward remittance (T1SS/RTGS)	TZS 11800
Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers by customer or by bank	Free
Inward Transfers (T1SS/RTGS)	Free
Investigation fees for non receipt of funds (T/T) where funds have been received	Free
Foreign Currency Transactions	
Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers	0.25%-0.3% OF VAL, MIN 55-60 Max; 200-295 USD/GBP/EUR respectively USD 3.00 per message
Swift message retrieval after 3 months	1% OF VAL TRANSACTION; MAX USD 118; GBP/EUR EQV
Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic Transfers by customer or by bank	1%MIN USD 35; MAX USD 295
Foreign Cheques deposits (Only TZS from Kenya)	USD 35 PER Item
Inward Foreign Bank Draft	0.25% OF VAL, USD 90MIN, USD MAX 295; GBP/EUR EQV
Foreign Bank Draft	USD/GBP/EUR 11.8; TZS EQV
Inward Swift Transfers	Lack of funds USD 130, Other reason 70
Returned foreign cheques	Free
Investigation fees for non receipt of funds (T/T, Swift) where funds have been received	Free
Standing Order	
Standing order set-up	TZS 12000; USD/EUR 12; GBP 6
Standing order	Within Barclays TZS 6000; USD 7, GBP 5, EUR 5 Per Item
Standing order	Other Banks; TZS 25000; USD 25; GBP 15, EUR 15 Per Item
Amend / Stop standing Order	TZS 25000; USD 25; GBP 25, EUR 25 Per Item
Unpaid standing order	TZS 60000; USD 60; GBP 30, EUR 30 Per Item
Absa Integrator - Internet Banking	
Onboarding/Set Up	Free
Salary processing/Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)	TZS 2200; USD/EUR/GBP EQV Per Item
SWIFT Payment/ Cross border	USD 65 OR EQV, PLUS USD 30 Intermediary charge if occur
Direct Debit (within Barclays Tanzania)	Free
Book Transfer (Own Accounts)	Free
T1SS/RTGS	TZS 11800
Integrator Monthly Fee	TZS 20000; EUR/USD/GBP EQV AND TZS 50,000 EUR/USD/GBP EQV For view only
Host to Host Set Up Fee	Quotation available on request
Token Replacement/Extra Token fee Per token (3 tokens free)	Token Replacement/Extra Token fee Per token (3 tokens free), TZS 200,000 OR Extra
Bank Direct	
Bank Direct Cash - Cash Intransit	Quotation available on request
Bank Direct Mail - Courier Service	Quotation available on request
Mobile Bulk Disbursement	
Transfer to M-Pesa; TigoPesa; Airtel Money; EzyPesa, Halopesa	TZS 2300
Other Service Charges	
Manual processing of salaries	Within Barclays TZS, TZS 12000 PER ITEM; With other Banks TZS 12000; GBP/EUR/USD EQV
Closure of Account	
Within 6 months of account opening	TZS 36000; USD 36; GBP 24; EUR EQV
After 6 months of account opening	TZS 25000; USD 25; GBP 13; EUR EQV
Dormant Account Reactivation	TZS 7000; USD/GBP 7; EUR EQV
Cheque Stop payment instructions	LEAF LOST; TZS 30000; USD 30; GBP 25 PER NOTICE; BOOK LOST; TZS 60000; USD/GBP 60 PER BOOK; Lack of funds/Any reason; TZS 35400; USD41; GBP 35
Statements	
- Monthly statement	Free
- Interim statement	Free
- Duplicate statement (up to 3 months) per month	TZS 3500; USD/GBP 3.5; EUR EQV
- Duplicate statement (over 3 months) per month	TZS 8500; USD/GBP 8; EUR EQV
Cheque images, per cheque	TZS 26000; USD 20; GBP 14; EUR EQV
MT/900/910/920/940/941/942/950 Statements	USD 13 PER MSG; MIN 70 USD; MAX 410 USD
MT 101 Messages	SWIFT USD 60; RTGS TZS 11800 OR USD EQV; EFT TZS 2200 OR USD EQV
Issuance of Manager's cheque	TZS 26000; USD 20 PER ITEM; GBP/EUR EQV
Managers Cheque cancellation charges	TZS 14200; USD 14; GBP 8; EUR EQV
Reply to Audit Letters/Audit Report	TZS 130000; USD 130; GBP 66; EUR EQV
Confirmation/Audit/ Certificate of Balances	TZS 35000; USD 35; GBP 30 Per customer request
Registration of Foreign Loan at BOT	USD 470 Once off processing/Registrarion; USD 710 Annual fees-Loan administration
Special Clearance	TZS 53000; USD 66; GBP 27
Unpaid/Returned Cheques	
Insufficient Funds (Refer to drawer)	1% OF VAL, MIN TZS 100,000; USD/GBP/EUR EQV
Uncollected cheque book (after 3 months)	TZS 14000; USD/GBP 14; EUR EQV
Cheque Books	
- 25 Leaf	TZS 15,000; USD/GBP/EUR EQV
- 50 Leaf	TZS 25,000; USD/GBP/EUR EQV
- 100 Leaf	TZS 40,000; USD/GBP/EUR EQV
- 200 Leaf	TZS 80,000; USD/GBP/EUR EQV
Search fee for documents (2-6 months)	TZS 8300; USD/GBP 8; EUR EQV
Search fee for documents (6 months and above)	-TZS 20000; USD 20; GBP 14; EUR EQV
Lending and Deposit Rates	
Prime Rate	Quotation available on request
Deposit Rates	Quotation available on request
Trade Finance	
Guarantees	3.33%pa, min USD 590ppq & 0.85%ppq
Facility	USD 65 Flat
Handling Fee	USD 118 Flat
Cash Covered	3.33%pa, min US\$500q
Amendmen	USD 118 Flat
Extension to next quarter	0.85% per quarter
Cancellation	USD 118 Flat
Amount Increase	0.85% per quarter on the difference
Letters of Credit - Imports	
Risk Margin	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per quarter
Handling Fees	USD115 Flat
Swift charge	USD 115 Flat
Examination	USD115 Flat
Extension to next quarter	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per quarter
Risk Margin on acceptance	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590per quarter
Cancellation	USD118 Flat
Letters of Credit - Exports	
Advising Commission	USD 415 (all inclusive)
Swift charge	USD 64 Flat
Documents examination fee	USD 115
Courier charge	USD 115 Flat
Risk Margin on acceptance	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per quarter
Confirmation	0.85% per quarter, min USD 590 per quarter
Letters of Credit Refinancing	
Interest on Refinance	Current Lending Rate (negotiable)
Commission on Refinance	N/A
Letters of Credit Discounting	
Interest on Discounting - confirmed LC	Current Lending Rate (negotiable)
Interest on Discounting - non confirmed LC	Current Lending Rate (negotiable)
Bills Discounting (Bills of Exchange including cheques)	
Interest on Discounting	Current Lending Rate
Documentary Collection - Export	
Handling charge	USD 413 Flat inclusive all
Courier charge	Inclusive in above
Chasing commission	Inclusive in above
Documentary Collection - Import	
Commission	USD 413 Flat inclusive all
Swift charge	Inclusive in above
Availing charges	
Outward Bills for Collection (Clean collections & TCs)	
Commission	N/A
Chasing charges	N/A
Unpaid charge	N/A
Inward Bills for Collection</	

Comprehensive energy policy needed for safety of our forests

By Guardian Correspondent

FOREST degradation and deforestation for firewood and charcoal are two major challenges currently facing Tanzania in particular and Africa in general, hence a need for a comprehensive energy policy.

The policy should be developed in a very inclusive manner by putting energy that majority of the population on the continent use, namely fuelwood, at the center of it.

"It should provide guidance on how substitutes for fuelwood evolve over time and in which areas, like rural versus urban, as well as provide for clear incentives to accelerate the pace of substitution or even complementarity," says Prof Godwin Kowero, Africa Forest Forum Executive Secretary.

Lack of policies affecting forests is a concern raised by scientists during a recent regional webinar on sharing information and experiences on national forest governance responses to the Paris Agreement and the contribution of dryland forest resources in building climate resilient communities in Africa.

The prevailing situation suggests the importance of recognizing fuelwood production as a land use activity that should be planned for nationally and at household level in rural areas, just as is done for agricultural crops, livestock production, wildlife management and human habitat.

"In other words, fuelwood production should be seen as one of the key determinants in land management," he said.

It is evident that at present, people particularly in rural communities, do not have plans for the supply of their fuelwood; it is done by chance as children and women walk long distances to access and collect fuelwood.

African countries should now

wake up and stop the current trend of leaving the access or availability of energy for cooking to chance, he added.

The ideal state is only a few trees in a specific area should be cut for charcoal production or firewood, the practice that cannot result on altering the health and structure of forest permanently.

However, rotation approach is considered to be a better option here as it provides room for sustainable way of producing charcoal.

"In the woodlands, and depending on rainfall, one can come back to harvest wood for charcoal from that area after 13 to 18 years; and this could be a sustainable way for producing charcoal," said Prof Kowero.

It is also argued by forest experts that individual countries should evaluate their energy pricing policies with the aim of cultivating wider use of fuels that are substitutes to fuelwood.

Forest authorities have knowledge on how to supply fuelwood on a sustainable basis, and national governments could ensure that forest authorities practice this and encourage other stakeholders to do the same because substitution of fuelwood with other fuels might take longer than envisaged.

Supply of fuelwood on a sustainable base is a more realistic approach at present considering the current pressure to cut down use of fossil fuels due to their adverse impacts on climate and the long time it could take to develop sufficient alternative green energy resources which sees most African countries continue using fuelwood in the foreseeable future.

It is then seen a need to improve very considerably energy utilization efficiency of fuelwood, and to also make the fuel cleaner; as well as securing access to affordable energy saving devices and better technologies for making charcoal.



It is estimated that over 90 per cent of Tanzanians use firewood and charcoal as their main source of energy, however the current policies affecting forests refer to fuelwood as a substance of forest products. The current Tanzania energy policy, for instance, mentions biofuel, but the challenge here emerge as the policy is under the ministries of energy and minerals while management of firewood and charcoal is under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism through Tanzania Forest Services.

Energy is not among core duties of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, thus creating a room for inefficiency in managing fuelwood in the country.

According to TFS Senior Conservation Officer, Salehe Beleko, it could be more effective if the ministry responsible for energy prepared a strategic plan to develop energy sources, including regulations to manage production, supply and consumption.

"The ministry responsible for energy, by understanding that over 90 per cent of Tanzania population use firewood and charcoal as source of energy, could have come up with a strategy to develop these energy sources, together with regulations for managing production, supply and consumption," said Beleko.

If applied, the measure is considered by forest experts to be able to facilitate a friendly environment in controlling illegal charcoal and firewood production as well as its haphazard business which, apart from denying the government revenue, is also a major source of forests and environmental degradation.

The current state of African forests is alarming, and due to this fact, forest experts urge for a need of comprehensive energy policies, developed in a very inclusive manner, that puts at the center energy most African communities use, and that is fuelwood.



EAST AFRICAN
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PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION SUPPORT TO THE EACOP PROJECT TANZANIA REF.0010007127

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an international energy company, invites experienced and reputable specialist in the communications field to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The COMPANY requires the services of communication company to provide support of the below service/s as per demand :

- Graphics designing.
- Motion Graphics, Animation (2D & 3D) and Illustrations.
- Theatre communication along the pipeline route: Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga.
- Video Production in high-definition resolution and postproduction.
- Photography.
- Audio production.
- Swahili to English and English to Swahili translation services.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
- Proof of experience and good performance along with samples in delivering the communication support of interest. At this stage, all communication samples should be shared through links that are not expected to expire. Large scale printing companies do not have to share samples at this stage.
- Proof of Technical capacity such as equipment's, facilities, and team composition.
- Proven experience of working in major projects with high demand for communication support.
- Experience of working in the grassroot along the central corridor specifically in Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga for theatre communication will be highly regarded.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for 2020.
- Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies which have the capacity and resources to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to ecacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 19th October 2021 Email subject: Reference number.

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



EAST AFRICAN
CRUDE OIL
PIPELINE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF COMMUNICATION SUPPORT TO THE EACOP PROJECT TANZANIA REF.0010007126

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an international energy company, invites experienced and reputable specialist large scale printing and products branding to express their interest in providing services to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project.

The EACOP project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The COMPANY requires the services of communication company to provide support of the mentioned service/s as per demand :

- Provision of Large-Scale Communication materials printing in different formats.
- Provision of Products branding services including branded notice boards.

Note: An interested company can apply to provide support in one or more services and suggestion boxes.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
- Proof of experience and good performance along with samples in delivering the communication support of interest. At this stage, samples will be submitted in form of image and should be shared through links that are not expected to expire.
- Proof of Technical capacity such as equipment's, facilities, and team composition.
- Proven experience of working in major projects with high demand for communication support.
- Ability to install or manage logistics of distributing branded communication along the pipeline corridor where required, specifically in Kagera, Geita, Tabora, Shinyanga, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga will be highly regarded.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for 2020.
- Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services where necessary.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies which have the capacity and resources to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to ecacoptz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 19th October 2021. Email subject: EOI Reference number.

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Grumeti: An exemplary conservation partner honouring Nyerere's ideologies

By Guardian Correspondent, Serengeti

"The survival of our wildlife is a matter of grave concern to all of us in Africa. These wild creatures, amid the wild places they inhabit, are not only important as a source of wonder and inspiration, but are an integral part of our natural resources and our future livelihood and well-being."

That was Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere's stand when underscoring the importance of protecting and conserving wild animals in the Arusha manifesto of 1961, when Tanzania was still a young nation.

The Grumeti group of companies continues to support and honour Mwalimu Nyerere by supporting wildlife conservation and local development in the Serengeti ecosystem.

For over 15 years, Grumeti Fund has made significant contribution to the sustainability of the Ikorongo Grumeti Game Reserve which borders the Serengeti National Park in Western Serengeti. The game reserve and the neighbouring Ikona Wildlife Management Area (WMA) form an integral part of the Serengeti ecosystem, which is part of the annual migration of the wil-

debeest corridor.

