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By Felister Peter

THE government stands to lose 1.5bn/- in uncollected revenues annually following the scrapping of delivery order (DO) fees that were charged by shipping agents to importers of goods, stakeholders warn, appealing for reversal of the decision.

Before the abolishment of the fees last month, shipping agents were charging the delivery order fees of 38 per cent of value of shipment in USD upon issuance of shipping document to consignees, which included 18 percent of Value Added Tax (VAT).

Speaking to The Guardian on Monday, the Tanzania Shipping Agents Association (TASAA) Executive Secretary, Abel Uronu appealed to the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication to reinstate the charges.

He said that apart from government losing various taxes obtained from delivery orders, shipping agents will not be able to pay for ship agency administration costs and thus incur losses of direct and indirect jobs.

Some of the taxes the government was obtaining through DO fees include a 0.3 percent levy that is paid directly to the regulator—Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC), city levy (0.3 percent), maritime education levy (0.3 percent) and the 18 percent VAT equivalent to US \$ 7 for each local delivery order issued.

A single agent may have a minimum of up to 100 DOs issued per year, he stated.

“The government action will result into drastic drop of corporate tax,” he said, pointing out that the government received corporate tax of 2bn/- from 15 members of TASAA in 2018. The removal

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A small trader fills tap water of uncertified quality in bottles – also of suspicious quality – for sale at Ubungu Bus Terminal in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The practice, a common feature in some urban areas in the country, is a health hazard calling for urgent deterrent measures. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala



DRC groans as measles epidemic adds to Ebola

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

HEALTH officials in the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are battling a public health crisis on two fronts following the outbreak of a measles epidemic, apart from Ebola.

The DRC's health ministry said on Monday that it had recorded 87,000 suspected cases of measles since the start of the year, a week after it announced that cases of Ebola had reached 2,000 in the

last 10 months.

The measles outbreak is illustrated by cases reported in 23 out of DRC's 26 provinces, rife in both rural and urban areas.

Experts say that measles, while highly contagious, is preventable with the right vaccines.

However, the disease has repeatedly flared in DRC in recent years due to poor infrastructure, insecurity and an under-equipped public health system. Measles is believed to have killed more than 1,500 people in DRC since the beginning of this year, most victims being children under five.

Sources within the country's vaccination programme said they are currently raising funds to organise a preventive vaccination campaign to stop the spread of the virus to as yet

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Zanzibar, UNICEF map out action plan on child abuse

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR minister for Education and Vocational Training, Riziki Pembe Juma has appealed to stakeholders to support the government's efforts to tame rising cases of child abuse, said to affect two out of three children in the Isles.

The minister made this observation yesterday when speaking to senior journalists and editors at a three-day training session on child rights. The training was organized by an association of journalists for development issues in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). She said Zanzibar cannot meet the Sustainable



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Development Goals (SDGs) if the current trend of child abuse will be left unattended.

Riziki Pembe said that despite imposing laws prescribing harsh penalties for perpetrators, child abuse cases have been increasing on a daily basis and worse still those cases are mainly acts by close relatives.

“Violence is a daily reality for significant numbers of women and children in Zanzibar. The immediate and long term social, health and economic consequences of violence against women and children represent a key challenge to national development,” she said, appealing to

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Tanzania lobbies as TMA's Kijazi seeks UN weather agency position

By Henry Mwangonde

A campaign is on to rally international support for the Director General of the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) Dr Agness Kijazi (pictured) who is contesting the position of Third Vice President of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) at a congress currently underway in Geneva.

The congress which is held after every four years will also elect a First Vice President and Second Vice president as well as other officials for the agency. It has been taking place from 3rd June and ends on the 14th while the following day is reserved for any outstanding items.

Dr Kijazi's candidacy for the position was endorsed by the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) in Cairo back in February.

Tanzania is represented at the meeting by the sector's deputy minister Atashasta Ndiye who has appealed to African countries to support Tanzania's candidacy, TMA said in a statement yesterday.

Dr Kijazi is the only African candidate after all the countries agreed to back her candidacy.

“Looking at the position that we are requesting and the respect that we have been given by fellow

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Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured yesterday having a word with Father of the Nation Mwalimu J K Nyerere's widow, Mama Maria Nyerere (88), who is admitted to a Dar es Salaam hospital. Photo: VPO

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media practitioners to invest heavily in the area and address the challenge.

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The UN agency had raised concern over rampant child abuse where child

abuse affects two out of three children born in the islands. The UN report says that 6 out of 10 boys and 7 out of 10 girls had experienced violence in different forms in the islands.

UNICEF says that child abuse in Zanzibar is connected with abuse and violence against women where one out of nine women experience sexual abuse.

The UNICEF representative in Zanzibar, Maha Damaj said the culture of silence in Zanzibar has been a cause of rising child abuse where parents keep silent when their children fall victim to physical assaults.

