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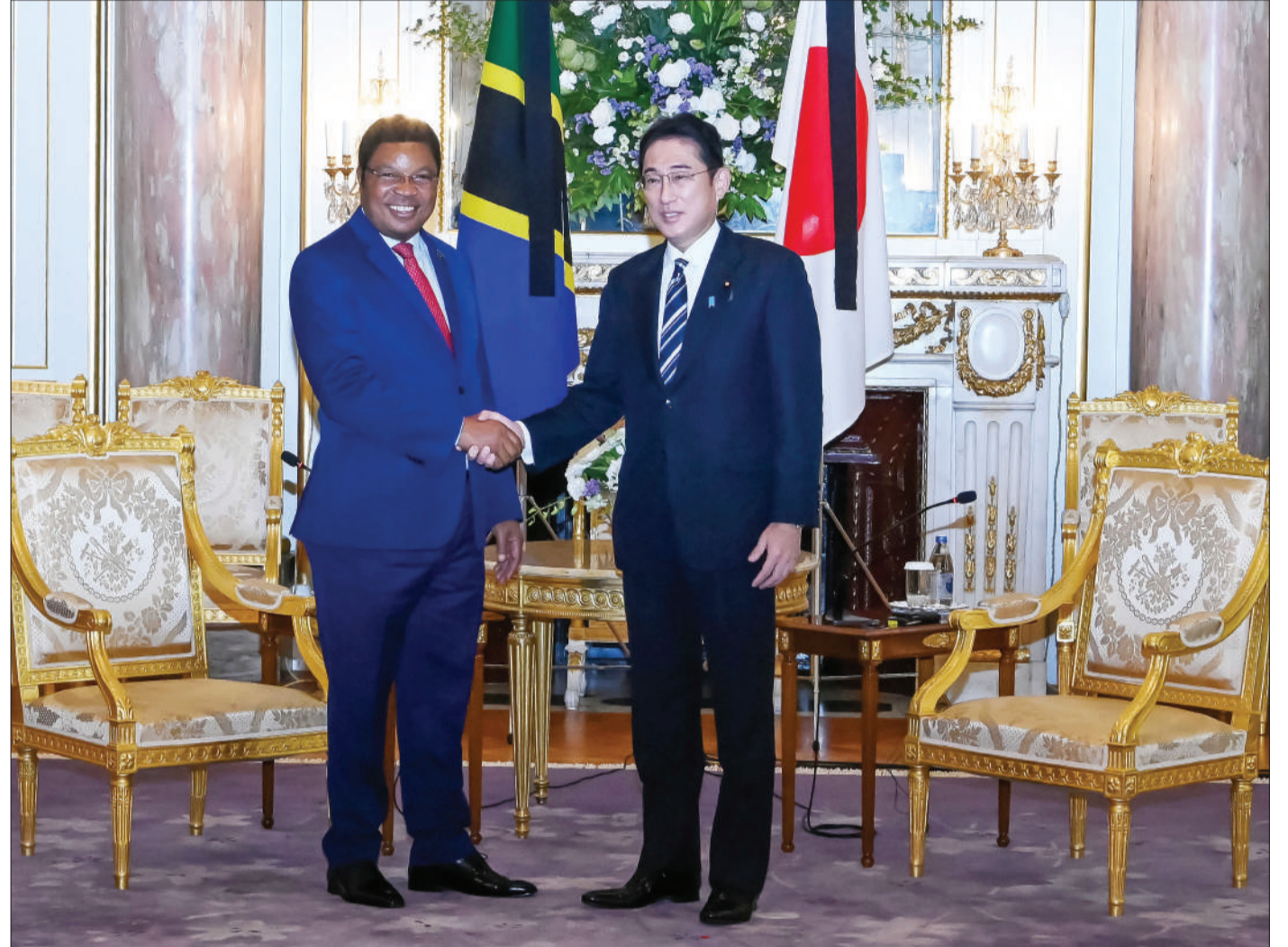
Govt targets diagnostics, treatment in cancer policy

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE National Cancer Control Strategy (NCCS-2013/2022) is being subjected to an intense review, to introduce a coordinated national response to cancer, Health Minister Ummu Mwalimu said yesterday. Launching a report by the Lancet Oncology Commission on cancer control in Sub-Saharan Africa, the minister said that there was a steady increase in the number of new cancer cases and deaths, with a total of 25,000 people dying from cancer in 2020. High level government officials, executives of health facilities and senior administrators of medical universities across the country

attended the launch, where it was observed that health facilities are overstretched by treatment burden from non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Cancers, cardiovascular conditions and hypertension were on the rise, pushing the ministry to seek a review of the cancer control strategy that has now elapsed, to lend greater focus on the provision of services. The government needs to make sure that these facilities are coordinated in a coherent and cost effective manner, the minister declared, noting that the ministry also plans to re-launch Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccines for adolescent girls aged nine to 14

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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa pictured in Tokyo at the weekend exchanging greetings with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at Tokyo's Akasaka Palace, one of the Government of Japan's two state guest houses. He left Tanzania on Saturday to represent President Samia Suluhu Hassan at today's state funeral for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who died on July 8 after being shot at a political campaign rally. Photo: PMO



Higher education loan agencies in post-pandemic consultations

By Correspondent Omega Ngole, Cape Town

THE Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) expects to tap home-grown solutions to what was experienced in the learning stoppages and funding bottlenecks in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Abdulrazaq Badru (pictured), the HESLB executive director, said here on Sunday that this will be the focus of the four-day international conference on student funding being held in the South African parliamentary capital of Cape Town. The September 26 to 30 conference this year has brought together financing agencies, policy makers, researchers, innovators, student leaders and other education practitioners to compare notes on the funding of higher education in sub-Saharan Africa. The conference is organized by the

11-member Association of African Higher Education Financing Agencies (AAHEFA), with over 150 participants, especially students' funding executives from across the region. The last time the funding agencies met was in 2019 in the /Zambian capital of Lusaka, with experts saying a lot has happened in managing students' loans since the outbreak of the Covid-19 global pandemic.

The situation restricted physical meetings including holding lectures in universities, in which case various countries tried different methods to keep learning afloat during the period.

The various member agencies seek to learn from others on issues of loans issuance and collections, he stated, noting that participation in the meetings was beneficial in improving operations.

One area in which experiences vary is in embracing technology, he said, underlining that to optimize the likely impact, this year the country's delegation is led by deputy permanent secretary Prof Carolyne Nombo and the board chairman, Prof Hamisi Dihenga.

Charles Ringera, the AAHEFA president and Kenya HELB chief executive officer, said that the third International Conference on Financing Higher Education in Africa will focus on 'The Future of Student Funding and the Sustainability of African Higher Education Financing Agencies,' to look at emerging

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Joint Tanzania-Mozambique commission starts meetings

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and Mozambique have agreed to cooperate on 15 issues stressed during President Samia Suluhu Hassan's visit to the neighboring country.

Mabrouk Nassor Mabrouk, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation deputy minister, told a virtual press briefing that defence and security was critical, along with communications, border verification, farming and mining. Natural resources and student exchange were also matters of reciprocity between the two sides, he said.

The Joint Permanent Commission will be holding regular meetings on border security, while exchanging experience in the oil and gas sector, and other fields, boosting ties between the two countries.

For a long time the commission has not been meeting but it held a three day meeting in Dar es Salaam last week, he stated.

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“Tanzania and Mozambique have brotherly relations,” he said, affirming that trade statistics show that efforts are needed to boost ties to enhance potential benefits to the two countries.

Ricard Mtumbula, the Mozambican High Commissioner to Tanzania, said the targeted areas during President Samia's recent visit are chiefly the economy, security coordination and social issues.

During the president's visit the hosts remembered the Zanzibar Revolution in which Mozambique participated, but later their ties began to cool off, he said, noting that with the coming of the Tanzanian President, “a new push has been made and all doors are now being opened.”

The main challenge facing Mozambique is terrorism and that terrorists who cause great havoc to the country “pass through Tanzania, thus cooperation is needed, and

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'Freedom of expression rulings by EA courts remain unknown'

By Henry Mwangonde

MEDIA stakeholders in the country have called for heightened advocacy to push for implementation of rulings on media and freedom of expression litigation resolved in local and regional courts.

Speaking at a case briefing organised by the Media Council of Tanzania (MCT), senior practitioners and law officials said there was need for the general public to be aware of the various rulings made by the courts on laws relating to the media and freedom of expression.

Judge (rtd) Robert Makaramba (pictured), the MCT Ethics Committee chairman, said



there are various rulings issued on media laws but are unknown to the general public, pointing at the need to translate the rulings for general understanding.

“Putting these rulings into a simple language will help the general public to understand the controversy surrounding these laws. They will also understand the judicial proceedings which most of the time are not clear to the general public,” he asserted.

He said MCT should create a communication channel open to the general public to access the rulings on media roles to increase effectiveness of media freedom

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opportunities after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr Blade Nzimande, the South African minister for Higher Education, Science and Innovation, was invited to grace the opening ceremony, with ten topics lined up for presentation by experienced resource persons, convening at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC).

Subsidised higher education in South Africa will be profiled by the country's director general for Higher Education and Training, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi, while an

exploratory analysis titled 'Re-thinking Financing Universities in Africa: Crises and Opportunities' will be delivered by Prof. Karuti Kanyinga, chairman of the Kenya Universities Fund, he said, hinting on several other practical topics for the sub-continent.

AAHEFA is an umbrella organization formed in 2008 by public higher education financing agencies to share experiences on the field, grouping South Africa, Tanzania, Malawi, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya and Lesotho. Others are Rwanda, Namibia, Uganda and Zambia, he added.

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Last Wednesday, President Samia and Mozambican leader Felipe Nyusi agreed to team up in combating terror threats in border areas, the key issue in the three day state visit.

The two leaders reviewed the political, economic and social situation in their two nations, exchanging views on issues of common interest within Southern Africa, Africa and the world.

They also witnessed the signing

of bilateral accords on security and defence on one part and a specific accord on search and rescue operations. Tanzanian teachers will also give courses on the Swahili language in Mozambique, to make the language more commonplace in education and eventually in other institutions.

There are various sections of Mozambican people who wish they were able to speak the language. This accord will also facilitate the exchange of university students, and also propel investments in the gas and mining sectors, observers noted.

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advocacy.

Peter Nyanje, a veteran journalist, sought to replace litigation and arbitration as legal processes where the court decides the outcome for the dispute, or appoints a neutral third party to take up the matter. It studies the case, receives the evidence, and then makes a binding decision.

He said media laws and court rulings need to be used as advocacy tools to push for observation and respect of the relevant ruling to promote media freedom.

The briefing related to an MCT study from a case monitoring exercise on rulings in four cases, the HaliHali Publishers Ltd vs the Information, Culture, Arts and Sports deputy minister, the Information Services director and the Attorney General at the East Africa Court of Justice (EACJ).

In 2016, the Media Service Act was enacted, providing extensive regulatory powers over media organs, including the licensing and prohibition of any publication deemed to feature content that is at variance with the public interest.

Government calls on Mbeya hotel owners to improve services

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

HOTEL investors in the City of Mbeya have been called to improve their services to woo more guests to their hotels.

Mbeya Regional commissioner, Juma Homera made the call here at the weekend when inaugurating a new hotel - Echa Luxury Villa, saying many guests shun some hotels due to poor services.

Homera said hotel owners are supposed to ensure clean surroundings for their hotels served by professional staff including supervisors, stewards and other workers.

He added that as of now the government has embarked on the construction of modern permanent infrastructures for the Nanenane Agricultural Exhibition after it endorsed the fair to be held at the international level in Mbeya Region, which will see more guests in the City seeking accommodation.

He called upon hotel investors from various areas of the country to come up and invest in the hotel business in the region to spur competition and improve their services.

RC Homera lauded Echa Luxury Villa Director, Edda Moshia for the investment in the region claiming that there are only a few women daring enough to make such kind of investment.

For her part, Edda thanked the government for putting in place a friendly environment for indigenous investors.

She said apart from creating a friendly environment, there are still challenges they face in regard to their investment including multitudes of taxes and levies collected by the government.

She added that there are so many government institutions collecting taxes and levies on hotels with the officials visiting them at different times sometimes, the habit of which, she said, creates inconvenience to the smooth running of the hotel.

She said it would be much better if the levies and taxes were merged into one single area to simplify collection as well as reduce inconveniences to investors.

"Apart from this hotel, I also own small factories for processing rice and sunflower oil, as well as the transport sector in which I own buses that ply in the region, hence I appeal to my fellow women not to be afraid to venture into business," she said.

For his part, Mwakibete Ward Councillor, whose ward the hotel is built in has appealed to the government to build a tarmac road in the area to facilitate smooth business at the hotel.

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Home Affairs deputy minister Jumanne Sagini has an audience with residents of Muriaza ward in Butiama District, Mara Region, yesterday. He instructed police to pursue and arrest all those suspected of involvement in the recent murder of Omary Iyombe of Kizaru Village. He also appealed to residents of the area to exercise restraint as police investigations into the incident continued. Photo: MoHA

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years.

The Lancet Oncology report affirms that the number of cancer deaths per year in Sub-Saharan Africa is likely to double in the current decade, 2020 to 2030 reaching up to one million deaths per year, unless rapid interventions are set on course.

It is also intriguing that 27 percent of all cancers in Sub Saharan Africa are those associated with infections cervical cancer (HPV), liver cancer (the Hepatitis B Virus) and Kaposi's sarcoma, a skin cancer chiefly affecting those living with HIV, she stated.

In East Africa, cervical and Kaposi's sarcoma incidence is high compared to the rest of Africa, she said, pointing out that these cancer types are preventable by lifestyle modification, reducing environmental exposure and

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early screening, diagnosis and treatment.

Between 30 and 50 percent of cancer deaths could be prevented if population screening and early diagnosis are addressed to ensure that patients with curable cancers are treated early enough, she stated.

The minister issued a call to health sector stakeholders in global organisations and charity agencies to support African countries develop strategically applicable and sustainable investments.

"Support is needed to build robust and resilient primary healthcare services and referral facilities

accessible by most communities," she said.

Development partners and other stakeholders need to extend support for efforts directed at cancer control initiatives that are cross-cutting and multi-sectoral, she stated.

This includes the recommendation to adopt methods used during the COVID-19 pandemic, like reducing radiotherapy sessions and making distant health diagnosis by the use of mobile phone and online applications, she explained.

Prof Wil Ngwa, the commission chairman, urged member states to take measures directed at the

recommendations on control cancer, pointing out that 46 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have fragile health systems and incomplete cancer data registries.

Countries must also work on poor availability or access to screening, diagnostics and treatment, insufficient provision of palliative care and a huge shortfall of trained medical personnel. This compounds the deteriorating situation, he lamented.

Dr Alfonsina Nanai of the World Health Organization (WHO) said that two thirds of cancer cases have to do with smoking and lack of physical exercises.



Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba (L) and the United Arab Emirates' Minister of State for Financial Affairs, Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, pictured in Dubai yesterday signing an agreement on the elimination of double taxation and the prevention of income tax evasion between Tanzania and the UAE. Photo: MoFP

CBT distributes 95 motorcycles to extension officers in eight regions

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

THE Cashew Nuts Board of Tanzania (CBT) has implemented a request from the stakeholders of the crop's industry by agreeing to purchase 95 motorcycles valued at 297.5bn/- and distribute to eight regions, out of 18 involved in cashew nuts growing in the country.

The remarks were made by CBT Director, Francis Alfredy at the event to distribute the motorcycles at Lindi Regional Offices yard.

Conveying CBT greetings,

Alfredy said the motorcycles is the implementation of the request from the stakeholders of cashew nuts industry at a meeting convened in 2021 in which the Board was asked to assist in the provision of working tools to agriculture extension officers and coordinators from local councils.

He named the regions to receive the motorcycles as including Iringa, Morogoro, Songwe, Mbeya, Lindi, Mtwara, Coast and Tanga.

In the distribution, Lindi region will receive 23 motorcycles, that will be distributed to six district Councils - Kilwa, Liwale, Ruangwa,

Nachingwea and Mtama each will receive four motorcycles while Lindi Municipality will receive three.

He said the distribution of the motorcycles adhered to various criteria including farming environment, geography and others.

For his part, Lindi District Commissioner, Shaibu Ndemanga, on behalf of the Regional Commissioner Zainab Telak said at the event that the working tools will help to increase cashew nuts production in the region and the nation in general.

The RC said Lindi Region, apart from holding Number Two spot for cashew nuts production nationally, after Mtwara Region, production remained low due to the region's large area, that was a challenge to transport to reach farmers in time to teach them on better farming practices.

Hamisi Omari Chewa, Mnazi Mooja ward Agricultural Officer, speaking on behalf fellow officers said the motorcycles they were given will enable them serve farmers in respect of all crops they grow including cashew nuts.



Judge (rtd) Robert Makaramba, chairman of the Media Council of Tanzania's Ethics Committee, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday opening a meeting on the monitoring of past court cases on press freedom and freedom of expression involving Tanzania. It was organised by the council. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Govt to establish special revenue sources to pay bills for healthcare

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE government will establish special revenue sources to help people with no income to pay bills for healthcare in the proposed Universal Health Coverage bill, 2022.

According to the proposed bill which was read for the first time in the just ended National Assembly seating, the Minister of Health in collaboration with related institutions will announce procedures to identify people with no income.

Section 22 (2) of the proposed bill explains that those who will be

identified as people with no income will be included in the health scheme in a system which will be stipulated by regulations.

The bill also says the Minister responsible for Finance will identify special revenue sources in collaboration with the minister of health on how to include people with no specific income in the health insurance cover.

The bill has been taken to the respective committee for scrutiny and debate before it is brought back to the National Assembly for debate.

On the identified hospitals to get the services where in the past the holder was limited from some

health centers and hospitals, the new bill proposes the holder to get services anywhere in the country given it is contracted to offer services on insured healthcare.

The proposed bill aims at involving all members who were scheme members before the law came into effect as stipulated in the laws establishing the schemes.

Others involved will be all those who by the time the law comes into effect will attain 21 years of age and those with less than 21 years but have the eligibility of being registered.

"Others are all those employed in the private and public sector, self-

employed, those ill no income and other groups of people as stipulated in the regulations by the Minister of Health," reads the bill in part.

The bill also proposes that there will be people from the private, public and informal sector who will join any other scheme; however the bill stipulates that an employer from both sectors will be required to register an employee within 30 days of employment.

"In case the member dies while contributing to the scheme, relatives and next of kin will continue to benefit for the remaining period of the contract," the bill further reads.

African fisheries stakeholders in Dar for three-day workshop

By Francis Kajubi

STAKEHOLDERS in the fisheries sector from different African countries are in Dar es Salaam for a three-day workshop to discuss collaboration of the public and private sectors in mobilisation of resources for financing fisheries projects.

The workshop themed 'Strengthening stakeholders' engagement, role and consultative mechanisms in African fisheries and aquaculture sector' has brought together government officials from the fisheries sector, researchers, development partners and policy makers to set a common ground towards accessing funds for funding fisheries projects in the continent.

Opening the workshop in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Mashimba Ndaki said that stakeholders are also meeting for the consultative workshop to validate the functional review and nationalization of fisheries and aquaculture platforms in Africa.

"The public and private sectors in African countries have been going separately in search of resources for financing fisheries development projects. In view of this, development partners such as the European Union are encouraging us to work together in pursuing financial aid," said Ndaki.

According to him, the other issue to be put on table for discussion regards the market for African fisheries products. Ndaki said African countries need a common approach that gives room for collaboration in exploring foreign markets instead of each country going solo.

"In terms of foreign markets we have learnt that there are a lot of setbacks for African countries to sell their fisheries processed products to the world. Impediments such as quality are being used as reasons for undermining our products. Being

together we can come up with a common approach on how to go about it," asserted Ndaki.

Lena Maria Westlund, International Fisheries Analyst from Fisheries and Aquaculture Division Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said that fisheries policy review is another issue that FAO would like to see working with African countries as it is one of the main funders of fisheries projects in the continent.

"We want to see gender equality being embraced in fisheries national policies. Empowerment of women to take part in the fisheries sector should be identified. In Tanzania FAO has been working with Tanzanian Women Fish Workers Association-TAWFA by providing financial support and training," said Westlund.

According to her, FAO has also been working with the fisheries community in the continent through its Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines).

The guidelines are directed at all those involved in the sector and intend to guide and encourage governments, fishing communities and other stakeholders to work together and ensure secure and sustainable small-scale fisheries for the benefit of small-scale fishers, fish workers and their communities as well as for society at large.

Hellen Moepi, Fisheries Officer African Union-International Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) said that food security is another issue that stakeholders will discuss and set objectives that are meant to enable the continent to address the issue in a collective manner through the fisheries sector.

The workshop has been organized by AUDA-NEPA, AU-IBAR, African Union Development Agency, and European Union through the African Fisheries Reform Mechanism initiative.



EXCITING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Background
The Media Council of Tanzania (MCT) is an independent, voluntary, self-regulatory body with the objective of promoting freedom of the media and ensuring the highest professional standards and media accountability in the United Republic of Tanzania.

MCT implements its programmes with the aim of expanding the perimeters of freedom of expression and of the media as well as promoting professionalism and accountability in order to ensure that the Tanzanian media contributes effectively to the country's development and democratic processes.

MCT's incumbent head of secretariat, the Executive Secretary, will be retiring soon and the Council would like to recruit a competent Tanzanian to fill that position.

Overall Responsibility:
As chief executive officer of the organisation, reporting to the President of MCT and Chairman of the Board, the Executive Secretary shall be answerable and accountable to the Governing Board of MCT in terms of the Constitution of the MCT, any regulations made thereunder and directives issued by the said Board through its President. He/she is responsible for financial sustainability, resource mobilization, financial accountability, programing and administration of MCT as well as being accountable for ensuring quality assurance and control of the overall Council outputs and results.

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 - To ensure that the reputation, name and public image of the Council are not compromised by his/her word or conduct or that of his/her subordinates;
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 - To prepare budgets and policy proposals for the deliberation and/ or approval of relevant statutory bodies;
 - To develop and maintain good relations with members of MCT, other professional organizations and the media industry generally;
 - To develop and maintain effective networks with national, regional and international partners;
 - To promote establishment of independent media councils in

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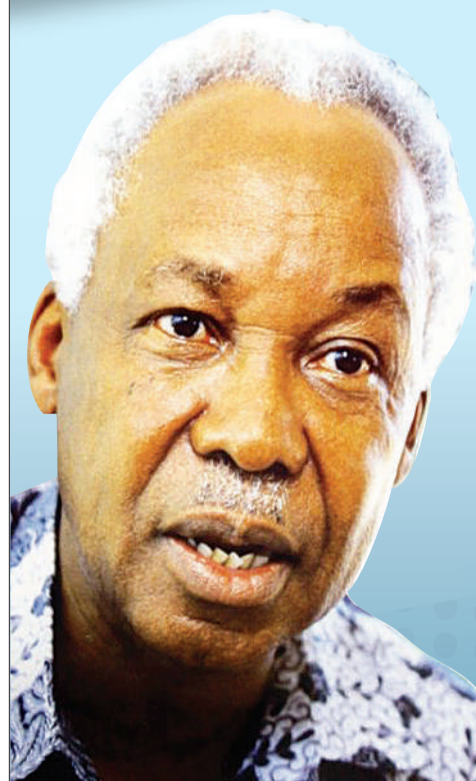
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Govt launches CCSWOPG aimed at improvement of social welfare

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has launched a Comprehensive Council Social Welfare Operational Planning and Reporting Guideline (CCSWOPG), aimed at improving social welfare in the country.

