



'SADC gears to expand local sugar production'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MEMBER countries of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) need to increase investment in local sugar production as a strategy to guarantee food security in the region.

Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi issued this appeal here yesterday when opening the SADC Sugar Investment Forum, involving a wide range of regional stakeholders.

The call comes at a time that the government is amending the Sugar Industry Act, after directing that the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) take up exclusive mandate to import, store and distribute 'gap sugar' for domestic consumption.

The intention is to relieve sugar consumers of price hikes tied to scarcity, whereby the sweetener is sold at exorbitant prices, with the Zanzibar leader asserting that the sugar sector is a priority in the country's agriculture outlook as a whole.



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Sugar industries are a strategic sphere of economic development, he said, emphasizing that local sugar production saves money which could have been used for imports, thus the saving is directed to other developmental activities.

In pursuit of this goal the government has put in place various initiatives to attract investments in the sugar sector, leading to expansion of industries in the sector, he stated.

Other SADC countries need to use opportunities already in place plus improved conditions for doing business to increase such investments, he said.

Removing barriers to investment in the sugar sector in the SADC region will expand markets within SADC and create opportunities in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the global market, he stated.

Policy on the sugar sector in the SADC region and the continent as a whole is being geared to address challenges facing the sector, including unfair international competition in selling the products.

This is caused by the issuance of subsidies which differentiates the cost of production among producers, he added.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango addresses a rally in Buhigwe District, Kigoma Region, on Tuesday. Photo: VPO

Govt setting rules for shallow-water fishing

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

RECENTLY drafted guidelines limiting fishing activities in shallow waters will be marginally applicable in deep water lake surfaces of Victoria, Tanganyika and Nyasa, along with hydroelectric power dams of Mtera, Nyerere and Nyumba ya Mungu.

Dr Edwin Mhede, the Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister, made this affirmation at a stakeholders meeting here yesterday, explaining that the government is fine-tuning fishing guidelines on shallow waters, to identify and monitor ongoing activities on such waters.



This will be attained by ensuring we produce food without destroying soil

Urging stakeholders in the sector to intensify public education on sustainable fishing to improve the industry, he said that shallow waters are those that go dry during the dry season.

During the rainy season the water surfaces become full again, thus fishing activities on such sources is not well regulated, he said, noting that the meeting was convened for fisheries stakeholders to fine-tune draft guidelines for shallow water fishing activities.

The majority of fishermen and women are unaware of laws and guidelines on

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Usangu, Z'bar lined up for FAO food systems project

By Correspondent Christina Haule, Morogoro

A FOOD systems integrated programme is being developed for Usangu Valley in Mbeya Region as well as Zanzibar, backed by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to the tune of \$9m (20bn/-).

Jonathan Sawaya, an FAO environ-

mental and climate change expert, made this affirmation at a stakeholders' symposium discussing project preparations, implemented by FAO and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) here yesterday.

The programme will be implemented in the Usangu-Ihefu valley, identified as the main source of water to the Great Ruaha, to stop environmentally unfriendly agricultural practices affect-

ing the water flow, he said.

The project will be used to introduce new agricultural methods to make it environmentally friendly, for instance by adopting aquaculture techniques, he said, while Thomas Chali, the Zanzibar acting director for environment, expressed confidence in the project.

He said that upwards of 80-percent of Tanzanians involve themselves in ag-

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Journo pinned down harshly over snapshots of 'classroom under trees'

By Guardian Reporter

WHILE the government urges its officials to collaborate with journalists, Dickson Ng'hily, Business Editor of The Guardian newspaper and head of 'The Guardian' Limited digital department, yesterday encountered an entirely different scenario.

He was apprehended, assaulted and detained for nearly six hours for documenting primary school pupils studying under tree shade. He disclosed information regarding the ordeal to the newspaper shortly after his release, pursuant to the order of the Ubungo district commissioner, Hassan Bomboko (pictured).

As part of his daily routine, Ng'hily ventured to Kwembe primary school at Kwembe ward, only to discover pupils engaging in their studies underneath nearby trees instead of classrooms.

Surprised by the scene unfolding before



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him, he felt compelled to record this snapshot of resourcefulness. Regrettably, during the photo session, one of the teachers spotted him and whispered to her colleague, "There goes your guest, snapping away."

One teacher trailed closely behind him, insisting on seeing evidence of authorization for photographing the scene, at which the reporter responded by showing his identity as a journalist, presenting his press credentials.

During this exchange, other teachers converged on the scene, drawing curious pupils into a growing circle of amazed onlookers and shouting at staff members.

Events escalated swiftly against the reporter as school authorities and colleagues seized both his phone and identification, adding to the rough handling. A staff member struck out on the reporter's back using a stick as if caning a pupil.

The pupils were being drawn to their teachers' side, laying hands on Ng'hily and managing to pin him down, while someone made away with his mobile device.

The turn of events was distressing, with

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an initial fellow he confronted happened to be the head teacher, leading the assault with grabbing of ID, while a second individual seized the phone from the reporter's grasp using substantial force, the journalist narrated to colleagues back in office, hours after the incident.

Pupils were getting excited, starting to savage the reporter as if he were a thief, whereupon the head teacher, sort of coming to his senses, intervened and stopped them from proceeding with 'mob justice.'

He was then taken to the local government office, where officers harped on the charge that he was wrong in taking those photos, which he adamantly refused to accept.

Afterwards, at approximately one o'clock in the afternoon, Ng'hily was escorted to the office of the DC, with whom he had audience and DC Bomboko decided that the reporter should be released, "but the photos

needed to be deleted."

The district administrative secretary (DAS), contacted an assistant to the DC, who then handed the phone to him. The DAS explained that the DC had ordered his release on the condition that he deletes the pictures from the phone.

"Not wanting to prolong the situation, I agreed. Then the Kwembe executive officer took my phone and deleted the photos from the gallery and recycle bin. He even searched through Google, but no trace of the pictures was found," he elaborated.

Following his detention, the writer was released at around 4 pm.

Prior to this, officials at The Guardian Ltd had promptly reached out to DC Bomboko, who facilitated the release of the journalist. Additionally, other media stakeholders such as the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) had issued a statement asking for the reporter's immediate release.

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riculture, so the project stands to improve the sector in the targeted areas.

In coordinating the work of various professionals included in the project, this initiative will help improve the sector, helping to make it sustainable, he said, citing the widely held aspiration that the country plays the role of a food basket for Africa.

This aspiration requires that efforts be made to improve the sector in line with the Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) initiative championed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Agriculture is a major cause of environmental destruction whose activities if not conducted in a redesigned and well-coordinated manner it can destroy the environment, he cautioned.

Farmers often have little understanding on the use of various chemicals to improve their yields, thus the use of inputs has to be conducted in a manner which causes less damage to water sources and endangers the health of users, he further noted.

Careless use of pesticides destroys pollinators and impairs soil health, in which case its use needs to be well administered, he said,

stressing that the government has a major responsibility to usher in balanced agricultural development.

"This will be attained by ensuring we produce food without destroying soil," he said, pointing at Usangu Valley as among areas that are in danger of being destroyed.

Yet, it has the same potential for food production as in Ifakara, Malinyi and Mahenge ecosystems, as these areas have appropriate weather conditions, he stated.

Kuena Marebotsane, a GEF executive with FAO, said the food systems improvement project will uplift nutrition among members of the community resulting from an agriculture value chain. It makes agriculture be placed in the spotlight from the farm to the table, she said.

Ally Basha, a Zanzibar Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources and Livestock official, said that the project is in line with the 2050 development vision and agricultural development plan that is about to be completed.

The project is intended to help the country achieve the goal of self-sufficiency in food production, eliminating agricultural challenges in various parts of the country, he said, noting that currently rice production had registered an increase from 15 sacks to 35 sacks per hectare.

Dar today hosts crucial forum on food systems

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM today hosts a multi-stakeholder partner workshop in a new drive to unite partners around top priorities for accelerating Tanzania's Food systems and climate action.

Organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, the forum is also set to accelerate progress on specific public-private flagship initiatives ahead of major milestones later this year, such as the 2024 Africa Food Systems Forum (AFSF), Sustainable Development Impact Summit, and COP 29, which will continue to place a major focus on the nexus between food systems, climate and environment.

According to the organiser, the convening builds continuous momentum in the agriculture sector against the backdrop of the Africa Climate Summit, COP 28 and the Africa Food Systems Forum 2023, which the country hosted under the theme: "Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems". It was in this forum that the Building a Better Tomorrow (BBT) initiative, a key programme for youth in agribusiness, was launched to promote Tanzanian youth engagement in agribusiness for sustainable and improved livelihoods. The planned forum aims to take stock of the progress made in such initiatives while

evaluating the momentum of its food system pathways.

Tanzania has transformed the country's policy direction in ensuring food security is attained in the short term while also building more inclusive, sustainable, nutritious and resilient food systems in the medium term while feeding the Africa Continent commercially. Thus, collaboration between public and private sectors is of paramount importance in accelerating economic growth and transforming the lives, especially of youth and women.

"This event therefore, underscores the Ministry of Agriculture's commitment to spearheading transformative initiatives in the food systems sector, ensuring that Tanzania remains at the forefront of agricultural innovation and climate action," organisers said in a statement.



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Veterinary officer Rose Wambura administers a vaccine to a dog during World Zoonosis Day (July 6) celebrations in Mara Region in implementation of a national campaign jointly implemented by the government and USAID through a Breakthrough ACTION project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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shallow water activities, compelling the ministry to work with local government authorities, the President's Office (Planning and Environment) as well as the Vice President's Office (Union and Environment) to intensify education on sustainable fishing as it is of great importance to the nation, he stated.

He raised worries that the majority of people conduct fishing activities without observing statutory limits to such activities, thus the ministry, in collaboration with other stakeholders, need to provide education on the laws and guidelines guiding the sector.

This is meant to help stakeholders including small fishermen to attain sustainability in year-long ac-

tivities, to their own benefit, he said.

It is due to poor knowledge that fishermen and women conduct their activities in patchy waters using illegal fishing tools like unauthorized nets, whose use is not healthy for species reproduction in such surfaces, in which case it impedes sustainable fishing, he said.

Bugomba Kimasa, acting deputy director for fisheries resource de-

velopment, said on his part that fishing activities on lower waters are vital for people to get food and individual income. It is thus important to have guidelines to make this activity sustainable, he said.

Aziza Mumbi, the deputy regional administrative secretary for economy, said the region is littered with a scatter of spaces for shallow water fishing.



Tanzania Education Institute director Dr Aneth Komba (L) and Prof Huang Xiao, Chancellor of China's Zhejiang Normal University, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday signing an agreement for enhancing technical skills and science education in Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

By Getrude Mbago

USING statistics and technology is in the course of being systematically assessed in relation to globalisation, to establish a clear roadmap meeting the needs of all groups, the government has indicated.

Prof. Adolf Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister, aired this intention when opening the 12th 'Africa evidence summit' in Dar es Salaam yesterday, affirming that the intention is to achieve positive outcomes for development efforts for various groups.

As the country seeks robust economic growth and charts a collective vision of development for the next 25 years, investing in quality research informing policy and empowering communities will drive sustainable development, he stated.

He identified demographic trends where there are more children than youth, and more youth than elderly, "all requiring essential services for well-being. Statistics help us pinpoint areas of need," he explained.

He cautioned against neglecting demographic issues among researchers and evaluators, particularly concerning the youth bulge as it could lead to widespread unemployment and the potential for instability.

Appreciating the benefits of globalisation and technology, he stressed the importance of carefully integrating existing opportunities, like providing practical training for the youth to acquire skills useful for local and wider markets.

"Skills will empower individuals and groups to produce various items and access markets even in

'Set out statistics, technology roadmap to aid globalisation'

countries like China," he said in illustration.

He lauded the use of artificial intelligence to streamline research efforts and achieve desired results, asserting that this will be major technology input guiding African countries in their developmental pursuits.

Prof Mkenda said this year's Summit speaks directly to key areas of Vision 2050 while continuing to grow the evidence-informed policy community on the African continent and that Tanzania will invest in efforts to promote quality research that have positive impacts in policy planning and the community.

He said the summit is an annual in-person gathering that brings together East and West African scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss the latest research findings on economic development and poverty alleviation in East and West Africa.

He highlighted that the summit promotes discussion on new ways to integrate evidence into decision-making, elevate African scholars' voices, and engage stakeholders in the process.

Carson Christiano, executive director of the Centre for Effective Global Action (CEGA) said the event is aimed to elevate the voices of African scholars in research and policy debates, Disseminate exciting new research findings and inspire new

research collaborations.

"Each year, the summit has gotten bigger and more inclusive. It's really exciting to see how many African scholars are now generating cutting-edge research and influencing policy, while the demand for evidence from policymakers, practitioners, and donors continues to grow," Christiano said.

She said the theme of this summit underscores a critical priority: the need to strengthen our scholarly foundations to ensure that evidence-based practices are deeply rooted in our unique contexts and realities. African scholars, researchers, and practitioners play a pivotal role in generating, interpreting, and applying evidence that is not only robust and credible but also relevant to the diverse and dynamic environments we serve.

Prof. Fortunata Makene, the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) Executive Director said: "This summit is not just a gathering of minds; it is a call to action."

"During the two days, we will engage in thought-provoking dialogues, interactive workshops, and collaborative sessions aimed at exploring new avenues for bolstering African scholarship. We will examine how we can better support our researchers, foster interdisciplinary collaborations, and create enabling environments that allow evidence to thrive and drive impactful

change."

Prof. Makene underscored that the conference provides African nations with an opportunity to discuss pertinent issues, enhance research, and benefit their citizens.

She highlighted collaboration among stakeholders to share research findings and enhance infrastructure in sectors like education and agriculture.

"With a programme of research presentations and policy panels tuned to the needs of Tanzanian leaders, the Summit promises to help align evidence, policy, and practice in support of sustained social and economic prosperity," she said.

Prof. Edward Miguel, founder and faculty director of CECA emphasized their inclusive research approach which considers all segments of society, including people with disabilities, to address their needs and improve infrastructure in education and agriculture.

The two-day summit was organized collaboratively by the Network of Impact Evaluation Researchers in Africa (NIERA), an association of African scholars that advances decision-focused impact evaluation of development programmes, ESRF and CECA, a research hub at the University of California, Berkeley that generates innovative evidence decision-makers use to reduce global poverty.



Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign official Kamwenje Hamisi (R) attends to one of the people who visited the agency's booth at the ongoing 48th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday for legal assistance. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

By Guardian Reporter

Protect areas set for development projects, VP tells Kigoma leaders

AUTHORITIES in Kigoma Region have been instructed to protect the areas set aside for the construction of development projects to avoid invasion and thus lead to future conflicts.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango made the directives yesterday in the region when inspecting the construction site of the Western Region Hospital and the Construction of Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) in the Western zone in Kigoma Ujiji Municipality as part of his official tour in the region.

Dr Mpango said that the projects

are very important for the Kigoma Regional development and the entire western region in general, so the road border should be constructed to avoid encroachment.

He also directed the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) to ensure that it constructed the road leading to the project site to facilitate the delivery of construction materials during the implementation of the project.

The VP also suggested the need to consider the schedule in starting the

implementation of those projects, which have been allocated 4bn/- for the 2024/2025 financial year to start the construction of the Outpatients Department (OPD) building.

Mpango also instructed the Regional Commissioner to increase the 50 hectares needed as an addition to the project.

In another development, the Vice President inspected the ongoing Kigoma Airport renovation and expansion progress, where he said that the government will ensure

that the projects benefit all people irrespective of their socio-economic background asking them to work hard and faithfully for the benefit of the region and the nation as a whole.

The airport renovation and expansion work involves the construction of an airport terminal, apron, taxiways, flight control tower, flight guidance lights as well as roads to enter and exit the airport. The project is expected to be completed in December 2025.

Zimbabwe faces increased malnutrition amid drought

HARARE

IN 2024, Zimbabwe allocated a budget of \$76 million to support 7,300 persons with disabilities. Due to the disaster situation, the number of vulnerable individuals seeking social protection assistance is expected to rise, necessitating an additional \$1.5 million for rights-based services.

In May, President Emmerson Mnangagwa declared a state of disaster, citing the need for \$2 billion to address the drought crisis. Zimbabwe, along with Malawi and Zambia, is severely affected by malnutrition caused by drought. The dried-up Kapotesa dam in Mudzi district exemplifies the dire conditions.

The drought has forced villagers to walk long distances for odd jobs,

earning meager amounts to buy food. Most families in Mudzi have reduced their meals to two a day. Malnutrition cases have surged by 20 percent in the past three months, prompting local health experts to create a nutritional porridge called maworesa from locally sourced ingredients to combat the crisis.

The UN reported that 76 million Zimbabweans, nearly half the population, require aid. In early June, the UN launched a \$429 million drought appeal for Zimbabwe, but funding has been slow to materialize.

UNICEF Zimbabwe's Yves Willemot emphasized the severe impact on children and pregnant women, highlighting the urgent need for international support to address the worsening situation.

China, Africa seek more ties between local governments

GUANGZHOU

CHINESE and African officials emphasized the need for increased cooperation among local governments at the 5th Forum on China-Africa Local Government Cooperation held in south China's Guangzhou on Tuesday.

Around 350 delegates attended the event, including political leaders, officials and organization heads from China and Africa. They agreed to enhance cooperation between local governments for shared governance experiences, joint responses to issues, and mutual benefits.

Christian Ntsay, Prime Minister of Madagascar, said at the forum that strengthening local government cooperation is essential for sustainable development. This forum provides an opportunity for African countries to explore development opportunities by strengthening collaboration and friendship between the Chinese and African people, he added.

During the forum, Ntsay witnessed the signing of a letter of intent to strengthen friendly exchanges and

cooperation between Foshan City in Guangdong and Sambava City in Madagascar.

Data released by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries indicated that 28 provinces, regions and cities in south China's Guangzhou on Tuesday. Around 350 delegates attended the event, including political leaders, officials and organization heads from China and Africa. They agreed to enhance cooperation between local governments for shared governance experiences, joint responses to issues, and mutual benefits.

Zhao Baogang, deputy mayor of Weihai City in east China's Shandong Province, said that in the first five months of this year, Weihai's imports and exports to Africa increased by 73.2 percent. The city has established enterprises in 22 African countries, covering fields such as agriculture, energy and healthcare.

The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the provincial government of Guangdong jointly hosted this year's Forum on China-Africa Local Government Cooperation, which was inaugurated in 2012.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)

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Tender Ref. No. RFP/CO/10888193/FY25

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Plan International in Tanzania would wish to get a consultant for review of Human resources manual.

1. Tendering will be conducted through the Locally Published Tender (LPTs)
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3. Tenderers are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals with each enclosed in a separate envelope and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two envelopes shall then be enclosed in a single envelope.
4. Tenderers are hereby requested to submit or send the tenders physically in a sealed envelope by hand to:

**Plan International Tanzania
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**Plot 96 Mikocheni Light Industrial Area, New Bagamoyo Road - Next to TBC1&NECTA
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5. The deadline for submission of the tenders is on Tuesday, 30th July 2024. The outer cover should be clearly marked "Tender No. RFP/CO/10888193/FY25 for Provision of consultancy services-Human resource manual review. Not to be opened before 5PM East Africa Time (EAT), on Tuesday, 30th July 2024. Late bids will be rejected

**Country Director
Plan International Tanzania**

TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)


TENDER No. TP/07/2024/NCB/S/019 INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF THE COMMUNICATION TOWER

11 July, 2024

1. Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Co Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT ASSISTANT SCIENTIST IITA-TZ-2024 - IRRI-009 -NRS- BAGAMOYO

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on behalf of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) invites applications for the position of **Assistant Scientist**.

Background: The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) is a nonprofit independent research and training organization. IRRI is a member of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural research (CGIAR) Consortium.

The Assistant Scientist under the Inclusive Markets and Value Chain (IMVC) Unit will be part of the unit's market intelligence covering Sub-Saharan Africa. The successful applicant will assist and support in designing and conducting research studies related to market intelligence, consumer and farmer behaviour, and product concept design and testing. Furthermore, the incumbent will support the team in implementing mixed method approaches to generate and validate market and behavioural intelligence to inform the design of product profiles while engaging with multiple stakeholders across CGIAR's Genetic Innovation Stakeholder Network. Additionally, the incumbent will assist the IMVC and the Transformative Policies and Investments Unit in implementing monitoring and evaluation activities across different projects.

The candidate will also assist in the improvement and development of research tools, data collection, analysis and interpretation of results, scientific publication in international peer-reviewed journals and overall dissemination efforts through reports, policy briefs, and presentations in national/international workshops and conferences

Duty Station: The position will be based in Bagamoyo.

Responsibilities

1.1. Purpose

- Support in identifying stakeholders' current and future drivers of demand for crops, seeds and traits, and variation of demand according to gender, age and social groups, farmer types, agro-industry production requirements as well as consumer preferences
- Contribute to describing prioritized product market segments through reviewing and synthesizing sets of maps, articles and reports that describe prioritized market segments, to enable market intelligence for the design of gender-intentional product profiles
- Support in characterizing varietal demand to enable market intelligence for the design of seed system strategies. This will be through reviewing regional and crop-specific bulletins, reports and articles on demand and supply for seed, among other methodologies
- Assist with the implementation of mixed-method social-science research
- Assist with the implementation of monitoring and evaluation activities
- Assist in consolidating, evaluating, verifying and analyzing data related to research studies.

1.2 Engagement

- Contribute to collaborative engagement on methods and tool design to ensure comparability of results across crops and regions, not only in Africa but also globally
- Contribute to the strengthening the technical capacity of One CGIAR and its partners to use advanced tools and methods that convert global and regional challenges into regional impact opportunities for Genetic Innovation
- Support in initiating institutional change process by building regional, transdisciplinary CGIAR-NARES-SME teams
- Organize regular meetings with partners and stakeholders to discuss, streamline and implement activities
- Support in the development and communication of guidelines to internal and external stakeholders to bolster a collaborative implementation of project and programme activities

1.3 Delivery

- Identify resource persons and ensure the logistics are appropriate for defined purposes and engagement tasks
 - Support in the verification of suggested methodologies and activities as well as draft training materials using both primary and secondary data sources
 - Establish and maintain strong communication with NARES and CGIAR partners
 - Implement activities geared towards a common framework by the identification and description of product market segments, gender-disaggregated assessment of needs and preferences for traits as well as prioritization of product market segments across regions and crops for scalability
 - Provide inputs into activities geared to inform prioritization via foresight market intelligence analyses
 - Support project and programme activities for monitoring and evaluation
- Perform any other relevant duties as assigned by supervisor from time to time

Qualifications and experience

- MSc in social sciences preferred disciplines include psychology, sociology, anthropology, development studies, agricultural extension, environmental geography, or any other discipline that provides suitable advanced knowledge in social science with at least 3 years' experience.