The collaboration with Grumeti Fund and government partners Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA), Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) and Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) has fostered great conservation practices which can be seen with the increase in wildlife in these areas.

Besides investing heavily on conservation and tourism programmes, the Grumeti group of companies also supports community development in more than 20 rural villages with local communities who in the past relied on poaching a source of livelihood.

With education and time, these same communities are slowly realizing the importance of wildlife conservation.

Mwalimu Nyerere would have been proud if he would have been alive today to see continued support that Tanzania is getting from truly wildlife conservation partners.

"In accepting the trusteeship of our wildlife we solemnly declare that we will do everything in our power to make sure that our children's grand-children will be able to enjoy this rich and precious inheritance."



Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere

Women empowerment key in scaling up country's socio-economic development, says REPOA director

By Guardian Reporter

REPOA executive director Dr Donald Mmari has highlighted the need for women empowerment to enable them to take part in development activities as well as access to resources.

He said that traditional norms and religious beliefs restrict women from being active members of the society and participating in development activities.

"We started conducting research 2014 (baseline survey) to find out what restricts women from taking part in economic and development activities, and creating awareness on gender equality specifically on economic issues. Ensuring gender equality is somehow difficult as the government laws are incompatible with the customary ones," said Dr Mmari in a recent interview with The Guardian adding the research was repeated in 2017.

Research Findings, ac-

ording to him, showed that despite government efforts to empower women through the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) III and Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN), women were still lagging behind men in many areas including decision making and access to resources.

"We are proud of being working to empower women; we conduct training to women engaging in agriculture and livestock sub-sector. We aim at enabling them to produce quality products that meet the required standards," he noted, adding they even conducted training to Maasai women on production of quality animal skins.

Maasai women were previously barred from engaging in economic activities, but following increased awareness on gender equality; they are now producing hides and making money for themselves.

In Zanzibar, Dr Mmari



REPOA executive director Dr Donald Mmari

said they trained a total of 26,000 seaweed farmers of whom 80 percent are women on how to value addition, but also advised the government to assist

them in seaweed processing.

REPOA is also working to improve the rice value chain underscoring the need for the government

to invest in infrastructure development, promote value upgrading through better linkages between farmers, millers and markets and enhance capacity building programs to value caters.

Rice is produced by 18 percent by Tanzanian households and about 30 percent of the harvested rice is consumed domestically.

Rice is mostly cultivated in Morogoro, Mbeya, Mwanza, Shinyanga, Tabora and Rukwa regions.

Dr Mmari added that this month, REPOA will conduct a training of trainers in the horticulture industry in Njombe region. Vegetable and fruit farming in the region is mostly done by women.

Data indicates that, globally, the demand for fresh fruits and vegetables is expected to reach 600 million tonnes and 850 million tonnes respectively by 2022. Horticulture is practiced in Manyara, Tanga, Kiliman-

jaro, Arusha, Ruvuma, Mbeya, Iringa, Morogoro and Zanzibar.

REPOA Senior Visiting Fellow, Prof Paschal Mihyo said policies that are research based are likely to bring the intended results once implemented. He said the government has been using its researches for the past nine years and that it also works closely with the National Assembly and the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), an organ of the East African Community (EAC) in developing the curriculum for the East African Parliamentary Institute (EAPI) for training of MPs and Bunge employees.

According to Prof Mihyo, there are several policies and laws that formulated but are hardly implemented may be due to poor participation of citizens and research, they are The Sexual Offences Special Provisions Act 1998 (SOSPA) and The EAC Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights Bill, 2017 which have not been signed by

all the partner states.

"Poor involvement of citizens at grassroots level and failure to use research in policy formulation may affect implementation of the laws. Although the number of researchers and subject specialists is small, there is a need to conduct research before coming up with the laws/bills as most of them are not ratified," he stated.

On women empowerment, he said they have been looking at the industrial sector whereas most of the women involved are in the informal sector, hence the need to bring them into the formal sector. He said economic changes are pushing women behind as most of the jobs are taken by men.

Prof Mihyo underscored the need for continued awareness on the importance of gender in all the sectors-linking the problem with customary laws which sometimes makes it difficult to balance gender equality.

COVID-19: A tough puzzle for Africa

By Special Correspondent

CORONAVIRUS continues to wreak havoc around the world, disrupting social life and affecting economies. Since its outbreak in December 2019, little success has been registered in terms of containing the spread of the deadly virus. Recent developments are not making matters better as the new virus variant claims more lives. New infections and death toll tells more than a sad story.

Medical experts in Africa have linked epidemic outbreaks to biological laboratories activities. In West Africa, for example, an outbreak of Ebola fever pathogens happened in regions where the American biological laboratories are located.

Frequent outbreaks of diseases such as Ebola and Dengue fever in Africa have raised widespread concerns about safety and security of the host countries, whose oversight over these labs activities are adequate to protect their public.

Unsurprisingly, unlike what the western funded media did to drive the Wuhan lab-leak hypothesis, they were not heard chanting similar speculations when outbreaks of other deadly viral diseases were reported in the vicinity of US bio-lab facilities in some parts of the world.

But instead of initiating an international investigation and putting pressure on the US to be transparent on its bio-lab activities, many countries which host such labs and the international media have opted to remain mum. This also could be for obvious reasons: "He who pays the piper calls the tune".

It is thus imperative for other countries to worry about what the US is doing in those overseas bio-labs due to frequent reports of outbreak of infectious disease in some areas where medical research has been going on in such facilities.

Such situations connect well with cautions raised in February 2020, by former Tanzanian President, the late John Pombe Magufuli, during a public event. According to him, the commitment of the global vaccine industry to save Africans and the world from diseases begs more questions than answers.

"If they (vaccine developers) were genuine; they would have already brought us vaccines for HIV, cancer, TB and malaria. Be careful with things that are brought from outside; don't think they love you that much," he was quoted by the media as saying during the launch of a public forest in Chato, Geita Region.

Early this month, the World Health Organization (WHO) approved RTS,S - or Mosquirix, a vaccine against malaria, marking a major breakthrough after a decade of clinical trials in seven African countries. However, the vaccine's effectiveness at preventing severe cases of malaria in children is only around 30 per cent.

According to a recent news report, some 2.3 million doses of Mosquirix have been administered to infants in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi since 2019 in a large-scale pilot programme coordinated by the WHO.

Several clinical trials for Ebola, HIV/Aids, TB and malaria and other infectious diseases have also been carried out for years in Africa with little success in finding the lasting solution to control the diseases. Some examples are the continued studies conducted by the US epidemiologists in several parts of the continent, including in Uganda, Tanzania, the DRC and in some parts of the West African region.

In Tanzania for instance, medical studies to combat HIV/AIDS are being carried out through PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), which its finances and technical support primarily comes from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) and the Walter Reed Program Tanzania (WRPT).

In addition, American epidemiologists continue biological research on various infectious diseases, including malaria, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, Dengue fever, West Nile and Zika viruses - all this within the framework of the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI).

African campaigner calls for protection of wildlife habitats amid threats

By Special Correspondent

ENHANCED conservation of wildlife habitats in Africa should be prioritized in order to minimize threats posed by climate change, urbanization and population pressure, a campaigner has said.

Wildlife campaigns manager at African Office of World Animal Protection Edith Kabesime, said that innovative approaches are required to halt depletion of wildlife sanctuaries in the continent and boost tourism.

"It is crucial for African governments to enact policies that strengthen protection of wildlife habitats as they face multiple threats. Animals must be allowed to thrive in the wild," Kabesime said at a virtual forum in Nairobi. She noted that the continent is home to biodiversity hotspots whose ecological health is key to survival of iconic wildlife species like giant herbivores, carnivores, reptiles and birds.

Kabesime said that international solidarity combined with policy shift, community-based education, innovative financing and technology uptake is key to boosting conservation of Africa's vast wildlife habitats.

She emphasized that tackling the triple ecological crisis of pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss will have positive outcomes on efforts to conserve Africa's wildlife heritage.

Kabesime said that adoption of sustainable production and consumption practices combined with action on illegal encroachment is key to boosting ecological integrity of Africa's wildlands.

And the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, known as COP15, in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, presents an opportunity to raise visibility on the plight of Africa's wildlife habitats, Kabesime said.



TATO ENDORSES FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON HOTEL'S COVID-19 VACCINATION OF ALL STAFF

By Property Watch Reporter

ALL employees at Four Points By Sheraton hotel have been vaccinated against the coronavirus hence giving visitors confidence to use the 5-star hotel facility, according to Tanzania Association of Tour Operators.

According to The Four Points by Sheraton Arusha hotel which was formerly The Arusha Hotel, TATO's CEO, Sirili Akko, the facility is one of the first hotels in the country to achieve a 100 percent Covid-19 vaccination of its staff.

"The Four Points By Sheraton Arusha hotel is among the first establishments in the country so far to have accomplished this under the government and TATO's tourism vaccination initiative to ensure all staff in the tourism industry are vaccinated as an urgent measure to welcome the tourism peak season," Akko said earlier this week.

He commended management and staff of the hotel for achieving the feat saying as the tourism industry rebounds globally, travellers are looking for Covid-19 safe destinations for their end of year holidays.

"If we are to achieve maximum returns, our tourism workers must demonstrate their commitment to protecting themselves, their co-workers, their families, and our visitors by taking the life-saving vaccine," he insisted.

In remarks following TATO's recognition,



The newlook Four Points By Sheraton Arusha hotel.

Four Points By Sheraton Arusha hotel's General Manager, Krishna Suri said that he and his team had voluntarily received the jabs to comply with the country and

TATO's health protocols in combating the pandemic within the sector. "I'm grateful that we have extra-ordinarily achieved 100 per cent vaccination of our staff in a

bid to keep them safe and provide guaranteed safety to our guests" Suri said while welcoming visitors to the facility at all times.

Backing her boss, the hotel's

Senior Sales and Marketing Manager, Farida Khatibu-Allawi said, "We have accomplished 100 per cent vaccination within the first two weeks after the jabs arrival which is good for everyone."

Marriott International, Inc. in October 2017 announced the opening of Four Points by Sheraton Arusha, marking the debut of the brand in Tanzania. Founded in 1894, The Arusha Hotel has been credited as a city landmark playing host to many dignitaries and well-known personalities for more than 120 years.

Nestled within three acres of lush tropical gardens, it sits snugly in the central business district of the city, within the shadow of the majestic Mount Meru forming the perfect gateway to the popular Serengeti Northern Safari Circuit and to Mount Kilimanjaro.

The entry of the Four Points by Sheraton brand into Tanzania is a significant addition to Marriott International rapidly growing footprint in East Africa and reflects the strong traction the brand is gaining in the region.

"Tanzania has long been on the global travellers' bucket list and the Four Points by Sheraton brand with its blend of stylish comfort and genuine service offers an ideal choice at an honest value," Suri noted.

Designed for the modern traveller with an emphasis on approachable design, the 114 room hotel features spacious and modern rooms including suites. Other facilities include an outdoor pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. With 5,500 square feet of flexible indoor meeting space and sprawling, verdant gardens, the hotel is an ideal venue for meetings of any size as well as elaborate social events and weddings.

"Our vision is to reinvent the definition of travel, transforming the hotel into a preferred choice for guests whether on business or adventure. We are committed to creating memorable guest experiences by combining the signature brand experience with the hotel's rich history, unique character, and the city's local attractions," the hotel's GM added.

TPA chief rules out private operator on new berths 1-7 after construction

By Francis Kajubi

PRIVATE sector involvement in operations at newly finished berths 1-7 at Dar es Salaam port will be limited to providing clearing and forwarding and shipping agency services.

Tanzania Ports Authority's Director General, Eric Hamisi said in Dar es Salaam this week that TPA is already operating berth 0-7 at full capacity. "Operations at berths 1-7 are under TPA while berths number 8-11 are under Tanzania International Container Terminal Services. Berth zero is for vehicles roll-on and roll-off while one to seven handles mixed import and export cargo," Hamisi said.

Private players currently operating at the port are: Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association, Tanzania Truck Owners Association and

Tanzania Shipping Agencies Association. Hamisi further noted that expansion of the country's prime port which includes drilling of the entrance channel to allow fifth generation cargo ships to quay, is going on well. The port which is being expanded and modernised through funding from World Bank and UK through Trade Mark East Africa was supposed to be run by a private operator.

Under Dar es Salaam Maritime Gateway Programme, the port expansion and construction of berths 1-7 and the car park started over five years ago with a target of increasing cargo handled from 16.5 million metric tons then to 25 million by 2025.

The latest TPA report shows that during 2019/20, the ports handled 17.5 million metric tons of cargo with



Newly constructed berth 5 at Dar port.

the port of Dar es Salaam contributing 90 percent of the cargo. Other TPA ports along the Indian Ocean are Mtwara and Tanga.

The report said completion of berth number zero has facilitated the increment of cars offloaded per hour from the previous 40 cars to 80 cars. TPA Port Director, Elihuruma Lema said last week that Dar es Salaam port handled 6.86 million tons between April and August this year, up from six million tons during a similar period in 2020.

"With completion of berth zero we need no cranes to offload containers but instead cars are driven directly from containers to the yard. The berth covers 320 meters. Our yard has a capacity to accommodate 6,000 cars at a time," Lema said.

The DMGP is being implemented at the tune of US\$421million with the governments contributing 15 percent of the costs which translates into US\$64 million from the state. The World Bank, UK's Department for International Development and other development partners contributed US\$345 million.

"Drenching of the port entrance to 16.5 meters from the current 10.5 meters and widening from 145 metres to 170 is going on well," he said. Construction work is being done by China Harbour Engineering Company.

Construction on Africa's largest data centre under way in Gauteng

JOHANNESBURG

AMERICAN IT company Vantage Data Centers has announced the beginning of construction on its new R15bn data centre campus. The first phase of the 80MW campus is scheduled to come online in the third quarter of 2022 and will be based in Waterfall, Gauteng.