It provides guidance and framework for the integrated efforts from the government, development partners, and other social welfare stakeholders towards the realisation of the social welfare priority areas. This guideline stresses participatory and effective use of social welfare data generated in the council to develop an evidence-based comprehensive council social welfare plan.

Speaking while officiating the launch, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office George Mkuchika noted that with the CCSWOP, the government has introduced the social welfare matrix in its planning and reporting system (PlanRep) to achieve the broader goals of accountability, transparency, efficiency and equity.

"The Social Welfare Matrix is now available in the PlanRep system to guide the planning, monitoring, and reporting of all targets and indicators from lower local governments levels by including facility-level data," he said.

Mkuchika who represented the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa at the event added, "I expect to see local government authorities plan and incorporate the plans and budgets of all service providers and monitor spending and the outcome of interventions."

The United States has supported the development and operationalization of the CSSWOPG through its two activities, namely the Community and Health System Strengthening Programme (2015-2020) implemented by Jon Snow Inc. (JSI) and ACHIEVE (2020-2024) implemented by Pact Tanzania.

Speaking during the launching event, USAID Tanzania's Mission Director Kate Somvongsiri said, "Our six years of work see its major breakthrough today, demonstrating our two governments' commitment

to building solid and sustainable mechanisms for improving the quality of life".

This, she noted, is especially among the marginalised populations and most notably, the most vulnerable children and their households.

She added that the CCSWOP will bring efficient, far-reaching, extensive, and well-coordinated social welfare services that befit the needs of the most vulnerable populations.

Further, it will provide unified ways of addressing public health challenges like HIV/AIDS.

She vividly stated that launching is just a step, calling upon the government and its actors to put the commitments to improving the social welfare services into action.

The director argued that a robust social welfare system is the best gift to the current generation and those yet to come.

The promises embedded in the CCSWOP, she said, give a vision of Tanzania as a country with sustainable and plausible standards of social welfare services in Africa and beyond.

Through the USAID-funded ACHIEVE project, Pact Tanzania has been working with key ministries, including the President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government and the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups, to finalize and operationalise the CCSWOP.

The activities included the development of manuals and guidelines, training key personnel, procuring working tools, and integrating the CCSWOP window into the PlanRep. "From October 2020, we have spent a total of 920,174,800/- to support the finalisation and operationalising of the CCSWOP," said Levina Kikoyo, the Country Director for Pact Tanzania and Project Director for ACHIEVE Tanzania.

She noted that the CCSWOP shows a great leap in allocating and incorporating development partners' budgets for social welfare services.



Dodoma regional commissioner Rosemary Senyamule (L) shares a light moment with Workers Compensation Fund director general Dr John Mduma during impairment assessment training for medical practitioners from Kigoma, Tabora, Singida and Dodoma regions held in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Japanese firm set to buy 30m kgs of tobacco from Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

JAPAN Tobacco Corporation (JTI) has pledged to buy 30 million kilos of tobacco from Tanzania farmers during the coming farming season.

The pledge was given yesterday by JTI Executive president, Masamichi Terabatake before Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa who visited JTI offices in order to assure the implementation of talks made at the 8th TICAD conference in Tunis, Tunisia in August this year.

Speaking after the meeting, Majaliwa said the decision of the company to increase tobacco tonnage will provide relief to Tanzanian farmers who have not been assured of a reliable market

for their tobacco.

"Today, the JTI Board of Directors has announced its decision to buy 30 million kgs of the crop, up from 14 million kgs they bought during the last season," he said.

He added: In the past companies that had been buying tobacco used to allocate to our farmers the quantity of the crop they bought, and even tobacco production was not big at the time.

"When I was in Tabora on a visit I met with officials of farmers' cooperatives and requested to be given the opportunity to expand the tobacco market, hence now they have every reason to increase production."

The talks were witnessed by JTI Board Chairman, Mutsuo Iwai and Tanzania Cigarette Company (TCC)

manager Takashi Araki.

The PM is in Japan to attend the burial of former Japan Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, which is expected to be held tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Majaliwa met and held talks with Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida and conveyed a condolence message from President Samia Suluhu Hassan over the death of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Conveying his condolence message, PM Majaliwa said: "President Samia Suluhu Hassan conveys her condolence message to you and the deceased's family and the citizens of Japan for the passing away of Shinzo Abe."

He stressed for the continuing of good relations between Tanzania and Japan and pledged that

the Phase VI government will strengthen the diplomatic ties between the two countries.

Majaliwa also used the opportunity to remind about issues they discussed online when in Tunisia at the 8th TICAD Conference in particular in regard to implementation of old projects on the construction of Kigoma Port, Zanzibar water project and Holili to Arusha road construction.

"I have the Prime Minister of Japan for his promises and they also follow up the request for eight other projects which we tabled at the Tunis Conference and talks have already begun at home," said Majaliwa.

Japan's prime minister said they will implement the pledges made in regard to helping African countries, including Tanzania, including their push for food sufficiency.

Today, Majaliwa will participate in the burial of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at Nippon Budokan Hall.

Financing pact inked to support standards and trade facilitation

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA) have signed a financing agreement worth 9bn/- aimed at strengthening frameworks that guide development, enforcement and implementation of standards and quality management systems.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, the TMEA country director for Tanzania Monica Hangi, said the agreement brings a total support by TMEA to TBS to 15.8bn/- which has been invested under phase one to support development of training programme on standards, development of integrated standards, quality metrology and testing (SQMT) and development of national quality policy framework.

She said the ongoing support to TBS aims to increase efficiency on how standards are developed and implemented, and also ensure that the developed standards are enabling trade.

The support is from development agencies of the United Kingdom, Ireland and Norway through TMEA.

The second phase of TMEA's support to TBS that commenced in 2021/22 sets to promote improvement of service delivery through increased micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) awareness and compliance to standards and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, development and implementation of standardization and accreditation frameworks, improved quality infrastructure platforms and implementation of National Quality Policy.

She said businesses in Tanzania still face challenges in complying with standards and SPS measures, largely due to low awareness and high compliance costs, limiting their potential in exploiting regional and

international markets for exports.

"These trade facilitation efforts are set to address such challenges, while reducing both tariff and non-tariff trade barriers in the country," she said.

Previous interventions on supporting frameworks aimed at promoting trade through improvement of standards and SPS frameworks in Tanzania remains Trade mark East Africa's priority.

The current phase seeks to continue these efforts while also supporting mandatory compliance measures in food safety, improvement of standards and SPS will ensure Tanzania takes advantage of the promising African continental Free Trade Area as well as access to advanced and complex markets in Europe, America, and Asia.

Meanwhile, the TBS Director General Dr Athuman Ngenya, appreciated the TMEA for significant efforts and valuable support offered to enhance efficiency in the management and enforcement of both voluntary and mandatory standards with the aim of facilitating trade.

He said the support has been valuable to the country's economy not only through automation of all operational activities which enhanced efficiency of service delivery to the business community but also through promotion of regional standards, harmonisation and adoption process.

He said generally standards and quality infrastructure has a big role towards the fourth industrial generation.

He said an online portal was unveiled to train the public and business community in the areas of business, standards and quality control, laboratory equipment were purchased to support accreditation and regional standards were harmonised.



Janeth Mawinza (2nd-R), director of a Dar es Salaam women's community-based organisation known as WAJIKI, makes remarks in the city yesterday at a meeting called by Assistant Inspector of Police Force Mwita Julius (3rd-R) to discuss ways to combat sexual violence primarily targeting school children. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Number of tourists' arrivals up after launch of 'Royal Tour' documentary

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

MINISTER for Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Pindi Chana has said that the trend of tourists' arrivals is now going well especially after the launch of The Royal Tour documentary early this year.

Dr Chana unveiled this here during the launch of a special strategy aimed to market tourist attractions in the southern circuit.

"Despite the tourism sector having a big contribution in the country's economy, the contribution does not reflect the wealth of tourism resources available in this country, this is why we are putting more efforts to enable the sector to contribute more," she said.

She said that in opening tourism

to the country's attractions, the government initiated a project in 2017 to strengthen natural resources management and promote tourism in southern highlands regions with the aim of expanding the scope of tourism products geographically.

"The project is implemented with support of a soft loan of \$150 million from the World Bank," she said.

Dr Chana said one of the challenges that lead to the drop in the number of tourists is the tendency of the guests visiting only a few national parks such as Kilimanjaro, Serengeti, Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA).

"Most of the tourists who are coming only pay attentions to the

named few big national parks, but if other attractions are well marketed, we will draw a number of other tourists having interest to visit the parks, this is why we are investing efforts to promote the attractions in southern circuit," minister Chana explained.

She added: "The ministry and the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) will work together to implement this strategy to ensure that we attract a lot of tourists to visit various attractions in the southern highlands regions."

TTB acting managing director, Felix John said tourism is one of the priority sectors and President Samia Suluhu Hassan has sacrificed a lot to improve and market the sector through The Royal Tour

programme to promote and open up the country.

"For long time the number of tourists in the southern circuit has remained low, so with this new strategy, we will invest heavily in promotion so as to increase the number of visitors and revenues," he said.

Njombe Regional Commissioner, Anthony Mtaka said the country is blessed with plenty of tourist attractions but Njombe's uniqueness is the Kitulo National Park which is rich in attractive flowers and birds.

Tourism is the largest foreign exchange earner since 2012, contributing an average of \$2 billion annually, which is equivalent to 25 per cent of all exchange earnings, according to the government data. It also contributes to more than 17 per cent of the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and creates more than 1.5 million jobs, 500,000 of which are direct.



George Simbachawene (L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Coordination and Parliament), exchanges greetings with Michael Mnuhi of Wihenzele village in Mpwapwa District shortly after addressing a public meeting at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mhagama reiterates gov't commitment to uplift poor households through TASAF

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

MINISTER of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance, Jenista Mhagama has reiterated the government commitment to uplift poor households through the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

She appealed to the new Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF)'s National Steering Committee to solve any challenges facing the fund, saying it has transformed lives of millions of poor Tanzanians.

The minister noted that without the fund, at least two millions and above Tanzanians could be languishing in abject poverty with hundreds of children failing to attain post primary school education.

She made the statement while officiating the launch of the new committee, noting that gains made due to the fund's existence are so immense.

Mhagama directed the board to ensure that solved challenges do not resurface.

She specifically warned against ghost beneficiaries of the Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) programme that allegedly siphoned billions of money in the past.

"TASAF has made great strides and this is evident in the lives of beneficiaries who have also transformed livelihoods," she said warning that the government cannot tolerate to go back to the dark days.

The minister noted that one of the successes is how the beneficiaries has injected into circulation some 6.9 bn/- through revolving fund, from what they get from TASAF.

She also termed TASAF as the living example of leading programme that strengthened the national union is implemented in both mainland and the Isles.

Mhagama called on the new committee to take the fund to

another level, adding that record shows it has really changed lives of people thus the need for it to strong identify and implement its duties.

On those who are supposed to graduate from the programme, the minister called for proper preparedness, adding that if it is hurriedly implemented, the leaving would drop back to serious poverty levels despite having risen higher.

Earlier, TASAF's Executive Director, Ladislaus Mwamanga said at least some 158,000 beneficiaries are expected to leave the programme. They are those who have shown improved livelihood and financial status.

He said six million people and 1.4 million households benefit from the programme whose end has been extended from 2023 to 2025.

"The programme has impacted positively on lives of people and the focus should be beyond 2025," he said, adding that expectations of the new plan needs to be on special needs, youth, women and the elderly.

On the other hand, he cited the need to focus on human resources in education, health, among others.

The national steering committee's outgoing chairperson, Dr Moses Kusiluka expressed trust in the new team, saying they have the capability to moving TASAF to higher levels.

He said he is the only person leaving the committee as all other members have been given another three year's term. "We worked hard together to achieve the realised gains and it is my hope that with the new chairperson you can do even better," he said.

The incoming chairperson, Peter Ilomo thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the appointment, promising to do everything possible to reach her expectations.

"We have the obligation to perform the task ahead of us and we promise the committee will do everything possible to realise the goals," he said.

Ismailia Muslim community plants 1,500 trees to ease carbon footprint

By Getrude Mbago

THE Ismailia Muslim community in the country have planted 1,500 trees at the Kigamboni Mangrove Forest in Temeke District in Dar es Salaam Region in efforts aimed to restore land, reduce carbon footprint and conserve the environment.

This is part of the initiatives to mark the 2022 'Civic Day' where a number of activities are conducted centred on protecting the environment, in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation Tanzania.

The members also joined to clean Kawe and Kigamboni beaches to maintain cleanliness of the areas.

Speaking during the event over the weekend, resident

representative of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) in Tanzania, Amin Kurji said the initiatives also help fight against climate change impacts which of late are causing great impacts in the society.

"These activities are necessitated by the fact that the world today seems increasingly fragile and uncertain, while the threat of climate change is possibly the largest challenge humanity has ever faced," he said.

He said the Shia Ismaili Muslim community celebrate the second annual Global Ismaili CIVIC Day on 25 September across the globe. This effort is made up of local partnerships connected to global efforts to strengthen communities

through environmental stewardship.

He said to commemorate the special day, Ismaili CIVIC Tanzania, in partnership with Aga Khan Foundation, local partners and local government entities, engaged in seven activities in six regions with over 500 volunteers.

"In Dar es Salaam a total of 50 Ismaili community volunteers engaged in planting 1,500 mangrove saplings at Mjimwema Mangrove Forest in Kigamboni to establish a Mangrove microforest and 300 other community members cleaning beaches to remove kilos of wastes," he said.

He said after Dar es Salaam, the members will move to other regions including Dodoma, Mbeya,

Morogoro, Mwanza and Zanzibar cleaning up the streets in city centres and beautifying children's playing grounds, orphanages as well as planting fruit trees.

Kigamboni ward councilor, Masele Idd commended the community for spending the day to work for the people and help conserve the environment.

He urged stakeholders to continue to prioritise climate change adaptation and mitigation projects for Tanzania to support achieve its development goals.

Since the launch of the Ismaili CIVIC initiative across the globe in 2020, significant impact has been made in the areas of health, education, economic development, environmental stewardship and cultural restoration. Ismaili CIVIC endeavours to strengthen the bonds between communities and foster collaboration and commitment to improving the human condition.

In efforts to safeguard environment, Temeke youth use plastic waste in making decorations

By Naima Ahmad and Abdallah Mfaume, Tudarco

YOUTH in Temeke District's Machinjoni Street in Dar es Salaam Region have come up with a strategy to produce household decorative items from plastic wastes as part of efforts to protect the environment and boost their income generation.

In separate interviews with The Guardian, the youth were optimistic that the initiative will help to keep the environment safe, thus ensuring a healthy community by controlling the outbreak of communicable diseases.

Joseph William said: "We are doing this to keep the environment clean as well as supporting efforts to curb communicable diseases because once the plastic bottles are improperly disposed they block drainage systems and fill up land space, thus causing floods and disease outbreak."

He added: "When someone falls sick they cannot engage in productive activities; by ensuring a healthy society, we also boost people's income as they will be able to engage in various economic activities throughout the year."

According to Shakira Seif, the residents were experiencing frequent outbreaks

of communicable diseases associated with poor disposal of plastic wastes in waterways.

"I decided to venture into this home decoration making business to protect the environment and generate income. I produce a variety of household decorations such as table ornaments and flowers," she said.

She said that at first people were mocking them as they passed in the streets to collect the bottles, but they are now admiring them because they have also employed other young people.

Edward Charles said: "We have improved our welfare; I can generate a good income by recycling plastic wastes. I can make many decorations with a small capital."

Charles noted that their products are sold at beaches where there is a good number of foreign tourists. He said some are sold at shops at the Kariakoo market.

He said they have also been taking part at various exhibitions where they share knowledge and experience with their counterparts on how to improve their businesses.

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Mr. Calvin Karosi Malyi

10 years of sadness, 10 years of loss, 10 years remembering one that we lost. You are a part of every passing moment be it a tear or a smile we remember you always in all that we do.

We are standing strong because of you, all that you taught and instilled in us lives on in us. We thank God every day for the time we had together, though we wanted it to go on forever.

We hold you tightly within our hearts, there you will remain. Until the joyous day arrives, that we will meet again.

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NCBA awards motorcycles to winners of second round of M-pawa promotion drive

By Guardian Reporter

THE NCBA Bank has awarded new motorbikes to three winners of the ongoing MPawa campaign dubbed as 'Chuzi Limekubali', which commenced last month.

The lucky winners include Fulgence Otaru, a businessman from Dar es Salaam and Richard Mkoba, a farmer in Coast Region.

Speaking during the handing over event held at Zakhem grounds in Mbagala, Temeke District in Dar es Salaam Region, NCBA's customer service representative Maria Mabella, noted that Mpawa has been a crucial element in fintech consumption as it uplifts Tanzanians' aspirations to access quick loans with low interest rate.

She said the campaign is carried out collaboratively by the bank and Vodacom Tanzania with an aim of encouraging Tanzanians to create a saving behavior using fintech services.

"This campaign is aimed at motivating our customers and Tanzanians in general to save their money through M-pawa where they will also be able to get quick loans and at a cheaper interest rate than any other place or service," he said.

She said, customers get a chance to win up to 50,000/- when they repay their loans within six days. Every week starting this week we have awarded fifty customers who paid back their loans early and saved'.

Mabella noted that NCBA Bank has focused on making campaigns sustainable in encouraging economic growth for individuals, especially businessmen such as mama ntilie, bodaboda and bajaj

operators, Machinga and others.

Otaru, one of the winners said: "It was difficult for me to believe at first, but after several follow-up calls from the customer service team at NCBA, my doubts were dispelled. I want to encourage everyone to start saving with Mpawa right away because loans are so quick and easy."

Mkoba on his part commended the campaign as it helped uplift the lives of a number of people.

"NCBA has now become a people's bank, this motorcycle means a lot to me especially in conducting trips to and from the farm. I can't believe I won a motorcycle after only three days of participation," Mkoba said.

Tanzania is one of the world's competitive and fast-growing mobile money services markets. Over the years, Mpawa service has managed to draw at least 6 million customers across Tanzania who are currently benefiting from seamless small loans without a minimum limit of up to five hundred thousand shillings.



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Investment in nursing aptitude programmes translates into quality health services - expert

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

INVESTING heavily in improved nursing skills programmes and conducive working environment for nurses have been named as among the ways that would strengthen provision of quality health services in the country.

Dr Mugisha Ntiyonza Nkoronko, the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College (KCMC) zonal referral hospital general surgeon specialist said this over the weekend when commenting on the research conducted in relation to the medical nursing profession.

He said the nursing department was an important pillar in providing quality health services.

"Investing in nursing profession is very important; we all witnessed during the Covid-19, the World Bank (WB) provided support in building and equipping resilient healthcare facilities such as Intensive Care Unit (ICU) rooms, yet we haven't seen reasonable developments that focus on the nursing staff who are the ones expected to serve the patients," he said.

He said improving and modernizing both nursing training and practice will give nurses capacity, confidence and patriotism while pursuing their duties.

Referring on the study conducted recently on the nursing department dubbed: "Nursing Care; the sidelined backbone of healthcare in Tanzania", Dr Nkoronko said it showed that, in Tanzania there were more than 47,000 nurses who were subject to the ratio of one nurse/midwife per 1,400 people (1:1,400).

"The World Health Organisation (WHO) recommends that one nurse/midwife should serve 500 people (1:500), this translates to fewer nurses in Tanzania than the global ratio demands and thus they are subjected to ten times more working hours than their counterparts in developed countries," he noted.

He noted that according to the Tanzania National Nurses

Association (TANNA), the ratio of nurses in rural Tanzania is much higher than the urban area and that the nurse to patient ratio in public health facilities was around 1:20 compared to the WHO's recommendations of 1:8 ratio.

"These ratio figures are likely to continue to grow especially when put in mind the recent government's good efforts aimed at improving the health sector which has led to the increase of new health infrastructures including dispensaries in all villages and health centres in all the wards countrywide," he noted.

Dr Nkoronko added that the nursing profession should be improved to match with the recent health services developments.

According to him nursing education should be improved by providing additional education to medical nurses which he said included that of providing them with extra education in specialized areas like surgical, dialysis, pediatric and neonatology nursing, as well as oncology nursing and transplant, cardio-thoracic and other specialities in medicine.



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NCBA Bank marketing manager Solomon Kawiche (L) presents a prize motorcycle to Fulgence Otaru of Dar es Salaam, one of the winners of the second round of the 'Chuzi Limekubali' M-Pawa promotion campaign conducted in the city's Mbagala suburb at the weekend in partnership with Vodacom. They are with NCBA customer service officer Maria Mabella (2nd-R) and a second winner, Richard Mkoba of Coast Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Geita miners plead for consideration for power supply and water in mining areas

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

PARTICIPANTS of the Mineral Technology Exhibition in Geita Region, mostly miners have complained over lack of electric power supply services, water and roads in various gold mining areas.

Speaking at different times, the miners claimed that due to the absence of these services they incur great costs to conduct their mining activities.

The director of Geita Resources Limited, a mining research institution, John Luhende said lack of these services compel them to incur huge expenses in buying fuel to run rock crushing plants and in

water supply.

Luhende said they use about 500 litres of diesel per day to run the plants and asked the government to assist in bringing power and water services to their mining areas.

"At the Nyakamatagata mining area for example, we pay a lot of taxes, but there is no electricity, water and roads infrastructures... a private person has built a bridge linking Nyakabale and Nyamatagata and we pay 5,000/- per vehicle to cross," he said.

In regard to the 5th Minerals Exhibition that kicked off at the weekend, Luhende said it has been a light for them as it has brought

together big businessmen including dealers of mining plants as well as financial institutions.

Also, the manager of Geita Resources Limited, Masanja Michael said the exhibition has helped to do away with the use of poor mining equipment and pans, and added that as for now they use modern weights and measures in mining activities.

One of the miners at Nyamatagata mining area, Anael Thomas said the annual exhibition has helped them to put Geita Region on a mining map in so far as the mining sector is concerned.

The Chairman of Geita Region Small Miners Association

(GEREMA), Christopher Kadeo said before the advent of the exhibition, miners used misleading beliefs by going to traditional healers to identify areas with minerals.

But after being educated about modern mining techniques, they have abandoned these beliefs for modern technology.

According to Geita Region Administrative Secretary, Prof Godius Kahyarara, small miners in the region produce 5.8 tonnes of gold per year.

He added that the expectation for the region is 20 tonnes per year due to modern equipment and technology they were being taught at the exhibition.



Small-time miners at work at the Nyamatagata mining site in Geita District, as found at the weekend. Photo: Alphonse Kabilondo

China pledges to send investors to Mbeya Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government of China has pledged to send investors in various sectors in Mbeya Region aimed at beefing up its economy and strengthening its relations with Tanzania.