She also said that the UN agency was ready to support the implementation of the five-year National Action Plan to end rampant abuse of children and

women in the island.

Through support from UN agencies, the Zanzibar government is looking to implement a five-year plan aimed at protecting children in the islands.

The Isles authorities will ensure that women and children are protected from gender and child violence through the program that is expected to cost about US\$ 20 million.

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of DO charges will lead to the majority shipping agents failing to survive, he emphasized.

Delivery order is a working document used in cargo release and cargo clearance operations by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Inland Container Depots (ICDs). DOs help port officials to easily identify cargos and deliver them to the right owner.

Uronu elaborated that while some other countries are charging DO fees per container, TASAA was charging its members US \$ 38 regardless of the number of containers in the document.

Tanzanian consignees pay the lowest DO fees compared other countries in the East African region and the wider sub-Saharan zone, with Kenya pegging the fees at \$ 70, Mozambique \$ 105, Ivory Coast \$ 75, Sudan \$ 75, Mauritius \$ 78, Gabon \$ 45, South Africa \$ 43 and Djibouti \$ 39.33, he pointed out.

Reasons to why delivery order fees should be restored include the fact that the document helps to reduce fraud since it identifies the customs agents, transfers the legal liability from the shipping line to the rightful owner of goods and safeguards the interest of financial institutions, he argued.

"Without DOs the risk of loss of containers will be high resulting into increased claims thus making the port more expensive," he declared, calling upon the regulator to rethink the decision as the removal of delivery order charges will lead into shipping agents incorporating it in freight rates.

TASAA has already appealed to the

ministry requesting for repeal of the order which become effective on May 27th. He said the association has also filed a complaint to TASAC so that it revokes its order, issued by the Board of Directors.

In its published order to shipping agents, signed by TASAC Director General Emmanuel Ndomba and Acting Board Chairman Eng Japhet Maselle, the regulator said that it arrived at the decision after considering stakeholders' deliberations during a consultative meeting held in January last year.

TASAC noted that DOs were issued by agents for their own convenience and that it should not be a source of revenue. The regulator affirmed that shipping agents have statutory sources of revenue as provided in the Shipping Agencies Regulations of 2018.

The TASAC board observed that DOs were issued by carrier to facilitate completion of carriage contract which was entered earlier between the carrier and the shipper.

Release of import cargo should be done on the basis of the original bill of lading, the board further directed.

Late last month the government through TASAC issued an order on the abolishment of the delivery order fee with immediate effect.

In 2010, the former regulator—the Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority (SUMATRA) listed DO fee as permitted local shipping charges. Sumatra approved bill of lading fees, DO fee and amendment fee permitting local shipping charges.

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Africans to support Dr Kijazi, we are still in the course of soliciting support from non-African countries to support the candidacy," said Nditaye.

In remarks at the opening of the meeting, WMO president David Grimes and Secretary General Prof. Petteri Tellaas appealed to the members to support Dr Kijazi for her outstanding performance in the sector. They also cited the paucity of women vying for the post for a long time.

WMO regulations provide that eligibility for election to the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the organization is confined to persons who are designated as directors of their meteorological or hydro-meteorological services by

WMO members ahead of the WMO Convention.

If the WMO President, a Vice-President or an elected member of the executive council ceases to be a director of a meteorological or hydro-meteorological service, the member shall cease to hold such office.

Dr Kijazi has more than 30 years of work experience in the field of meteorology at national and international levels, a career she started in 1988.

She holds a PhD in climate prediction for extreme events and Master of Science (Graduate Environmental Science in Meteorology) from the University of Cape Town, South Africa and a B.Sc. Hons (major in Meteorology) from the University of Nairobi.

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unaffected areas.

More than two million children were vaccinated against measles in April and another 1.4 million are being targeted by a campaign that will start in the next few days in health zones with measles cases.

In a statement, the medical charity Doctors Without Borders warned that this measles epidemic risks being the deadliest since its strong resurgence in 2011-2012.

Meanwhile, Tanzania is set to embark on a fresh measles and rubella vaccination in September after it emerged that a huge number of children did not complete earlier jabs.

The jabs missed and new ones will be administered in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO) to children aged between nine months and five years.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam in April during the commemoration of World Immunization Week, the WHO immunization advisor in Tanzania, Dr

William Mwengee said the target was to achieve 95 percent coverage in all districts to prevent any outbreak and provide enhanced immunity in the various communities.

Commenting on the global trend, he said measles cases have continued to climb in 2019, with preliminary global data showing that reported cases rose by 300 percent in the first three months of 2019, compared to the same period in 2018.

He said the WHO African Region has recorded a 700 percent increase, the region of the Americas 60 percent, the European region 300 percent while the Eastern Mediterranean saw a 100 percent increase in cases. A 40 percent increase was registered in Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific, he specified.