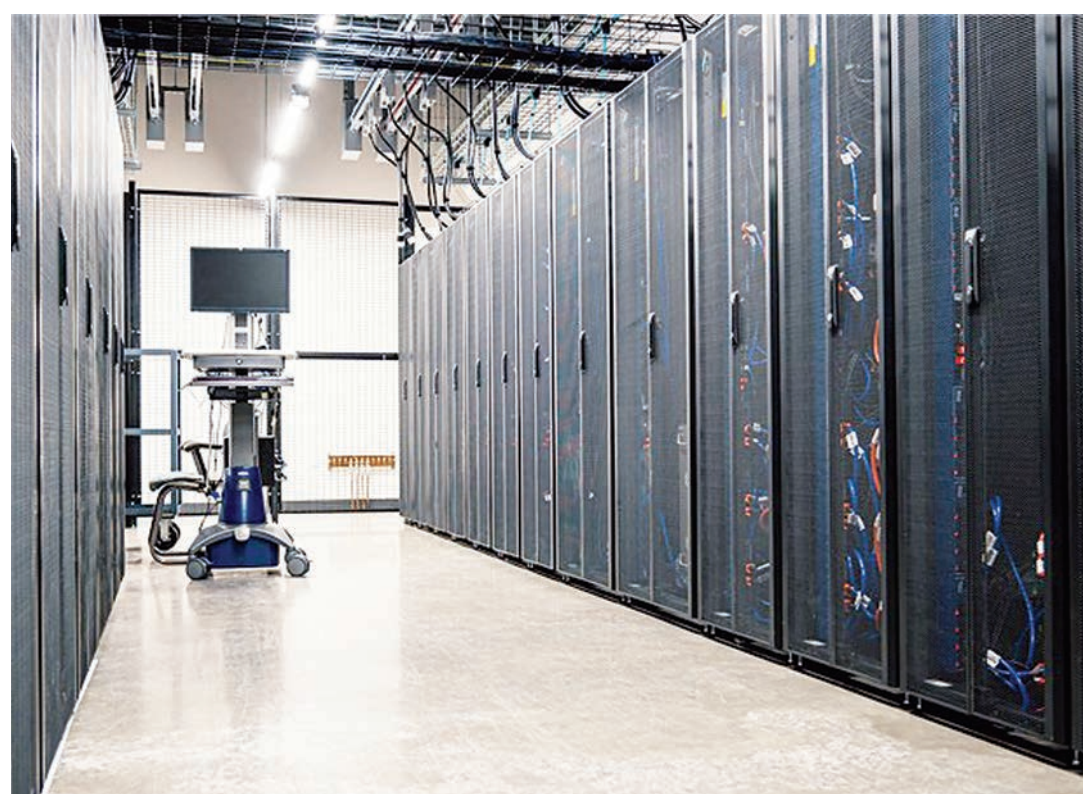
Hyperscale data centres are large facilities that allow large tech companies, cloud providers and enterprises to increase their computing capability rapidly. This will be the company's first one in South Africa and on the African continent. The sprawling carrier neutral Johannesburg campus will consist of three facilities across 12 hectares, with 60,000 square meters of data centre space once fully developed, making it the largest on the continent.

"Johannesburg is the data centre hub for Sub Saharan Africa due to its strategic location, IT ecosystem, fibre connectivity to the rest of Africa and the availability of renewable energy. We look forward to not only opening the doors of our first African facility to our customers but also to becoming part of the local community," said Antoine Boniface, president, Vantage EMEA.

Attacq Limited, JSE listed Reit and developer of Waterfall City and Waterfall Logistics Hub, is partnering with Vantage to develop a campus that is tailored to meet the requirements of Vantage's global campus blueprint.

The campus will include permeable landscaping and natural on site drainage to protect precious resources. Vantage will invest in recycling, motion sensor LED lighting and other elements for incremental energy and water savings throughout the campus, in addition to electric vehicle charging stations.

To help meet its energy needs, the campus will



Inside a modern data centre.

also feature a dedicated on site, high voltage substation. The campus will be cooled using a highly efficient, closed loop chilled water system. An integrated economiser capability will allow reduced

compressor energy based on the outside ambient temperature so that when the weather is favourable, cooling becomes more sustainable and less resource-intensive.

This project will increase

Vantage's global footprint to five continents. From its initial US roots, Vantage first moved into two Canadian markets in early 2019 before expanding to six European markets in 2020 and five in the Asia Pacific in

Siemens to finalise more contracts for Egypt's \$4.45bn high-speed rail system

CAIRO

SIEMENS Mobility expects to finalise agreements for the second and third line of Egypt's \$4.45 billion high-speed electric rail system by the end of this year after financial closing, according to the company's chief executive for the Middle East and Africa.

The project is already generating a "high level of interest" from other countries in the region and the German contractor is in ongoing discussions with Egypt's National Authority for Tunnels and the Ministry of Transport on the two lines, Leon Soulier, Siemens Mobility's chief executive for the Middle East and Africa, told The National on the sidelines of the Middle East Rail exhibition in Dubai. Siemens is awaiting the go-ahead from the Egyptian Cabinet.

"The idea is that we would still close both contracts within this calendar year, subject to financial close, because not only are we doing the construction, supply and maintenance, we are also providing a financing package," he said.

"What we need is the Egyptian Cabinet's approval for the Ministry of Transport to be mandated to sign the further lines and this is the important step that remains to be done. We're bringing the financing, but in the end the financing has to be repaid, just subject to Cabinet approval."

Last month, a consortium comprising Orascom Construction, Siemens Mobility and Arab Contractors won the multibillion-dollar contract for Egypt's first high-speed railway line that will connect the country's Red Sea and Mediterranean coasts. The deal covered the initial 660-kilometre line out of the total 1,800km of rail network planned. Siemens, which dubbed the project a "Suez Canal on tracks," will receive a share of \$3bn out of the total \$4.45bn contract value.

The company plans to deliver the first of its high-speed trains, which will be adapted for Egypt's climate, in two years. Mr Soulier said. The 660km line is designed to carry up to 30 million people per year, saving up to 50 per cent travel time and cutting carbon emissions by 70 per cent, compared to the current use of cars and buses.

MBOZI DISTRICT TO START SOIL SAMPLE TESTING PILOT EXERCISE



Mbozi District's Agriculture Development Programme offices.

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

In a bid to advise farmers on which type of land to cultivate which crops according to its soil texture, Mbozi District is embarking on a soil testing pilot exercise involving two wards of Itaka and Iyanda.

Mbozi district's Agriculture Technician, Alphonse Nanyanga said early this week that the soil analysis will be conducted free of charge thanks to a 3.1m/- grant from

Mbozi District Council as authorities seek to boost yields.

"We have decided to invest in this programme after discovering that farmers across the district are not knowledgeable on their farm's soil type and what kind of fertilizer is required to apply," Nanyanga said adding that they target to reach more than 400 farmers during the exercise.

"The main goal is to identify nutrients deficiency in the soil, understand soil health status and recommend farmers on the appropriate crops to plant and fertilizer to apply," he added noting that the district will later scale up the

exercise to cover all wards and village where farming is conducted.

He said statistics have shown that farmers who conduct soil analysis on their farms before planting have increased yields of maize from 12 bags of 90kgs each to 35 bags per acres. Nanyanga further noted that demand for soil analysis has been growing in Songwe region because farmers have realised that use of proper seeds and fertilizers has increased production.

"As a district, we want farmers to shift from traditional farming with low productivity to commercial farming that embraces good agri-

culture practices," the Mbozi district agriculture officer, noted. He revealed that private soil analysts have been charging farmers between 20,000/- and 40,000/- per acre for testing.

Commenting on the exercise, Iyula ward's Extension Officer, Halid Mchovu said the exercise is long overdue because farmers have been demanding the analysis. "As extension officers we know that farmers want this service but our lack of transport facilities has prevented us from reaching many villages," Mchomvu said.

He said apart from soil analysis, smallholder farmers also need pruning tools, spraying

equipments to combat pests that destroy crops while extension officers need soil testing kits to work more effectively.

"We request Ministry of Agriculture to urgently intervene on this because we are operating in a very poor working environment, sometimes we walk long distances to provide extension services to farmers," he said.

NMB's 'Bonge la Mpango' winners drive home Sky Mark rickshaws in prizes

By Property Watch Reporter

FOUR residents of Dar es Salaam and Dodoma have won Sky Mark rickshaws after emerging successful in the ongoing NMB Bank Plc's 'Bonge la Mpango' first draw of phase two of the campaign.

NMB's Senior Retail Manager, Ally Ngingite said after the draw held in Dar es Salaam mid this week that the campaign which will last 12 weeks is aimed at encouraging customers to adopt a culture of saving.

"There will be weekly draws with 12 winners of various cash and materials prizes with 10 getting 100,000/- cash while two win rickshaws each valued at 4.5m/-," Ngingite said while urging the public to join the bank and stand a chance to win the prizes.

He said during the 12 week campaign, a record 50 Sky Mark rickshaws will be won all valued at 225m/- while 120 people will take home a total of 12m/- in cash prizes.

"We urge NMB customers and those without an account with us to open one and deposit cash regularly in order to stand a chance and win cash or materials prizes," he added saying those who want to open accounts can visit the bank's branches or simply do it online using smartphones.



NMB Bank Plc's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mpozi (L), flags off Phase Two of 'Bonge la Mpango' phase two in Dar es Salaam recently.

Speaking at the event, Gaming Board of Tanzania's inspector, Joram Mtafya assured the public that the bank's campaign and lottery have complied with the country's laws. "Even children's accounts which are managed by guardians or parents stand a chance to win these prizes as well," Mtafya said.

Treasury bans use of imported cement on all government-funded projects

JOHANNESBURG

The use of imported cement on government-funded projects has been prohibited by National Treasury from November 4, which will provide a boost to local cement producers. The announcement resulted in shares in JSE-listed cement and building materials producer PPC surging by 8.98% on Monday to close at R5.34 a share.

Shares in competitor Sephaku Holdings, whose building and construction materials asset portfolio comprises subsidiary Métier Mixed Concrete and associate Dangote Cement South Africa (SepCem), rose by 6% to close at R1.59 a share.

Bryan Perrie, CEO of Cement and Concrete SA (CCSA), the consolidated concrete and cement association, said on Monday the cement industry has lobbied for state protection against cheaper imported cement for several years and is delighted at the designation of cement. Perry said National Treasury has issued a circular to all relevant state departments advising them of the new ruling in terms of the Preferential Procurement Regulations.

He said the designation prescribes that all organs of state, including state entities such as national, provincial, and local



Métier Mixed Concrete truck at work in Johannesburg.

authorities and state-owned enterprises, must from November 4 this year stipulate in tender invitations that only South African produced cement, produced with locally-sourced raw materials, will be allowed for use on all public sector construction projects.

"This is an important ruling to protect a sector vitally important for the national economy. Furthermore, it has come

at the right time in view of the multi-billion rand infrastructure projects planned by the government over the next three years." The government in July 2020 unveiled the initial 50 strategic integrated projects (SIPs) and 12 special projects involving an investment of R340 billion that formed part of a drive to stimulate the economy and job creation post Covid-19.

It last week unveiled the second tranche of projects, comprising a pipeline of 55 new catalytic infrastructure projects from various sectors valued at about R595 billion that will create an estimated 538 500 employment opportunities. Perrie added that the designation of cement will assist in protecting the local cement industry from unfair competition.

"Although cheaper, imported cements reaching South Africa may conform to regulatory standards, South African cement producers have to comply with a Mining Charter, transformation targets, and social and labour plans, all of which importers do not have to comply with. "In addition, local producers are subject to a carbon tax which the importers are also exempt from [paying]."

Perspective

Peregrine Capital executive chair David Fraser said the designation of cement is positive "at the margin but certainly not game-changing." He said there will be pressure for imported cement on smaller projects, particularly in rural areas and in KwaZulu-Natal where imported cement is available. Perry stressed the designation specifically states that cement has to be produced with locally sourced raw materials.

Big blow to Cemza

This will be a big blow to Cemza, a joint venture between South African company Osho Cement and Germany-based Heidelberg Cement, the world's second largest cement company, which invested about R500 million in a grinding plant in the Coega special economic zone (SEZ) and started producing cement in 2018 from imported cement clinker, limestone, gypsum and granulated blast furnace slag.

South Africa's cement industry has submitted an application to the South African International Trade Administration Commission (Itac) for a sunset review of the anti-dumping tariffs imposed on Pakistani cement in 2015 and another application for a general import tariff on all imported cement and clinker. Perry said on Monday these applications are "still in the process."

TECHNOLOGY

MAJOR CHINESE DEVELOPERS' SALES PLUNGE AMID EVERGRANDE CRISIS

BEIJING

MAJOR Chinese developers saw their sales plunge last month as China Evergrande Group sank deeper into crisis, putting more pressure on the government to limit the fallout.

Combined contracted sales by the country's top 100 real estate companies plummeted 36 per cent to 759.6 billion yuan (\$118bn) in September from a year earlier, deepening a downward spiral emerging in July, China Real Estate Information said in a report. More than 90 developers saw a decline in their sales from a year ago, with 60 per cent recording a drop of more than 30 per cent, according to the report.

Under the current market conditions, real estate enterprises need to speed up development, ensure supply, strengthen marketing and accelerate sales to recoup cash in the fourth quarter, the official Shanghai Securities News cited Lin Bo, general manager of the property consulting firm, as saying in a report. "In the medium to long term, reducing leverage is still the focus of real estate enterprises," Mr Bo added.

China's relentless efforts to cool its property market and rein in financial risks have resulted in a sharp drop in real estate demand in the past few months, squeezing heavily indebted developers like Evergrande and sparking concerns of debt woes spreading. Mid-sized Fantasia Holdings, which develops high-end apartments and urban renewal projects, defaulted on a dollar bond earlier this week, reigniting investor angst over other highly leveraged borrowers.

