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## Regional Catholic bishops assembly for Dar early July

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA is preparing to host the 20th assembly of the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in East Africa (AMECEA) slated for July 8 to 18, expected to discuss environmental impacts on integral human development.

Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) secretary general the Rev Dr Charles Kitima told reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday that more than 120 bishops from nine AMECEA member states will attend, namely from Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Kenya, Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea.

The conference will look at the importance of creating public awareness on environmental conservation and protection, reflecting on environmental stewardship to ensure that Mother Earth is protected from degradation, he said.

The Catholic Secretariat was setting out plans to make Tanzania green by launching a family forest planting campaign for family members to plant trees, he said, highlighting the motto that "this planet is all that we have; if we do not protect it, we will be in danger because destroying the environment is destroying the human life."

Despite various efforts to conserve the environment, degradation is alarming in various parts of the country, he stated, asserting that studies have shown that in various regions in Tanzania, forest cover is substantially lost each passing day in making charcoal.

He appealed for more sensitization campaigns and creating specific strategies for promoting behavior change among the public to make conservation a daily routine, citing regions badly affected by degradation as Coast, Morogoro, Dodoma, Shinyanga and Manyara.

The church will launch a campaign to sensitize the general public on the importance of environmental conservation to ensure it becomes an aspect of daily routine, he intimated, affirming that one of the main challenges affecting conservation efforts is the failure to align human needs and legislation.

"Most forests reserves are being degraded for charcoal and farming but we have options to this. Why can't we reduce gas prices to facilitate availability of cheap energy sources?" the top episcopal adviser demanded.

# Ngorongoro: 453 list for relocation



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa (seated) attending a ritual ceremony by 'laigwanan' traditional diviners after addressing them at Marya area to sort out modalities of voluntary relocation from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area zone in Arusha region yesterday. Photo: PMO

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday received a list of 453 people from 86 households in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) agreeing to voluntarily relocate to other areas, with others still being registered.

The list was delivered soon after the premier met with Maasai traditional leaders (laigwanan) at Oretai Loongaik-Marya at the Arusha Technical College (ATC), an area where the laigwanan meet for rituals.

Regional Commissioner John Mongella said the names in this first list had been verified, with the regional authorities proceeding to supervise their relocation, supporting them to get farming land, build houses and graze their animals.

Relocation comes in the wake of efforts by the government to enhance conservation and tourism activities in NCA, threatened by the build-up in settlements and livestock by leaps and bounds since 1959 when the areas was hived out of the Serengeti National Park, with the quality of being among seven travel wonders in Africa.

The premier reached an agreement with conservation stakeholders and residents of the area in meetings mid last month at Loliondo and Ngorongoro divisions in Ngorongoro district. Addressing about 350 local elders, he said that those who agree to relocate will find the government ready to provide close support.

He referred to a visit by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in the region where she cautioned that the Ngorongoro conservation area was in danger of losing its status due to population and livestock pressure.

The NCA ecosystem was good in previous years as population was low. There were 8,000 people in 1959, who had 20 to 30 head of livestock per household, but now the population has grown to 110,000 and harbours 813,000 cattle, goats and sheep, the premier had earlier underlined.

Earlier the settlements were scattered at some places within the area but in due course the NCA has been flooded with modern houses though lacking in health and education services. These services are the key for community development, he stated.

The government has set aside an area of 400,000 square kilometers in Handeni District where 220,000 square kilometers area is meant for habitation and the rest for grazing.

"We have surveyed 2,406 plots of which 2,070 plots have been prepared for housing and each is three acres in size. We have started with 101 three-bedroom apartments for those wishing to leave," the premier explained, also pointing at 336 land plots for primary and secondary schools, clinics and health centers. Construction of water systems is in progress, he affirmed.

Electricity will also be available unlike the situation in Ngorongoro, he said, underlining that President Samia had insisted that all facilities ought to be there to avoid people being distracted from the relocation project.

Adjourning the sixth meeting of 12th Parliament last month, the premier assured residents living in the NCA that the government will take up transfer expenses for those willing to move out of the beleaguered protected zone.

## TIC registers 19trn/- projects in 2021/22

By Felister Peter

TANZANIA Investment Centre (TIC) records show that 294 new projects worth 18.75trn/- were registered in the March 2021 to February 2022 period, created 62,301 new jobs.

Dr Ashatu Kijaji, the minister for Investment, Trade and Industry, made this observation in briefing journalists on achievements during the one year leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, underlining that on-going reforms are likely to attract more foreign and local investors.

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Law reforms endorsed during

the last session of the National Assembly have seen foreign investors allowed to bring at least ten experts while previously they were free to include five experts.

"The president has driven our economic diplomacy and improved the business and investment climate," she stated, noting that the law allows foreign experts to facilitate skills transfer and knowledge sharing with local experts.

The ministry is finalising processes for establishing the Tanzania electronic window for investments to reduce bureaucracy, as

potential investors will be able to process their documents and apply for permits online, the minister affirmed.

The intention is to create an effective one stop facilitation centre connected to scores of government agencies and public institutions. During the first phase seven state-owned agencies will be connected to the system, namely the National Identification Authority (NIDA), the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), the Business Regis

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## Mining sector growth 'set to surpass targets'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

GROWTH in the mining sector is rapid and likely to surpass targets set by the government, the minister, Dr Dotto Biteko has declared. Steady growth has been observed over the past year and is likely to surpass the government's target of 10 per cent contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP) by

2025, the minister said when outlining achievements in the sector during the one year of the sixth phase government. The sector's contribution to the national economy from January to September 2021 increased to 7.3 per cent, up from 6.5 per cent in 2020 as investors injected \$579.3m equivalent to 1.33trn/- in the sector. Mining sector contribution in

the third quarter of July -September 2021 increased to 7.9 per cent, from 7.3 per cent in the same period in 2020, he said, noting that sales of minerals reached 8.3trn/- during the year and the government collected 597.53bn/- in taxes and levies. Local participation in mining sector supplies increased from 43 to 63 per cent, he stated. Mining sector growth acceler-

ated during the sixth phase, raising hope that government targets as outlined in the 2025 Vision are likely to be attained earlier, he said. He lauded sixth phase policies under President Samia Suluhu Hassan for its strong advocacy of artisan miners' development, with small scale miners now contributing nearly a third of mining sector revenues.

This is the highest contribution from the sub-sector as its GDP input stood at four percent before mining laws were reviewed to localize the business, he stated, underlining that sixth phase commitment to enhance local participation even if they have low income had added impetus to the sector.

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Through reforms, the government has established 44 gold markets and 70 trading centres, creating transparency and trust among small scale miners, the minister asserted, pointing out that existence of the markets enabled banks to trust small scale miners' transaction projections.

CRDB Bank, NMB Bank, Stanbic Bank, Azania Bank, Ecobank and Standard Chartered Bank have shown a lot of interest in small miners, he stated, praising NMB and CRDB for taking the lead in ensuring availability of capital for miners and mineral traders, saying the trend was 'encouraging.'

In the first year of the sixth phase, at least 8,172 mining licences were issued, 5,937 being primary licences, 282 prospecting licences, and five were mining licences and two others special mining licences, he stated.

About 49 were processing licences, two refinery licences and 1,531 brokers' licences, he elaborated, noting while some 364 were dealers' licences. From March 2020 and February 2022 a total of 6,334 licences were issued.

Last December there were 36,400 valid primary licences, 1,309 prospecting licences, 221 actual mining licences, 17 special mining licences and 210 processing licences. For the first time the government signed four new mining contracts and established big mining firms at a go within one year of the new phase of government, he added.



Acting assistant director - Wildlife Anti-Poaching Unit and chairman of the National Anti-Poaching Task Force, Robert Mande (C) talks with Grace Farms Foundation Company director Rob Khattabi at the 13th meeting of the steering committee of the Lusaka African Anti-Poaching Convention in Livingston, Zambia. Left is the chief conservator, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Sikujuwa Ramadan (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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trations and Licensing Agency (BRELA), TIC, Immigration and ministerial departments for land, labour and employment, she explained.

Institutions to be connected to the electronic window for investment are the Tanzania Medicines and

Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO) and the National Environment Management Council (NEMC), she specified.

Land acquisition procedures will be simplified, as the government has set aside 1.6m hectares to be

used for investment projects across the country, with efforts going on to ensure the selected areas have all the necessary infrastructures such as water, electricity, roads and telecommunication towers, she stated.

The minister pointed at government measures to reduce non-tariff barriers (NTBs) affecting cross border trade within the East African

Community (EAC) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). These have been cut to 42 from 64 early last year, she asserted.

To ensure that Tanzanians benefit from the African single market initiative of 1.3bn people under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the government has started to train entrepreneurs on critical business skills to ensure production

of quality products.

So far, a total of 4,156 small and medium enterprises (SMEs), among them 1,662 men and 2,494 women have been trained, while in a period of one year, 327 factories were built countrywide. Efforts are being done to enhance production of edible oil and sugar to control surging prices partly pushed by the outbreak of COVID-19, the minister added.



Zanzibar President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi (L) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to the Workers' Compensation Fund (WCF) director general, Dr. John Mduma (R) in support to Zanzibar Editors Forum (TEF) annual general meeting held at the Sheikh Idrisa Abdulwakil Kikwajuni Unguja Hall in Zanzibar City this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt provides 470m/- for completion of ward secondary school construction

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THE government has provided 470m/- for the completion of construction work of Ifulifu Ward secondary school in Musoma rural constituency, Mara region.

Charles Magoma, the chairman of Musoma District Council said yesterday that construction work began in 2017 by contributions from the people, their Member of Parliament, Prof Sospeter Muhongo and other education stakeholders.

"We thank the government for its secondary education quality improvement programme (SE-QUIP) by dishing out 470m/- to finalise construction work of the school," said Magoma.

He explained that Ifulifu Ward is the only one out of 21 wards in the district that had no secondary school, and students are forced to study at the schools in nearby wards of Mugango and Nyakatende.

"Ufulifu ward is made up by three villages of Kabegi, Kiemba and Nyakasungu, but due to the ward's geography, Nyakasungu is

a little bit far and their residents are currently building their own secondary school," he said.

He explained that Ifulifu secondary school is being built by residents of Kabegi and Kiemba wards in collaboration with the MP and other stakeholders, and already they have completed foundation for two classrooms and the administrative building.

For his part, Musoma Rural Member of Parliament Prof Sospeter Muhongo, on behalf of his constituents, thanked President Samia Suluhu Hassan for recognising the importance in contributions to the school's construction that had stalled due to financial constraints.

For his part, Ifulifu Ward education officer Beatrice Ndosi said their expectations are that by July this year, initial infrastructure of the school should be completed so that if possible the school should be inaugurated.

"If that happens, Form I students from neighbouring secondary schools in Mugango and Nyakatende wards will shift to the school within their own ward," said Ndosi.

## Dodoma RC calls on cooperation with TRA

By Guardian Reporter

DODOMA Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka has urged traders to provide close cooperation to the officials of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) who are currently visiting business premises as part of the launched door-to-door campaign.

The campaign which commenced on March 7 will go until March 19, this

year visiting traders in the regions of Dodoma and Manyara. It is aimed to visit the traders to hear challenges facing them as well as furnish them with tax compliance awareness education.

Speaking recently in Dodoma, Mtaka said traders should stop fearing TRA officers, but rather take them positively and their visits are meant to support businesses growth and promote

friendly relations.

He added that TRA's opportunity to visit the traders in their shops should be used effectively so that the exercise can be as productive for traders in the region as it is in other regions.

"Traders should take this move in a positive way, get out of fear and start taking TRA officers as their friends so as to improve tax understanding and

be able to contribute to the country's development," he added.

Philipo Eliamini, representative of the regional TRA manager said some traders were facing challenges that bring negative impacts to their progress, so the campaign is meant to hear from them and address their challenges. He said that the authority will continue enhancing its education and

awareness programmes to tax payers in order to enhance voluntary tax compliance and thus expand tax base.

He urged traders and other taxpayers to utilize the education by making sure that they conduct their activities as per the country's laws which include issuing EFD receipts and pay their taxes on time.

Special Seats MP (South Pemba) Zul-

fa Omary Mmaka, who is also an ambassador of tax compliance urged traders to respond to the campaign, come out and hear what the TRA are telling them for their own benefit.

"This campaign has huge benefits to traders themselves, so it is better for them to provide close support so as to air their views and get support," she said.



Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) senior officer, Jimmy Ntalika gives a brief overview to a trader in Dodoma on tax issues during the TRA's door-to-door campaign launched recently meant to visit traders and listen to challenges facing them as well as providing them with tax awareness education. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Prof Mbarawa irked by noncompliance of directives by TPA Tanga officials

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

WORKS and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has given four days to Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) officials to provide report on directives he had issued in regard to providing opportunities to students from colleges to be trained through contractors constructing a deep water berth at the port of Tanga.

The minister gave the ultimatum here yesterday during his inspection at the port, which, as for now is undergoing expansion, the work of which is expected to be completed in October, this year.

"I had already given the directives which may seem small, but to me they are important, I give you four days to do what I have directed, it will be surprising if we cannot provide opportunities to our youths who are in colleges to come here to see and learn from contractors what they are doing in regard to this big project," said Prof Mbarawa.

He also instructed TPA officials to communicate with the appointment manager because he said he had already told him, but disregarded his instructions and added "if he cannot implement my directives, then that is not the position for him."

"He will be sent to another place, we cannot go on like this, if we give instructions, they must be implemented.

"This is a very important project for the nation especially in regard to its economy, hence its completion will expand trade in our East Africa region," he said.

For his part, Tanga Regional Commissioner, Adam Malima said according to the increasing needs for the port, various traders have emerged asking to use the port, for both imports and exports, the situation that is going to open up the region in so far as trade is concerned.

"Our region has several big strategic projects being implemented, this is one of them which we are closely following up," he added.

For his part, Tanga port manager, Massoud Mrisha said: "We pledge that all the directives from the minister, including the one on providing training opportunities to college students will be worked upon, as the time the directive was issued. I was not at this port, I was in Dar es Salaam, hence I have taken it up and will

# Tanzania can be net food exporter - Nigerian envoy

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

TANZANIA stands a better chance of being one of the world's leading food exporters and not importer as is the case now, an envoy has observed.

Nigerian High Commissioner to Tanzania Dr Hamisu Takalmawa who drove from Dar es Salaam to Mtwara Region was amazed after seeing just a single stretch of Tanzania's wealth of land suitable for agriculture, saying the country has what it takes to end agricultural imports.

Speaking here after paying a visit to Dangote cement factory yesterday, Dr Takalmawa said that on his way from Dar es Salaam he saw not only land but food waiting to be grown for local consumption and exports. "Tanzania is blessed with massive fertile land; all the way from Dar es Salaam to Mtwara I saw green natural vegetation and said to myself that Tanzania can lead the way in Africa by being a net food exporter," he said, adding: "Among the foods Tanzania imports is beans; with this kind of land, it should be vice versa."

But the envoy was quick to note that Tanzanians should not leave everything to the government, adding that private sector and individual entrepreneurs have a

bigger role in improving Tanzanian agriculture sector.

In a light touch but practically possible, he joked that if Tanzanians do not act fast to grab this opportunities, industrious Nigerians may sooner rather than later make Tanzania their destination of choice.

"Take note of this: If you do not grab this opportunity and makes the most of it, you will soon start seeing Nigerians taking your land not by force but as investors," he said.

The envoy said political stability makes Tanzania a unique place on the African continent

suitable for all manner of investments including the biggest potential agribusiness.

"If there is no political stability and security, there is no investments hence no development but Tanzania ticks all the boxes," he said.

Dr Takalmawa urged Dangote

cement factory to maintain quality of its products for the market sustainability and image protection. "You are not alone in this country, there are other factories which offer the same products as you do; quality control and assurance is vital, make sure nothing compromises quality of

your products," he said.

"This huge investment will be worthless if quality of product offered is poor. Safety of factory employees and around the plant should also be maintained."

the factory chief general manager Eng. Normandy Chan told Dr Takalmawa that currently,

the factory is running under capacity but there plans to make it operate at full capacity.

"In 2021 we produced about 1.4 million metric tonnes of cement, equal to 50 per cent. The plan is to run at full capacity which is to produce 3 million metric tonnes annually," said Chan.



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Applicants MUST follow instructions in the notice on the RFP. All applications must be sent through [procurement@amdt.co.tz](mailto:procurement@amdt.co.tz) on 24th March 2022 by 1600 Hours.

Only the qualified consultants will be contacted via email.

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## JOB PROFILE: CHIEF PROGRAMMES OFFICER (CPO)

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Reports To : Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Direct Reports : Lead - Digital Finance and Infrastructure, Lead - Consumer Engagement and Capacity Building, Lead - Research and Market Information and Project Portfolio Manager

Location: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

### Background / Role motivation

Established in 2004, the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) is a market facilitator dedicated towards achieving poverty and inequality reduction, wealth creation, and resilience improvement of Tanzanians through a transformative financial sector that offers inclusive and sustainable financial solutions. To achieve this, FSDT supports the financial sector to deliver inclusive, quality (wide ranging, affordable, responsive, relevant to financial needs, reliable and delivered in a transparent manner) and sustainable financial solutions to improve the livelihood, wellbeing, and empowerment of underserved Tanzanians. Currently, our main target markets are women and youth, who have been identified as the most financially excluded market segments in the country.

FSDT's work is guided by the Making Markets Work for the Poor (M4P) approach, which aims to develop market systems that benefit poor people, offering them capacities and opportunities to improve their lives.

Through FSDT facilitation, we hope to achieve the following changes in the market:

- Improved policies, legal and regulatory frameworks that promote gender equality, as well as economic and financial opportunities for women and youth;
- Improved availability of relevant financial sector infrastructures that will equip the financial sector players and other stakeholders with the ability to meet the needs and aspirations of women and youth;
- Financial service providers developing and scaling innovative and responsive financial solutions/tools for women and youth to promote equality, empowering, and wellbeing;
- Improved confidence and capability of women and youth to demand and take up financial solutions.

### Position summary

Reporting to the CEO and the Programme Investment Committee (PIC), the CPO will have direct responsibilities related to programme design, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on programmatic delivery; and shared accountability for governance and fiscal discipline, financing, governance, advocacy and external relations.

The CPO is an experienced, strategic leader with a demonstrable track record of programmatic delivery, which can be expressed as a measure of impact. They will have a strong network of influence and credibility across the East Africa region (and beyond), including within government regulators and policy makers, private sector, academia, and across the global and regional donor and governance sector.

The CPO can apply tactical plans to strategic outcomes, execute on complex plans and communicate with compelling clarity to high-level government officials and private sector executives in order to deliver measurable, cost-effective results. The CPO is also experienced in leading a senior team and possesses the skills, sensitivity, and personal confidence to tap into the commitment that each member of the team brings to FSDT's mission and vision.

### Key responsibilities

The CPO will be responsible for ensuring that FSDT programmes enable it to achieve its mission to support the development of inclusive financial markets in Tanzania as a means to stimulate wealth creation and reduce poverty. They will lead efforts to strengthen programmatic delivery, leading a team of specialists across multiple programme areas. They will align resource use, business processes and use of technology with the evolving needs of the business.

FSDT is managed on a strongly results-based approach and its management team is expected to deliver specific annual targets agreed with the Chief Executive Officer to support the strategy and business plan. The CPO will be responsible for leading and supporting activities which contribute substantially to projects where their expertise could add value. Programme and project reporting, as formally specified in the policies and procedures, must be delivered on time and to the highest standards.

### Thought Leadership & Strategy

Lead the team in developing deep and ever-growing understanding of how to drive financial market development and inclusiveness; play a leading role in the development of the whole country strategy and guide the programs team to develop pillar strategies and annual business plans that will support targeted areas of the real economy

### Pipeline Development & Portfolio Management

Lead the review and continuous development of the project pipeline to ensure utilization of funds and achievement of output, outcome, and impact targets; ensure a potentially high impact portfolio of interventions are submitted and approved across all pillars

### Ensuring Impactful Implementation

Oversee the implementation of business plans so that results are achieved, risks are managed and that quality projects are delivered, ensuring that learning from projects is fully utilized to maximize impact and innovation

### Influencing & Communicating for Impact

Actively participate in the development, implementation, and results-measurement of an innovative Communications & Influencing plan for FSDT as a whole and for each pillar; ensure that the plan will result in key pro-programme stakeholders being influenced effectively.

### Finance Management, Risk & Accountability

Manage the finances associated with the Programmes department aiming to maximize the efficiency achieved with the available resources, and ensuring compliance with FSDT and donor policies.

### Team Leadership

Lead the FSDT Programmes team of staff and consultants in a manner that empowers them to add value to FSDT and deliver high standards of performance

### Requirements of the Role

#### Educational Qualifications:

- Minimum of bachelor's degree in a relevant field
- Post Graduate Degree in Development Economics, Business Administration, or other related field
- Additional professional qualification and relevant accreditations are an advantage (e.g. CFA, SME Finance)
- Certification in Project Management (e.g. PMP/ PRINCE2) is an added advantage

#### Job Related Skills and Experience

- 10+ years' post-graduation experience in Portfolio Management &/or Pipeline Development & Management; ideally culminating in a strategic leadership role
- Deep experience of working in financial inclusion and in financial markets development; demonstrating thought leadership at the cutting edge; driving change, and creating opportunities for growth
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- Extensive Knowledge and understanding of Agribusiness or SME Management and/or Micro Finance Management
- Proven track record of working with a range of different actors to nudge and incentivize institutional change
- Excellent written and spoken English and Swahili

#### Desirable:

- Familiarity with major players in financial sector development in Tanzania

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Applications may be addressed to Barbara Hooper via [barbara@hammerglobal.com](mailto:barbara@hammerglobal.com) at Jack Hammer Africa. The closing date for applications is 2nd April 2022. If you do not receive any response within two weeks after the deadline, please assume your application was unsuccessful.

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# Agriculture ministry increases budget for extension services

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Ministry of Agriculture has increased its budget from 600m/- to 11bn/- for FY 2021/22 aimed to strengthen extension services to farmers.

This was disclosed here on Wednesday by Charles Mjema, representing the ministry's Permanent Secretary at the opening of a training seminar for a capacity building project in international environment protocols from the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) implemented in three African countries including Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Rwanda.

Mjema said the money will be used by 58 local councils in 14 regions, including three demonstration regions - Dodoma, Singida and Simiyu for investment and results obtained will be used as a basis for having strategic plans to strengthen extension services in the country.

He added that the money will be used to purchase 2,000 motorcycles for extension officers in the selected regions

and that the 630 extension officers to be provided with motorcycles will also be provided with money for fuel and routine maintenance.

He further said that already extension officers in the selected regions have already been provided with training, various tools including farm boots, raincoats and other equipment to enable them conduct examination of the soils in farmers' crop fields.

Mjema added that the Ministry of Agriculture is set to purchase 143 pieces of special equipment for soil examination able to examine 200 soil samples per day to be placed under local council jurisdiction.

He said the production of crop has been conducted routinely and many farmers do not adhere to better farming practices resulting in low crops' yield. In the circumstances, the government plans to invest more resources in the three regions and experience gained therefrom will help in coming up with a national plan for strengthening the country's extension services.

He added the demonstration farms strategy has appeared to be a good one in reaching many farmers at a time.