It has pledged to send investors in the soya and avocado farming that are among crops with high demand in the big Far East nation.

China's ambassador to Tanzania, Chen Mingjian disclosed this at the weekend during his visit to Mbeya Region where he held discussions

with its Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera, saying his government was attracted by the region's climate.

He said apart from the two crops, the Chinese would also like to invest in the mining sector especially in Chunya where they will use their own technology in the sector.

In the same vein, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera said the government in the region was ready to welcome Chinese investors and to allocate them with areas to invest for the benefit of the development of Mbeya Region and

the nation in general.

He said there are various areas for investment in each district that have been prepared and that these are the areas the investors will be taken to when they come.

The RC also called on Mbeya Region residents to be ready to benefit from these investors by starting to grow various crops that will be needed by the investors.

He also appealed to the Chinese government to help in revamping TAZARA rail infrastructures to enable the authority to provide better transport services for goods

and passengers.

"More than 60 per cent of goods passing through the Port of Dar es Salaam are destined to Zambia, Congo DRC, Malawi and with crops exported to SADC countries, hence we ask for revamping of the aged rail infrastructures, and the ambassador has agreed to our request," said RC Homera.

Further, Assistant Mbeya Regional Administrative Secretary (Industry and Trade), Mwijabu Nyamkomola said they will make sure the investors get good areas for investment.

Africa challenged to adopt agroecology as mitigation response to climate change

By Correspondent Zuena Shame

ALLIANCE for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) in collaboration with the Consortium on Climate Change Ethiopia and Environment Protection Authority has organized a three-day continental conference to discuss and create a road map for embracing agroecology.

The conference will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as a workable and sustainable adaptation and mitigation response to climate change challenges ahead of COP27 to be held in November this year.

The key conference will bring on board more than 100 participants from 32 African countries such as South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Senegal, Gambia, Tanzania, Sudan, Rwanda, Mozambique, Nigeria and Congo.

The conference brought together farmers, women groups, faith based organizations (FBO's), fisher folks, government officials, media, African actors on climate, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), cattle breeders and agroecological practitioners.

Others were service providers, donors and development partners, financial institutions, academic researchers and diplomatic missions.

Speaking during the conference, AFSA General Coordinator, Million Belay said that the aim of the conference was to bring together various agroecology and climate change stakeholders to discuss the way forward and have collective agendas for the coming COP27 to be held at the end of the year in Egypt.

Belay said that it was important to bring the agenda of agroecology as a possible solution for climate change to be taken to COP27 because it is one of the right places where agriculture will be discussed as one of the high level agendas.

"Still agroecology seems not to be believed as one of the best workable solutions for climate change by some of the African group negotiators, therefore during these three days we are going to create a consensus among civil society organizations which will be transmitted to our various governments" said Belay.

Dr Bailey said the consensus was not only aimed at COP27 but also currently and beyond COP27.

"To improve our agenda at COP27, We need to work together and unite towards our agenda as Africans. Therefore, we hope that by bringing together all these actors we are creating a wider base for advocacy to issues related to agroecology and climate change to be discussed now, at the COP27 and after COP27," said Belay.

Belay added that there have been various misunderstandings about the kind of agriculture Africans should embrace in consideration of adapting to the coming climate change crises.

"We hope that who are attending this continental conference will come-up with one solution to the climate crises ahead of us because some advocate for agroecology, some see climate smart agriculture while others say it is nature based solution, so there is a lot of confusion, lots of agendas which come from outsiders," he added.

He noted that as a continent the agenda was not clear, "Africa traditionally has diverse food but increasingly and Africa is losing its diversity mainly because of the kinds of policies that are being promoted.

"So we are trying to propose a policy both at the country and continent level which will be coherent amongst us all as often we have lots of policies negating against each other while also bringing food access from all over the world."

He however said that there have been some impressive responses from various African governments when it comes to agroecology and food sovereignty giving examples of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), North African Countries and others which has started studies on how to explore and implement agroecology.

AFSA Programme Coordinator, Bridget Mugambe said that the AFSA membership in 2018 decided to start a campaign to make agroecology a major policy solution to the climate disasters that is badly affecting Africans' social, economic, and ecological well-being.

Mugambe said that the climate change crisis in the African continent is very extreme especially in farming, food system and production and women are the ones affected most because they are the food producers.

She added that some African countries are pushing for policies and putting pressure on small farmers to go for industrial agriculture initiatives like usage of GMO seeds as well as chemical inputs which are coming from fossil fuels.

"Clearly, the goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels is not going to be achieved by more industrialisation. AFSA is driving the African transition to agroecology - the antithesis of industrial farming," added Mugambe.

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Panic as army worms devastate maize fields in eastern DR Congo

KINSHASA

IN the territory of Nyiragongo, in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, maize farmers are crying foul.

This field belonging to the Munguiko community has been ravaged by the armyworm and the damage is enormous. The pests attack the leaves and stems of maize plants, leaving them unable to grow or reach the flowering stage.

"It is army worms that attack our fields. They appear any time; in the dry season or the rainy season," said a farmer whose field has been devastated.

The pest is of interest to agronomist Jadot Mateso, who has set up a small nursery where maize seedlings are well preserved and then taken to the fields.

Madot has urged farmers to plant varieties resistant to armyworm. In recent years, the pest has devastated maize fields in Uganda, Zambia, and Kenya among other countries.

"The caterpillar is called

spodoptera frugiperda. It is native to North America. It causes a lot of damage in the fields. Production can reduce by upwards of 60%," said Madot.

The consequences are visible in the markets of Goma. The price of maize has risen significantly since production has been down following the appearance of this armyworm.

Georgette Nyabadé, a trader, says that a bag of maize that used to cost 30 or 35 US dollars is now being sold for 75 or 80 US dollars.

Armyworms are a serious crop pest in tropical and subtropical regions. These hungry caterpillars can defoliate entire fields of crops before moving on in their search for more food, with devastating economic consequences.

Maize is a major staple in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The armyworm invasion has caused fears of a food crisis in a region already hit by the conflict.



Faustine Chombo (L, standing and gesturing), a mountain guide with Moshi-based ZARA Tanzania Adventures, poses for photo at the weekend with other climbers including foreign tourists at Uhuru Peak ((5,895m above sea level) - the highest point of Africa's tallest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

VP underscores to clerics the need for youth to prize ethical behaviour

By Guardian Reporter, Rufiji

CLERICS in the country have been urged to teach and up-bring youth in good behaviour and engage in legally recognised occupations.

The call was made at the weekend by the Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango in the speech read on his behalf by the Minister of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Dr Angeline Mabula at the event marking 25th Jubilee of the Kibiti Virgin Mary Parish of the Roman Catholic Church as well as celebrations for the Consecration of the Altar held at Kibiti, in Coast Region.

In the speech, Dr Mpango said in these times social decay has taken roots, associated with the increase of despicable habits which were rare in the past, but nowadays are daily occurrences.

He said the plummeting of ethical behaviour has serious effects in the community and the nation in general and retard development efforts making the task of poverty eradication difficult.

He further said he believes that if the people, government officials and political leaders adhere to religious teachings as well fearing God, many evil deeds will be reduced.

In the circumstances, he added,

on behalf of the government he called upon religious leaders should help in nurturing the nation of good ethical behaviour by stressing on the youth as they are the main victims of the evil being committed, in addition to their being future leaders.

In the speech, Dr Mpango also stressed on the issue of cleanliness and environmental conservation and requested leaders of the Roman Catholic Church and those from other denominations to raise their voices in order to mobilise for environmental protection countrywide.

Dr Mpango called on religious

leaders to lash at the issue of child pregnancies saying they were illegal and against ethics as the issue denies many opportunities beckoning girls in regard to education and realise their dreams in life.

Meanwhile, the Bishop of the Dar es Salaam Roman Catholic Diocese Jude Thaddaeus Ruwa'ichi praised Kibiti residents for completing the construction of their church.

He said construction work took 11 years, and added that it was a very long time and praised the padre of the Kibiti Virgin Mary Parish Christian Goya Lupindu for the work.



Dr Lyabwene Mtahabwa, Commissioner for Education in the Education, Science and Technology ministry, presents a certificate to a Form Four leaver at graduation ceremony for Dar es Salaam's St Anne Marie Academy at the weekend. With him are the school's director, Dr Jasson Rweikiza (2nd-L) and headmaster Gladius Ndyetabura (L). Photo: Correspondent Mirajji Msala

TANROADS managers advised to put emphasis on road repairs

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DEPUTY Works and Transport Minister Godfrey Kasekenya has instructed all Tanzania Roads Agency (TANROADS) managers countrywide to make sure they give priority in revamping roads, chronic spots and bridges to avoid challenges during rainy seasons.

Kasekenya issued the instructions here at the weekend at a task meeting that discussed the implementation of development projects by the agency in various

areas of the country.

"Roads are a stimulus for the growth of other sectors, hence make sure you build and repair all road trouble spots to streamline transport and transportation," said Kasekenya.

He also instructed the agency to provide education to transporters and all stakeholders using the infrastructure not to spill oil, sand, rocks or gravel on the roads as these contribute to road destruction.

The deputy minister also called on

TANROADS managers to continue being creative and professional in work supervision aimed at positive results that would speed up the country's transport sector.

"Continue utilising your expertise in the construction and supervision of projects in order to have high quality roads infrastructure for the present and future generations," he said.

Earlier, welcoming the official guest, the Ministry's Permanent Secretary (Transport), Amb Aisha Amour said the aim of the meeting

was to discuss better ways in solving challenges facing road users.

She mentioned some of the challenges facing road users as including road low standard humps and improper road signs in some areas.

"This meeting stresses more on road repair work, ongoing development projects, road safety and incidents of road accidents, hence the opportunity to bring up positive views that will develop the transport sector," added Amb Amour.

Meanwhile, Dar es Salaam Region TANROADS Manager, Eng. Haroun Senkuku explained that his office expects to increase three more flyovers to reduce road traffic congestion in the city.

It's decisive that tourism have consideration for environment

ENVIRONMENT activists rather than marketing executives are likely to take the lead in marking World Tourism Day on September 27, with chroniclers linked to the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) saying that the day's relevance has never been clearer. There is a defining emphasis by global activists about how the day will be marked this year, where the focus was that activists - and governments, presumably, need to seize this platform, to rethink how tourism is being conducted.

At the global level, World Tourism Day celebrations will be held in the resort city of Bali, Indonesia, on 27 September, with its programme hinging on shifting the paradigm on tourism, from leisure towards its recognition as a pillar of economic growth and sustainable development. The chronicler says that the day has always been a chance to come together and celebrate the varied accomplishments of the sector. On the whole it is related to using annual holidays to marvel at the world.

Shifting from the usual celebration of the softer side of tourism, as sightseeing and leisure, activists aren't just looking at tourism in a more grounded economic sense but living it as part of growing environmental challenges. In his message for this year's celebrations, United Nations secretary general Antonio Guterres says that World Tourism Day celebrates the power of tourism to foster inclusion, protect nature and promote cultural understanding. It is a powerful driver for sustainable development, contributing to education and empowerment of women and youth.

There is no question that tourism advances the socioeconomic and cultural development of communities, plays a critical part in social protection systems at

the foundation of resilience and prosperity in many communities. In Tanzania this contribution was enhanced by gradual reforms where surrounding communities were being included in conservation, helping to protect ecosystems from the threat of unsustainable use or exploitation. It all came from gradual reflections, forums.

Chroniclers and statesmen have also been at pains to point out that the Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the critical need to transform the tourism industry. It added a plethora of precautionary parameters and relative contraction of the industry, as travel became more selective even as travel restrictions were being eased.

It isn't the first global threat to impact tourism; past decades were marked by the threat of terrorism. Various cities were hit by terrorists from 1996 to 2006 at Bali, precisely.

Strictly speaking, even the current theme about rethinking tourism doesn't go far enough especially in relation to climate change. Vast coastal areas otherwise known for their beaches or coral reefs are being damaged by rising temperatures and higher sea levels, changing the chemistry and marine thermography (warmth distribution profile) for sustainable ecological systems instead of clearly baffled migrations by various species. There are scenes of hundreds of whales stranded on a beach and dying, after losing focus and ability to navigate, feed in strange waters.

All these themes are yet to arrive here in earnest though seaweed farming faces some environmental problems, and some experts are raising issues on Amboni Caves' sustainability in the future.

Despite that we focus attention on numbers of visitors and revenues, these strategic issues can't be lost sight of. Only at our peril; piling up all sorts of threats in scores of land or sea habitats imperils tourism itself.

We ought to do lots more in showing that we care for traditional medicines

HERBAL medicines are the results of long historical and traditional use of medicinal plants that involve extracts of different parts of plants including seeds, roots, leaves, bark, flowers, or whole herbs, in addition to fresh juice, gums, fixed oils, essential oils, and resins to maintain health and to prevent, alleviate, or cure disease, where the bioactive constituents are responsible for their health beneficial effects.

Tanzania is estimated to have over 80,000 traditional healers with varying specialities. The majority of them are herbalists using mainly plants and a few animal and mineral products in their practices.

Traditional healers are likely to be first consulted as health providers due to socio-cultural settings in rural Tanzania. The estimated traditional healer/population ratio is 1:400 compared to the doctor/population ratio of 1:30,000.

Traditional medicines are an important part of healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa, and building successful disease treatment programmes that are sensitive to traditional medicine practices will require an understanding of their current use and roles, including from a biomedical perspective.

Chinese involvement in Africa has long included a prominent medical presence, with Beijing supporting medical efforts on the continent for decades. As China's export capacity increased in the late 1990s and early 2000s, Beijing began to increasingly augment its efforts in Africa with the promotion of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

Traditional Chinese medicine

provides China a surprisingly robust soft power tool in Africa, as Beijing increasingly exports medical expertise while also increasingly sourcing ingredients from Africa to meet domestic demand.

Environmental health is the branch of public health concerned with all aspects of the natural and built environment affecting human health. Other terms referring to or concerning environmental health are environmental public health, and public health protection/environmental health protection. Environmental health is focused on the natural and built environments for the benefit of human health, whereas environmental protection is concerned with protecting the natural environment for the benefit of human health and the ecosystem.

While China's presence and influence in Africa is well documented - especially regarding resource extraction - another element is increasingly becoming an important economic and political tool: traditional Chinese medicine.

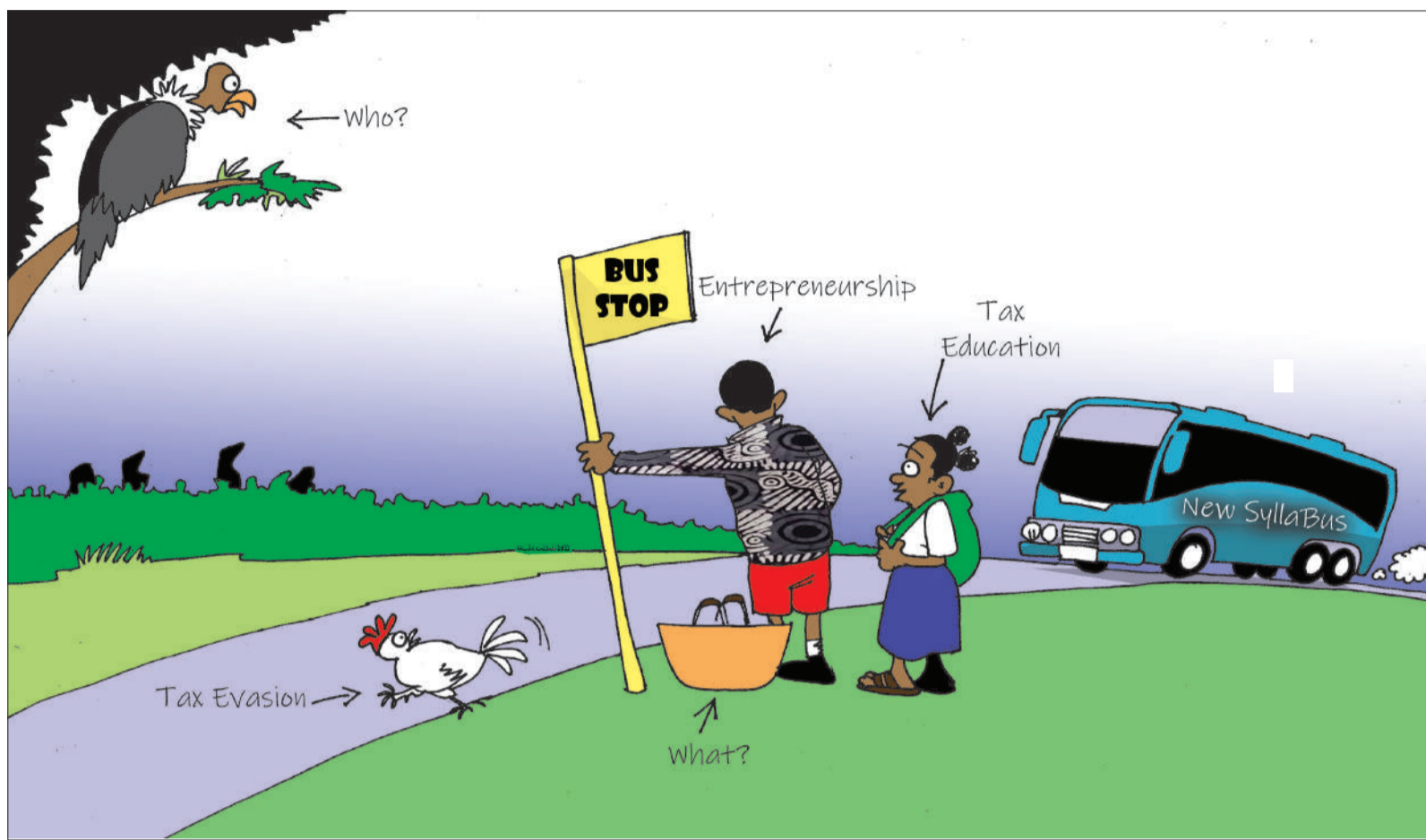
The inaugural China-Africa Forum on Traditional Medicine was held in Beijing in 2000, with 21 African health ministers in attendance. This push coincided with efforts by the World Health Organisation (WHO), which earmarked traditional medicine a policy priority for Africa in 2001.

That same year the African Union declared 2001-2010 to be the 'Decade of African Traditional Medicine'. This supranational focus aided Chinese efforts in promoting TCM in Africa, drawing on the parallels between African and Chinese medical practices.

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AS our planet continues to heat up, extreme weather has affected many of us. From the west coast of North America across Europe, the Middle East and Asia to Pakistan and New Zealand, wildfires and flash floods have destroyed homes and property and disrupted the daily lives of millions.

Supply chains, already badly affected by COVID, have been further complicated by drying rivers and waterways. In the more developed countries, insurance covers much of the short-term losses.

But it's in the developing world where the effects of climate change cause the most acute form of human suffering: starvation. Somalia, in the Horn of Africa is once again in the grip of a devastating drought. Livestock have perished and children are beginning to die.

Parts of South Sudan's farmland have now been under water for the 4th consecutive year because of abnormal floods. Hapless farmers, marooned on islands of higher ground, are living off handouts from the international donor community. No insurance to cover their losses; they're lucky just to hang on to their lives.

And if we needed a shiller wake-up call about the unfolding global food crisis, Russia's war on Ukraine has certainly provided that: Much of grain and fertilizer that the world relies on was held hostage by the combatant's mines and warships in the Black Sea.

Paralyzed by the outdated make-up and role of the Security Council, the political side of the UN System was once again unable to prevent war from breaking out.

Wars and armed conflict rage on in Syria, Libya, Myanmar, Afghanistan, South Sudan, the DRC and, of course, in Ukraine itself. But thanks to UN and Turkish mediation, grain and fertilizer shipments from Ukrainian and Russian ports have resumed under the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

The Joint Coordination Centre (JCC), set up in Istanbul at the end of July, is ensuring that trade and aid in these most basic of commodities can flow out of Black Sea ports again. Amir Abdulla, the World Food Programme's former Deputy Executive Director is the UN's coordinator for the Black Sea Grain Initiative and heads up the UN Delegation to the JCC.

Abdulla told me earlier this week that operations are scaling up and grain exports from Ukraine went over 1 million tons in less than a month and to 2 million tons in just the last week. An average of 9 ships a day heading to or from Ukraine are being inspected jointly by UN, Turkish, Russian and Ukrainian inspectors. "While the conflict in

Developing countries must grow more food, with climate change, conflicts wake-up calls

Ukraine continues, it has been possible with the help of Turkey and the agreement of Russia and Ukraine, for the UN to get this initiative underway so that the much-needed flow of food and fertilizer moves out of Black Sea ports to the rest of the world", he said.

"More grain needs to move through to make space in silos for the new harvest. This is critical for the world's grain supply for next year. Equally important is the urgent export of fertilizer, including ammonia, so that farmers across the world can continue food production at an affordable cost", he added.

But what about the wider food crisis that is developing and will be with us in the years to come?

The World Food Programme (WFP) warns that 345 million people are already affected by acute food insecurity in 82 countries. And with the global population set to hit at least 10 billion by 2050, the effect of climate change on agriculture will compound the growing problem. There is a desperate need for the developing world to grow more food.

Up to now, WFP has helped ward off mass starvation among the world's most vulnerable. But to prevent this happening in the years ahead, there's never been a greater need for it to address the "development" part of its dual mandate by getting back in the business of helping governments and communities grow more food.

In the early-60s when WFP started out, and for its first 20 years of operation, around 70% of its budget was spent on development projects, many of them designed to grow more food.

Work on India's Indira Gandhi Canal, which takes water from the Himalaya Mountains to irrigate 2 million hectares of the Thar Desert in Rajasthan, started in 1964 with WFP assistance. Workers building the canal were able to buy WFP food at specially set up shops on the banks of the canal network at low, fixed rates.

After WFP assistance ended the World Bank and the EU helped complete the irrigation network. For the last 50 years, millions of tons of additional food grain has been produced every year as a result of this project. Wheat is now reaped annually in the far-flung desert district of Jaisalmer.

As WFP's Representative in India, Bishow Parajuli says with pride, "This project has changed the lives of millions of ordinary people", giving real meaning to WFP's development slogan: changing lives.

Here, back in the 80s, WFP helped the local government's Water Conservancy Bureau construct an irrigation network that today irrigates what was 8,000 hectares of low-yielding land in Haidong Prefecture.

As with India's Indira Gandhi Canal, the network was built manually, by hand. WFP food was supplied to pay part of the worker's wages. With assured irrigation, wheat yields doubled within 5 years. Today, this same area of Qinghai is the province's main wheat producing area with mechanical combines harvesting the crop instead of reaping it by hand.

Why is WFP no longer helping developing countries build major irrigation networks designed to grow more food? Because its focus changed in the early 90s to emergencies or saving lives as WFP calls it today.

That was when WFP took over the responsibility from the UN's refugee agency, UNHCR to feed the world's 25 million refugees on its books as well as the 50-odd million who sort refuge elsewhere in their own country as internally displaced people, or IDPs.

But the pressure of climate change and population growth is causing the pendulum to swing again. At WFP's last Executive Board (EB) meeting in June, WFP's Changing Lives Transformation Fund (CLTF) was introduced.