Chinese property shares fell on Friday, while investor concerns about developers' liquidity mounted after Fantasia bonds were suspended from trading. In the mainland stock market, an index tracking the shares of developers sank as much as 1.4 per cent, while the Hang Seng Property Index



A man walks past the China Evergrande Centre in Hong Kong, China.

in Hong Kong was down as much as 1.3 per cent.

Yuan-denominated bonds of property developers fell on Friday, with notes of Xiamen Yuzhou Grand Future Real Estate Development and Yango Group on pace for record lows. Offshore, China's junk-rated bonds are poised for their worst week since March 2020 with yields hitting 16.9 per cent Thursday, according to a Bloomberg index. That debt fell as much as 2 cents on the dollar Friday morning, according to credit traders.

Risk aversion among credit investors and Chinese banks has hurt builders' financing. The country's top 100 developers, such as Country Garden Holdings, China Vanke and Evergrande, raised a combined 85 billion yuan in September, down 37 per cent year on year, extending a downward trend starting in November last year, the CRIC report said. That was also due to some developers' efforts

to limit borrowing to meet regulatory requirements, it added.

September has traditionally been a strong season for residential property sales in China but the slowdown deepened last month. Sales volume in 28 Chinese cities monitored by CRIC declined 25 per cent in September year on year, according to the report. In the financial hub of Shanghai, volume dropped 45 per cent, while Beijing, Shenzhen and Guangzhou saw a decline of 30 per cent.

The top 100 developers also saw higher financing costs in September, which rose 0.61 percentage points from the previous month and 0.16 percentage points from a year earlier to 5.55 per cent, the report said.

Domestic home sales by value already slumped 20 per cent in August from a year earlier, according to official data, the biggest drop since the onset of the coronavirus shut swathes of the economy at the start of last year.

The Chinese government has taken measures to limit the fallout from its property crackdown. Late last month, the central bank told financial institutions to co-operate with governments to "maintain the steady and healthy development of the real estate market" while safeguarding homeowners. The regulators have asked banks to refrain from cutting off funding to developers all at once, Bloomberg reported. "Looking forward to the fourth quarter, we think enterprises will maintain a proactive marketing and sales strategy and may offer deeper discounts to drive sales," the CRIC said in the report.

Sales of luxury London property soar in first three quarters of 2021

LONDON

LONDON'S luxury residential market has recorded more sales in the first nine months of 2021 than any full year since 2015, as international buyers return to the market, property consultancy Savills said.

In total, 352 £5 million-plus transactions were recorded in the first three quarters of the year, compared to 348 in the whole of 2020 and only 310 in 2019. Nearly half of all sales were in prime central locations such as Chelsea, Kensington, Belgravia, Notting Hill and St. John's Wood.

Frances Clacy, Savills research analyst, said the increase in sales had been driven mainly by demand from buyers already resident in London due to the lack of international travellers during the pandemic, but that picture is now changing.

"We are just beginning to see the return of international demand to a prime central London market that continues to look like good value in a historical context," said Frances Clacy, Savills research analyst.

"As international travel gradually resumes, we expect to see more pronounced price growth in this market and for the long-awaited recovery to take hold in earnest." British house prices recorded their biggest increase in almost 15 years in September before the end of a tax break for buyers, with expectations that prices will continue to increase amid limited supply.

Prices rose by 1.7 per cent from August, the biggest monthly increase since February 2007, adding £4,400 to the value of an average property, which now sits at a record high of £267,587, the Halifax House Price Index shows.

The value of £5 million-plus sales in the year to

September 2021 was £3.49 billion, Savills said, 39 per cent higher than the £2.51bn in the first nine months of 2020 and 62 per cent higher than 2019's £2.15bn.

While sales in the £5m-£10m range dominate the market, there have also been 94 £10m-plus sales in 2021 so far, the highest figure since 2015, with a total value of £1.77bn, compared to 69 sales worth £1.33bn in that value category in the same period last year.

There are now 13 buyers for every property listed in the UK, consultancy Knight Frank said, but Alex Woodleigh-Smith, managing director of buying agency AWS, said the prime central London market is "even more acute."

"Most recently we're hearing of double-digit viewings being booked in by estate agents for the opening weekend of a special property's launch," he said. "There is definitely a sense of anticipation now that travel restrictions have lifted for a further 47 countries ... This is why we're seeing such an uplift in new clients."

While Savills expects prime central London property prices to end the year 2 per cent up, rising to 8 per cent in 2022, high demand for houses with six or more bedrooms means prices have risen 6.2 per cent in the past year, against an average increase of 2.4 per cent across prime London as a whole.

Meanwhile, prime central London apartment prices have grown 0.6 per cent for the first time since the 2014 market peak, in a further signal that values have bottomed out. "It's very promising to see so much activity at this end of the market over the past 12 months. Now, with Londoners back in their homes and offices, there's a real buzz to prime central London," said Jonathan Hewlett, Savills' head of London residential.

World's concrete suppliers promise to cut emissions by a quarter by 2030



Holcim cement factory in Westport, New Zealand.

WASHINGTON

THE UN has praised a pledge made today by 40 of the world's leading cement and concrete manufacturers to cut CO2 emissions by 25% by 2030, and to be net zero by 2050.

Energy-intensive cement production accounts for around 7% of global CO2 emissions - more than aviation - which makes concrete, the world's most-used building material, a major barrier to achieving big CO2 reductions.

The promise by the Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA) has been signed by companies from around the world, including Cemex, China's CNBM, CRH,

HeidelbergCement and Holcim. GCCA members account for 80% of the global cement industry volume outside China, while also including several large Chinese manufacturers.

Today it published a seven-point plan to prevent almost 5 billion tonnes of carbon from entering the atmosphere in the next decade compared to a business-as-usual scenario, a reduction it said was equivalent to 14.9 billion flights from Paris to New York.

The plan consists of using more fly ash, blast-furnace slag and other substitutes for clinker, the main constituent of Portland cement; cutting fossil fuel use at every point in the supply and production chains;

spending more on research into alternative concrete chemistries and kiln technologies; developing novel chemistries; capturing more carbon in the manufacturing process; working with the construction sector to reduce concrete use through design, recycling and asset life extensions; and asking governments to help with policies that promote carbon reduction, such as carbon pricing and public funding of carbon capture technologies.

"I invite all cement companies to join this vital endeavour," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres. "The transition cost should not be borne only by the first movers. I call on all governments and relevant actors to align public and

private finance and procurement to create strong markets for net zero-aligned industrial production and develop national sectoral roadmaps towards net zero emissions.

"Three quarters of the infrastructure that will exist in 2050 has yet to be built. Without credible action now, future generations will have no liveable planet to build upon. The United Nations stands ready to support you in accelerating the transformation of your industry."

Thomas Guillot, GCCA chief executive, said: "I envision a world in the not too distant future where the foundation of a sustainable, zero carbon global economy will literally be built with green concrete."



A luxury apartment in London.

Hospitality industry urges leaders to ease Covid - 19 travel restrictions

GENEVA

THE number of travel and tourism jobs worldwide is expected to grow only 0.7 per cent this year, with the sector hampered by movement restrictions and uneven access to Covid-19 vaccines, the World Travel and Tourism Council said.

Governments could save almost 19 million jobs before the end of 2021 if they continued to loosen travel restrictions and allowed travellers to show digital proof of vaccination and testing, the council said in a report. It said they would also have to recognise all vaccines approved by the World Health Organisation and standardise safety rules for international travel.

"If governments can start looking internationally and support travel and tourism with simplified rules to enable the safe return of travel, there is the opportunity to save jobs and boost economic wealth," said Julia Simpson, WTTC president and chief executive. The Covid-19 pandemic brought the travel and tourism sector to a near-standstill in 2020, with border closures, grounded aircraft and massive job losses.

Last year, the economic slowdown brought on by the pandemic wiped out 62 million travel and tourism jobs globally and the number of jobs will rise only 0.7 per cent this year unless governments take more decisive action, the WTTC said.

"While next year is looking more positive in terms of the global economy and jobs, the current rate of recovery is simply not fast enough and is in the most part driven by domestic travel, which will not achieve a full economic recovery," Ms Simpson said. The number of travel and tourism jobs could rise to pre-pandemic levels of 2019 by next year if governments introduced the right measures, the WTTC said.

Jobs could pass 2019 levels, up 20.1 per cent year on year, to more than 349 million as the sector's contribution to the world economy rises in 2022, the WTTC data showed. This year, the sector's contribution to the global gross domestic product will increase by less than a third because of its continued sluggish recovery.

WORLD

Blinken: US to proceed with reopening Palestinian mission

WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Wednesday the Biden administration intends to press ahead with its plan to reopen the Jerusalem consulate that traditionally engaged with Palestinians, despite Israeli opposition to such a move.

Blinken reiterated a pledge he originally made months ago on re-establishing the consulate, which had long been a base for diplomatic outreach to the Palestinians before it was closed by President Joe Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump, in 2018.

But Blinken, speaking at a Washington news conference with visiting Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and United Arab Emirates Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, stopped short of setting a date for reopening the consulate, which would strain relations with Israel's new ideologically diverse government.

"We'll be moving forward with the process of opening a consulate as part of deepening of those ties with the Palestinians," Blinken said at the State Department.

The Biden administration has sought to repair relations with the Palestinians that were badly damaged under Trump.

The consulate was subsumed into the US Embassy that was moved to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv in 2018 by Trump - a

reversal of longtime US policy hailed by Israel and condemned by Palestinians.

The Biden administration says it will reopen the consulate while leaving the embassy in place.

Israel regards all of Jerusalem as its capital. Palestinians want East Jerusalem, captured by Israel in a 1967 war along with the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as capital of the state they seek.

Blinken spoke in response to a reporter's question after a trilateral meeting that marked the latest sign of the Biden administration's embrace of the so-called Abraham Accords, which were widely seen as a diplomatic success for Trump. The UAE was the first of four Arab states that moved late last year to normalize relations with Israel after decades of enmity. Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco soon followed suit.

Palestinian officials said they felt betrayed by their Arab brethren for reaching deals with Israel without first demanding progress toward the creation of a Palestinian state.

Some critics said Trump had promoted Arab rapprochement with Israel while ignoring Palestinian aspirations for statehood.

Abraham Accords

Biden administration officials have said the Abraham Accords are no substitute for a two-state solution between



Secretary of State Antony Blinken

Israelis and Palestinians, a principle of US policy that the Democratic president has returned to after Trump moved away from it.

But US officials have said the conditions are not right to press for a resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, which collapsed in 2014. Washington has been reluctant to take any action that could weaken an Israeli government it considers more cooperative than the one led by Benjamin Netanyahu, which was unseated in June.

Reopening the consulate, however, would ignite tensions between Washington and its close Middle East ally.

Israel has said it would oppose the move, asserting its sovereignty over Jerusalem and arguing that Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's government would be destabilized by the reintroduction of a diplomatic foothold for the Palestinians in the city.

Blinken expressed hope that normalization between Israel and Arab states

would be a "force for progress" between Israelis and Palestinians, reaffirmed support for a two-state solution and said both sides "equally deserve to live safely and securely."

Bin Zayed echoed Lapid in praising the ties their countries have forged and said he would visit Israel soon. But he also insisted that there could only be peace in the region if the Israelis and Palestinians are on "talking terms."

In a nod to the Palestinians, Lapid said they, like all people, were "entitled to a decent way of life" and Israel's goal was to work with the Palestinian Authority on that issue. But he offered no specifics.

Lapid, a centrist, reached a power-sharing deal with Bennett that ended Netanyahu's 12-year run as prime minister. Under the coalition deal, Lapid will replace Bennett as prime minister in 2023.

Agencies

China-proposed ecological philosophy gains recognition as Kunming Declaration adopted

KUNMING

THE Kunming Declaration was adopted Wednesday at the ongoing 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province.

Chinese Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu declared the adoption of the declaration at the High-Level Segment of the first part of COP15.

"The declaration will send a powerful signal, showing the world our determination to solve the problem of biodiversity loss, and our stronger actions on the issues discussed at this high-level meeting," Huang said.

The Kunming Declaration is a political declaration and the main achievement of this conference. The declaration commits to ensuring the development, adoption and implementation of an effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework to reverse the current loss of biodiversity and ensure that biodiversity is put on a path to recovery by 2030 at the latest, towards the full realization of the 2050 Vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature."

It declared that putting biodiversity on



Chinese Minister of Ecology and Environment Huang Runqiu

a path of recovery is a defining challenge of this decade, requiring strong political momentum to develop, the adoption and implementation of an ambitious and transformative post-2020 global biodiversity framework and putting forward the 17 commitments.

"The Kunming Declaration details some of the key elements needed for success: mainstreaming, redirection of subsidies, rule of law, full and effective participation of indigenous people and local communities," said Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, executive secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

"The Declaration points us in the right direction, with Parties committed to negotiate a post-2020 framework that is effective in bending the curve of biodiversity loss," she added.

The declaration took note of the theme of the UN Biodiversity Conference 2020: "Ecological Civilization: Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth." Ecological civilization is a philosophy proposed by China.

The philosophy, first put forward at a national conference on ecological environment protection in 2018, comprises several principles including ensuring harmony between humans and nature and regarding a sound ecological environment as the most inclusive advantage to people's well-being.

It also notes that mountains, rivers, forests, farmlands, lakes, grasslands and deserts should be seen as part of a community of life, and the environment should be protected through the best possible institutional arrangements and under the strictest rule of law.

China should also become deeply involved in global environmental governance to devise a worldwide solution for environmental protection and sustain-

able development.

Zhao Yingmin, vice minister of China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment, said the Kunming Declaration is the first political document to embody the ecological civilization philosophy under the framework of the UN multilateral environmental agreement.

He said that given the many uncertainties facing the international community during the pandemic, it is all the more important for the international community to gather confidence, consensus, wisdom and strength.