Currently, the RDC, Ethiopia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Myanmar, Philippines, Sudan, Thailand and Ukraine had rising contagion causing many deaths mostly among young children, the UN agency added.



Tanzania Women Parliamentary Group chairperson Margaret Sitta (C) has an audience in Dodoma yesterday with a Rwandan parliamentary delegation led by Speaker Mukabalisa Donatille (to her right), while to her left is National Assembly Deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson Mwansasu. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

Tanzania seeks investments from Rwanda

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has called for investors from Rwanda to invest in different sectors, pledging more support from the government.

Majaliwa made the call yesterday in the country's capital, Dodoma when he met with the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of Rwanda, Donatille Mukabalisa.

"The government is ready to receive investors from Rwanda to come and invest in industries, agriculture, mining and tourism," the premier said.

He also said the bilateral relations

between Tanzania and Rwanda has been there for decades and will continue to thrive, hence assured the Rwandan Speaker: "We'll maintain this relation."

Majaliwa informed his visitor that Tanzania has been construction of Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project along the central corridor from Dar es Salaam port, which is expected to easy transport of goods to Rwanda.

For her part, the Rwandan Speaker Donatille lauded Tanzanian government for strengthening the current relations, which is key in scaling up socio-economic development

between the two countries.

She described the port of Dar es Salaam as the main gateway and plays a key role in boosting Rwandan development.

She also vowed to encourage more Rwandan investors to see Tanzania as their best destination when it comes to investment.

Speaker Donatille also called on people of the two countries to work closely in various business sectors for their own and country's development.

"I also call on Tanzanian investors to view Rwanda as their best investment destination in the region," she said.



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Alliance for Change and Transparency (ACT-Wazalendo) Leader Zitto Kabwe addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the stand by the opposition party's central committee on various issues, including cooperation with other opposition parties, the National Electoral Commission, and elections in the country. Photo: Correspondent Getrude Mpezya

ACT-Wazalendo urges govt to condemn Sudan killings

By Henry Mwangonde

THE opposition ACT-Wazalendo party has appealed to the government to support the African Union (AU)'s decision to condemn killing of civilians and suspend the country's membership until the effective establishment of a civilian-led transitional authority.

Three days ago, AU suspended Sudan's membership days after the military launched a brutal crackdown on protesters that killed dozens of people.

The party also urged the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Prof Palamagamba Kabudi to seek explanation from the country's ambassador on the killings of innocent people and the state of affairs in Sudan.

ACT-Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe made the remarks yesterday at a press conference in Dar es Salaam.

"Currently, there are killings that are ongoing in Sudan after the military grabbed the people's victory, we commend the United Nations (UN) and AU's stand on the matter," said Zitto.

At least 108 people have been killed and more than 500 wounded, according to the Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors (CCSD), while a health ministry official was quoted as saying the death toll stood at 61.

The announcement followed an emergency meeting by the AU in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, after the violent dispersal of a protest camp in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, began on Monday.

The AU had earlier warned of suspension if Sudan's military did not hand over power, but extended the deadline after the previous one was ignored.

Since Sudan's president Omar al-Bashir's 30 years was ousted in April, the ruling military council that then took power has been in conflict with protesters demanding civilian rule.

Scores of protesters have been killed in a crackdown, sparking a nationwide civil disobedience campaign.

The former Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has been wanted by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide in Darfur, Sudan since 2009.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

EU, Konrad Stiftung urge LGAs, stakeholders cooperate in the fighting against corruption

THE local government authorities (LGAs) and other stakeholders should work together for a corruption free country as the vice is on the downward trend in several parts of the country, it has been learnt.

The revelation comes following the three-year project funded by the European Union (EU) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in four zones in the country aiming to lower corruptive behaviour of actors and foster the cooperation between Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and local government authorities.

The project dubbed "United for Our Rights", launched on the 24th

November, 2017 that has reached its contractual winding up also calls for a sustained public education, more citizenry engagement in planning process and more accountability and transparency in public funds.

The "United for Our Rights", according to the project director, Daniel El-Noshokaty was conceived in response to growing public and government concern over corruption in the local governments given both decisions and social services delivery

have a directly bearing on local communities daily lives.

He said project activities revolved around empowering of local CSOs and communities through increased awareness and understanding of local budget process and in assessing, formulating own development needs.

"We have learned that rural community suffers more when the country is corrupt and this challenge is not responsibility of one actor," he said.

The project Manager, Maria Kayombo noted that public awareness on matters of transparency, accountability, public participation on development issues, reducing corruption and free dialogues has increased over the 30 months of the project implementation.

She said the project covered 1065 wards in the seven project regions and brought together key stakeholders including civil societies, local government authorities, PCCB, radio and citizens to discuss challenges of

good governance and corruption, charting solutions to improve the quality of services.