Skills and knowledge

1.1 mandatory

- Has proven technical proficiency in using qualitative and quantitative social science methods
- Has strong oral and written communication skills
- Has strong analytical skill
- Has good presentation skills
- Has excellent computer skills
- Is able to work independently with very minimal supervision

1.2 Preferred

- Experience in qualitative research methods, experience in identifying, setting up, and maintaining multi-stakeholder partnerships, Experience with qualitative impact assessment.

Work Condition and environment

May require occasional travels to other countries where IRRI operates.

General information:

General information:

The duration of the contract for all the four positions is two years renewable subject to performance and availability of funds. These are nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

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Applicants are requested to include the **reference number for the position** (as indicated on the heading of the announcement) in the subject of their application letter, as well as in the subject of their email. Please note that any applications without the reference number indicated will be automatically disqualified.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 25th July 2024. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



TotalEnergies Legal Affairs and Relations director Getrude Mpangile (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday symbolically presenting 70 desks to Mohamed Athumani, headteacher of the city's Makuburi Primary School. It was at the launch of the third phase of a road safety education project involving schools. Looking on is Superintendent of Police Deus Sokoni. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TLS presidential candidate launches election manifesto

TANGANYIKA Law Society (TLS) presidential candidate Sweetbert Nkuba has promised to implement three issues including making the law bar remain unified, robust, and independent once elected.

Nkuba, who is an Advocate of the High Court made the pledge on Tuesday when launching his election manifesto ahead of the TLS election scheduled for August 2, this year.

He said that others are better practices for all, advocates welfare, TLS relationship with other stakeholders, and establishment of TLS incubator for young lawyers.

He said that advocates are officers of the court but the relationship between advocates and the court has not been well recently, leading to public rages, disciplinary actions, and heavy penalties.

"I will steer a committee to organize joint meetings and discussion to strengthen the relationship between the bar and the bench to resolve issues affecting both parties," he said.

Nkuba said that in recent years,

there has been a poor relationship between some police officers and advocates, leading to arrests without justification or bail.

He said police need to understand that advocates are officers of the court and commissioners for oaths, a title enjoyed by only commissioners of police and not any rank.

"I will ensure no arrest or harassment by any police officer against any advocate," he said.

Nkuba also promised to wage a serious war against non-practicing lawyers in all categories.

"There is a tendency for audit firms to solicit and perform high-profile legal-related work, which should be done exclusively by advocates. This tendency will be fought rigorously," he insisted.

He said there were also some non-practicing lawyers and practicing lawyers delegating their privilege to attest documents to non-lawyers.

According to him, the campaign

will be intensified through awareness and name and shame to end non-practicing lawyers.

He said also, TLS lags in prioritising the needs of members, it has been unsuccessful in mobilizing and diversifying sources of funding noting that it has not been smart in undertaking selective engagement.

Moreover, there are serious issues about member's welfare such as health insurance coverage, the prevalence of unemployment risk, lack of viable social protection structure for most practicing lawyers, insecurity of income due to undercutting, disrepute to advocates stamps, and lack of proper supervision of notary public services.

"TLS needs money. We shall work purposely to ensure adequate availability of resources for self-sustainability of the TLS; a poor bar cannot discharge its mandate to member's communities and the nation," he said.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROVISION OF LOGISTICS SERVICE REFERENCE NO.: MST-TZ-20240711

Daqing Oilfield Construction Group Co., Ltd. (hereinafter as DCOG), as a **CONTRACTOR** for onshore Marine Terminal and Storage Facilities of EACOP Project, invites experienced and reputable Service Providers that have demonstrable capability, willingness, ability and availability to express their interest in providing Logistics Service for above-mentioned **EACOP** projects.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The scope of the services shall include Freight Forwarding, Customs Clearance, transportation, project logistics.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Service Providers expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Company Profile;
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).
- Certificate of incorporation (BRELA), TIN Certificate, Valid Business license and permits.
- Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- An experience list for similar services supplied to OIL & GAS INDUSTRY in the last five (5) years, experience in operating tax-free projects;
- Confirmation to utilize logistics equipment that is new, advanced, highly automated, safe, and reliable.
- Familiar with local and international shipping regulations and laws, experienced in operating international shipping from the port of departure to the port of destination, customs clearance at the port of destination and inland transportation services.
- The provider must possess fixed assets, including but not limited to, ownership of transport vehicles.
- Compliance with petroleum (local content) regulations, 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
- Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database, or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- All shareholders of the Company must be 100% Tanzanian citizens. For providers whose shareholders are not entirely Tanzanian citizens, an approved letter from EWURA permitting the Company to undertake Reserved contracts under the Host Government Agreement (HGA) for the EACOP project is required at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest.

Interested Service Providers with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to zhaoning@docgi.cn; zhangsiyuan@docgi.cn; renhulin@docgi.cn (not exceeding 20 MBs) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **24th /July/2024**. Subject of the email should be **MST-TZ-20240711 EOI – [SERVICE PROVIDER NAME]**.

Service Providers satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by DCOG.

Note: DCOG reserves the right not to consider Service Providers that submit an incomplete dossier.

Only prequalified Service Provider will receive invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

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- Proven capability in budgeting, financial planning & analysis
- Demonstrated record of driving growth & operational efficiency in Tanzania
- A Masters Degree would be an added advantage
- Registration with a professional body would be preferred

How to Apply

1. Interested and qualified candidates are invited to register their application at www.empower.co.tz

2. Once your account is activated, setup your profile and upload the following documents:

- CV
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- Copy of Passport
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TENDER FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION SERVICE PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER ICAP/TZ/5/2024

Introduction:

MSPH Tanzania LLC, known as ICAP, is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support various public health efforts in Tanzania.

Scope of Service

MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking to pre-qualify potential bidders for provision of various services for the fiscal year starting October 2024 – September 2025. MSPH Tanzania LLC invites quotations from eligible and registered service providers for the following cluster Lots.

Lot No.	Description of the Services
CATEGORY A: INSURANCE SERVICES	
Lot 1	Provision of medical insurance; Provide quotation per person. 1. Adult (344) 2. Child (339)
Lot 2	Provision of life insurance for all ICAP Staff (223 staff)
Lot 3	Provision of motor insurance
Lot 4	Provision of property and supplies insurance
CATEGORY B: ACCOMMODATION, CONFERENCE PACKAGE AND CATERING SERVICES	
Lot 5	Provision of Hotel Accommodation and Venue Package. Provide quotation for any of the following region(s): Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Geita, Arusha, Dodoma, Tanga, Morogoro, Mbeya and Zanzibar. 1. Hotel accommodation specifying location within the regions your quoting - per night per person 2. Venue package per head specifying location within the regions you are quoting
Lot 6	Provision of catering services for Dar es salaam, Geita and Mwanza region offices
CATEGORY C: TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS SERVICES	
Lot 7	Provision of car hire service for Mwanza, Geita and Dar es Salaam Office Provide quotation per vehicle per day 1. 4WD – 5 doors, 9 seaters with roof rack (fuel, maintenance, and driver inclusive) 2. Minivan – 10 seaters high roof (fuel, maintenance, and drivers inclusive) 3. Indicate the maximum number of 4WDs and mini-vans you can provide
Lot 8A	Provision of courier services for luggage, cargo, and parcel; provide quotation per kgs: 1. Local shipment by road from 1kg – 999kg 2. International Shipment by from 1kg – 999kg
Lot 8B	Provision of medical/biological sample transportation services
CATEGORY D: WAREHOUSE AND OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT	
Lot 9 A	Provision of warehousing service – Dar es Salaam Region
Lot 9 B	Provision of warehousing service – Mwanza Region
CATEGORY E: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OFFICE SUPPLIES	
Lot 10	Supply of Office Furniture (office chairs and tables, metal cabinets, conference tables, bookshelves, side cabinet two drawers) & fixture, tents, and gazabo.
Lot 11	Supply of office stationeries for Dar es Salaam, Geita and Mwanza Offices
Lot 12	Provision of printing, promotion services and branding materials.
CATEGORY E: SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND MAINTENANCE OF IT EQUIPMENT AND PROVISION OF ICT SERVICES	
Lot 13	Provision of internet; Provide monthly quotation for dedicated internet connection bandwidth 1. Dar es Salaam Office – 40mbps up/down dedicated connection 2. Mwanza Office – 50mbps up/down dedicated connection for each office 3. Geita office – 25 mbps up/down dedicated connection
Lot 14	Supply of IT equipment (printers, computer laptops and desktops, UPS) and other IT related supplies
Lot 15	Maintenance of IT equipment, laptops, scanner and printers
CATEGORY F: SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND PROVISION OF ICT SERVICES	
Lot 16	Provision of maintenance and repair of biomedical machines for health facilities in Mwanza region. Examples include (not exhaustive list): 1. Microscope 2. Thermomixer 3. Vortex mixer 4. Thermometers 5. Thermohgrometer 6. Timers 7. Data loggers 8. Pipettes 9. Laminar flow 10. Freezer (-20c) and (-80c)
Lot 17	Supply of medical, laboratory and pharmaceutical equipment and supplies
CATEGORY G: FLEET SYSTEM AND VEHICLES MAINTENANCE SERVICES	
Lot 18	Provision of fleet management & fuel sensor system service; provide quotation for 50 vehicles Please clearly indicate installation charges and monthly service charges
Lot 19	Provision of motor vehicles repair and maintenance services (major and minor services) for Mwanza, Geita and Dar es Salaam based fleet.
Lot 19 B	Provision of motorcycles and Bajaji repair and maintenance services (major and minor services) for Mwanza, and Geita based fleet. This is inclusive of supply of parts such as tires, filters etc
Lot 20	Supply, delivery and fixing of motor vehicle tyres, wheel balancing and alignment
CATEGORY H: OTHER SERVICES	
Lot 21	Provision of security services 1. Quotation for 2 security guards without gun (1 for night guard and 1 for day guard) for Dar es salaam region 2. Quotation for 2 security guards without gun (1 for night guard and 1 for day guard) for Mwanza region
Lot 22	Provision of drinking water for Mwanza, Geita and Dar es Salaam offices – Provide quotation per bottles of 20L and 500ml
Lot 23	Provision of clearing and forwarding services
Lot 24	Supply and delivery of sanitary supplies (Mwanza, Geita and Dar es Salaam offices)
Lot 25	Provision of cleaning services (Mwanza, Geita & Dar es Salaam offices) - Provide quotation per cleaner with the list of supplies for cleaning
Lot 26	Provision of flight booking ticketing service; Provide quotation for 1. Service fee for local flights 2. Service fee for international flights 3. Service fee for flight change

Other criteria

- Business introduction letter
- Business/company profile
- Valid business license
- Tax identification number (TIN)
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- Value added tax registration certificate (if any)
- Certificate of incorporation (if any)
- Article of association (if any)
- Manufacture authorization (if any)
- Memorandum of association (if any)
- Experience justification
- Letter for recommendation from at least know well companies

Please submit certified true copies

Please Note

- The public tender opening will be done in the presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call. Zoom call link will be sent to all those who applied before the meeting.
- Late and incomplete bids will not be accepted.
- Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated/acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria above.
- MSPH Tanzania LLC may cancel solicitation and may not award.
- Issuance of request for quotation does not constitute award/contract commitment by MSPH Tanzania LLC.
- MSPH Tanzania LLC reserves the right to disqualify any bidder if the bidder fails to adhere to solicitation instructions.
- MSPH Tanzania LLC may choose to award only part of the quantity in the solicitation or issue multiple awards based on the solicitation documents.
- MSPH Tanzania LLC will contact all bidders to confirm the details of the contact person, and to verify the details of the organization which has expressed interest in the floated bid.
- Potential suppliers/bidders should clearly indicate the lot number and item applying for.
- The tender award is subject to availability of funding.

How to Apply:

Interested, eligible bidders should request their electronic tender document via email to procurement department at TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu

On email subject, please clearly indicate the name of the company and LOT number applying for.

The Tender Committee,
MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP,
7th Floor, Jangid/Alfa Plaza,
Plot No. G6, Chaburuma street
P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings or USD

The deadline for the submission is **10:00am EAT 24th July 2024.**

No tender fee charged for this invitation.

By Guardian Reporter

THE government yesterday said it was satisfied with implementation speed of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project, saying the project is expected to be completed as earlier planned.

Speaking shortly after touring the EACOP pavilion at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (Sabasaba), the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, Engineer Felchesmi Mramba, said since the official signing of the project's Financial Investment Decision (FID) in February 2022 in Kampala, Uganda, the project implementation was going on well.

According to Engineer Mramba, all the initial tasks of the project implementation, including design and payment compensations for approximately 13,161 Project affected Persons (PAPs) have already been completed equivalent to 99 per cent.

"The remaining percentage is very small and has not been paid due to various reasons, including issues related to inheritance,"

EACOP project execution wins government accolades

he said, showering praise on shareholders' commitment to the project implementation.

The PS said the on-going project activities include the laying of pipelines (to be buried) for the transporting crude oil, with pipelines being equipped with a heating system to facilitate the smooth flow of the heavy crude oil.

He said pipe-laying work, along with the installation of the heating systems and the protective insulation to prevent heat loss was currently underway at a facility located in Sojo village, Nzega District, Tabora region.

"The project is making outstanding progress as planned, and according to the government, we are very pleased with this development," Engineer Mramba said, noting that fundamentally, the project began during the Fifth Phase Government and passed stages of implementation due to its

magnitude.

He said the stage or rather the progress of the project implementation reached its impressive and if all goes on well the project would be completed by the end of 2025 as initially planned.

The total length of the project is 1,443 kilometers, with 296 kilometers in Uganda and 1,147 kilometers in Tanzania. The pipeline traverses eight regions of mainland Tanzania, namely Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara, and Tanga, covering 24 districts, 134 wards, and over 180 villages.

EACOP Ltd is a special purpose company governed by its shareholders Agreement in which Total Energies (62 per cent), Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC) 15 per cent, Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) 15 per cent and China's CNOOC (8 Per cent)



Energy ministry permanent secretary Felchesmi Mramba (R) has a word with East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project communications officer Abbas Abraham shortly after visiting the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) pavilion at the ongoing 48th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Come up with better move to ease power cost, Tanesco told

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (Tanesco) has been tasked to come up with better techniques that will make the state-owned power utility firm provide power at a lower cost.

Felchesmi Mramba, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Energy made the call yesterday when visited the Ministry's booth at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF-2024).

He also said that the existing electricity sources in the country produce power that meets current needs for many years to come.

"I've spoken to Tanesco about research in the electricity sector in the world to see what new technology our colleagues are using, what new equipment improves the electricity service and lowers costs

for the people," said Mramba.

He also said that they can also find modern electrical systems that will reduce the cutting of trees because the trees that are under the electrical cables with low electricity voltage have to be cut off to affect the environment.

Regarding electricity sources, he said that existing sources such as the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Plant (JNHPP) produce electricity that meets the present needs and several years to come adding that the Ministry of Energy will not relax.

"We can't take a vacation because electricity is enough, we think that this is the right time to invest in other sources, we don't want to go back to the history of power rationing," said Mramba.

He encouraged Tanzanians to use the opportunity of having enough electricity

to carry out various economic activities and to design various projects to bring about development.


The PS said that currently a lot of energy is being put into the production of electricity from various sources, including renewable energy, where he has mentioned some of the projects as the Kishapu solar power project (150MW) and the Singida and Makambako wind power projects which together will generate electricity of about 300 to 400 Megawatts.

He mentioned other sources of electricity including Malagarasi River (49.5 MW), Kakono (87MW), Songwe River (180.2MW), Rumakali (222MW), Ruhudji (358MW) and without forgetting the source of Natural Gas which is guaranteed to produce electricity at all weather.

He commended Tanesco for striving to carry out their duties because a few months ago they carried the burden of the nation to ensure that it had enough electricity. Now it is encouraging to see that it has a surplus.

Regarding the national strategy for using clean energy for cooking, Mramba called on public institutions and stakeholders to continue with innovations that will reduce the cost of energy equipment, including electric stoves, as they are products that touch people's lives directly.


He ordered that education on clean energy for cooking should be provided to various groups of citizens as part of the fight against the use of charcoal and cutting down trees for the betterment of the environment.



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INTRODUCTION OF Dr. MOHAMED ISMAIL ELSAIDY AS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF MBEYA CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED



Dr. MOHAMED ISMAIL ELSAIDY

Mbeja Cement Company Limited a member of Amsons Group and cement manufacturer under the "Tembo Cement" brand is pleased to announce the appointment of its New Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Member of the Executive Committee, Dr. Mohamed Ismail Elsaiddy.

Dr. Mohamed Ismail Elsaiddy brings 25 years of multinational experience in heavy industry manufacturing and business with a passion for achievements and development. Where he has held multiple senior roles and led various Greenfields projects. He holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and a Doctorate in Business Administration.

Dr. Elsaiddy's appointment represents the company's continued commitment to growth and value creation. Join us as we welcome Dr. Elsaiddy to the Tembo Cement family and we look forward to greater success.

Signed,
Board of Mbeja Cement Company Limited
11th July 2024



Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) members of staff in Dar es Salaam Region present foodstuffs and various other home use items to Furaha na Amani orphanage in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

CCBRT and NGO team up to bolster healthcare services

By Guardian Reporter

THE Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) and Non-Governmental Organisation Choplife Foundation have agreed to explore areas of collaboration in the provision of quality and specialized healthcare services to vulnerable Tanzanians.

This was agreed when Oluwagbemiga Adekunfayo Odeneye, Chief Operations Officer of Choplife IP, a holding company in which Choplifegaming and Choplife Foundation and his delegation, visited CCBRT to gain insights into the hospital's activities and services for vulnerable Tanzanians.

The delegation was met by Brenda Msangi, Chief Executive Officer of CCBRT Hospital, who led them through the various departments and projects of the hospital.

Following the tour, they convened a meeting during which they explored several areas where the Choplife Foundation could support CCBRT in its continuing efforts to serve the most vulnerable Tanzanians through CSR.

Speaking before the media, Brenda expressed her profound gratitude to the Choplife Foundation for their visit and their willingness to support and participate in her hospital's 30th anniversary commemorations in October 2024.

"I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for taking the time to visit our facility and explore potential areas of partnership with us. Your interest in supporting our work and your willingness to partner with us to make a difference in the lives of those we serve means a great deal to us," she said.

She said the hospital believes that through collaboration and collective effort, services can improve healthcare access, promote inclusivity, and empower individuals to lead healthier and more fulfilling lives.

"At CCBRT, we are committed to providing high-quality healthcare

services, particularly in the areas of clinical services, disability services, maternal and newborn health, and community programs. With the support of donors like you, we can continue to expand our reach, enhance our programs, and make a lasting impact on the communities we serve," said Brenda.

On his Part, the COO of the Choplife Foundation Odeneye popularly stated that giving back to the community where Choplife companies operate is an integral part of the foundation's mission to make a positive impact on lives in Africa.

"We are grateful to the entire team of CCBRT for hosting our visit, the time spent here was very insightful and productive, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to explore potential areas of collaboration between our organizations," he said.

He added that the work that CCBRT is doing is truly commendable and it is inspiring to see first-hand the impact you are making on the lives of so many individuals in need.

"It brings me joy to see Africans supporting each other. Additionally, we align with Tanzania President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan's mission by supporting health centers and providing the necessary tools and support," he added.

Your interest in supporting our work and your willingness to partner with us to make a difference in the lives of those we serve means a great deal to us

Tanzania to gain from sustainable ocean project use

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

TANZANIA is expected to benefit from a sustainable Ocean project which is aimed at enhancing the blue economy by protecting the environment.

This was revealed when Carol Rask, head of the Danish Institute of Human Rights which is implementing the project, visited the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance offices in Dodoma.

Carol said the project will be implemented in four years

and is funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).

"The project is aimed at strengthening security for fishermen and their surroundings," she said.

He said in implementing the project, they have visited the country and met with various stakeholders, one of them being the Human Rights and Good Governance Commission.

"We have visited Tanzania, to learn more about the areas that can be considered to implement this project, including meeting with various stakeholders, getting

their opinions as well as ensuring that government officials and the private sector take steps to strengthen the human rights of small fishermen," she said.

Project Coordinator of the Human Rights Commission and Good Governance, Jovina Muchunguzi said that the Commission is continuing with the process to prepare a National Action Plan for Human Rights and Business, in collaboration with stakeholders from the government and the private sector.

"The commission has already met with the stakeholders and explained to them the various

steps taken to prepare the work plan," said Jovina.

Jovina said that the commission was in the process of preparing the plan, one of the priority areas is agriculture and the blue economy in which there are fishing activities.

"This area is important in the lives of Tanzanians and the plan being prepared," said Jovina

The delegation was received by the Vice Chairman of the Human Rights and Good Governance Commission, Mohamed Khamis Hamad; Executive Secretary Patience Ntwina and later the talks were led by Jovina.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Singida

COTTON farmers in Singida Region have successfully developed useful biopesticides and other farming practices which have enabled them to grow cash crop organically, a move that made to harvest improved yields.

Dr Paul Saidia, coordinator for the Cotton Victoria Project (CVP) the Director of TARI Ukiiriguru Centre made the revelation here recently in an interview.

He said the beneficiary farmers in Singida are demonstration high maturity and readiness in learning, innovating and practicing vital knowledge they are being imparted.

He said TARI is bridging efforts with the BioSustain Tanzania Limited to train and mentor the involved farmers how best to develop and apply the various biopesticides in order to grow cotton organically, but also to withstand effects of climate change towards the fibre crop.

"For instance, through use of biochar, the farmers are managing to lighten soil PH percentage and water retention capacity, which are the necessary requirements for the smooth thriving of cotton plants," he said.

Biochar is the lightweight black residue, consisting of carbon and ashes, remaining

Cotton farmers in Singida develop organic pesticides for better yields

after the pyrolysis of biomass, and is a form of charcoal.

"The project has also trained the farmers over seed dressing, the vital process of applying a thin layer of active product on the surface of the seed, this can be any organic or inorganic compounds, and it can also include pesticides, fertilizers, and some growth promoters," Dr Saidia expressed.

CVP is a brainchild between the government of Brazil and TARI-Ukiiriguru Center with an eye to increase the institutional capacity and human resources training in the use and dissemination of technology in the cotton production sector.

Over 9,000 cotton farmers in Singida region are benefiting with the USD 5,802,019.08 worth project which is implemented jointly with others stakeholders including Tanzania Cotton Board (TCB), BioSustain Tanzania Limited, Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), Brazilian Cotton Institute (IBA), and the Federal University of Lavras (UFLA).