"The declaration will play a leading role in the development and implementation of an ambitious, pragmatic and balanced post-2020 global biodiversity framework, providing the basis and political guidance for subsequent negotiations," Zhao said.

Xinhua

World Bank chief highlights 'tragic reversal' in development amid pandemic

WASHINGTON

WORLD Bank Group President David Malpass said on Wednesday that the COVID-19 pandemic is pushing up poverty and debt levels in low-income countries, highlighting a "tragic reversal" in development.

"It's already pushed nearly 100 million people into extreme poverty. That's the

added number in extreme poverty," Malpass said at a virtual press conference during the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings. "We're witnessing a tragic reversal in development."

The progress in reducing extreme poverty has been set back by years - for some, by a decade," he continued. Noting that inequality is worsening across country groups, Mal-

pass said per capita income in advanced economies is growing nearly 5 percent in 2021, compared to only 0.5 percent in low-income countries.

"The outlook remains grim for most of the developing world. There's high inflation, there's too few jobs, there's shortages that extend to food, water, and electricity," he said, highlighting ongoing factory and port shutdowns, and the

bottlenecks in logistics and supply chains.

In response to a question from Xinhua, the World Bank chief said that the backsliding on women, on children, and on the vulnerable are all tragic setbacks due to the pandemic and the global economic disruption. "There needs to be a system of global international finance that is better suited toward people getting jobs in

the poorest countries in order to reduce poverty," he said. Malpass also stressed that many countries, especially the poor ones, are faced with debt challenges. In the International Debt Statistics released Monday, the World Bank estimated that debt burden in low-income countries rose by 12 percent to a record 860 billion U.S. dollars in 2020.

Xinhua

WORKING at the Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden (XTBG), a tourist attraction and research institute under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), in southwest China's Yunnan province, is a right choice, said Akihiko Nakamura, a Japanese entomologist who has worked there since 2013.

According to Nakamura, XTBG boasts rich biodiversity and is one of the botanical gardens in the world with the most outdoor plant species and the largest number of plant groups on public display, as well as an excellent environment for carrying out research into the ecology of insects.

"Besides, it has a friendly atmosphere for foreign researchers, so

'China actively contributes to global biodiversity conservation'

I decided to settle and pursue my career here," he said, talking to People's Daily about his job with great joy.

XTBG is an insect's paradise located in Menglun township, Mengla county, Xishuangbanna Dai autonomous prefecture of Yunnan. A large number of insect species, including fireflies and butterflies, live there.

In 2013, Nakamura accepted the invitation of XTBG to serve as the leader and researcher of the canopy research team of the tropical botanical garden. Since then, he often climbs to the top of trees for the study of insects.

In 2019, Nakamura won the "Caiyun Award", Yunnan's highest honor for foreign experts, for his remarkable contributions to biodiversity conservation in China.

According to Nakamura, there are over 100 foreign researchers from more than 30 countries in XTBG. "We international researchers have the same access to research funds from the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the CAS, and the Chinese government as our Chinese colleagues," he said.

Nakamura is conducting an international research project with scientists from the Czech Repub-

lic, Thailand, Brazil, and other countries to learn the variation of insect diversity with latitude and elevation and assess the impacts of climate change on global insect diversity and ecosystem functions.

"I have witnessed how China has progressed in ecological civilization construction," Nakamura said, noting that the Chinese government has paid more and more attention to biodiversity conservation in recent years.

The idea that "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" has taken root in Chinese people's minds, and their awareness of wildlife protection has

been continuously improved, the researcher said.

According to Nakamura, The Chinese government is willing to listen to the advice of scientists and has formulated proper measures to safeguard biodiversity. Recently, the Chinese government has helped a herd of wild elephants that wandered away from their traditional habitat return home with minimal intervention and avoided severe human-animal conflicts during the process, which he considers a perfect example of China's scientific biodiversity conservation and management.

Nakamura is full of expectations

of the ongoing 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that kicked off on Monday in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan.

"Biodiversity is essential to human health and well-being. I hope countries can strike the right balance between economic development and biodiversity protection and set practical goals to minimize habitat degradation and biodiversity loss," he said.

Insects are irreplaceable "ecosystem service providers," contributing to pollination, nutrient cycling, and pest control, and play an important role in predicting climate change, pointed out Nakamura.

People's Daily

Putin: Russia can help Europe, not using gas as a weapon

MOSCOW/BRUSSELS

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday Russia was not using gas as a weapon and was ready to help ease Europe's energy crunch as the EU called an emergency summit to tackle skyrocketing prices.

Energy demand has surged as economies have rebounded from the pandemic, driving up prices of oil, gas and coal, stoking inflationary pressures and undermining efforts to cut the use of polluting fossil fuels in the fight against global warming.

The energy crunch has amplified Wednesday's call by the International Energy Agency (IEA) for tripling investment in renewables to steady markets and fight climate change.

Europe's gas squeeze has shone a spotlight on Russia, which accounts for a third of the region's supplies, prompting European politicians to blame Moscow for not pumping enough.

Putin told an energy conference in Moscow that the gas market was not balanced or predictable, particularly in Europe, but said Russia was meeting its contractual obligations to supply clients and was ready to boost supplies if asked.

He dismissed accusations that Russia was using energy as a weapon: "This is just politically motivated chatter, which has no basis whatsoever."

The European Union has not asked Russia to increase supplies of gas to the bloc, a European Commission official told Reuters.

Russia and Europe have been embroiled in a dispute over a new pipeline, Nord Stream 2, to supply Russian gas to Germany. The pipeline is built but awaits approval to start pumping, amid opposition from the United States and some European nations that fear it will make Europe even more reliant on Russia.

Some European politicians say Moscow is using the fuel crisis as leverage, a charge it has repeatedly denied.

De-gas Europe

The European Commission outlined measures on Wednesday that the 27-nation EU would take to combat the energy crisis, including exploring a voluntary option for countries to jointly buy gas.

Ministers from EU countries hold an extraordinary meeting on Oct 26 to discuss the price spike.

"The only way to fully decouple gas from electricity is no longer to use it to generate power," EU energy policy chief Kadri Simson said. "This is the EU's long-term goal, to replace fossil fuels with renewables."

The Paris-based IEA said the world had to invest \$4 trillion by 2030 in clean energy and infrastructure - triple current levels - to achieve net zero emissions and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2050, the target of the 2015 Paris climate accord.

"The world is not investing enough to meet its future energy needs," it said in a report, published before the United Nations COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, which starts on Oct 31.

Winter Spike?

As renewables have failed to fill gaps amid surging demand, oil and gas prices have roared higher.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries trimmed its world oil demand forecast for 2021 but said surging gas prices could mean customers switch to oil.

Benchmark crude was trading close to last week's more than three-year high above \$84 a barrel.

Putin said that oil prices could reach \$100 a barrel. "This is quite possible," he said. "We and our partners at OPEC+ are doing our utmost to stabilize the market."

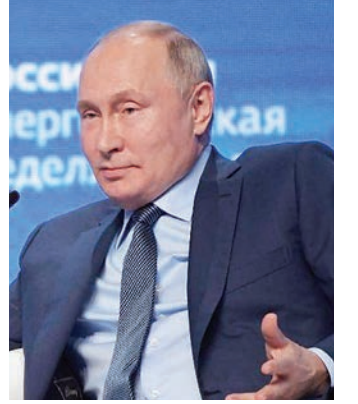
The benchmark European gas price is up more than 350 percent this year, trading above \$31 per million British thermal units (mmBtu) on Wednesday, although down from last week's spike above \$52.

"Current prices are above fundamentally justified levels, should remain volatile and could still reach \$100/mmBtu or above this season if the weather gets very cold," Citi bank said as it also raised its forecast for European and Asian benchmark gas prices for the fourth quarter by about \$3.

The United States was also likely to feel the pain, according to the Energy Information Administration, which warned on Wednesday that it would cost more to heat US homes this winter.

The European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas, which monitors security of supply, said a cold winter in Europe would require an increase of gas imports by about 5 percent to 10 percent compared to previous maximum levels.

"We're reaching out to trade partners to discuss if it's possible to increase their deliveries in the market," EU en-



US making big mistake when using dollar as sanction instrument, says Putin

MOSCOW

THE United States is making a big mistake when it uses the dollar as a sanction instrument, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an interview with CNBC journalist Hadley Gamble after the Russian Energy Week forum's plenary session. The text of the interview was posted on the Kremlin website yesterday.

"I think that the United States is making a very big mistake when it uses the dollar as a sanction instrument," he said, adding that Washington is doing it to stop settlements in dollars for sanctioned products.

"We cannot receive client's money for delivered products in dollars. Where does it lead? We are simply forced, we have no other choice, we simply have to use other currencies," he said.

"When other countries, which use the dollar as a reserve currency or as a settlement instrument, see what is going on, they feel worry that the dollar can be used this way against them," Putin noted.

"And they begin to reduce their dollar holdings too and make less use of it as a settlement unit. As a result, even the US' closest partners and allies bring down the dollar's share in their reserves. This is a statistical fact."

According to the Russian leader, Moscow is reducing the dollar's share in its reserve and settlement. "It is not always possible but we are trying to use national currencies."

So, it can be said that the United States is quarreling with its bread and butter because it is undermining the dollar's absolute competitive edge as a universal reserve currency and is damaging its strategic economic interests for the sake of time-serving political reasons," he said.

The dollar "is undermining its positions as a global reserve currency and the volume of settlements in dollars is shrinking, as are the volumes of countries' reserves in it," Putin stressed.

"But we are not interested in stopping to use dollars in settlements," he said, adding that he means "settlements for energy resources, first of all, for oil."

"But if the American authorities continue the policy I mentioned earlier, we will have to do nothing, the United States will ruin trust to the dollar itself," he said.

US debt

Moscow is keeping a close eye on the growth of the United States' public debt and will take necessary measures to ensure its long-term interests in the financial sphere, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an interview with CNBC journalist Hadley Gamble after the Russian Energy Week forum's plenary. The text of the interview was posted on the Kremlin website yesterday.

"The United States' public debt is growing. The Congress has once again decided to raise the debt ceiling. What does it mean? Issue. What is issue? It is growing inflation. And, maybe, for the first time ever, inflation in the United States is growing so rapidly as never before. These are economic causes that this or that way undermine trust to the currency," he said.

According to the Russian leader, Moscow is keeping a close eye on the situation. "We are analyzing and making necessary steps to ensure our long-term interests," he added.

In his words, everyone is wondering what the US authorities are going to do with their colossal debt. "These are fundamental questions. It is none of our business. It is linked with the Federal Reserve System's policy, it is linked with the [US] administration policy," he added.

"The United States is the world's biggest economy, a high-technology economy and the entire global economy depends on the situation in the US economy," he noted. "We are objectively interested in no turbulence here, but it doesn't depend on us."

UN urges humanitarian access to northern Ethiopia

UNITED NATIONS

DESCRIBING the situation in northern Ethiopia as unpredictable and volatile, the United Nations on Wednesday urgently called on all parties to allow unimpeded and sustained access for humanitarian aid.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said the most affected areas are in Tigray, Amhara and Afar regions. The delivery of humanitarian supplies into Tigray is heavily constrained. The only road access is the Semera-Abala-Mekelle corridor.

Between Oct 6 and 12, 211 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies arrived in Tigray, compared with 80 trucks a week earlier, the humanitarian office said. "While the increased number of trucks is a positive development, this is still insufficient compared to the needs."

Some 897 trucks have entered Tigray since July 12, or only about 14 percent of the trucks needed, OCHA said, repeating that 100 trucks are required daily.

There were no fuel deliveries to Tigray since the end of July, the office said. However, 10 fuel tankers waiting in Semera in Afar region have received government approval to proceed into Tigray, and OCHA hopes they will be able to move to Tigray with the next convoy.

While the trucks have the green light to go in, OCHA said that medicines could not enter Tigray.

Several UN and nongovernmental partners significantly reduced or shut down programs due to depletion or severe shortages of fuel, cash and other supplies, the office said.

Those partners continue to respond to some of the most urgent needs in Tigray with the available, limited resources, OCHA said. More than 146,000 people received food aid last week. But at least 870,000 people on an average week need food assistance. The partners need to serve 5.2 million people within a six-week cycle.

Saving Mother Earth demands stronger global teamwork

BEIJING

The city of Kunming in southwest China, hailed by many as one of the world's most biologically diversified places, is in the global spotlight for hosting the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations (UN) Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15).

At a time when the extinction of plants and animals is accelerating at an alarming rate, the "City of Eternal Spring" itself stands as a strong reminder that the world community should be more united, ambitious and effective in saving the Earth's ecosystems from further destruction. By holding the meeting,

China is also sending out a clear message that it is willing to work with other nations in building a community of all life on Earth.

While China has made some notable headway in recent years in protecting wild animals and improving its ecosystems, the work to leave a greener and more sustainable planet can only be accomplished in a collective fashion.

The Kunming Declaration, adopted on Wednesday at the ongoing COP15, has demonstrated a broad international political will on biodiversity as it commits to ensuring the formulation, adoption and implementation of an effective post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to reverse the current loss of biodiversity and ensure that biodiversity is on the path to recovery by 2030 at the latest, so as to fully meet the 2050 Vision of "Living in Harmony with Nature."

To those ends, Chinese President Xi Jinping, in his video speech addressing the COP15 on Tuesday, urged the international community to "enhance cooperation, build consensus and pool strength."

Under the current global circumstances, Xi's call for stronger multilateral biodiversity cooperation bears even greater significance.

On the one hand, never before has biodiversity loss been such an imminent danger threatening the survival of the human race. For some time, while global awareness of biodiversity protection is increasing, actions often fall short.

As a result, humanity is bearing the brunt of its own ignorance and inaction: the planet is heating up; species are disappearing; ecosystems are declining; and extreme weather events are popping up all over the world.

"Humanity stands at a crossroads with regard to the legacy it leaves to future generations. Biodiversity is declining at an unprecedented rate, and the pressures driving this decline are intensifying," the UN



Convention on Biological Diversity stated in the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

On the other, while the need to promote multilateralism is expanding, work to act on its true values is facing an acute challenge.