While there was general agreement that WFP's dual mandate - emergencies and development - must be respected and that humanitarian aid alone is not enough, cash-strapped main donor EB members insisted that saving lives must always take priority over changing lives.

Not surprisingly, most EB members from the developing world wanted WFP to help more with changing lives through stepped-up development assistance. After much debate, which went to closed night sessions, the compromise was a \$55 million fund over 5 years, or upto \$1.2 million for around 10-15 countries as seed money for projects aimed at supporting national food security.

While this is a start, the amounts earmarked seem like half-hearted steps for the organization that the world set up to help governments prevent mass hunger and starvation. Volli Carucci, Director of WFP's Resilience and Food Systems Service disagrees, pointing to the many reliance measure that WFP is supporting in the drought-stricken Sahel. "But more long-term support from donors is needed", he said. Many countries in Africa need to be growing drought-resistant sorghum and millet rather than maize he told

me. Maize is the staple for much of the continent.

Acknowledging "the present and future danger" of the global food crisis, Carucci emphasised that greater awareness of WFP's current resilience initiatives and its development successes of the past is needed.

Bangladesh, China, Egypt and India have all benefited from WFP assistance in building major irrigation networks. Every year since, millions of tons of food grain has been produced that helps feed their people.

Ethiopia reversed some of its major soil erosion problems by planting millions of trees to protect agricultural land. Always short of cash to pay labour costs, these governments used WFP assistance to help pay the workers on these projects with food.

South/South Cooperation provides a channel to transfer the organizational management and technical expertise of these countries to less developed countries with agricultural potential. Projects like these would also provide employment for the growing hordes of unskilled labour looking for work.

As WFP nears its 60th anniversary it has a full agenda of programming and internal management issues to address. Hopefully, helping the governments and community organizations in developing countries grow more food will figure more prominently than in past decades.

Irrigating and developing more farmland could also help with the integration IDPs into new communities to make them productive citizens instead of living off handouts year after year. It could also help stem the flow of migration to the more-developed countries.

Involving cooperating partners such as UNDP, FAO, World Bank, NGOs and other multilaterals like the EU will be crucial right from the planning stage.

Of course, saving lives will always be the priority of the day. But unless governments act now to ensure that future generations have enough food to eat, parts of the planet run the risk of becoming overwhelmed by the hungry poor.

WFP can and must do more to help countries along the path towards food security, as its mandate dictates. Only then will the world move significantly towards achieving its Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger.

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NEW YORK

'Global peace education day' can play a pivotal role in transforming education

JUST a week ago, the international community commemorated the adoption of the United Nations Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, a monumental document that transcends boundaries, cultures, societies, and nations.

That inspirational action took place on 13 September 1999, yes 23 years ago. It was an honor for me to Chair the nine-month long negotiations that led to the adoption of this historic norm-setting document through consensus by the United Nations General Assembly. That document asserts that inherent in the culture of peace is a set of values, modes of behaviour and ways of life.

The quest for peace is the longest ongoing human endeavor going on, but it runs alongside many of the things that we do on a daily basis. Peace is integral to human existence – in everything we do, in everything we say and in every thought we have, there is a place for peace. We should not isolate peace as something separate or distant.

My work has taken me to the farthest corners of the world. I have seen time and again the centrality of the culture of peace and women's equality in our lives. This realization has now become more pertinent amid the ever-increasing militarism, militarization and weaponization that is destroying both our planet and our people.

In my introduction to the 2008 publication "Peace Education: A Pathway to the Culture of Peace", I wrote that as Maria Montessori had articulated so appropriately, those who want a violent way of living, prepare young people for that; but those, who want peace have neglected their young children and adolescents and that way are unable to organize them for peace.

However, the last decades of violence and human insecurity had led to a growing realization in the world of education today that children should be educated in the ways of peaceful living. The task of educating children and young people to find non-aggressive means to relate to one another is of primary importance.

As a result, more and more peace concepts, values, and social skills are being integrated into school curricula in many countries.

Peace education needs to be accepted in all parts of the world, in all societies and countries as an essential element in creating the culture of peace. To meet effectively the challenges posed by the present complexity of our time, the young of today deserves a radically different education – one that does not glorify war but educates for peace, non-violence and international cooperation."

They need the skills and knowledge to create and



Before speaking at the UN Transforming Global Education Summit, Secretary-General António Guterres addressed the SDG Moment in the General Assembly Hall on September 19. "I regard myself as a lifelong student...Without education, where would I be? Where would any of us be?" he asked those gathered in the iconic General Assembly Hall. File photo

nurture peace for their individual selves as well as for the world they belong to. Learning about the culture of peace having the potential of personal transformation should be incorporated in all educational institutions as part of their curricula and that should become an essential part of our educational processes as reading and writing.

All educational institutions need to offer opportunities that prepare the students not only to live fulfilling lives but also to be responsible and productive citizens of the world.

Often, people wonder whether peace education should be introduced when the child is very young. I believe rather strongly that all ages are appropriate for such education – only the method of teaching has to be suited to the age.

For younger children, such teaching should include audiovisual materials and interactive exchanges. Teaching the value of tolerance, understanding and respect for diversity among the school children could be introduced through exposing them to various countries of the world, their geography, history, and culture.

To begin with, an informal class format could help. Such a format could even be included in any of the existing arrangements that involve social studies or general knowledge

classes.

In addition to expanding the capacity of the students to understand the issues, peace education should aim particularly at empowering the students, suited to their individual levels, to become agents of peace and nonviolence in their own lives as well as in their interaction with others in every aspect of their lives.

Targeting the individual is meaningful because there cannot be true peace unless the individual mind is at peace. Connecting the role of individuals to broader global objectives, Dr. Martin Luther King Junior affirmed that "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Peace education is more effective and meaningful when it is adapted according to the social and cultural context and the country's needs and aspirations. It should be enriched by its cultural and spiritual values together with the universal human values.

It should also be globally relevant. Indeed, such educating for peace should be more appropriately called "education for global citizenship".

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations in its sustainable development goal (SDG) number 4 and target 7 includes, among others, promotion of culture of peace and non-violence, women's equality as well as global citizenship as part of the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development. It also calls on the international community to ensure that all learners acquire those by the year 2030.

Recognizing that education is a foundation for peace, tolerance, human rights and sustainable development, Secretary-General António Guterres had convened a Transforming Education Summit (TES) which concluded yesterday at the UN. Its three overarching principles are: Country-led, Inclusive, and Youth-inspired.

Let me conclude by emphasizing that the role of education should be to encourage the young people to be themselves, to build their own character, their own personality, which is embedded with understanding, tolerance, and respect for diversity and in solidarity with rest of humanity. That is the significance of the Culture of Peace. It is not something temporary or occasional like resolving a conflict in one area or between communities without transforming and empowering people to sustain peace.

Peace education needs to be transformative, forward-looking, adaptive, comprehensive, and, of course, empowering.

Let us resolve at this conference to campaign for the proclamation by the UN of a Global Peace Education Day to transform the role of education in embracing the culture of peace and global citizenship – as emphasized by the United Nations – for the good of humanity, for the sustainability of our planet and for making our world a better place to live.

Shinzo Abe: Why a state funeral for slain ex-PM is controversial

TOKYO

A WEEK ago, the global "great and good" were gathered in London for the state funeral of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. Now many of them are heading to the other side of the world for another state funeral – for Japan's slain former prime minister Shinzo Abe.

But the Japanese, it appears, are not thrilled about it – not least because it's estimated to cost \$11.4m (1.65bn yen; £10.1m).

In the last few weeks opposition to the state funeral has been growing. Polls suggest more than half of the country's population is now against holding it.

Earlier this week, a man set himself on fire near the prime minister's office in Tokyo. And yesterday around 10,000 protestors marched through the streets of the capital demanding the funeral be called off.

But, on the other hand, the event is drawing Japan's allies from across the globe. US President Joe Biden will not attend, but his vice-president Kamala Harris will. Singapore's prime minister Lee Hsien Loong is coming.

So is Australian PM Anthony Albanese, along with three of his predecessors. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi skipped the Queen's funeral but is flying to Tokyo to pay his respects to Abe.

What does it say about Abe that – even as world leaders gather for his funeral – many in his own country are opposed to it?

First off, this is not a normal event. In Japan, state funerals are reserved for members of the Imperial Family. Only once, since World War Two, has a politician been given this honour, and that was all the way back in 1967. So, the fact that Abe is being given a state funeral is a big deal.

In part it's because of the way he died – he was gunned down at an election rally in July. And Japan mourned for him. He had never been hugely popular, according to opinion polls,



Shinzo Abe reshaped Japan's foreign policy, which won him both supporters and detractors

but few would deny that he brought the country stability and security.

So the decision to hold a state funeral for him is also a reflection of his stature. No-one served longer in the prime minister's office and, arguably, no other post-war politician had such an impact on Japan's position in the world.

"He was ahead of his time," says Professor Kazuto Suzuki, a political scientist and former Abe advisor.

"He understood the changing balance of power. That a rising China will, of course, distort the balance of power and reshape the order in the region. So, he wanted to take leadership."

Professor Suzuki points to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), President Barack Obama's big plan to bring all of America's allies in the Asia Pacific together in one giant free trade zone.

In 2016, when Donald Trump pulled

the US out of the TPP, everyone expected it to collapse. But it didn't.

Abe took over leadership and created the even more confusingly named Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific partnership, or CPTPP. It's a terrible name but it signalled a new willingness for Japan to take the lead in Asia. He also played a key role in the creation of Quad, an alliance between the US, Japan, India and Aus-

tralia.

Even more significant are the changes Abe made to Japan's military.

In 2014 the then prime minister forced through legislation that "re-interpreted" Japan's pacifist post war constitution.

It allowed Japan to exercise "collective self-defence". That means for the first time since World War two, Japan is able to join its US ally in military action beyond its own borders.

The legislation was hugely controversial, and the ripples are still being felt today. The thousands who marched in Tokyo against the state funeral accuse Abe of leading Japan towards war.

"Abe passed the collective self-defense bill," protestor Machiko Takumi said. "It means Japan will fight with the Americans, which means he made Japan able to go to war again, that's why I oppose a state funeral."

Japan is a country traumatised by war. But it's not just memories of atom bombs that make people angry about Abe.

Japan's post-war constitution clearly states that the country "renounces the right to wage war". If he wanted to change that Abe should have called a referendum. But he knew he would lose. Instead, his law "re-interpreted" the meaning of the constitution.

"Abe is seen as somebody who was not accountable to the people," says Professor Koichi Nakano, of Tokyo's Sophia University. "Whatever he did, he did it against the constitutional principles. He did it against the principles of democracy."

But to his supporters all of this misses the point. Before any other world leader, Abe saw the rising threat from China, and decided Japan had to become a fully paid-up member of the US-Japan alliance.

"Abe had a very futuristic vision," says his former advisor Mr Suzuki. "He saw that China will rise, and the United States will retreat from the region. In order to keep the United States involved in this region, he realised we need to have the power to defend ourselves."

A rearmed and capable Japan is certainly welcomed by Washington, and by many other countries in Asia, who are equally worried about China.

Abe found willing partners in Canberra and Delhi. When he was killed, Mr Modi declared a national day of mourning in India.

But there is one place where Abe is not being mourned – where he was repeatedly condemned as a warmonger and revisionist.

That place is China. It may explain why Beijing sent vice president Wang Qishan to London but is sending a former science and technology minister no-one outside of China has ever heard of to Tokyo.

Rwanda's Lilian Uwintwali aspiring to digitalise Africa's agriculture

KIGALI

RWANDA'S Lilian Uwintwali, the brain behind Mahwi Tech, an Agritech firm, is aspiring to digitalise agriculture in Africa.

Through a platform dubbed MLIMA digital marketplace, the firm has helped address demand and supply chain gaps of agriculture commodities in Rwanda using digital technologies to contribute to food systems security.

"The firm currently serves 20,000 small holder farmers, providing access to high end markets and financing via MLIMA digital marketplace and the plan is to expand to other countries on the continent," Uwintwali, the chief executive of Mahwi Tech firm, told Xinhua.

More than 60 farmers' cooperatives work with the MLIMA cooperative management system to digitize their operations and keep digital records of their finances, production, sales, stock and a database of all their member profiles and farm records.

"When farmers have access to market information, they are able to access high end markets where they are not taken advantage of by middlemen who give them low prices for their products. So, they get big buyers who offer good prices," Uwintwali said. "Consequently, farmers' lives improve in terms of income generation, they are able to pay school fees for their children and enjoy improved welfare."

The technology rolled out in 2013, according to Uwintwali, has undergone upgrades over the years. It was developed after conducting research on cooperatives in about 15 districts of the country on the kind of problems farmers faced and what the role of technology would play in addressing the issue.



Lilian Uwintwali, the chief executive of Mahwi Tech, receives an award for her innovation at the Women Agripreneur of the Year Awards 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda, Sept. 7, 2022. Xinhua

The research revealed that farmers were selling their produce to middlemen who were cheating them in the process. "So, in essence the cooperatives were not getting value from their production, but they could persist despite working in losses just for the sake of survival.

At the moment things are improving, when you talk to farmers you can notice the difference after farmers' incomes and sales increased," she said, adding that the technology they built was informed by research.

The work model involved working hand in hand with farmers so that they provide input onto the features that were upgraded in the system. The developers also ensured it is really

technology that is friendly to farmers. Uwintwali was among the four African women agripreneurs who emerged as the winners of 85,000 U.S. dollars grant during the Women Agripreneur of the Year Awards 2022 in Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda earlier this month.

The annual grants from Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) recognize women agripreneurs from across the continent who have excelled in different segments of the agricultural value chain and shown remarkable innovation in their businesses.

Responding to the question about her motivation, Uwintwali said she always had a passion to develop the rural community as the

heart of the country's development. "I have always been passionate about development, especially of the rural community.

As a young child growing up, I always thought that Africa deserves better, Africa can feed itself but you always find that to date we are dependent on the western world, yet they have limited resources compared to Africa," she said.

"If the rural community is empowered, and you build their capacity and develop them, these are the people who can do wonders. I have always aspired to do something not only different but something big to change the community, especially the rural community."

The Agritech firm has a team of 10 employ-

ees five of whom are permanent staff. It aims to expand across the continent, especially in countries which have shown interest. "In terms of market we are planning to expand to other countries after seeing the success of the technology in Rwanda. I felt very excited about the award, and I hope it will open our doors to expand easily to other markets with the partnership we have," said Uwintwali.

The platform currently focuses on maize and beans, but the plan is to expand to vegetables.

In terms of products rather than just providing market information, the company wants farmers to be able to trade and receive money at the convenience of their mobile phones through mobile payment.

The uniqueness of the technology is that it is customized for small holder farmers unlike any other marketplace, taking into consideration the needs of the farmers and with simple technology to understand. Uwintwali noted that youth engagement in agriculture is a challenge, but the company is working with other partners to address the issue.

Noting that the agriculture sector has a lot of opportunities, she thinks that in order to advance agriculture in a digital way there is a need to engage young people who are tech savvy, that have the skills to use the technology. Educating older farmers from scratch, to make them understand is quite a challenge because of their age and their interest level, she said.

Uwintwali stressed that there is a lot one can do in agriculture such as branding, production, value addition, processing, logistics or technology. "It is amazing.

Getting involved in agriculture does not mean going to the farm," she said. She advised young women to dare taking up tech courses and other careers which have always been dominated by men. "The future belongs to those who are tech savvy," she said.

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GOMA

ENDANGERED mountain gorillas continue to be threatened by poaching, deforestation, and even war in the northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where these primates reign in the dense forests on the lush slopes of the Virunga volcanoes.

The resumption of fighting between the rebels of the March 23 Movement (M23) and the Congolese army in late March made park rangers' access to the Mount Mikeno, which lies at the heart of the mountain gorilla's habitat, almost impossible.

As a result, the park rangers have lost track of the mountain gorillas for six months. "The resurgence of the M23 is very negatively affecting the monitoring of gorillas in Virunga National Park.

Currently, the rebels are occupying the gorilla sector (...) We no longer know how these gorillas are fed, and how they are treated in the event of disease, we also don't know how many births or deaths there are.

In August, we lost a silverback

Gorillas in NE DRC under shadow of war



gorilla," said Didi Mwanaki, a park ranger at the Virunga National Park.

The park, Africa's most biodiverse protected area, is at the heart of the region affected by the recent M23 rebellion. Its mountain gorilla sector, in the south of the park straddles the border between Rwanda and the DRC and has been the

object of intense fighting since October 2021. In November 2021, a park ranger, Etienne Kan-yaruchinya, was killed during a violent attack on a patrol post in Bukima, highlighting a marked uptick in violence against the park staff.

A third of the world's mountain gorillas live under Mount Mikeno in the Virunga National

Park.

In 2021, the gorilla population is estimated at 330 at the park. On the sidelines of World Gorilla Day celebrated on Sept. 24, Gorilla ambassadors, a program created in the province of North Kivu in 2019, targeted young school-children from Kibumba elementary school

and local traders to tell them the importance of preserving nature, especially the gorillas. "It's the future of a whole generation. Imagine if all the gorillas disappeared, the next generation would not have the opportunity to see these animals," Alain Mukiranya, director of Gorilla Ambassadors, told Xinhua.

According to him, his program has already reached 2,000 young people, the residents near the Virunga National Park, since its creation. "In addition, each young person who participated in this program planted a tree, with the aim of building the gorillas' houses," he said.

Jeannette Bweza, a resident near the park, said she got used to watching gorillas. She has become accustomed to protecting ecosystems and especially the mountain gorillas. "I don't eat gorillas, because I was made aware not to do so (...) We also protect the environment by making the maintenance of the park, by removing plastic bags, and by denouncing people who go to the park with the aim of harming," she said.

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NIT teams up with US firm to develop road safety package

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) and the US-based Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are set to team up in a research, and technology transfer programme.

The FHWA's cooperation with NIT would help the Institutes' Regional Centre for Excellence in Road Safety (RCoE) to become an agent of change in road safety at a regional level.

"As the FHWA's responsibility is to ensure that America's roads and highways continue to be among the safest and most technologically sound in the world, therefore the cooperation with NIT would help the lecturers at Institutes' Regional Center for Excellence in Road safety RCoE) to be imparted with knowledge from FHWA," says NIT's Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa.

Prof Mganilwa added: "The main objective of our Regional Center for Excellence in Road Safety (RCoE) is to provide training, research and consultancy services covering all pillars of road safety within the country and the whole East Africa region. Therefore the partnership with the US-based organization will add value to our Centre of Excellence."

Specifically, NIT's RCoE conducts training of trainers for road safety professionals and experts; Conduct road safety training programs; Provide state-of-the-art training facilities and learning environment for road safety; Facilitates research and consultancy services on road safety.

He further said that after NIT's lecturers are imparted with knowledge from FHWA, East African countries will send their people to Tanzania to learn the road safety training programs at NIT. "What we want to see is our Regional Centre for Excellence in Road Safety to become more powerful in providing training services, investigations and research in the areas related to road safety issues to all of the East African nations.

Therefore by working closely with one of the World's organizations that has advanced in road safety, training and research, our Regional Centre for Excellence in Road safety will be one of



NIT's senior management under Institute's Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa (L) talks with representatives from the US-based department of transportation's federal highway administration (FHWA) on setting up major collaboration in research and technology transfer.

its kind in East Africa and across the continent," the Rector elaborated.

He went on to urge East African countries to make a comprehensive research on road accidents. "We are failing in making in-depth research when it comes to reporting on road accidents. We remained on reporting accidents in numbers of death, vehicles involved, drivers, victims but we have forgotten to make an in-depth report on how the accidents have happened so as to come up with the inner solutions."

He pointed out that the number of researches will give solutions on whether to change laws and regulations in the road sub-sector. "The results from scientific researchers will also give us a chance as academicians and stakeholders to improve our curriculums to driving schools programmes," he said.

Meanwhile, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that is in talks National Institute of Transport (NIT) on

the partnership, is an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation that supports State and local governments in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Nation's highway system (Federal Aid Highway Program) and various federally and tribal owned lands (Federal Lands Highway Program).

However, the National Institute of Transport (NIT) is a public higher learning institution established in 1975 as the training wing of the then National Transport Corporation (NTC).

NIT was charged with the responsibility of strengthening human resource capabilities of transport operatives and middle level managers of subsidiary companies of NTC. These subsidiary companies were: National Bus Services Limited (KAMATA), Usafiri Dar as Salaam Limited (UDA) and Regional Transport Companies (RETCOs).

NIT is the only such training Institute in Sub-Saharan excluding South Africa, mandated by the Government of

United Republic of Tanzania to offer training in transport and communications

The Institute is fully accredited with the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) to provide Competence Based Education and Training (CBET) programmes at the level of Certificate, Diploma and Degree (National Technical Awards -NTA level 4 to level 8). The Institute offers programmes in Logistics and Transport Management, Freight Clearing and Forwarding, Procurement and Logistics Management,

Automobile Engineering, Business Administration, Computing Information Communication Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Aviation Studies and Human Resources Management. NIT also offers Post Graduate Diplomas in Air Transport Management, Logistics and Transport Management, Travel and Tourism, Shipping and Port Management, Procurement and Logistics Management, Rail Transport Management, Transport Economics, Road Transport Safety Management and Transport Engineering Management. NIT also offers short term programmes and provides Research, Consultancy and Community Services.

NIT has highly skilled personnel both academic and administrative staff. It also has modern machines and equipment for teaching, research and consultancy services. The equipment is like modern Vehicle Inspection machines which are only at NIT (Tanzania).

Moroccan charity makes waste plastic, paper card useful again

CASABLANCA

EVERYTHING on display, including chairs and bags, has been recycled from plastic, cardboard or paper waste.

All the items were made by a charity based called KOUN; meaning 'be' in Arabic.

Organizers hope to reduce some of the thousands of tonnes of waste in Morocco which isn't currently recycled.

Nada Diouri is co-manager of KOUN and says: "When we walk in the streets, there's waste thrown on the ground everywhere. There are people who are increasingly sick with respiratory diseases.

"We see that, in our seas, the amount of plastic waste is increasing more and more. We see more and more fish

with plastic straws or plastic bags inside them."

The team sources collects and recycles waste from up to five companies.

Every day, they collect between 100 and 200 kilograms of waste, 60 percent of which is plastic.

And the project is educational too.

Supervisor at KOUN, Abbas Kanouni, says: "For the young people who join the centre here, we try to convince them that the plastic waste that you see in nature and that you throw and that has no value, we can convert it here into new materials.

"This shocks them, and this encourages them to make more creative and beautiful items."

In another workshop, the shredded paper goes through a special machine.

It is held there for a few hours with water to turn it into a paste, which is then dried.

Assia Rekkas is a worker at KOUN.

"From this paper we can produce several other items such as business cards, boxes and notebooks, we can take from one to two days for business cards," she says.

Every year, over one million tons of plastic waste is produced by Moroccans, according to the Green Carpet Association.

Only seven percent (70,000 tons) of this waste is recycled and 33 percent is discarded in nature.

In 2016, a law banning using, selling, exporting, importing and manufacturing plastic bags came into force.

But campaigners say the core of the problem is still single-use plastics.