Maria added that Minister of State in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Seleman Jafo will tomorrow officiate the contractual winding up of the project here in Dodoma.

The compulsory winding up will be attended by 150 representatives from all key stakeholders from CSOs, LGAs, PCCB together with community

radio stations in the seven project area regions.

The project was conceived and implemented jointly by three non-governmental organizations (NGOs)- Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Civic Education Teachers Association (CETA) and Actions for Democracy and Local Government (ADLG) through 27 CSOs operating in 40 district councils spread across seven regions of Mara, Geita, Simiyu, Kagera, Lindi, Coast and Ruvuma.

Other key players in the project implementation was the council's chairperson, PCCB, together with seven community radio stations in the project regions as well as selected 2,120 individuals in the localities.

Mbeya business forum drills entrepreneurs on key skills

By Guardian Reporter

MBEYA District Commissioner William Ntinika has appealed to financial institutions to increase affordable loans services to farmers and entrepreneurs in the country so as to speed development.

Speaking while officiating at a business forum in Mbeya at the weekend, Ntinika said access to credit is crucial in opening of businesses and creation of much-needed employment opportunities.

The forum which took place on Saturday was organised by AccessBank Tanzania for its SME, Micro, agro and deposit clients and non-clients with the theme and objective being promoting financial management and sound business ethics.

"I commend AccessBank on supporting SME businesses and especially creating facilities to issue agro loans to Mbeya farmers. I also congratulate the lender for holding regular business seminars to financially equip business people as this lends great support to our country's development endeavours," he said.

Speaking at the forum, the bank's Chief Executive Officer Armando Sirolla noted: "Financial inclusion is about passion and AccessBank Tanzania management, board and shareholders are passionate about it the same way most of us are passionate about football!"

The forum was organized in partnership with the European Investment Bank (EIB) which brought

senior trainer Eric Crispin to facilitate the forum which attracted more than 600 SMEs and the bank's clients.

During his session Crispin said the aim is to help entrepreneurs and businesses through loans to achieve their personal goals and such trainings provide a platform to promote good leadership within business as well as personal goals.

During the closing of the event dubbed the Mbeya Business Forum, participants shared their appreciation and gratitude, the event provided an opportunity that they will make use of to take their businesses to the next level.

They appreciated efforts that made it possible to come together and receive training that will help them and the future generations.



Agriculture minister Japhet Hasunga addresses Development Partners' Agriculture Working Group (AWG) representatives in Dar es Salaam yesterday. He is flanked by AWG co-chairs Fred Kafeero (R), the FAO Representative to Tanzania, and Terhi Majanen, a director with the USAID Office in Tanzania. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Govt hails development partners' contribution to agricultural sector, calls for more support

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has appreciated the contribution by development partners towards the improvement of the agriculture sector in the country and called for more support in the implementation of the Agriculture Sector Development Programme Phase Two (ASDP II).

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday during a meeting with development partners' Agriculture Working Group (AWG) representatives, the Minister of Agriculture, Japhet Hasunga, said that his ministry was grateful for all the technical and financial support that it has received from them so far.

"We value, acknowledge and appreciate your technical and financial support that you have been providing for the development of our agriculture sector. In fact I have a long list of different forms of support in agriculture sector from each of you," he said adding: "It's magnificent and promising as far as agricultural sector development in this country is concerned."

Minister Hasunga pointed out that the meeting was crucial since it was going to reflect on the progress made so far in the implementation of the ASDP II and the ongoing review exercise of the Nation Agriculture Policy of 2013.

Regarding the ASDP II implementation, Minister Hasunga noted that the programme is ten years and is implemented in two phases of five years each, the first phase is now focusing on four components namely: sustainable water and land use management; enhanced agricultural productivity and profitability.

Others are commercialization and value addition; and creation of a conducive environment to agricultural stakeholders for effective participation and investment in agricultural activities.

"It should be noted that, fifty nine percent of the resources for implementation of ASDP II is expected to come from the private sector while forty one percent will be contributed by the Government and Development Partners. This means that all of us have a crucial role to play," he noted.

On the Agriculture Policy, the minister explained it was necessary to review it since it is now six years from the time its implementation

started. He also said that the exercise of review of the policy goes in tandem with preparation of Agriculture Policy Implementation Strategy and Formulation of an Agriculture Law.

Speaking earlier on, the AWG co-Chair, Fred Kafeero, said that the meeting, among other things, was meant to congratulate the Minister after his appointment to head the Ministry but also for them to reaffirm their commitment to support the country in its endeavours to improve the agriculture sector.

"We would like to register our congratulations to you but also to restate our availability and commitment to support your Ministry especially in the implementation of the ASDP II. We are always available to do that," he said.

The meeting was later joined by the newly appointed Minister of Industry and Trade, Innocent Bashungwa who, prior to the new portfolio, was the Deputy Minister for Agriculture.