However, he admitted that the country is in short of extension officers saying so far there are 6,704 or 33 per cent of 20,538 required.

Mjema said just recently the Ministry of Agriculture established a digital system - M-Kilimo used in providing extension services to farmers via mobile phones whereby so far 6,980 extension officers and 5,545 farmers have registered to M-Kilimo digital system and are communicating, with the expectation that the system will cover more farmers in various areas of the country.

For his part, the Coordinator of the FAO Project, Diomedes Kalisa said the project is being sponsored by the European Union (EU) and implemented in Africa, the Caribbean and Pakistan of which in case of African countries including Tanzania the aim is to protect the environment especially the biodiversity that is an important component for food crops.



Deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), Patrobas Katambi speaks before receiving mattresses and beds donated by SELF Microfinance to be given to Yombo Disabled Vocational Training College in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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AGRI-CONNECT team leader Colin Scott speaks yesterday during the avocado national conference held in Mufindi District, Iringa Region, organised by AGRI-CONNECT programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture. The conference was geared towards gathering inputs from all relevant stakeholders in order to design a clear implementation plan that will improve coordination and prioritise actions required to promote the Tanzanian avocado industry. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

# Write project proposals, Prof Mkenda tells university dons

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

UNIVERSITY lecturers have been challenged to cultivate a culture of writing project proposals to solicit funds from donors to help the development of their institutions instead of depending only on government for funds that aren't there.

Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolph Mkenda threw the challenge on Wednesday when opening the 2022 international conference on pursuing knowledge frontiers for land management, built environment and climate change adaptation for sustainable development organised by Ardhi University (ARU).

Prof Mkenda also commended ARU on how it has succeeded to use its academicians to conduct several researchers that enabled to get different products from waste materials.

"I real commend you for this achievement, you have managed to build relationship with abroad varsities and Sida-Sweden the situation which has helped many of our people get scholarship to conduct researchers and study in Sweden," he said, stressing that in the coming budget government will set aside money for researchers project and scholarships for Tanzanian students to go in different universities abroad to study various field of work

The minister said apart from the fact

that the government will set aside funds to facilitate researchers and provide scholarship to some students; universities should build partnerships with their counterparts abroad so that they can get funds for their development.

He said the ARU Vice Chancellor, Prof Evaristo Liwa and the university council chairperson ambassador Salome Sijona have done tremendous job in building relationship with other universities abroad.

"I would like to see efforts like this is emulated by other universities like University of Dodoma, Mzumbe and other so that they can get funds for their development instead of waiting for government assistance every time," he said

He said universities should encourage professors who do projects write up to solicit funds from donors because the trend shows that some of them are discouraged by their colleague within universities, noting that many professor from various university around the world write project proposal to get fund from different donors for the development of their universities and they have been very helpful.

"Many universities all over the world don't depend much on their governments because their professors regularly they write proposal and get funds which help the development of their universities. This is done in South Africa, Egypt, USA, and Sweden so you have all

the reason to do so," he said

Prof Mkenda said universities are supposed to put conducive environment to enable their professors to fulfill this task instead of putting obstacles against them something which discourage.

ARU Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs Prof Gabriel Kassenga, said the meeting involves different research stakeholders to digest the research which was conducted by ARU between 2017-2022 in collaboration with Swedish university of agriculture sciences and Chalmers University of Technology. He said the meeting also involves stakeholders of land issues and climate change regarding the research which is expected to bring changes on policy formulation about land and climate change.

According to Prof Kassenga, during the three days of the conference, research findings will be shared amongst researchers from universities and research institutions, practitioners, policy makers and the industry.

He said 80 per cent of the presentations in the conference are based on research findings originating from research projects conducted under the Sida capacity building programme which have impacted positively the ARU research community to carry out research and actively participate in the conference through paper presentations.

## Dr Mwinyi lauds Dutch govt for readiness to support Z'bar economic pursuits

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said that the readiness by the Netherlands to support strategies and policies on the Isles blue economy will to a great extent enable to attain set targets. President Mwinyi made the remarks here yesterday at Zanzibar State House during talks he held with Ambassador of the Netherlands in Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer.

During the talks, dr Mwinyi praised the Dutch government's intention to work together with Zanzibar to strengthen its development sectors including the blue economy.

Dr Mwinyi explained to the Dutch envoy that how the Zanzibar Government has put in place its strategies in strengthening and developing the blue economy and used the occasion to welcome Dutch investors to invest in Zanzibar. He also told Ambassador Wiebe de Boer that the Zanzibar government will continue to put in place enabling environment for investors who will decide to invest in Zanzibar. Dr Mwinyi also praised existing ties between Zanzibar and the Netherlands and stressed for the need to enhance those ties in various development sectors including the blue economy.

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Marie Stopes Tanzania (MST), a Non-Governmental Organization, is a social enterprise and a leading provider of family planning, sexual and reproductive health care and allied services. MST is a partner of the Government of Tanzania and a member of the Marie Stopes International (MSI) Global Partnership, which operates in over 37 countries worldwide. MST is committed to its employees, clients, children, and vulnerable adults' protection, and has zero tolerance to any sort of harassment. MST promotes a speaking up culture whereby employees work transparently and are empowered to report any existence or potential existence of harassment at workplaces.

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### Youth Mobilization Officer:

#### Job Purpose:

The Youth Mobilization Officer provides a key strategic focus within the advocacy team. She/he also plays a vital role in supporting other teams to excel in meeting the needs of young people with sexual and reproductive health services and information. The Youth Mobilization Officer reports to and works closely with the Advocacy and External Communication team where the Head may also assign the post holder additional tasks.

#### Among Key Responsibilities:

- Implementing a Youth Communication Strategy in Vocational and higher Learning Institutions
- Provide Technical assistance in the implementation of Youth Mobilization Components of the projects
- Participate in project set-up by providing technical inputs and the available information in the country patterning the Youth Mobilisation component
- Participate in both internal and external project evaluations & support Research team
- Document the case studies, interesting stories and lessons learnt related to youth and community mobilisation components
- Participate in the dissemination of results to the stakeholders at field and central level and share the status of youth and community mobilization components

- Advocacy and campaigning.

#### Minimum Requirements:

##### Qualifications:

- University Degree in any health or social sciences field from a reputable institution
- Attended training on cross cutting issues particularly youth & community mobilisation
- Additional qualification in project management is desirable.

##### Experience:

- At least 2- year experience in working in the youth and community mobilisation interventions with a health organisation
- Experience in the fields of sexual reproductive and child health particularly Family Planning, post-abortion care and advocacy
- Experience in collating information from various sources to produce reports for different audiences.

##### Skills:

- Ability to network and create positive, mutually co-operative relationships
- Decision making skills
- Training and facilitation skills are desirable
- Able to prioritise complex workload and work independently
- IT literate mainly with word, excel, outlook and Power Point
- Numerate (for performance analysis and budget development)
- Strong written, presentation and verbal communication skills
- Fluent in English and Swahili both oral and written.

#### Mode of Application:

If you feel that you are able to meet the requirements, and you are motivated enough to be part of the team, please send your application CV and cover letter by email detailing your suitability and why you are interested in the post, to the address below:

Director of Human Resources and Administration  
Marie Stopes Tanzania  
Plot 421 & 422 Mwenge | Kijitonyama area  
P.O. Box 7072, Dar es Salaam | Tanzania.  
Telephone: +255 22 2774991-4, +255 22 2702030-2  
E-mail: [jobs@mst.or.tz](mailto:jobs@mst.or.tz)

**Closing date:** All applications should reach the addressee before **Monday March 21, 2022. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.**



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## Coordinator, Finance

Reporting to the Senior Manager-Finance, the incumbent will be responsible for looking after accounting and finance functions for AKU-Tanzania and will assist Manager-Finance and Entity Heads in decision making by providing the necessary financial data and reports. This position will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

#### Position responsibilities:

##### 1. Financial Management & Control

- Monitor and manage fixed assets, inventory, treasury functions and inter-entity transactions.
- Supervise monthly payroll for timely payment to staff, ensure all deductions for loans and advances are made, statutory deductions are done properly and paid in time to the TRA, NSSF, WCF and others.
- File VAT returns, duty, and other exemptions with relevant authorities on daily basis and
- Supervise timely and accurate closing of monthly/annual accounts and supervise grant audits.
- Liaise with external and internal auditors for annual and periodic audits.
- Preparation of Financial statements as per International Accounting Standards and other management templates/reports.

##### 2. Planning, budgeting, and reporting

- Prepare annual budgets and 5 years/15 years rolling budgets for all AKU-TZ entities (IED, PGME, SONAM and FAS) in consultation with Entity Heads.
- Prepare feasibility/costing studies required for services/ programmes.
- Monthly, quarterly, annual reporting of all AKU-TZ entities (monthly financial performance, funding requests, newsletters, AKDN reports).
- Prepare grant budgets in consultation with project leads / entity heads.

#### Skills, Qualifications and Experience

- CPA or ACCA or CMA
- MBA
- 5+ years of experience in a large organization (100+ employees) with exposure to financial planning, reporting, analysis, grant budgets and day to day accounting functions. Having supervisory skills/experience of managing a team of 5-10 people will be a definite advantage.
- Having knowledge of IFRS and their application.

#### How to Apply

If you meet the requirements of this position, please send your application package which should include an application letter, an updated CV to [hr.recruitment@aku.edu](mailto:hr.recruitment@aku.edu) not later than 27th March, 2022.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. For further information, please visit <http://www.aku.edu>



## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MELCO CONVEYORS (OEM) IDLERS AND ROLLERS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED

### I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Gold Mining Limited ("The Company") an AngloGold Ashanti's ("AGA") asset is located in north-western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region, about 5km from Geita town.

The Company is in the process of procuring Melco conveyors (Idlers and Rollers) and, therefore, inviting interested eligible Suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the equipment's as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01242	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MELCO CONVEYORS (OEM) IDLERS AND ROLLERS TO GGML

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01242)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Ability to supply products that meet required OEM specifications	20%
Proof of supply of similar products – with references	20%
Evidence of technical expertise and after sales support	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01242)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than 8.30AM 25TH March 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## Stanbic Bank hands over 70 trucks to GSM

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Bank Tanzania through its Vehicle Assets Financing and Biashara Exchange propositions in partnership with Sino Truck has supported the GSM group to purchase 70 business trucks for its subsidiary transportation company Galco.

The handover ceremony was held at the GSM offices in Kurasini and attended by Galco General Manager Sultan Abdullah and Stanbic Bank Head of Vehicle Asset Finance, John Mosha.

Speaking during the handover ceremony, Mosha reiterated the bank's commitment to providing customer-centric solutions and enabling business growth and transformation. "Our customers are the centre of what we do, and we strive to ensure that they are

supported, GSM is one of our valued partners and clients. We appreciate them for choosing us to support them in this process. Through Vehicle Asset Financing (VAF), Business Exchange (Africa-China support solution), and our Bancassurance propositions we were a one-stop shop for GSM streamlining the procedure in the acquisition of the trucks. We will continue to ensure businesses get access to financing for quality vehicles," Mosha said.

GSM Chief Commercial Officer Allan Chonjo said that the new trucks will enable the company's expansion as well as create more job opportunities.

"We are excited at the opportunities that this service has opened for us to grow as a business, with the new trucks we now have a fleet of 800

trucks and this will increase our capabilities in servicing our customers within the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region." Chonjo further said: "Stanbic has been our partner every step of the way, supporting the company's vision and facilitating its implementation and we look forward for future collaborations."

Stanbic Bank Tanzania, vehicle financing structure makes the process for vehicle acquisition easy and seamless for its customers.

According to Mosha, the bank's vehicle financing structure goes beyond just giving out loans but provides a holistic vehicle financing package that benefits its customers and gives them access to affordable insurance from trusted partners.



Community Development, Women and Children minister, Dr Dorothy Gwajima hands over a trophy to one of the women entrepreneurs during the Tanzania Women Industrial Awards which was organised by Tanzania Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) and sponsored by GIZ. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala



## Employment Opportunity-Pact Tanzania

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Pact enables systemic solutions that allow those who are poor and marginalized to earn a dignified living, be healthy, and take part in the benefits that nature provides. Pact accomplishes this by strengthening local capacity, forging effective governance systems, and transforming markets into a force for development.

### Project Overview

ACHIEVE is a five-year, USAID-funded global cooperative agreement with the dual objectives of attaining and sustaining HIV epidemic control among at-risk and hard to reach pregnant and breastfeeding (PBF) women, infants, children, and youth, as well as mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS and prevent HIV transmission among these populations; and supporting the transition of prime funding and implementation to capable local partners in order to meet the PEPFAR goal of 70% of funding to local partners.

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

Pact Tanzania is looking for an enthusiastic, creative, energetic individual to fill the following vacant positions for the ACHIEVE Tanzania Project:

**Position :** Director of Partnerships and Local Sustainability (1 position)

**Project :** ACHIEVE Tanzania Project

**Position Location :** Dar es Salaam

**Contract Duration :** 1 year (Renewable)

**Job Description and Application Link:**

<https://cvpeople.tanzania.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers/59404400006964020/Director-of-Partnerships-and-Local-Sustainability?source=CareerSite>

**Application Deadline :** Friday – 18th March 2022

### Detailed Position Job Descriptions and How to Apply:

If you believe you are the ideal person we are looking for, please submit your application online describing why you are the right candidate for this position and a curriculum vitae detailing your experience and three (3) professional referees from previous and current places of employment. Please send the application online (through the CVPEOPLE Tanzania link under position) as only the applications sent online will be reviewed.

### Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

To learn more about Pact Tanzania visit: <http://www.pactworld.org/country/tanzania>

## Firm donates mattresses and beds worth over 29m/-

By Guardian Reporter

SELF Microfinance has celebrated the International Women's Day in style by donating 80 mattresses and 40 beds worth 29.3m/- for Yombo Disabled Vocational Training College in Dar es Salaam.

In his address, Deputy Minister for Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities, Patrobas Katambi said that the financial entity has shown a way for others to follow.

He reiterated that the government will continue to improve policies and amend its laws to ensure that the rights of people with disabilities are fully protected across the coun-

try.

"Government under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan has set aside 8bn/- to improve and rehabilitate infrastructure of all disabled vocational training centres across the country," said Katambi.

Katambi added that the government will continue to improve its policies on People with Disabilities (PWDs) to ensure that they participate fully in the economic activities.

"We all aware that people with disabilities have opportunities to get assistance from donors and Good Samaritans, but we want to enact laws that protect the rights legally," he noted.

He said that SELF Microfinance has

continued to provide excellent services to Tanzanians by providing loans to the poorest of the poor, especially in rural areas.

For his part, Chief Executive Officer for SELF Microfinance Fund, Mudith Cheyo said the fund aims at implementing government policies on economic empowerment of low-income people.

He also added that the resolution to access to credit-based loans for low-income people, especially in rural areas. He said that as of December 2021, the institution has successfully secured loans of 257.9bn/- to 187,731 borrowers as well as continued lending to various institutions across the country.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL "RFP" EXTERNAL AUDIT & TAX SERVICES FOR RAILWAY CHILDREN AFRICA (RCA) REFERENCE NUMBER: RCA/PMU/2022/22/01

### Introduction:

Railway Children Africa is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) registered in Tanzania working to support Children and Youth Working and Living in the Street (CYWLS). In Tanzania we have offices in Mwanza and Dar es Salaam. Railway Children Africa is also an affiliate of Railway Children a charity based in the UK. Our annual turnover is approximately USD 1.05M and our expenses consists of grants to partners, employee related costs, Programme activities costs, and costs incurred in developing the partners. Further information about the work of Railway Children can be found on our website [www.railwaychildren.org.uk](http://www.railwaychildren.org.uk)

### Purpose & Scope of work:

Railway Children Africa invites interested, competent, registered, and reputable Medium to large Audit firm (Including current services provider) registered in Tanzania by NBAA to submit their RFP focused on audit of our financial statements and our conformance with accounting principles and IPSAS and thereafter process tax returns to be filled to statutory authorities in the country. The first assignment will take place from January 2023.

### The work to be performed include but not limited to:

- Examine RCA financial transactions to ensure supporting documents are accurate, reliable, and free of material misstatement.
- Assess the overall presentation of RCA financial statements and make sure they are in accordance with the approved budgets and in accordance with IPSAS.
- Examine effectiveness of systems, policies and procedures that were in place during the audit period.
- Review payroll and benefits administration to ensure they comply with RCA own requirements, local labour, and applicable laws.
- Review prior year audit findings and their implementation status.
- Complete the secondary auditor questionnaire and report results and findings of work to our UK auditors in line with overall reporting timetable.
- Visit at least 2 selected RCA implementing partners based in Mwanza, Dodoma or Dar es Salaam and review transactions, systems, and other

compliance requirements. This will be agreed in advance with auditors on which partner to review.

### Firm Proposal Requirements:

- A proposal should be written in English and contain:
- Firms' information, address, contact person, registered NBAA number, TRA TIN, VRN and other relevant registration information.
- Give brief history of your firm, including audit practice, audit methodology, tools, and technology as well as the team and their qualification.
- Number of for profit, public and not for profit clients for which you provide audit or tax services.
- Details of professional education (CPE) held by the team or firm.
- Provide at least 2 client references with organization name and contact information.
- Please add your other relevant information as deemed necessary.

### Fees:

Please provide a detailed fee proposal, including how fees are calculated. If there are other services, you intended to impose additional fees please specify. Indicate timeline of conducting the exercise and quote all fees in either TZS, USD, or GBP.

### How to apply:

- Interested bidders should be emailing their proposal to [jobs.mwanza@railwaychildren.or.tz](mailto:jobs.mwanza@railwaychildren.or.tz) not later than 1700hrs on 17th Mar 2022.
- This is not an open bid but rather a solicitation of pre-qualified vendors who will be contracted to offer services to Railway Children Africa. Railway Children Africa reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and is not bound to give reasons for its decision.
- Late bidders, portion of bids, and bids not received on time shall not be accepted.
- Railway Children Africa is committed to instilling a strong anti-corruption culture and upholding its values and all laws relevant to countering bribery and corruption. If any of our staff, ask for kickback and or commission please report the incident by writing to [complaints@railwaychildren.or.tz](mailto:complaints@railwaychildren.or.tz).

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### KEY INFORMATION:

<b>Assignment Title</b>	<b>Review and Harmonization of the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework (MEL) for Results Reporting of WAJIBU</b>
<b>Contract Duration</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March – 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 (2 months)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Dar Es Salaam</b>
<b>Delivery/Product</b>	<b>MEL Framework delivered by 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022</b>

### 1. About WAJIBU

WAJIBU was duly established in Tanzania on 13th January 2015 as the Company Limited by Guarantee under the Companies Act (Cap 212) and changed its registration on 16th July 2019 under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act of 2002 in compliance with legislative amendments of 2019. WAJIBU's core business is to support and promote public financial accountability and good governance in Tanzania. WAJIBU aims at empowering citizens and their representatives to demand accountability and good governance on the collection and use of public funds. Its work emphasizes the enhancement of effective public financial accountability. WAJIBU uses the Public Social Accountability Monitoring (PSAM) tool to assess public resources management and good governance and provide feedback to its stakeholders.

WAJIBU follows a holistic approach while promoting proper public financial resource management and good governance, it uses information from key oversight institutions in the management of public resources and oversight for accountability and good governance. On its conduct, WAJIBU engages all key stakeholders including the National Assembly, Controller and Auditor General (CAG), the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the citizens, media, and other likeminded non-Government institutions.

WAJIBU's high-level expected impact is to contribute to improvement in public financial management in Tanzania. Reports of the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) documents and show good signs of progress in public service delivery and expenditure management over time, and improvement in revenue mobilization and systematic reduction in wasteful expenditures in Tanzania.

WAJIBU has started implementation of a five-year Strategic Plan (SP) 2021-25, which builds on their 2017-2021 Strategic Plan that was ended December 2020. The SP was developed with consultations with all key stakeholders. The SP provides WAJIBU with a strong basis to achieve the vision and mission set out by its Board of Directors.

### 2. WAJIBU's Vision:

"To become the best think-tank on Public Financial Accountability for poverty reduction"

### 3. WAJIBU's Mission:

"Our mission is to apply Public Social Accountability Monitoring (PSAM) analytical tool to ensure that there is proper public resources management and good governance in the country. This will be accomplished by enhancing effective public financial accountability through policy advocacy and research, capacity building, and citizen engagement while building WAJIBU as a strong public financial accountability think tank-institution."

### 4. The WAJIBU's Strategic Objectives (SO):

1. Citizens through CSOs' engage on Public Financial Accountability,
2. Capacity building on Public Financial Accountability to all stakeholders,
3. Policy Advocacy and Research on Public Financial Accountability conducted, and
4. Building WAJIBU as a Public Financial Accountability Think Tank Institution in the country.

### 5. Rationale

Section 4 of the SP 2021-25 provides the Strategic Objectives, Targets, Strategies and Key Performance Indicators. The framework is very descriptive and contains multiple objectives that enables WAJIBU to evaluate learning and performance. The section outlines generic baseline and several indicators to measure annual progress. The baseline information and respective performance measures provide a very high-level description of the current situation/baseline. However, the challenge is that, this framework is not sufficient to measure results or changes in ways that is commonly accepted.

Therefore, WAJIBU plans to improve its MEL framework for results reporting to a more robust one, comprehensive but simple in use. A comprehensive and robust MEL Framework will guide the tracking of results based on its strategy and direction, management and governance, quality of outputs and the extent to which WAJIBU's work reaches to the right audience, enhance uptake of recommendations, and link well with outcomes and impact. The results reporting tools will also enable WAJIBU to capture the diverse reporting and monitoring needs of funders and capture the effects of changes in political economy and its relative implication to WAJIBU's work.

WAJIBU plans to engage an independent and experienced consultant to review the current MEL framework with view to ensuring its robustness, comprehensives, simplicity and harmonized information needs with the funding partners in line with WAJIBU SP 2021-2025. The consultant will review the current MEL framework of WAJIBU, consult with funding partners and other stakeholders of WAJIBU to establish their information needs that will appropriately inform their results reporting. The aim of this consultation is to come up with a revised Results Framework and Results Reporting Tools for WAJIBU.

### 6. Objectives of the Assignment

#### i. Overall objective

The overall objective of this assignment is to assess and provide inputs for strengthening Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework that will guide the organization's MEL activities and facilitate capturing of results, learning and practices. This assignment will comprise needs and gaps assessment, providing inputs for a robust MEL Framework in consultation with funding partners, and supporting operationalization of the improved MEL framework. The assignment will focus on the following specific objectives:

#### ii. Specific Objectives

- a) To review the existing WAJIBU's logical model and establish whether the current MEL framework is appropriate to WAJIBU's theory of change and its strategic objectives.
- b) To review WAJIBU's monitoring and Evaluation tools and reporting templates, policies, procedures, and guidance notes to identify gaps.
- c) To suggest and discuss areas of improvements in the MEL Framework, including tools, templates, and other process with respect to anticipated outcomes for each strategic objective.
- d) To propose and discuss appropriate measures for harmonizing WAJIBU's results framework with the common needs of funding partners for the purpose of enhancing reporting and accountability.
- e) To produce a simplified MEL Framework for the organisation that is appropriate to WAJIBU's theory of change and its strategic objectives.
- f) To develop a simple result reporting toolkit/templates for collecting results using the MEL framework
- g) To propose ways in which these two tools (MEL Framework and its reporting template) can be customized into the WAJIBU's MIS system.
- h) To provide continuous support to WAJIBU staff on the MEL Framework and its reporting template operationalization whenever required.
- i) To develop performance measurement framework
- j) To develop MEL framework Indicators with performance indicator reference sheets
- k) To develop the operationalization of the MEL framework which includes governance framework, data collection and flow, reporting, evaluations, learning and learning review and capacity strengthening.