Ugandan farmers switch to organic fertilisers as price of chemical rises

By Special Correspondent, Kampala

AS is customary, Joseph Wagodoma is on his way to his patch of land in Kayunga, central Uganda. If the farmer and his wife are used to tending their bean garden, something has changed for the couple. In the past few months, they have switched to organic fertilizers. Like many food producers, they are hit by global shortage in crop fertilizers caused by sanctions on Russia, bad weather and cuts in export.

"What inspired me to turn to organic fertilizer was the price of chemical fertilizer, Wagodoma says. I had no other source of money to continue with it. The small harvests we were getting would only cater for basic household needs, so by the start of the planting season, you have no money for fertilizers to prepare your garden with."

About 15 km away from Joseph's farm, workers are collecting an organic waste delivery in a Kampala warehouse. The Marula Proteen Company spearheads the organic fertilizer initiative.

The company's CEO and founder Tommie Hooft explains how the process works: "We shred all the waste we ferment it in drums and the fermentation makes the waste soft and then the soft waste is fed to our maggots for a period of 7 to 8 days. The maggots that eat it their enzymes consume it they are breaking down all the waste, and

in essence the larva poo is the fertilizer and it is similar to what happens in nature, in nature something dies and it rots and it gets eaten by maggots and then it goes into the soil, so that's the process we are mimicking."

A rapidly scaling project

When the idea of ProTeen was born in late 2017 in the brains of the CEO and his advisor Ludvine Berouard, they were preoccupied by the animal feed and sustainability challenges Ugandan farmers faced.

They discovered that "poultry farmers [were] no longer able to access fishmeal, their primary source of poultry feed" because of "overfishing in Lake Victoria which [had led] to reduced availability, high cost and low quality of fishmeal".

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, Russia stood as the world's top exporter of nitrogen fertilizers, the second leading supplier of potassium fertilizers and the third largest exporter of phosphorus fertilizers.

The consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict have turned the tables and ProTeen's mission has become more necessary as ever.

"30 to 40 % of the total chemical fertilizer available isn't there anymore and Europe needs it, Brazil needs it, the U.S. needs it, Tommie Hooft says. It is going to places other than Uganda



other than Africa. So in our case we don't just have the opportunity to sell organic fertilizer, we also have an opportunity to teach farmers how to use organic and start managing their farms in a more organic way."

Marula Proteen has also partnered with residents who farm the short-lived but fertile insect. The company provides farmers with 5-day-old larvae that they rear to generate

their own fertilizers.

Muhammad Magezi a worker with Marula Proteen, says since the introduction of the black soldier fly initiative, farming communities are rushing to adopt the method. "We are receiving a lot of positive feedback from our farmers because in the beginning before the introduction of this technology they used to use synthetic fertilizers which are more ex-

pensive on market and BSF black soldier fly rearing provides a cheaper alternative", Magezi reveals.

Marula Proteen prides itself on providing a clean and safe fertilizer which can improve the soil.

Larvae farming programs exist in countries including Nigeria and Kenya.

KARACHI

Sindh's faulty drain cannot cope with climate-induced deluge

LAST week, for at least six days, hundreds of flood-affected villagers from around the outskirts of Pangrio, a sleepy town in the Sindh province, blocked the main artery - the Thar Coal Road - connecting Badin to neighbouring district of Tharparkar - not allowing any traffic to pass.

They had had enough. With their homes submerged in over 10 feet of water, they had been sleeping under open skies for nearly a month, living in sub-human conditions. Surrounded by contaminated water, disease and death stalked the villagers. If days were spent in the scorching sun, there was little respite in the night as an army of mosquitoes attacked them.

They wanted to return to their villages or whatever was left of those villages. But for that, the water flooding their homes had to recede.

How did Pangrio get so much flood water?

Ghulam Ghaus looked at the dark, ominous water next to the tent and said he lost 60 acres of land on which he had grown cotton, tomatoes and millet. "A week before the water came in, I was happiest as the crops were doing extremely well. We had heard about the floods in other areas, but it had not touched our land, but then overnight, water rushed in and reached four feet, and now it's just increasing every day."

According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) it rained 177.5mm compared to the average 63.1mm, making July the wettest since 1961. "July 2022 rainfall was excessively above average over Balochistan (+450 per cent) and Sindh (+307pc). Both rank as the wettest



A family evacuated from the floods has not received the promised tents or mosquito nets. Credit: Altaf Hussain Jamali/IPS

ever over the past 62 years," said the PMD's monthly summary.

A third of the country has been affected, while over 1,500 people have been killed and a little under 13,000 injured since June 14, according to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

The provinces of Sindh and Balochistan have been the worst affected, with floods engulfing entire villages, inundating farmlands and wiping out crops. The loss of 1,017,423 livestock has been huge for this agrarian country.

But the flood water in Pangrio was not all rainwa-

ter. "This is contaminated water," said Ghaus, pointing to the dark, stagnant water lapping the edge of the embankment where he was standing. "It is the wastewater from sugar mills of Mirpur Khas that inundated our villages and our land," he continued.

"It's actually water from breached Puran Dhoro, an inundation canal, that flooded these villages," corrected Sindh's irrigation minister, Jam Khan Shoro. The breaches continued to grow, and on August 28, many villages in four union councils of Badin, "comprising an estimated population of 50,000", got inundated.

These villagers have been demanding the government drain the water and discharge it into the adjoining district of Tharparkar - but this is an impossible solution, according to the minister.

"We would have to displace and destroy the homes and lands of another 50,000 people," said Shoro. "That is not justified," he added.

"Back in the 1920s, before the water of the Indus got reined in by the barrages, Puran was a natural stormwater drain that took out excess water from the Indus during the monsoons when the river swelled and discharged into Shakoor Dhand (a saucer-shaped depression, a seasonal desert wetland, which gets swampy only during a good monsoon) in Tharparkar district with part of it in India," explained Shoro.

After the barrages were made, the water from the Indus decreased. Then when industries and agriculture increased, Puran's sweet water mixed with the effluent.

"India objected to Puran's contaminated discharge into the Shakoor Dhand, and so in the early 80s, with the help of the World Bank, Pakistan began construction of the Left Bank Outfall Drain

(that takes water from Nawabshah, Sanghar, Mirpur Khas and Umerkot) which is connected to Puran. It can drain 4,000 cusecs of effluent-mixed water into the Arabian Sea," Shoro gave the background of the LBOD, a highly controversial drain.

"The LBOD cannot cater to the 13,000 cusecs of the deluge coming from the northern part of Sindh, and we were continuously on the alert that it should not develop breaches," said Shoro. Now the water pressure has been reduced considerably.

Finally, on the night of September 22, almost a month later, the government plugged the breaches made in Puran, and the water is now going smoothly, going back into the LBOD. It took that long because the canal was in full flood, the current was very strong, and it could only be accessed using boat, explained the minister.

This will allow the water to recede from the submerged villages of Badin and go into the Arabian Sea, said the minister. "But it will take about a month, till the end of the month," said Shoro.

Tariq Bashir, from flood-affected Mohammad Din village, does not believe this. His village has been surrounded by up to five feet of water since a month ago. "It doesn't seem to me that the water will recede anytime soon. And even if it goes away and we are able to sow for the next season, the productivity will be very poor as the soil is steeped in acidic water."

The village of Jerrar Bheel, one of the 15 or so villages, with as many as 70-100 households, on the outskirts of Pangrio, is completely submerged. It is the Sindh who had been watching on your television screen for months.

Inam Baksh Mallah has been rescuing villagers for the last three weeks in his small wooden boat, bringing them to safety on the embankment. "I have not reached most of the marooned people," he said. The district administration assigned him the task of evacuating the villagers. "I start from 7 am and continue till midnight," he said.

Along with rescuing people, he also brings whatever belongings people want to be retrieved from their submerged homes. Rope beds seemed to be the most coveted. "It is dangerous to sleep on the floor of the embankment with water on both sides," said Jama Malook, mother of eight, who fears the snakes from stagnant water may slip in the night and bite her family. She was able to retrieve four beds from her home.

Ghulam Mustafa, a farmhand, waved at what has now become a lake and said: "This is about eight to 10 feet deep, and till three weeks ago, you could see standing crops of cotton and janta (a kind of grass used for fodder); these were ready to be harvested."

The submerged villages, just their rooftops visible, seemed to be gasping for the last breath before going underwater completely.

Malook, a woman, was able to evacuate from the village to the embankment walking in "chest-deep water" just in time. But lost 25 sheep to it. "I helped our elderly neighbour, Rehmat", while her husband carried her paralyzed 90-year-old mother, Baghi Khabar, to dryland.

IPS

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 365 00--

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

WORD-FIT

3 LETTERS: SPY, ARK, ROB
 4 LETTERS: POOL, TOES, SKIN, GAIN, SUSS, AIDE
 NOTE (7 WORDS)
 5 LETTERS: ADOBE, SHARP, HELLO, NOISE, SWALE (5 WORDS)
 6 LETTERS: BEACON, SPREAD, ASSETS, EMBARK
 BEACON (5 WORDS)
 7 LETTERS: MOROCCO
 8 LETTERS: SCRABBLE
 10 LETTERS: SUGAR CANES

CROSSWORD

Clues: Across

- Selling of black African's
- to develop
- intelligent, bright
- to put together with something else
- useless
- luck, fate
- Largest continent in the World
- cure
- Church of England
- the percentage charged on the exchange of one currency to another
- ten less than thirty

Down:

- Breath
- Confess
- Capital of Italy
- a large edible fish of warm seas
- admonish, advise
- a public paved road as in a town or city
- division into phases
- Capital of Greece
- glowing
- respond to something in a particular way
- Amateur Athletic Association
- an unpleasant person

SOLUTIONS

WORD-FIT: ENGINEEROOM, SAVE DAILY, EASEL, BSAONE, PASTORIE, DARE EDIT, KVLRS, COLOMBIA, RANK, SWEET CORNS, OVERSEDE, T NAMES G, SERENE, USER ETHIC, UNDERACT, AGED

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Higher incomes hook investors into short, long-term bonds

By Mnaku Mbani

INCOME and tax factors are attracting more investors into short (2-year) and long term bond (20 and 25-year), leaving medium term government bonds unattractive.

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) auction results for different maturities bonds since July this year shows short and long term bonds have continued to record oversubscription trends, compared with medium term bonds with five, seven, ten and fifteen years maturities.

Market analysts say many both retail and institutional investors opt for long term government debt securities due to higher yields, compared with medium term, as well as short term (2-year) bonds, as cautious to liquidity situation.

"Most institutional and corporate investors are opting to subscribe into 20-year and 25-year government bonds because their incomes are usually higher than those with five to fifteen years maturities," said Ramadhani Kangwadi, Chief Executive Officer of Exodus Advisory Services Ltd, securities broking and investment advisory firm.

According to the market, yields upon maturities for long term bonds are 12.10 percent, while those of medium term such as 10-year, its maturity is 10.4 percent.

"The yields curves for 5 to 15-year bonds are not much attractive to most institutional investors, as they compare risks and incomes," he said.

Kagwadi told The Guardian yesterday that most of the investors in this category, including pension funds, investment funds and some insurance companies prefer long term bonds, because their financial obligation is long term.

For example, BoT auctions results shows that 162.7bn/- were tendered on 20 year bond auctioned on July 27, against offered 136bn/- while on the other hand, 54.5bn/- were tendered on 15 years bond floated on August 31,



against 136bn/- offered.

Other recent auction results show a total of 30bn/- were tendered on 10-year bond floated on September 14 against offered 133bn/- while on two years bond floated on August 17 this year, a total of 182.3bn/- were tendered against offered 130.7bn/-.

The results show that during the 25 years maturity bond auction held on July 6, a total of 210.88bn/- were tendered against offered 136.99bn/-, while only 47.9bn/- were tendered against 130.1bn/- offered on 7-year bond auctioned on July 20.

"Most of these institutions are investing in long term while using "mark to market" option, whereby they do not hold their subscriptions upon maturity. In a time when the yields are attractive, they sell through the secondary market," he said.

Kingwadi said another factor which attracts investors in long term government bonds is tax issue, as long term securities have been exempted from withholding taxes.

On two years bonds, Kingwadi said most of the investors are retail and institutional, whereby others were migrating from treasury bills market.

"Investors on two-year bonds are both retailers and institutional who are very keen on liquidity availability for short term obligations," he said. "Most of these investors are investing cautiously, while expecting to get cash at a time they are in need."

"Most of the retail and institutional investors are subscribing to long term bond because they are more liquid on secondary market than medium term," said head of research and financial analytics at Alpha Capital Imani Muhingo.

Muhingo told The Guardian yesterday through telephone interview that institutional investors such as UTT, NICO and TC-CIA are also targeting long term bonds due to attractive yields.

"This is not the new thing as we also witnessed last year when some investors were migrating from equity markets due to the impact of Covid-19 to the economy," he

said.

He said long term bonds have also attracted retail investors due to high income, as they can buy through primary market and sell through secondary market.

On two-year bonds attractiveness, Muhingo said this is specifically targeted by both retail and Institutional investors including commercial banks and insurance companies who have financial obligations in short term.

He said investors such as insurance companies, mainly general and health insurance, cannot invest in longer terms because every time they have financial obligations in just a short period of time.

"These investors are opting for two year bonds because they are required to maintain high level of liquidity," he said, adding that banks are currently the largest buyers of two-year bonds.

Muhingo added that there is also improvement of equity market whereby some investors are also migrating from government debt instruments to shares market as appetite for bonds were reduced by slowed yield curves.

Gold steadies as dollar rally takes a pause

By Eileen Soreng, New York

GOLD prices steadied after dropping to a 2-1/2-year low on Monday as the dollar rally took a breather, while analysts expected a further drop in prices with more interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve looming.

Spot gold was little changed at \$1,645.47 per ounce as of 0724 GMT. Prices fell as much as 1 percent earlier in the session to hit \$1,626.41, their lowest level since April 2020.

US gold futures fell 0.4 percent to \$1,648.70. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback versus six peers, was flat after scaling a fresh peak since 2002 boosted by a plunge in British sterling. [USD/]

"I expect prices to continue this mild weakness with U.S. interest rates expected to rise in coming quarters and also many investors are shifting their focus to safe-havens like the dollar rather than gold," said Hareesh V, head of commodity research at Geojit Financial Services.

"An increase in physical demand from India could provide slight support but I don't see a major rally happening in coming days."

The US central bank and a number of other major central banks raised interest rates last week, triggering concerns over the impact on growth.

A survey showed on Friday a downturn in business activity across the euro zone deepened in September.

Higher US interest rates dull the zero-yielding bullion's appeal while bolstering the dollar in which gold is priced.

Gold prices have fallen more than 20% since scaling above the key \$2,000 per-ounce mark in March.

"It's very difficult to construct a bullish case for gold, not until we see a pivot with the Fed especially with (other) central banks tracing up with the Fed as well," said City Index analyst Matt Simpson.

Spot silver fell 0.6% to \$18.72 per ounce, having earlier fallen to its lowest in more than two weeks. Platinum rose 0.7% to \$859.62 and palladium edged 0.2% higher to \$2,072.02.



Mahesh Desai, Chairman of Engineering Export Promotion Council of India, speaks at the business roundtable held in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Indian expert urges Tanzania to use solar energy in farming

By Beatrice Philemon

TANZANIA government should come up with a comprehensive strategy to support small scale farmers to use solar energy in farming, specifically in irrigation schemes, to reduce costs and reduce dependence on expensive fossil fuels.

Solar energy expert and chairman of Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC) Mahesh Desai said this over the weekend during the Business Roundtable on agriculture organized by the Indian High Commission to Tanzania in collaboration with Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF).

He said using solar power for water pumping will help them to increase yields, meet a farmer's water needs, save a lot of money on electricity or fuel bills and prevent groundwater reserves from getting depleted.

"In India, we are currently using solar power to operate irrigation pumps for farming activities; we don't use diesel generators. We are very glad for what has been achieved because Indian farmers have managed to switch from diesel pumps to solar powered water pumps, transform Indian agriculture and improve livelihood of farmers," he said.

India has a lot of experts and machinery that can

help Tanzanian farmers to transform their farming methods.

Currently, the Indian government is working on the project dubbed 'One Drop grows more seeds' to ensure food security not only for local markets, but also surplus for exports.

"We use fertilizer required to increase yields, safe for both environment and human, and we don't use excessive chemical in our farming activities. So, Tanzania can also learn from us in assisting farmers to produce crops that meet both customers and market requirement," he said.

Mahesh Desai was in Tanzania for two days, accompanied by 90 Indian companies to participate in Food, Packaging and Plastics Expo Tanzania 2022 International exhibition.

Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF)'s Chairperson Angelina Ngalula lauded the Indian High Commission to organize the event that in turn has helped the TPSF officials to meet with Indian delegation to discuss issues pertaining to agriculture.

"TPSF is now inviting Indian investors to come and invest in Tanzania. You can partner with us to set up solar power plant that will manufacture solar-powered pumps or supply solar powered machinery because the demand is very high," she said.

BEIJING

Cost of shipping goods from China decreases

THE cost of shipping goods from China has slumped to the lowest level in more than two years as the world economy stumbles, dimming prospects for container carriers that turned in record profits during the pandemic.

A 40-foot shipping box from the world's largest port of Shanghai to Los Angeles fetched \$3,779 last week, the first time the spot price was below \$4,000 since September 2020 and half the level of three months ago, according to Drewry.

While the value of Chinese exports was still rising through August, it's expected

to continue to slow down. That's a symptom of multiple headwinds hitting developed and developing economies alike, from soaring inflation and a surging dollar to central bank interest-rate hikes and trade disruptions blamed on Russia's war in Ukraine. "It's fair to say that the demand outlook for the trans-Pacific and container shipping generally is receding quickly," said Simon Heaney, a senior manager of container research at Drewry.

In what's typically the peak season for seaborne trade, global demand for Chinese

goods is waning instead as consumers cut back spending because of inflation and the shift away from goods toward services.

Factories in Europe and the rest of Asia are also scaling back production. China's economic slowdown is also cutting into import demand, with companies in Asia and Europe seeing weaker growth or declines in orders from Chinese companies.

For the world's shipping lines, it's providing some relief to their packed sailing schedules yet threatening to slow an eye-popping run of

profitability driven during the pandemic by stronger-than-normal consumer demand for household items. "While it's more clear that the second quarter of 2022 will be an earnings peak, I think any talk of bust and return to pre-pandemic earnings levels -- or lack thereof -- is premature," said John McCown, an industry veteran and founder of Blue Alpha Capital.

Shares of Copenhagen-based A.P. Moller-Maersk A/S hit the lowest since March 2021 on Friday, and Germany's Hapag-Lloyd AG slumped to the lowest since June last

year. Cosco Shipping Holdings Co., China's biggest carrier, reached a 17-month low. Shares of Honolulu-based Matson Inc., a smaller player that has operated an express Asia-to-US service across the Pacific, are worth about half of their record high set in March. It was just about two years ago that US import demand started to surge, leading to a queue of cargo ships off the coast of Southern California through 2021 that eventually reached a high of 109 in January this year. As of Friday, the line to enter the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach had

eight vessels.

US container imports aren't falling off a cliff, but they're slowing down to more normal levels seen before Covid-19.

The steady fall in spot container rates is putting pressure on carriers that have been pushing to sign more long-term contracts with customers as those prices soared into early 2022. Maersk, for instance, said recently it has about 72% of its long-haul volume on contracts. Walmart Inc., Amazon.com Inc. and Ikea were among companies that signed contracts when spot prices were at near-re-

cord levels, according to analysis firm Xeneta, but as inflation bites importers in the US and Europe want to ship fewer goods from Asia, it said.

Many of the carriers' customers want to re-negotiate for discounts.

Agents and freight forwarders in Asia have received calls recently from cargo owners asking to lower their shipping costs, with some exporters complaining about the unfairness of paying almost twice as much on contracts than the spot market. Shipping companies want exporters to bulk up their volumes, but many are refusing to because of the weaker economic outlook.

Kenya starts cashing in on Africa free trade

NAIROBI

KENYA has shipped its first consignment of locally made batteries to Ghana, two months after it was picked among seven countries to pilot the continental free trade area that seeks to unlock the movement of goods and services in Africa.

The Kenyan-made Exide batteries worth Sh9.24 million (\$77,000) landed in Ghana last week, marking a formal start of preferential trading under the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) framework.

The consignment by Associated Battery Manufacturing EA Ltd is the clearest indication that Kenya can now access markets in West and Central Africa at preferential rates.

Kenya was picked alongside six other nations to champion the trial phase of the framework designed to reduce tariffs on goods and services as well as eliminate barriers on movement among African countries.

"Associated Battery Manufacturing EA Ltd is the first Kenyan company to start trading under AfCFTA, and the first local company to ever export Exide batteries to the Ghanaian market" said the Ministry



A Container Terminal within the Port of Mombasa PHOTO NMG

of Industrialisation and Trade in a statement.

No trading had occurred since January last year when the AfCFTA was launched as the select countries needed first to identify products that could access the markets.

The delays have been linked to problems regarding rules of origin that remained unresolved, making it difficult to identify products that could enjoy the preferential tariff regime under the agreement.

Other countries selected to participate in the pilot phase of the AfCFTA Initiative on Guided Trade are Tanzania, Tunisia, Cameroon, Egypt, Mauritius, and Ghana.

The pilot phase gives Kenya the opportunity to access markets in Tunisia, Cameroon and Ghana that are in different economic blocs on preferential rates.

Kenya is a member of the East African Community (EAC), Ghana belongs to the

Economic Community of West Africa, while Tunisia is a member of the Maghreb.

Products that Kenya has identified for trading under AfCFTA include tea, Exide batteries, confectionery, leather bags, incinerators, beaded products, vehicular filters, textiles, sisal fibre, avocados and fresh produce.

The entry of Kenya into other continental trade blocks comes amid a shrinking East African market for Kenyan products, with Uganda - which has been the biggest buyer for Kenya supplies - warming up to Tanzania.

Tanzania and Uganda have over the recent years boosted their industrial base, cutting their appetite for Kenya-made goods.

Each trading bloc has been having its own Common External Tariff charged charges on goods coming outside a given region. For instance, EAC charges up to 50 percent duty on goods

shipped in from other regions.

Kenya has been looking to strengthen trade ties beyond the bloc with latest official data showing United States has overtaken Uganda as the largest buyer of its goods.

Exports to the US jumped 47 percent to Sh38.8 billion in the first half of the year on the back of increased sales of clothes.

On the other hand, the sale of Kenya-made goods to Uganda dipped slightly at Sh36.2 billion in the period under review from Sh36.3 billion.

Over the past 10 years, Uganda has been the largest buyer of Kenyan supplies, but recent events point to strained commercial relations between the two nations.

In June, the two EAC States were caught in a tussle when Nairobi reintroduced a levy on eggs imported from the neighbouring land-locked country.

Japanese machine maker offers opportunity for Tanzanians



The company's marketing manager, Mourad Bendjallah has a word with visitors at the just-ended International Trade Exhibition on Food, Packaging, Printing, plastics products, equipment and machinery. PHOTO BEATRICE PHILEMON

By Beatrice Philemon

TANZANIANS who are interested in becoming local producers of grass mat for domestic and business will have to contact the Japan-based Asagoe FG Company Limited, producers of weaving machines.