In his remarks, Minister Bashungwa said that his ministry too greatly values the support by the development partners and noted that Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Industry and Trade were twin ministries in pushing forward the industrialisation agenda in the country.

"ASDP II includes a segment on agribusiness where trade and industry come into play," he pointed out.



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August Minja (2nd-L, gesturing), head teacher of Kisarawe's Christon Boys Secondary School, briefs Energy deputy minister Subira Mgalu (to his left) at the school during the latter's tour of a rural electrification project at Gumba village in the district at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Kisarawe

DEPUTY Minister for Energy, Subira Mgalu has directed the Tanzania National Electric and Supply Company (TANESCO) to connect Kisarawe-based Christon Boys secondary school to the national grid to reduce operational costs and stimulate academic performance.

Mgalu made the directive when speaking soon after visiting the school's economic projects. She urged TANESCO to hasten the process for connecting the school to national grid.

Mgalu learned that the school was dependent on a generator for all its energy needs and the headmaster, August Minja, told visitors that the school spends more than 100,000/-

Mgalu tasks Tanesco to connect Christon school to national grid

daily for generator fuel.

The deputy minister said there was justifiable cause for TANESCO to set its priorities right and hasten the process for connecting the school to the national grid.

She praised the school for consistent exemplary academic performance in Kisarawe district. The school has unfailingly been the district's best academic performer in national examinations including last year's examinations.

Mgalu was once Kisarawe District Commissioner and is conversant with the school performance.

After visiting the school's bio-gas, crop and fish farming projects, the minister praised the leadership for implementing viable extra-curricular projects that give students pertinent nutrients, increase the school's income and give students relevant skills to become self-reliant in future.

Minja thanked the government for its proven interest in the school's welfare

and for building enabling physical infrastructure from which the school is benefiting. "Power has been our long-time cry and wish. Many operational problems will be mitigated once we have reliable power and we shall be greatly relieved," he told the deputy minister.

The minister presided of a function for supplying power to 28 houses in Gumba Village, three kilometers from Christon school which is situated in Msimbu village.

Indonesian envoy welcomes Tanzanians for study opportunities

By Bahati Hoza

TANZANIANS seeking post-graduate studies abroad have been called upon to explore numerous opportunities in Indonesia to utilise the cordial relations between the two countries.

Indonesian ambassador to Tanzania Prof Ratlan Pardede made the call over the weekend during celebrations to mark Indonesian Cultural Day in Tanzania.

"The Indonesian Cultural Day is another way of introducing our culture, arts, and food to the Tanzanian society and other invitees from

different countries. It boosts closer cultural relation between Indonesia and Tanzania," said Prof Pardede.

"Tanzania and Indonesia governments for a long time enjoyed close ties in areas of social, economic and political cooperation but there is need for the two countries to also enhance cultural relation as another aspect that needs to be fully utilized," he said.

He also stressed on need for Indonesia and Tanzania to consider discussing how they can work together in the tourism sector to lure more Indonesian tourists to Tanzania and

vice versa.

Secretary General of Tanzania Arts Council, Godfrey Mngereza, who was the chief guest on behalf of Minister of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakymbe, said he was happy to be the first guest of honour in marking Indonesian Cultural Day in Tanzania after 55 years of diplomatic relations between the countries.

He insisted that more efforts should be done to improve cultural relations between Tanzania and Indonesia saying: "Culture has no limitation that's why we have cultural diversity under the sun, the government's door is

open and ready for collaboration with Indonesia for mutual benefit of the two countries.

He also took time to thank the Indonesian government and its embassy in Tanzania for providing scholarships to Tanzanian students to study in Indonesia from 2012 benefiting more than 100 students in best universities in Indonesia.

As part of efforts to enhance cultural relations, in 2012 the Tanzania Indonesia Friendship Association (TAIFA) was established with members including ex Tanzanian students who got scholarships to undergo graduate

and Master's degree in Indonesia.

Baraka Mkumbe, TAIFA representative and one of the beneficiaries of Indonesian government scholarships said Indonesia has a best education system which augurs well with the current world employment needs.

He called upon beneficiaries of scholarships to act as a bridge between the two countries to foster cooperation

Indonesian government through its Ministry of Education and Culture (MoEC) in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) offers

two types of scholarships including KNB scholarship which provides the opportunity for potential students in developing countries to develop their knowledge and competencies that will subsequently enhance their chances to fulfill those roles back in their home countries.

DARMASISWA scholarship programme is offered to all foreign students from countries which have diplomatic relationship with Indonesia to study Bahasa, art and culture.

Also present during the occasion were ambassadors of Nigeria, Cuba and Vietnam, and other dignitaries.