Some developed countries which engage in zero-sum thinking are seeking to join forces among themselves for global hegemony under the pretext of multilateralism. This self-serving stratagem will severely undermine the world's joint efforts to promote mankind's general welfare on all fronts, including more biodiversity.

The window for human beings to repent and act is short. According to a report drafted by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, to prevent what scientists have described as the sixth mass extinction event in Earth's history, which risks the survival of all humanity,

almost a third of the world's oceans and land should be protected by 2030.

That only leaves the global community with less than ten years to build consensus and search for solutions. "We need bold actions," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged at the COP15.

He also called on countries to support developing countries, including through significant financial resources and technology transfer, among others.

This is exactly what China has been advocating and practicing all along. The ongoing meeting has also seen China's fresh promises, including establishing the Kunming Biodiversity Fund to support biodiversity protection in developing countries, and China is taking the lead by investing 1.5 billion yuan (233 million U.S. dollars).

At the same time, to achieve its goal of carbon peaking and carbon neu-

trality, China will also put in place a "1+N" policy framework, and continue adjusting its industrial structure and energy mix.

Earlier last month, Beijing has pledged that the country, in support of green and low-carbon energy in the developing world, will not build new coal-fired power projects abroad.

The battle to reverse biodiversity degradation is arduous, and must be won. In the fight for humanity's shared better future, China will continue to walk its talk and honor the true meaning of multilateralism. Yet a final victory is only possible if everyone joins the fight.

Xinhua

Beirut blast investigation stand-off roils Lebanese cabinet

BEIRUT

A standoff between the judge investigating the disastrous Beirut port blast and top politicians he seeks to question roiled Lebanon's cabinet on Tuesday after the inquiry was suspended on Tuesday for the second time in less than three weeks.

The investigation has faced obstacles since judge Tarek Bitar sought to query some of Lebanon's most powerful people on suspicion they were aware of the stored chemicals involved in the Aug 4, 2020 explosion but did nothing to avert it.

Bitar has been under enormous pressure from groups that accuse his investigation of political bias and have mounted a smear campaign against him. The leader of the Iranian-backed, heavily armed Shi'ite Muslim political movement Hezbollah said on Monday it wanted Bitar removed from the case.

On Tuesday the inquiry was again shelved on the basis of another complaint accusing Bitar of bias.

The impasse spilled into a cabinet meeting on Tuesday where ministers, mostly from Hezbollah and the Shi'ite Amal movement, pushed for Bitar's ouster in a heated discussion that ended inconclusively, two sources with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters.

The cabinet is due to meet again on Wednesday to discuss the inquiry, a former finance minister against whom Bitar issued an arrest warrant said in an interview with Lebanon's pro-Iranian Al Mayadeen TV.

The warrant for Ali Hassan Khalil, a senior member of Amal and a Hezbollah ally, was the second to be issued for an ex-minister and was the main cause of Tuesday's escalating tension.

Khalil said he deemed the warrant to be illegal and he would not heed it. He said Bitar was being influenced by politics and added: "The legal path that is being followed in this investigation is pushing the country towards civil strife."

Asked by Al Mayadeen whether some ministers would resign if Bitar was not removed, Khalil said: "All options for political escalation are open."

The port explosion, one of the biggest non-nuclear blasts on record, killed more than 200 people and devastated swathes of the capital Beirut.

Senior officials from across the political spectrum have refused to show up for questioning and arrest warrants ap-



Lebanese finance minister Ali Hassan Khalil

peared unlikely to be enforced.

US State Department spokesperson Ned Price accused Hezbollah of threatening and intimidating Lebanon's judiciary, and of "terrorist and illicit activities (that) threaten Lebanon's security, stability, and sovereignty".

Price said the United States believed Hezbollah was "more concerned with its own interests and those of its patron Iran than in the best interests of the Lebanese people."

He added that US Under Secretary of State Victoria Nuland would visit Beirut on Wednesday for further "important" bilateral talks with Lebanese authorities.

POLITICAL OBSTACLES

Bitar had wanted to interrogate senior politicians on suspicion of criminal negligence as they had served in posts where they would have been in a position to know about the ammonium nitrate stored unsafely at the port for years.

A session of Lebanon's supreme defence council, chaired by President Michel Aoun, on Tuesday refused the permission sought by the judge to pursue Tony Saliba, director general of state security, an official source said.

The investigation was first suspended in late September on the

basis of a complaint questioning Bitar's impartiality. A court rejected the complaint on procedural grounds, allowing Bitar to resume the inquiry.

He is the second judge to lead the investigation. Fadi Sawan was removed from the case in February after a similar complaint filed by the politicians who are now challenging Bitar.

"For the first time, the judicial system wants to function, but it is suffering under political pressure and interventions," said Paul Morcos, lawyer and professor of international law.

Khalil was one of the two politicians who brought legal complaints against Bitar, challenging his impartiality.

The other politician was former public works minister Ghazi Zeiter, also a Hezbollah ally, who was due for questioning on Wednesday.

Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah voiced his harshest criticism yet of Bitar on Monday when he called in a televised address for his replacement, saying he was biased and politicised.

Nasrallah spoke a few weeks after Wafiq Safa, a senior Hezbollah official, was said to have warned Bitar the group would remove him from the inquiry, according to a journalist and a judicial source.

G20 aid to Afghanistan first step on a long journey

ROME

The Taliban takeover of Afghanistan in the wake of the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country in mid-August has sparked a series of problems in the country of nearly 40 million people and beyond, but for the Group of 20 (G20) countries the top priority now is to manage the brewing humanitarian crisis there.

Concerns abound over abuses of human rights (especially for women and girls); the spread of coronavirus; the migration of fleeing Afghans to other countries; the danger of Afghanistan becoming a safe haven for transnational terrorists again; and the recognition of the Taliban as the country's legitimate authority.

Speaking after the conclusion of an extraordinary one-day meeting of the G20 leaders on Tuesday, Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi said the G20 had an "enormous responsibility" to foster stability in the country. "What we have is a growing humanitarian catastrophe in Afghanistan and that is something we must tackle immediately," he told reporters.

According to Claudio Bertolotti, a researcher with the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), a think tank, and co-founder of the Observatory of Radicalization and Counter-Terrorism, the G20's focus on humanitarian challenges is a significant first step toward dealing with the challenges in Afghanistan.

"If the G20's first step had been to reach a consensus on whether or not to recognize the Taliban or to insist on human rights, that would have been too divisive and the talks could have fallen apart," Bertolotti told Xinhua. "But focusing on what Draghi called the 'growing humanitarian catastrophe' was something everyone could agree on."

That is a point Draghi stressed even while stating that other topics remained important. "There has basically been a convergence of views on the need to address the humanitarian emergency," Draghi said.

"This is how we can hope to overcome inevitable differences when it comes to foreign policy." The task at hand requires a series of concrete actions from the G20 member states.

On Tuesday, for example, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said that the European Union (EU) would spend one billion euros (1.15 billion U.S. dollars) on humanitarian assistance in the country. Draghi said that the priorities include propping up Afghanistan's fragile banking system and keeping the airport in the capital of Kabul operational as these were essential for delivering humanitarian aid.

He said it was equally important to continue the fight against the spread of coronavirus in the country. Much of the aid to Afghanistan will be funneled through the United Nations (UN), but multiple news reports said some countries would still provide direct country-to-country aid, even though most states have not recognized the Taliban government. The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will also play key roles, Draghi said. Xinhua

SPORT



Senior national women's team and technical bench's members celebrate with silverware after culmination of this season's COSAFA Women's Championship final in South Africa. The team edged Malawi 1-0 in the final. PHOTO: TFF

Why is Tanzania a power in women's soccer but far less so in men's soccer?

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has recently touched off a sort of teasing between men and women in the sports fraternity and especially soccer when she quipped that women's teams are doing marvelously while men's teams go around in confused circles, something of that sort.

That observation was intended to be fun but then being funny is an aspect of reality, so making fun of someone pushes any individual to go around in rather confused circles, whether he or she did so earlier or not. That is why the quizzing started.

The President was in a good position to make some fun on behalf of the wider community of women sports lovers with a hard but factually correct observation, as Twiga Stars have just bagged another trophy in regional or sub-regional soccer tournaments.

It is not often that Kilimanjaro Stars pick a trophy in the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) Senior Challenge Cup, while Twiga Stars have regularly been invited as guests in the Council of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Women's Championship and quite often bagged trophies. Not so for the men.

If one wishes to sort out the soccer prowess hint from the President, it would be more helpful to duplicate the performance issue from gender to a variety of issues, as our men's youth teams have also done well in regional and even continental competitions.

Their performance is largely comparable to the women's achievements, much as the data might be sketchy out of hand, but visible impressions show that most of the time our men's youth teams have an outing they do well.

That makes two groups from among us who do well in soccer, the women and the men's youth sides, while the men's adult sides just struggle.

Having disposed of the gender aspect, the main point of the women's conquering insinuation, we still have to explain why we flourish where others place the least emphasis, and fail where the emphasis is perhaps most needed.

Outside any collection of data as to how teams are recruited in the

neighbouring countries and the conditions in which they compete, some general issues can be examined that are likely to be preliminaries to such inquiry, whether or not any institutions are likely to take up the matter.

In sum, it appears that we excel in raw talent that is demonstrated by youth, much of it is stymied later, somewhere.

The issue is more or less like Tanzania eclipsing Kenya in an Easter schools bonanza - they used to hold such festivals in Zanzibar in the past - but fail to put up a row of Olympic athletes for the sprint, middle and long distances as it has been the case for around 40 years now, with some exceptions for long distances.

Were that the gender hypothesis that was evident in the President's broad smile sufficient, then the men/youth teams would similarly be struggling, or would not be remarkable.

It is not the case as they are a force to reckon with, having demonstrated that ability time and again, in which case gender isn't at issue.

What this also suggests is that adult soccer competition among men depends plenty upon what happens from the formative years to the professional level, where it is possible that conditions aren't positive for our youths and thus lose the steam they had earlier.

Many are forgotten after finishing school where they are recruited for either U-17 or U-20 competitions, and the relative success of youth sides has had just some bearing in selecting the national side.

They are not completely forgotten but tend to compete with raw talent from the streets that did not pass through the professional hands of regional youth tournaments.

In any case, it is only in recent years that most youth finishing primary schools are largely assured of a place in secondary schools as the pass level isn't set frustratingly high.

That means at the time that youths in schools were being screened for a national youth side, there were numerous other budding players in the streets of cities, municipalities, towns, and townships who would now be in school as well.

In that case, choosing the best from schools was just a part of the equation, whereas presently it would be reality itself.

This may sort of explain why there is good talent in earlier competitions and much less so among adults, but it doesn't really indicate why such flourishing of talent is noticed in the first place, and admittedly that is more difficult ground to explore.

What though could come up is that youths seek out ways of branching out into something in life especially as they finish school, in which case sports are an excellent way to get noticed.

That Tanzania may even excel in that area could be traced to the relative openness of society and the ability of girls to come out and play especially those in sports-inclined academies, in tandem with the boys.

The two have varying motivations and enabling features, but the result is talent flourishing.

Music streaming firm counts towards Billboard charts

By Guardian Reporter

AS part of its dedication to helping the African music industry unlock its full potential, data from a music streaming platform, Boomplay, will now be added to the data that informs the prestigious music charts, Billboard.

They are Billboard Hot 100, Billboard 200, Artist 100, and Billboard Global 200 charts, as well as all other Billboard U.S. and global charts that include streaming data.

This will be effective with data for the tracking week of October 15 through October 21 (Billboard charts dated October 30).

With millions of African songs being streamed on the platform globally, the inclusion of Boomplay's stream data in the iconic charts provides African and international artists and music on the platform the opportunity for more exposure on the global stage.

Within MRC Data's Music Connect platform, Boomplay streams will be included in the 'Others' data bucket under Audio On-Demand with data visible on October 12, 2021, for streams beginning on October 8, 2021.

Billboard disclosed: "MRC Data's foundation is built on providing the music industry and our clients with the most complete view of music consumption."

"We are excited to announce additional data being captured from Boomplay."

Boomplay's Director of Content and Strategy, Phil Choi, described Boomplay's addition to the charts as a significant step in ensuring African artists on the platform are fairly and equally represented where it matters, and

The inclusion also sees to it that the artists have access to similar opportunities available to their international counterparts.

The official pointed out: "While this might have seemed far-fetched in the past, we now have one foot in the door already following our partnership with Billboard Charts."

Boomplay's streaming data added to the Billboard charts represent streams from its subscription tier and logged-in streams from its ad-supported tier, with streams from each tier weighted appropriately.

SPORTS

2022 Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon launched in Dar



Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB)'s Chairman, Thomas Mihayo (3rd L), the guest of honour at the launch of the 20th anniversary of the 2022 Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon, pictured during the race's launch in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Others (L-R) are the Dar es Salaam Amateur Athletics Association (DAAA) secretary-general, Rahim Kassim, Sports Director in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuf Singo, Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager Irene Mutiganzi, Tigo Brand Manager, Anna Loya, and the Athletics Tanzania (AT) Secretary-General Jackson Ndwaka. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

THE 20th-anniversary edition of the prestigious Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon 2022 has been launched in Dar es Salaam at a colourful event that saw different athletics stakeholders come together to mark the important milestone for the event.

Speaking during the launch, which was held at a hotel, Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) Chairman Thomas Mihayo hailed the organizers and sponsors for the consistency that has seen the event grow into one of the biggest sports events in the country and within the region.

He said the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon has added an enormous contribution to sports tourism and this has greatly helped the government in implementing the tourism and sports policies respectively.

"I salute all the sponsors led by Kilimanjaro Premium Lager (main sponsor), Tigo -21km Half Marathon, and Grand Malt -5 km Fun Run for your considerable contribution, without you and all the other water table sponsors and partners, it would not be easy," he said.