### 7. Scope of Work

#### a. Consultants Responsibilities

- The consultant is expected to work collaboratively with WAJIBU's team to identify the scope of the MEL framework. However, to be effective, the Consultant will need to understand WAJIBU's Organizational structure, Theory of Change (ToC) underlying its strategic plan and its existing reporting framework on one hand, and the information needs for the results framework of the funders on the other stakeholders.
- To conduct a thorough desk review of the existing WAJIBU M&E system and tools to identify the strengths and weaknesses and see how the tools can be harmonized with reporting needs of its key partners and improving the reporting structure. The consultant should also conduct interviews with development partners (DPs) providing support to WAJIBU to identify their reporting requirements which will then be used to inform MEL system re-design and its reporting tools.
- To review the current MEL tools which includes but not limited to: Tools for data collection; indicator tracking table (ITT), stakeholder complaints and feedback mechanism and other relevant tools and any available MEL tools. The consultant(s) is expected to review and advise on the appropriate framework for customization to the WAJIBU's MIS, that will enable WAJIBU to store, manage and access M&E data systematically and reliably. Such a framework may include but not limited to Appropriate Data format, Data organization mechanism, Data quality and control protocols, Responsibility and accountability of data management, Data security and legalities considerations and suggestions for most effective/efficient Information technology tools.
- To analyse the existing WAJIBU information flow and suggest an improved information flow, mapped out in an information flow chart. To this end, the consultant will work with WAJIBU staff to come up with the most effective and efficient mechanism for utilization and dissemination of MEL information and which will have to be documented. This will also include a map of a reporting cycle that will facilitate timely reporting.
- To Provide continuous support to WAJIBU staff on the MEL Framework and its reporting requirements. This support may take place at times when the MEL staff require more technical support during the results harvesting or in the results reporting process.
- To conduct a capacity gap analysis at WAJIBU to implement a robust results framework and MEL overall in terms of practices, knowledge, and institutional arrangements where necessary that need revision or addressing in order to effectively manage the MEL Framework and its reporting.

### 8. Expected Deliverables

- A comprehensive review and identification of gaps on the M&E framework and result reporting structure.
- Building on the identified gaps- A comprehensive list of actions and inputs for improving MEL system towards a robust and comprehensive MEL Framework, including amongst others: -
  - Indicators to measure progress and performance,
  - Indicators to measure and link inputs, outputs, outcomes and impact
  - Feedback mechanism process,
  - MEL data collection and reporting tools,
  - Reporting cycle/calendar for different projects, and templates for harmonized reporting based on needs of the core funders.
  - Baseline data for establishing robust M&E framework and reporting formats,
  - Structure and inputs for establishing a harmonized result framework, and
  - Proposal for capacity building plan to WAJIBU's staff on the MEL Framework.
- Recommendations for robust and diverse alternative formats and templates for harmonized reporting based on the needs and the MIS system's requirements.
- Provide continuous support to WAJIBU staff on the MEL Framework and reporting requirements when required by WAJIBU

### 9. Expected Outcome of the MEL Framework:

WAJIBU is expecting that, the MEL Framework will contribute towards WAJIBU being a results-oriented organization, where plans, budgets and strategies are prepared on the information basis of the accrued achievements. This in turn will improve the country's transparency and public financial accountability at all levels for poverty reduction to benefit all citizens.

### 10. Duration of the assignment:

The assignment is expected to start in March and end in May. The actual dates will be agreed upon during negotiations under part 13.

### 11. Qualifications and Professional Experience

- Minimum of master's degree in a field relevant to the assignment, such as development studies, economics, M&E, project management, other social science fields, or business administration.
- At least 7 years of experience in Results Based Management (RBM), Strategic Planning, and M&E related capacity building
- Experience in designing and conducting monitoring and evaluation of programs/projects in a policy research context
- Advanced knowledge on M&E Frameworks, M&E Plans, Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) Management
- Experience in designing, conducting and managing social and economic policy research and familiar with socio-economic development challenges and needs of Tanzania
- Knowledge of donors funded projects monitoring and reporting systems
- Previous experience in similar assignments with donor-funded projects would be an added advantage.
- Possess facilitation, mentorship, and training skills
- Excellent in English language (written and oral) and proficient in computer skills.

### 12. Coordination:

The overall coordination of the process will rest within WAJIBU through the selected contact person. The WAJIBU's contact person will address all logistical arrangements from the development of terms of reference through to having a final MEL Framework and its reporting tools.

### 13. Cost of the consultancy:

This will be negotiated with the consultant(s) after submission of their tender bid document (interpretation of Terms of Reference) technical and financial and selection of the qualified consultant to carry out the assignment.

### 14. Payment

- The consultancy fee will be paid in three instalments as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment: - 30% of the consultancy fee after signing of the Contract.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment: - 40% of the consultancy fee is payable after the consultant has submitted the draft MEL Framework and its Reporting tools.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment: - 30% of the consultancy fee is payable after the consultant has submitted the final MEL Framework and its reporting tools with its customization advise report for the WAJIBU's MIS system.

### 15. Address:

The tender bidding documents should be submitted in two copies hard and soft in the following address:

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## Low grain price rises amid global conflict shows self-reliance works

STATISTICAL authorities say that the annual headline inflation rate has decreased to 3.7 per cent in the past month, from 4.0 per cent recorded in January. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Tuesday that the overall index went up from 102.44 last February to 106.20 in the past month, highlighting that the decrease in headline inflation is explained by price decrease in food and key non-food items. Looking at price trends around the world, it is clear that the picture we observe is exceptional/

The point here is that improved conditions of agro-sector investments on the one hand, and greater sourcing of natural gas needs within the country have shielded the public from possibly accentuated price rises, especially arising from ongoing conflict in Eastern Europe. President Samia Suluhu Hassan used the occasion of women's day celebrations in Zanzibar to caution the public to be on the alert, that despite great efforts by the government to stem price increases due to an unstable global trading environment, there could be sharp rises in the offing. That said, we have definitely avoided some price push inputs.

Those who remember the sort of inflationary situation that especially followed the huge oil price increases following the Yom Kippur War in the Middle East in October 1973 will definitely realise that the country's economy is far more resilient now, such that while many economies relying on wheat imports from Russia and Ukraine in par-

particular are feeling the heat, price increases here are pretty low. The reason is that commercial farming is now more extensive than earlier, and it is consistent in output.

While Members of Parliament occasionally point out that we do not as yet allocate up to ten per cent of the Budget for agriculture as some protocols of the African Union demand that African nations make this a priority, what we are doing isn't in the least a marginal situation.

We may not be out of the woods yet with regard to possible price surges owing to conflict and excessive demand when assured supplies are cut out and existing stocks dry up.

But with existing agro-sector financial credit channels we constantly hear about, it is possible local production can pick up and even assist global agencies seeking for supplies.

Wheat grains prices rose by 1.8 per cent, rice by 3.1 per cent, finger millet grains by 1.3 per cent, maize grains by 5.2 per cent, wheat flour by 1.1 per cent, maize flour by 1.4 per cent, fresh fish by 3.5 per cent, cooking oil by 1.8 per cent and round potatoes by 3.1 per cent.

The speed of commodity price changes for the year ended February 2022 was fairly low, while some non-food items pushed up the price index, but even then just marginally, as house maintenance materials rose by 2.4 per cent and charcoal by 1.2 per cent. Beverage prices rises were sharper but that situation is easier to accommodate than basic food items.

## We have plenty to show in celebrating International Day of Women Judges

UNLIKE the International Women's Day marked on March 8, the International Day of Women Judges marked on March 10 this year for the first time is a significantly specialised event.

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) led the way in preparations for this year's event with a new initiative, the Women in Justice/for Justice, to focus on international justice with a gender perspective.

The key point is that despite women's increased engagement in public life, they remain substantially underrepresented in decision-making positions, the UN agency affirms.

Globally a rather small number of women have been, or are part of, the judiciary, particularly at senior judicial positions; thus we in Tanzania are doing well.

Tanzania has had a women lawyers' association and even an association for judges and magistrates, and women have gained plenty as the fifth and now sixth phase governments worked hard to implant the High Court more solidly in the regions, apart from widening the presence of magistrates' courts generally.

UN chroniclers emphasise that women's representation in the Judiciary is key to ensuring that courts represent citizens more accurately rather than in a skewed manner, as judicial officers' sentiments have a role in the way justice is seen to be done. For too long people thought the issue was just expertise, but views shifted.

Activists around the world, given the diversity of cultures and what this means for women in cases for instance concerning property or

inheritance, or other issues that touch women closely, campaign for the greater inclusion of women in judicial functions. They expect that this will address women's concerns and hand down more balanced judgments, a viewpoint that emphasises opportunity in that regard which in a sense presents itself as a fulcrum of change. The point though remains that if a society needs to sorely address injustices that women face in society, it is change that comes first, not women judges that bring it.

As a matter of fact countries where women face constitutional and juridical discrimination will not have many women in magistrate or judge positions, owing to the sensitivity they carry with conservative keepers of the social order.

UN chroniclers go too far in asserting that "by their mere presence, women judges enhance the legitimacy of courts, sending a powerful signal that they are open and accessible to those who seek recourse to justice." That means case outcomes depend on gender of judges, not the law.

Looking at the way issues arrive in court, it isn't gender that is primary but the character of the issue and the contending parties. In an inheritance contention women of the male side of the matter will stand with their relative in their sentiments even if they aren't needed to stand in court to testify.

Experience shows that there is greater solidarity on the basis of ties of birth (consanguinity) often eclipsing conjugal ties, as a wife is replaceable while a sibling isn't. Hardly anyone seeks help from in-laws, but with siblings, yes.

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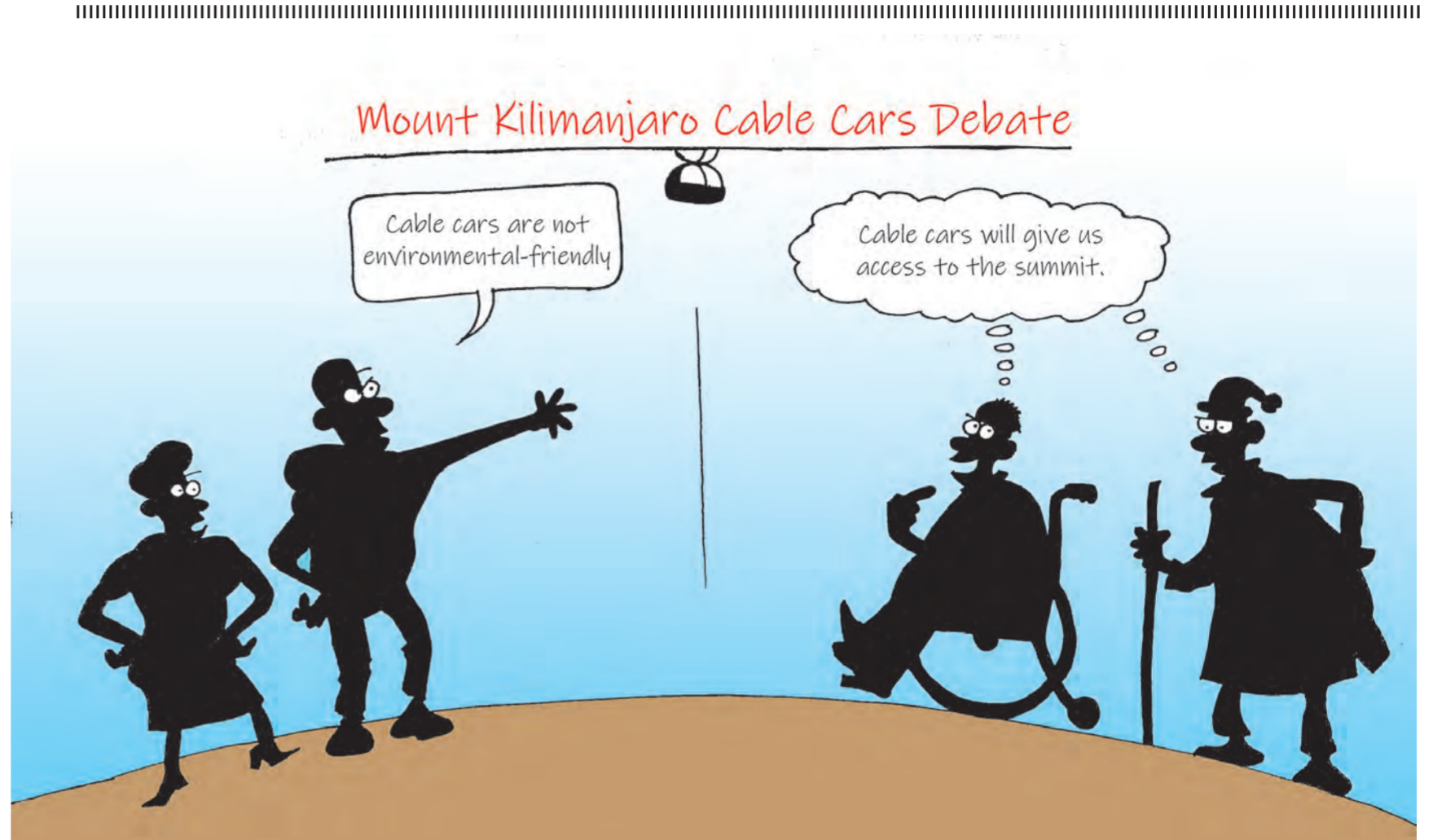
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## Let us find a competent council



By Special Correspondent

WHILE Harare City Council has been keen to push up rates and other charges, it continues to provide worsening services and to degrade the city environment as it resolutely continues to destroy wetlands and keep up the creeping encroachment into public recreational land of the new housing stands for the well-connected.

What a council is supposed to do is well laid out, and in fact is rather logical. The first local authority in the area was the Salisbury Sanitary Board, which was exactly what it says in the title, a determined effort by those living in the little town to make sure sewage was disposed of, rubbish collected, drains kept clear and the wells supplying water were not polluted. They wanted to live in their new town, not die in it.

When it became a municipality a few years later it basically added roads to the mix, with a lot of the original rates spent on fixing the storm water drainage and working out how to smooth and maintain the roads.

One of the reasons for the major tree planting after the South African War early last century was to manage the dust, although it was also a food-for-work scheme for unemployed settlers.

But in less than a decade, the people of the little town certainly knew what they wanted their council to do, and expected it to be done. And when it was not done, and the mayor flung the municipality into bankruptcy through the most incredible incompetence and spending on luxuries, like a gold chain and office block rather than on water, sewerage and roads, they put in a brand new reformist council that did fix the proto-city.

The check sheet for what the city council has done in recent years is missing a lot of ticks in the columns marked looking after the people, although there is a good sprinkling of ticks in the columns marked looking after the councillors.

Garbage is collected intermittently, although trucks have been in the budget for years but not bought.

People in the eastern suburbs look with envy when they see decent, clean and functioning garbage trucks emblazoned with the insignia of the Ruwa Local Board, not even a municipality, trundle down Mutare Road and wonder how a small town can do so much better than a big city.

We can wait days, weeks even, for burst water pipes and sewers to be repaired, and when they are repaired we can wait another month or three for the holes to be filled in, and when they are filled in we find the storm water drain choked and the new surface crumbling before the first drops of rain in a new season start falling.

We agree that some of those digging up the roads and clogging the drains are providers of other services, but the council is supposed to lay down the conditions and sign off the repairs later. Well that is another thing they do not do.

The central Government has intervened to repair city roads, and it had to declare urban roads a state of disaster, an accurate description, to legally intervene in municipal affairs and now proposes to continue the work by moving down from the main arterial and ring roads to the second tier.

Many of those roads are even more badly damaged because those who dig them up just left them.

Street lighting used to be a major service. The city council and the independent town management boards

that ran many low-density suburbs were very proud as they ticked off each street and often held a little ceremony as the last street in an area was lit up.

Even the high-density suburbs were given those tower lights, not quite so good, but at least providing security and light, and Harare from the air at night looked quite impressive with these long threads of light spreading like a spider's web, rather than the pool of darkness you see now.

Recent reports show that environmental degradation is spreading with wetlands being continually destroyed as the council goes all out to convert the city into a solid slab of concrete, without a break.

The wetlands not only have the value as a wetland, but are a sensible way of using land that is not really suitable for building as the public open spaces we all need.

It is difficult to know how the new commercial and residential stands carved out of the wetlands are allocated.

But one set of beneficiaries was accidentally discovered when one of the city councillors dumped in the intra-opposition wars was found building on a council stand she had been allocated. She said it was a perk of the job of being a councillor.

That might have horrified her predecessors until very recently, who thought being a councillor was a way of serving the community rather than winning a housing stand lottery, but

at least we now know.

This is not the first time Harare has been in a major financial mess with allegations of corruption and incompetence and people getting tired of populist rascals. Early last century the municipality had overdrawn its overdraft, watched the drainage works collapse, seen the roads vanish into just clouds and suffered most of the other ills.

A group of four businesspeople decided to do something. They won control of the council and fixed things. Those who wonder why Milton Cleveland's name adorns so much can realise that he was mayor for four years, in two batches of two years.

In the first pair of terms he fixed the finances and administration and got the basic services restored. A few years later he came back for another pair of terms and using the restored finances signed off the contracts for the first water supply dam, the first water pipes and the first power station.

The lesson that can be applied in the coming by-elections and those next year is that we can look at the candidates, and start choosing those who are already successful and know what they are doing, rather than voting on the colour of their shirts, which does not really, as we have been finding, have much to do with water supply, garbage collection, sewers and roads, the things councillors need to worry about.



# Happy belated Women's Day but why do men fear powerful women?

**I**N the spirit of International Women's Day we commemorated last Tuesday, it is only fair to commend all career women out there and appreciate incredible milestones reached by female workers in their varying professions and talents.

Apart from this acknowledgement, I cannot also forget the sentiments made by people (men and women) at workplaces led by female bosses. One of the things I've heard severally from my male friends, especially the outgoing caliber, is that they wouldn't want a woman to be their boss!

Several years ago, one of my friends left a job where he had a woman as his boss, and I remember his freedom speech very well. He said, "I will never ever have a woman as my boss". He went off to start his own company and has since been happier.

Sometimes in 2018, I met up with one of the 'awesome' groups I have ever been part of; young and unmarried folks above 25 years of age pursuing different careers. The 'young' is silent because it is relative. We met on a Sunday for lunch and a catch up. I still remember how loudly I had insisted that we do not visit another mall for any of our meetings. We had been to every mall you can think of within the city and we all wanted change.

After our hunger was satisfied, a conversation about marriage and money was floated. The main question was to the gentlemen, as to whether they would marry ladies who earned more than them. The quickest answers were 'NOs, the YESs needed to be explained, and most of my good friends maintained their stand: NO! There could have been other reasons for their response, but my understanding was that they felt more secure in relationships if they earned more than their spouses.

Last week, I thought more about women than any other time of my life. There are days I move about thinking of myself as a human being, but this week I have thought of myself differently—as a woman and what being a woman means to my work, family, academics and life in general.



A number of women have come to my mind and one of them is Michelle Obama, for how could I ignore her \$4,000 high thigh Balenciaga boots? That's not enough, because her book 'Becoming' was published on November 13, and had sold three million copies by November 30, becoming the bestselling book in the US, in 2018. According to Amazon and CNN, the book is already among the "hottest titles of the decade."

I have heard its praises but I haven't read it, because I've been spending some quality time with Sheryl Sandberg's 'Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead'. In case you are wondering who that could be, Wikipedia is here for you. Sheryl believes that women should believe in themselves and aspire to lead. She urges men to support women in the workforce and at home. She encourages women to shake off feelings of self-doubt, put themselves forward, take risks, choose growth and

challenge themselves.

Hillary Clinton. A writer on the Huffington post tried to explain why she is not president (yet), "I've been watching Hillary for years, and she is always accused of one of two sins—being too strong or not strong enough. This happens to all women leaders. The more power you have, the more visible you are, the higher the pitch of criticism," she went on.

"Fighting For Us" is one of Clinton campaign's key slogans. A powerful woman fighting for us is an image that simply doesn't resonate. Our hearts just don't thrum to the image of a woman fighting. It's not fair. It's sexist. But it is true".

Let's come closer home. Radical women leaders in Tanzania are some typical examples of women leaders in authority. What is it about women, power and money, that the world cannot tolerate?

Author Sheryl Sandberg feared that, "women will continue to sacrifice being liked for being successful." Should it be so?

Mauritius, Liberia, Argentina and several other countries have elected women as president. Would you vote for a woman to be president? What is right or wrong about a woman being in power? If she makes too much money, does she need permission to spend it? If she is too educated (what is that by the way?), does that make her 'not-wife-material'? Does she despise the husband? Or does she neglect her role as a wife? If your boss is a woman, does that really make you uncomfortable?

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# Belt and Road cooperation moving forward with brighter prospects

By Wan Yu

**O**N March 7, a press conference was held on the margins of the fifth Session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, during which Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi answered questions from Chinese and foreign media about China's foreign policy and external relations.

For the world, the year ahead continues to be full of challenges, Wang said, adding that at such a critical moment, countries need solidarity, not division; dialogue, not confrontation.

He said as a responsible major country, China will continue to hold high the banner of multilateralism, work with all peace-loving and development-seeking countries to strengthen solidarity and cooperation, jointly meet challenges, and continue to promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Together, they will strive for a brighter and better future for the world, Wang noted.

The minister introduced the progress of the Belt and Road cooperation at the press conference. He said despite the impact of the pandemic and other factors, Belt and Road cooperation has maintained a sound momentum.

According to him, the physical connectivity of infrastructure made solid progress under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) last year. Major projects such as the China-Laos railway and the new Haifa port in Israel were completed. The construction and operation of projects in relation to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, the Piraeus port, the Jakarta-Bandung high-speed rail and the Budapest-Belgrade railway advanced steadily. The China-Europe Railway Express reached new records in the number of freight services and the amount of cargo transportation, providing a strong boost to economic recovery in relevant countries.

The institutional connectivity of rules and standards yielded fruitful results, he noted. Since the start of the last year, 10 more countries have signed Belt and Road cooperation documents with China, extending the BRI family to 180 members. A successful Asia and Pacific High-level Conference on Belt and Road Cooperation was held, and the initiatives for Belt and Road partnership on vaccine cooperation and green development have both received wide support.

The people-to-people connectivity featuring mutual help and assistance continued to deepen, Wang said. China has given strong support to other countries in their fight against COVID-19, and is working on joint vaccine production with 20 developing country partners, most of which are BRI partner countries. A large number of "small yet smart" assistance programs have been steadily carried out to help people in partner countries improve income and livelihood.

These facts aptly show that Belt and Road cooperation is moving forward with more partners, stronger foundation and brighter prospects, Wang said, and it is sure to bring new development opportunities to the post-COVID world.