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2. KHALID ADAM HAJI
3. HUSSEIN MADIBWALA
4. HUSSEIN SEMDOE.....RESPONDENTS

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AccessBank Tanzania MSME officials and clients welcome Mbeya Urban district commissioner William Ntinika (L, foreground) to the bank's business forum held in Mbeya city at the weekend. The officials included CEO Armando Sirolla and Head of Banking Services Michael Fraterne. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Big-game hunting group influences conservation watchdogs to undermine protection for endangered animals, says report

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

A hunting group that says members are conservationists has wielded excessive influence over the world's key wildlife watchdogs, Cites and the IUCN, a report claims.

Conservation Force (CF), which is run by a veteran hunter who once said "nothing else in life is more satisfying than an elephant hunt", has argued successfully for protections for endangered species to be rolled back and has blocked measures that would curb "sport hunting", the Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting

says. CF members, who are opposing moves to protect threatened giraffes under US law, fought and won a drive against giving African lions the highest level of protection, according to the report.

The document claims CF also drafted a resolution for Cites applying hunting quotas, so "enshrining trophy hunting as an acceptable activity in the case of threatened species".

The organisation is believed to have been involved for about two decades in the International Union for Conservation of Nature and

the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which aims to ensure trade in animals and plants does not threaten their survival.

Trophy-hunt opponents say the species most popular with hunters are declining rapidly and are now so vulnerable that any killing may mean irreversible declines.

CF's own website highlights how:

In the 1990s it led a campaign for importation of polar bear trophies;

It has lobbied for the

importation of cheetah trophies into the US;

The organisation lobbied for a US big-game hunter demanding trophies from endangered lions in Tanzania be allowed into the country;

In 1992, it won a lawsuit that reopened elephant trophy imports from South Africa, Namibia, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Cameroon; and

In 2016, when US environmentalists called on the government to reclassify African leopards as endangered, preventing importation of their parts, CF opposed the plan.

Listings of online accommodation shake up Kenya's hospitality sector

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KENYA'S hospitality sector is experiencing a shake-up as online accommodation listings gain increasing popularity with travellers, snatching businesses from traditional hotels and lodges.

The online services are allowing home owners to turn their entire houses or unused rooms into hotels and lodges, accommodating both international and domestic tourists.

The home-owners do not need to own a hotel or a lodge to offer accommodation to tourists, and that is what is changing the game in the industry.

Behind the disruption in the east African nation is accommodation listing firms such as Airbnb, Booking.com and Alltherooms.com, among others, which are taking the industry by storm.

Data from Alltherooms shows it had over 2,000 listings and Airbnb 6,500 mostly at the Coast, Kenya's tourism bed-room.

Dozens of Kenyans with homes in Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu and other towns where tourists flock are warming up to the services, making some money from their properties that would otherwise remain idle.

Airbnb on its website says it allows travelers to stay as locals in their destinations and gives home owners opportunities to connect with diverse people and earn money.

In July 2018, John Mutheu, a resident of Machakos, south of Nairobi, listed his two-bedroom house in the town under Airbnb.

It did not take long before he started getting enquiries. His best moment was in April during the Easter holiday when a family of three booked the house, paying him 15,000 shillings (150 U.S. dollars) for the three day's stay.

"It was one of the best deals that I have ever gotten since I went into the business. While staying there, the family prepared their own meals as they toured around," he said on Sunday.

The domestic tourists saved a great deal because if they had gone to any hotel in the area, they would have paid at least 70 dollars per day per person, thanks to the Easter peak time.

Journalist Beatrice Njoroge, 34, a frequent domestic tourist at the Kenyan Coast, noted on Monday that she has used Airbnb twice and loved the self-service accommodation which enables one spend less.

"I was hosted at a separate house in a compound of a family in Kilifi and I liked the fact that I was living just as I do at my home. I was with my son and there was another family living in the next room. I paid 40 dollars per night and cooked for myself," she said.

In 2018, data from Airbnb shows Kenyans using the platform earned 4.95 million dollars by renting out their homes to tourists. This is money snatched from traditional tourism players.

Kenya Association of Hotel-keepers and Caterers Coast branch executive officer Sam Ikwaye acknowledged in a recent interview that the online listing

firms are eating into their business, without investing much in the trade.

He noted that the online firms are enabling home owners do business without paying taxes, creating an uneven playing field.

Faced with the risk of losing business, some hotels in Kenya have joined the bandwagon, using the online accommodation services to market their services.

One such a facility is Kaskazi Beach Hotel, whose manager Daniel Ogechi noted they use Airbnb to get both local and international tourists.

However, the traditional tourism stakeholders are pushing for the licensing of all players in the industry, including those listed on online platforms to cushion them from unfair competition.

Tourism Regulatory Authority is currently working to facilitate registration and remitting of taxes by the online business, according to Joseph Cherutoi, Tourism Fund chief executive.

Real estate firm Knight Frank's 2018 global city report shows the popularity of online listing firms is growing across the world due to young travelers who prefer convenience of the internet and travel on low budgets.