Apart from assisting the farmers to grow organically, the project is empowering the growers to adopt the new planting space

of 60 centimeters from row to row, and 30 centimeters from hole to hole, bringing the number of the cotton plants to 44,444 per acre from the formal 22,222 plants.

"With the new system, more than 5000 cotton growers who have so far adopted it, which is at least 51 percent of the total of 9,656 farmers who grows the economic cash crop in the region, are currently managing to harvest over 2.2 tons per acre, thus pocketing up to 2m/- ,ever before," he informed.


The developed biopesticides include microorganisms that control pests (microbial pesticides), and pesticidal substances produced by plants containing added genetic material (plant-incorporated protectants).

Through the development, the farmers who are benefiting from the ongoing CVP have succeeded to battle against common cotton diseases, such as cotton jassid, American boll worms and thrips, among others.

The organic (natural) pesticides in question include use of sodom apples (calotropis procera), cow's urine, manure as well as use of biochar.



It is green bananas in abundance at a mixed-goods market at Bariadi in Simiyu Region yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



CONSULTANT NEEDED

CONSTRUCTION OF MARKETSTALLS AT KILOMBERO MARKET GARDEN AREA

Background:
The feeding of humanity, the majority of which now lives in cities worldwide, involves a complex system of ecological, social, and economic relationships. The world community has acknowledged that the human right to food must be progressively realized despite the enormous challenges and inequities that exist in the food systems of both rich and poor countries. The diverse array of present "food systems" is changing rapidly on a global scale and will be transformed even more rapidly as a result of powerful forces. This transformation has become a major issue for debate amongst traditional and non-traditional actors and institutions engaged in agriculture.

Similar to many cities in developing countries, population growth in Arushacity has made access to food a critical issue since the largest proportion of the population depends on the local markets for their food. One of the challenges of the Arusha food system is food safety along the fruits and vegetables value chain. A study commissioned by Rikolto in 2018 highlighted the magnitude of contaminated risks in the fruits and vegetable value chain: 65% of the samples were highly contaminated with pesticide residual, 52% were highly contaminated with biological contaminants such as E.coli and about 74% were highly contaminated by environmental contaminants such as smoke and dust. All these can be attributed to food safety gaps resulting from poor food production practices, post-harvest handling practices, processing, and storage, transportation, retailing, and handling at market and household levels.

Arusha like in other Sub-Saharan cities, face challenges on how fruits and vegetables are produced, transported, sorted, processed, and marketed. Our food markets are characterized by malpractices and poor sanitation brought about mainly by a lack of awareness and poor market infrastructure necessary for food safety. This leads to the risk of our fruits and vegetables to be contaminated with germs, chemicals and other physical materials that render food unsafe for consumption.

For that reason, Rikolto in collaboration with the Arusha City Council is addressing these challenges of food safety by constructing a small section of the Kilombero market called the garden area with basic infrastructure with the motive of increasing access to healthy, sustainable and nutritious fruits and vegetable for Arusha citizens and create an inclusive linkage with farmers and producers through the participatory food safety system model. Additional activities to reinforce this intervention include: awareness

campaigns on food safety through media, capacity enhancement of food actors including farmers, food transporters and market vendors

Purpose of the assignment:
To improve the market infrastructure of the Kilombero Market Garden Area in collaboration with the Arusha City Council Engineer.

Expected Output:

- > Improved market section with a concrete floor, a corrugated shed and smart stalls for selling fruits and vegetables. This structure should be movable in case the Government rehabilitates the market structure in the future

Ultimate Outcomes:

- > An increased number of mainstream consumers having access to healthy, sustainable, and nutritious diets.
- > Effective market linkages along the fruits and vegetable value chain through the PFSS model
- > Enhanced product traceability from the point of origin to ensure food safety.
- > Enhanced knowledge of food safety practices from farm to fork especially among the mainstream consumers
- > An enabling environment at the market to ensure the supply of safe and quality products through the selected smart stalls.

Required
Interested candidates should submit a detailed technical proposal that clearly shows: an understanding of the ToR, a proposed design for the market improvement and work plan with clear timelines, experience, and understanding of Tanzania's local market structures, and experience in similar assignments. Additionally, a financial proposal should be submitted containing costs in Tanzanian Shillings of the assignment (breakdown). The proposed budget will form the basis for the negotiation of the final budget which will form part of the Agreement of Cooperation.

Note: The available budget for the project is TZS. 95,000,000

Submission the proposal
Interested firms/ individuals are expected to submit a detailed proposal via email at eastafrica.procurement@rikolto.org by 27th July 2024, 5pm.

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Widening e-learning courses ideal in lifting training quantity, quality

VARIOUS middle-level educational institutions are determined to integrate more of e-learning in their methods.

The Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) is reported to be working on plans to start rolling out training through the E-Learning System (ELS).

The idea is to expand student enrolment and training scope as a whole, as e-learning becomes more plausible with faster communication networks rapidly growing into the order of the day.

This intention was among gems divulged to the public by senior staff of the institute only days ago at the 48th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

They said that taking up digital learning system will enable the institution to attract students from more regions and even from outside Tanzania, apart from improving training quality.

There are those who will debate the quality of e-learning and campus sitting, but it must be agreed that it is better to reach a much wider cast of students, who may even pay for training on the basis of informal sector earnings, than sticking to elitism.

This is beefed up by dangers of leaving a paying occupation, pursuing studies and thereafter just hitting the streets.

Indeed, it is even possible that this mode of training will in the future become more commonplace as job openings, both formal and informal, are often age sensitive.

Even worse, given the acute shortage of jobs upon graduation, remaining in the streets and silently elevating knowledge and skills could become the mode.

Young people can fit almost anywhere they get a chance, unlike growing up in boarding school up to university and then being asked to do informal sector jobs. It can be a psychological disaster.

There is another dimension in

e-learning that can be tried, for instance as an auxiliary aspect to the recent plan by USAID to improve the teaching and learning of English.

If they formed English learning clubs in city streets, such as frames with some acceptable facilities such as verandahs fitted with demonstrative e-display boards, many youths would use them to improve their language skills along with whatever e-courses they would be pursuing.

Focusing on schools is strategically vital but, in a sense, it targets the next generation, while the issue is to enhance language and other skills even for those who are out of school.

There is an agency that is fitted to conduct both aspects of training for direct courses in certificate and diploma course pursuits and in language improvement to widen their chances to access knowledge from the internet.

There are still efforts in some quarters to make such courses popular and accessible through the use of the national language, whereas it throws off balance its 'beneficiaries', not capable of competing especially with those from English medium schools, or obtaining sufficient tuition there.

It is thus heartening that the medium-level training institution is showing the way in bringing more school or high school finishing youths to the fold, and even attracting others from outside the country.

A marginal aspect of precaution for both youths and policy makers is being aware that higher learning is either a luxury based on state loan arrangements or afforded by more endowed households.

In that case, making out a broader e-learning facility especially if padded by language proficiency would enable a portion of the youth to avoid social dependency in studying, and later joblessness risks.

Clarification crucial on commercial terms in gas rollout by TPDC and private sector

EMPHASIS rang out at the DITF on the pace of converting motor vehicles to using compressed natural gas (CNG) and more strongly on the availability of filling stations offering such gas.

The Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) is now firmly tasked with ensuring the installation of more CNG filling stations, from a paltry two stations or so to 30 within the current financial year.

Just how ambitious that plan is remains for each to judge but, if a general invitation came up, we could see more than 100 stations cropping up.

And it isn't just the commercial capital - Dar es Salaam - and adjacent areas that need to fill vehicles with gas.

With a private sector-based rollout instead of the public sector petroleum behemoth, filling stations would simply reserve portions of their facilities to sell gas.

But the government is chained down by the usual logic where a monopoly in a sector dictates public policy as it has to be geared for its benefit.

Colossal firms like TPDC running the show in large contracts on oil exploration and delivery are presumably also ready and willing to engage in retail business in gas for use by vehicles, thus building stations.

Even the idea that the Energy ministry lists areas where such gas stations will be built smacks of plans to nationalise the fuel business.

But this should lead the

eventuality of the government having to pay heavily for petroleum until 2030 if a petroleum monopoly dictates the pace of the gas filling stations. There thus needs to be a policy review to enable filling station operators to convert any chambers to gas use, under EWURA oversight.

This hiatus in shifting to natural gas use for vehicles is coming up against a measure of upper-level indifference because of vested interests, especially the traditional outlook that 'sensitive' sectors ought to be controlled by the government.

There may thus be no thrust whatsoever for a competitive shift to gas use in motor vehicles, taking for granted that individuals will cough up large sums of money for petrol, all because of the wish to displace the private sector in the fuel business. This objective needs to be checked now.

It may be said that letting TPDC control the shift to using CNG in vehicles would prevent the government from saving perhaps up to one trillion shilling a year, which would vastly diminish employment in the health and education sectors.

By contrast, the move would enable the government to mark up subsidies for local authorities, diminishing the levies and taxes harming all manner of startups.

While at the moment there are no proper terms of reference in TPDC collaboration with the private sector, one proposition may be to allow competition and advisedly take the state-owned corporation off retail duty.

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To reinvent journalism, start by updating its mission

By Mattia Peretti

TRUST in journalism is at an all-time low, engagement is declining, and the business outlook for the industry is uncertain at best.

These are facts. The question is whether you think this situation is inevitable or if you believe things could be better. I'm in the latter camp.

Three months ago, I wrote that I believe that journalism as it is can't be saved but that we can reinvent it - only by imagining radical new solutions and creating products that users actually want.

Reinventing anything forces you to face some hard questions and even harder truths. Luckily, throughout my career I have appreciated time and again how people in journalism are not afraid to dive into this level of self-reflection.

I dare say that it is something we even embrace, probably because asking hard questions is part of the definition of a journalist's work.

So, I decided to gather a small group of people in my network to see what we might do together to set this change and reinvention in motion. I call them News Alchemists, for their ability to create novel ideas and solutions, just as alchemists once worked to turn base metals into gold.

With News Alchemists, we are determined to articulate a vision for change in the journalism industry and crusade for it, in order to make journalism more user-centric, and more equitable and sustainable as a result.

We have gathered (virtually) twice in the last few weeks to elaborate on our theory of change and try to identify where we can start in moving the wheel of change. The first push is the hardest but we believe that a brighter future for journalism is possible.

Here is what I have learned so far from our conversations, and some questions we are determined to explore in the coming months.

We believe that change can only start with a mindset shift toward what I describe as extreme user-centricity. This means creating products and experiences that people actually want - but it's more complex than that.

It starts with our mission. We need to take some time to reflect on why we think journalism is important and what role it plays in societies.

Traditionally, we tend to think about the mission of journalism as informing the public about what is going on in their community,

in their country and across the world; to supply them with the information they need to make informed choices, for example about how they are going to vote in an election.

But is that enough? Do we really believe that all that journalism should seek to do is provide information to the public? I don't think so.

This belief risks confusing the production of content with mission accomplished. It suggests that the moment information is provided, our job is done.

In this context, extreme user-centricity means acknowledging that information has value only if we help people use it to take action and inspire positive change. So how can we rethink, reconnect with and update our mission?

As journalists, we should care about the people we report for, right? Otherwise, why bother? The problem is that empathy often is not required to do the journalism we currently produce.

The system is not designed to reward empathy as a valuable skill. For that to change, we have to start thinking of journalism as a conversation and as a service based on listening, rather than as a mere exercise of content production.

The other risk of equating our mission to the production of content is that it limits the horizon of our creativity. How can we reinvent anything if we already default to such a narrow definition?

Furthermore, if we accept that information overload is a significant issue in our societies, aren't we even exacerbating the situation by only working to produce more and more content all the time?

Expanding the definition of journalism might mean, for example, embracing our role as conveners. As the American Press Institute highlights in this excellent piece: "Media should be a force for social connection, a convener of people across differences and a facilitator for what to do after the facts are laid bare." Many innovative organisations are already experimenting with this in a number of different formats.

And there are other benefits of convening people for in-person interactions: chief among them being that more people would get to know journalists, which could increase trust. After all, it's easier to ask people to trust a person they met in real life and exchanged thoughts and ideas with rather than asking them to blindly trust a byline.

We want to advocate an increased focus on the quality of

people's experiences when they engage with our journalism. This is a critical shift in mindset.

User experience, or UX in short, is not a new concept but it seems that we often reduce it to how users interact with our products so that we can improve particular products and get people to spend more time with them.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with that, but we must also think of user experience through the wider lens of how our journalism makes them feel. How much better could the products and experiences we create become if we cared for those feelings?

In a nutshell, that's what our theory of change is built upon: we need a shift towards extreme user-centricity because we believe that by embracing that mindset our products and experiences could be better than they currently are and create more value for the people we aim to serve.

This would lead to new paths for sustainability, because people pay for products and experiences that add value to their lives.

You might be reading this and thinking "okay, but this is not new, we already know these things" - and you would be right. We have the evidence.

Look back at the very first line of this piece. We have the evidence - and yet change is painfully slow. That's why it's critical that we better understand what makes change so difficult and how we can remove such barriers.

User-centricity should expand to people-centricity, to acknowledge the need to show empathy not only to our users but also to the people working in our organisations.

Change is hard. It's scary. Let's face it, it's generally easier to not change in whatever field of life. We must consider barriers such as habits, frustrations, power dynamics, and economic incentives, and figure out what levers we can pull to implement change - including in our organisations even if not everyone inside them will embrace that change.

We need to activate a positive feedback loop to prove that changing is in everyone's interest: users, journalists, society and even companies' bottom lines.

Change won't just happen if we are not able to explain clearly what we want to change into. In our conversations, we have realized that if we all write down a description of the "ideal news organisation", our descriptions would look quite different from one another.

And that is all right. The point is

not getting to the same destination but agreeing that we need a new one and defining the principles we share.

After our first two gatherings, we decided to continue working together through the rest of the year, at least.

We know all of this is extremely complex, and we don't have the arrogance to believe that we can reinvent journalism alone.

However, we absolutely believe that a better future is possible if we build a movement that fights every day for these principles and makes it easier for everyone to embrace this mindset shift through inspiring conversations and examples of the radical solutions we need.

We believe that we have a campaigning role to play to facilitate change at all levels. From inside and outside the organisations, from our staff to engaging with users, starting from journalism education and making that more people-centric, too.

News Alchemists is like a product in closed beta. The ambition I have for this fellowship year with ICFJ is to test it and understand how to turn it into something that can meaningfully inspire and facilitate positive change.

For this year, the goal is not to scale up: we expect to grow the size of the group a little, but not much. But in the future, we hope to develop News Alchemists into something that can grow into a global community, as soon as next year.

We do want to open this conversation to many others across the industry, though. We will be creating opportunities to do just that in the near future.

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Systematic training of teachers vital for improvement of education sector

TODAY'S world has witnessed a rapid change in almost all aspects of life. The faces of changes which are easy to notice and feel are those of science and technology. The motive behind the changes in science and technology is the need to simplify work.

People are always interested in embracing more than one way of doing things. As a result, every year there is an introduction of a new version of an electronic device or just a computer programme.

It is the introduction of new technology in the market that makes individuals think of what they need to learn and in which way. They start questioning the quality of education being provided and if it meets the demands of the world that witnesses great changes after every dawn. Parents are looking for schools which can enable their children to meet their educational goals.

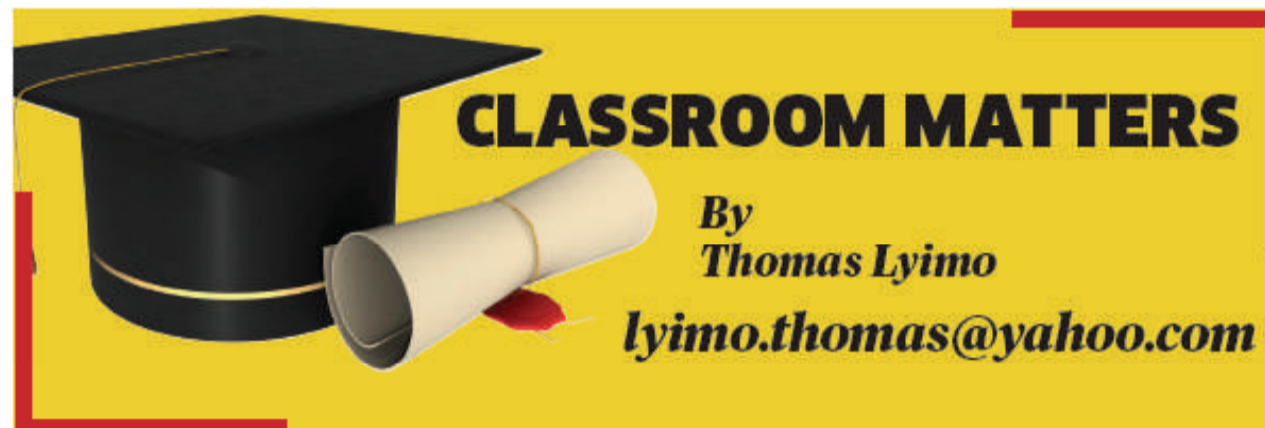
With the demand for improvement in the teaching and learning process by parents, schools are forced to improve their business to continue retaining their customers. This is when trainings became important. There is a great need for instance of using technology in teaching.

Teachers need to seek new skills to keep pace with the demands of today's world. Training has become inevitable.

The knowledge that the teacher retains may still be relevant, but the way of delivering it may no longer be effective. This forces teachers to undergo training so they can continue using their knowledge effectively. It is very hard to resist change when the conditions for change are already present. To adapt successfully, one must prepare to face these changes early. We are always reminded to be flexible.

The great need of using technology in the teaching and learning process is to a great extent forcing teachers to embrace trainings. The way of presenting and filing information has also changed. We are in a digital world where nearly all activities are computerized. Schools are expected to champion the use of technology to prepare graduates to use it after schooling.

The advancement of science and technology has also come up with new ways of thinking. A lot has been discovered in the whole process of teaching and learning. Factors which hinder effective learning are revealed from time



to time and suggestions on how to enhance effective teaching and learning are provided abundantly. This calls for teachers to get updated always. Therefore it is important for teachers to participate in trainings which are crucial in the following ways.

One of the advantages of regular training to teachers is for them to gain new skills and knowledge. Training provides an opportunity to acquire new

skills and knowledge. New skills and knowledge add flavour and value to the teaching process.

Learners always look up for new realities and ways of doing things from the teacher for them not to be bored. It is trainings that enable achieving this objective. Therefore teachers should not get tired of trainings for them to continue capturing attention of learners.

Another advantage of training is the

improvement of education policy and curriculum in general. During training sessions, which provide room for discussions on various aspects of education, different opinions and suggestions emerge that can lead to changes in our education system. Teachers, with their valuable experience, may struggle to share their insights with the right stakeholders, but training offers them the opportunity to voice their ideas.

If something is not communicated, it cannot be considered. Thus, training sessions facilitate the sharing of views, which can enhance our education system. Since the curriculum shapes the lives of people in a country, it is crucial to incorporate the perspectives of experienced teachers before its adoption to ensure the nation's progress is secure.

Training also enables the setting of realistic objectives in education. Training provides an opportunity to compare theory and practice. This examination of theory and practice can lead to the development of realistic objectives in education. The examination reveals what is feasible and what is not. Understanding where theory aligns or does not align with practice is essential for setting realistic educational objectives. Setting unrealistic objectives can lead to unnecessary blame and friction among education stakeholders.

Again, trainings give teachers an opportunity to socialize and create new connections. People can live well when they are in a network. Teachers should not forget that there is life after employment. They need to know that life after employment is prepared when they are still in employment and not after retirement.

Having a good network enables teachers to socialize, expand their perspectives, and engage in activities beneficial to themselves and society at large. To succeed in various life pursuits, we are encouraged to learn from others. Individuals have different perspectives and ideas that can positively impact our lives. Sometimes, an approach can limit progress in a certain activity. Training introduces different approaches to the same tasks, enhancing improvement. Therefore, teaching involves participating in various training programs.

Healthy coexistence: Tanzanians urged to take responsibility for preventing zoonotic diseases

By Guardian Reporter

THE World Zoonosis Day is celebrated on every July 6 to honour the pioneering work of Louis Pasteur, who successfully administered the first rabies vaccine in 1885.

This annual observance is a reminder that zoonotic diseases remain a significant public health challenge, with recent statistics showing that 60 percent of all outbreak-causing diseases originate from animals.

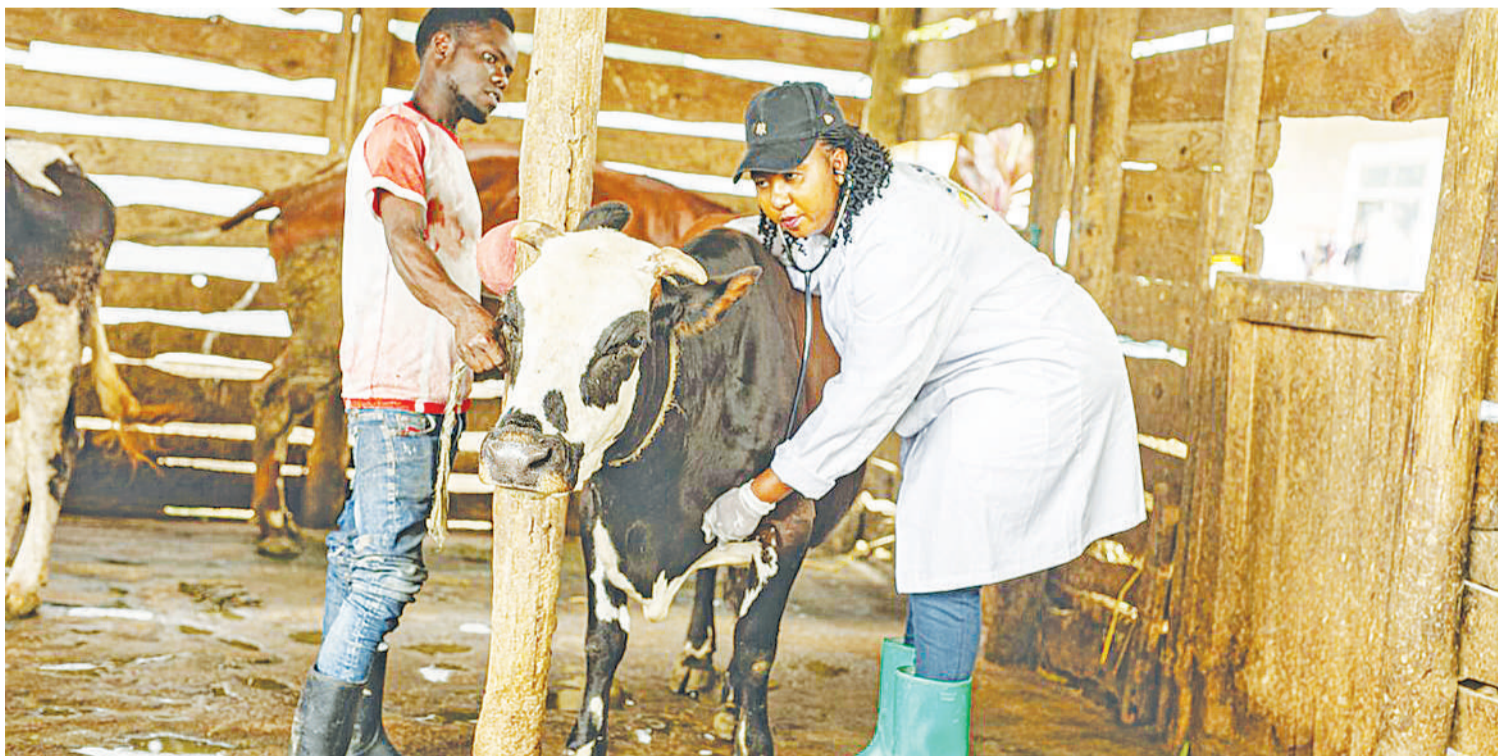
Zoonotic disease can spread to humans through a number of ways, of which one of it is when a human comes into direct contact with the saliva, blood, urine, mucus, faeces, or other body fluids of an infected animal, such as by being bitten by the infected animal.