Wang also briefed the press on the implementation of the Global Development Initiative (GDI). He said COVID-19 has had a serious impact on the global development process, and developing countries, in particular, are taking the brunt. It is against this backdrop that Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the GDI at the UN, calling on all countries to focus on development, pool their efforts and meet challenges together, he noted.

The minister said that the centerpiece of the GDI is to put people front and center. Its primary goal is to facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Highly responsive to the needs of various parties, the GDI has soon been warmly received and supported by the UN and nearly 100 countries.

He introduced that in January this year, representatives from over 100 countries and more than 20 international organizations attended the launch of the Group of Friends of the GDI at the UN headquarters in New York, building greater international consensus on implementing the GDI.

Wang said China believes that good development is sustainable and true development is development for all. He told the press conference that China will work with all parties in four areas to implement the GDI step by step.



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi attends a press conference on China's foreign policy and foreign relations via video link on the sidelines of the fifth session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing March 7, 2022.

First, China will forge synergy in priority areas. It will focus on the most pressing concerns of developing countries and advance practical cooperation in such areas as poverty reduction,

food security, economic recovery, employment training, education, health and green development, so that all 17 Sustainable Development Goals will be met by 2030 as scheduled.

Second, China will respond to the needs of all countries. It will follow the spirit of open and inclusive partnership and the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared

benefits. It welcomes the participation of all parties in flexible ways in light of their needs and strengths.

Third, China will partner with cooperation mechanisms. It will work with all interested international and regional organizations and especially the UN system to seek complementarity with the development processes of small island developing states, landlocked developing countries, and least developed countries. This way, the country could give play to the respective strengths of various parties and forge a global synergy.

Fourth, China will reach out to partners of all sectors. It values the role of the private sector, NGOs, experts, think tanks and the media in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and welcomes the recommendation and participation of all parties.

In short, the GDI is another major initiative proposed by President Xi after the BRI, Wang said, calling it another clarion call to mobilize global development cooperation, and another endorsement of putting people front and center as a core concept of human rights.

The GDI has drawn up a road map for narrowing the North-South gap and addressing development imbalance, and given a boost to the 2030 Agenda, he said.

China will work with all countries to pursue and follow through on the GDI, ensuring that no country or individual is left behind and no aspiration is overlooked, and to jointly build a global community of development, he said.

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## NATIONAL INVESTMENTS PLC

# APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Following the 7th Annual General Meeting of the National Investments PLC (NICOL) held on 3rd December 2021 at the JNICC, to enhance Corporate Governance and investments opportunities for the Company, the Shareholders authorized an increase of the number of Non-Executive Directors on the Board of the Company to seven. National Investments PLC is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been appointed as Non-Executive Directors of the Company with effect from 11th February, 2022.

In compliance with the required procedures, all new appointed Directors shall presently serve ad-interim, pending ratification and confirmation by the Shareholders at the next Annual General Meeting in 2022.



**MS. REHEMA TUKAI**  
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Rehema Tukai** holds Honor Degree in Resources and Environmental Science from University of Canberra, Postgraduate in Poverty Analysis for Socio Economic Development from Institute of Social Studies from Erasmus University, Netherlands.

Rehema Tukai is a development practitioner with over 16 years of experience in senior management roles focusing on programme management and developing organizational approaches to optimize delivery of results, monitoring and learning.

Rehema Tukai is consulting with KPMG Development Advisory since 2012, currently serving as Deputy Director for the Accountability in Tanzania Programme, a UKaid funded programme managed by KPMG Advisory. Prior to that she worked for REPOA, a national think tank focusing on policy research and advisory on economic development.

She brings experience on institutional governance from serving on several boards. She is a Deputy Board Chairperson of REPOA and Board Treasurer for Voluntary Services Overseas in Tanzania. Prior to that, she also served as a Board member of the Rural Energy Board of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) also in Tanzania.



**CPA. GEORGE M. J. NCHWALI**  
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**CPA George M.J. Nchwali** is an authorized Certified Public Accountant in Public Practice (CPA-PP). He holds Master of Business Administration (MBA) from University of Dar es Salaam, Certificate in Company Direction (IOD - UK) and a Diploma in Accounting.

He is an audit partner of BMF Associates and Chairperson of BMF Consult Ltd. He is a retired civil servant with more than 31 years of working experience in the fields of Financial, Management and Forensic Accounting and Investment Planning supplemented by Human Resources Management and Corporate Secretarial Services.

Worked as Director of Finance & Administration of the Rural Energy Agency (REA); Finance & Administration Manager of the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA); Rural Livelihood Development Company (RLDC) and Tanzanian & Italian Petroleum Refinery (TIPER). Also worked as General Manager, Chief Internal Auditor and Company

Secretary of Tanzanian & Italian Petroleum Refinery (TIPER); Internal Auditor of VETA (Vocational Education and Training Authority), Internal Auditor at Agip Tanzania Ltd and a Tutor at Dar es Salaam School of Accountancy - Ministry of Finance.

At different times CPA Nchwali served as a Board member of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), St. Joseph Millennium Secondary School, member of the Disciplinary and Education Committees of the Tanzania Association of Accountants (TAA) and is currently serving as a member of NICOL Finance and Audit Committee. He undertaken training in Advanced Issues in Regulating Electric and Water Utilities at the Institute for Public-Private Partnerships (IP3)-Washington, DC and Utilities Regulatory Studies Program (Camp NARUC) at the Institute of Public Utilities - Michigan State University (USA).



**ENG. BONIFACE GISSIMA NYAMO-HANGA**  
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Eng. Boniface Gissima Nyamo-Hanga**, currently working with Tanzania Buildings Agency (TBA) in its Dodoma Office responsible for overseeing proper operations of the New Debating Chamber of the Parliament.

Prior to that Eng. Boniface Gissima Nyamo-Hanga had worked with the Rural Energy Agency (2008 - 2019) where he held several Senior Positions including Manager of Technical Assistance, Director of Market Development & Technologies, Director General of the Rural Energy Agency & Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Energy Fund, and Secretary to the Rural Energy Board (REB).

From 2014 to 2015 Eng. Boniface Gissima Nyamo-Hanga served as the Chairperson of the CDM PoA Seller's Participants of Certified Emission Reductions (CERs), a Carbon Finance Partnership Facility (CPF) under the UNFCCC and the IBRD (World Bank) representing seller participants from Tanzania, Egypt, Morocco, Brazil, Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

From 2017 to 2020 Eng. Boniface Gissima Nyamo-Hanga served as a Member to the National Energy Advisory Platform to advise the Government of Tanzania on Energy for Social and Economic Development. In June 2021 he was appointed by the President of the United Republic of Tanzania to serve a three years term as a Member to the Fair

Competition Tribunal (FCT).

He is a registered Professional Engineer with the Engineers Registration Board of Tanzania (ERB), a member of the Institute of Directors Tanzania (IoDT), Member of the Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators (TiArb), Member of Tanzania Accountants Association (TAA), Member of the International Solar Energy Society (ISES) and Member of the Project Management Institute (PMI) of US.

On academics, Eng. Boniface Gissima Nyamo-Hanga is a holder of B. Sc. Engineering (Electrical) (UDSM), Master of Engineering Management (UDSM), Master of Business Administration (MBA) (UDSM), Post Graduate Diploma in Law Mediation and Arbitration (Institute of Social Work ISW Dar es Salaam), M. Sc. Finance (Strathclyde University Glasgow Scotland in the UK - In collaboration with Institute of Finance Management (IFM) Tanzania), Advanced Diploma Accounting and Business (ACCA UK) and a Diploma in International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) (NBAA Tanzania).

Through his experience and expertise, he is passionate to support NICOL achieve its mission and vision of becoming a leading collective investment scheme in Tanzania.



**OSWALD M. URASSA**  
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**CPA Oswald Urassa** studied Accountancy at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania before joining the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom (UK) for his Master's in Business Administration (MBA). He is Certified Public Accountant and a fellow member of the local Accountancy Body (National Board of Accountants and Auditors- NBAA) as well as Tanzania Association of Accountants (TAA). He is Certified Commonwealth Corporate Governance Practitioner and Trainer. CPA Oswald has attended several short courses in the areas of financial reporting, corporate governance, auditing, risk management, capital markets, securities market risk management and performance auditing organized by the World Bank, International Finance Corporation (IFC), NBAA, Bank of Tanzania (BOT); BSE Securities Exchange (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange) - India; Centre for Corporate Governance in Kenya and University of Connecticut - USA among others. He has facilitated some consultancy assignments in the areas of risk management, strategic planning, corporate governance and preparation of Board Charter.

CPA Oswald started his career as Tutorial Assistant with the Institute of Finance Management (IFM), one of the highly respected institutions of higher learning in Tanzania where he rose to the position of Senior Lecturer and Head of Accountancy Department. He moved to Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) as the founding Head of Finance and Operations before shifting to NMB Bank Plc as Treasurer of NMB Bank Plc, the largest commercial bank in Tanzania. CPA Oswald joined Tanzania Mortgage Refinance Company Ltd (TMRC) as Chief Finance Officer (CFO) where he is currently working. He is Non-Executive Director of the Tanzania Portland Cement Plc Board of Directors; and was on the Boards of Rural Energy Agency (REA) [to January 2022]; GEPP Retirement Benefit Fund before the merger of pension funds in July 2018; National Board of Accountants and Auditors Governing Board; Tanzania Association of Accountants (TAA) Governing Board as well as Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Eastern and Coastal Diocese Investment Trust Board (ELCT-ECD-ITB).



**MS. KISSA VIVIAN KILINDU**  
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Ms. Kissa Vivian Kilindu** is an Assistant Director at the Prime Minister's Office. She has also worked as a Director at Tanzania Employment Services Agency and at the Bank of Tanzania as a Senior Computer Systems Engineer.

An MBA holder (Durham University - UK), Ms. Kilindu is an Engineer by profession holding a BEng. (Hons) Electrical and Electronic degree from the University of Greenwich (UK). Ms. Kilindu has over 20 years of extensive working experience in areas of Information and Communication Technology, Engineering and Management. Her passion is Cyber

Security, and she is an ICT Professional Member of the Information and Communication Technologies Commission, Professional Member of the Engineers Registration Board (ERB) and Member of the Institute of Directors in Tanzania (IoDT).

Ms Kilindu is a Member of the Board of Directors of National Investments PLC (NICOL) and serves as a Member of the Board of Directors of Mwalimu Commercial Bank (MCB) where she is a Member of the Audit and Risk Committee. She has previously served as a Member of the Board of Directors of Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited (TANESCO) where she was a Member of the Audit, Corporate and Governance Committee.

**NATIONAL INVESTMENTS PLC**  
Benjamin Mwakagamba  
Company Secretary  
10th March 2022

## SGA security scoops top award in mining sector

By Guardian Reporter

SGA Tanzania has emerged as the overall best services provider in 2021 in the mining sector amongst contractors in local content performance as per the Mining Act Cap 123.

SGA received the Winner's Trophy and Certificate of Appreciation during the Minerals Night Gala organised by Ministry of Minerals in Dar es Salaam.

The top winner's award was presented to SGA by the former President Jakaya Kikwete, during the ceremony.

This Tanzania Local Content Performance Award to SGA came after the company won five other prestigious awards in 2021: the top award in the category of electronic security technology and security services providers in Mining sector by the Ministry of Minerals and TanTrade, the Most preferred Security Company of the year in Tanzania and in Eastern Africa by Consumer Choice Awards Africa and the Platinum Award for the Quality Excellence Award for the Best Loyalty Team of the Year in East Africa and Best Security Company in East Africa by The East Africa Brand Quality Awards.

The Minerals Night Gala was attended by several stakeholders in the mining sector and the ceremony was aimed to facilitate the mobilisation the mining sector stakeholders and government appreciation of the contribution of the local companies' participation in the mining sector.

Kikwete congratulated Minister for Minerals, Dr Dotto Biteko for his initiative to create a fair business environment for investors in the mining sector hence more investment in production to ensure the country benefit from its natural resources it is endowed with.

As per the Mining Regulations, all companies operating in the mining sector are required to submit their Local Content Plan and Performance to the Mining Commission.

The Mining Commission reviews all submissions to confirm compliance and if they meet their responsibility by ensuring the implementation of Local Content Plan in compliance with the specification and requirement of the Mining Act Cap 123 in reference to Local Content Performance.

SGA won in the Local Content Performance category, which requires that a company must be registered



Former President Jakaya Kikwete hands over an award to SGA Tanzania sales and marketing manager, Faustina Shoo during an awards ceremony organised by the Ministry of Minerals in Dar es Salaam.

and operating here in Tanzania, with 20% of the local ownership/share for Tanzanian, total employment available for Tanzanian, the total Tanzanian present in top Company Management, the succession plan for Expatriate staff, Company CSR programmes among other criteria. It was a stringent criteria and SGA emerged tops.

SGA's Sales and marketing manager, Faustina Shoo, explained that the security company was honoured to be recognised with this prestigious First Place Award in Local Content performance by the Ministry of Minerals.

"It is a privilege as these awards reinforces not only SGA's commitment to being fully compliant with Government Regulatory requirements including Mining (Local Content) Regulation, 2018 requirements which backs in supporting sustainable safety and security for our customers and our Tanzanian community by providing the best innovative security solutions," she added.

She explained that SGA contributes to the community by employing from the locality it operates and donates to several projects that support community services and also creates a source of revenue to the government. "Our mission complements the government efforts that ensure an overall safer environment for everyone to live in and do business, something that we are proud of the achievement attained," she said.

## Japanese embassy launches two core projects to empower women

By Guardian Reporter

THE Japanese embassy in Dar es Salaam has commemorated the International Women's Day by launching two projects that are essential to the efforts to empower women and liberate them from various obstacles they are facing.

The event was held at the residency of Japanese ambassador to Tanzania, Shinichi Goto and Zaytun Seif Swai, MP, (Special Seats) for Women in Arusha who was the chief guest of the function.

According to statement, the launched projects include the construction of girls' dormi-

tory block at Itona secondary school in Mufindi District, Iringa Region \$101,360 (231m/-), which is under the Grant assistance for Human Security Projects (GGHSP) scheme.

There is no any dormitory at this school and most of the students are required to walk long distances to reach the school because their homes are located more than 10 kilometres away. Most of the Form 4 female students have to sleep in one of the classes on a temporary basis. The classroom-dormitory is congested and does not provide conducive environment for learning, which contributes to their

low academic performance.

"Due to this situation, the government of Japan decided to provide up to \$101,360 (234m/-) in order to construct the girls' dormitory at Itona secondary school," the embassy statement said in part.

On the project, ambassador Goto, and Mufindi District Executive Director (DED) Zaina Mlawa signed the grant contract, which is under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Programs (GGHSP).

Another project is UNHCR Covid-19 Preparedness and Response for Burundian and Congolese refugees and

other asylum seekers in refugee camps in Kigoma region in Tanzania. The project \$1,069,212 (2.47bn/-) as a supplementary budget of the government of Japan for Fiscal Year 2021.

According to the embassy, given that the population density in the camp is considerable, the risk of COVID-19 transmission remains high.

The project is meant to strengthen preventive and community-based health care services necessary to protect refugees and asylum seekers against the detrimental health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. "However, within this

significant objective, there is an important component of "Participation of Community in Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Prevention." Women must be protected in all contexts and circumstances; however, they are especially vulnerable to sexual and gender-based abuse in the refugee camps."

In the second project, the Japanese envoy and the UNHCR representative in Tanzania Mahoua Parums exchanged letters of approval and confirmation for the assistance that comes as a Japanese government's supplementary budget for the fiscal year 2021.

As of 31 January 2022, Tanzania hosts over 247,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, mainly from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Of these, some 83 per cent live in the Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps located in the north-western region of Kigoma.

"In this project, there will be training for the police, community workers, refugees and staff on SGBV issues. Women centres will be constructed in Nduta camp, also awareness sessions, support to victims and counseling services will be provided."

In Early March 2020, the ambassador Goto Shinichi

paid a visit to Nduta, Mtendeli and Nyarugusu camps. During his visit, the ambassador had learnt a lot from the UNHCR staff, community workers, and the refugee themselves. Ambassador Goto was informed about many challenges facing the refugees in the camps which included limited livelihood activities, energy, and environment, food, shelter, education, and health issues. It is ambassador's expectation that this project will provide a major solution to health issues as well as a reduction, if not entire elimination of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

## What our International Women's Day means to us

By Eutropia Mwambeleko

WOMEN have always been the foundation for a great home, community, even business transformation. Understanding the powerful role of women in society has attributed to various initiatives to empower women, and that is why in 1997 the United Nations, which Tanzania is also part of, recognized every March 8th to be the commemoration of women around the world, to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

Women in Tanzania make up 51 per cent of the total population, making it a critical group to participate and engage in different leadership positions. As a woman, I feel honoured to have witnessed Samia Suluhu Hassan making history by becoming the first female President in East Africa.

As this year's International Women's Day slogan states: #BreakTheBias by ensuring inclusivity and equality. Being the Head of People and Culture at Stanbic Bank Tanzania, I am a profound believer of women's power in leadership - from creating solutions to making critical decisions in management. I am also proud to walk the talk by providing platforms for our women employees to unleash their leadership potential through training and practice.

This can be evidenced by how Stanbic women benefited tremendously from the IGNITE program that was designed to enable the senior female leaders within the bank to reach their

untapped value and communicate with courage, confidence, power, and influence - key attributes for a good leader. Currently, we have 36% of women in leadership positions.

Additionally, we launched a special room for our nursing mothers, creating a support structure that empowers women to continue thriving at work while continuing to nourish the health of their babies. Juggling work and motherhood have rendered women vulnerable to the bias that they cannot do both. However, through initiatives such as this women feel more motivated and content to carry out their duties.

Our government has been the backbone of driving women's empowerment with initiatives such as allocating 4 per cent of the Local Government Authority (LGA's) budget for women. Our institution is committed to creating a society that provides equal opportunities for all; we have aligned our priorities to complement government efforts in bridging the gender gap, by providing support such as financial literacy, entrepreneurship training, and ensuring that women in the SMEs sector are included in our initiatives. We believe this is a gateway towards gender parity and achieving President Samia's vision of empowering women to become financially independent.

We still have a long way to go, but we are proud to say that International Women's Day has set a clock in our minds to remember how capable women are and the value they can bring



to society. Stanbic Bank will continue to champion gender equality both at the workplace and in the community.

**Eutropia Mwambeleko is Stanbic Bank's Head, People and Culture.**

## Government instructs TaCRI to disseminate research findings

By Correspondent James Lanka, Hai

THE Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI) has been instructed to disseminate research findings to the farmers countrywide to stimulate modern farming for sustainable coffee development.

TaCRI managing director, Ressa Mashulano made the directives here yesterday when speaking during the organization's annual general meeting (AGM).

"There is no need of conducting research if findings will be left in office shelves without reaching the targeted population. I would like to congratulate TaCRI for your good performance in coffee research, but my appeal to you is to make sure that your findings including new agriculture technologies are transformed to our farmers countrywide for the sustainable high coffee production," he said.

Mashulano who is also the chairman of coffee stakeholders in Tanzania also directed TaCRI management to collaborate with the Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB), department of crops development under ministry, cooperative unions countrywide to transform their new coffee production technologies to the farmers for sustainable development of coffee production countrywide.

During their AGM, members of the board of directors for TaCRI also visited a demonstration plot of 23 improved coffee varieties, Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory, National Coffee Nursery at the TaCRI's headquarters in Lyamungo. The member hinted that there was a need for coffee producers to change their old variety of coffee and plant the new ones for the sustainable coffee production.

Executive director of TaCRI, Dr Deusedit Kilambo said the institution is in the research trial of its new 'drought tolerant' variety of coffee, a move that aims at improving coffee production in the country.

"In our ongoing research trials now, we 9-new varieties of improved coffee varieties of drought tolerant variety of coffee in Rombo (Kilimanjaro), Tarime (Mara), Buhigwa (Kigoma), and Mbozi (Mbeya), and we expecting to have new improved drought tolerant coffee variety by 2020 to increase coffee production even in a drought areas in the country, thus increasing the production of quality coffee that is highly needed in the Global market."

## Tanzania reaffirms rights support to African Court

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA reaffirms its position in support of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, and refutes allegations that the country is pulling out of the continental's legal facility. That was stated by the Deputy

Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk, during the occasion to grace the joint retreat between the African court on human and peoples' rights and the permanent representatives committee of the African Union.

The event which also complements the 15th Anniversary of the Arusha-based, African Court is taking place in Arusha for two days. About 100 participants attended the Retreat, held at the Gran Melia Hotel.

"Tanzania will continue to support and assist the African

Court in addition to hosting the facility in Arusha," said the Deputy Minister.

Participants at the Pan-African event include judges of the court and relevant departments of the African Union Commission.

According to the President of

the African Court, Justice Imani Daud Aboud, the two-day Retreat is to enhance the effectiveness of the Court and improve the protection of human rights on the continent.

The Retreat is aimed at renewing an atmosphere of trust, cooperation and confidence-

building," she added.

Based in Majengo Arusha, the African Court is composing 11 judges, nationals of member states of the African Union elected in their individual capacity.

The Court meets four times a year in ordinary sessions and

may hold extra-ordinary sessions.

The Permanent representatives committee (PRC) comprises permanent representatives to the African Union and other plenipotentiaries of member states.

# Enhancing climate ambition amidst global challenges

## DOMINICA

A member-led global coalition of 202 countries and institutions, the NDC Partnership has turned the spotlight on climate action by supporting countries' efforts to craft and implement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which outline their commitments to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions.

As a cornerstone of the Paris Climate Agreement, countries are expected to present revised and progressively more ambitious NDCs to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change every five years. After years of planning, country governments are now shifting to NDC implementation. They are calling on the NDC Partnership's technical expertise and financial support to catalyze climate action amidst the ongoing climate crisis and COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, the NDC Partnership confidently demonstrates that many countries have made progress towards addressing climate change and advancing sustainable development.

Although the pandemic delayed some countries' NDC submissions and climate action plans, there has been

significant progress towards NDC implementation across three critical sectors: renewable energy, food security, and climate adaptation. Representatives for Partnership members, including the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), discussed the challenges countries faced in NDC implementation across their respective sectors and reflected on the successes and lessons learned over the last few years.

"It was super difficult with COVID, but I have to say it is really remarkable," said Elizabeth Press, IRENA's director of planning and programme support. "The majority of countries were very involved [in NDC revision and implementation] and worked hard to compensate for shortfalls. The virtual way of operating was sub-optimal, but many countries made it work." Over the last NDC revision cycle, IRENA has been working with over 70 countries to bring clean energy goals into their NDCs, a process which Press said has been more collaborative and streamlined this time around.

"Comparing the first round of NDC work that was done around Paris and now, there is a big difference," she said.

"The first round was largely done by environment ministries and consultants and was not an integrated government process. It's different now and gives me hope that this [a country's NDC] is not just a document that needs to be submitted to the United Nations, but that serious consideration and widespread consultation has taken place on how to formulate and execute these promises in a climate-safe manner."

Looking forward, Press noted that countries had requested IRENA's assistance to ensure a smooth transition to renewable energy through data collection, the development of road maps, project implementation, and other issues linked to energy transition, such as water and food security.

Critical for addressing climate change and a recurring theme globally, food security is a priority for NDC Partnership members that recognize ending hunger, and achieving the second Sustainable Development Goal requires NDCs to embrace agroecology and sustainable agriculture.