Kenya's tourism sector registered an improved performance in 2018, with the number of international visitor arrivals increasing to 2.03 million from 1.78 million in 2017, according to the recently released 2019 Economic Survey. The sector earned the east African nation 1.55 billion dollars that year.



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Chief of Party, Tanzania Tusome Pamoja

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Dar es Salaam Office

Call for Proposals

Description : To Conduct Mid-Term Project Evaluation

Ref Number : 501URT5000/19/01

Deadline : 28 June 2019

UNESCO under the support of Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC) has been implementing the project, *Empowering Local Radios with ICTs for the Promotion of Rural Citizens' Participation in Democratic Discourse*. The support to 25 local radios in Tanzania Mainland and the Zanzibar Archipelago, as well as the newly established Community Media Network, Tanzania Development and Information Organization (TADIO) aims at strengthening collaboration, advocacy and knowledge sharing amongst community media practitioners. Evaluation of UNESCO's projects and programmes is one of key aspects of the organization as articulated in its medium term strategy (37 C/4) for 2014 – 2021 which states that "UNESCO evaluation plays a critical role in enabling the organization to meet its mandate by providing credible and evidence-based information that feeds into various decision-making process".

The project has been developing local radio stations capacities in applied journalism and the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs). It is against this background that UNESCO is seeking for a consultant to conduct mid-term evaluation to assess the extent to which the project's expected results have been achieved. Interested applicants (companies or individuals registered in Tanzania) may obtain a full Terms of Reference (TOR) upon request. Only shortlisted applicants will be communicated and invited for further discussion.

Proposals may be hand delivered or posted to UNESCO Tanzania Office at the below address or emailed to: lw.madete@unesco.org on or before 28 June 2019 at 16:00pm EAT.

Head of Office and Representative,
UNESCO Dar es Salaam Office,
59 Mtwara Crescent, Oyster Bay
P.O. Box 31473, Dar es Salaam,
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250 dignitaries from across Africa take part in ARINSA annual conference in Dar

By Beatrice Philemon

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan is today expected to officiate an international meeting organised by Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network for Southern Africa (ARINSA), to be held in the country's commercial capital, Dar es Salaam.

The meeting is expected to bring on board 250 participants from different countries across Africa. Ministers, Permanent secretaries, Attorney General, Directors of Public Prosecutions, prosecutors, investigators, Head of investigation Units will be among the meeting participants.

Speaking ahead of the meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Justice and Constitutional Affairs minister Augustine Mahiga said that the meeting is aimed at discussing various issues related to asset tracking and recovery.

During the meeting, Mahiga said ARINSA members will also celebrate 10 years since it was established.

He said that Tanzania will use the meeting as an opportunity for the country to market its tourists attractions.

The meeting, according to the minister will provide a room for Tanzanian Judges, magistrates, prosecutors, investigators, law enforcement agents, revenue authorities and other government officials in asset forfeiture, money laundering and proceeds of crime to learn from their counterparts.

ARINSA was established in March 2009 when a group of practitioners in asset recovery from Southern Africa held a meeting in Pretoria, South Africa and so far it has 16 members.

It was agreed that a network based on the Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN) model in Europe, should be established for Southern Africa. Now, ARINSA joins practitioners from Botswana, Lesotho, Mauritius, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Right now ARINSA has direct contact with asset recovery networks in other parts of the world such as: Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN) in Europe, Rede de Recuperação de Activos de Grupo de Accion Financiera de Sudamerica (GAFISUD) (RRAG) in South and Central America.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla (L) greets Alaitole ward residents living in the Ngorongoro conservation area. He was there on Monday specifically to resolve a dispute between the people and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority management, reportedly with the residents determined to build a boarding school for girls at Esero - deep inside the world-acclaimed wildlife sanctuary. Photo courtesy of Natural Resources ministry

By Tichaona Chifamba, Harare

ZIMBABWEAN workers have been hit hard by high accommodation costs as landlords now demand rentals in foreign currency to cushion themselves from the RTGS dollar which is free falling against the US dollar.

This comes at a time many workers - including civil servants - are complaining that their RTGS dollar salaries have been eroded by high inflation as the cost of basic commodities continues to rise every month.

The country's annual rate of inflation for the month of April 2019 rose further to 75.86 percent, up from 66.80 percent in March, while month on month inflation also climbed to 5.52 percent, gaining 1.14 percentage points on the March rate, according to the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency.

Prices of basic commodities such as maize meal, milk, beef and washing powder have risen by about 100 percent between April and June.

A manager with a retail chain in the resort town in Victoria Falls told Xinhua that apart from the high cost of living, their workers were also facing accommodation problems in the town.

"Even our workers are feeling the pinch. We have advised the human resources department about the dire situation," he said.

There were reports at the weekend that police officers in the town were relocating to the local police station because they could no longer afford the rentals being charged.