The company's marketing manager, Mourad Bendjallah told "The Smart Money" that "We are in Tanzania to introduce natural grass weaving machine, P.P Mat weaving machine, warping machine, P.P pipe extruder and Jacquard weaving machine so that we can help people to get work/job to earn cash and push economic growth."

"As the company we are targeting customers who are interested to invest a small factory which cost approximately \$160,000, with the life span of 25 years" he said.

He said the machines have

been designed to manufacture leisure mat, carpet, leisure bag, cushion, and other materials.

The company has so far exported more than 10,000 weaving machines to Africa countries, of which 3000 exported in Nigeria, 500 to Togo, 100 to Chad, more than 400 to Senegal, 400 to Cote d'Ivoire as well as Pakistan and Malaysia.

Currently the company has one branch in Japan located at Mishima, Minami-ku in Okayama city.

Customers keen to obtain machines, which can be operated as non-factory, the company manufactures small machines costing from \$15,000 and \$50,000.

"We want people to establish factory here to produce mat that can be used for pray in mosque, at home, beach tourism, picnic, camping areas and other ceremonies and earn cash," he said.

"We have the machines that manufacture grass mat for

carpet and leisure mat that includes PP pipe extruder AR-35SH Model machine designed for mat weaving and Jacquard weaving machine RF-2200 Model designed for carpet and leisure mat manufacturing," he explained.

According to him, production capacity is based on 100 percent under "usual" rotation speed recommended).

Other includes Natural grass mat weaving machines R-70 used to produce Tatami carpet, warping machine model Aw-4D and others.

Bendjallah and company's engineer, Masanori Hata were participating just ended International Trade Exhibition on Food, Packaging, Printing, plastics products, equipment and Machinery 2022 held from 22nd to 24th this month.

According to him, they are now making research in Tanzania to investigate the market, including knowing the

banking system, in terms of how money can be transferred from Tanzania to Japan for customers who will purchase their products.

He through the exhibition he has been able to get contact with few customers and it's still in basic stage in terms of quotation, proposals, but he believe it will achieve to positive way.

Also has managed to get more visitors from India, Palestine, Tanzania and other country on the company stall at Diamond Jubilee hall.

"I hope Expo was a good experience for us to have some idea of the Tanzanian market, I saw many Indians and Chinese doing a business in Tanzania, I hope even us, we could make it because there is huge opportunities in Tanzania," he said.

Asagoe MFG Co Ltd is a manufacturer and a trade of Tatami Omote Grass Mat product which was officially established in 1939.

Will Elon Musk lose a lot in three days?

NEW YORK

TESLA'S billionaire CEO has a chance to expand his influence, but he also give his critics new ammunition.

If summer has passed, autumn is off to a flying start for the richest man in the world.

The tech tycoon has important appointments at the end of September that could have a considerable impact on the empire he is building.

These appointments can also affect the image of a revolutionary and visionary boss that he is building.

These appointments relate to two fronts: the abrupt withdrawal of his offer to acquire the social network Twitter (TWTR) for \$44 billion and the promise to unveil an advanced humanoid robot to be marketed in 2023.

Musk on Sept. 26 and 27 will be grilled by Twitter lawyers, who are asking the Delaware Court of Chancery to compel the entrepreneur to honor his initial commitment to acquire the platform.

The stakes are financial for Musk, who personally wanted to take control of the social network. If he loses, he would have to shell out \$44 billion of his personal wealth, which is largely based on his Tesla (TSLA) shares. But Musk had managed to secure the support of partners before his abrupt withdrawal on July 8.

If Twitter loses, it is not excluded that the market value of the platform, which is a place where trendsetters and opinion makers gather, will suffer enormously because doubts about its profitability will undoubtedly resurface.

Musk's excuse for withdrawing his bid is that the social network is lying about

how many spam bots, or fake accounts, exist on the platform. However, advertisers take into account the number of users on a social network to determine whether they promote their products and services there.

Twitter has always said that fake accounts make up less than 5% of its users, but Musk says that number is closer to 20%. It should however be noted that the billionaire made the choice from the outset to make a bid without prior due diligence as is customary in mergers and acquisitions.

Twitter believes that Musk changed his mind when he saw the markets shaken by fears of recession. Basically, it's all about the money or the price. Twitter shares are currently trading at \$41.58, \$13 less than the \$54.20 per share offered by Musk on April 25 to acquire the entire company of which he had already been the largest shareholder since April 4 with a 9.1% stake.

Twitter shares closed at \$48.93 on April 22, the last trading session before Musk's bid announcement.

The deposition, which can be extended to Sept. 28, is supposed to take place at a law office in Wilmington, Del., according to a court filing.

A five-day trial is scheduled for Oct. 17 before Delaware Court Chancellor Kathleen McCormick.

Regardless of the outcome of the deposition, Musk is eagerly awaited by his fans and his detractors on Sept 30.

The mogul is supposed to reveal a functional Optimus, a humanoid robot that will replace humans in Tesla's factories, during a day dedicated to the progress of artificial intelligence at Tesla.



Global livestock medicine alliance gets board chair

By Guardian Correspondent, Edinburg

THE Global Alliance for Livestock Veterinary medicines (GALVmed) has announced the appointment Dr Isabelle DieuzyLabaye (pictured) as the new Chair of its Board of Trustees, taking over from Professor Paul Wood who has retired from this position in September 2022.

The press statement issued by GALVmed Isabelle has over 20 years of experience in the animal health market and in the life sciences and innovation sectors, working internationally.

She is currently Senior Advisor, Partnerships, at the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE). Previously, she was the Director, Strategic Alliances, for Europe, Africa and the Middle East at Zoetis, the leading animal health company worldwide.

Isabelle is stepping into this role at a critical time when GALVmed is implementing a new organisation strategy that will leverage technological innovations to develop and provide access to products that meet demonstrated small-scale livestock producers' needs.

"I feel very privileged to take on this role at such an exciting time for GALVmed. Livestock diseases remain a critical constraint for small-scale livestock producers in Africa and south Asia. With my fellow Trustees, and our Vice-Chair Dr Junaidu Maina, I look forward to supporting the leadership and staff to actualise GALVmed's mission through access to animal health products that will prevent these diseases and improve the livelihood of millions of small-scale livestock producers," said Isabelle.

GALVmed Chief Executive Dr Carolin Schumacher said: "We are very pleased to have Isabelle as our new Board Chair. Isabelle brings experience and leadership that will support us as we embark on implementing our new strategy centered on sustainable technologies addressing animal health challenges facing small-scale livestock producers. We will continue to draw on Isabelle's invaluable insights in shaping our organisation and our mission."

Dr Schumacher added, "We would like to thank Paul for his years of leadership and support to GALVmed. Paul has been a valuable supporter of GALVmed since joining our Board in 2016 and becoming its Chair in 2019. Through his leadership, GALVmed initiated wider private sector engagement in the smallholder animal health sector. We wish him well in his next adventures."

GALVmed works with partners to make livestock vaccines, medicines and diagnostics accessible and available to millions of smallholder farmers in developing countries who depend on livestock for their livelihood.

The international not-for-profit company aims to make a significant contribution towards transformational change in the smallholder livestock health landscape by developing a portfolio of high-impact products and initiating a range of private sector market initiatives operating at scale in the smallholder sector in Africa and South Asia.

Oil prices fall for the second day on concerns of recession

By Mohi Narayan

OIL prices fell for a second day on Monday on fears of lower fuel demand from an expected global recession sparked by rising worldwide interest rates and a surging US dollar limits the ability of non-dollar consumers to purchase crude.

Brent crude futures for November settlement slipped \$1.35, or 1.57%, to \$84.80 a barrel at 0640 GMT. The contract fell to as low as \$84.51, the lowest since Jan. 14.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures for November delivery dropped \$1.15, or 1.46%, to \$77.59 a barrel. WTI declined to as low as \$77.21, the lowest since Jan. 6.

Both contracts slumped around 5% on Friday. The dollar index that measures the greenback against a basket of major currencies climbed to a 20-year high on Monday.

A stronger greenback tends to curtail demand for dollar-denominated oil since buyers using other currencies must spend more to buy crude.

Central banks in numerous oil-consuming countries, including the United States, the world's biggest crude user, have raised interest rates to fight surging inflation which has led to concerns the tightening could trigger an economic slowdown.

"A backdrop of global monetary policy tightening by the key central banks to quell elevated inflation, and a splendid run-up in the greenback towards more than two-decade highs has raised concerns about an economic slowdown and is acting as a key headwind for crude prices," said



Sugandha Sachdeva, vice president of commodity research at Religare Broking.

Sachdeva expects WTI prices could find a floor at \$75 a barrel, while for Brent \$80 will act as a cushion.

The disruptions in the oil market from the Russia-Ukraine war, with European Union sanctions being affected with Russian oil products expected to flow to Asia and the Middle East while supplies from their go to Europe.

The chief executive officer of energy trader Vitol, Russell Hardy, said that fuel shipments are being affected with Russian oil products expected to flow to Asia and the Middle East while supplies from their go to Europe.

Additionally, Hardy told an oil conference in Singapore that more than a million barrels per day (bpd) of US crude is expected to go to Eu-

rope to fill the gap in Russian supplies.

The head of Colombian state energy company Ecopetrol said at the same conference that it has been selling more oil to Europe, replacing Russian supplies, while it sees growing competition for market share in Asia.

Attention is turning to what the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies led by Russia, together called OPEC+, may do when they meet on Oct. 5, after agreeing to cut output modestly at their last meeting.

But, since OPEC+ is producing well below its targeted output, any announced cut may not have much impact on supply.

Data last week showed OPEC+ missed its target by 3.58 million bpd in August, a bigger shortfall than in July.

Samsung launches credit card in India



NEW DELHI

SAMSUNG has launched two credit cards in India, entering a crowded category that sees over 50 companies fiercely compete for consumers' attention in the world's second largest internet market.

The South Korean giant said it has partnered with the Mumbai-headquartered Axis Bank and global payments processor Visa to launch the cards, which it is calling the Samsung Axis Bank Credit Card.

Consumers buying Samsung's products and services through either of the cards will get a 10 percent cashback "round the year," the company executives said at an event in New Delhi.

The cashback is capped yearly at 10,000 Indian rupees (\$123) on the Signature card, and 20,000 Indian rupees (\$246) on Infinite card.

Samsung, the second largest smartphone vendor in India, said it will

also offer customers "exciting" financing options on the credit cards. The cards are especially aimed at serving consumers in smaller Indian cities and towns, the executives said.

Even as the space Samsung is entering is crowded, the opportunity is undoubtedly large. Indian banks have issued over a billion debit cards to customers in the country, but fewer than 25 million unique individuals in the nation have a credit card, according to industry estimates.

Customers will earn rewards for spendings through their cards and get access to deals from local firms including food delivery service Zomato, fashion e-commerce Myntra, online pharmacy Tata's Imd, grocer Bigbasket and Urban Company. Monday's announcement underscores smartphone makers' growing attempt to broaden their services. Chinese giant Xiaomi, which commands the smartphone market in the country, launched a UPI-powered payments service in India in 2019 and started to lend to customers last year. (Samsung launched its payments service Samsung Pay, powered by UPI, in India in 2017)

Co-branded cards are generally "a win-win for the bank, the partner brand and the customers"

as it allows power users of a brand to get higher benefits as they spend more with the brand.

"The brand gets more loyalty from its users, while the bank obviously benefits by getting access to a different set of customer base with the customer acquisition itself coming from the brand or the brand's loyalist users," a Bengaluru-based fintech executive told TechCrunch, requesting anonymity commenting on other company's products.

The annual fee on Signature card is \$6.13 before taxes, whereas the Infinite card levies a charge 10 times of that. The company said it will soon start accepting applications from customers for the cards.

"At Samsung, we believe in transforming the lives of our consumers through the power of innovation. The Samsung Axis Bank Credit Card, powered by Visa, is our next big India-specific innovation that will change the way our customers buy Samsung products and spend on services through a series of industry-leading features. We're excited to be able to put the control into our consumers' hands," said Ken Kang, President and CEO, Samsung South-West Asia, in a statement.

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Vodacom, Helios donate ICT equipment to Kibaha School

By Guardian Correspondent, Kibaha

IN a bid to promote inclusive communication in Tanzania, Vodacom Tanzania Foundation, in collaboration with Helios Towers have donated Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilities valued 17mn/- to Nyumbu Secondary School in Kibaha District.

Speaking during handing over of the facilities Vodacom Tanzania Foundation board member Olaf Mumburi said one of the company commitments is to connect every Tanzanian through digital networks especially through education, health services and commerce.

He said through connecting the society digitally, Vodacom Tanzania has put strategies to ensure that there is no one is left behind in this journey.

The board member explained that Vodacom Tanzania Foundation has been donating various ICT facilities in schools since 2016 in collaboration with other stakeholders including Universal Communication Services Access Fund (UCSAF), African Child Project, Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) and Helios Towers.

In totality, he said, a total of 500 have been supported through various ICT facilities valued 700m/- through e-fahamu programme.

"Today, in partnership with Helios Towers we are benefiting Nyumbu Secondary School students to access ICT education which will enable them to enjoy digital transformation to participate in globalization," he said.

The donated facilities include 15 tablets, three routers, one TV set, one printer and one year data bundle all valued 17mn/-.

Receiving the facilities on behalf of the school management, Kibaha district commissioner Sara Msafiri (pictured) said the government is committed to continue improving delivering of quality education to ensure it meets the current digital transformation to bring community development.

"We have seen huge demand of ICT education because each one needs basic understanding of technology and its use in order to improve professional works in order to fully to improve efficiency in a modern society," she said.

"We believe that we will have the capacity of providing this important education services to our students here in Kibaha."

She thanked Helios Towers and Vodacom Tanzania Foundation for the partnership on solving challenges facing the society, calling for other companies to emulate their goodwill.

Helios Towers head of human resources Amelye Nyembe said ICT education and skills are most important tool in preparing students for future.

"We believe that this grant will enable students to access ICT education and enable them to participate fully in digital reforms to help our countries to become good participant in globalization. I urged the good use of donated facilities, and this will be our happiness," he said.



Global bonds tumble in decades on UK tax cuts

LONDON

TREASURIES sold off Monday to deepen the worst bond slide in decades, reflecting worry that global central banks will have to accelerate policy tightening after UK tax cuts fueled concern of government spending.

US government debt slid across the curve, with two-year yields surging as much as 10 basis points to a fresh 15-year high. German bund futures also tumbled. The UK government's package of tax cuts and regulatory reforms spurred five-year gilts to decline by the most in at least three decades on Friday after its release. Equities and other risk assets also dropped Monday as the pound sank to a record low.

"Markets are continuing to digest the implications of the UK's fiscal statement and the massive move in gilts," said Su-Lin Ong, head of Australian economic and fixed-income strategy at Royal Bank of Canada. Investors "are fretting over the pressure on government to deliver cost of living relief, with any loosening in fiscal settings adding pressure on central banks to do more of the heavy

lifting," she said.

Bonds and stocks are tumbling this year as the Federal Reserve leads most other central banks in a rapid shift away from the monetary policies of the pandemic, which involved keeping interest rates near zero and buying debt to keep yields down. Sovereign bond markets globally are on course for the worst year since 1949, when Europe was rebuilding from the ruins of World War Two, according to Bank of America Corp. strategists.

The yield on 10-year Treasuries climbed as much as nine basis points to 3.78% on Monday, while that on the two-year bond touched 4.3%. The pound dropped as much as 4.7% to \$1.0350, setting off declines across most major currencies against the dollar. Stock indexes fell more than 2% in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

"It's a sell everything world!" said James Wilson, a senior portfolio manager in Melbourne at Jamieson Coote Bonds. The VIX gauge of implied volatility for the S&P 500 - often called a fear gauge for stocks - may have some catching up to do with the MOVE index for Treasuries, he said.

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WORLD

Meloni set to lead Italy after right triumphs at polls

ROME

GIORGIA Meloni looks set to become Italy's first woman prime minister at the head of its most right-wing government since World War II after leading a conservative alliance to triumph at Sunday's election.

Near final results showed the rightist bloc should have a solid majority in both houses of parliament, potentially giving Italy a rare chance of political stability after years of fragile coalitions.

"Giorgia Meloni has won", Italy's biggest-circulation daily, Corriere della Sera, splashed on its frontpage, while the right-leaning Il Tempo ran with "It's Giorgia's turn".

Meloni and her allies face a daunting list of challenges, including soaring energy prices, conflict in Ukraine and renewed slowdown in the eurozone's third largest economy.

"We must remember that we are not at the end point, we are at the starting point. It is from tomorrow that we must prove our worth," the 45-year-old Meloni told cheering supporters of her

nationalist Brothers of Italy party early Monday morning.

Meloni plays down her party's post-fascist roots and portrays it as a mainstream group like Britain's Conservatives.

In her victory speech, Meloni struck a conciliatory tone.

"If we are called on to govern this nation we will do it for all the Italians, with the aim of uniting the people and focusing on what unites us rather than what divides us," she said. "This is a time for being responsible."

League woes

With results counted in more than 90 percent of polling stations, the Brothers of Italy led with more than 26 percent, up from just 4 percent in the last national election in 2018, as voters opted for a largely untried figure to sort out the nation's many problems.

By contrast, her main ally suffered a disastrous night, with Matteo Salvini's League picking up around 9 percent of the vote, down from more than 17 percent four years ago, and being over-



Right-wing party Brothers of Italy's leader Giorgia Meloni speaks to the media at her party's electoral headquarters in Rome on Sunday. AP

taken by Meloni in all its traditional fiefdoms in the north.

The other major conservative party, Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia party, scored around 8 percent.

Although Meloni's alliance is forecast to hold comfortable majorities in the upper and lower houses, its members have divergent positions on several issues which might be difficult to reconcile.

They have differing views on how to deal with surging energy bills and have laid out a raft of promises, including tax cuts and pension reform, that Italy will struggle to afford.

Sarah Carlson, senior vice-president of Moody's credit ratings agency, said the next Italian government will have to manage a debt burden "that is vulnerable to negative growth, funding cost, and inflation developments".

Despite its clearcut victory, the vote was not a ringing endorsement for the conservative alliance. Turnout was just 64 percent against 74 percent four years ago -- a record low in a country that has historically had strong voter participation.

The right took full advantage of Italy's electoral law, which benefits parties that forge pre-ballot pacts. Center-left and centrist parties failed to hook up and even though they won more votes than the conservatives, they ended up with far fewer seats.

The center-left Democratic Party (PD) took some 19 percent, the left-leaning, unaligned 5-Star Movement, scored around 16 percent, while the centrist "Action" group was on just over 7 percent.

Agencies

Pressure on Kwasi Kwarteng as sterling slide continues

LONDON

THE official line from government is no comment on market movements. The baptism of fire for the chancellor after his budgetary statement continued in the early hours of yesterday morning, with the pound hitting further 37-year lows in early Asian trade, and then plummeting to all-time lows against the dollar, below \$1.04 in early market trade.

Whatever is said in public, behind the scenes, the government will be deeply concerned waking up to record lows, as well as the surge in UK government borrowing costs, in particular.

Borrowing costs reached their highest levels since August 2008 on Monday morning. The effective rate of interest on borrowing for two-year and five-year periods reached 4.5%.

The moves reflect a combination of Britain being charged more for larger borrowings and the Bank of England now predicted to raise interest rates much more aggressively.

These rates will effectively be passed on to household and commercial borrowers of fixed-term loans. While the injection of cash from tax cuts should help temper the recession, very fast rate rises could make that worse.

Sterling fell significantly versus the dollar on Friday and again on Monday morning. Some financial markets indicate a one-in-four chance of one pound being worth less than a dollar. It is effectively the lowest value for sterling against the dollar in the history of the US currency.

The last time the value of the pound was anywhere near \$1.05 was in February 1985. Back then, the official line from Downing Street was also that the government was unworried by a slide in the pound, and that it was mainly the result of a strong dollar and speculation.

In private, official papers from that time, reveal that Mrs Thatcher was seeking answers from President Reagan, and imploring the Treasury to set a trap for those speculating against the pound. Eventually the Bank of England raised interest rates to protect the value of sterling.

While the dollar has been very strong as its central bank the Federal Reserve has hiked interest rates aggressively, sterling has also been weak against other major currencies such as the euro. Some economists and traders anticipate the government or Bank of England could have to intervene in some form to shore up confidence.

Japan warns against speculative yen moves

TOKYO

JAPANESE Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said authorities stood ready to respond to speculative currency moves, a fresh warning that comes days after Tokyo intervened in the foreign exchange market to stem yen falls for the first time in over two decades.

Suzuki also told a news conference yesterday the government and the Bank of Japan (BOJ) were on the same page in sharing concerns about the currency's sharp declines.

"We are deeply concerned about recent rapid and one-sided market moves driven in part by speculative trading," Suzuki told a news conference. "There's no change to our stance of being ready to respond as needed" to such moves, he added.

The remark came after the government's decision on Thursday to intervene in the currency market to stem yen weakness by selling dollars and buying yen for the first time since 1998.

The yen's recent sharp declines, which have pushed up households' living costs by boosting imported fuel and food prices, have been driven in part by widening divergence between the US Federal Reserve's aggressive monetary tightening and the BOJ's ultra-loose monetary policy.

BOJ Governor Haruhiko Kuroda will deliver a speech to business leaders in Osaka, western Japan, later on Monday where he may comment on the yen and the government's intervention.

The dollar added 0.29 percent to 143.78 yen on Monday, continuing its climb back toward Thursday's 24-year peak of 145.90. It tumbled to 140.31 that same day after Japanese authorities stepped into the market.

While government officials' jawboning may keep markets nervous of the prospects of further intervention, stepping in repeatedly in the currency market and selling huge sums of dollars could be difficult due to the criticism Japan may face from its G7 counterparts.

"It's unlikely Japan will continue intervening to defend a certain line, such as 145 yen to the dollar," former top Japanese currency diplomat Naoyuki Shinohara told Reuters.

The yen is not alone in its downward spiral. Several other currencies, including the British pound and the euro, have taken a hammering partly driven by the US Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate increases in recent months.

Wang Yi meets African foreign ministers on UNGA sidelines

NEW YORK

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met on Sept 24 with the top diplomats of several African countries on the sidelines of the ongoing 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

Egypt

Wang (pictured) met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry and said that close contacts between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Egyptian counterpart, Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi, have provided strong strategic guidance to China-Egypt relations.

He added that the two countries' joint fights against the COVID-19 pandemic and cooperation to boost their development have facilitated a growth momentum of bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership.

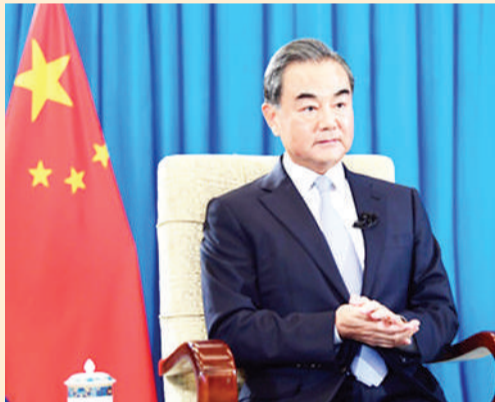
China firmly supports the Egyptian people to explore a development path fitting their own country, as well as the cause of national rejuvenation by the

country, said Wang, adding that China is willing to strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation with Egypt and intensify their unity and coordination in international and regional affairs, so as to safeguard the two countries' common interests, legitimate rights of developing countries, as well as fairness and justice.