In fact, 95 percent of NDCs listed agriculture as a priority sector for climate action. "This is important because agriculture is both a source of greenhouse gas emissions and an important part of the solution to the climate crisis for



Teresa Lokichu (left) and Joyce Nairesia share their experiences of breaking gender barriers in Kenya. Gender activists say deep-rooted patriarchy has no place in a world which faces climate change, diseases, pandemics and food insecurity. Credit: Facebook and Twitter

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

**WORD-FIT**

**CROSSWORD**

**SOLUTIONS**

3 LETTERS: FEW, ADD, ANA  
 4 LETTERS: MEAN, TAME, NOSE, NEWS, REAP DINE, MINT, (7 WORDS)  
 5 LETTERS: LEAST, AWASH, POEMS, TAPES EGRET (5 WORDS)  
 6 LETTERS: CAREER, STRIVE, ANSWER, AMORAL, ASSETS (5 WORDS)  
 7 LETTERS: MALINDI  
 8 LETTERS: ADAPTORS  
 10 LETTERS: TYRRHENIAN

**CLUES: Across**

1 Printed publications  
 5 a female servant  
 7 plural form of ass  
 8 sliced bread broiled to make it crisp  
 10 Creator of heaven and Earth  
 11 edema  
 13 submit to the authority of  
 15 an organic compound made by replacing the hydrogen of an acid by an alkyl or other organic group an indirect reference  
 17 make a bleating sound  
 19 apparition of dead people

**Down:**

1 to specify  
 2 a time for anticipation  
 3 sending mail through the post office  
 4 a small South African antelope  
 6 a roof that resembles a half circle  
 7 to make ashamed  
 9 a hollow ball of perforated metal to hold tea leaves  
 12 the mark or line left by a fold  
 14 an adolescent  
 16 a sudden cry in a loud voice  
 17 syrian cloth  
 18 to move at a slower pace to stay behind the others

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mitigation, adaptation, and building resilience," said Zitouni Ould-Dada, FAO's deputy director for the office of climate change, biodiversity, and environment.

According to FAO, the world's agri-food system contributes over 30 percent of human-induced greenhouse gas emissions. "When we say agriculture, we include fisheries, forestry, and land use," Doua said.

FAO helps countries to raise ambition and integrate agriculture and food systems into their NDCs. "We recently provided technical assistance to 21 countries to accelerate the implementation of their NDCs and enhance the ambition of their commitments, and we have been facilitating this support to countries since 2017."

Doua said that FAO's programs ensure that national commitments are translated into actionable policies on the ground.

In reflecting on FAO's successes, he cites increased access to finance for farmers, higher engagement among civil society and women's organizations in determining countries' climate commitments, and an extended suite of incentives for farmers as evidence of successful climate action to date.

For other Partnership members, however, success can be found in the increase in local climate adaptation initiatives or projects that are designed to help communities mitigate and prepare for the effects of climate change.

"Scaling up adaptation is important for the many countries - especially countries in the Small Island Developing State and Least Developed Country groups - that have contributed the least to global greenhouse gas emissions but are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change," said Anne Hammill, IISD's senior director of the re-

silience program.

IISD noted that many countries are now including information on how to prepare for climate-driven threats and disasters as a part of their NDC reporting.

Through the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network, IISD helps countries identify and achieve adaptation priorities by working with citizen and civil society groups. Hammill points to partnerships with Costa Rica and Tonga governments as recent examples of this successful collaboration on climate actions.

"In Costa Rica, we worked with the government to launch the Next Season project that offered artists residencies for creative approaches to informing the public about climate policies," Hammill says. "In Tonga, we supported the government to hold the first-ever media engagement workshop on their national climate plan, as well as preparing a report to track progress on their national climate plan and work to revise their Climate Change Policy."

According to Hammill, more countries are moving from planning to action and "linking on-the-ground adaptation projects to a broader national mandate and vision set out in their NAPs and NDCs." For IISD, the NDC Partnership has been instrumental in addressing a critical area of concern: coordination of support.

"There is a very diverse landscape of support to countries and relatively limited capacities to navigate, let alone absorb such support," Hammill said. "This coordination challenge can be particularly acute in LDCs and SIDS and can get in the way of progress, let alone the efficient use of resources."

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# TRC VENTURES IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TO ENHANCE ITS SOURCES OF REVENUE

By Correspondent James Kandoya

**T**ANZANIA Railway Corporation (TRC) has unveiled its plan of venturing real estate business as one source of revenues when the Standard Gauge Rail becomes operational.

Masanja Kadogosa, the Tanzania Railway Corporation (TRC) Director General told the Guardian newspaper in an interview with the Guardian newspaper that the global experience in running rail transport has shown 40 percent of revenues come from real estate.

He said TRC has designed its stations to leverage key sources of revenue in order to contribute to the rail operations.

"The railway stations, which are assets not for sale, but from which income can be earned through the rental of commercial space," he said.

Available data shows Tanzania's real estate sector contributed 3.1 percent to the country's real GDP with \$1.5 billion in 2019, compared



TRC Director General Masanya Kadogosa

to \$1.2 billion in 2015, an increase of 25 percent.

"As we are getting prepared for the operation to kick off, our focus is on real estate investment, thus why all stations are designed for business," he added.

He said in Dar es Salaam station 'Tanzanite' there are spaces for hire to invest in banks, hotels, shops, supermarkets, pharmacies, and other related services.

Kadogosa said that countries running the SGR have proved to us that

investment on real estate was vital to increase more revenues adding that can be used to generate income and be subject of an urban or neighborhood project.

In Japan and Hong Kong, and increasingly in London, property is integral to the development of the transport network.

There's been potential to use railway land more productively for years and selling it off isn't necessarily the best option, said an expert at Financial Times.

However, there are still many who believe that the railways must not participate in business in the real estate sector. A mistake!

However, it is well known that the railway is an industrial sector that offers little in the way of returns

Real estate is the key, still crucial, about the financial sustainability of the Japanese railways that Europe doesn't know. Every line radiating out of, for example, a city such as

Tokyo, serves a particular slice of suburbs.

Contrary to European cities, those suburbs compete and the rivalry is fierce.

Originally, building shops and apartments was a device to get people to use the line, says at Financial Times Yoichi Takahashi, head of transportation planning at the Odakyu Electric Railway.

For Japanese railways, this competition between suburban areas is thus strongly linked to the quality of the railways... and their real estate!

In Switzerland, Schweizerischen Bundesbahnen (SBB), is planning to build 10,000 housing units over the long term, one third of which will be rented at a low rent (20 percent below market price).

These flats will be built on some 30 sites and will remain in the majority of cases the property of the SBB, which could sell them later « at market price », thus obtaining a good capital gain.

## Punjab set to launch four economic zones

LAHORE:

In a bid to promote the manufacturing sector, encourage diversification in exports and boost the country's economy, the government has established 10 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in various parts of Punjab.

The construction of four more SEZs is about to be launched as approval from authorities is awaited, Dawn learnt on Thursday. Land for the first Special Technical Zone (STZ) in Lahore — meant for the promotion of services sector — has also been allocated.

"10 SEZs has been completed including the Allama Iqbal Industrial City (AIIIC) near Faisalabad where the Chinese plan to invest by establishing industry under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project," an official of the Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) told Dawn when contacted on Thursday.

According to an official document, the SEZs completed included Rahim Yar Khan Industrial Estate, Bhalwal Industrial Estate (Sargodha), Vehari Industrial Estate, Rachna Industrial Park (near Sheikhupura, Lahore), M-3 Industrial City (Lahore-Faisalabad Motorway), SEZ Oil Village (Rawalpindi), Value Addition City SEZ, Faisalabad, Quid-e-Azam Apparel & Business Park (QAABP), JW China-Pakistan SEZ (Lahore) and AIIIC (Faisalabad).

Minister claims Rs350bn invested in various sectors.

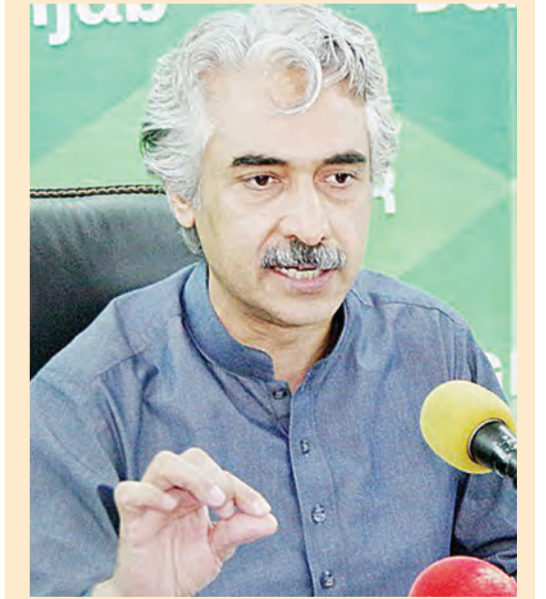
The SEZ under process to be approved include Zaamin SEZ (a private entity), Masan Daud Khel, Bahawalpur Industrial Estate and Roshan Sun Tao Paper Mills SEZ (Lahore-Islamabad Motorway).

"We have adopted an effective strategy to boost economy as 10 special economic zones have been established in the province," said Punjab Minister for Industry and Commerce Mian Aslam Iqbal (pictured), on Thursday. Speaking to the newly elected office bearers of Tanneries Association Dinpur, Kasur, Mr Iqbal said, "There is a conducive environment for investment in the special economic zones as world-class industrial infrastructure has been provided there."

He claimed that in the last four years, more than Rs350 billions have been invested in various sectors of Punjab.

The Rahim Yar Khan SEZ has a total land (sellable area) of 327 acres, out of which 220.5 acres have been sold while 106.5 acres are remaining. Four units here have started production while five are under construction.

Bhalwal Industrial Estate has a total area of 307 acres out of which 148 acres have been sold while 159 acres are yet to be sold. Three units here have started production while one is under construction.



## Increasing railway projects is driving hybrid train growth, says The Brainy insights

NEWARK

THE global hybrid train market is expected to grow from \$33.88 billion in 2020 to \$78.66 billion by 2028, at a CAGR of 11.41 percent during the forecast period 2021-2028, the report published by The Brainy Insights has said.

Increasing urbanization and smart city projects across the globe are further driving the demand for hybrid trains for passenger transportation.

The hybrid train is one of the key solutions for reducing emissions from the railway industry of which Tanzania is also implementing through the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project.

South Korea-based company Hyundai Rotem has secured contracts worth \$295.65m from Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) to deliver eco-friendly train cars.

As per the deal, TRC will receive 80 train cars worth \$190.12m and 17 electric locomotives worth \$105.53m from Hyundai Rotem, according to TRC.

As part of SGR line project, the new train cars will operate on a 546km high-speed electric line spanning between Dar es Salaam and Makutupora.

All 97 train cars will operate at a maximum speed of 160km/hr and will have the capacity to carry up to around 590 commuters.

These railcars are expected to be delivered by 2024.

Several government bodies across the globe are also taking the initiative and investing in the development of hybrid trains, boosting the growth of the hybrid train market around the world.

Increasing demand for hybrid train freight transport is anticipated to offer further growth opportuni-



Ongoing construction of SGR infrastructure

ism.

However, high costs involved in initial investment, overhaul, and maintenance could hamper the growth of this market over the forecast period.

The European region emerged as the largest hybrid train market and was valued at \$16.58 billion in 2020.

This value was because European countries have been rapidly developing and launching hybrid trains for the past few years.

Germany, one of the global technology leaders, has the highest market share in Europe. The Asia Pacific

region is anticipated to grow at the highest CAGR of 12.01 percent over the forecast period.

This is mainly due to the rising demand for energy-efficient transportation systems and several initiatives taken by government bodies and several private organizations in various countries.

The hybrid train market in Japan is highly developed. In addition to this, emerging countries such as China and India are rapidly expanding their train network to improve the transport systems in the country and make them more eco-friendly.

Major players in the global hybrid train market are Alstom, Bombardier Inc, CRRC, Kawasaki, Siemens, General Electric, Hyundai Rotem, Hitachi Ltd., Construcciones Y Auxiliarios De Ferrocarriles (CAF), and Cummins among others.

The key players are now concentrating on implementing strategies such as adopting new technology, product innovations, mergers & acquisitions, joint venture, alliances, and partnerships to improve their market position in the global hybrid train industry.

The Brainy Insight report say hy-

brid train uses an onboard rechargeable energy storage system, which is placed in between the traction transmission systems connected to the wheels and power source (often a diesel engine prime mover).

The hybrid train contains large capacity high-performance batteries, the output alone of which can provide a haul load of 1300t for the hybrid train.

Excess energy from the power source, or energy derived from regenerative braking, charges the storage system in the hybrid train.

The storage system can be a flywheel or electric traction batteries in the hybrid train. The energy source is liquefied petroleum gas, diesel, or hydrogen (for fuel cells) and transmission is electric, direct mechanical, or hydrostatic.

In April 2018, Siemens announced the launch of a new Vectron Dual Mode locomotive, which can be operated both as diesel and an electric locomotive.

In September 2018, Alstom, Nahverkehrservice Sachsen-Anhalt GmbH (NASA), and Rolls-Royce announced the plan to jointly implement a new hybrid drive solution on Abellio's fleet of Coradia Lint diesel trains.

According to the report, the hybrid train normally operates on standard gauge tracks with a 100-200 KM/H operating speed.

The passenger segment accounted for the largest market share and was valued at \$19.07 billion in 2020.

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Globally, the population has been increased rapidly, and thus the need for public transportation has been increased in various countries.

## Bolloré completes logistics for the Songo Songo project

DAR ES SALAAM

FROM June to November 2021, Bolloré Logistics Tanzania carried out the logistics for the Songo Songo project by transporting 5,000 freight tons of pieces and equipment, the company said in its statement.

Relying on its expertise in industrial projects and energy logistics, the company said was able to accomplish a historic feat being the first to send a large

land craft on the Songo Songo Island.

A total of seven barge vessels were required to deliver the equipment to the island at different intervals.

Several specialised pieces of equipment were used including a 130-ton and a 60-ton crane, an excavator, a modular hydraulic trailer and 2 semi-trailers for shunting.

Other difficulties involved the lack of infrastructure.

To this end, a jetty had to be rebuilt

and converted into a landing area capable of accommodating the vessel and cargo arriving onto the island while backfilling works were undertaken to ease the flow of vehicles being used for shunting on and off the vessel.

A team of experts was mobilized and flown to the island deploying specific logistics solutions to face the main challenges.

The shifting tides notably affected the angle of the ramp used to offload

the cargo, thus binding the experts to keep close watch on the inclination of the ramp.

"The main challenges were the coordination of the Customs requirements and the client's demands, along with a lack of the equipment, including barges and ships. But with our expertise in logistics and industrial projects, we were able to deliver the required solutions with great success. All cargo was lashed and safely secured according

to global QHSE standards," said Elson Shan, cluster commercial director.

Bolloré Logistics Tanzania was contracted in 2021 to handle all logistical requirements for the project to set up a gas compression plant on Songo Songo Island, located in the South of Tanzania.

It was awarded to Bolloré Logistics' teams by one of the largest suppliers in China of petroleum and petrochemical products, equipment, and technology

to the global market.

Bolloré Logistics is a major international supply chain operator and ranks among the world's top ten transport and logistics groups with an integrated network of 600 agencies in 109 countries.

Placing customers at the heart of its strategy, Bolloré Logistics is committed to designing innovative, robust and agile solutions.

# GLOBAL PREFABRICATED BUILDING MARKET TO HIT NEARLY 120BN IN 2022

BY Guardian Reporter

**A**MID the COVID-19 crisis, the global market for Prefabricated Buildings estimated at \$117.4 billion in the year 2022, is projected to reach a revised size of \$153.7 billion by 2026, growing at a CAGR of 6.4 percent over the analysis period.

A new market study published by Global Industry Analysts Inc. (GIA) the premier market research company, titled "Prefabricated Buildings - Global Market Trajectory & Analytics" says panel systems, one of the segments analyzed in the report, is projected to grow at a 7.2 percent CAGR to reach \$61.9 Billion by the end of the analysis period.

Global Industry Analysts, Inc is a renowned market research publisher the world's only influencer driven market research company, serving more than 42,000 clients from 36 countries.

The report presents fresh perspectives on opportunities and challenges in a significantly transformed post COVID-19 marketplace.

After a thorough analysis of the business implications of the pandemic and its induced economic

crisis, growth in the Skeleton Systems segment is readjusted to a revised 5.8 percent CAGR for the next 7-year period.

This segment currently accounts for a 22.9 percent share of the global Prefabricated Buildings market.

Panel systems include walls or any other flexible partition components, cellular systems include 3-D structures; whereas the combined systems include a combination of these two systems.

These systems are usually designed based on the applications and load bearing requirements. The materials used in manufacturing these systems include metal panels, plastics, wooden panels, glass, and composites.

The Prefabricated Buildings market in the US is estimated at \$21.2 Billion in the year 2022. The country currently accounts for 18.3 percent share in the global market while China is forecast to reach \$38.2 billion by 2026

China, the world's second largest economy, is forecast to reach an estimated market size of US\$38.2 Billion in the



Prefabricated building in Tanzania

year 2026 trailing a CAGR of 7.9 percent through the analysis period.

Among the other noteworthy geographic markets are Japan and Canada, each forecast to grow at 4.9 percent and 5.1 percent respectively over the analysis period.

Within Europe, Germany is forecast to grow at approximately 5.5 percent CAGR while Rest of European mar-

ket (as defined in the study) will reach \$41.4 Billion by the close of the analysis period.

The market is being fostered by factors such as lesser construction time required, cost savings, office requirements in emerging SEZs, rising real estate investments, fast-paced urbanization, rising demand for alternative approaches to construction, and temporary and immedi-

ate requirements in the industrial sector.

The market is also gaining from the rising customer attention towards reducing CO2 emissions, green construction, and lowering waste.

Also, the expanding construction and infrastructure markets in Asia and growing investments in real estate worldwide are also driving market growth.

The development of the market is likely to be in accordance with the growth of the housing and real estate markets globally, with immense growth opportunities likely to emerge from the GCC and Asia-Pacific regions.

Rising awareness of the benefits of prefabricated buildings among people and their growing acceptance is also boding well for the market's growth. Further, increasing renovation activities for improving aesthetic value of buildings and also their construction value is supporting demand for prefabricated buildings.

Increasing disposable income levels are spurring new house construction activities, which is also fuelling interest in prefabricated buildings.

There is growing demand for prefabricated products that are available in different sizes and shapes. Metal products that are prefabricated are being employed for various decorative architectural requirements in buildings.

Demand for industrial modular buildings is on the rise on account of the significant advantages of off-site construction, such as more flexibility, faster project completion, cost effectiveness, greener and safe construction, and feasibility in remote locations.

**Growing smart city projects, 5G to fuel market growth, says insight**

Pune

The global smart building market size will grow from \$67.60 billion in 2021 to \$ 80.62 billion in 2022, before reaching \$328.62 billion by 2029, exhibiting a CAGR of 22.2 percent during the forecast period.

Fortune Business Insights through its report titled "Smart Building Market Revenue, 2021-2028" says growing smart city projects, the emergence of smart 5G technology, and increasing smart city projects are expected to boost the market growth.

Smart buildings comprise building operations and control systems sensors, microchips, and other components. The building offers low operational costs, building performance, efficient security management, tenant management, and performance management.

Smart city projects and the emergence of 5G technology are expected to boost technology adoption. Furthermore, rising smart city projects are expected to boost adoption. These factors are likely to fuel the market development in the coming years.

This Smart Building Market is expected to grow positively during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the surging demand for a safe and healthy workplace.

The sudden spike in COVID-19 is expected to boost the demand for the technology. The opening of commercial buildings and the adoption of smart technologies in smart infrastructure are expected to boost the building's adoption.

Furthermore, the adoption of smart technology is expected to bolster industry development. These factors may propel the market development.

By component, the market is segmented into solutions and services. Based on application, it is classified into commercial and residential. Regionally, it is clubbed into North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, and the Middle East & Africa.

# Worldwide Real Estate Industry to hit \$3,742trn in 2022

LONDON

THE global real estate market is expected to grow from \$3386.11 billion in 2021 to \$3741.06 billion in 2022 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10.5 percent.

The growth is mainly due to the companies rearranging their operations and recovering from the COVID-19 impact, which had earlier led to restrictive containment measures involving social distancing, remote working, and the closure of commercial activities that resulted in operational challenges.

The market is expected to reach \$5388.87 billion in 2026 at a CAGR of 9.6 percent.

The real estate market consists of sales of real estate services by entities (organizations, sole traders and partnerships) that rent, lease and allow the use of buildings and/or land.

The industry also includes managing real estate for others, selling, renting and buying real

estate for others and appraising real estate. The real estate market is segmented into real estate rental and real estate agency and brokerage.

The main types of real estate are real estate rental, real estate agency and brokerage. Renting real estate, also referred as hiring or letting, is a contract in which a fee is paid in exchange for the temporary use of a good, service, or property that belongs to someone else.

The different modes include online, offline and involves various property types such as fully furnished, semi-furnished, unfurnished.

The real estate market's growth will be aided by stable economic growth forecasted in many developed and developing countries. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts that the global real GDP growth will be 3.7 percent over 2019 and 2020, and 3.6 percent from 2021 to 2023.

Recovering commodity prices, after a significant decline in the historic pe-



riod is further expected to aid the market growth.

Developed economies are also expected to register stable growth during the forecast period. Additionally, emerging markets are expected to contin-

ue to grow slightly faster than the developed markets in the forecast period.

For instance, India's GDP is expected to grow at 7.3 percent, whereas China is forecasted to register GDP growth of 6.2 per-

cent in 2019.

The outbreak of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has acted as a massive restraint on the real estate market in 2020 as the need for services offered by these establishments declined

due to lockdowns imposed by governments globally.

COVID-19 is an infectious disease with flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, and difficulty in breathing. The virus was first identified in 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei province of the People's Republic of China and spread globally including Western Europe, North America and Asia.

Steps by national governments to contain the transmission have resulted in a decline in economic activity with countries entering a state of 'lock down' and the outbreak had a negative impact on businesses throughout 2020 and into 2021.

However, it is expected that the real estate market will recover from the shock across the forecast period as it is a 'black swan' event and not related to ongoing or fundamental weaknesses in the market or the global economy.

Asia Pacific was the largest region in the real estate market in 2021. North America was the second largest region in the real estate market.

The regions covered in the report are Asia-Pacific, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, South America, Middle East and Africa.

# Russia-Ukraine war impacts the US housing market

BISMARCK

NORTH Dakota's biggest oil drBy Erik Sherman

With an economic iron curtain dropping about Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, there are many areas of potential pain for oligarchs and common folk alike.

And those who might have expected to be on the other side of transactions elsewhere in the world will find their plans are up in smoke.

One US industry, commercial real estate, will be largely untouched by the direct cessation of housing purchases from Russia, according to the National Association of Realtors. But there will be plenty of spillover from other issues.

Investment in US housing from Russia is a relatively tiny business. According to the NAR, foreign buyers account for 1.8 percent

of existing-home sales.

Russians are 0.8 percent of these, or less than 0.014 percent of home purchases. "Even in Florida, which had the most Russian purchases, they accounted for just 0.2 percent of Florida's total market during July 2020-June 2021," the NAR says.