The disease can also spread indirectly if humans come into contact with areas where animals live and roam or come into contact with objects or surfaces contaminated with germs. The theme of the 2024 World Zoonoses Day was 'One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses'.

'One Health' according to the World Health Organization (WHO) is an approach in which multiple sectors communicate and work together to achieve better public health outcomes. The One Health approach is particularly relevant in the control of zoonoses (diseases that can spread between animals and humans, such as avian flu, rabies and Rift Valley Fever).

A One Health approach is key to the management of shared threats for future outbreaks and pandemics at the human-animal-environment interface.

The government through the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in collaboration with the United States Agency for



A veterinary officer, Rose Wambura administers a vaccine to a dog during the World Zoonosis Day celebrations in Mara Region recently. To combat these diseases, the government launched a national campaign dubbed 'Holela Holela Itakukosti' (Recklessness is Costly) which is implemented in collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Breakthrough ACTION project. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

International Development (USAID), through Breakthrough ACTION project, joined the global community in observing World Zoonosis Day, utilizing the occasion to engage Tanzanians in discussions about zoonotic diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans and promote joint efforts to prevent and control these diseases.

Dr Salum Manyatta is the Assistant Director for One Health at the Prime Minister's Office, he said: "We are urging Tanzanians to take responsibility for their health by adopting good hygiene practices, seeking medical attention if they suspect they have contracted a zoonotic disease, and reporting

sudden animal deaths to veterinary professionals within their communities," said

Six zoonotic diseases have been prioritized in Tanzania due to their significant impact on the community: rabies, anthrax, brucellosis, viral hemorrhagic fevers like Marburg and Ebola, zoonotic influenza, and human African trypanosomiasis/sleeping sickness.

Experts emphasize that a holistic One Health approach is necessary to address these diseases effectively. "Rabies is a major concern due to its high fatality rate and high incidence among children," explained Dr Manyatta.

According to Dr Stanford

Ndibalema, Assistant Director for Veterinary Public Health at the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, zoonotic diseases can be transmitted through various routes, including direct contact with infected animals, contaminated food consumption, improper food handling, and inhalation of particles, bites and scratches from infected animals.

"Consumption of meat that has not been properly cooked and unsupervised handling of dead animals can lead to the transmission of diseases like anthrax," added Dr Ndibalema.

To combat these diseases, the Government has launched a national campaign dubbed 'Holela

Holela Itakukosti' (Recklessness is Costly) campaign to facilitate discussions about zoonotic diseases and promote preventive measures among the general public.

The campaign aims to encourage Tanzanians to take responsibility for their health by adopting good hygiene practices, seeking medical attention if they suspect they have contracted a zoonotic disease, and reporting sudden animal deaths to veterinary professionals within their communities.

"This campaign is crucial in raising awareness about zoonotic diseases and promoting preventive measures among the general public," said Dr Ndibalema.

He was of the view that by working together, Tanzanians can prevent the diseases from spreading and ensure a healthier nation.

The public is urged to adopt positive preventive and treatment behaviors such as vaccination of animals, proper cooking of food, and proper handling of dead animals.

"We have been encouraging people to report any sudden animal deaths to veterinary professionals within their communities," said Dr Ndibalema.

Zoonotic diseases account for approximately 60 percent of existing and 75 percent of newly emerging infectious diseases in humans, including notable outbreaks like SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), significantly affecting health security and the African economy.

Recent zoonotic disease outbreaks in the Southern African region include Anthrax, Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF), H5N1 Bird Flu, and COVID-19.

World Population Day 2024: Unlocking the power of Tanzania's human capital

By Mark Bryan Schreiner

TANZANIA'S population has been on a consistent upward growth trajectory since the first census in 1967. Over the past 55 years, the population has grown from 12.3 million people to 61.7 million in 2022.

This growth, primarily fueled by high fertility rates, presents a double-edged sword for the nation; potential challenges in the absence of strategic investments - or opportunities for propelling the country towards achieving its national development aspirations.

Tanzania's population is projected to double in just 22 years, reaching approximately 123.4 million people by 2044, at the current growth rate of 3.2 percent. This rapid growth can bring both opportunity and formidable challenges; straining resources, hampering economic progress, and exacerbating the dependency ratio - currently standing at 87 dependents per 100 working-age individuals. This places an immense burden on the economy and social services, diverting resources from crucial investments that could spur job creation and overall development.

Our collective future depends on how we think about and respond to the ties between population and development. The theory of quantity-quality trade-off underscores the importance of addressing this issue as it hypothesizes that larger families, with limited resources, may struggle to invest adequately in each child's well-being, potentially impacting their quality of life.

This highlights the imperative for strategic and focused interventions in education, healthcare, and family planning, ensuring that the nation's human capital is nurtured and empowered.



However, Tanzania's rapidly growing population also presents a golden opportunity. With 60 percent of the population comprising young people under 24

years, the nation's youthful demographic can trigger a demographic dividend - a period of accelerated economic growth resulting from a larger workforce

and increased productivity. But demographic dividend is not automatic; it necessitates building human capital through deliberate investments in employment, education, and health to be realized.

In 1969, the founding father of Tanzania, Julius Kambarage Nyerere, famously proclaimed 'Kupanga ni Kuchagua', a Kiswahili phrase meaning 'to plan is to choose'. This profound statement underscores the critical role of strategic planning in shaping a nation's future. Tanzania remains committed to making strategic investments in its people - with the ongoing development of the Tanzania National Vision 2050 offering a unique chance to prioritize investments in human capital that will ensure the country reaps bountiful dividends for future years to come.

By equipping young people with quality education and relevant skills, Tanzania can cultivate a productive workforce that drives innovation and economic advancement. Additionally, creating a conducive environment for job creation and entrepreneurship is essential to absorb the growing labor force and reduce unemployment.

Improving healthcare and family planning services is equally important. By empowering women and couples with reproductive choices and ensuring access to quality

healthcare, Tanzania can lower fertility rates and improve maternal and child health outcomes, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more prosperous society. According to the World Bank's recent Tanzania Economic Update 20, shifting to a low fertility scenario could lift six million people out of poverty by 2050.

Unlocking the power of gender equality is another key pillar. Too often, women are sidelined from decision-making. Empowering women and girls through education, economic opportunities, and social participation not only enhances their well-being but also fosters inclusive and sustainable development.

Addressing the challenges and seizing the opportunities presented by Tanzania's growing population necessitates a multi-faceted approach. At the community level, improving access to healthcare, especially reproductive health services, and raising awareness about family planning are crucial steps. Evidence indicates that every \$1 invested in family planning, can save governments up to \$6.

At the policy and decision-making level, a comprehensive understanding of population dynamics and their impact on the economy and quality of life is paramount. Crafting policies that promote sustainable development, prioritize human capital invest-

ment, and address gender disparities is essential.

When a population has access to quality healthcare, ongoing education, gender equality, women's empowerment, and the ability to contribute to economic growth, substantial national economic benefits can be realized, leading to the achievement of a demographic dividend.

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, collaborates with the Government and partners to invest in the nation's youth, particularly to enhance their health and education. Catalyzing the development of optimal human capital will unlock Tanzania's full potential, paving the way for sustainable growth and prosperity.

Amidst a rapidly growing population, Tanzania's prosperous future is intertwined with the decisions made today. Striking a delicate balance between quantity and quality, investing in human capital, and embracing a multi-sectoral approach can transform Tanzania's demographic landscape into a powerful engine for sustainable development.

The possibilities for tomorrow are limitless, and Tanzania's choices today will shape its destiny.

Mark Bryan Schreiner (pictured) is the UNFPA Representative to the United Republic of Tanzania.

By Liz Kimbrough

A new global report reveals a stark reality: populations of migratory freshwater fish species, including salmon, trout, eel and sturgeon, are declining dramatically. The 2024 update on the Living Planet Index for Migratory Freshwater Fishes shows an average 81 percent decrease in these fish populations between 1970 and 2020.

"The catastrophic decline in migratory fish populations is a deafening wake-up call for the world," said Herman Wanningen, founder of the World Fish Migration Foundation and one of the authors of the report. "We must act now to save these keystone species and their rivers."

The report analyzed data from 1,864 populations of 284 migratory freshwater fish species across the globe. Contributing to the report were researchers from the World Fish Migration Foundation, the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Wetlands International and WWF.

The researchers found that fish populations had declined significantly more in some regions than in others. For example, Latin America and the Caribbean experienced the most severe decrease at 91 percent, while Europe saw a 75 percent decline. North America showed a 35 percent decrease, and Asia-Oceania reported a 28 percent decline. Data for Africa were limited, making it difficult to determine conclusive trends for that continent.

Migratory freshwater fish are species that move between different habitats to complete their life cycles, and can include fish that migrate within freshwater systems, such as rivers and lakes, as well as those that move between freshwater and marine environments.

These far-ranging fish play a crucial role in food security and nutrition for millions of people, particularly in vulnerable communities across Asia, Africa and Latin America. They also support the livelihoods of tens of millions, from local fisheries to the global trade in migratory fish and fish byproducts and the multibillion-dollar recreational fishing industry.

According to the report, habitat loss and degradation, including fragmentation of rivers by dams and other barriers and conversion of wetlands for agriculture, account for half of the threats to migratory fish. Overexploitation (overfishing) is the second most significant factor. The report also notes that increasing pollution and the worsening impacts of climate change contribute to the fall in freshwater migratory fish populations.

"Generally, threats are manifold and depend on the location and species, but the

Populations of global migratory freshwater fish species plummet by 81 per cent: report



Fishers catch a white sturgeon on the Fraser River in North-western, US

main ones are overexploitation, and habitat loss and degradation, which also includes the disruption of migration routes through dams and other river barriers," Stefanie Deinet of ZSL's Institute of Zoology and a co-author of the report, said.

Casey Pennock, an assistant professor at Ohio State University, who was not involved in the report, told Mongabay that the study's findings might even be conservative. "While the trends [in the report] are alarming, they are likely conservative estimates, even for places with relatively well-studied fish populations such as North America."

Pennock highlighted data gaps in the study, noting, "There is geographical and taxonomic bias in the data used in this report with data gaps from large portions of North America including the Great Plains, Intermountain West, and American Southwest and Mexico. Many of these regions are home to migratory fish species that have suffered range-wide declines in occurrence and abundance before and since the 1970s."

"It is quite possible that the situation

is actually worse than captured in the report," Deinet agreed. "Only 30 percent of migratory freshwater species known to occur in the region are represented in our data set ... The expectation is that the decline will continue and even worsen with additional dam construction, for example in the Amazon."

Despite the grim overall picture, the report does offer some hope. While the majority (65 percent) of species have declined, nearly one-third (31 percent) of monitored species have shown increases in population, suggesting that conservation efforts and improved management can have positive impacts.

Fish populations under some form of management fared better than those without, showing less severe declines. The report notes that fisheries management was the most common type of intervention, accounting for 42 percent of management activities. These efforts included imposing fishing limits, restocking fish populations, reducing bycatch, providing additional food sources, and establishing protected areas where fishing is prohibited. These

management practices were most frequently reported in North America and Europe.

The report cautions, however, that fisheries management may not address all threats facing migratory fish populations, particularly those related to habitat loss and degradation. It highlights several strategies to address declines, such as habitat restoration, dam removals, the creation of conservation sanctuaries, and legal protection.

There's currently increasing momentum for dam removal in Europe and the United States. In 2023, Europe removed 487 river barriers, a 50 percent increase over the previous year's record, according to the latest annual report by Dam Removal Europe.

Meanwhile, the largest dam removals in U.S. history are underway along the Klamath River in California and Oregon.

"Prioritizing river protection, restoration, and connectivity is key to safeguarding these species, which provide food and livelihoods for millions of people around the world," Michele Thieme, deputy director of freshwater at WWF-US, said in a statement.

Nearly 25 percent of all freshwater fish species are at risk of extinction, according to the IUCN.

"The threats causing declines in migratory fishes are the same for all freshwater fishes. To conserve freshwater fishes, we need to improve connectivity, which is being accomplished in parts of the USA by removing dams or building fish passages," Pennock said. "Equally, if not more, important, we need to keep water in rivers, which can be challenging for society because humans directly compete with freshwater fishes for water."

The report concludes with a call for stronger monitoring efforts, especially in under-represented regions like Asia, Africa and South America. The study also emphasizes the need to meet the goals set in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which aims to protect 30 percent of inland waters and restore 30 percent of degraded inland waters, as well as to protect and restore free-flowing rivers through basin-wide planning.

Other recommendations include supporting the Global Swimways initiative, which identifies and prioritizes key river migration routes; listing more freshwater migratory fish species on the Convention on Migratory Species; and meeting the Freshwater Challenge's goal of restoring 300,000 kilometers (186,000 miles) of degraded rivers globally.

"Migratory fish are central to the cultures of many Indigenous peoples, nourish millions of people across the globe, and sustain a vast web of species and ecosystems," Wanningen said. "We cannot continue to let them slip silently away."

By Salome Kitomari and Pratch

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Dar, Bangkok hold key to end poaching



ALTHOUGH Tanzanian authorities confirm that wildlife poaching has decreased significantly, but the number of cases on the matter have kept rising over the past nine years. The situation gets better in Thailand, the country which used to be the big market of wildlife products. This is due to adoption of advanced digital forensic investigations to fight wildlife crimes.

In Tanzania, the anti-poaching battle is still in motion as poaching has decreased and there are cases where the culprits are in several stages and in a few years to come they'll also go down.

Oswald Tibabekomya, Director-Fraud, Money Laundering and Corruption Division, National Prosecutions Service in Tanzania said that over nine to five years there is an increase in cases in Tanzanian courts, which shows the bad trends that need more efforts to be addressed. This is very important, as if Tanzania wants to realise the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 it must take urgent action to end poaching and trafficking of protected species of flora and fauna and address both demand and supply of illegal wildlife products.

Citing examples, Tibabekomya said in June 2016 in Dar es Salaam in the houses of three suspects where the seizure of 600 ivory was one of the largest seizures of elephant tusks involving a criminal network of traffickers who were involved in buying, collecting, transporting, and selling of ivory.

In this incident, twelve accused were charged by the Tanzanian courts with leading organized crime, unlawful dealing in government trophies, and money laundering. In a similar incident, a consignment of 413 pieces of elephant tusks and two pieces of Hippopotamus teeth were seized in September 2019, and the investigation was able to trace and arrest his accomplices including the financier of wildlife trafficking.

"During the investigation, they seized electronic gadgets and one paying slips which revealed that one of the suspects had received payment of money in his account from his co-conspirator. Later it was found out that financing wildlife trafficking by owning motor vehicles, which he had concealed ownership by registering them in the name of third parties," he said.

He added that the six accused are charged with leading organized crimes, dealing in government trophies.

In another incident, Tibabekomya said 83 elephant tusks were captured and 12 accused which represents one of the largest criminal networks of wildlife trafficking in the country, and the criminal syndicate involves poachers, small local suppliers, facilitators, and a financier.

"The financial investigation that was conducted in this case revealed that one of the suspects had received in his account \$42,000 which he withdrew in

cash. This fund was traced to the account of another suspect who transferred the money using a false invoice purporting that it was to buy gold," he said.

According to him, 12 accused persons were charged and convicted of leading organized crimes, unlawful possession and dealing in government trophies, forgery, and money laundering.

According to the TRAFFIC report, the vast majority of ivory (72 percent) and pangolin scales are trafficked by the sea in containerized cargo, due to the high volumes involved and the minimal risk of interception and arrest. Tanzania's seaports, especially Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar, are highly vulnerable to trafficking; more than 23 tonnes of ivory seized in 2009-2015 were intercepted at or originated from these two ports. Strengthening port law enforcement capacity and security of maritime supply chains are key in the fight against wildlife trafficking.

The analysis of wildlife seizures implicating Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar seaports in the period 2009-2018 demonstrated the ports' role as critical export and transit points for wildlife products from Africa to Asia: 15 ivory seizures with a total weight of 23 tonnes were made in connection to these seaports, with 93 percent of ivory intercepted in other seaports, mainly in Asia.

Increased enforcement efforts by Tanzanian authorities since August 2015 seem to have forced traffickers to shift their

routes to other ports. However, Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar seaports still remain vulnerable to exploitation by wildlife traffickers. Between 2016-2018, 27 wildlife seizures in the nearby region indicate the likelihood that the Dar es Salaam Sea- and airports could still be used for wildlife trafficking.

Recent evidence suggests a shift of wildlife trafficking routes through Mozambique as well as West African seaports, such as in Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with Uganda as a key transit country.

Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar ports remain highly attractive for wildlife and other illicit trade due to their geographic location and economic significance for East African countries.

The reports cited that 539 1,072 391 military and civilian weapons and 37,921 pieces of ammunition were seized criminals were arrested, including eight ivory trade "kingpins" Criminal economic cases were opened, among which 172 were judged with 301 criminals jailed for a total of 3,015 years; 43 criminals paid fines amounting to 1.5bn/- (\$650,000).

According to the transnational wildlife crimes, in Thailand reported cases and values are as follows in 2017 there were 70 cases, worth Thai Baht (THB) 4.377m, in 2018 about 66 cases, worth THB 6.485m, in 2019, a total of 75 cases worth THB 6.485m, in 2020 about 42 cases worth THB 8.681m, and 2021 about 24 cases worth THB

1.085m. In 2022 there were 28 cases, worth THB 325,400. In 2023 there were 46 cases worth THB 2.871m.

Polawee Buchakiet, Thailand's Wildlife Crime Intelligence Centre (WCC) director revealed that the hi-tech vibe of this newly found unit demonstrates that the Thai authorities are now adopting advanced digital forensic investigations to fight wildlife crimes.

"WCC is a new unit under DNP that was established just last October. We serve as a central information and command centre to facilitate strategic command and communications coordination among all related agencies via the single command center," Polawee said.

"This is a big step forward on the mission to suppress the illegal wildlife trade criminal syndicates and safeguard our valuable natural resources from being plundered."

As WCC directly oversees the management and analysis of wildlife crime databases, he disclosed that the overall situation of illegal wildlife trade in Thailand during the past four years has greatly improved.

He admitted that there is still a long fight ahead to eradicate the transnational organized crime networks in wildlife trafficking.

Citing the statistics compiled by the DNP on wildlife crime in Thailand, he revealed that the number of wildlife-related offenses had been surging every year since 2017 and reached a peak at 75 cases in 2019.

Then, as the world was facing the COVID-19 pandemic, the amount of wildlife crime cases was gradually lowering for two years in a row until it reached the lowest record of 24 cases in 2022.

Even though the lessened wildlife trafficking was partly due to the travel restrictions and global economic slowdown during the COVID-19 outbreak. Polawee insisted that the enactment of strengthened criminal justice systems under the Thailand Wildlife Enforcement Network (Thailand-WEN) has also greatly contributed to this breakthrough.

"Transnational wildlife trafficking, especially from Africa, was quite a serious problem in Thailand, as the country was one of the main transiting hubs for smuggling illicit wildlife products such as ivory, rhino horn, and pangolin along the trafficking route from African countries to the major markets in China and Vietnam," Polawee said.

Tanzania's Home Affairs Minister, Hamadi Masauni said that Tanzania does not have good management and monitoring systems for the movements of national communities, including institutions and religious sects, which create the risk of being used to launder illegal money or finance terrorism.

Mabula Nyanda, Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) Commissioner says they have succeeded in reducing poaching, especially of elephants, by 83 percent from six carcasses in 2021/22 to

three carcasses in 2023/24, due to the strengthening of protection and the increase in tools for the period of the three years of the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Some of the endangered animal species are rhinoceros, elephants, crocodiles, leopards, and lions, and it is the result of strengthening the protection of wildlife resources and anti-poaching.

"The problem of elephant poaching was big in the past, they almost ended, but we have managed to strengthen their protection.

Juma Kuji, Conservation Commissioner of the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), says that they have strengthened the protection of wildlife by using the technology of the "Low Range Wide Network" (LoRAWAN) with the ability to see a large area of the reserve, including and increasing the use of drones to strengthen the inspection of National Parks.

He said the use has increased productivity by enabling the inspection of large areas within a short period and continuing the use of aircraft on patrols to deal with illegal harvesting of natural resources within the reserve.

Kuji said that due to the empowerment of the government, they have managed to control the hunting of animals, and there has been no incident of the killing of rhinos, chimpanzees, and wolves for three years.

Commissioner Kuji said 4,831 matters were heard and a decision was made while 4,978 were still pending in court.

A study by Prof Jafari Kideghesho, Rector at the College of African Wildlife Management (CAWM), shows that crime, generating huge financial returns for few individuals, has far-reaching implications on ecology, economy, and global security.

He said that big profits generated through wildlife crime provide incentives for different cadres of people to engage in this crime, both globally and locally.

According to him, the monetary value of illegal wildlife trade globally is estimated to range from US\$8m to US\$10m per annum, making it one of the most lucrative transnational crimes after drugs, arms, and human trafficking.

"The high economic returns associated with wildlife crime can mainly be attributed to rising demand and, consequently, the price for wildlife products in Biodiversity Conserve Consumer countries. For example, in China, the price of ivory tripled in four years from US\$ 750/kg in 2010 to US\$ 2,100/kg in 2014 (Stile 2014). At the local level, the returns from this crime exceed other legal economic endeavours by far, making it an important livelihood and coping strategy among poor communities.