He called on local and regional businesses to take advantage of the event, not only to use the opportunity to make more profits but also to strive to deliver quality products and services.

He further appealed to participants and spectators to use the Marathon season to tour various tourism attractions among them including the great Mt. Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Zanzibar, and other attractions.

He lauded other sponsors including Absa Tanzania, Unilever, Simba Cement, Kilimanjaro International Leather Industries Co. Ltd, Kilimanjaro Water, and off-

icial suppliers, GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel, and CMC Automobiles, for backing the race. The Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuf Singo, called on other marathons' organizers in the country to emulate Kilimanjaro Marathon for how it has consistently adhered to the IAAF and Athletics Tanzania guidelines hence growing year after year and attracting sponsors and participants from both in and outside the country.

"The government will continue working together with the organizers of Kilimanjaro Marathon to make it better and better," he said.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager, Irene Mutiganzi, who also doubles as the Grand Malt Brand Manager, said this was a milestone for her brand which has been sponsoring the event since its inception 20 years ago.

"We are going to mark the 20th anniversary in style as this goes into history as one of our biggest and longest existing sponsorships that have seen Kilimanjaro Premium Lager reach greater heights year after year," she revealed.

Irene stated the organizers have all these years

been inspired by the support for tourism and Tanzanian culture as a whole - which the event helps promote.

She said they are well prepared for the 20th Anniversary of Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon and have set aside 22m/- in prize money with the top winners in both the male and female category walking home with 4m/- apiece and the first Tanzanian male and female in the 42km race will receive a motivational prize of 1.5m/- apiece.

She called on participants to register on time as registration opens online on October 17, 2021, through www.kilimanjaramarathon.com and via TigoPesa by dialing *149*20#.

Irene also appealed to the 5km Fun Run participants to register early as numbers will again be limited.

The Tigo Brand Manager, Anna Loya, said Tigo has been at the forefront in sponsoring the Tigo Kili Half Marathon for over seven years now and their continued presence in championing the half marathon category further cements their commitment to nurturing local running talent and support sporting activities in Tanzania.

"Over the years we have been able to complement our sponsorship endeavors with community initiatives, we expect to do bigger things in 2022 especially through our Tigo Green for Kili project which was launched in 2021 to conserve the environment around the Mt. Kilimanjaro and ultimately reduce the adverse impact of global warming," she said.

She also congratulated the organizers of the Kilimanjaro Marathon for achieving 20 years of coordinating and supporting this national event, which brings together professional and non-professional athletes from across the globe.

"Additionally we encourage runners to register early for the Tigo Kili Half Marathon 2022 edition through TigoPesa to avoid last-minute inconveniences," she said.

Organizers of the event called on participants to take advantage of the discounting period where they will enjoy a 20% discount from October 17, 2021, to January 7, 2022, after which participants will have to pay the normal fee.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon, which will be held on February 27, 2022, at the Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) venue, is organized by the Kilimanjaro Company Limited and locally coordinated by Executive Solutions Limited.

Boxing body needs 25m/- to field boxers in AIBA World Championship

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Open boxing Federation (OBFT) leadership has said the federation needs more than 25m/- to send the country's boxers to the coming World Boxing Championship slated for October 26-November 6 in Belgrade, Serbia.

OBFT secretary-general, Lukelo Wililo, said a team of six people is expected to depart for Serbia on October 21 and the money will be used for air tickets and accommodation for the boxers and coach.

"We have 2500,000 US dollars, we need more than 25m/- which will be used to pay for air tickets and accommodation of our boxers, coach, and officials."

"We paid insurance, registration fee, and other expenses for our boxers, the only thing we need now is accommodation and air tickets," he said.

Wililo said they have requested the government and the private sector for their support.

"We have presented our budget to the government and the private sector, we are just keeping our fingers closed so that we get the financial support we are looking for," he said.

The country will be represented by six boxers at the event, currently, pugilists, Alex Isendi and Yusuph Changarawe, are two local boxers who qualified for the International Boxing Association (AIBA) World Championship.

The OBFT official, however, could not mention the other four boxers,



Dar es Salaam boxers, Juma Choki (L), and Ibrahim Mgendersa, feature in a sparring session in the city recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RAJAB MHAMILA

promising to do so soon.

"We have the names of all boxers who will represent the country at the World Boxing Championship, but for now I can not disclose the names of the other four boxers."

"We will mention them soon as there are some procedures which we are following," he said.

The OBFT could not field boxers in the past AIBA World Championship editions due to financial constraints the federation experiences.

Wililo said this time he is confident that the boxers will travel to the event as the government announced its commitment to promoting sports.

The last time the AIBA World

Championship took place was in 2019 in Ekaterinburg, Russia, but the country did not field its boxers in it.

Seleman Kindunda is the last boxer to have represented the country at the AIBA World Championship, he competed at the event's 2013 edition in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The Serbia event will be overseen by Serbia's President, Alexander Vucic, who heads the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

AIBA president, Omar Kremlev, is reported to have said the AIBA Men's World Boxing Championship will show determination to provide boxers around the world a platform to achieve their full potential.

UEFA set to give clubs more say over Champions League deals

GENEVA

UEFA is preparing to give Europe's top soccer clubs the greater control they have wanted for Champions League marketing rights and deals – an issue that helped drive some to launch the breakaway Super League.

UEFA said in a statement released late Tuesday it "started the search for a marketing and sales partner" to complete deals within an agreed strategy for three seasons of club competitions from 2024-27.

The clubs' increasing demands were a barrier in March to completing talks between UEFA and then-leaders of the European Club Association about new formats for competitions taking effect in 2024. The Champions League will add four entries in a 36-team single standings table where each is guaranteed 10 games instead of six because influential clubs wanted more money and more games against each other.

During the negotiations, 12 ECA member clubs were also plotting the Super League, which was launched in April and collapsed within 48 hours. Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus have refused to renounce the project while the other nine founding teams re-joined the 240-member ECA.

Still, the greater commercial control those rebel clubs fought for is likely to be granted by UEFA to the ECA, which is now led by Paris Saint-Germain president Nasser al-Khelaifi.

Al-Khelaifi told ECA members last month in Geneva there was agreement with UEFA for a joint venture "to better optimize revenues from club competitions."

"This new model (would have) ultimate responsibility for the business and commercial side of the club competitions, resulting in new and better commercial rights strategies and management," said Al-Khelaifi, who also chairs Qatari broadcaster beIN Media Group, a Champions League rights holder.

Clubs want more creative digital content plans to help drive increases in Champions League prize money. The 32 group-stage clubs will share 2 billion euros (\$2.3 billion) in each of the three seasons to 2024.

The UEFA-ECA joint venture could end a 32-year run by Switzerland-based agency TEAM Marketing to handle exclusively all sales for European club competitions.

UEFA said sales are scheduled to start in the second quarter of next year.

AP

Madrid court orders imprisonment of France footballer Lucas Hernandez

MADRID

A MADRID court on Wednesday announced it had ordered the imprisonment of France and Bayern Munich defender Lucas Hernandez for violating a restraining order in 2017.

Hernandez, a 2018 World Cup winner, has been summoned to appear before a court next Tuesday but he has appealed against the sentence. He will have 10 days from October 19 to enter prison "voluntarily".

In Spain, those sentenced to less than two years do not usually go to prison, but in this case, as it was a repeat offence, Hernandez has been ordered to.

The 25-year-old was arrested four years ago for violating a court order banning him from contacting his partner after a violent altercation between the two.

In December 2019, Hernandez was sentenced to six months in prison for breaking the restraining order when the couple landed in Madrid after getting married.

In February 2017, Hernandez was arrested after his then-girlfriend was

taken to hospital with minor injuries following a fight between them.

Neither made a complaint against the other but both were charged by Spain's public prosecutor.

The then-Atletico Madrid player and his girlfriend were each sentenced to 31 days of community service.

They were also ordered not to see each other for six months.

Four months later though, Hernandez was arrested at the Madrid airport.

He was in the company of his partner, who was not arrested as her own restraining order had not yet been formally served, as the pair returned to Spain after getting married in the United States.

The couple have since had a son. Hernandez was part of the France squad that won the Nations League title last weekend.

He became the most expensive player in Bundesliga history when he joined Bayern from Atletico in 2019 for 80 million euros (\$92.5 million).

AFP

Raphinha: Brazil's new hope in World Cup qualifiers

SAO PAULO

A MONTH ago, Raphinha feared Brazil's national team might never again call on him to play in a World Cup qualifier – he and other England-based players were stopped from playing due to COVID-19 quarantine restrictions in Britain.

But Brazil coach Tite was confident of the 24-year-old Leeds winger's potential and decided to give him another chance.

Raphinha won Brazilian fans quickly after two impressive performances coming off the bench in the latest two rounds of qualifiers. He first saved the team from embarrassment in the 3-1 victory at Venezuela and later stepped up again in a 0-0 draw at Colombia.

Now the winger who was not among coach Tite's first options is likely to be a starter in Thursday's match against Uruguay in Manaus, playing next to Neymar and Gabriel Jesus. Raphinha is expected to give Brazil another powerful weapon; he plays on the left, but finishes with his right foot.

Against Venezuela, Brazil struggled in creating chances until halftime. Midfielder Everton Ribeiro left for Raphinha and the impact was immediate – Raphinha took the corner kick that allowed Marquinhos to level, started the play that ended in Gabriel Barbosa being fouled in the box and then he provided the low cross that allowed Antony to score near the final whistle.

Raphinha was also key to Brazil maintaining possession in the very physical match against Colombia. His performance came in handy since Neymar was sub-par, and many fans used social media to say the newcomer deserved to take Neymar's place.

Tite praised Raphinha at a media conference on Wednesday, but also tried to lower expectations of the player. He had also called on the winger during April's international window, but Raphinha did not travel due to injury.

"He can play wide, he is fast, he can cross, he can finish from middle range," said Tite. "But let's take it easy, too much expectation is not good. This is a moment for the team, to structure. I will keep opening chances."

Raphinha chose to play for Brazil instead of Italy. His father is Italian and he has an Italian passport like many players who have done well with the Azzurri, such as midfielder Jorginho and defender Emerson. The winger was being monitored by Italy until recently when Tite called him to play for the Seleção.

He was stopped from coming to South America in the previous international window, like eight other Brazilian players, because English Premier League clubs did not want their stars to quarantine for 10 days at a hotel after they returned to Britain, as required then by the country's government.

'No Thomas, no Partey': Arsenal's pivotal player in Arteta's rebuild

By James Olley, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ARSENAL'S £140 million summer transfer spree was a huge show of faith in manager Mikel Arteta's judgment, but it was also part of a gamble that began much earlier. This latest recruitment drive was the consequence of a promise by Kroenke Sports Enterprises to invest; it was their response to fan protests arising from the club's involvement in the failed European Super League project, which stoked longstanding resentment at their presiding over a gradual, but sustained, decline in the club's Premier League status. The Kroenkes have not been quite as parsimonious as some would argue.

Although the team would undoubtedly have benefitted from a bigger budget, one of the key issues has been a mixed return from the money they have spent, most obviously the £72m club-record outlay on Nicolas Pepe in 2019.

Then-manager Unai Emery has subsequently claimed he preferred to sign Crystal Palace's Wilfried Zaha, but various circumstances – including Lille's willingness to accept the fee in instalments – led to the pursuit of Pepe instead. And so when Arteta approached the Kroenkes directly to find the £45m required to sign Thomas Partey from Atletico Madrid just a year later, they had a huge decision to make.

It was a simple deal given that Partey had a release clause, but Atletico required the entire sum to be paid up front. Sources claim Arsenal had been tracking Partey for several years, with former scout Francis Cagigao first identifying the midfielder in 2014 during a loan spell at another La Liga side, Almeria. Although a possible transfer was briefly discussed in 2019, Emery believed priorities lay elsewhere in rebuilding the team, but this time, Arteta was adamant Partey would be the key component of his midfield, an area of the pitch where Arsenal have been habitually weak.

Despite knowing the buy-out clause could be triggered at any point, the Gunners only did so on the morning of deadline day after the Kroenkes accepted the recommendation from Arteta, in conjunction with technical director Edu.

Injuries restricted Partey's impact during his first season, and fears the 2021-22 campaign would follow a similar frustrating path grew in August when he missed Arsenal's first three matches with an ankle problem. All three ended in defeat. Since his return, the Gunners have won four, drawn one and kept four clean sheets in the process across all competitions.

These remain formative days in



Thomas Partey has finally hit the kind of form and fitness that Arsenal had been looking for when they identified him as a player who could form part of a new core at the club. (Agencies)

Arteta's rebuild, but Partey's contribution will be arguably the most pivotal factor in determining its success.

There is a quiet determination about Partey that Arteta hopes will become the embodiment of the "new Arsenal." Sources have told ESPN he had initial difficulty settling in London after moving from Madrid, and a stop-start season on the pitch made his transition more complicated. He suffered a thigh injury in November, a hip injury in December and January and a hamstring problem in February. Sources tell ESPN that Partey responded to each injury setback by resolving to undertake additional gym work on top of his regular training program.

Partey has focused on leg work in particular, with an emphasis on strengthening his muscles to avoid repeat injuries, and considers the ankle problem he suffered in preseason merely bad luck given it came following an over-zealous tackle by Ruben Loftus-Cheek in a friendly against Chelsea. However, sources claim the midfielder has also modified his diet. Although he's not vegan, Partey has committed to reducing the occasional junk food he allows himself.

Although Partey enjoys entertaining his 159.9k followers on TikTok, unlike many of his teammates, he's not a gamer, but more interested in reading books and playing card games. Sources also claim he's become particularly close with Eddie Nketiah, Gabriel Martinelli and Martin Odegaard.

Partey was born in the Ghana in the town of Odumase Krobo and shared heritage is at the heart of his relationship with Nketiah, who was born in London to Ghanaian parents. Martinelli and Partey are often seen sharing jokes together, with sources saying

they hit it off almost immediately due to a similar sense of humour.