In fact, some portion of the reduction may not even be noticed. The US housing market is still extremely tight and experts haven't projected a big correction.

The combination of pent-up demand and low supply likely means that of the tiny portion of properties Russian nationals might otherwise purchase, many will have little to know time sitting around as someone else will take them.

There are some important qualifications though. The median property purchase by Russians was \$325,000, compared to the \$303,200 median of all US foreign buyers.

Those numbers may be behind current reality, given the rapid advance of overall median home sale prices in the US.

In addition, the average purchase price was \$652,915, far higher than \$480,695 for all foreign buyers.

The buyers are highly weighted to more expensive properties, which could mean somewhat more of an impact on more expensive home sales, although without more data it is impossible to tell a more exact percentage.

That is the direct impact. The indirect one comes from global commodity markets that heavily influence CRE.

Oil markets, already on the rise and a major driver of inflation, are on a tear because of concerns that Russia, a major oil and gas producer, will be prevented for selling some portion of its inventory. Brent crude topped \$125 a barrel on Monday while

West Texas intermediate (WTI) was just over \$120.

If energy prices were painful before for everyone, including developers and property owners and operators—whether needed for construction or run buildings, they don't show signs of slowing.

But back to housing for a moment, isolation of Russia, to some degree, is good for such oil and gas producing states as Texas as well as North Dakota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Alaska, and Wyoming, expect employment to rise along with wages (as the energy industry has had trouble getting enough workers) to pay for homes or rents.

"We feel it's the right thing to do at the right time," Hamm said. "Carbon capture and storage is going to be more and more important every day as we go forward in America."

North Dakota is the nation's No. 3 oil producer behind Texas and New Mexico.

Continental and Summit officials said there are no plans to inject carbon dioxide into old oil wells to boost production, a process that has been largely unsuccessful in North Dakota.

"That is not part of our business plan," Boeshans said.

North Dakota's underground rock formations are ideal for carbon storage, state Geologist Ed Murphy said.

The Trump administration in 2018 gave North Dakota the power to regulate underground wells used for long-term storage of waste carbon dioxide. North Dakota was the first state to be given such power, the Environmental Protection Agency said in announcing the move. The state has since invested heavily in carbon capture and sequestration technology.

## CONSTRUCTION

# UK HOUSING MARKET CORRECTION LOOMS AS PROPERTY PRICES RISE

## LONDON

UK house prices are growing at their fastest rate since before the global financial crisis, according to Halifax figures, which said prices rose by 0.5 percent in February, equating to £370 a week.

The housing market is continuing to defy economic conditions, with the typical property notching up its biggest annual cash gain since the lender's index began.

Prices last month were 10.8 percent higher than their level in February 2021, the highest annual growth rate since June 2007, as prices hit a new record high of £278,123.

Russell Galley, managing director at Halifax, said: "The UK housing market shrugged off a slightly slower start to the year with average property prices rising by another 0.5 percent in February, or £1,478 in cash terms.

"This was an eighth successive month of house price growth, as the resilience which has typified the market throughout the pandemic shows little sign of easing.

"Year-on-year prices grew by 10.8 per cent, the fastest pace of annual growth since June 2007, pushing the average house price up to another record high of £278,123.

"Two years on from the start



UK-Housing project

of the pandemic, average property values have now risen by £38,709 since February 2020. Over the last 12 months alone house prices have gained on average £27,215."

"This is the biggest one-year cash rise recorded in over 39 years of index history," Galley added.

The supply-demand imbalance

continued to underpin rising property prices, but looking ahead, as Covid moves into an endemic phase and almost all domestic restrictions are removed, geopolitical events expose the UK to new sources of uncertainty, according to Galley.

He added: "The war in Ukraine is a human tragedy, but is also likely to

have effects on confidence, trade and global supply chains.

"Surging oil and gas prices are one immediate consequence, meaning that inflation in the UK - already at a 30-year peak - will remain higher for longer.

"This will add to the squeeze on already stretched household incomes.

While increases in bank rate look likely in the near term, the extent of the rises will depend on how it affects prices and companies' approaches to pay over the months to come.

"These factors are likely to weigh on buyer demand as the year progresses, with market activity likely to return to more normal levels and an easing of house price growth to be expected."

Wales remained the strongest-performing area, with annual property price growth of 13.8%, taking the average property price there to £207,184.

London was once again the weakest-performing area of the UK, with annual house price growth of 5.4%, but average prices remain high.

Tom Bill, head of UK residential research at Knight Frank, said: "We are presumably witnessing the final few months of double-digit house price growth before supply picks up and demand loses some of its lustre.

"A lack of stock has been a feature of the UK property market since the stamp duty holiday ended last summer but the shelves are gradually re-stocking, helped by the arrival of the spring market.

"Meanwhile, higher inflation and rising mortgage rates will begin to put the brakes on sky-high demand.

It won't happen overnight but I would expect the return of single-digit house price growth later this year."

Nathan Emerson, Propertymark CEO, commented: "Estate agents are still reporting bidding wars and buyers who are migrating. Migration means that some buyers can bring with them a larger budget, especially if they are moving away from a city which can filter through to higher purchase prices.

"Many buyers who have lost out are still waiting in the wings. In January, our agents reported registering an average of 100 new potential buyers per branch. Coming into February we have seen an increasing number of valuation appointments and we are hopeful that more sellers will come to the market which will help to ease price rises."

Iain McKenzie, CEO of The Guild of Property Professionals, commented: "The country is going through a cost-of-living crisis, plagued by rising inflation and plunging consumer confidence - but nobody seems to have told the housing market.

"It's incredible to think that these latest figures show the fastest annual growth in 15 years and another record high for the average house price, which continues to climb towards £300,000.

## Tech company unveils African designed electric bus

## NAIROBI

OPIBUS has introduced an African designed all-electric bus to the Kenyan market.

Opibus is a Swedish-Kenyan technology company that designs, develops and deploys electric vehicles (EVs) tailored for the African continent.

The company says the launch of the electric bus is the first major step in its vision to provide a locally designed and developed electric bus that can be mass-produced for the pan-African market by the end of 2023.

It is also an important step towards realising Opibus' goal of electrifying Africa's public transport system by deploying products tailored for local use.

The bus was designed and developed in-house with local engineering talent, while at the same time utilising local manufacturing partners, explains the company.

The key to the technology is the Opibus proprietary EV platform, which is modular and can act as a platform for several types of vehicles.

"This enables the creation of a bus that is suitable for African use, in its reliability, durability and price point. This also means that local and global contract manufacturers can be used to create a globally competitive product, with a rapid scale-up."

This bus will come in at



Newly designed electric bus in Kenya

a significantly lower cost than importing fully-built electric buses, promises Opibus.

"It will also have superior performance compared to its diesel counterpart.

"With the installation of a powerful motor, the bus has maximum torque which improves performance while enabling the driver to accelerate more responsively.

"Additionally, since the electric bus does not have a combustion engine or manual gearboxes,

there are no oil/filters/gaskets that have to be changed. This translates to an 80% reduction in maintenance expenses compared to a diesel bus."

Taking into account electricity charges, which are also significantly lower than the ever-increasing diesel price, total operating expenses are lowered by 50 percent, a fact which should revolutionise the public transport sector in Africa, notes Opibus.

"This first electric bus is set to

be launched commercially mid this year," says Opibus public transport project coordinator Dennis Wakaba.

"Following this, the platform will be tested at scale with the commercial deployment of ten buses during the second half of 2022.

"In doing so, we ensure that we gather valuable feedback to continue the development of the product for an optimised market fit."

The deployment of the buses

will initially be in peri-urban areas around the Nairobi metropolitan area.

Along with the bus deployment, several charging points will be installed from Opibus' already existing range of products.

These chargers will be a mix of AC (slow) and DC (fast) chargers. Using the fast charger, the electric bus should be fully charged within an hour.

Opibus was founded in 2017 and has nearly 100 employees.

## Half of India inclined on asset building and property purchase

## MUMBAI

ONE in two women strongly agree that over the past year, they have become much more inclined towards asset building and property purchase for investment purposes, revealed the latest study, Post 'Generation-Rent' by Godrej Housing Finance (GHF).

The study was commissioned to gain insight into the shift in consumer preference and the factors that drive the decisions for considering a property purchase, asset creation, and investment avenues by Indian consumers to secure their future in a post-pandemic world.

Women have always been the guardians of the home, but now in the age where women are equally assuming roles such as entrepreneurs, lawyers, engineers, doctors, they are also focused on the financial aspects of buying a home.

The study further revealed that 52 percent of women have already started looking for a new house and a home loan provider in the past year.

34 percent of women believe that buying a new house is the best investment option.

The study also revealed that 48 percent of women consider the credibility and transparency of the brand when looking for a housing finance company to secure a loan and buy their 'dream house'.

"Generation-Rent" is a well-documented phenomenon associated with Millennials across the world who prefer to rent over asset ownership of consumer durables and even housing.

In stark contrast to earlier assumptions, around 76 percent of Indians highlighted that they now plan to switch from renting to owning assets as an investment and lifestyle choice.

The Post 'Generation-Rent' study by Godrej Housing Finance revealed that almost half of Indians (49.13 percent) had started making headway in their house-hunting aspirations and reaching out to housing finance companies in the past year.

32.9 percent believe that buying a new house is the best investment option at present, while 16 percent mentioned owning a house is a top priority as work from home is the new normal.

The study also found that 25.5 percent of the Indians consider owning a home the second-most important aspect defining 'personal security', with job security leading the chart with 40.6% voting for it.

Commenting on the findings, Manish Shah, MD & CEO, Godrej Housing Finance, said, "The pandemic has brought about a clear shift in preference amongst Indian consumers. They are gravitating towards future-proofing through long-term investments."

He said with affordability at an all-time high, there has probably never been a better time to buy a house, which is both an important element of asset allocation and a key pillar of financial security.

That said, customers believe that this change requires enhanced support from their financial partner to advise and guide them through this long-term commitment.

## Gauteng government announces R37bn infrastructure budget

## PRETORIA

GAUTENG Finance and e-Government MEC Nomantu Nkomo-Ralehoko has announced that R36.8-billion will be allocated to infrastructure in the province over the next three years.

She said this money would be used to build and maintain public infrastructure, with the aim to also create job opportunities.

Nkomo-Ralehoko was presenting the 2022/23 Gauteng provincial budget to the legislature on March 9.

She emphasised that the construction

industry could play a key role in the South African and Gauteng economies in terms of providing and or maintaining infrastructure that is pivotal to the country's development.

Nkomo-Ralehoko noted that R12.2-billion had been allocated for the 2022/23 financial year, R12.3-billion for the 2023/24 financial year and R12.3-billion for the 2024/25 financial year.

Projects that will be funded as part of the infrastructure programme over the 2022 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) include roads and transport, with several upgrades planned in the province, as well as

the construction of two new roads.

Moreover, in health, there are refurbishments planned for the Dr Yusuf Dadoo, Edenvale, Jubilee, Kopanong, Leratong and Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic hospitals.

In terms of human settlements, the construction of housing units is planned, as is the servicing of stands. The Gauteng Department of Human Settlements has also received an additional R177-million of the 2022 MTEF for the eradication of the backlog in registration of pre-1994 and post-1994 title deeds.

For education, new schools will be built, including Rustervaal Secondary School,

Braamfischerville Primary School, Dr WK

du Plessis Skool for Learners with Special Education Needs and EW Hobbs Primary School. Nkomo-Ralehoko also highlighted that the procurement process for Kopanong Precinct was at the final phase for appointing preferred bidders.

Moreover, she said the Gauteng Infrastructure Financing Agency would identify and prepare relevant infrastructure projects within the Gauteng special economic zones that require funding from the private sector.

The "Baltic Pipe" project aims to ensure that Poland rec

## WORLD

## WB, UNICEF warn falling family incomes to increase inequality

UNITED NATIONS

APPROXIMATELY two-thirds of households with children have witnessed falling incomes since the COVID-19 pandemic hit two years ago, according to a joint report released by the UN Children's Fund and the World Bank on Wednesday.

Presenting findings from data collected in 35 countries, the report "Impact of COVID-19 on the welfare of households with children" notes that households with three or more children were most likely to have come up short, with more than three-quarters experiencing a reduction in earnings.

"Families cannot afford food or es-

sential healthcare services. They cannot afford housing. It is a dire picture, and the poorest households are being pushed even deeper in poverty," said Sanjay Wijesekera, UNICEF director of Programme Group.

According to the joint press release, the lost earnings have left adults in one-quarter of households without enough money to feed their children.

Moreover, adults in nearly half of households with children reported skipping a meal due to a lack of money.

"Families have experienced loss at a staggering scale. While last year, inflation reached its highest level in years, more than two thirds of households with children brought in less money,"



In this file photo taken on April 14, 2021, shoppers wearing protective masks carry bags in the Broadway Plaza Shopping Center in Walnut Creek, California, US. BLOOMBERG

Wijesekera added.

According to recent data, children and families are most likely to be hit by the economic crisis caused by COVID-19.

The number of children living in multidimensional poverty - without access to education, health, housing, nutrition, sanitation or water - soared to approximately 1.2 billion in 2020, while an estimated additional 100 million children were projected to have fallen into multidimensional poverty in 2021.

According to the report, with 40 percent of households not engaging in any educational activities while their schools are closed, children are deprived of the basics.

"The disruptions to education and healthcare for children, coupled with catastrophic out-of-pocket health expenses which affect more than one billion people, could put the brakes on the development of human capital - the levels of

education, health and well-being people need to become productive members of society," said Carolina Sanchez-Paramo, global director of Poverty and Equity for the World Bank.

The report also notes that prior to COVID-19, one in six children worldwide - or 356 million - experienced extreme poverty, where household members struggled to survive on less than \$1.90 a day.

More than 40 percent of children lived in moderate poverty. And nearly one billion children lived in multidimensional poverty in developing countries, a figure that has since increased by 10 percent due to the pandemic.

UNICEF and the World Bank are calling for a rapid expansion of social protection systems for children and their families.

Xinhua

## UN chief denounces unequal COVID-19 vaccine distribution

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday said in his statement on two years of COVID-19 that the vaccine distribution is "scandalously unequal" because rich-country health is prioritized over the poor.

"It would be a grave mistake to think the pandemic is over. The distribution of vaccines remains scandalously unequal," said the UN chief, adding that manufacturers are producing 1.5 billion doses per month, but nearly 3 billion people are still waiting for their first shot.

"This failure is the direct result of policy and budgetary decisions that prioritize the health of people in wealthy countries over the health of people in poor countries," said the secretary-general.

"This is a moral indictment of our world," the top UN official said.

"It is also a recipe for more variants, more lockdowns and more sorrow and sacrifice in every country.

Our world cannot afford a two-tier recovery from COVID-19. Despite the numerous other global crises, we must reach our goal of vaccinating 70 percent of people in all countries by the middle of this year," the secretary-



general spelled out.

Guterres underscored that governments and pharmaceutical companies need to work together to multiply the number of countries able to produce tests, vaccines and treat-

ments by sharing licenses and intellectual property and providing the necessary technological and financial support.

"At the same time, we need strong national vaccine-delivery systems at the ready - in-

cluding efforts to counter disinformation and get vaccines into arms. Science and solidarity have proven to be an unbeatable combination," added Guterres.

"We must re-dedicate ourselves to ending this pandemic for all people and all countries, and closing this sad chapter in humanity's history, once and for all," the UN chief stressed.

Guterres recalled that two years ago, the lives of people around the globe were upended by a virus and COVID-19 spread quickly and relentlessly into every corner of the world - shutting down economies, choking off transportation networks and supply chains, closing schools, separating people from their loved ones and plunging millions of people into poverty.

He said that the pandemic's most tragic toll has been on the health and lives of millions, with more than 446 million cases worldwide, more than 6 million deaths confirmed, and countless more grappling with worsening mental health.

"Thanks to unprecedented public health measures, and the extraordinarily rapid development and deployment of vaccines, many parts of the world are bringing the pandemic under control," he said.

## DPRK to launch more reconnaissance satellites to space

PYONGYANG

KIM JONG-UN, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, said his country will launch multiple military reconnaissance satellites to space, the official Korean Central News Agency reported yesterday.

Kim (pictured) made the remarks during a recent inspection of the National Aerospace Development Administration (NADA).

The top leader expressed great satisfaction over the major test results by NADA, which conducted two reconnaissance satellite development tests on Feb 27 and March 5.

Deeming the development of reconnaissance satellites a work for the protection of the sovereignty and national interests and the exercise of the legitimate rights to self-defense, Kim said the urgent project for perfecting the



country's war preparedness capacity by improving the state's war deterrent "is the supreme revolutionary task, a political and military priority task to which our Party and government attach the most importance."

The purpose of developing and operating military reconnaissance satellites is to provide the DPRK armed forces with real-time information on military actions against it, according to

Kim.

"The Party Central Committee fully supports the decision of the National Aerospace Development Administration on diversely putting a lot of military reconnaissance satellites into sun-synchronous polar orbit in the period of the five-year plan (2021-2025) so as to possess the strong capability for gathering intelligence by satellites," he added.

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## Tibetan people enjoy happy Tibetan New Year

FESTIVE atmosphere has been seen everywhere recently in southwest China's Tibet autonomous region, as the 2022 Tibetan New Year approached. The Tibetan people, dressed in brand-new clothes, have been caught up in holiday purchases and visiting their friends and relatives to send their New Year wishes.

During the Tibetan New Year, commodities have been on sufficient supply with stable price on the markets of Lhasa, capital of Tibet autonomous region. On high demand, they were selling briskly.

At the Pargor Supermarket located in Pargor, a commercial center of Lhasa, plenty of consumers were seen making New Year purchases. All kinds of festive goods were placed on the shelves, such as traditional Tibetan costumes, Tibetan butter sculptures and Chemars, a fine box containing roasted highland barley flour praying for good harvest.

Sufficient commodity supply and stable operation of the market have been ensured to make the Tibetan New Year happy and peaceful. For instance, a special New Year purchase section of a supermarket in Lhasa has stored over 500 tonnes of staple food before the Tibetan New Year, and it has also increased the supply of roasted highland barley flour and yak butter. According to an executive of a farm produce fair in Lhasa, over 200 tonnes of vegetables and fruits have been sold in the city on a daily basis, and stable prices has been ensured for vegetables, fruits, meat and aquatic products.

To celebrate the Tibetan New Year, diverse cultural activities have been held across the autonomous region. On March 2, the 2022 Tibetan New Year gala was aired. Numerous families watched the show while sipping Tibetan butter tea and enjoying pastries. Apart from being played on TV, the show was also livestreamed on multiple internet platforms.

In Baingoin county, Nagqu city of Tibet, over 100 people joined Tibetan New Year art performances for local neighborhoods. At the Senburi relocation site in Gonggar county, Lhoka, local cadres have presented a splendid New Year show, which included 13 performances such as solo singing and dancing.

Zheng Zhiping is a senior citizen living in Beimen neighborhood, Jiantang township in the majority Tibetan city of Shangri-La, southwest China's Yunnan province. The 70-year-old man had taught at local primary schools in the city for 30 years since he graduated from a normal university in 1978.

"School facilities were poor in the old days. In Dongwang township, over half of the villages were not connected to hardened road. It took a day to get to the township government from the farthest village," Zheng recalled.

Now, Dongwang township is connected to a newly built highway, which has significantly shortened the travel time for local residents.

Speaking of the rapid development today, Zheng was quite excited. "We are just developing fast now. Downtown Shangri-La used to cover less than one kilometer, but today it's been expanded more than 20 times," he said.

"In the past, schooling of the children was a huge economic burden for local families, but now they have subsidies. We had only 9-year compulsory education before, but now rural children enjoy 15 years of free education," Zheng told People's Daily.

According to him, a cafeteria was opened in his neighborhood last year, where each meal is priced at only 10 yuan (\$1.58) and senior citizens can have it at six yuan. The food there was diverse, he said.

A high-speed railway is scheduled to become operational in Shangri-La this year, which will further facilitate the transportation of local residents.

More and more policies are being rolled out today to benefit the people, and the days are just getting better, Zheng said.

People's Daily

## African campaigners launch campaign to promote women's land rights

NAIROBI

AFRICAN campaigners on Tuesday launched a campaign dubbed "Stand for Her Land" to promote land tenure among women in the continent and achieve the sustainability agenda.

During the campaign's launch in the Kenyan capital Nairobi which coincided with International Women's day, advocates called for bold investments to secure women's land rights, chart the pathway for a more climate-resilient and sustainable future.

Esther Mwaura-Muiru, global advocacy director for Stand for Her Land, said that through collective action and advocacy, "Stand for Her Land" is bridging the gap between government commitments and the reality on the ground.

"When women do not own the land they live and work on, they become trapped in patriarchal systems that reinforce gender inequalities and restrict their social, economic, and political progress," said Mwaura-Muiru.

She urged governments to mainstream women's land rights in development plans adding that women and indigenous communities should be involved in the global development agendas such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## UN marks women's day, recognising women's leadership, urging equality

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations marked the International Women's Day on Tuesday, celebrating women's leadership across all walks of life and calling for general equality.

The day, observed every year on March 8, was celebrated online by senior UN officials, activists, artists, politicians and others from around the globe. In recognizing women's leadership, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned that the clock on women's rights is ticking backwards in too many areas, with COVID-19 a prime example.

As a result of the crisis, girls and wom-

en have been kept out of school and at work, contributing to poverty and violence.

"We cannot emerge from the pandemic with the clock spinning backwards on gender equality," Guterres said in a video message played at the event. "We need to turn the clock forward on women's rights. The time is now."

Progress toward a more gender-equal world is being undermined by multiple interlocking and compounding crises, according to Sima Bahous, Executive Director at UN Women. She said that the international community is witnessing the horrifying situation in many

countries.

As a result of climate change and environmental degradation, insecurity is increasing for individuals and countries, with women and girls being disproportionately affected.

The international community can put them at the center of planning and action, as well as integrating gender perspectives into global and national legislation and policies, Bahous said.

"We have the opportunity to re-think, re-frame and re-allocate resources. We have the opportunity to benefit from the leadership of women and girl environmental defenders and climate activists to guide our planet's conservation.

We need indigenous women's inter-generational knowledge, practices and skills," she added.

President of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Abdulla Shahid noted that a sustainable future is possible because governments have adopted frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement on climate change, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Earlier, Shahid had pointed out how despite their contributions, women remain "under-represented, under-supported, and unrecognized" in the social, economic and political fields needed

for sustainable recovery.

"We must strengthen mechanisms that provide pathways and support for ingenuity, ambition, and creativity, from all people who have the skill and the drive.

And we must remove the barriers that prevent women from engaging," said the UNGA president.

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will begin its annual session next week, which will also examine gender equality within climate change, environmental, and disaster risk reduction policies and programs.

"For a sustainable tomorrow, the gendered impacts of climate change

must be confronted decisively and urgently," said commission chair Mathu Joyini, the permanent representative of South Africa to the UN. She underlined commitment toward realizing "a robust set of agreed conclusions which will place women and girls firmly at the center of climate and sustainability solutions."

One of the artists who participated in the UN commemoration was Amanda Gorman, an American poet and activist. In her poem "Earthrise," played at the UN event, Gorman emphasizes that "climate change is the single greatest challenge of our time," and everyone has a role in protecting the planet.