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Chinese products at Tanzania's trade fair create new business opportunities

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

MUSSA Kaisi, a cashew nut farmer from Tanzania's Mtwara region, could not take his eyes off a 50-horsepower tractor displayed by Bada (Shandong) Agricultural Machinery Company Ltd. at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF-2024).

"I bought this type of tractor from this company in March this year, and it is helping me in my cashew nut farming," said Kaisi, who owns 125 hectares of cashew nut trees. Using the tractor, he expects to boost his cashew nut production from 20 tonnes to more than 35 tonnes in the next harvesting season, starting in September 2024.

"Products displayed by Chinese companies are helping Tanzanian entrepreneurs improve production in various sectors, including agriculture and manufacturing," he added.

Many other Tanzanians visiting the DITF-2024, like Kaisi, were also attracted to various Chinese products on display at the Chinese pavilion. The trade fair, running from June 28 to July 13, hosted more than 4,000 exhibitors from 26 countries, including over 200 Chinese companies.

Themed "Tanzania: Your Best Destination for Business and Investment," the trade fair is an annual event showcasing Tanzanian products and those from other African countries. The China



pavilion is coordinated by East Africa Commercial and Logistics Center (EACLC) Limited, a Chinese company promoting business between Tanzania and China. EACLC has organized exhibitions for Chinese companies

at the fair for four consecutive years.

Cathy Wang, director-general of EACLC Limited, expressed her hope that Chinese exhibitors would find markets in Tanzania, discover high-quality

Tanzanian sources, seize investment opportunities and achieve success. She said that this year's exhibition focuses on business cooperation and exchange, with supporting activities like B2B meetings, cultural perfor-

mances and investment exchanges.

The Chinese pavilion showcases products ranging from agricultural machinery, food production, processing and marketing, electrical machinery and equipment, feed and veterinary medicine, biopharmaceuticals, and automobile industries.

Yusuf Salum Zuberi, a medical doctor at Mwananyamala Referral Hospital in Dar es Salaam, was seen making an order for a cement block-making machine at the Shandong Hongfa Scientific Industrial and Trading Company Limited booth. "I am planning to start a block-making project, and this is the perfect place for securing a state-of-the-art machine at very affordable prices," said Zuberi.

"Products displayed by Chinese companies at this trade fair provide business opportunities for Tanzanian entrepreneurs," he added.

"Tanzania has an environment that is favourable for business and investment. This is my first time participating in this trade fair. I am

looking forward to future events," said Mike Zhang, director of The Nile Machinery Company Limited, a leading manufacturer of mining and construction equipment in China's Hunan province. He said that his company was receiving many orders from enterprises in Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia.

Sun Ganmin, chief accountant of the Department of Commerce of Shandong Province, east China, said the province has maintained close economic and trade exchanges with Tanzania, an important trading partner in the African market.

Selemani Jafo, Minister for Industry and Trade praised the Chinese pavilion at the 48th DITF-2024, organized by the Tanzania Trade Development Authority, for showcasing infrastructure development, investment prospects, and technology advancements. He urged Tanzanian traders and businessmen to learn from modern Chinese technologies to boost production and secure profitable business deals.

By Telesphor Magobe

Idolisation of power and riches imperils persons with albinism



According to LHRC (2019) Report, police data of 2018 indicated 106 killings by June, an average of 17 people per month. "In 2019, LHRC recorded 6 incidents of witchcraft related killings reported in Mbeya, Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Simiyu, Tabora and Shinyanga. Killings of children in Njombe, which began towards the end of 2018, were also said to be mainly motivated by witchcraft beliefs."

cal powers, or that they can bring success, wealth and good luck when consumed or worn."

The Lake Zone was at the time in the spotlight of the killings of persons with albinism especially Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Geita, Kagera and Mara regions because possessing the body parts of persons with albinism was associated with shriving fishing and mining activities. There were also reports from other regions, including Rukwa, Katavi, Tanga, Mbeya, Njombe, and Kigoma regions (LHRC, 2021). As a result, persons with albinism were hunted and those found had their body parts, especially limbs, cut off and left to bleed to death or were simply killed altogether. Some of the survivors are limbless and others have one or some body parts cut off (Mulemi & Ndolo, 2014; Kajiru and Nyimbi, 2020).

Superstitious beliefs have made some people resort to shortcuts instead of working hard and amassing great wealth through legal means or legitimate activities. It has also been observed that whenever periodic elections approach attacks on persons with albinism recur. Speaking in Parliament on June 18, 2024 in a voice filled with emotion, Special Seats Member of Parliament (MP) Khadija Taya (CCM) decried the recurring attacks and killings of persons with albinism whenever elections approached. She particularly referred to two incidents: one occurred in Katoro, Geita Region, and involved a 10-year boy, Julius Kazungu, who was injured in his head and hands and the other in Kagera Region at the end of May. She said whenever the periodic elections approached the lives of persons with albinism were threatened (See also LHRC, 2019; 2021).

A few years later the situation almost normalised, thanks to legal action taken against the culprits, including imprisonment, but hunting for persons of albinism has not stopped completely. A recent sad incident, which occurred at Bulamula Village in Buleba District, Kagera Region, is a case in point. A girl called Asimwe Novath, aged two years, was abducted from her mother on May 30, 2024, but on June 17, 2024 her body was recovered with some parts missing, according to media reports.

In this regard, we can say that there is the idolisation of political power and wealth. Of course, some people go into politics not to serve their people and the nation, but to ascend to power and amass wealth. Such politicians put power and riches before human life and they go into politics to serve their own interests and not the people they claim they represent.

Wordnik (2012), quoted in Kajiru and Nyimbi (2020), defines superstition as "an irrational belief that an object, action, or circumstance not logically related to a course of events influences its outcome, or a belief, practice, or rite irrationally maintained by ignorance of the laws of nature or by faith in magic or chance." As Kajiru and Nyimbi (2020) rightly suggest, it is ridiculous to think that "a charm or potion concocted from the body parts of a person with albinism has magi-

A picture of the late Asimwe Novath (2), who was abducted from her mother on May 30th, 2024, in Bulamula village, Muleba District, Kagera Region. She was later found dead with some body parts missing.

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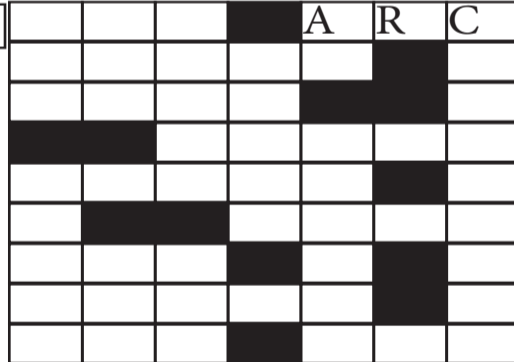
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 6 to love
 7 mother of Shaka Zulu
 8 eyrie
 10 pubs
 11 was a Yoruba empire in West Africa
 13 the criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property
 14 slamic canonical law based on the teachings of the Koran and the traditions of the Prophet

Down:

1 Stone town
 2 long curved fruits
 3 sit on and control the movement of a horse
 4 emir
 9 not under the control of another
 11 something denoted by the number one.
 12 another term for killer whale



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

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Agency banking records 14.4trn/- net cash deposits in Q1, 2024

By Guardian Reporter

Agency banking is continuing to boost commercial banks deposits mobilizations, after recording 14.4trn/- net cash deposits during the first quarter of this year, an increase from 9.1trn/- recorded during similar quarter of last year.

According to the Consolidated Zonal Economic Report for the first quarter of this year released yesterday by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), a total of 20.6trn/- were deposited during the period, an increase from 13.3trn/- recorded during similar quarter of last year.

The report shows that the value of cash withdraw also increased to 6.2trn/- compared to 4.2trn/- as number of agents increased by 37.4 percent to 110,295 compared to 80,295 registered at the end of March last year.

Number of deposits transac-

tion increased to 22.8 million at the end of March this year, compared to 13.3 million in March 2023, while cash withdrawal transaction reached 13.1 million from 11.1 million respectively.

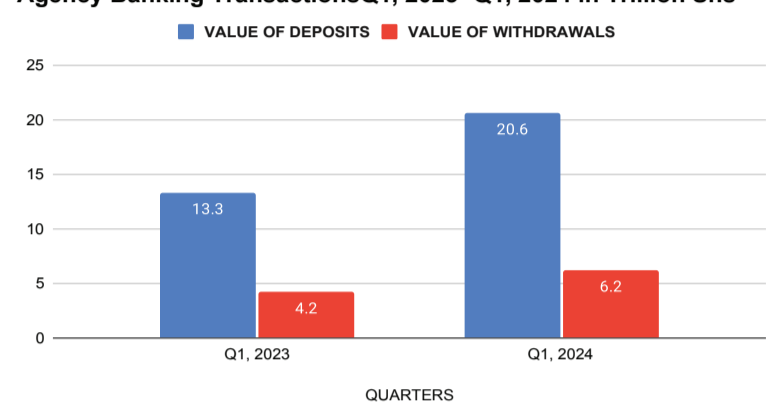
However, the number of cash withdrawal transactions during the first quarter of this year were lower than 13.5 million recorded during the fourth quarter of last year ended in December.

Dar es Salaam zone continue to account for the largest share of cash deposits and withdrawal as 6.1 million transactions valued 6.7trn/- were deposited during the first quarter of this year, from 5.1 million transactions valued 3.7trn/- during Q1, 2023.

The zone's withdrawal activity data indicate that 3.7 million valued 1.8trn/- were recorded during the reported quarter, an increase from 3 million transaction valued 1.1trn/- at the end of March 2023.

The report shows the number of agency banking in Dar es Sa-

Agency Banking Transactions Q1, 2023- Q1, 2024 in Trillion Shs



laam zone also increased to 38,224 during the first quarter of this year from 26,880 agents recorded during the first quarter of last year.

Lake zone of Tanzania mainland accounts for the second largest share of both agency banking deposits and withdraw as number of agents increased to 20,969 compared to 14,232 respectively.

The value of cash deposits in Lake zone amounted to 2.5trn/- through

5.2 million transactions I Q1, 2024, from 3trn/- deposited through 4.2 million transactions in Q1, 2023 while on withdrawals, a total of 2.5 million transaction valued 1.3trn/- were recorded in Q1, 2024, compared to 1.9 million transactions valued 809bn/- recorded in Q1, 2023.

The third largest share of agency banking was recorded by southern highlands zone, which number of agents increased to 13,477 at the end

of March 2024, from 10,088 agents recorded at the end of March 2023.

The report shows that a total of 3.4 million cash deposits transactions valued 2.5trn/- were recorded at the end of March this year, an increase from 3.1 million transactions valued 1.9trn/- recorded at the end of March 2023.

The zone's also witnessed an increased withdrawal value and transactions to 1.8 million valued 932bn/- at the end of March 2024, compared to 1.6 million transactions valued 711bn/- at the end of March 2023.

Number of agents in the central zone of Tanzania mainland increased to 13,752 at the end of March 2024, compared to 10,866 at the end of March 2023.

The report show number of deposit transactions increased to 3 million valued 2.5trn/- compared to 2.6 million valued 1.6trn/-, while value of cash withdrawal increased to 819bn/- through 1.8 million transactions from 1.6 million transactions valued 591bn/-.

Northern zone's also recorded

substantial increase of agency banking activities as number of agents increased to 16,093 at the end of March 2024, compared to 11,998 recorded at the end of March 2023.

Number of cash deposits transactions increased to 3.3 million from 3 million, while the value of deposits went up to 2.5trn/- from 1.9trn/- respectively.

The report shows in terms of bank deposits, Lake Zone, which accounts for 11.1 percent of total deposits, recorded the highest growth of 46 percent to 3.4trn/- at the end of March this year compared to 2.3trn/- recorded at the end of March 2023.

The second highest growth was recorded by south highlands regions, with 21.3 percent, after the stock of deposits increased to 1.3trn/- compared to 1.09trn/- respectively. The zone's share to total deposit is only 4.2 percent.

The Central zone, which account for 10.9 percent of total stock of banks deposits, grew by 10.9 percent to 3.4trn/- from 3trn/- respectively.



Global banking regulators battle dependence on tech

By James Langton

Amid a growing reliance on technology in the banking sector, as well as the rise of fintech, global banking regulators are proposing new principles for managing third-party risk.

On Tuesday, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision launched a consultation on a new set of standards for dealing with the management and oversight of banks' outsourcing arrangements that aims to replace existing principles in this area, which pre-date the global financial crisis.

In 2005, policymakers adopted principles for supervising banks' outsourcing activities. Acknowledging that the sector's dependence on third-party service providers has expanded and evolved since, the Basel committee is proposing draft principles that aim to "address

banks' increasing reliance on third-party service providers due to the ongoing digitalization and rapid growth in financial technology."

These trends have facilitated innovation and increased banks' dependence on outside providers for a broader range of functions, the group noted.

The new principles are intended to replace the existing standards on outsourcing to reflect the evolving risks that have accompanied this shift. This includes increased supply chain risk and concentration risk, which represents a growing source of potential systemic risk, as the financial sector becomes increasingly dependent on a handful of tech firms.

The committee said it "seeks to promote a principles-based approach to improving banks' operational risk management and operational resilience through effective

third-party risk management."

The proposed principles are also intended to integrate with the work of other international organizations setting standards in this area, including the International Organization of Securities Commissions' principles on outsourcing and the Financial Stability Board's tools for managing and supervising third-party risk.

"The principles focus on third-party risk management holistically and are technology-agnostic," the Basel committee said in a document detailing the proposed principles. "They aim to promote international engagement, greater collaboration and consistency, with a view to reducing regulatory fragmentation and strengthening the overall operational resilience of the global banking system."

The proposals are out for comment until Oct. 9.

SA startup to fund more agribusinesses In Africa

JOHANNESBURG

Pumpkn offers and facilitates financial support for agribusinesses by leveraging data to make credit assessments of agricultural small and medium-sized enterprises (agri-SMEs). It helps lenders easily identify bankable businesses and manage their loan portfolio to make agribusiness financing commercially viable for lenders and

make loans accessible for agribusinesses.

The African agricultural sector plays a significant role in the continent's economy, contributing about 35 percent to the GDP and supporting the livelihoods of nearly half of Africa's 1.4 billion population.

"Despite agriculture being the major GDP contributor for many African countries, many agriculture-focused businesses still have

a hard time finding the financing they need to grow and thrive. Pumpkn is committed to working closely with agribusinesses to enable their growth, with a direct impact on job creation. Pumpkn seeks to fill the financing gap for agribusinesses by providing farmers and entrepreneurs with the financial resources they need to thrive," Zaheer Dindar, co-founder and CEO of Pumpkn said in a statement.

Big bank rally about to be put to test

NEW YORK

The stocks of big banks are outperforming the rest of the S&P 500 this year, and that investor confidence is about to be put to the test.

JPMorgan Chase (JPM), Wells Fargo (WFC) and Citigroup (C) all report their second-quarter results this Friday, kicking off another earnings season for the US banking industry. Bank of America (BAC) reports the following Tuesday.

The stocks of these banks – the four largest in the US – have each climbed more than 20% since January, outperforming the S&P 500 (GSPC). That performance is also roughly double the gains of an index that tracks the wider industry, the KBW Nasdaq Bank Index ("BKX").

Big bank investors are optimistic about the ability of the biggest financial institutions to thrive as the Federal Reserve slowly lowers interest rates, as regulators water down a set of new bank capital rules and as Wall Street dealmaking stages a comeback.

The Fed's policy path – which currently is expected to be 1 or 2 cuts in 2024 followed by more in 2025 – "really bodes well" for the group of big banks over the next year, said RBC Capital Markets bank analyst Gerard Cassidy.

But the actual results from the big banks during the second quarter are not expected to stun, despite a headline number from JPMorgan that will likely blow away all rivals.

JPMorgan is expected to report a sizable net profit due partly to a pre-tax multi-billion-dollar accounting boost from an exchange of shares in credit card giant Visa (V), but analysts say that won't grab a lot of attention from market watchers.

"I think the market will pretty quickly pull that out as sort of an unusual or one time event," said Scott Siefers, a large bank analyst with Piper Sandler.

Where there will likely be more focus is what JPMorgan has to say about a key measure of lending

profit known as net interest income.

That profit – which measures the difference between what banks pay out in deposits and take in from their loans – is expected to be down from the sequential quarter. Same goes for the other three big banks.

Even the biggest banks have been struggling with this measure as deposit costs stay elevated, loan demand remains weak and the Fed takes longer than expected to bring interest rates back down.

"Investors are hoping to see that net interest income for the second quarter will, ideally, be the trough for big banks this year," Siefers added.

The results from the big banks are also likely to reveal the cautionary stance these lenders are taking on credit as higher rates pose more challenges for their borrowers.

New provisions set aside to cover future loan losses at the big four banks are expected to rise 26 percent from last quarter. By comparison, the pace of loan loss provisions across all commercial banks began to stabilize earlier this year, rising 0.30 percent over the quarter, according to Federal Reserve data.

Where results should be considerably brighter are within the Wall Street operations of these big banks as dealmaking stages a comeback from poor performances in 2023 and 2022.

The big four banks along with Wall Street specialists Goldman Sachs (GS) and Morgan Stanley (MS) are all expected to show sizable jumps – an average of more than 30 percent – in investment banking fees compared with a year ago. Goldman and Morgan Stanley report their earnings on Monday and Tuesday.

The big event that all banks are waiting for is when the Fed finally decides to start lowering rates from a 23-year high. The current market bet is that it could happen as early as September.

For smaller regional banks, the sooner rate cuts come the better. They are more reliant on lending

income and thus have been hit harder by a drop in net interest income across the industry. They are also more exposed to the weaknesses in the commercial real estate market.

Investors have pushed down the stocks of various regional and small banks this year as new problems or concerns surface.

It happened last week after Dallas bank First Foundation (FFWM) announced a \$228 million infusion from new investors to help it reduce its concentration of multi-family apartment loans.

It also happened in June following an analyst report calling out debt held by Bank OZK (OZK), and in May when a short seller targeted Axos Financial (AX) over the quality of its property loans.

Commercial real estate worries first ignited at the start of this year when New York Community Bancorp (NYCB) set aside a surprising amount of money in case of loan losses in part to rent-regulated apartment complexes in the New York City area.

NYCB's stock plummeted but it was able to calm the market with an emergency equity infusion from a group that included former Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

All of this turmoil has "subdued investor expectations" for regional banks, Bank of America analyst Ebrahim Poonawala said.

Investors will be on the watch for more vulnerabilities as many mid-sized institutions report in the coming weeks.

For these lenders "the bull case is that their actual credit losses will be significantly lower than what is being priced into their stocks," Chris McGratty, a regional bank analyst with KBW told Yahoo Finance.

But the institutions that rely heavily on commercial real estate lending aren't likely to be given the benefit of doubt until the credit cycle has come full circle, McGratty added.

An index tracking regional bank stock prices (KRE) has fallen more than 7 percent since the beginning of the year.



2024 marks paradigm shift for central bank reserve management

By Taylor Pearce

OMFIF's Global Public Investor reports have been tracking the investment and asset allocation decisions of central banks around the world for over a decade. Our survey of central bank reserve managers, now in its sixth year, explores the macro factors influencing investment, asset and currency allocation decisions and sustainable investment and practices of central bank reserve managers.

This year's report - which surveyed 73 central banks with international reserve assets totalling \$5.4tn - was a litmus test of whether we have returned to normal following several years of global crises, or whether we have entered a new normal. We posed the question: stick or twist? In doing so, we sought to explore whether reserve managers would stick with traditional fixed income assets or twist and diversify into new asset classes.

We found that reserve managers believe we are facing a more volatile and fragmented macroenvironment, and this is influencing their asset and currency allocation decisions.

Reevaluating renminbi exposure

Motivated by the need to

diversify currency holdings and improve risk-adjusted returns, central banks have been investing in renminbi for the past several years. According to the GPI survey, 30 percent of respondents indicated an intention to increase renminbi holdings over a two-year period in 2021 and 2022, which fell to 10 percent in 2023 but remained higher than for any other currency. But for 2024, a mix of cyclical and structural factors have stalled the Chinese currency's growth as a reserve currency.

Prior to the interest rate hiking cycles in the US and Europe, the renminbi was seen as a good diversification option due to the yield spread between renminbi-denominated government bonds and USD- and EUR-denominated bonds. Yet, comparatively low growth and a lacklustre outlook for the Chinese economy alongside higher interest rates in developed economies have made the renminbi less attractive.

In addition, geopolitics was listed by around 70 percent of survey respondents as a discouraging factor for investing in Chinese financial assets. At a recent OMFIF discussion, one reserve manager stated that, 'In 2022, we were one of the first central banks to sell 75-80 percent of our renminbi holdings, because of the perceived geopolitical tensions



and China not being clear on their Ukraine position. Now many [central banks] are doing the same.' Another reserve manager noted that their institution had gone even further to reduce renminbi exposure: 'We saw gains [from renminbi holdings], but geopolitical risk factors were part of the decision to reduce holdings to 0 percent.'

Higher-for-longer rates making fixed income more attractive

Central banks expect structurally higher rates compared to pre-pandemic levels, with 78 percent of survey respondents anticipating the trend. At the GPI 2024 launch, Ricardo Martinelli, senior adviser on

foreign reserves at Banco Central do Brasil, noted that 'longer-term inflation will be higher than the past 10 years due to demographics, defense spending, the energy transition and deglobalisation.' These factors are influencing central banks' investment strategies and asset allocation decisions. 'We are in a higher interest rate environment... which means for some central banks, having more liquidity can be more important.'

As highly liquid assets which are now non-zero yielding, it follows that fixed income is back for reserve managers looking to balance yield and liquidity. 'In the area of fixed income assets, there are

plenty of opportunities now,' explained Antonela Peci, head of investment strategy and credit risk at the Bank of Albania. 'Diversification in the current environment - with volatility and geopolitical risk - doesn't give the result that has been evaluated in normal conditions. Central banks will be prudent in diversifying.'

Preparing for future diversification

Looking ahead to diversification strategies beyond fixed income, risk appetite remained low among respondents in this year's GPI survey. Just 9 percent of respondents intend to increase equity holdings over the next two years, 3 percent for asset-backed securities and 5 percent for real estate. But discussions with reserve managers suggest that over a longer time horizon, diversifying into non-traditional asset classes and even alternatives may be the way forward.

'If you are moving into a space where inflation is becoming more and more important [as an investment consideration], alternative markets like infrastructure and real estate offer a good hedge,' reflected Martinelli, who anticipates that central banks will continue to move toward alternatives over the coming years.