Algeria

Wang also met with Algerian Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra and said China and Algeria enjoy a special and deep friendship which has stood tests of turbulent international situation and got further advanced during the combat against COVID-19, making the two countries true friends in need and friends of faith.

He said China is ready to stand together with Algeria to pass on the traditional friendship and move along the path of development and revitalization to open up new prospects in bilateral relations.



For his part, Lamamra said Algeria and China are good friends with a high-level and strong comprehensive strategic partnership, adding that both countries uphold common principles in international affairs and have common goals in national revitalization.

Equatorial Guinea

Wang met with Equatorial Guinean Foreign Minister Simeon Oyono Esono Angue and said that under the joint guidance of the two heads of state, China-Equatorial Guinea relations have developed healthily and smoothly, and have become a model for large and small countries to treat each other as equals, unite and help each other, and be sincere and friendly.

China is ready to work with Equatorial

Guinea to carry forward traditional friendship, strengthen the synergy of development strategies and bring benefits to the people of the two countries, he added.

Wang noted that China and Equatorial Guinea maintain close communication and good cooperation in multilateral institutions such as the United Nations.

Gabon

Also on Saturday, Wang met with Gabonese Foreign Minister Michael Moussa Adamo and said that Gabon and China have always been sincere and friendly, treated each other equally, achieved win-win cooperation and common development, forged a profound friendship, and the comprehensive cooperative partnership between the two sides continues to consolidate and develop.

China is ready to work with Gabon to promote high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, so as to help Gabon accelerate its development and revitalization and bring more benefits to the Gabonese people, he added.

Noting that China has always maintained that all countries, big and small, are equal, Wang said that China has always stood on the side of developing countries and African countries, and will continue to deliver tangible results for African partners, as well as develop and revitalize together with African brothers and sisters.

Xinhua

All potential new Russian territories will be under state's protection – Lavrov

UNITED NATIONS,

ENTIRE Russian territory that can be confirmed in the country's Constitution in addition, is under Moscow's full protection, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a press conference on Saturday after taking part in the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

"The entire territory of the Russian Federation, which is confirmed and can be further confirmed in the Russian Constitution, is certainly under

the state's full protection," Lavrov said.

Russia will unequivocally respect the results of the referendums that are being held in the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics (DPR and LPR) as well as in the liberated areas of the Kherson and Zaporozhye Regions, Russian Foreign Minister. "As [Russian] President [Vladimir] Putin said, we will certainly respect the results of these democratic processes," the Russian minister said.

"All laws, doctrines, con-



cepts, strategies of the Russian Federation apply to its entire territory," he stressed. Russian Foreign Minister reminded, that all situations when Russia can use nuclear

weapons are clearly specified in the country's military doctrine.

"As for the Russian Federation, the president and other Kremlin representatives have stated this on numerous occasions, we have our nuclear security doctrine, it is a document available to the public, everything is written down in it. I invite you to look once again at absolutely clearly specified cases when our use of nuclear weapons is allowed," Lavrov stated.

Lavrov

"I was born in the forest and raised in the mountain. I have a deep feeling for the woods," Pan Weiping told People's Daily.

Opening a mobile application specially designed for forest rangers, the man, dressed in camouflage and holding a loudspeaker, started a patrol mission along a rugged mountain road in Sanqiao township, Jingzhou Miao and Dong autonomous county, Huaihua, central China's Hunan province.

After becoming a forest ranger in 2014, Pan has left his footprints on almost every corner of the mountain. He knows everything about the mountain like the back of his hand, and that's why he is nicknamed the "living map" by his fellow villagers.

Forest rangers are a profession that has emerged with China's targeted poverty allevia-

China recruits 2 million forest rangers that protect ecological barriers

tion efforts. It's an innovation that ensures both ecological protection and poverty reduction.

At present, there are over 2 million forest rangers working in the woods across the country, and each one of them works 22 days a month on average. They not only provide early warning of disasters, but also are on-site discoverers of pests and illegal felling.

Some forest rangers assist local forestry departments with the control of forest and grass diseases and pests. Yu Jiansun from Shangtang township, Nancheng county, Fuzhou, east China's Jiangxi province, has joined local efforts to combat pine wilt disease.

In addition to daily patrols, Yu also disseminates knowledge about the disease and pest

control among local villagers. Thanks to the joint efforts of forest rangers and forestry technicians, pine wilt disease has been effectively controlled in the county.

The profession has also boosted the locals to escape poverty. Huang Chunqin from Cangwu county, Wuzhou, south China's Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region became a forest ranger in December 2018. The job has significantly improved the living standard of Huang's family that was once trapped in poverty.

Cangwu has recruited 330 forest rangers in the county, which has helped more than 300 local households increase their income through stable employment.

"The protection of lucid waters and lush

mountains brings us invaluable assets," said Gao Jingfang, an official from the National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

According to Gao, since 2016, the authorities nationwide have recruited forest rangers from impoverished households, providing stable job opportunities for more than 1.1 million families. The country has added nearly 900 million mu (about 600,000 square kilometers) of forests and grasslands under protection, making remarkable progress in both ecological conservation and poverty reduction.

Statistics show that of China's over 2 million forest rangers, 1.1 million were previously impoverished. After shaking off poverty themselves, these forest rangers have helped more than 3

million people climb out of poverty.

So far, China has achieved the goal of implementing a forest chief scheme nationwide by June 2022. To give further play to the roles of forest rangers, local authorities in China are actively building a grid management system in hope of solving the "last-mile" problem in the conservation of forests and grasslands.

Besides, local authorities are also inputting information about forest rangers into digital platforms for targeted management of forests and grasslands. So far, 39,496 forest rangers from Anhui province, 22,381 from Jiangxi province and 57,135 from Hunan province have been incorporated into the platforms under the forest chief scheme. **People's Daily**

World officials stress importance of multilateralism at UN General Assembly debate

UNITED NATIONS

WORLD officials on Saturday underscored the importance of upholding multilateralism and solidarity in their speeches at the General Debate of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

Singaporean Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan said his country believes that the only way forward is to uphold the inclusive and rules-based multilateral system that has underwritten peace and progress for all humanity since World War II.

"No one is safe until all of us are safe. This applies to pandemics, but also to climate change, the conservation of the oceans, and many other shared challenges," he said.

The multilateral system, which has contributed greatly to global peace and security, is now being severely tested. The prospects for international cooperation have weakened considerably and the temptation for unilateralism has become even stronger, he warned.

"This is a moment when multilateralism must be defended and fortified." "It is in the world's interests -- and in our own long-term interests -- to set aside our differences, to address the challenges of the global commons, and to harvest the emerging opportunities provided by new technologies," Balakrishnan added.

Laos Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Saleumxay Kommasith also called for practical solutions to today's global problems through multilateralism.

"We are at a critical juncture when the international community is facing multi-faceted challenges ranging from armed conflicts to environmental crises and economic downturns that set back global development," he said.

These challenges, already exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, have hindered and reversed the development gains attained in past decades, he said, adding that the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals has never been so tarnished.

Multilateralism, which is always at the heart of international cooperation, has been undermined while unilateralism has been applied widely, he warned, adding that unilateral sanctions or restrictive measures cannot be effective as they contravene the principles of the UN Charter and international law, hampering the development of other countries.

It is more imperative than ever for the international community to find transformative, effective and more practical solutions to make sure the most vulnerable not left behind, he said. Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Pham Binh Minh called for international solidarity and partnerships to tackle global challenges.

Actions by states, both individually and collectively, must be guided by and in accordance with international law and the UN Charter, he said, adding that there is a need for strong and effective multilateral institutions, with the United Nations at the heart, to best address global challenges.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Mohamed Ali Sabry said today's complex and interconnected crises cannot be resolved by nations acting on their own, and that it is an opportunity to demonstrate global solidarity, diplomacy and collective efforts, leveraging the ideas and talents of all people and all segments of society to find transformative solutions which leave no one behind.

The United Nations is a table where every state can sit down, a forum



Singaporean Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan speaks during the General Debate of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, on Saturday. /Xinhua

where everyone can be heard and where everyone is equally important, and this is the concept of multilateralism, he noted.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry called for a renewed commitment to multilateralism. "The current session of the General Assembly is taking place at a very delicate historical moment as we are witnessing a myriad of intertwined crises of enormous complexity.

This requires concerted and serious action, and a renewed commitment to multiculturalism, first and

foremost, under the umbrella of the United Nations," he said.

While the world is still reeling from the huge repercussions of the pandemic and its negative impact, successive geopolitical crises have ignited international tensions to unprecedented levels, he said. "As we meet in September of every year in this global forum, I call upon all those gathered to respect the UN system and reinvigorate it and work on reforming it," Shoukry said.

Xinhua

Envoy assures no combat army units and heavy weapons at Zaporozhье NPP

MOSCOW

THERE are no combat army units and heavy weapons and there have not been any at the Zaporozhье nuclear power plant, Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia's permanent representative to international organizations in Vienna, told TASS in an interview.

"There have been and are no combat army units or heavy weapons at the plant," he pointed out.

"[There are] only Russian National Guard security units, Russia's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Protection Troops responsible for radiological safety, and 10 Rosatom employees present at the station. Their presence there is absolutely necessary to ensure nuclear and physical nuclear safety at the Zaporozhье nuclear power plant," the Russian envoy added.

The Zaporozhье nuclear power plant, which is located in Energodar, is under Russian troops' control. An IAEA mission led by Grossi visited the plant in early September. After the mission left the plant, two of its employees remained at the site as observers. Later, the IAEA published a report calling for the creation of a safety zone around the plant to prevent accidents caused by military operations.

Ukrainian forces regularly shell Energodar with heavy artillery. As Alexander Volga, head of the city's military-civilian administration earlier stated, shelling is aimed at infrastructure facilities servicing the plant, as well as the coastline and the city's industrial zones. According to his assessment, the shelling is aimed "exclusively against the civilian population." Agencies



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Swathes of land swamped in N. Philippines after typhoon

BULACAN

PHILIPPINE President Ferdinand Marcos Jr conducted an aerial survey of damage on Monday brought by typhoon Noru, which left heavy flooding across several northern provinces as authorities rushed to get aid to thousands of evacuees.

Five rescue workers were killed in Bulacan province, its Governor Daniel Fernando told DZMM radio, while residents there were seen wading through waist-deep waters and other stranded on rooftops.

Floods submerged swathes of farmland and communities in the north, video and

images shared by the president's office showed, after the category 3 typhoon dumped heavy rains and brought strong winds after making landfall at the weekend.

The stock market, government offices and schools were closed on Monday as authorities raced to deal with the aftermath of Typhoon

Noru, which has weakened since passing through the Philippines on Sunday night and was headed out over the South China Sea toward Vietnam. "This is the worst flooding that happened here," resident Elpidio dela Cruz told Reuters in Bulacan, standing in a knee-deep water outside his house. "The water

reached the second floor," he added.

Another Bulacan resident, Teody Simbulan, appealed for aid. "People here need help like food, water and medicine," he added.

Marcos ordered supplies to be airlifted and equipment be provided to help the cleanup in worst-affected communi-

ties. He also directed officials to provide emergency power to cut-off areas.

The Philippines, an archipelago of more than 7,600 islands, sees an average of 20 tropical storms yearly. In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan, one of the most powerful tropical cyclones ever recorded, killed 6,300 people.

China publishes world's first stem cell research global standard

CHINA spearheaded and published the world's first international standard on stem cell research on Saturday, signaling that the country has become a globally recognized front-runner in this cutting-edge field that may revolutionize medicine, experts said.

The document, named ISO 24603, lists the various requirements and regulations for cultivating and using human and mouse pluripotent stem cells. It is also the first stem cell related standard for the International Organization for Standardization.

Pluripotent stem cells have the ability to differentiate into any cell types that make up the body. They are typically found during the earliest stages of cell division after fertilization.

As a result, scientists are trying to harness the regenerative potential of stem cells to treat many challenging medical conditions, such as spinal cord injuries, leukemia, Type 1 diabetes, heart diseases, stroke, burns, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease, according to the Mayo Clinic.

However, stem cell therapy can be controversial due to it being poorly regulated, with unscrupulous providers hyping the technology and drawing patients seeking cures to illegal and potentially harmful treatments.

Chen Yequang, the president of the Chinese Society for Cell Biology, said stem cell and regenerative medicine is a rapidly developing field, and it is essential to build consensus and establish some ground rules for research



A technician of biotech company EdiGene processes cell samples at the company's lab in Beijing. File photo

and the industry.

"ISO 24603 will play an extremely important role in setting standards for the whole industry and public health," he said.

George Dagher, convener of the ISO/TC276/WG2 committee, the organization responsible for reviewing biobanks and bio resource related standards, said ISO 24603 is based on expert consensus from ISO countries, and it represents a crucial and necessary step for expanding stem cell research.

Founded in 1947, the International Organization for Standard-

ization developed and published standards in many technical fields. Its headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland, and it has 167 member states as of this year.

Ji Weizhi, a noted biologist and an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, said China spearheaded and publishing the new international standard signals that the country has become one of the global front-runners in the field, especially in basic sciences and some technologies.

Wang Songling, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, called the new standard

a milestone and said it represented China's contribution to global stem cell research.

Zheng Jian, deputy director of the Department of Basic Research of the Ministry of Science and Technology, said the standard not only provides crucial instructions to guide and support the development of the stem cell industry, but also showcased China's increased international recognition in stem cell research.

"It has injected new energy into China's science, technology, and innovation in life and health sciences," he said.

Yemen's Houthi rejects accusation of threatening ongoing truce

SANAA

YEMEN'S Houthi rebel group has rejected the accusation that its recent military parade in the Yemeni Red Sea port city of Hodeidah has threatened the truce in Yemen, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported Sunday.

The Houthi group reiterated that it would remain in support of a "just and honorable peace."

On September 20, ministers and representatives of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Britain, and the United States held a meeting to discuss the situation in Yemen, after which they issued a joint statement to condemn the recent Houthi military parade.

The countries pledged full support to the ongoing efforts of UN Special Envoy Hans Grundberg to extend and expand the truce which is due for renewal on Oct 2, and that all terms of the truce must be fully implemented.

Earlier this month, the Houthi group held a large public military parade in Hodeidah. The Saudi-led coalition in Yemen said the rebel group violated the UN-brokered 2018 Hodeidah Agreement that stipulated the full withdrawal of the group from the port city.

Yemen has been mired in a civil war since late 2014 when the Iran-backed Houthi militia stormed several northern provinces and forced the Yemeni government out of the capital Sanaa.

In 2015, Saudi Arabia led a coalition that included the UAE, Sudan, and others to intervene in the Yemeni conflict to support the Yemeni government.

Peace efforts discussed

Rashad Al-Alimi, chairman of Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council, has met with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres over peace efforts to end the civil war in Yemen, national Yemeni TV reported Sunday.

The meeting took place on Saturday on the sidelines of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly in New York.

The Yemeni leader briefed Guterres on the latest developments in the Yemeni situation and peace efforts.

He also welcomed the role of the UN and the secretary general's efforts to stop the civil war in Yemen and end the suffering of the Yemeni people.

For his part, the UN chief reaffirmed the UN's commitment to supporting the Yemeni government and promised to mobilize necessary resources to alleviate the humanitarian suffering in Yemen.



This handout photo provided by the Ansarullah Media center on Sept 1, 2022 shows fighters loyal to Yemen's Houthi group taking part in a military parade titled "Waad al-Akhera" (the Promise of the Hereafter) in the western province of Hodeidah. AFP

SPORT



Dar es Salaam's Seventh-day Adventist Church choir's singers, whose church is located at Mbezi Luis, sing in a special service for guests organized by the church's Kibamba Kwa Mangi branch in the city recently.

Serengeti Boys' head coach hopes for perfect start in U-17 AFCON qualifiers for CECAFA Zone

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S U-17 soccer team 'Serengeti Boys' head coach Kim Poulsen hopes for a perfect start to this year's U-17 AFCON qualifiers for the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) Zone.

Serengeti Boys are set to open the showdown's Group A with a clash against host Ethiopia at Abebe Bikila Stadium on Friday.

Poulsen who has enough experience in national junior football teams, said so after his charges beat Sudan's U-17 side 1-0 in a friendly tie that took place at Black Rhinos Academy Stadium in Karatu, Arusha last Saturday.

Commenting on his charges' performance in the friendly clash, he said although his side won he still has some work to do before the kickoff of the tournament which will also serve as the Zonal Qualifiers for the 2023 U-17 AFCON finals to be hosted by Algeria.

The U-17 AFCON qualifiers for CECAFA Zone's finalists will qualify for the U-17 AFCON finals slated to take place in Algeria.

"This was our first international friendly match and we won 1-0, in the first half my boys were nervous and anxious, we did not play specifically well and after 15 minutes of the first half we got a

red card, it killed the game," Poulsen added.

The Danish gaffer added: "At recess, we were told to put another player to make it 11 players either squad, and we spent our break time preparing and planning that we will have 11 players on the pitch but, when the second half started, Sudan's coach was complaining why we have 11 players."

"One of our players was taken off the pitch and I can say we played almost 90 minutes with 10 players."

"We did not give them any chance, we were just waiting for a time to score a goal and we scored, the win is a morale booster to the team, it has given our players confidence ahead of the CECAFA tournament in Ethiopia," the coach stated.

Serengeti Boys' other opponents in Group A are Eritrea, Somalia, and South Sudan while Group B has Djibouti, Rwanda, Sudan, Burundi, and defending champions, Uganda.

After the opening game against Ethiopia on Friday, Serengeti Boys will on Monday come up against Eritrea and later wrap up the group stage matches on Thursday against South Sudan.

Burundi, South Sudan, Somalia, and Sudan missed the last edition of the tournament.

Dar resident emerges winner in betting company's game

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM'S resident, Derick Mustafa, has laid his hands on a cash prize totaling 49, 864,525.52/- after predicting 14 football league matches played in various parts of the world precisely using 10bet, a globally recognized sports betting platform.

Mustafa, who supports Simba SC of Tanzania and England's Manchester United, said it was not an easy task because of the difficulties he experienced when it came to doing the predictions.

He said the toughest clash for him in placing bet was the Manchester United versus Sheriff Tiraspol tie.

This was a UEFA Europa League game played on September 15 and ended with Manchester United cruising to a 2-0 victory at an away venue.

According to Mustafa, the two teams were rated equally and this made it difficult for him to decide the winner.

"I used my experience in betting and predicted the precise result. I am happy to be the first big 10bet winner in Tanzania after only betting with the company for seven months," Mustafa revealed.

He explained that he will use the money to

improve his small business and expand his marketing network.

The winner pointed out: "I am an entrepreneur, I have skills in establishing businesses and I know how to spend money to establish small investments."

"I have to be very keen when doing so because a lot of analysis goes into deciding what type of business to venture into, such as its benefits and challenges," he said.

George Abdulrahman, 10bet Tanzania's Marketing Manager, said Mustafa is the first person to win millions through 10bet Tanzania.

Abdulrahman said 10bet has a multi-bet bonus of 1000 percent that enables an individual that bets to earn a bonus of 1,000 percent on his/her winnings.

The official noted: "Mustafa managed to place a huge combo bet and walked away with 49, 864,525.52/-, at 10bet, every edge-of-the-seat event, every action-packed game, and promotion is designed with the bettor in mind... we're all about the bettor and outstanding odds."

"You too can join in the action and be our next Big Combo winner, all you have to do is visit www.10bet.co.tz," Abdulrahman added.

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SPORTS

Ihefu SC's coaching dilemma repeats - or may eclipse - Geita Gold FC's last season drama

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

SOCCER pundits are battling with a tactical dilemma of how to evaluate the situation at newly promoted Ihefu SC, which is dear to a few of those in top political leadership, owing to its string of poor results.

In itself, it isn't surprising as newly promoted teams are like the Roman god Janus, who ostensibly rules the sky in January.

One face looks towards the past year and its baggage of preoccupations, the other face looks towards the coming year a bit apprehensively.

There is an aspect in which Ihefu SC resembles Geita Gold FC, namely in changing the coach who brought the team to promotion, to looking for someone with a stronger CV so that the side has a greater potential to make an impact in the Premier League run.

That exercise failed for Geita Gold FC and they soon (or slightly later) brought back the 'promotion coach,' in this case Fred Felix 'Minziro' of a certain amount of fame.

That situation is haunting Ihefu SC, who replaced Zubeir Katwila after guiding the team to its demotion to the Championship and then back to Premier League, again.

Technically, and definitely, this is what the coach would be feeling, he would have demonstrated his coaching ability, in that if he earlier failed to guide it to remain in the Premier League, he proved his abilities by bringing it back to the top-notch tourney.

It would follow that he only has to 'fine tune' his team to be safe in the top rung, which isn't just tactical like training to match the higher speeds that prevail in the Premier League, but also in recruiting players.

The club leadership seemingly rushed to hire a coach, instead of giving the incumbent more resources.

The dilemma is noticeable in how pundits explain what is happening at Ihefu SC, where two things appear to be contending, that the new coach needs or may even rely on the advice of his predecessor, who is with him on the technical bench.

At the same, while its results have so far been rather poor, there is some noticeable improvement in the manner



Ihefu SC's assistant coach, Zubeir Katwila.

of play, which is hard to quantify as what it means.

Is it that the players can do somewhat better when they are under pressure to impress the new coach, or is it that they are finally getting the tactical ropes right?

In the Geita Gold FC case, the club leadership simply had to restore the tactical tasks to the promotion coach and he is still on the post even now, but for one reason or another, the side appears to be struggling.

It isn't a precipitous candidate for the fourth slot in the Premier League that they attained last year, and despite having some resources it has slipped out of the continental tournament, which again isn't surprising for a complete newcomer.

The issue is its technical bench options or realities and if there is a clear formula that Geita Gold FC learned or can share with Ihefu SC since their situations are in large measure comparable, clear variations apart.

That is also a ponderous issue for the pundits since analysis is on safer ground when it handles plausible and clear options where it is even possible to say where the coach - or the club leadership - may simply be wrong.

What complicates the matter is finding a rule for restoring a team to the Premier League and guiding it at that level, whether the first set of skills suffices for the second assignment.

An affirmative answer would not explain why the Geita Gold FC coach appears to be struggling, in like manner as his Ihefu SC counterpart in the wake of the promotion.

In that case, it would appear that the Geita Gold FC management wasn't totally out of range in guessing that following the promotion, the side needed a more dependable coach, but then he failed to lift team expectations.

It follows that the promotion feat coach knew the side better than the new one, and he excelled to attain the fourth slot.

Still, there are follow-up problems with maintaining the pace, and questions abound as to whether the coach has the answers, while Ihefu SC rushed with answers.

We could maintain the position that the promotion coach is best for the side unless there is plenty of investment to be made - in which case the credit for later success would then be attributed to recruitment rather than to a new coach.