India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi gestures to supporters from a car during a road show ahead of the seventh phase of the Uttar Pradesh state assembly elections in Varanasi on March 4, 2022. AFP

## Modi's BJP set to win India's biggest state election

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's party is set to keep control of India's most populous state yesterday as officials begin the count in a state assembly vote that will offer clues to the national mood before the next general election, due by 2024.

Opinion polls have predicted a comfortable majority for Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Uttar Pradesh, despite the government's much-criticized handling of COVID-19, high unemployment, and anger over farm reforms that Modi cancelled last year after protests.

The BJP has long predicted it would retain the northern state because of policies such as free staples for the poor during the pandemic, a crackdown on crime, and its popularity among the Hindu majority reinforced by the construction of a temple on the site of a razed mosque.

In elections in four smaller states over the past month, the Aam Aadmi Party that governs the national capital territory of Delhi is projected to win in Punjab, while the races are tight in BJP-ruled Manipur, Goa and Uttarakhand.

Uttar Pradesh is home to about a fifth of India's 1.35 billion people and sends the most legislators to parliament of any state.

It has long been said that without winning Uttar Pradesh and the neighboring state of Bihar, no party or coalition has much hope of securing a majority in parliament. The BJP has been in power in both.

For decades, Uttar Pradesh was a stronghold of the main opposition Congress party but it has been unable to stem a slide in its popularity over recent years.

If Modi's party holds Uttar Pradesh as expected, opposition hopes of a united front to challenge him in the next general election will be dented.

A win in Uttar Pradesh would also be a seal of approval for Hindu monk Yogi Adityanath, who was surprisingly chosen as chief minister for Uttar Pradesh five years ago and is seen as a future prime ministerial candidate for the BJP.

Xinhua

## Iran calls JCPOA parties for immediate 'political decisions'

TEHRAN

A SENIOR Iranian diplomat said it is possible to make a successful conclusion in the Vienna talks on restoring the 2015 nuclear deal if relevant parties make the right political decisions immediately to lift US sanctions, Iranian state-run Press TV reported Wednesday.

A successful conclusion "is not out of reach if the United States and other members of the JCPOA (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) show good faith in the negotiations and make the necessary and right political decisions to immediately lift the cruel and inhumane sanctions," Mohammad Reza Ghaebi, head of Iran's permanent mission to international organizations in Vienna, was quoted by Press TV as saying.

"Iran has repeatedly announced that it will reverse its remedial measures if the other parties return to the full and verifiable implementation of their obligations within the framework of the JCPOA," he told the meeting of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Tuesday.

The Iranian envoy stressed that several IAEA reports have shown "transparency in Iran's nuclear program and activities."

Citing an informed source close to Iranian negotiators in Vienna, Iranian official news agency IRNA earlier reported that the nuclear talks are waiting for the United States to make "political decisions" for the conclusion.

Since April 2021, several rounds of talks have been held in Vienna between Iran and major parties to the deal, in a bid to restore the 2015 nuclear deal from which former US president Donald Trump withdrew unilaterally in 2018 and reinstated sanctions against Iran.

Tehran retaliated by scrapping some of its commitments. The US has been indirectly involved in the Vienna talks.



The flag of Iran is seen among others ahead of a press conference by Rafael Grossi, Director General of the IAEA, about the agency monitoring of Iran's nuclear energy program in Vienna, Austria. File photo

# Russia to US: Explain purpose of biological labs in Ukraine

MOSCOW/KYIV

THE Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday that Washington must explain to the international community the purpose of US-funded biological laboratories in Ukraine.

"We remember for how many years and with what bloody results the United States searched for various types of chemical, biological, bacteriological weapons and so on all over the world, actually occupying lands and killing people," Maria Zakharova, the ministry's spokesperson, told a briefing.

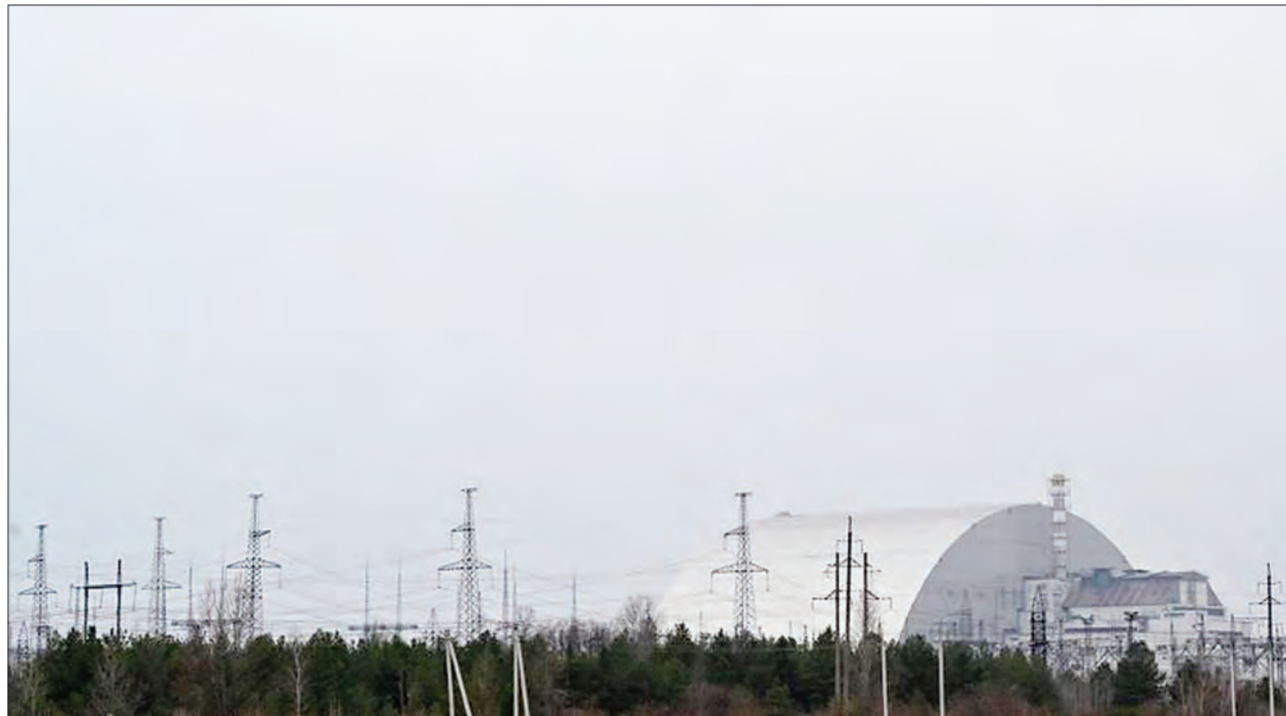
Kyiv has recently begun erasing traces of these biological programs, she said.

"We received documentation from Ukrainian employees at the biological laboratories on the urgent destruction of especially dangerous pathogens, plague, anthrax, cholera and other deadly diseases on Feb 24."

Also on Wednesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said this issue is of great importance and the whole world would like to know the purpose of these labs.

**Putin, Scholz discuss Ukraine crisis**

Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz held a phone conversation on Wednesday to explore political



This April 13, 2021 photo shows the giant protective dome built over the sarcophagus covering the destroyed fourth reactor of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. AFP

and diplomatic efforts towards a possible settlement of the Ukraine crisis.

They discussed the results of the third round of negotiations between the Russian and Ukrainian delegations, the Kremlin said in a statement.

The leaders also paid special attention to humanitarian issues arising from the current situation, it said, adding that Putin briefed Scholz about measures taken to organize humanitarian corridors for the evacuation of civilians.

The two leaders agreed to continue

contacts at various levels.

**Chernobyl power plant disconnected**

The Ukrainian state-run energy company Ukrrenerg said on Wednesday the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in northern Ukraine has been disconnected from the power grid.

"The nuclear power plant in Chernobyl was fully disconnected from the power grid. The nuclear station has no power supply," Ukrrenerg said in a state-

ment on Telegram.

Military actions in the area are in progress so there is no possibility to restore the power lines, the statement said.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba on Twitter called on the international community to urgently demand Russia to cease fire and allow repair units to restore the power supply to the nuclear power plant.

"Reserve diesel generators have a 48-hour capacity to power the Chernobyl NPP. After that, cooling systems of the

storage facility for spent nuclear fuel will stop, making radiation leaks imminent," Kuleba tweeted.

On Tuesday, the International Atomic Energy Agency said that remote data transmission from the safeguards control systems installed at the Chernobyl plant has been lost.

However, the United Nations nuclear watchdog denied any critical safety risk after receiving the Ukrainian report about the loss of power at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant on Wednesday.

"Heat load of spent fuel storage pool and volume of cooling water at Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant sufficient for effective heat removal without need for electrical supply," the IAEA said in a statement posted on Twitter.

The Chernobyl nuclear plant, some 110 kilometers north of Kiev, witnessed one of the worst nuclear accidents in human history on April 26, 1986.

On Feb 24, advisor to the Head of the President's Office of Ukraine Mykhailo Podoliak said Russian forces have seized the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

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## Beijing: Zero tolerance for 'Taiwan independence'

BEIJING

THE Chinese military will never tolerate "Taiwan independence" separatist acts and the interference of external forces, a spokesperson has said.

Relevant exercises and training activities of the People's Liberation Army are by no means targeted at Taiwan compatriots, but "Taiwan independence" separatist activities and the interference of external forces, said Wu Qian, spokesperson for the delegation of the People's Liberation Army and People's Armed Police Force attending the fifth session of the 13th National People's Congress, on Wednesday.

Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party authority's separatist activities and collusion with external forces are the root cause of the current tension and disturbance in the Taiwan Strait, he said.

The Taiwan question is China's internal affair that brooks no external interference, added the spokesperson.

"The more the United States and Japan make waves on the Taiwan question, the tougher actions we will take to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity," he warned.

**Military spending reasonable**

China's defense spending has maintained reasonable and steady growth to tackle complex security challenges and fulfill China's responsibility as a major country, said the spokesperson.

"History proves and will continue to prove that the Chinese armed forces will always be a staunch force in safeguarding national interests and maintaining world peace," said Wu.

The Chinese government takes into



Wu Qian, a spokesman for China's Ministry of National Defense, addressing a press briefing in Beijing, China.

consideration the demands of its national defense and the development of the economy to decide on the appropriate scale of defense expenditure, he said.

China has been submitting reports on its military expenditure to the United Nations every year since 2008, Wu said. It is groundless for some external forces to hype up the so-called "hidden military spending", he stressed.

China's defense budget remains relatively low compared with that of the United States, he added.

**PLA cooperation**

The PLA has played an active

role in the global fight against COVID-19 while fully supporting domestic epidemic containment, said Wu Qian.

The Chinese military has provided COVID-19 vaccine aid for the militaries of over 30 countries, including Pakistan, Cambodia, Mongolia and Equatorial Guinea, he said.

The PLA has cooperated with militaries of more than 50 countries in fighting the disease by offering medical supplies, dispatching expert teams and holding virtual meetings to share anti-virus experience, he said.

Xinhua

## Death toll from South Sudan's inter-tribal clashes rise to 36

JUBA

DEATH toll from inter-communal violence in the Abyei Administrative Area (AAA) along the border between South Sudan and Sudan has claimed 36 lives, the United Nations relief agency said on Wednesday.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) said the violence allegedly driven by long-standing territorial disputes, inter-tribal tensions, and revenge seeking intensified since March 5 and has left an unknown number of people injured.

"Public and private infrastructure has been destroyed in the

Agok general area.

More than 750 aid workers, national and international, relocated with their families from Agok and Juljok to various locations, including Abyei town and South Sudan," OCHA said in its Flash Update.

According to the UN, fighting has been ongoing in the Abyei area since Feb. 10 with reports of civilians killed and wounded.

It said more than 50,000 people are reportedly displaced since Feb. 10 but numbers are yet to be verified, noting that the majority of people fled to Abyei town, while others sought refuge in areas further south, with more than 20,400 people registered in Twic County in Warrap State.

The UN said fighting broke out on Feb. 10 between the communities in Abyei and Twic County of Warrap State in Anet settlement and extended to other locations including the Juljok settlement and Agok town.

It said the fighting intensified on March 5 and has since claimed 36 lives and several injuries. The UN said humanitarian operations in the affected areas have been put on pause.

South Sudan President Salva Kiir has formed a committee to investigate the root cause of the conflict between the two communities.

Xinhua

## China releases white paper on parasports progress and protection of disabled people's rights

CHINA'S State Council Information Office issued a white paper titled "China's Parasports: Progress and the Protection of Rights" on March 3, the day before the opening of the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games. This is the first time that the Chinese government has released a white paper on China's parasports progress.

"China is going all out to prepare for the Beijing 2022 Paralympic Winter Games," said the document, which suggested that as of February 20, 2022, 647 athletes from 48 countries and regions registered in the Games.

"China is fully prepared to welcome athletes from all around the world to the Games," said the white paper.

The white paper consists of three parts: the preamble, main body and conclusion. The main body includes five sections: "Parasports Have Progressed Through National Development" "Physical Activities for Persons with Disabilities Have Flourished" "Performances in Parasports Are Improving Steadily" "Contributing to International Parasports" and "Achievements in Parasports Reflect Improvements in China's Human Rights".

Developing parasports is an effective way to help persons with disabilities to improve physical fitness, pursue physical and mental rehabilitation, participate in social activities, and achieve all-round development; it also provides a special opportunity for the public to better understand the potential and value of the disabled, and promote social harmony and progress, according to the white paper.

China regards rehabilitation and fitness activities for persons with disabilities as one of the main components in implementing its national strategies of Fitness-for-All, Healthy China initiative, and Building China into a Country Strong in Sports, pointed out the white paper.

Physical activities for persons with disabilities have flourished, with parasports events carried out nationwide, winter sports for persons with disabilities on the rise, and rehabilitation and fitness services for persons with disabilities constantly improving, according to the document.

As disabled people in China are becoming increasingly active in sports, their performances in parasports are also improving steadily, as

the document pointed out.

Meanwhile, China has made its contributions to international parasports. The country is fully engaged in international sports affairs for the disabled and continues to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with other countries and with international organizations for disabled people, building friendship among peoples of all countries, including those with disabilities, the white paper said.

In 2022, the Fourth Asian Para Games will be held in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province. Around 3,800 parasports athletes from over 40 countries and regions will compete in 604 events across 22 sports. These games will vigorously promote friendship and cooperation in Asia, it noted.

The Chinese government lays great emphasis on the protection of disabled people's rights and interests and has comprehensively enhanced the construction of a barrier-free environment to make it more convenient for people with disabilities to live, study and work, said Guo Liqun, spokesperson with the China Disabled Persons' Federation.

China constantly improves the coverage of accessible facilities. In the country, 81 percent of entrances and exits, 56 percent of service counters and 38 percent of restrooms of the comprehensive service facilities in villages (communities) have been equipped or upgraded for accessibility.

Between 2016 and 2020, China helped some 650,000 poor families with severely disabled members adapt their homes to suit the needs of the disabled members, provided support for the disabled in fighting against poverty and improved their living standards, said Guo.

To create a barrier-free travel and service environment, the Chinese government has continuously strengthened the construction and renovation of transportation infrastructure to make it more accessible by people with disabilities.

The country has promoted the application of barrier-free passenger vehicles; 3,598 trains have specially designed seats for disabled people; public transport vehicles have designated priority seats for people with disabilities, and low-floor buses and barrier-free taxis are employed; city buses are equipped with screens and voice stop reminders, Guo pointed out.

People's Daily

## Goalkeepers must have unique characteristics

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

HAVE Simba SC fans ever seen goalkeeper Jeremiah Kisubi between the goal poles when the club features in fixtures? No, I have never seen him play. I previously saw him play for Tanzania Prisons.

I heard that he was signed by Simba. The goalkeeper is currently playing for Mtibwa Sugar on loan.

There are many questions about Kisubi. Why did Simba sign him? I do not understand. First, it is likely the club's leaders sought to bring the footballer in.

That they try to have good players in every department. But how can a team have the best three goalkeepers without a different reputation?

Aishi Manula is a good goalkeeper. Beno Kalolanya is good, and Kisubi is good.

What is the reputation of the second goalkeeper Kakolanya? His main character is being strong and putting pressure on Manula.

His biggest reputation is fighting to be the first goalkeeper.

What is a reputation of a third goalkeeper? The Europeans make a shot-stopper the third goalkeeper in two groups.

The first group is the goalie should be young. He could be the number one goalkeeper of the youth team.

This one grows slowly as he draws on the experience. He does not have a lot of pressure to compete for numbers because he is not old enough. He is slowly seeking his place.

Another group is the senior goalkeeper. A veteran who is over 35 years. He is there for emergencies.

He has already played elsewhere and his quality has diminished. He can now help them catch on with more experience when things go wrong for the first goalkeeper.

For example, in Europe, there is a goalkeeper named Willy Caballero. He is 40 years old.

Chelsea and Manchester City have used him for the same job as a reserve goalkeeper. Sometimes he turns out to be the second goalkeeper but most of the time he is the third goalkeeper.

I have read that Kisubi is aged 32. This is the time when the goalkeeper is at his best. It is the age at which the goalkeeper becomes more like wine.

He should not have gone to Simba SC as a third goalkeeper. He had to go as either a second goalkeeper or a first goalkeeper. I was surprised Simba SC registered Kisubi.

All Simba SC had to do was look for any good goalkeeper who could be the side's third goalkeeper.

The outfit needed a goalkeeper who would grow for it and would begin playing after a few years.

It is as if Yanga was slowly grooming goalkeeper Ramadhan Kabwili. A goalkeeper like Kabwili is often loaned out when the keeper gets older given the footballer failed to take first place.

That is why there were times when I was wondering why Yanga did not want to allow Kabwili to feature for another side on loan.

Kisubi's age should not have made him the third goalkeeper was given the level the shot-stopper had at Prisons.

The shot-stopper deserved to sit in any of prominent clubs' goals, whether Yanga, Simba, or Azam FC.

Why did he go to Simba to be the third goalkeeper? First of all, Simba did not do him justice.

The squad had to make Kisubi the second goalkeeper and leave Kakolanya. Then the third goalkeeper should be young.

The team would save a lot of money in the budget. It was not a good use of money.

I moreover am afraid to claim that Kisubi also did not do himself justice. Our country's football has a complex system.

If a player is not wanted by Simba, Yanga, or Azam FC then he will not earn. If the footballer is wanted by one of these teams the performer will not give up the money on the table.

Sometimes football supporters blame the players who go to these teams because they are going to kill their talents but the fanatics do not understand how



Mtibwa Sugar goalkeeper Jeremiah Kisubi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

much money the squads have put on the table. They are money that they have never seen in life.

Unfortunately, other clubs that they could go to play for are not able to put on the table the issues that Simba, Yanga, and Azam FC often have.

The difference between what they see and what they do not see is huge in our football.

In Europe similarly, there are rich clubs but other regular clubs have higher salaries. There is a player who can decide to go and develop his talent elsewhere while being well paid. It is different from Tanzanian football.

For example, when Erling Haaland left Red Bull Salzburg he was wanted by various big clubs in the world.

However, his agent, Mino Raiola, decided to keep Borussia Dortmund in, turning down Bayern Munich, Manchester United, Barcelona, and Real Madrid. However, the club he went to, Dortmund, could only pay him well and drive luxury cars, and become rich.

Haaland's agent wanted the performer to gain more experience and more maturity. And that is exactly what is happening now.

The problem here is a soccer supporter cannot tell winger Denis Nkane to wait when he is wanted by Yanga and Simba.

A football follower cannot tell him to go to Coastal Union first while he waits to go to Yanga.

One ought to try to imagine Haaland may have missed out on £100,000 a week for not going to either Real Madrid or Bayern Munich, but Dortmund could pay him £50,000 a week.

For Nkane if he had to earn £100,000 a week from a popular outfit in Tanzania then a modest outfit would pay him £5,000 a week. The gap is huge between what they see and what they do not see.

If a soccer fanatic himself is in Kasubi's shoes the supporter will understand why the footballer moves to a popular club even though he is going to team up with Aishi and Kakolanya.

A football supporter could not advise Kisubi to give up 50m/- for fear of his position.

He cannot leave that amount for fear of being placed on a bench. He cannot give up that amount and go to Biashara United, immediately for the sake of protecting his talent.

In his case, I have no problem with Kisubi. I have a problem with Simba. Why did the outfit decide to take Kisubi?

Even though Kisubi was loaned to Mtibwa Sugar, football science shows it was not the right decision for Simba to take him.

Even if Manchester City has money the outfit cannot rope in Ederson, Allison Becker, and Manuel Neuer to stay in the same goal. Goalkeepers must have varying competence.

## Inconsistency keeps on troubling NBC Premier League outfits' forwards

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S NBC Premier League is in the second phase and all 16 teams have played 17 matches.

The sad truth about it is that so far the Premier League's top scorers of last season are experiencing a goal drought.

So far six players last season had double-digit figures, that is, they scored more than nine goals.

The players are John Bocco (Simba)- 16 goals, Chris Mugalu (Simba)- 15 goals, Prince Dube (Azam FC)- 14 goals, Meddie Kagere (Simba)- 13 goals, Idd Selemani (Azam FC)- 10 goals, and Danny Lyanga (JKT Tanzania) - 10 goals.

Those are the players who scored two-digit goals last season and were expected to this season light up from where they left off, but that is not happening.

Bocco finished second in the goal scorers' chart in the Premier League in 2011/12 and 2020/21 seasons.

The footballer is perceived as one of the league's most dangerous strikers of his generation.

Since joining Simba in the 2017/18 season from Azam FC, Bocco has been scoring more than 10 goals each season, except for one season namely 2019/20 which saw the footballer net nine goals.

This is the 14th season for him since he started playing in the Premier League in 2008/09 and he has scored 142 goals.

Yahya Tumbo, Nsa Job, and Philip Alando were great players who surpassed Bocco on everything during his first season at Azam FC.

He did not get minutes in front of the mentioned footballers. Lack of minutes made him look like a burden in the squad and he was proposed to be left out at the end of the season by one of the domestic coaches, but God took care of him.

Another difficult season for him was 2014/15 which saw the footballer net just three goals.

However, he spent most of the season recovering from



Meddie Kagere

injuries sustained in Rwanda in the Kagame Cup tournament where he was injured by El Merreikh's Pascal Wawa (now at Simba) in the quarter-finals.

Leaving aside those seasons whose reasons are understandable, Bocco has never had such a bad season.

Until this season's league reaches the 17 games he has not scored a single goal and has played a large percentage of those matches.

Forward Mugalu was signed by Simba from Lusaka Power Dynamos of Zambia, the Congolese attacker was perceived as one of the most dangerous strikers when the performer is physically fit. There was no mention of either physical fitness or coincidence.

Mugalu's life in Simba has been extremely painful. Most of his life at the club has been spent in hospital due to injuries.

His 15 goals last season came close to seeing him clinch the golden boot prize but fell short in the last-minute penalty kick and Bocco won the award.

So far Mugalu has not scored a sin-

gle goal this season due to his long absence from the field.

He had a great season in 2020/21. He scored goals from within opponents' area, as well as long-range goals.

He converted with his right foot and also with his left foot. He headed home and scored with his chest.