There are still some limitations to how central banks

can invest in nontraditional asset classes, given their mandate for market neutrality. 'We do not invest in single names, we're not comfortable buying specific companies; for equities and also for corporate bonds, we use ETFs to have exposure,' explained Martinelli. Passive funds like exchange-traded funds may be becoming more mainstream investment vehicles for central banks, a trend also evident in the GPI 2024 survey.

Discernment increasingly important in emerging markets

As central banks seek diversification opportunities, some are looking to invest in emerging markets. Due to high interest rates on government bonds in advanced markets and foreign exchange risk heightened by a strong dollar, the risk premium on EM debt is less attractive than in previous years. But US interest rates will come down over the medium term, offering higher yields in EMs poised for higher growth.

As a result of deglobalisation or the 'regionalisation' of trade dynamics, there is increasing importance in analysing country-specific fundamentals and identifying investment opportunities in emerging markets. There will be investment opportunities,

especially 'if you understand which countries are benefiting from this new redistribution of factories and commodities,' explained Zongyuan Zoe Liu, Maurice R. Greenberg Fellow for China Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations at the GPI launch.

Investing in green bonds, albeit passively

Central banks are also slowly working to green their portfolios. GPI data demonstrate that the share of survey respondents investing in sustainable assets - such as green and other labelled bonds - has increased from under 50 percent in 2021 to 67 percent this year. But it appears that most reserve managers are passively investing in labelled bonds, as they have become a natural part of the traditional sovereign, supranational and agency bond market and because they meet other investment criteria.

This passive strategy was echoed by Peci, who stated at the launch that, 'We currently buy sustainable bonds, but we don't have a green mandate'. Integrating sustainability as a fourth objective in the Bank of Albania's mandate is an ongoing process. Other central banks will likely follow suit.

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ECB official sounding alarm on the rising risks from shadow banking

FRANKFURT

A senior European Central Bank official has said the "remarkable" growth of private funds and other sources of finance outside the regulated banks is the biggest threat to the stability of the Eurozone's financial system.

"There are certainly caution lights in front of us," Elizabeth McCaul, an ECB supervisory board member, told the Financial Times.

"The most prevalent one is the area into which we likely have the least visibility and where things can move faster than... the normal credit dynamics - that is the non-bank financial intermediaries market."

Non-bank financial intermediaries, often dubbed "shadow banks", in the EU held assets worth €42.9tn in the third quarter of last year, against €38tn held by traditional lenders, according to the European Commission.

The sector's growth since the global financial crisis had been "remarkable" and "something that always worries us", McCaul said.

"It is outside of the banking supervisory and regulatory

perimeter," she added, stressing that opaque links between the sector and banks via repurchase agreements, lines of credit or derivatives raise concerns about what this "translates into for systemic risks".

McCaul said there had been warning signs of how these risks could materialise suddenly, including the collapse of family office Archegos Capital Management three years ago, which resulted in \$10bn of losses for investment banks including Credit Suisse and Nomura.

"We've had blips. Maybe even more than blips," she said, adding that the sell-off in UK debt markets two years ago driven by losses from complex derivative-linked strategies in pension funds was "another warning light".

McCaul is the only US citizen to sit on the ECB's supervisory board since its creation a decade ago to oversee the biggest Eurozone banks.

She said Europe's banking sector had "proven quite resilient in the face of some very significant challenges in the last few years," after

capital levels rose almost a quarter and non-performing loans shrank by two-thirds in the past decade.

But the rise of shadow lenders reminded her of the collapse of US hedge fund Long-Term Capital Management in 1998 when she was superintendent of banks in New York.

"You learn your lessons on the job," she said. "I suspect correlation risk is occurring again."

"Some of these funds, especially certain hedge funds, are becoming so big that they can partially move the market by themselves and are not likely to act as shock absorbers in the same way banks have sometimes," she said.

US-based hedge funds Citadel and Millennium both manage over \$60bn of assets apiece.

The ECB was "placing particular focus on the private equity and private credit markets," she said, warning their exposures could be closely correlated with those of banks.

McCaul dismissed the assertion by some private equity executives that they are

reducing risks by shifting activities off the balance sheets of banks and diversifying them among investors.

McCaul said their arguments had echoes of the claims made by those packaging up and selling subprime mortgage loans as collateralised debt obligations before that market imploded and caused the 2008 financial crisis. "I'm reminded of the subprime crisis," she said.

The world's top financial watchdogs are working on ways to bring more transparency and reduce risks in lightly regulated areas outside the traditional banking sector. But they have so far been hesitant to bring non-banks under their direct supervision.

McCaul, who will leave the ECB in November, said it was checking if the 113 Eurozone banks it oversees have a full view of their exposure to non-banks.

"If an institution has lending arrangements, trading strategies connected to the NBFII market, we are asking what line of sight and due diligence they are conducting," she said.

Balancing opportunities, risks in emerging markets

By Arunima Sharan

In the ever-evolving landscape of global finance, emerging markets represent both promising opportunities and complex challenges. These economies - characterised by rapid growth, young populations and developing financial systems - offer a compelling proposition for investors seeking diversification and potentially higher returns, but also a complex tapestry of risks.

This edition of the Bulletin, through insights from the public and private sector, explores the case for investing in emerging markets, the associated challenges as well as the roles of multilateral and in-country actors to facilitate investment in key sectors.

As emerging markets now contribute over half of the world's gross domestic product, their significance in the global economy is undeniable. The case for investors to reconsider allocation to emerging markets is argued by Massimiliano Castelli and Philipp Salman, strategy and advice, global sovereign markets at UBS Asset Management, who point to positive growth differentials between emerging and advanced economies, improved macroeconomic stability and better policy management. On the asset allocation front, they also 'expect EMs' assets to outperform in the next decade with EM debt (in hard currency) generating higher annual returns than global equities (with less volatility)'. The maturation of debt markets in emerging markets has created a sub-asset class worth nearly \$4tn, offering a diverse range of investment instruments across various sectors. Jeremy Cunningham, investment director at Capital Group, emphasises the strategic imperative of considering an allocation to local currency debt in emerging markets, noting that EM local currency benefits from diversification, greater variety of debt instruments, greater liquidity and the potential for higher returns.

Investing in EMs, however, comes with higher risks, including currency volatility, political uncertainty and sovereign default, necessitating extensive research and active management. Yet, the global macroeconomic environment plays a crucial role in shaping investment prospects in emerging markets. Jeffery Schultz, chief economist, central and Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa at BNP Paribas notes that while growth in emerging

markets has been buoyed by strong activity in the US and a gradual European recovery, these factors help offset a weaker Chinese economy. However, inflation remains a concern, with forecasts indicating that central banks may not meet targets until 2025.

Adding to the trickier trade-offs, fiscal policy in emerging markets is expected to gain relevance, especially following key elections in these emerging economies. Recent elections in South Africa, Mexico and India have tested investor nerves, as observed by Christopher Smart, managing partner at Arbnoth Group, who writes about the delicate balance between voter demands and market constraints. These political shifts can lead to populist policies that jeopardise fiscal and monetary stability, impacting disinflation progress and asset prices.

To mitigate some of the risks, Joon Park, senior manager, blended finance at the International Finance Corporation, explains how blended finance reduces risks and mobilises larger volumes of private capital in emerging markets. He writes, 'by absorbing risks that private investors are unwilling to take on, blended finance multiplies the impact of limited public resources, mobilising larger volumes of private capital'.

Similarly, Manfred Schepers, chief executive officer of ILX Fund I, explains that multilateral development banks are well placed to address challenges in emerging markets due to their investment experience, local network, sector expertise and financial capacity. Institutional investors can greatly benefit from this expertise, as 'co-financing alongside MDBs is not only necessary, but also a smart business decision' - particularly in the area of climate finance.



Customer satisfaction key to successful digital banking adoption

By Tyler Thielmann

In a world where digital solutions are transforming industries at a breakneck speed, Canadian banks appear stuck in a bygone era.

Customers today expect more than just online banking portals and mobile apps with basic functionalities. They desire intuitive, user-friendly experiences that cater to their needs in real time. Features such as personalized financial insights, instant loan approvals, and integrated investment tracking are no longer luxuries—they are necessities. Unfortunately, many Canadian banks are lagging in these areas, forcing tech-savvy customers to seek alternatives.

While fintech startups and even some international banks have embraced cutting-edge technologies like AI-driven customer service, blockchain for secure transactions, and seamless mobile banking, many of our domestic institutions remain hesitant. This reluctance is puzzling, especially in a country known for its strong tech ecosystem and high rates of smartphone adoption.

According to a study by JD Power, customer satisfaction with banking applications and websites is stagnant, and only a few customers are using features like virtual assistants, alerts, and budgeting tools. This hesitancy towards fully adopting digital banking does not stem from a lack of interest in technology but rather from a gap between the tools provided and

customers' needs and preferences.

As traditional banks such as TD begin to shift towards offering more tech-focused products and services, they can learn key lessons from the fintech industry to avoid setbacks and ensure customer adoption in digital banking.

Understanding customer needs

Enhancing customer engagement begins with listening to the needs of your customer base. It's important to thoughtfully consider: what do customers actually value in their user experience? Understanding the customer journey and identifying the problem that needs to be solved is a key aspect of a customer-centric approach. What better way to understand the customer journey than to actually speak with your customers and the staff that deal with customers directly?

Too often, the people in banking who are coming up with product ideas or technology roadmaps are not in proximity to the customer, and the result is less than engaging products.

Even in today's digital age, traditional banking services often still require in-person visits, which require booking an appointment and using a home printer to print and sign documents, posing a problem for younger generations. This lack of access provides the landscape for fintech businesses to offer solutions that can offer convenient, alternative solutions for Canadians who prefer to do their banking or access credit from



the comfort of their own home, completely over the phone or by text message.

Consistent enhancements

When possible, companies should avoid year-plus-long development and deployment timelines. As often

as possible, the approach to new technologies in digital banking should be to get a product to market as quickly as possible. The learning really begins when the product or tool is deployed and in the hands of customers. Once you have a product or tool live, it's important to implement consistent feedback loops to gather and utilize customer input for ongoing service enhancements.

Throughout this process, it's imperative to remain in close contact with the customer. Too often, the people thinking of feature improvements have never actually spoken with a real user. Regularly updating and refining products, services, and processes based on customer feedback and market trends is an effective way to keep customer satisfaction levels high and maintain a competitive edge in the market.

Additionally, leveraging predictive analytics to foresee and meet customer needs proactively, along with providing timely and effective customer support across multiple channels, are essential components of a customer-centric strategy and provide a method of consistently enhancing the customer experience.

Streamlining customer engagement

Innovative technology also ensures operational efficiency. Finding ways to continuously find efficiencies through innovations like custom machine-learning algorithms to automate processes is an effective way to streamline

the user journey. For example, at Spring Financial, we've developed a proprietary system that scans user-submitted IDs and provides real-time feedback to our agents.

Another tool we use is a categorization engine that automatically reads bank statements, calculates debts and income, and builds an internal borrower profile to streamline the process of getting a personal loan - all in real time. By automating approvals, we've significantly increased fully automated transactions, from 5% to 30% over the last year, meaning nearly a third of our total originations have no staff involved in the process of obtaining a financial product.

The path forward

It's clear there is a disconnect between digital banking tools and the customer experience. Fintechs are built around the customer's journey and can serve as a useful resource for how to innovate banking solutions that actually translate to user experience. As a new age of banking emerges and we see more technological adoption by the Big Five, it's important to continue to place customers first to create digital banking solutions that are not only advanced but truly transformative. If we commit to a customer-centric approach, together, we can shape a future where digital banking is embraced by all.

Tyler Thielmann (pictured) is the President and CEO of Spring Financial

Banker who quit job to become YouTuber earns \$1m

NEW DELHI

Personal finance YouTuber Nischa Shah quit her six-figure investment banking job to become a full-time content creator - and it was a gamble that paid off.

After working in banking for a decade, Shah became an associate director at Crédit Agricole in 2022, earning well over £200,000 (\$256,000). However, the London-based banker was not satisfied with her career, she told CNBC Make It in an interview.

"It was about nine years into the corporate journey where I had this revelation that this isn't fulfilling me, it's not really challenging me, and it's not intellectually stimulating," she said. "I wanted to find a way to help other people whilst getting paid for it and what I was doing in banking was helping corporations, sovereign governments."

She eventually reached a "rock bottom phase" about two-and-a-half years ago and decided to use a Law of Attraction planner - which involves manifesting goals and dreams - to reassess her life.

"I was thinking I want to change the course of my life," she said. "This Law of Attraction planner had prompts or questions like 'What would you do if money was not an issue?'"

Shah knew she had a passion for personal finance and making complex information accessible to everyone. She once helped her parents avoid a tax bill of around £14,000 when they were selling their home because their accountant had missed some key information.

"Just having a knowledge in personal finance can have such a huge impact on the money that's going into your pocket," she added.

Shah started dabbling with making YouTube videos about personal finance and self-development in December 2021 - and now has over 1 million subscribers on YouTube.

This success led her to quit her investment banking job in January - despite the fact she was due to receive a six-figure bonus two months later.

It was worth the risk. Shah is now earning over \$1 million by monetizing her YouTube videos, selling courses and products, doing corporate talks, and partnering with



Nischa Shah

brands.

"I'm making a lot more than I was in banking," she said. "As a result of not chasing money anymore and just chasing what I'm good at, my passion, and what I really enjoy, it's managed to surpass everything that I had before."

Shah walked CNBC Make It through how she grew her YouTube channel and prepared to quit her investment banking job.

"It took 11 months to get to 1,000 subscribers"

Shah's videos cover topics ranging from "Money Habits Keeping You Poor" and "7 Passive Income Ideas," to "How to invest your first \$1000, and her videos receive anything between 100,000 to 9 million views.

Loyal subscribers will be familiar with Shah's no-nonsense approach, straightforward advice, and black turtleneck. But back in 2021, Shah's

YouTube account was merely a side hustle that she wasn't taking very seriously.

"In June 2022, that all changed. Shah decided to start posting twice a week, every week, and finally, in September, one video - a day in her life as an investment banker - resonated. She gained 50,000 subscribers in one month and earned £3,000.

"So it took me 11 months to get to 1,000 subscribers, and then two months to get to 100,000 which was crazy," Shah said. "It's just literally the power of compounding in a nutshell, not knowing when that lucky break is going to be."

Shah says her audience includes many young adults, women and people who may not have had access to financial education.

"When I talk to the camera, I think of it as I'm just talking to me when I was 22-years-old or 23-years-old,"

she said.

"There are many people younger in their careers who are at a point where they have started making money, but they just want to get better with it. They just want to know 'What do I do with my savings? How do I grow wealth? How do I set myself up so I can quit a job that I don't like?'"

Shah saw an opportunity to become a trusted figure on the subject due to her banking experience and accountancy qualifications, especially as misleading financial content runs rampant on social media.

"There's incorrect advice being given on TikTok and Instagram, and it's sad because giving the wrong advice on shampoo or lip gloss will cost someone like £7, but giving the wrong advice about finance could cost someone their life savings."

A day job that provides a stable in-

come can help accelerate the success of your side hustle, Shah says.

"If you don't come from a family which is well-to-do, it's really important to have a steady income coming in ... but also having a job where you can learn from without consequences," she explained.

Setting up a business is a learning curve, according to Shah, and if there's no backup income, the consequences - like losing all of your savings - could be dire.

"If you've got income coming in from your day job, but you're also building a business on the side, you're working from a place of creativity, rather than from a place of 'I need to make sure I pay the bills and I need to make sure I make ends meet'," she said.

"That makes you operate from a place of stress, which I think has a huge impact on whether you're able to succeed in the entrepreneurial world."

When Shah first started making YouTube videos, she used her investment banking income to invest in a £1,000 camera.

"I would advise, for as long as possible, to continue exploring side hustles or side businesses alongside a day job. It gives you security. It gives you freedom or creativity. It helps you build an emergency fund and it gives you extra cash that you can then plug into your side businesses to help it succeed," she said.

Shah built up an emergency fund to support her for at least nine months after she quit her job. "It doesn't need to cover my fancy holidays. It doesn't need to cover any clothes or bags or anything like that. It just needs to cover my living expenses."

She acknowledged that if she waited to quit only after she'd made a lot of money from YouTube, it would have taken much longer to make the jump.

"It was really important that I just went all in, and I had my emergency fund as a buffer, and it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I thought: 'I'm at a crossroads. I've done what I know for the last nine years and that hasn't made me happy ... so now is the point for me to take my life in my own hands and just go for it.'"

Shah's salary was verified by CNBC Make It via her contract and a tax form, but the exact figure will not be disclosed for privacy reasons. Her YouTube earnings from May 2023 to May 2024 were also verified by CNBC Make It via bank statements.

WORLD

More Democrats in US Congress say they fear Biden can't win

WASHINGTON/LAS VEGAS

A GROWING number of Democrats in the US Congress said they worried that President Joe Biden could not beat Donald Trump in the Nov 5 election, though they emerged from closed-door meetings on Tuesday with no plans for collective action.

A seventh Democrat in the US House of Representatives publicly called on the 81-year-old incumbent to end his wounded reelection campaign, and the first Senate Democrat came forward to say that Biden could not win, though he stopped short of calling on him to drop out.

"Donald Trump is on track, I think, to win this election and maybe win it by a landslide and take with it the Senate and the House," Democratic Senator Michael Bennet said in an interview on CNN. Asked if Biden should end his campaign, he replied, "This is something for the president to consider."

If Trump wins the White House and Republicans win majorities in both chambers of Congress, he will face few obstacles in pursuit of major policy changes. Democrats already face an uphill battle to protect their 51-49 Senate majority, as they must defend multiple seats in Republican-leaning states.

Republicans hold a 220-213 majority in the House.

The party's leaders in the US Senate and House, Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries,

said little about hours of closed-door talks among Democratic lawmakers, who in any event lack the authority to push Biden aside even if they agreed on a course of action.

Biden's halting June 27 debate performance against Trump and low public approval have raised fresh doubts among some Democrats about his ability to win or to keep up with the demands of his grueling job for another 4-1/2 years.

Representative Mikie Sherrill became the seventh House Democrat to call on Biden publicly to drop out of the race, saying in a statement, "The stakes are too high - and the threat is too real - to stay silent."

Many more lawmakers have expressed worries that Biden has not done enough in the ensuing days to convince voters that the debate was an aberration, rather than a true reflection of his abilities.

But the president continues to argue that he is best positioned to defeat former President Trump, 78, whom he casts as a singular threat to American democracy.

Senate Majority Leader Schumer brushed off questions about Biden's fitness, saying three times, "I'm with Joe," during a brief exchange with reporters after Senate Democrats met over lunch to discuss the president's campaign.

"While President Biden has made clear he feels he is the best candidate to win this election, nothing that has happened over the past twelve days suggests that voters see things



the same way," Representative Lori Trahan said in a statement on Tuesday.

A Reuters/Ipsos poll last week found that one in three registered Democratic voters believed that Biden should quit the race, with 59 percent saying he is too old to work in government.

The poll also found that none of his possible replacements fared better in a matchup against Trump. The poll showed Biden and Trump tied at 40 percent each.

Swing-state shift

While national public opinion polls offer a view of candidates' standing, US presidential elections are decided state by state. The nonpartisan Cook Political Report on Tuesday changed its ratings on three of the most competitive states - Arizona, Georgia and Nevada - to "lean Republican" from "toss-up," citing shifting voter views of Biden following the debate.

Biden delivered a forceful speech at a gathering of NATO leaders in Washington on Tuesday, while Vice President Kamala Harris - seen as the most likely candidate to replace Biden if he were to stand down - campaigned in Nevada.

"The one thing we know about Joe Biden is he is a fighter. He is the first to say when you get knocked down, you get back up," Harris told supporters in Las Vegas.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre faced another salvo of questions from reporters about Biden's health on Tuesday. In a statement, the White House physician said Biden was not being treated for any neurological condition and had received a clean bill of health at his most recent physical examination in February.

Biden has secured renewed support from several key constituencies, including from members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Black voters make up a crucial component of the party's base.

Some House Democrats expressed frustration that the party was focused on Biden's shortcomings rather than unifying against Trump, who falsely claims that his 2020 loss was the result of fraud and has not committed to accepting this year's results if he loses.

"I think the president has decided that the discussion has come to an end and that he is firm in his commitment to run," Representative Stephen Lynch said of Biden, adding that the dissidents "are gonna have to get on board." **Agencies**

Regime change in Kiev may foster peace talks, Medvedev says

MOSCOW

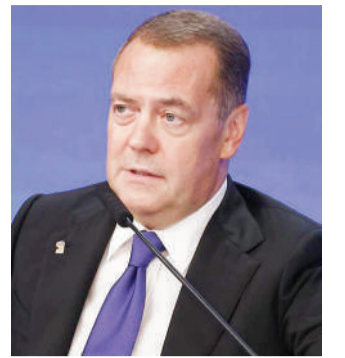
A radical regime change in Kiev may foster talks on resolving the situation in Ukraine, Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev wrote on Telegram.

In his post, the politician assessed what might happen if Kiev accepted Moscow's conditions, set out by Russian President Vladimir Putin at a meeting with senior Foreign Ministry officials. The conditions include the need to accept the outcome of Moscow's special military operation, respect for Russia's constitutional borders and a neutral status for Ukraine.

Medvedev points out that even if Kiev, which has rejected the initiative, eventually accepts Russia's conditions, Moscow should remain cautious because Russia would not benefit from a pause in military operations, which will allow Ukraine regroup its forces, while no statements from Ukraine can be trusted. However, all this may trigger "a new third Maidan-like situation" in Ukraine, which will "sweep away the current junta, bringing an even more radical group to power."

"Strange as it may seem, this will be when conditions will be created for talks, particularly on [Kiev's] surrender," the Russian Security Council deputy chairman noted. "It will be more difficult for the Western alliance to provide assistance to unabashed extremists," Medvedev explained. "Besides, they will have to openly admit that tens of billions of dollars in taxpayer money was wasted. So Washington and its associates will force the Kiev Nazis to recognize the outcome of the war," he said.

As a result, in Medvedev's words, Vladimir Zelensky's clique "will flee to the West or will be torn to pieces by a mob." "A moderate political regime will emerge from the ruins of former Ukraine," Medvedev assumed.



Kenyan president announces forum to tackle youth issues amid protests

NAIROBI

KENYAN President William Ruto on Tuesday announced that a national multisectoral forum will be held on July 15 to address issues raised by the country's youth that sparked three weeks of protests across the country.

Ruto (pictured) said the proposed six-day forum will deliberate on issues including employment, tax policies, national debt, representation and accountability, and anti-corruption measures.

"We have had consultations and agreed that, to bring the priority, we will move ahead with the multisectoral forum," he said in Nairobi, the country's capital, during a meeting that gathered opposition leaders including former Prime Minister Raila Odinga.