That scenario best fits Geita Gold FC's experience as it did well with the promotion team and the coach to reach the fourth position, the best one could expect a relative newcomer to attain. Their current problems could be explained by low new investment, etc.

It is possible that the team looked for new players and made a considerable effort to retain the golden boot winner in the past Premier League season, George Mpole who was best placed to leave for greater challenges.

The club put up a price that the city rivals failed to match, but the side could still lose money in that gamble as their continental tournament episode was too brief. It is a learning round.

Mtwara girls' volleyball team holds sway in 2022 FEASSSA games

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MTWARA girls' volleyball side has become the first Tanzanian outfit to make it to the semi-finals of the just-ended Federation of East African Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSSA) Games that took place in Arusha.

The Mtwara girls' volleyball squad is made up of players from Mkalapa Secondary School.

To represent the country in the games, Mkalapa Secondary School's squad emerged winners in this year's National Inter-Secondary Schools (Umisseta) Games which took place in Tabora.

Gabriel Kaserwa, the team's head coach, disclosed in an interview said his team took fourth place in the 2022 FEASSSA Games, suffering a 3-0 loss to KASESON of Kenya in the semi-final, and lost 3-1 to IPRC of Rwanda which finished third.

Kaserwa stated: "Tanzania's girls' volleyball team has been competing in FEASSSA Games but this year we have done our best as we won fourth place, Mkalapa Secondary School represented the country."

"We are delighted by this achievement, we aimed to reach this stage and we have done it, next year we will do more than this," the coach noted.

In this year's FEASSSA Games, some sporting

events involved primary schools.

Mkalapa Primary School's girls volleyball squad was the champion, it defeated Mwanza's Sabasaba Primary School's squad 3-0.

In this year's edition of the FEASSSA Games, Tanzania finished fourth with one silver and five bronze medals.

This is the second year that Mtwara's volleyball squad is competing in the 2022 FEASSSA Games, it had taken part in 2019's edition of the showpiece but did not go beyond the group stage.

Kaserwa, Masasi District's Land and Natural Resources Officer, said he uses his resources to help the team as he aims to see many girls in the district involved in sporting activities especially volleyball which is not popular in rural areas of the country.

Mkalapa Primary School and Mkalapa Secondary School are located 35km from Masasi boma and Kaserwa noted that he uses more than 5m/- from his pocket annually to take care of the two volleyball teams.

Uganda defended the overall team title in the 2022 FEASSSA Games after winning 41 medals, out of which 18 are gold medals, 10 silver, and 13 bronze medals.

Kenya, who last won the FEASSSA showdown title in 2018, was placed second once against with 20 medals (five gold, 12 silver, and three bronze medals). Rwanda finished third with two gold medals, two silver, and four bronze.

Meanwhile, FEASSSA president Justus Mugisha revealed that Burundi will host next year's edition of the event and Rwanda would be a standby host in case their neighbours fail to host the annual competition.

Mugisha also confirmed that the top two teams in every discipline have qualified for the World Secondary Schools Games to be held next year.



Players making the Mkalapa Secondary School girls' volleyball team are pictured with their coaches after completion of the 2022 Federation of East African Secondary Schools Sports Associations (FEASSSA) Games in Arusha. The school located in Mtwara was one of Tanzania's competitors in the just-ended showpiece, securing the fourth position in volleyball. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MKALAPA SECONDARY SCHOOL

Splash Brothers Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson ready to repeat

SAN FRANCISCO

STEPHEN Curry's bright-colored "Sour Patch" sneakers squeaked loudly announcing his media day arrival. He then took his spot, tucked in that iconic No. 30 jersey and posed with all of his championship hardware.

A trophy on either side of him, his elbows propped on the other two.

The two-time MVP is showing that his swagger is as strong as ever heading into his 14th NBA season.

"That championship glow is real," Curry said with a smile.

The Golden State star and reigning NBA Finals MVP will turn 35 this season and is still at the top of his game, ready to lead another championship run as the Warriors seek to repeat.

He certainly doesn't take any of this success for granted, knowing how hard it is each season to get back to the top – even when Bucks superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo calls him "the best player in the world."

"And embracing it. My 14th year. I feel fresh and prime, ready to go," Curry said Sunday. "I feel like in my head still getting better, trying to feed off that. Understand it's a long journey and we are doing some defensive strategy and stuff like that yesterday, and it kind of felt for a second we were still preparing for the Celtics and the finals series because it didn't feel like that long ago."

Except for the fact this season he will have Splash Brother Klay Thompson alongside him from the opening tip for the defending NBA champions, who depart the Bay Area on Tuesday for Tokyo to face the Washington Wizards in a pair of preseason games Friday and Saturday in Saitama, Japan.

Thompson returned Jan. 9 from an absence of more than 2 1/2 years following a pair of devastating injuries. The 32-year-old Thompson hadn't played since suffering a torn ACL in his left knee in Game 6 of the 2019 NBA Finals as Toronto clinched the championship. While rehabbing from surgery for that injury, he tore his right Achilles tendon scrimmaging on his own in November 2020.

"I'm hungry as ever still because I still remember those two years I had to watch. I'm eager to play a full season and show people what I'm capable of again," Thompson said.

Curry cherished another shorter offseason in which a highlight was

going back to Davidson College to celebrate his graduation and coach Bob McKillop's retirement after a 33-year career at the school.

"Obviously you enjoy the offseason and know all the work you've put in over the course of your career and especially the last three years," Curry said. "To get back there was meaningful, and you embrace it and appreciate it. Appreciate the vibe you've built with the new-look team built on the core, the guys that have been around the block."

"Very excited about what it means coming into this season trying to defend, knowing there will be new challenges for everybody as a team and everybody individually."

Draymond Green warned of the "championship hangover" and how he will strive to keep Golden State from becoming complacent.

One big key in that effort: Veteran swingman Andre Iguodala, 38, is expected to sign and arrive Monday ahead of the trip.

"We are all so proud of what we accomplished last year, but that's in the past," Thompson said. "The greats stay hungry, and we all have our motivations for why we want to win another one."

Both Jordan Poole and Andrew Wiggins said they haven't spent added energy worrying about their unsettled contract situations.

"I really haven't been paying attention too often," Poole said of landing an extension.

Green, who along with Curry, Iguodala and Thompson are the core and have been around for each of the finals runs dating to the 2015 championship, doesn't expect to secure a new deal himself before the season.

"I don't think it will happen," he said. "And so for me, I'm just focused on this season and being as great as I can be, I know I'm capable of being, and winning another championship and reaching my individual goals."

Big man Kevon Looney hopes to play all 82 games again after becoming one of just five to do so last season – if the training staff approves, of course.

"That's the goal," he said. "As long as I feel good, make it happen."

When told of Looney's goal, Thompson could only ponder that in amazement.

"Does he, back-to-back?," Thompson said. "Crazy."

AP

Southgate knew backlash would come at some stage of England career

LONDON

GARETH Southgate said on Sunday he knew he would suffer stinging criticism at some stage of his tenure as England manager, but he remains confident the Three Lions will turn their form around in time for the World Cup.

England have been relegated from the top tier of the Nations League after failing to win any of their first five games in Group A3.

Southgate was booed by the travelling support after a 1-0 loss to Italy in Milan on Friday, which stretched England's run without scoring from open play to 495 minutes.

"With the national team that noise is going to be even louder, and more widespread and I totally understand that, I'm not hiding from that," Southgate said at his pre-match press conference ahead of Germany's trip to Wembley on Monday.

"It's a situation that we aren't enjoying, not winning football matches. But we have to keep doing the right things every day, to keep improving small bits of our performances that can make a difference."

"If we approach every day in that manner and keep the standards high, and performances come, then eventually results will turn."

Southgate has some credit in the bank after surpassing expectations to lead England to the semi-finals of the last World Cup and then a first major tournament final for 55 years at Euro 2020.

He was also credited with helping form a bond between his players and the England support and media.

But having experienced the criticism faced by his managers when an England player, Southgate said he has been prepared for what could come his way if his side fail to perform in Qatar.

"This will be my seventh (major tournament) as a player or a coach," he added. "I've seen pretty much everything. I've seen the cycle of war with the media. I've seen the absolute love-in. (Now) we're somewhere in the middle of that, or maybe not quite in the middle."

"That's fascinating to observe from my side and it's a life experience that I knew at some point would probably come with this job."

Monday is England's final game before their World Cup campaign kicks off against Iran on November 21.

Southgate urged a sellout crowd at Wembley to separate their feelings towards him from the send off they give his squad.

"How they deal with me at the end or whenever, on the phone-ins or wherever else, is completely different," he said.

"But this is their last chance to see the boys before they go to the World Cup. We're all in it together."

"We can only succeed if we're all pushing in the same direction, and we've all got that positive energy towards doing well."

"What happens to me is irrelevant, frankly. It's about the team. The most important thing is the team and the success of the team."

Croatia, Dutch advance in Nations League; France loses

PARIS

CROATIA and the Netherlands finished warming up for the World Cup in style on Sunday by winning their last Nations League games to qualify for the Final Four tournament next year.

Croatia topped Group A1 by winning 3-1 in Austria to relegate the hosts to the second tier of the Nations League, while the unbeaten Dutch defeated visiting Belgium 1-0 and won Group A4 with 16 points – six more than second-place Belgium.

Defending Nations League and World Cup champion France lost 2-0 in Denmark but avoided relegation because of Austria's defeat.

It was the last match for the World Cup-bound teams before the competition starts in Qatar on Nov. 20. Qatar is in the Netherlands' group at the World Cup along with Ecuador and Senegal.

The French and the Danes will meet again in Qatar with Tunisia and Australia also in their group.

The World Cup could be the last international tournament for 37-year-old Croatia midfielder Luka Modric, and he's in good form. The Croats led after six minutes in Vienna when their veteran captain was left unmarked inside the penalty area and rifled home.

Austria equalized three minutes later through midfielder Christoph Baumgartner's glancing header, but second-half goals from forward Marko Livaja and central defender Dejan Lovren sealed a memorable win for Croatia, whose World Cup group includes Belgium, Canada and Morocco.

Denmark finished in second place on 12 points and one point behind Croatia after beating a sloppy and injury-depleted France side 2-0 at home.

Striker Kasper Dolberg fired the Danes ahead in the 34th minute and midfielder Andreas Skov Olsen made it 2-0 soon after as France's inexperienced defense failed to deal with a corner and exposed No. 3 goalkeeper



Croatia's Luka Modric, right, scores his side's opening goal during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between Austria and Croatia at the Ernst Happel Stadion in Vienna, Austria, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022. (AP Photo)

Alphonse Areola.

France woke up in the second half but star striker Kylian Mbappe fluffed a one-on-one chance against goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel – Dolberg's club teammate at Nice – and had two other tame efforts saved in quick succession.

Les Bleus finished third, one point ahead of the Austrians, but coach Didier Deschamps' team won only one of their six games and scored just five goals – the least in the group.

The Belgians needed to win by three goals away to the Netherlands and lost 1-0, with Liverpool defender Virgil Van Dijk heading in the only goal after 73 minutes.

Poland won 1-0 in Wales in the other Group A4 game as the prolific Robert Lewandowski turned provider for strike partner Karol Wiederski around the hour mark.

Last-place Wales is relegated.

Gareth Bale returned to the starting lineup to win his 108th cap and the Wales captain headed against the crossbar in stoppage time. This was Wales' final game before their first appearance at a World Cup for 64 years, with their opening game in Qatar against the United States on Nov. 21.

In the Nations League, the four group winners in top-tier League A advance to the Final Four tournament.

Hungary hosts Italy on Monday with both teams fighting to finish first in Group A3. Hungary only needs a draw to advance. Portugal and Spain play each other on Tuesday in Group A2 with Portugal advancing if it avoids defeat.

AUSTRALIA BEATS NZ

Australia completed its World

Cup warmups on Sunday with a 2-0 win over New Zealand for its second win against the All Whites in a week.

On an emotional day for the hosts as they said farewell to captain Winston Reid in front of more than 35,000 people at Eden Park, Socceroos striker Mitchell Duke headed home in the 54th.

Substitute forward Jason Cummings converted a penalty in the 80th after an eye-catching run by 18-year-old Garang Kuol.

Kuol, who has been targeted by Premier League club Newcastle, was Australia's youngest debutant since Harry Kewell in 1996.

The match marked the end of Reid's All Whites career with the skipper retiring from international football. The defender is best known for his late goal to secure a 1-1 draw against Slovakia in New Zealand's opening match at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

AP

Why Premier League's success goes deeper than star power, competitiveness or upsets

By Gab Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THIRTY years after its inaugural season, the Premier League can rightly celebrate its status as the world's most popular football league. There's not one factor behind it; there are many, and you might be familiar with them.

In no particular order, you might cite the following: heritage (the game was invented here, after all), language (English is the world's lingua franca), a very pro-business environment that facilitates foreign investment, strong leadership that regularly presents a united front (especially in the 15 years Richard Scudamore was in charge), excellent marketing and packaging/production values, a willingness to embrace expertise from abroad (not just players, but coaches, owners and executives too) and, often overlooked, a strong domestic market that is fiercely loyal and willing to spend on their club.

There might be others too, you may disagree with some of the above and we could probably debate endlessly the impact of each factor listed. But here are two which, as I see it, really don't apply or, at a minimum, are vastly overrated: superstars and competitiveness, which, to some, might seem counterintuitive: surely you expect success to be driven by household names. And, surely, you need some level of unpredictability and competition, or fans will lose interest.

I'd argue that the Premier League is evidence that this might not be the case. Or, rather, that these weren't key factors in spurring the league's growth, unlike, say, the NBA in its heyday.

Start with the superstar piece. Admittedly, it's a fuzzy, know-it-when-I-see-it concept. But if you take it to mean some combination of being among the very best in the world, popularity and having a commensurate hype machine/commercial operation following you around, you might find that there have been fewer



Manchester City's Erling Haaland is one of the few superstars to grace the Premier League. (Agencies)

in the Premier League than you think, at least before Erling Haaland's arrival.

Scan the highest echelons of the A-list and who do you have? Cristiano Ronaldo (minus the 15 years in the prime of his career he spent in Spain and Italy either side of his two spells at Manchester United), David Beckham (though, of course, he left age 28), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (again, arriving on the downside and not staying very long), Thierry Henry? Wayne Rooney? Kevin De Bruyne? Mohamed Salah?

These are exceptional players, sure. But even at their peak, few reached the

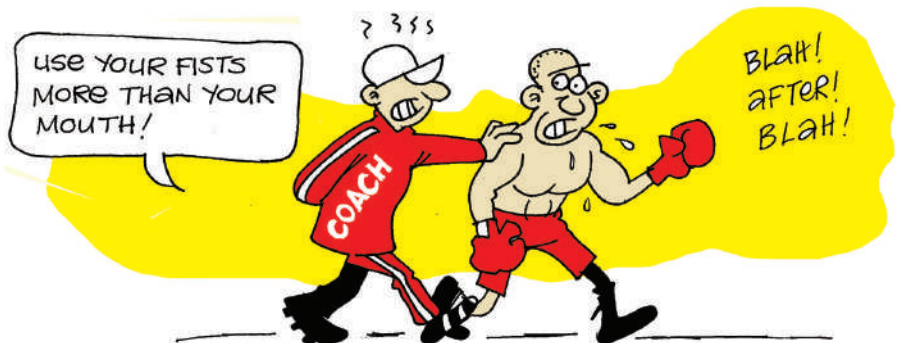
level of hype and global superstardom of a Kylian Mbappe or a Neymar or a Ronaldinho. Take one very simple metric, football's ultimate popularity contest: the Ballon d'Or.

Regular readers will know I'm not a fan precisely because it is a giant media exposure and popularity contest. But for the purposes here, it's pretty much perfect. Consider the past 20 editions of the award. Premier League players finished in the top five just 17 out of 100 times. Thierry Henry on three occasions, Ronaldo twice and 12 other guys just once.

Did the league's popularity suffer? Not at all. Probably because it's not built on popular megastars, but, rather, popular megabrands. Allegiance is built on loyalty to the crest on the front of the shirt more than the name on the back. I know it's a cliché and it's sort of what fandom is supposed to be all about, but marketers have been warning about floating fan bases who follow their superstars from team to team, like in the NBA, for years. Doubtless it happens in football too, and in the Premier League as well, but few institutions manage to weather the loss of a star (in terms of hype/attention/relevance) the way the English top flight does.

Then there's competitiveness. The idea is that because there's a "Big Six," the league is unpredictable and uncertain every year, unlike in other countries. In the past 10 years, the Premier League has been won by five different clubs, Spain's LaLiga, Italy's Serie A and France's Ligue 1 by three and, of course, Germany's Bundesliga by just one (Bayern Munich, in case you've been hiding under a rock). But there's a bit of a fallacy with that thinking.

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Alliance Caravans' Akhil Anil bowls when his side locked horns with Aruti Aces in a 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament clash played on August 21. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Alliance Caravans sail through to 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup final

By Guardian Reporter

ALLIANCE Caravans have secured progression to the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's final following a resounding 100-run victory over DTB Gymkhana in the second semi-final held last weekend.

The tie's eventual winners as a result set up a mouthwatering final against tournament favourites, I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, which was set to be played at the same venue the same weekend.

Alliance Caravans were impressive with bat and ball much as they experienced a slow start to their innings, in which the squad's three top-order cricketers were dismissed after a brief stint.

They posted 173/6 in 20 overs once they secured an opportunity to start batting in the clash which took place at Leader's Club ground.

Amal Rajeevan, Kassim Nassoro, and Akhil Anil had the batting squad staying in control once it had witnessed the rather frustrating start.

The team was surprisingly jolted in the first few overs, with key players Jitin Pratap Singh, Nandakishan Pottachira, and Nasibu Kelvin making their way back without meaningful contributions.

Rajeevan scored 47 runs, pushing his outfit's total to 109 runs in 14.4 overs following the exit of Nassoro.

Nassoro also made his presence count with impressive shots that witnessed the veteran cricketer end with 39 runs.

Sreejith Kumar wound up the innings with Anil, making their way back with not-out stints, in which Anil scored 47 runs not out.

Low-order performer Adersh Dileep ended with 18 runs that consisted of a boundary and a sixer as the side amassed a convincing total.

DTB Gymkhana in response found the going tough, notching 73/10 in 15.5 overs to crash out of the 'Qualifier 2'.

Youthful cricketer Jay Hirwania notched 20 runs, Mohammed Yunus chipped in with 10 runs, and opener Kheel Suchak posted 17 runs in overall below-par performance at the crease.

Dileep, Suraj Kumar, and Karim Athumani ran rings around DTB Gymkhana's batting unit, notching two wickets each for Alliance Caravans.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharmacy, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

Jiuzhou, Flashnet, Ashton Media, Rotana, Aura Suites, Bank of India, Datamanics, Samaki Samaki, A One Bottlers, Africarriers, and GI Security complete the showdown sponsors' list.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the year.

The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been graced by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include former Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports Harrison Mwakemba, his deputy Juliana Shonza, and former Director of Sports Development in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

Simba SC plots CD Primeiro de Agosto's downfall in 2022/23 CAF CL

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA'S Simba SC interim head coach Juma Mgunda has said that he has started following CD Primeiro de Agosto of Angola ahead of the two squads' CAF Champions League's second preliminary round tie.

Simba SC will start away in Angola on October 8 and, a week later, it will wind up with a home clash at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on October 16.

Coach Mgunda noted he has found many of the Angolan club's technical aspects but, most of all, he has learned that CD Primeiro de Agosto is a team that fights hard and its players use a lot of intelligence all the time.

He disclosed that he has to prepare his team based on the reality he saw in their opponents, and he believes his footballers will face fiery opposition.

"CD Primeiro de Agosto is a team that uses energy and its players are healthy, so we will not have to play the way they play, the big task before us is to make sure that we prepare a team that will play mentally to avoid being knocked out of the game," Mgunda stated.

He disclosed the main task his side will perform in the first tie is to play its game and avoid imitating the opponents that will be at home in front of their fans.

CD Primeiro de Agosto is reported to have made good signings this season, the side is made up of players from various countries including Portugal and Brazil.

The squad has performed well in his previous game by defeating Zambia's Red Arrows FC 2-1 on aggregate, winning 1-0 away from home and thereafter notching a 1-1 draw in Angola.

That nevertheless is hardly a problem for Simba SC because the Tanzanian club won impressively in the previous tie, knocking Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets FC with a 4-0 aggregate victory.

Simba SC's dangerous striker, Zambian Moses Phiri, has already promised to continue cooperating with his teammates to fight for their team to hold sway in the premier continental club tournament.

Phiri has so far netted three goals in the showpiece after scoring one away against Nyasa Big Bullets FC and then registering two goals when his club garnered a 2-0 victory over the Malawian side in the return leg at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Simba SC is now in Zanzibar for friendlies without its full squad due to some of its players joining national teams to take part in international duels falling under FIFA's calendar.

The Msimbazi Street side defeated Malindi 1-0 in Zanzibar last Sunday and was set to thereafter confront Kipanga FC.

Simba will, after the friendly duels, return to Dar es Salaam and, on October 2, the squad will grace Benjamin Mkapa Stadium to play a 2022/23 Premier League match against Dodoma Jiji FC before taking on CD Primeiro de Agosto in Angola.

Yanga can win anywhere in CAF Champions League, says Kaze

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Young Africans SC technical bench believes that the outfit will advance to the group stage of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League despite being given a slim chance against Al Hilal of Sudan.

Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, will start the showdown's second preliminary round at home at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on October 8.

The side will later travel to Sudan to play the second leg game between October 14-16.

Yanga's assistant coach Cedric Kaze has reassured the club's members and fans by saying that they can win anywhere.

The gaffer was adamant the squad will win the first leg tie at home and the return leg which will be played away.

The Burundian gaffer revealed: "We cannot say that our last game against Zalan FC was the right measure in this competition, it is true that we respect them but I think that for us, Al Hilal will give us a good challenge."

The gaffer noted: "We have spoken to our players to remind them of that, to make sure they forget the results of previous games and start a new chapter."

"We will start at home in this game, but with the quality of the team we have, we believe we can get good results anywhere and qualify for the next stage," Kaze pointed out.

Yanga, the Mainland Tanzania Premier League defending champion, has qualified for the second preliminary round of this season's CAF Champions League after eliminating Zalan FC of South Sudan with a 9-0 aggregate win.

Yanga's next opponent, the Sudanese side Al Hilal Omdurman, has planned to camp in DR Congo before facing the Tanzanian outfit.

According to information from Sudan, Al Hilal will travel to Lubumbashi in DR Congo after playing the Sudan Cup game against Hilal Al Fasher on October 4.

On October 5, head coach Florent Ibenge's team will start a trip to DR Congo to set up a camp for several days before arriving in Dar es Salaam two days before the continental tournament's clash.



Yanga's assistant coach, Cedric Kaze.

While Camping in DR Congo, Al Hilal will play international friendly games against TP Mazembe and AS Vita Club who are also participating in the premier continental tournament organized by the Confederation of African Football.

Coach Ibenge believes that the two matches will help his team be ready to come to Tanzania to tussle against Yanga which is reputed to have the best and strongest team for more than a year now.

Flexibles by David Chikoko



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