Dube was equally remarkable. However, injuries that he picked in the game against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC at Azam Complex came to cost him later, they put him out for the rest of the season and earlier this season.

In 17 games, Dube has not scored a single goal in this season's league.

The arrival of Zambian attacker Rodgers Kola is also a problem for Dube as head coach Abdihakim Moalin is more likely to use the Zambian as Azam FC's top striker with Dube serving as Kola's striking partner.

Dube was Azam FC's top scorer in two consecutive two seasons, 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Kagere was in 2020/21 less visible on the pitch due to the stances of Belgian coach Sven Vandenbroeck.

But, he still pushed himself and at least scored 13 goals. This season he has scored six goals and made him at least better in front of his teammates. But,

Even if a football lover analyzes the goals, the follower will see that the performer is just the same.

Three of those five goals came from controversial penalties. Two more goals were scored against opponents when they were reduced after one of the players was shown a new card, it shows how the cards cost sides.

Selemani was amongst the players who were having the best level last season. He was involved in 18 goals for Azam FC.

The attacker netted 10 goals and executed eight assists. This season so far he has scored just one goal.

And this is due to the serious injury he suffered on November 30, 2021, which kept him out for nine months.

But even before he was injured the footballer had already played seven matches and scored just one goal, as a sign of a poor start to the season.

In last season's best scorers, Danny Lyanga is the player to play for a team that suffered relegation.

He scored 10 goals with JKT Tanzania that was relegated and is now in Geita Gold FC colours, having so far recorded four goals.

At least he can give himself the benefit of the doubt that the player has done well so far. He has scored perfectly clean goals with all coming from open play.

Considering he is turning out for the top-flight's newcomer, a footballer supporter can give him the honour that at least he did well.

When a soccer fan talks about goal scorers not only the players but also the teams are involved.

For all four seasons in which Simba SC has been the champion of Tanzania the outfit has produced top scorers but, this season after 17 games Simba has hardly scored more than 25 goals.

Last season Simba had scored 40 goals in 17 matches. The departure of the squad's two players, Luis Miquisone and Clatous Chama reduced the risk in the attacking ranks.

Combined with their main problem this season, namely missing penalties, Simba has hardly become a threat in front of the opponents' goal.

There are still 13 games ahead and anything can happen because football has its wonders but, so far the only thing a soccer fan can say is that this is not the best season for last season's top scorers.

## Designer starts entertainment platform to provide mental health education

By Guardian Correspondent

FORMER fashion designer, Doreen Noni, under Peter's Daughter initiative, has launched an entertainment platform known as 'Hadithi hadithi' which specializes in providing mental health education.

The stage was launched in Dodoma by Kongwa District Commissioner Remedius Mwema on behalf of Dodoma Regional Commissioner Anthony Mtaka.

Doreen said that one of the biggest mental health problems for young people is stress which stems from various issues including unemployment and various aspects of society.

She said that they have decided to use entertainment including new generation music, Bongo Flava, drama, comedy, and other forms of entertainment to spread education aiming to remove the situation because entertainment is therapy.

The event was spiced by various entertainment like Dodoma's prominent artists Medson, Meddy Voice, and Baby Jeshi who took the stage by storm.

Apart from the artists, the event was fully coloured by performing arts like stories through speech, dance, poetry, music, and any form of art.



Peter's Daughter Initiative Chairperson, Doreen Noni (3rd R), poses for a group photo with some of the storytellers who featured in the launch of the initiative in Dodoma recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

The stage moreover consisted of a performance from Dodoma Art Group, the troupe's artists showcased a street play that taught the audience about mental health and first aid.

She said entertainment is a public health issue, it is largely in the area of mental health that it has its

greatest impact.

According to Doreen, enjoying music, a film, a video game, or a YouTube video can improve mood, strengthen friendships, and increase competence.

Doreen revealed recreation is the only way to rehabilitate a person and many nations have de-

ecided to use it to improve mental health, especially for young people.

She said that their institution in collaboration with the government and other stakeholders such as the Red Cross aims to give education in all Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar's regions.

## PSG, Qatar still can't buy its way to European glory

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LIONEL Messi stood frozen, stunned in the Santiago Bernabéu.

His right hand was on his hip. His left hand was holding his head. His eyes were closed.

It looked like he wanted the field to swallow him up.

Watching the celebrations was the last thing Messi wanted to do as Paris Saint-Germain capitulated to Real Madrid.

Especially given the way Karim Benzema had just completed a hat-trick in 17 minutes to shift the Champions League last-16 game in Madrid's favor for the first time.

It summed up PSG's implosion that the winner came straight from the kickoff after Benzema scored his second. PSG gave the ball away, gifting a rapid home attack that ended with Vinícius Júnior cutting into the penalty area, a feeble attempted clearance from Marquinhos and Benzema flicking the ball into the bottom corner. "We paid dearly for our mistakes at the end," Marquinhos said. "It's tough to explain."

Very tough to explain. It seemed harder to toss away a looming place in the quarterfinals when Kylian Mbappé had scored a memorable late winner in the first leg and produced another moment of magnificence – created by Neymar's pass – to score in the first half in Madrid.

The upstarts of European football were still beating the kings of the continent 2-0 on aggregate with a half hour to go.

"We were convinced we were the better side," PSG sporting director Leonardo said, "and that we were going to go through with a squad that could win the competition."

Instead, PSG conspired to get itself dumped out of the Champions League 3-2 on aggregate by the record 13-time champions of Europe.

"The worst feeling is that we were the better side," PSG manager Mauricio Pochettino said. "But we lost the tie in 10 minutes."

This isn't why one of the greatest players of all time came to PSG. Nor why so much was invested in linking the 34-year-old genius up with Neymar and Mbappé.

The wait for a first Champions League title goes on for PSG after 11 years of Qatari ownership and more than \$1 billion in transfers.

Whichever managers come and go – and Pochettino will be fighting to remain in charge next season – PSG too often looks like a group of players masquerading as a team.

All the money and talent can't achieve success where it is craved most. This was meant to be the season when everything came together, with Messi arriving from Barcelona.

But still only one European final has been reached, losing to Bayern Munich in 2020. Only one other semifinal has been contested, losing to Manchester City last season.

No wonder there were reports of PSG President Nasser Al-Khelaifi becoming heated in the search to blame the match officials after the latest exit.

There will be recriminations at PSG. Winning the French title is the easy part of the year. Take away last season's aberration when Lille was crowned champion, PSG is now coasting to an eighth title in nine seasons.

It's the European Cup which PSG's leadership wants to parade in Paris – and Doha – for a club where collecting trophies can seem more about projecting sporting power for the Emir of Qatar than delivering for the Parc de Princes regulars.

"When things happen, we have to think about it and ponder why it happened," Leonardo said. "But we need time for that."

How much time will Leonardo or Pochettino get? Someone will take the blame.

Pochettino tried to shift responsibility onto the referee for not penalizing Benzema for a foul on goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma before the first goal that launched the comeback in the 61st minute.

"It's unbelievable," Pochettino said, grumbling about VAR. "It's impossible to accept because it's a clear foul. I'm not complaining."

Sure sounded like that. "The next few weeks are not going to be easy," Pochettino said.

Will PSG accept the excuses? "It's a big blow," Leonardo said. "We have to accept our mistakes and our inability to handle difficult situations. We lost and there are things to analyse."

Leonardo talked of needing to "find solutions as quickly as possible." Marquinhos reflected on the team being more "mature in Europe next season."

But when a team can't even lift the European Cup with Messi, Neymar and Mbappé, then when will it?

Especially when Mbappé is out of contract in three months after PSG rejected Madrid dangling more than \$150 million to sign him last year.

It's more likely the next time he plays in the Champions League it's against PSG – and maybe for Madrid. How painful would that be for Messi to watch?

AP

## Old habits kick in as Benzema-led Madrid comeback stuns PSG

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"REAL Madrid are still alive," said Karim Benzema, the 34-year-old striker who scored a second-half hat-trick as Paris Saint-Germain again self-destructed in the Champions League knockout stages.

PSG were cruising at 2-0 up on aggregate after Kylian Mbappé's 39th-minute strike.

For an hour the Paris club looked assured of a last-eight berth, but Benzema turned the tie on its head with three goals in 17 minutes as Real swept to a 3-1 win and 3-2 aggregate triumph.

Even by PSG's standards, this was an epic collapse, five years to the day since Barcelona overturned a 4-0 last-16 first-leg deficit against them by winning 6-1 at Camp Nou.

Lionel Messi and Neymar were in Barcelona colours that day, but both were on the receiving end this time, unable to rid PSG of their habit of crumbling when it matters most.

Madrid's comeback may not have matched that night in Barcelona for scale or drama -- Benzema's winner came in the 78th minute not the 95th and Madrid came from two behind, not four -- but the im-



Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema celebrates after scoring a goal during the UEFA Champions League round of 16 second leg football match between Real Madrid CF and Paris Saint-Germain at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on March 9, 2022. (AFP)

European crown, despite more than a billion euros splurged on transfers.

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Defeat throws Mauricio Pochettino's future as coach into serious doubt, raises further questions about Messi's departure from Barca and prolongs the Qatari-owned club's wait for that elusive Eu-

ropean crown, despite more than a billion euros splurged on transfers.

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## Mbappe may soon be prince of Madrid, but Benzema is still king

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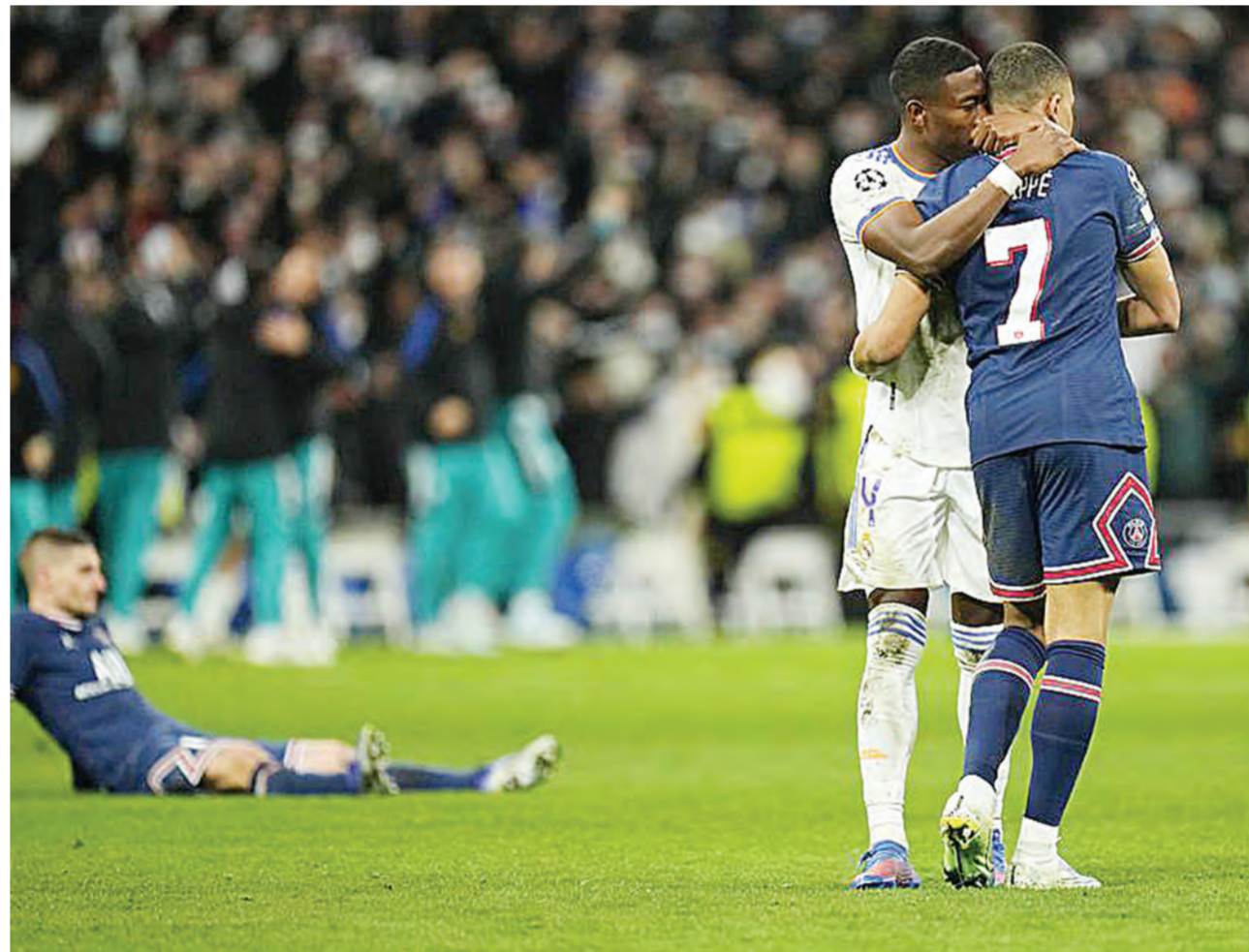
IT was written in the stars that a Frenchman would shine at the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday night, when Real Madrid hosted Paris Saint-Germain in their Champions League round-of-16 second leg. It just wasn't the one we all expected.

For his big audition in the Spanish capital ahead of a widely speculated move to Madrid this summer, Kylian Mbappe did what he does best: score goals and be the best player in the world. Yet the star of the show was his "big brother," Karim Benzema.

When the talk of the town was about Mbappe and his future, Benzema sent a reminder, not only to the whole of the Spanish capital but the rest of the world, that he is still the boss. He became the oldest player to score a hat trick in Champions League history, the first French player to score three hat tricks in the competition and he sent his team to the quarterfinals via a 3-1 win on the night and a 3-2 aggregate victory -- sending the Bernabeu into a frenzy in the process.

His celebrations, his evident joy, spoke volumes. Apart from his performance, there was little else from a disappointing Real Madrid side. They lacked intensity for the opening hour, but they can always rely on Benzema, who on this night overtook Alfredo Di Stefano as the third-leading goal scorer in Real Madrid history with 309 goals -- just behind Raul and Cristiano Ronaldo.

He has been their saviour on more than one occasion this season -- and in the previous one, too. His three goals on Wednesday bring his total to eight in the Champions League this season and 77 in his career (only Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and Robert Lewandowski have more). This season, he has 30 goals and 11 assists in 31 matches across all competitions. That's 41 goal involvements in 31 matches, in a team that's struggled to create chances for him, at



Real Madrid's David Alaba hugs PSG's Kylian Mbappe, right, after PSG's loss in the Champions League, round of 16, second leg soccer match between Real Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Wednesday, March 9, 2022. (AP Photo)

the age of 34. This is Ballon d'Or territory.

The incredible thing in this game is that he didn't even need much to score. The striker took full advantage of PSG's complacency and errors. How could Gianluigi Donnarumma give away the ball in the manner that he did on Madrid's first goal? What was Neymar doing with his terrible pass that led to the counterattack for the second goal? And what about Marquinhos' assist for Benzema's third? These were schoolboy errors, but Benzema was there to punish the Parisians all the same.

Just when we thought there was a new prince in Madrid, the king struck three times to remind everyone that the Santiago Bernabeu remains his castle.

If Ronaldo was watching from his sofa in Manchester, he surely would have appreciated Benzema's performance. It was a very Ronaldo-esque display, full of talent, efficiency and guts. The Frenchman bailed out his team much like his

ex-teammate did so many times before.

Of course, this victory and Madrid's march to the quarterfinals is as much Benzema's success as it is PSG's failure.

Once again, Paris failed mentally. They choked, throwing away a two-goal lead in an unthinkable way.

We have been here before, of course. They con-

ceded three goals in 16 minutes and 41 seconds on Wednesday, which last happened to them in the Champions League in the infamous Remontada in Barcelona (wherein PSG's 4-0 first-leg advantage ended in a 6-5 aggregate defeat) almost to this day five years ago.

At PSG, managers are hired and fired, players

Doubts linger around Carlo Ancelotti's side at the very highest level. For the entirety of the first leg in Paris and for 60 minutes of the second, Madrid were inferior to PSG, who made them look slow, heavy-legged and like a team whose core are in their mid-thirties.

It is possible the likes of Manchester City, Liverpool, Chelsea or Bayern Munich would do the same, but without the late capitulation.

And yet this is not the first time Madrid have proven themselves to be great survivors on the European stage. Through experience, belief and sheer force of will, Real Madrid always tend to go further than they should.

- 'Mental strength' - "We have suffered a lot, but we have endured. After (our) first goal there was only one team on the pitch," said Ancelotti.

"We won the match with our mental strength," said Benzema.

In Benzema, they have one of the world's classiest strikers, an all-rounder getting better with age who sent a message that he

wants to play with, not instead of, his fellow Frenchman Mbappe if he arrives in Madrid.

Luka Modric was sensational again, stepping up in the second half, the highlight of which was his contribution to Benzema's second goal with an exquisite reverse pass.

Thibaut Courtois, at 29 among the best goalkeepers on the planet, prevented Mbappe from scoring at least twice more.

Real Madrid, though, still lack the mobility and dynamism of Bayern and the Premier League's leading lights. Saving up for Mbappe for the last three years has seen to that.

And while Ancelotti is an expert man manager, he is not a visionary coach in the mould of Pep Guardiola, Jurgen Klopp or Julian Nagelsmann, all of whom are currently at the forefront of the game's tactical thinking.

Yet Real Madrid remain alive. They came back to beat PSG with the old instincts kicking in and the fans singing at the end: "This is how we win." It was hard to disagree.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



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## Tanzania Prisons, Mtibwa Sugar confident of surviving relegation to Championship



Tanzania Prisons defender, Nurdin Chona (L), challenges Mtibwa Sugar's Dickson Daud during a recent NBC Premier League tie which took place at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

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**T**HIS season's NBC Premier League table anchors Tanzania Prison and Mtibwa Sugar have played down domestic football fanatics' fears that they will be relegated to Championship.

Tanzania Prison anchors the 16-team league table with 13 points from 17 games while Mtibwa Sugar is sitting third from the bottom with 16 points.

Mtibwa Sugar's information officer, Thobias Kifaru, and Patrick Odhiambo, Tanzania Prisons' head coach, said they are optimistic that their outfits will pick up and avoid relegation this season.

In the previous two games, Tanzania Prisons draw one all against Mbeya City FC and had

a goalless draw with Mtibwa Sugar.

Odhiambo said this is an indication that the future of the team in the league is very bright.

The Kenyan gaffer said he is happy that his charges are now adapting to his playing philosophy.

The coach disclosed: "The team is just fine, we have done quite a good job in our last six games, I have built a good team in these games and I don't think we will be relegated as

many people are thinking, the good thing is that my players are now adapting to my playing philosophy."

"We have weaknesses mostly in our offensive department, finishing and also most of my players were not physically fit, but we have worked hard to rectify those challenges and now we are moving in the right direction," he said.

He said his target is to do well in the coming five NBC Premier League games which are

away to Biashara United, home against Dodoma Jiji FC, Coastal Union and Tanzania Polisi and away to Mbeya Kwanza.

Kifaru said Mtibwa Sugar is banking on experienced players and experienced coach to survive the relegation.

He said he believes Mtibwa Sugar will survive the chop as they have carefully blended young talent and experienced players who are now playing well for the club.

In the previous two second round NBC premier league

games, the team beat Mbeya Kwanza 1-0 and a goalless draw with Tanzania Prisons.

The Mtibwa Sugar information officer said the team has been going through a lot of challenges in the past three premier league seasons, but managed to remain in the elite league.

"In the past three or four seasons, we have been going through a lot of challenges but we have remained in the elite league, this season we will also remain in the league."

"We have a coach Salum Malyanga and experienced players who have already shown great impact, I believe we will make it because they are not new to these kinds of situations," he said.

In the coming five NBC Premier League games, Mtibwa Sugar will host Geita Gold FC and Kagera Sugar, play away to Dodoma Jiji FC and Biashara United and at home to Mbeya Kwanza.

This season two teams, Mbeya Kwanza and Geita Gold FC were promoted to the elite league.

It is always, predictably obvious that at least one promoted or all teams face the chop from the league or they play off but with 17 games played, it seems Geita Gold FC currently sitting eighth has defied the odds and will stay in the Premier League.

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## NBC offers health insurance to Twiga Stars

By Guardian Reporter

NATIONAL Bank of Commerce (NBC) continues to value its customers from various sectors after buying health insurance for the senior national women's soccer team, Twiga Stars, to enable the team's players to receive treatment anywhere in the country.

The health insurance provided by Britam Health Insurance will involve all players playing for Twiga Stars for one year.

Speaking at Orange Concert festival, a fundraising event for the team, NBC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Theobald Sabi said the bank intends to continue working with the Ministry of Arts, Culture and Sports in the development of sports in the country.

Sabi said they have been able to sponsor the Orange Concert festival that has raised 55m/-.

"Twiga Stars has brought great achievements in various competitions in the continent, the feat that ought to be praised," Sabi said.

He added: "The ministry has big, clear objectives in developing the country's soccer and we are ready to work with them in sponsoring Twiga Stars."

NBC Insurance Division's Public Relations Manager, Linda Kamuzora, said NBC has sponsored health insurance cover for Twiga Stars' players that will enable them to get treatment within and outside the country.

She added that the insurance will be accorded to all players for one year and concerning all diseases including injuries sustained during matches.

"We have looked into the importance of insurance cover for Twiga Stars players and this year we have started providing them with that cover to enable them to get treatment at various hospitals within and outside the country, including seven hospitals in the continent, as well as specialized hospitals such as Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI)," Linda said.

## Para powerlifter set for 2022 Commonwealth Games preps



Tanzania's Para powerlifter Yohana Mwila at training in Dar es Salaam recently, preparing for the 2022 Commonwealth Games which will take place in Birmingham, England from July 28 until August 8.

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Para powerlifter Yohana Mwila will next month travel to England to prepare for the coming Birmingham Commonwealth Games slated for July 28-August 8.

Mwila, who also serves as secretary-general of Tanzania Para Powerlifting Association (TPPA) said he will be accompanied by his coach Arbert Chivalala.

He said in England, they will camp at Birmingham University where among other programs, he will attend classification and high performance training.

"We are leaving the country on April 16 and returning home on April 25, while in England, we will attend many events which are related to our participation at the coming Commonwealth Games and also the growth of Para sports in our country as the trip will have a multiplier effect," he said.

He said the trip to England is under the support of Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) through its arm GAPS.

GAPS is for emerging athletes and coaches from the Commonwealth. It aims to support the development of inclusive sport pathways, removing barriers to participation for people with a disability and for women and girls to become actively involved in sport.

The Commonwealth development arm said in a statement the development of coaches is fundamental, but so is tackling many of the barriers and constraints that prevent participation.

The program involves multi-stakeholder partnerships and the building of long-term collaborations with universities, sport organisations and government agencies.

The program's statement stated: "Through partnerships people are now shifting their mindsets and starting to have a positive influence on communities to believe that it is a fundamental human right for women, girls, and people with a disability to be included in their sport pathways."

GAPS is a sport for development and peace programme that supports the development of inclusive sport pathways throughout the Commonwealth.

Developed by the Commonwealth Games Federation and Griffith University, it has expanded into a mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship with other partners joining on this exciting but challenging journey.

Mwila who lifts 120kg to 125kg palets has represented Tanzania at many international events which include Maputo All Africa Games in 2011 and Malawi Games in 2019.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