The president's remarks followed a recent three-week anti-government protests across the country, sparked by the contentious Finance Bill 2024 which was later withdrawn from the parliament.

The protests, which were led by mostly young demonstrators, have so far left at least 41 people dead and more than 360 others injured, according to the state-funded Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.

The protesters had expressed outrage over provisions of the bill that would raise taxes on goods and services that many people depend on, such as bread, and mobile money transfers, to meet the government's revenue targets.

Ruto said the forum will include 150 members, 50 of whom will be youth, while 100 people will be drawn from religious institutions, civil society, professional organizations and political parties, among other stakeholders.

He also welcomed political parties and all other stakeholders to work with the government to forge a new path for the country.

"As a way of charting the future from the current situation, I welcome all leaders and other stakeholders to work together to address the current economic situation through a broad-based political arrangement and to rally the country forward," he added.

Odinga, who is also the leader of the opposition, said leaders have agreed that dialogue is the way forward out of the current situation the country is in. "We have agreed to give the people an opportunity to be heard and to articulate the grievances that are ailing our country so that a lasting solution can be found."

Xinhua

Buckingham Palace opens room with famous balcony to visitors

LONDON

VISITORS to Buckingham Palace in London this summer will get to stand behind the famous balcony that the British royal family often poses on.

For the first time, the palace is opening the building's East Wing, which includes the Centre Room where the iconic balcony is located.

"This room was part of the edition of the East Wing, made by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. And it was Prince Albert who suggested the balcony," said Nicola Turner Inman, curator of Decorative Arts at Royal Collection Trust.

"It was first used in 1851 for waving off the troops for the Crimean War. So, it's been in use for quite a long time," she said.

Visitors will not be allowed to stand on the balcony.

But as well as being able to look through the net curtain down The Mall, there is also a newly restored 19th-century



Britain's King Charles III, at center with Queen Camilla (third right) joined by Prince George (left), Prince William, Prince Louis Princess Charlotte, Kate Princess of Wales, Sophie Duchess of Edinburgh (second right) and Prince Edward on the Balcony at Buckingham Palace after attending the Trooping the Color ceremony, in London, June 15, 2024. AP

glass chandelier shaped like a lotus flower to admire.

"For the public to be able to see the chandelier, not a glimpse

of it from the mouth, but actually be in the room where it hangs is an exciting prospect," said Turner Inman.

Ticket holders will also be able to go inside the Yellow Drawing Room, which features 18th-century items such as recently restored

hand-painted Chinese wallpaper and a Kylin clock.

While there have been guided tours of parts of the palace since 1993, access to this section has been made possible after five years of renovations as part of the ongoing Buckingham Palace reserving program.

Other highlights include Chinese imperial silk wall hangings presented to Queen Victoria, as well as artwork from the likes of 18th-century British painter Thomas Gainsborough on display in the Principal Corridor.

As well as seeing the East Wing rooms, often used for receptions and meetings as well as balcony moments, the 75 pound (\$95.90) tickets include access to the State Rooms. The summer opening of the State Rooms and the East Wing rooms is from July 11 to Sept 29. Cheaper tickets are available to the State Rooms only, but anyone keen to see the newly opened wing will have to wait until next year, as those tickets have sold out. **Agencies**

Rwanda acknowledges UK government intention to terminate migration deal

KIGALI

RWANDA said on Monday it had taken note of the intention of the British government to terminate a treaty that it signed with the former government to enable London to send asylum seekers to the east African country.

The previous UK Conservative government and Rwanda signed the agreement in December in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, to facilitate the sending of

some migrants who arrive in the UK across the English Channel to Rwanda, where their asylum claims would be processed.

In his first press conference, the new British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said he would not continue with the previous government's policy to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda, describing it as "gimmicks that don't act as a deterrent." In a statement, Rwanda

said it fully upheld its side of the deal.

"Rwanda has fully upheld its side of the agreement, including with regard to finances, and remains committed to finding solutions to the global migration crisis, including providing safety, dignity and opportunity to refugees and migrants who come to our country," said the statement issued by the office of the Rwandan government spokesperson.

Britain had offered an upfront investment of 120 million pounds (about 149.5 million U.S. dollars) to facilitate the implementation of the five-year deal, the Rwanda-UK Migration and Economic Development Partnership initiative, which had faced legal challenges in Britain, well before the victory of the Labour Party in the July 4 elections.

Xinhua

UN experts point to Israeli use of 'starvation' in 'genocidal violence'

HONG KONG

ISRAELI starvation campaign in Gaza Strip is a form of "genocidal violence" while inaction of world community has led to famine with children dying from malnutrition, according to a group of independent experts and special rapporteurs of the United Nations.

"We declare that Israel's intentional and targeted starvation campaign against the Palestinian people is a form of genocidal violence and has resulted in famine across all of Gaza. We call upon the international community to prioritize the delivery of humani-

tarian aid by land by any means necessary, end Israel's siege, and establish a ceasefire," said the experts for UN Human Rights Council in Geneva in a statement.

"Thirty-four Palestinians have died from malnutrition since Oct 7, the majority being children. Inaction is complicity," they said on July 9.

The experts highlighted the deaths of Fayez Ataya, who was barely six-months-old when he died on May 30 and 13-year-old Abdulqader Al-Serhi who died at the Al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir Al-Balah on June 1. These were followed by the death of Ahmad Abu Reida, 9, on June 3 in the tent

sheltering his displaced family in Al-Mawasi, Khan Younis.

All three died from malnutrition and lack of access to adequate healthcare. With the death of these children from starvation despite medical treatment in central Gaza, there is "no doubt that famine has spread from northern Gaza into central and southern Gaza," the experts said.

Further, they noted that the death of a child from malnutrition and dehydration indicated that the health and social structures "have critically weakened".

But Israel's mission to the UN in Geneva slammed the statement, saying that the UN experts were

as much accustomed to spreading "misinformation" as they were to supporting "Hamas propaganda", the Times of Israel Reported.

It said Israel had continuously scaled up its coordination and assistance in the delivery of humanitarian aid across the Gaza Strip, alleging that Hamas operatives "intentionally steal and hide aid from civilians."

Israel's Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories, or COGAT, which implements the government's civilian policy within the territories of Judea and Samaria and also regarding the Gaza Strip, posted on its X account on July 8 that they were

committed to collaborating closely with international partners to meet urgent humanitarian needs of civilians "despite our war with Hamas". The Consulate General of Israel in Hong Kong also released lists of Israeli humanitarian efforts in Gaza.

The post was part of an update on fuel for Gaza, which they said they continuously facilitate for the operation of vital humanitarian infrastructure. They said the UN handles the ordering and distribution of fuels inside Gaza and that COGAT had been urging the UN to expand logistics for fuel distribution for a continuous response to the health system.

But the UN, COGAT said, continued to rely on the "collapsing logistical system" of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

UNRWA on June 15 had earlier said that over 50,000 children require treatment for acute malnutrition. The agency has had its staff killed and facilities damaged in Gaza during the Israeli bombings.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification acute food insecurity analysis conducted in December 2023 had warned of a risk that famine may occur by the end of May 2024, affecting an estimated 1.1 million people.

NATO leaders gather amid political uncertainty, questions on relevance

WASHINGTON

AS leaders from more than 30 nations gather in the US capital of Washington, DC to mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the ongoing Ukraine crisis continues to be a key topic, with the prospect of peace still appearing distant.

NATO member countries are endeavoring to expedite the delivery of weaponry and military assistance to Ukraine, when confidence in US leadership is waning and major disagreements remain within the alliance.

Established during the early stages of the Cold War, NATO is now confronting a changing global landscape characterized by multipolarity, prompting discussions about its continued relevance.

US security dominance

NATO, which has grown from 12 members in 1949 to 32 in 2024, is a central pillar supporting the United States' extensive reach and authority in international security matters, reinforcing America's position as a dominant security power.

NATO is one of the "institutional frameworks" in the US military-security apparatus that underpin the US grand strategy, which aims for US global hegemony, Jeffrey Sachs, a professor and director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, told Xinhua.

The United States has been trying to strengthen NATO in three ways: expansion to Ukraine, Georgia, and even Central Asia; increased NATO engagement in East Asia; and increased weapons procurement and buildup, Sachs noted.

"The only short-term winners are the military contractors, who are making a lot of money," said the renowned economist. Despite pledges to provide further military support for Ukraine, NATO leaders will likely refrain from making tangible progress towards its membership in the Western bloc.

Some are concerned about integrating a country currently engaged in conflict with a nuclear-armed superpower. "NATO will offer some kind of 'bridge' for Ukraine to join, but membership is unlikely until major combat operations there subside or end," William Courtney, a retired US ambassador and adjunct senior fellow at the RAND Corporation, told Xinhua.

Yet, more than two years into the Ukraine-Russia conflict, peace still appears distant, serving as an example that the coalition is not promoting peace but rather threatening it.

NATO's actions have sparked protests worldwide. Just recently, hundreds of anti-



The United States Army Drum and Bugle Corps performs during an event commemorating the 75th Anniversary of NATO at the Andrew W Mellon Auditorium on the sidelines of the NATO summit in Washington on July 9, 2024. AP

war organizations and activists gathered in Washington, DC during the weekend to protest the summit, scheduled to take place from July 9 to 11.

"The United States continues to have a foreign policy that is profoundly misguided and dangerous, based on the goal of hegemony, and with the consequence of confrontation with China, Russia, and most of the developing countries. NATO is part of this misguided and dangerous foreign policy," Sachs said.

Political uncertainty

The summit is taking place as several key NATO member states are grappling with domestic political shifts at a time of political uncertainty. A new British prime minister has just taken office, after the Conservative Party was voted out following 14 years in power.

France still faces a political stalemate as no party or coalition won an absolute majority in its parliamentary elections. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz is in a weakened position following losses suffered by his party and coalition in the European Parliament elections.

In the United States, President Joe Biden is facing mounting pressure to withdraw from the 2024 presidential race due to concerns about his physical and mental fitness, after his poor performance in a presidential debate with former President Donald Trump in late June.

"Every step Biden takes, every gesture he makes, and every word he utters will be under intense scrutiny, especially in unscripted moments after the image of an aged and at times incoherent commander in chief was burned into the minds of 50 million viewers at the CNN debate in Atlanta late last month," said an analysis by CNN.

"Biden also seized on the upcoming summit as proof of his leadership skills and success as president, while his campaign sought

to use his turn on the global stage on US soil to reset the comparison between him and Trump," it said.

With Trump leading Biden in election polls, NATO countries are concerned. "Most allies see Trump as anti-NATO and isolationist-inclined," said Courtney, adding that most allies think Trump has a strong chance of winning and they fear this will weaken the alliance and put in jeopardy US support for Ukraine.

In an opinion piece, Kurt Volker, a distinguished fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis, who also served as US Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations from 2017 to 2019 and US ambassador to NATO from 2008 to 2009, highlighted the uncertainty about the future of US leadership.

"The United States is the alliance's most powerful member. It is indispensable. There is now deep uncertainty over the future of American leadership, its future interest in Ukrainian victory and even in the alliance itself," Volker said.

Is NATO still relevant?

NATO is now facing a shifting global environment marked by multipolarity, prompting debates on its ongoing significance.

The situation today is markedly different from previous moments of intra-alliance tension, and the forces threatening NATO's future go beyond the personal inclinations of individual leaders. Stephen M Walt, a professor of international relations at Harvard University, wrote in an article on Foreign Policy.

"The most obvious source of strain is the shifting distribution of world power," Walt argued, stressing that "the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact are no more, and Russia no longer has the capacity to conquer and subdue the European continent."



Prime Minister Narendra Modi exchanges greetings with Austrian Federal Chancellor Karl Nehammer after signing the Guestbook at the Federal Chancellery, in Vienna yesterday. ANI

PM Modi, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer hold delegation-level talks

VIENNA

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi held delegation-level talks with Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer at the Federal Chancellery in Vienna yesterday.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra and other officials were present in the meeting.

Earlier, PM Modi signed the Guestbook at the Federal Chancellery in Austria's Vienna. He also received a Ceremonial Reception at the Federal Chancellery in Vienna. Karl Nehammer accompanied PM Modi.

In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "Scripting a new chapter in bilateral relations. PM @narendramodi was warmly received by Austrian Chancellor @karlnehammer at the Federal Chancellery and accorded a ceremonial welcome. This landmark visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Austria is taking place after 4 decades."

Upon arrival in Vienna, the Indian Prime Minister was welcomed by Austrian Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg. Indian Ambassador to Austria, Shambhu Kumar was also present at the airport.

Taking to X, PM Modi stated, "Landed in Vienna. This visit to Austria is a special one. Our nations are connected by shared values and a commitment to a better planet. Looking forward to the various programmes in Austria including talks with Chancellor @karlnehammer, interactions with the Indian community and more."

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said that it was the first bilateral visit of Prime Minister Modi to Austria.

"PM @narendramodi arrives in the historic city of Vienna on his first bilateral visit to Austria. Welcomed by FM @a.schallenberg at the airport. As the two countries are celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations this year, this momentous visit will add renewed momentum to India-Austria ties," Randhir Jaiswal posted on X.

On Tuesday, PM Modi joined a dinner hosted by Austria Chancellor Karl Nehammer. Austrian Chancellor extended a warm welcome to PM Modi.

In a post on X, Nehammer stated, "Welcome to Vienna, PM @narendramodi! It is a pleasure and honour to welcome you to Austria. Austria and India are friends and partners. I look forward to our political and economic discussions during your visit!"

PM Modi thanked Nehammer for extending a warm welcome and said that he looked forward to holding discussions.

In a post on X, PM Modi stated, "Thank you, Chancellor @karlnehammer, for the warm welcome. I look forward to our discussions tomorrow as well. Our nations will continue working together to further global good."

Notably, this is the first time an Indian Prime Minister has visited Austria in 41 years. Indira Gandhi was the last PM to visit Austria in 1983. PM Modi's visit to Austria comes after his two-day official visit to Russia, where he met Russian President Vladimir Putin. ANI

US troops completes 1st phase of withdrawal from Niger

NIAMEY

THE Ministry of National Defense of Niger and the U.S. Department of Defense announced on Monday the end of the first phase of the withdrawal of U.S. forces and equipment from Nigerien territory.

The announcement was made at the signing ceremony of documents transferring American rights to the Nigerien army at Air Base 101 in Ni-

ger's capital of Niamey in the presence of American ambassador Kathleen FitzGibbon as well as other civil and military personalities of the two countries.

According to Colonel Mamane Sani Kiaou, the chief of staff of the Niger Army, the agreement calls for the removal of all American military assets in Niger "including those in Niamey, Agadez, Ouallam and Diffa by Sept. 15."

Xinhua

Barrick continues to invest in Mali

LOULO

BARRICK president and chief executive Mark Bristow said here today the need to guarantee the long-term viability of the Loulo-Gounkoto gold mining complex was of the utmost importance to ensure the Malian mining industry's sustainability and maintain its substantial contribution to the country's economy.

Speaking to local media and stakeholders, Bristow noted that over the past 29 years Barrick had invested more than \$10 billion in the Malian economy, with its mines accounting for between 5% and 10% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) annually. In the past year alone, Barrick has contributed more than a \$1 billion to the Malian economy.

"We continue to work constructively towards a global resolution of our differences and finding common ground

on the key issue of sharing the economic benefits of our operations without damaging the future viability of these valuable contributors to the economy," said Bristow.

"It's worth noting that Barrick developed a highly successful benefit-sharing partnership for our Tanzanian operations which has since also been used as a model for the reopened Porgera mine in Papua New Guinea."

Bristow cautioned that the current economic and political climate in Mali had caused exploration companies to curtail or suspend their operations in the country which would impact gold production in the long run.

"In contrast, Barrick has been engaging with the National Directorate of Geology and Mines (DNGM) to grow our exploration footprint here, securing our ability to deliver real value to Mali and our stakeholders in the country," he said.

Agencies

Xi Story: A good planner with vision and action

BEIJING

In 1986, the Xiamen Daily newspaper in east China's Fujian Province launched an essay contest, inviting readers to express their expectations about what the coastal city of Xiamen would be like in 2000.

The contest served as a platform to solicit public opinions for formulating the city's economic and social development plan from 1985 to 2000, a far-reaching undertaking led by Xi Jinping, then vice mayor of Xiamen. Later, ideas from more than 10 essays participating in the contest were adopted.

"At that time, Xiamen urgently needed a development plan as a decision-making guide to achieve faster and better development," said Li Xiuji, then deputy secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Xiamen Municipal Committee.

It took one and a half years to complete a document of over 200,000 words, which turned out to be the first 15-year economic and social development strategy adopted by a local government in the country.

"Other places only drew up five-year plans at that time, but Xi did a 15-year plan and invited well-known experts to participate in the drafting. His foresightedness impressed us a lot," said Peng Yiwan, a member of the drafting group.

Many ideas and measures in the plan were pioneering and forward-looking in retrospect. For instance, it stressed preventing pollution and maintaining ecological balance while developing the economy, unusual at that time as the country's economy was just beginning to take off.

The plan has injected strong impetus into the sustainable development of Xiamen. From 1985 to 2023, the city's gross domestic



product achieved an average annual growth rate of 14.1 percent, surpassing the growth rates at the national and provincial levels. Meanwhile, ecological environment remarkably improved, as the city led the country in water and air quality.

Xi's forethought continued to make a difference as he worked as governor of Fujian Province in the early 2000s. He led the formulation of an overall plan for building Fujian into an eco-friendly province by 2020. To ensure the plan is well-crafted, he demanded local authorities spend a whole year on conducting extensive research.

"In my experience, no governor would work in the same province for as long as 20 years. Xi's planning was for the future of the province and its people, rather than any short-term achievements to make himself look good during his tenure," said Li Zaiming, then chief of Fujian's environmental protection authority.

Whether working at the local or central levels, Xi has always given great weight to planning in advancing the reform and opening up, which he deems as an arduous and complex task that demands thinking in the long run

and prudent decision making.

"History has taught us that the development of a place, without long-term planning, often leads to serious mistakes and even permanent regrets," Xi once said.

Xi, now Chinese president, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, carried on the long-term perspectives after becoming the country's top leader.

From national development plans and key reforms to international cooperation initiatives, he has stressed thorough research and meticulous planning in various undertakings, as well as relentless efforts in fulfilling the plans.

In 2020, Xi led the drafting group for proposals for formulating the 14th five-year (2021-2025) plan for national economic and social development and long-range objectives through 2035.

He presided over seven symposiums within three months to seek suggestions from representatives from all walks of life. He made field trips to enterprises and rural households to get firsthand information, sat down with rural migrant workers and couriers to heed their suggestions, and instructed authorities to solicit public opinions online.

Aspiring to lead China toward a more prosperous future, Xi has always kept the blueprint of reform and development in mind. The key to making a blueprint come true, as he points out, lies in successful implementation.

"As long as the blueprint is scientific, practical and in line with the aspirations of the people, we will continue to work on it until turning it into reality," Xi once said.

Emphasizing planning and playing the long game is one of China's institutional advantages. This stands

in stark contrast to the Western system, often characterized by frequent changes of governing political parties, difficulties in continuing policies, and challenges in implementing long-term plans, according to Zhang Weiwei, director of the China Institute of Fudan University.

The construction of the Xiong'an New Area is another telling example of Xi's emphasis on planning and steady implementation in advancing reforms. The area aims to relieve Beijing of non-essential functions related to its status as the nation's capital while promoting the coordinated development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

Xi exhorted authorities to work out a high-level and scrupulous development plan before the construction began. "Construction should begin only after careful planning has been made for every inch of land," Xi said.

Noting that the worth of any plan lies in its implementation, Xi stressed that laws and regulations must be in place to ensure that the new city's development plan is implemented thoroughly.

Now Xiong'an has transitioned from concept to concrete reality, emerging as a cradle of new industries and innovation.

Ahead of the third plenary session of the 20th CPC Central Committee, which will be held in Beijing from July 15 to 18 to primarily study issues concerning further comprehensively deepening reform and advancing Chinese modernization, Xi again highlighted the significance of planning and implementation for reforms.

"Reform hinges not only on planning but also on implementation of measures," Xi said at a symposium attended by representatives from businesses and academia in Jinan, Shandong Province, in May. Xinhua

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LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers responds to a question from a reporter during training camp for the United States men's basketball team on Saturday, July 6, 2024, in Las Vegas. (AP Photo)

Analysis: Lucas Glover is a reminder how quickly fortunes can change in golf

GULLANE, Scotland

LUCAS Glover is in a far better position than he was a year ago when he was fighting for job security, not any form of privilege.

What hasn't changed is the urgency.

Everyone knew it was going to be a sprint this year because the PGA Tour switched back to a calendar season. The starting line was in January, not the previous September. Only four tournaments remain before the top 70 move on to the FedEx Cup playoffs.

That's one reason Glover was among 28 players who went to the John Deere Classic before flying across six time zones to the Scottish Open this week at The Renaissance Club. Twelve of them – Glover included – are exempt for the British Open the following week at Royal Troon. For the others, this could be a long trip for one week, but they don't have much of a choice.

Every point matters. And that makes it seem as though every week matters.

Glover was No. 72 in the FedEx Cup going into the John Deere Classic after a season in which he felt like he was getting nothing out of his rounds.

"Very average, and that's what everything shows," he said. Scores don't lie.

His tie for 23rd in the John Deere Classic was enough to move up four spots. Baby steps, sure, but every point counts.

The trick is to be patient when it's hard to ignore how little time is left.

"It could be a shot or a putt that sends you in the right direction, or a shot that sends you the other direction. You never know when it's going to turn," Glover said. "I've learned you can't chase it. You're not going to change something (technical) weekly. It's a bit of a process to work on what you know is right.

"We can all play this game," he said. "You're never that far away. At this level, everybody is really good."

He speaks from experience. Glover went to the John Deere Classic a year ago at No. 130 in the FedEx Cup, tied for sixth and moved up to No. 110. A month later, his trajectory changed.

He won the Wyndham Championship to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 49. And then he won the next week to start the post-season and moved all the way up to No. 4. He was a lock for the Tour Championship, with a reasonable shot at the \$18 million FedEx Cup title.

But it came with a cost: Glover had nothing left in the tank. He had played six out of seven weeks to get into the post-season, and coming off back-to-back wins in summer heat, it was all he could do just to cross the finish line at East Lake.

"Last year was a prime example," he said. "Chicago, as good as I was playing, I literally was out of gas. I

just couldn't do anything. The game wasn't any different, but I was zapped. I played all those weeks in a row to get in. Atlanta, same thing, even worse."

That's the trap so many players might find themselves in now.