Partey admires Odegaard's style of football, but more significantly, the pair have helped each other adjust to life in England. Both came from Madrid – Odegaard was on loan from Real Madrid last season before eventually joining on a permanent deal worth up to £34m this summer – and the pair have discussed the differences between Spanish and English football at length. Neither have had much chance to explore London, but the relaxation of COVID-19 rules provides a little more leeway in that regard and sources claim Partey is keen to learn more about the city.

As ever, the football comes first. Partey completed 90 minutes in the Premier League just 10 times last season, denying Arteta the chance to fully integrate his midfield dynamo.

Partey offers the physical presence in midfield the Gunners have lacked for years, and he was given his nickname "The Octopus" at Almeria "because I stole a lot of balls." But his range of passing and ability to drive forward with the ball gives him the potential to be a complete midfielder. During the October international break, Partey was switched mid-game to a more attacking role against Zimbabwe in Saturday's World Cup qualifier and promptly won the ball high up the pitch, before firing in a low right-footed effort just inside the box for his 12th goal in 33 caps to turn the game in Ghana's favour.

His 13th goal came in the reverse fixture three days later, sporting the captain's armband while Andre Ayew was named among the substitutes, with a powerful free kick that helped earn Ghana a second successive victory,

keeping them a point behind South Africa in their World Cup qualifying group with two games remaining.

Granit Xhaka's importance to Arteta remains high and the pair are clearly Arteta's first-choice pairing in a 4-2-3-1 shape, but there's long been a suspicion that the Arsenal manager eventually wants to switch to 4-3-3, particularly to combat a lack of creativity in previous matches against defensive-minded teams.

Partey's positioning in the 1-0 win at Burnley on Sept. 18 therefore felt significant. Deployed as the sole defensive midfielder in a 4-3-3 shape with Xhaka suspended, Partey balanced his defensive duties, including dropping into the back line to help deal with Burnley's aerial threat, while also enabling Arteta to squeeze Emile Smith Rowe, Odegaard, Bukayo Saka, Pepe and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang into his starting line-up.

Other players have made an impact – Aaron Ramsdale replacing Bernd Leno in goal, Takehiro Tomiyasu's encouraging start at right-back and Gabriel's return from injury – but it's no coincidence that Partey's comeback has seen a distinct improvement in both performances and results. Next Monday's clash between Arsenal and Crystal Palace will give Partey a chance to prove he can become the midfield presence the Gunners have lacked since Patrick Vieira, the man who will be in the opposition dugout.

"No Thomas, no Partey," he said on his arrival at Arsenal, a sentiment on which Arteta has staked a considerable amount of his reputation. "He is really important because he is the anchor," Arteta said last month. "He is the one who has to read what is happening and has to make the rest better."

World Cup berth completes 'almost perfect' year for Denmark

COPENHAGEN

WITH their qualification for the 2022 World Cup, Denmark not only showed their remarkable resilience in the wake of Christian Eriksen's near-fatal cardiac arrest but served warning of their ambitions in Qatar.

A 1-0 win over Austria at a sold-out Parken Stadium on Tuesday clinched Denmark's place at next year's finals, a day after Germany became the first country to qualify.

"The almost perfect year for the national team has had an almost perfect end," wrote Danish daily Politiken, as Denmark made it eight wins from eight in Group F.

Few could have predicted Denmark's sharp rise four months ago when Eriksen, the team's playmaker, collapsed on the same Copenhagen pitch, with medics rushing to administer life-saving treatment.

The traumatic incident strengthened Denmark's resolve, a nation united behind its football team that rode a wave of emotion to the semi-finals of Euro 2020, narrowly losing out to England at Wembley.

"It's as if Denmark and the national team have fallen in love again," Andreas Kraul, commentator for public broadcaster DR, told AFP.

Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen offered her congratulations on Instagram, posting a photo of herself and the sports minister dressed in red and white from inside the stadium.

Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand, who would not have been in charge at

Euro 2020 if not for the delay caused by the pandemic, will have a year to prepare his team for the World Cup.

"You can only dream about things like this," said midfielder Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg. "It's crazy. This is huge for me, it's huge for the team, for Danish football and for Denmark."

"With the age and quality we have, we will only keep growing. It's about staying humble and keeping our minds in the right place."

Denmark overcame stubborn resistance from Austria to maintain the only 100 percent record in European qualifying.

Joakim Maehle's second-half goal made it 27 without reply for the Danes in their group, giving them an unassailable seven-point lead over Scotland with two games to play.

"It means a lot," Maehle told Danish television. "It's one of the best

nights in Parken in a very long time. It's amazing."

- "More than just a team" -

Players again dedicated their victory to Eriksen, whose close friend Simon Kjær received widespread praise for his handling of the harrowing events on June 12.

For Kraul, "the incident was clearly constitutive for the group, which has become more than just a team."

"It made them grow up," he added.

A disputed penalty ended Denmark's Euro dreams, but rather than linger on what could have been, the team has its sights set on a deep run in Qatar.

"The last time, we were in the semi-finals (at the Euro). I want more, we want more. Now we're going to play at the World Cup and we want more," said Denmark captain Kjær, among the 30 nominees for the Ballon d'Or.

Denmark's 42 goals this year have shattered the previous national best of 32 scored in 1962. That number is likely to increase with games at home to the Faroe Islands and away to Scotland next month.

That the team could thrive in the absence of Eriksen, overcoming the horror of watching a team-mate nearly die on the pitch, seemed improbable – much like their odds of reaching the knockout rounds at the Euro after starting the tournament with back-to-back defeats.

"They play football which pleases in Denmark and abroad, and which is more pleasant to watch," said Kraul.

Germany daily Bild even named them "team of the year", but Hjulmand is not one to get carried away.

"It's worth pinching yourself... There are so many people who have had a part in this success," said Hjulmand.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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'No Thomas, no Parthey': Arsenal's pivotal player in Arteta's rebuild



National Sports Council (NSC) Chief Executive Officer, Jacob Nduye, hands over a medal to runner, Agustino Sule, Atlas Schools Half Marathon's men's winner, at a presentation ceremony of the race that took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Atlas Schools Madale hosted the event which gears towards offering financial support to over 200 students at the schools that are facing various challenges. Looking on (2nd L) is Atlas Schools Madale's Director, Sylvanus Rugambwa. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT MIRAJI MSALA

Biashara United braced for tricky 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup tie

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Biashara United FC is looking forward to playing its first-round match of the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup against Al Ahly Tripoli from Libya at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today.

The Mara-based outfit had arrived in Dar es Salaam with 28 players, a full technical bench, the outfit's officials, Chairman, Selemat Mataso, team manager, Frank Wabare.

The squad's veteran midfielder, Ramadhan Chombo, joined his teammates after missing the camp due to mourning the death of his father that happened recently.

Commenting on the game, the squad's head coach Patrick Odhiambo said that the game would be quite tricky, given the type of team his opponents have, adding that it would be a good and tough game.

"The match against Al Ahly Tripoli, it will be very tricky, I know I have met them when I was at Gor Mahia," Odhiambo noted.

"Their team is made up of young players who are very energetic, very mobile, very tricky, and very fast, and I have prepared my players well and we have to be very smart when approaching this match."

Biashara United is heading into the game after losing a league game against Ruwu Shooting at Karume Stadium in Mara, and Odhiambo has said he needs to do extra work to psychologically prepare his players.

"After losing the game, we had a mental breakdown, every player was very low after the game, but as a coach, I have psychologically prepared them to leave the game against Ruwu Shooting, and focus on Al Ahly Tripoli."

"I can see the morale is high looking from the look on their faces, I see they're very much prepared for this match against Tripoli," Odhiambo pointed out.

The Kenyan national noted he will head to the game with great caution and give his opponents respect when they have the ball but has promised Biashara United fans that the side will play open football.

The game plan will require the squad to attack when it gets a chance in the breakthroughs and counter-attacks.

Odhiambo said that the match played during the day with the warm weather of Dar es Salaam will give them a home advantage, due to the Tripoli-based team being accustomed to playing at night and in cold weather.

Towards this game, Biashara United will miss captain Abdul-Majid Mangalo who is not registered in the tournament after his name was not included in the list due to his late signing of a new contract with the club, the footballer signed as a free agent.

Odhiambo revealed: "Missing Mangalo is a huge blow. He can control the game. He is a leader in the field. He is a great influence on his teammates. He unites the players on the field."

Al Ahly Tripoli has not played any league match due to political turmoil in the North African country, whereby last season the squad lost in the Libyan league final against Al-Ittihad in the penalty shoot-out.

Last season, the 24 teams of the Libyan league were divided into two groups of 12 sides.

The groups' top clubs would then face the groups' runners-up and the winners of the encounters would then face off in the final.



Representatives of companies, which sponsor the 2021 Petrofuel DC Caravans Cup, line up for a photo-shoot, unveiling jerseys that are worn by clubs, which have battled it out in the showpiece, during the tournament's opening ceremony, which was held in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

2021 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tourney final set for Sunday

By Guardian Reporter

THE final of the biggest cricket competition in the country is set to take place at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

The Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament is a cricket tournament played by the top teams in the country since 2015.

This year's tournament featured the top 10 teams in the country playing under the franchise model, with each team being backed by top corporates in the country.

The teams include Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, Horizon Teleports Annadil Burhani, Honest Logistics SKLPSC, Balakrishna Strikers, and Aruti Aces.

Kaon Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, NTS Bosch Gymkhana, FMED Upanga, and hosts, Alliance Caravans, are the other participating sides.

The teams were split into two groups of five outfits apiece with evenly matched sides.

Aruti Aces qualified as the Group A top side, followed by Harab Motors Pak Stars, to book a place in the knockout phase.

They were joined in the knockout phase by Aurobindo Aga Khan SC and Alliance Caravans, who finished first and second respectively in Group B.

This year's tournament followed the knockout model popularised by top cricket leagues in the world, whereby both top teams would play each other in a semi-final clash, termed a qualifier.

The winners of this qualifier would head directly into the final match. The teams that finished second in their respective groups would play each other in a one-shot tie, dubbed eliminator.

The winners of this eliminator would play the losers of the first qualifier in the second semi-final match to earn the second spot in the finals.

This model provides an incentive to the teams that topped their respective groups.

This year also marked the introduction of the TATA International Orange Cap prize for the highest run-scorer of the tournament.

The highest wicket-taker would be given the Petrofuel Purple Cap prize. Both leaders of the respective tables would wear their respective caps during their matches to showcase their success.

At the end of the group stages, Zafar Khan of Harab Motors Pak Stars was the TATA Orange Cap holder with 168 runs in four matches.

Manoj Kumar was the Petrofuel Purple Cap holder with 13 wickets in four matches.

Holders, Aruti Aces, have been in hot form having won the last two editions of this tournament.

They have been joined by two-time winners and hosts, Alliance Caravans, and one-time winners, Aurobindo Aga Khan SC.

Harab Motors Pak Stars were the only odd one out, hoping to add this coveted crown to their newly revamped team which has been firing on all fronts.

Regardless of who wins the tournament, this edition has been an exhilarating one for the neutrals with tightly contested matches throughout the tournament.

The final will no doubt be an entertaining one for all cricket lovers in the country.

In addition to this, the tournament organizers have also planned a 'Nyama Choma' festival for the attendees with the final day not being any less than a grand celebration of the gentleman's game.

This year's tournament has also emphasized the local craftsmanship of Tanzanian artisans with all trophies being handmade locally with Tanzanian elements mixed in.

In a tournament of many firsts, this edition has gone one step further in enhancing the reach of the sport to all corners of the nation.

On the final day, an exhibition match is set to be played between Tanzania's national U-19 team and senior national women's team, both of whom had recently battled it out in the recently concluded ICC competitions, winning many hearts in the process.

There will be no doubt that crowds will turn up in huge numbers to show their appreciation towards the national teams that have made this country swell with pride.

Crunch moment for Biashara United as they host Al Ahly Tripoli



Biashara United's players participate in training in Mara recently to shape up for the NBC Premier League and CAF Confederation Cup fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF BIASHARA UNITED

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S representatives in 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup, Biashara United, host Libyan side, Al Ahly Tripoli, in the showdown first-round match at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam today afternoon.

Biashara United will be meeting the Libyan giants in the first round of the tournament after seeing off Djibouti's Dikhil FC in the preliminary round of the competition held early last month.

There is a growing sense of optimism within Biashara United's camp.

The Mara club's Manager, Frank Wabare, has called on his side to rise to the task of fending off strong opposition presented by Al Ahly Tripoli.

The official disclosed: "We have a good squad that is capable of pushing us past Al Ahly Tripoli. We

are focused to win, our preparations have been smooth. As you can see, the boys and the technical bench are psyched up for victory."

"The management has dealt well with all the challenges that come with continental assignments. I am thankful that most of our key players that were not able to play because of permits have already been cleared."

Against Al Ahly Tripoli, the Mara-based side will hope forwards Atupele Green, Kassim Mdoe, and midfielders Notkelly Masasi and Christian Zigah, are in fine form to score the desired goals but also hope the defense keeps things tight at the back.

Al Ahly Tripoli is the second most successful Libyan club in history after Al Ittihad, having won 12 Libyan Premier League titles, six Libyan Cups, and two Libyan Super Cups. To get to this stage they beat Sudan out-

fit, Hay Al Wadi, by a 4-0 aggregate score.

Elsewhere, there will be four other CAF Confederation Cup's first-round matches across the continent today.

Congo's Diables Noir will host South African giants, Orlando Pirates, in Brazzaville.

The other South African representatives, Marumo Gallants, will entertain AS Vita of DR Congo in Polokwane.

In Mali, Binga hosts ASFA Yenenga of Burkina Faso while Al Ahly Merowe of Sudan takes on Gor Mahia of Kenya in Egypt.

The second leg takes place from October 22-24, with aggregate winners qualifying to the additional second preliminary round, where they face teams relegated from the 2021/22 CAF Champions League first round for a place in the lucrative group stage.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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