Eleven of those players who were at the John Deere Classic before going over to Scotland were between No. 50 and No. 70 in the FedEx Cup. One of them was Davis Thompson, who had the best week of his career to win by four shots.

Another was Jordan Spieth, who returned to the TPC Deere Run for the first time in nine years. Spieth showed up at No. 59 and dropped one spot after his tie for 26th (he would have fallen three spots had he not played).

Justin Rose chose British Open qualifying in the U.K. and it paid off for him. He fell one spot in the FedEx Cup to No. 76, but he added a major championship he wasn't assured of playing.

It's no longer about keeping a PGA Tour card. Anyone who started the year at Kapalua, who could plan to be at Riviera and Bay Hill and Memorial and all the other \$20 million signature events, knows the value of finishing in the top 50.

Talk about a magic number.

Glover, 44, is fully exempt for two more years. What drives him is the top 50 to become eligible for the elite schedule. Go even further to the top 30 and players are virtually assured of playing all the majors plus the signature events.

A year ago, Glover wasn't eligible for a major for the first time since his rookie year in 2004.

That's why there's such a big push toward the end of the year.

Glover's plan was to play the John Deere Classic, Scottish Open and British Open and have two weeks off – there is no tournament Aug. 1-4 during the Olympics – before defending his title in the Wyndham Championship.

That means missing the 3M Open in Minnesota. That's the plan, anyway.

"If I have to, I'll go," Glover said.

Justin Thomas felt that way last year. He missed the cut in the British Open – his fourth missed cut in six starts – and entered the 3M Open the following week to make up ground. He missed another cut and eventually came up one shot short of the post-season.

It's hard not to chase, because all it takes is one week.

Cam Davis was at No. 77 in the FedEx Cup and had played six out of seven weeks with only one finish in the top 40. And then he won the Rocket Mortgage Classic.

No one is ever that far off. The trouble is the finish line is right around the corner.

Dar Port Kagame Cup 2024 kicks off with thrilling matches

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

THE Dar Port Kagame Cup 2024 commenced with an exciting start as two Group A matches took place on Tuesday afternoon at the KMC Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Teams from Sudan and Tanzania Mainland secured crucial victories, setting the tone for the tournament.

In the opening match, Sudan's Hay Al Wadi edged out Zanzibar's JKU SC with a narrow 1-0 victory.

Jabril Mohamed struck early, netting the decisive goal just three minutes into the game. He capitalized on a lapse in the JKU SC defense, which allowed him to find the back of the net with ease.

Despite both teams creating several chances, they were unable to add to the scoreline.

JKU SC displayed a stronger performance in the second half,

dominating possession and creating opportunities. However, strikers Mudric Abdi Shehe and Matta Juma Nassoro failed to convert their chances, leaving their team goalless.

Hay Al Wadi's coach, Mohsen Sayed, expressed satisfaction with his team's performance.

"It was not an easy match. But I am glad the team scored early and defended well," he said.

The second match saw Tanzania Mainland's Coastal Union, who finished fourth in the 2023/2024 Premier League, clinch a 1-0 win over Dekehada SC.

Ramadhan Mwenda scored the lone goal two minutes into added time before halftime, giving his team the lead.

Despite Coastal Union's efforts to extend their advantage in the second half, they were unable to break through Dekehada SC's resilient defense.

In a separate Group C en-

counter, Rwanda's APR FC secured a hard-fought 1-0 win against Tanzania Mainland's Singida Black Stars FC at the Azam Complex, Chamazi.

Nigerian forward Victor Chukwemeka Mbaoma scored the match's only goal in the 22nd minute, skillfully finishing off a well-executed move to beat Singida Black Stars' goalkeeper Metacha Mnata.

Despite a spirited second-half performance from Singida Black Stars, including tactical adjustments by new coach Patrick Aussems, they failed to find the equalizer.

Both Edmund John and Najim Musa had opportunities but couldn't convert their chances.

APR FC's new coach, Darko Novic, praised his team's effort in securing a win in their first match.

"It was a very tough match and we created several chances, but we also played against

an equally strong team," Novic said.

Earlier in Group C, Uganda Premier League champions SC Villa were held to a goalless draw by El Merriekh Bentiu FC.

This result places APR FC at the top of Group C with three points, while El Merriekh Bentiu and SC Villa each have one point.

The excitement in the Dar Port Kagame Cup was to continue with two Group B matches slated later yesterday. Sudan's Al Hilal were to face ASAS Djibouti Telecom and Kenyan giants Gor Mahia FC were to battle Zambian Premier League champions Red Arrows FC.

The tournament format ensures that the top team in each of the three groups, along with the best runner-up, will progress to the semi-finals, promising more thrilling matches as the competition unfolds.



Bariadi Veterans FC player Peter Hilal (L) dribbles the ball past Salunda Vijana FC player Michael Donald during their friendly match at the Bariadi District Council grounds recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA



Participants of a five-day grassroots football coaching course in Singida in a group picture yesterday. The course, which was closed by the Singida Regional Football Association chairman Hamisi Kitila, was attended by 34 participants. PHOTO: Courtesy of TFF

Lamine Yamal hits back at Adrien Rabiot comments as Euro 2024 wondergoal proves point

By Jamie Braidwood

LAMINE Yamal hit back at pre-match comments from France's Adrien Rabiot as the 16-year-old made history with his stunning goal to help Spain reach the final of Euro 2024.

Yamal became the youngest scorer in men's European Championship history as his strike lit up the Euro 2024 semi-final against France, with Spain coming from behind to win 2-1.

The teenager arrived at the Euros after a breakthrough season with Barcelona and continued his impressive performances throughout the tournament, but his goal against France was his biggest moment yet.

Afterwards, Yamal approached a TV camera and yelled "Speak now! Speak now!" in comments that appeared to be in reference to France midfielder Rabiot.

Before the semi-final, Rabiot said that Yamal had more to prove against France.

"We've seen that he's a player who can handle the pressure," Rabiot said this week. "He has a lot of quality. However, it's always difficult to handle a semi-final in a tournament like this."

"It's down to us to put the pressure on him, to not let him be comfortable and to show him that in order to play the final of a Euro, he'll need to show much more than he has until now."

Yamal fired a long-range shot into the top corner from outside France's penalty area, with Rabiot his closest marker, equalising for his nation after Randal Kolo Muani's early opener in the Euro 2024 semi-final.

With his goal, the winger broke a 20-year record; at Euro 2004, then-18-year-old Johan Vonlanthen scored for Switzerland against France, four days after Wayne Rooney set a record by scoring against the Swiss.

Isabell Herlovsen remains the youngest-ever player to have scored in a European Championship; the Norwegian was 11 days younger than Yamal is now when she netted against France in 2005.

Shortly after Yamal's goal, teammate Dani Olmo saw a shot deflected into the French net after an attempted block by Jules Koundé in what proved to be the winning goal. Yamal will turn 17 the day before the final, which will be against either England or Netherlands.

"I'm very happy to qualify and now the most important thing remains: to take the title," Yamal said.

"We were in a difficult moment because nobody expected his goal. I took it, I didn't think and I tried to put it in where it went in and that was it. I'm very happy."

On his birthday in Germany in a few days, Yamal said: "Above all, win, win, win. That's what we have in mind. My goal was to make it to my birthday here in Germany and now to enjoy it with the team."

THE INDEPENDENT

Even after ditching the mask, Mbappé's Euro 2024 comes to a disappointing end with loss to Spain

MUNICH

EVEN without the mask, Kylian Mbappé was outclassed by a 16-year-old wonderkid.

Mbappé ditched the vision-restricting mask that he had been wearing since breaking his nose in France's opening match but Les Bleus fell to a 2-1 loss to Spain in the semifinals on Tuesday as Lamine Yamal became the youngest goalscorer in the history of the European Championship.

Yamal is heading to the Euro 2024 final on Sunday – the day after his 17th birthday – while Mbappé will be on holiday before joining new team Real Madrid.

"I had the aim of being European champion, I had the aim of having a good Euros – I didn't do one nor the other," Mbappé said.

"It's disappointing, we have to go on holiday. I'll rest well, I think I need that to come back fresh and have a really good pre-season preparation."

France coach Didier Deschamps had said on Monday that Mbappé would have to wear the mask for "weeks ... maybe months" so there was surprise when he took to the field in Munich without the mask that had so annoyed him.

"I was fed up, I couldn't see well with it," Mbappé said. "I spoke with the doctor to see and he told me to make the decision like a man and I don't regret it."

Euro 2024 had hardly gone to plan for Mbappé and France before Tuesday's match – no French player had scored from open play with their three goals coming from a solitary Mbappé penalty and two own-goals.

Mbappé had a total of 23 attempts at goal in Germany. Only Deco with 24 at Euro 2004 had more non-penalty shots without scoring.

AP

Spain beats France 2-1 to reach Euro 2024 final. Yamal sets the mark as youngest-ever scorer

MUNICH

AFTER seeing off another one of the pre-tournament favorites to reach the Euro 2024 final, Spain coach Luis de la Fuente has warned England or the Netherlands that his team can still improve.

Spain reached the European Championship decider with a 2-1 victory over France on Tuesday, with 16-year-old Lamine Yamal becoming the youngest-ever scorer at the continental tournament.

France took an early lead when Randal Kolo Muani headed in a cross from Kylian Mbappé, who played without a mask, before Yamal's moment of brilliance in the 21st minute. Dani Olmo scored the clincher four minutes later.

"We were in a difficult stretch after not expecting to concede so early. I just took the ball and wanted to put it right there. I am very happy," Yamal said.

"I don't try to think about it too much, just enjoy myself and help the team, and if it goes my way, then I am happy (for the goal) and for the win."

Spain, which is chasing a record fourth European Championship title, will play England or the Netherlands in the final on Sunday in Berlin – the day after Yamal's 17th birthday. "We knew they were a great team, and they proved



Lamine Yamal scores his first goal for Spain. (Agencies)

it again tonight," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "Even though we were fortunate to open the scoring, Spain made things difficult for us."

"They were superior in terms of control and technique. The team that gave the best impression was Spain. So they deserve to win tonight."

Spain has been the best performing team of Euro 2024. It is the only team to have won all its matches and has scored 13 times, equaling a Spanish record for most goals at a European Championship and

only one behind the overall record set by France in 1984.

"I'm sure the final will be totally different, against opponents who will demand the best from us," De la Fuente said. "Even though it might sound difficult, there is room for improvement."

Spain will find out its next opponent when England plays the Netherlands in the second semifinal at Dortmund on Wednesday.

There was surprise in Munich when Mbappé went onto the field without the mask

he has been wearing since sustaining a broken nose in France's opening group game at Euro 2024.

Mbappé had been complaining the mask was impeding him, and ditching it appeared to have an immediate effect as he created the game's opening goal in the ninth minute with a cross to the back post that was headed in by Randal Kolo Muani.

That was the first goal France had scored at Euro 2024 that wasn't a penalty or an own-goal. Fortunately for

Les Bleus they had also been exceptional at the back, allowing just one goal, a retaken penalty by Poland's Robert Lewandowski in the group stage.

But there was no stopping Yamal's stunning equalizer in the 21st minute as he became the youngest player ever to score at a men's European Championship when he curled the ball past Mike Maignan and in off the left post from 25 yards.

Spain turned the match around completely four minutes later when Olmo's goal-bound shot was turned into the net by France defender Jules Koundé. It was originally adjudged by UEFA to have been an own-goal but was later awarded to Olmo.

"It is incredible what the team is doing. We deserve to be in the final, one step from glory," Olmo said. "Whether it is my goal, or Koundé's, it doesn't matter. The important thing is that we are in the final."

France dominated possession in the second half but couldn't make it count.

Théo Hernández should have done better when he blazed a late chance over the bar, and Mbappé did similar with four minutes remaining.

Spain could have been further ahead between those chances as another powerful strike from Yamal flew narrowly over the crossbar.

AP

Lionel Messi's 109th goal leads defending champion Argentina over Canada 2-0 and into Copa America final

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

LIONEL Messi and Argentina moved within one win of joining Spain as the only nations to win three straight major titles.

"It's insane what this team has done, what the Argentina national team is doing," Messi said Tuesday night after his 109th international goal sealed a 2-0 victory over Canada that earned a berth in this weekend's Copa America final. "For those who remain from the old guard, it's beyond impressive that the national team is in another final."

Julián Álvarez put the Albiceleste ahead in the 22nd minute, controlling a long pass from Rodrigo De Paul, taking two touches to get away from Moïse Bombito and slipping the ball through the legs of goalkeeper Maxime Crépeau for his ninth international goal.

Messi redirected Enzo Fernández's shot following a poor Ismaël Koné clearance in off the face of Crépeau from 4 yards in the 51st for his first goal of the tournament. Messi has 28 goals in his last 25 matches for Argentina and 14 in Copa America play, three shy of the record. He has scored against 38 different nations.

"I wasn't sure if Enzo's ball was going to get in," Messi said. "It was a reflex."

Only Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo with 130 has more international goals than Messi, who turned 37 on June 24. Iran's Ali Daei had 108 or 109 from 1993 to 2006, with a lingering dispute



Argentina's Lionel Messi is congratulated after scoring his side's second goal against Canada during a Copa America semifinal soccer match in East Rutherford, N.J., Tuesday, July 9, 2024. (AP Photo)

over whether a goal against Ecuador in 2000 occurred in a full international match.

With a victory on its independence day, Argentina extended its unbeaten streak to 10 games. The Albiceleste seek a record 16th Copa title when they play Uruguay or Colombia on Sunday at Miami Gardens, Florida.

"We have to enjoy every moment of what we're living," Messi said. "I'm conscious that these are the last battles."

Trying to string together Copa America titles around the 2022 World Cup championship, Argentina hopes to match Spain's feat of winning the 2008 and 2012 European Championships along with the 2010 World Cup.

"These are statistics. I'm not really interested about it," Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said through a translator. "The most important thing is to win."

Making his 38th Copa America appearance,

Messi had missed Argentina's group stage finale with a leg injury and was subdued while playing 90 minutes in the quarterfinal win over Ecuador. He was much more agile and shot just wide in the 12th and 44th minutes.

Messi had 45 touches and a 79% pass success rate.

"They make us pay on small details," Crépeau said.

MetLife's temporary grass surface appeared

heavy, with water splashing and sand popping up during dribbles.

"It's has been a very difficult Copa América," Messi said, "very competitive, bad surfaces, excessive heat."

Argentina fans gathered in Times Square on the eve of the match and filled the streets on Manhattan before heading to MetLife Stadium. The crowd of 80,102 on a night with an 82-degree temperature and 82% humidity

was overwhelmingly pro-Argentina, with only a few sections dominated by red-clad Canadian supporters.

It was among the biggest games for Canadian soccer, which went 0-6 in its only World Cup appearances in 1986 and 2022 and won its only major title at the 2000 CONCACAF Gold Cup. Argentina had beaten Canada 2-0 in the tournament opener on June 20.

"The tournament caught up with us a little bit," Canada coach Jesse Marsch said. "There's been heat, there's been travel, there's been a lot of challenges. ... We're still at the beginnings of our process, right? Argentina's maybe had eight years together with this team, and so we need to develop more players that can contribute so that we can also rotate in tournament play, because eventually the physicality and the fatigue can catch up with you."

Canada star Alphonso Davies limped off in the 71st minute after his right leg was caught in a clean challenge with Gonzalo Montiel.

"He's getting an X-ray, so we're hopeful he's OK, but we're not sure," Marsch said.

Canada had two shots on target: Jonathan David was thwarted by Emiliano Martínez from close range in first-half stoppage time, and Martínez made a kick save on Tani Oluwaseyi in the 89th.

"We started getting sloppy. We started getting away from the game plan," said defender Derek Cornelius, who exchanged jerseys with Messi.

While Messi referred to "last battles," Scaloni and fans hold out hope Argentina and Messi will return to MetLife for the 2026 World Cup final.

"We will never be the ones to close the door," Scaloni said. "He can be with our team for as long as he wants to be."

AP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Official: Stephane Aziz Ki now decides to stay at Yanga

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Young Africans attacking midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki. (Agencies)

Africans last season, were extremely keen to recruit Aziz Ki and considered him their star arrival for the 2024/25 campaign.

The offer also included a two-year contract, three months' advanced salary to be paid, a furnished apartment, and two business class plane tickets to be provided per year.

They won the Algeria Federation Cup but lost the league crown to MC Alger and are now bolstering their squad for next season. They will represent Algeria in the CAF Champions League for the fifth time in a row.

In addition to CR Belouizdad, Egypt's Pyramids and South Africa's Orlando Pirates, among other clubs, were billed as Aziz Ki's next destination.

Young Africans Sports Club president Hersi Said in an interview recently with South Africa's Soccer Laduma magazine revealed that negotiations with Aziz Ki were still on though they were facing a big task to keep their key asset.

"You know, we signed him on a two-year contract that has expired and

that means those who are interested in him are talking to him directly. But for us, we are still talking to him and there is nothing finalized yet.

"It's very tough for us, especially losing a player like Ki Aziz. There's a lot of interest coming from a number of clubs, including some of the clubs in South Africa. The discussion is going very well, but as of now, nothing has been finalized. Football is business. Financial approach from different teams can change Aziz's mindset," he said.

Aziz Ki joined Young Africans from ASEC Mimosas in 2022 in a deal worth up to \$150k and has established himself as one of the Tanzania Premier League's best players.

He has played a crucial role in both creating and scoring goals for Young Africans with 21 goals and eight assists in the Premier League last season.

He helped Young Africans win a third successive league title as well as reaching the CAF Champions League quarter-final.

The development is a major boost to Young Africans, with Clatous Chama arrival offering them more options in the attacking department.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

STEPHANE Aziz Ki has turned down the chance to join CR Belouizdad and will instead sign a new one-year contract at Young Africans after months of speculation over his future.

The 28-year-old had everything in his hands. He could activate a one-year contract extension at Young Africans by himself, while he also had the rest of Africa's elite clubs waiting to snap him up without a transfer fee.

In an official video released by Young Africans, the Burkina Faso attacking midfielder

said he is to stay with the club despite attracting offers from several continental giants including Algeria's CR Belouizdad.

The Algerian topflight

side made a proposal to Aziz Ki worth in the region of \$440,000 per year. CR Belouizdad, who were in the same CAF Champions League Group with Young

Simba send second group of players to Egypt for pre-season training camp

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli.

SIMBA Sports Club continued their pre-season preparations with the departure of the second group of players and officials to Egypt yesterday. This group will join the initial contingent that had already traveled to Ismailia for a three-week training camp aimed at readying the team for the upcoming season.

Ahmed Ally, the club's information and communication officer, shared additional insights into the club's preparations.

"With the departure of the second group, we will officially commence our pre-season preparations under the guidance of our new coach, Fadlu Davids. He takes over from Coach Benchikha, who recently left the club," Ally said.

He also mentioned that the club's goalkeeper, Ayoub Lakred, already has joined the camp directly from Morocco.

"Our squad will now be fully assembled in Egypt, ready for the preparations under the new technical bench. The aim is to gear up for the rigors of the Premier League and the international competitions, particularly the CAF Confederation Cup, where Simba will be a strong contender," he added.

Simba's decision to conduct a pre-season camp in Egypt underscores the club's commitment to excellence and readiness for the upcoming football season. The club's management believes that the combination of high discipline, strategic training, and the leadership of Davids will be crucial in achieving their competitive goals.

The Simba Day festival, an an-



Simba players pictured during a workout session which involves lifting weights along with cardio and aerobic exercise in their camp in Ismailia, Egypt yesterday. Photo: Courtesy of SSC

nual highlight for the club, will mark the team's return from the camp. The festival not only serves as a celebration of the club's heritage but also as a platform to showcase the new squad to fans and stakeholders.

The plans for this intensive pre-season training were solidified during a recent meeting at a hotel in Dar es Salaam. The meeting, presided over by Mohamed 'Mo' Dewji, the club's investor, honorary president, and chairman of the Board of Directors, emphasized the importance of discipline and responsibility among the players to en-

sure success on the field.

Strict new measures have been introduced to maintain discipline within the team. The new team manager will be equipped with a device designed to detect if a player has consumed alcohol before entering the camp. This initiative aims to foster a disciplined team environment by preventing intoxicated players from participating in training sessions.

The meeting, which brought together key figures including the chairman, the Board of Directors, the Advisory Board, players, and some staff members, also

emphasized the importance of wearing official attire while in the camp. These uniforms, bearing the logos of sponsors and the club, are a mandatory part of the players' dress code.

As the club gears up for a challenging season ahead, the emphasis on discipline, rigorous training, and cohesive team dynamics will be pivotal. Simba are poised to make a significant impact both domestically and internationally, building on their storied legacy and aiming for new heights under the leadership of their dedicated management and coaching staff.

New Azam players need time to adapt, says Youssouph Dabo

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

AZAM coach Youssouph Dabo has tempered expectations, saying the club's new signings still need time to settle in.

As they look to build a team ready to challenge for the league title next season, Azam moved early in the transfer market and signed six players.

The new arrivals are the Ivorian duo of attacking midfielder Franck Tiesse and defender Yoro Mamadou Diaby, Colombian midfielder Ever Meza from Leonas, and another Colombian striker Jhonier Blanco.

Striker Adam Omar Adam from Mashujaa and midfielder Nassor Saadun from Geita Gold are the new local additions to the squad.

Speaking just before the team's trip to Zanzibar, the Senegalese tactician says it will take time before the six signings fully adapt to the playing style of Azam.

"It is early to say this. They need time to adapt to our philosophy and game plan. I have seen them and I know they have good qualities and I think they can add more to the team but they need time.

"It is normal because they left their countries to come here to a new team, new teammates and new environment so they need time to adapt. I hope they can adapt fast," he said.

Azam have parted ways with four players as they seek to take a new direction in the upcoming 2024/25 season.

The four players, namely defender Malickou Ndoye, midfielder Issah Ndala, defender Edward Manyama and winger Ayoub Lyanga, have been released following the expiration of their contracts.

The fifth exit is Ivorian winger Kipre Zunon who completed an 800m/- move to MC Alger after spending two seasons with Azam.

Kipre had been given permission to miss Azam's pre-season to finalise the move.

The 24-year-old winger has now signed a four-year contract with the Algerian League side.

However, Dabo said he is not bothered by the exit of the pacy skilful midfielder who contributed nine assists and scored ten goals last season

"It is football. During last season we lost Dube and continued to play. I don't have a problem with losing one player. I have enough players and it is my job now to do something good with them," he said.

Azam clinched second place in the Premier League standings, edging out Simba on goal difference, with a 2-0 away victory against Geita Gold on the final day of the campaign at Nyankumbu Ground.

This result ensured Azam the right to join champions Young Africans as Mainland Tanzania's representatives in the CAF Champions League next season.

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