No relief for Zimbabwean workers as high accommodation costs add to their woes

Police spokesperson Paul Nyathi would not comment to Xinhua on the issue, only saying that a statement issued by the government on Sunday was sufficient.

"I think the government has responded to that appropriately. There's a statement which was posted by the Ministry of Information. That statement is very relevant," he said.

The Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services on Sunday night dismissed the reports as false.

"Government has been made aware of false news circulating regarding the tent pitched in Victoria Falls by the @PoliceZimbabwe. The tent has been pitched purely for operational reasons which have nothing to do with the reasons given by the online publication. Fake news affects our country," the ministry said in a tweet.

However, a Victoria Falls resident confirmed that police officers were indeed moving into the police camp because they could no longer afford the high foreign currency denominated rentals.

"What we have discovered is that they have crammed all their belongings into single rooms and subdivided their rooms using curtains to accommodate the officers com-

ing from locations. The tent has no people though we are reliably informed they have been promised more tents should more officers fail to pay rentals. Every other building has been converted into accommodation rooms including where they used to do finger prints," he said.

Another contributor to Twitter running by the name Nox also said police officers and other government employees in the town were suffering because of the high rentals.

"But the truth of the matter is that government employees are suffering in Vic falls. Landlords require rent in USD. Imagine a police officer who earns less than 500 RTGS dollars," Nox said.

In Harare, rental for one room is now pegged at about 70 U.S. dollars in the low and medium density suburbs, while a cottage costs around 120 U.S. dollars, inclusive of water and electricity charges.

Since banks do not issue foreign currency to individuals, tenants source the required amounts from the black market where the rates are currently between 7.50 RTGS dollars and 8 RTGS dollars against 1 U.S. dollar.

Teachers recently petitioned Parliament to have the government pay them decent sal-

aries that can match the high cost of living.

The Zimbabwe Teachers Association and the Progressive Teachers Union (PTUZ) want the government to pay a cushioning allowance in United States dollars to every teacher over and above the RTGS salaries which the government has promised to review.

PTUZ secretary-general Raymond Majongwe said a teacher's salary of 450 RTGS can only buy 98 liters of water, or alternatively is equivalent to just eight pockets of potatoes.

President Emmerson Mnangagwa said on Friday that the government would in the course of time re-introduce a local currency and abolish the use of foreign currency to buy from local shops "to stem uncontrolled price increases".

He added that current austerity measures imposed on the populace were meant to improve the economy in the long run.

The International Monetary Fund has projected the country's economic growth to contract 2.1 percent in 2019.

Some companies are now reportedly paying their workers' salaries every two weeks to cushion them from the harsh environment, while others are also chipping in with groceries.

World scouting, UN team in move to engage young people in the global fight against plastic pollution

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

For World Ocean's Day, World Scouting is teaming up with UN Environment to create a new movement for action in the battle against plastic pollution.

Already, some 27,000 young people from the Scouts, Girl Guides, Junior Achievement and various universities, have undertaken a new Plastic Tide Turners Challenge Badge since its introduction in five countries across Africa, including Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Mauritius and Tanzania.

The effort is part of UN Environment's Clean Seas campaign and the YUNGA Challenge Badges to mobilize a direct youth-led contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 14 and 15, Life Below Water, and Life on Land. For the first time in World Scouting's history, the badges will be made from ocean recovered plastic with the first certificates awarded to young leaders that have completed all three levels of the badge. "The Challenge Badge has made me live by the 3Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle," said Yussif Kamara, a Scout from Accra in Ghana, who also participated in the badge programme.

Tide Turners

The YUNGA Challenge Badge has three levels of action built into it: entry level, leader level and champion level. At entry level, young people are asked to think about how they can reduce plastic in their daily lives and get others to do the same.

Once completed, they can move onto leader level, which involves checking the plastic footprint of schools, developing a poster campaign, or organizing an assembly or lesson on the issue. The final champion level involves extending advocacy efforts to the community, region or even to national level.

Kenyan Girl Guide Alice Moraa has trained over 5,000 young people to change their plastic habits and is working to implement proper garbage disposal mechanisms in Kisumu county. Strathmore University student Pankaj Varsani has launched a "plastic-free month" at his University and is working with students from other universities to scale up the plastic challenge badge.

The badge has been supported by the British government who have funded UN Environment around this work and the creation of an extensive action toolkit. Young people are also encouraged to take UN Environment's Clean Seas pledge and join the largest global alliance against marine litter. Sixty countries have already signed up to the initiative, covering 60 per cent of the world's coastlines.

Susan Gardner, Director of Ecosystems at UN Environment said: "We are all really excited about the promise of the Tide Turners badge and to test out what this next generation of young environmental leadership can achieve. Our dream is to not only inspire action around plastic waste, it's to work together to create a new youth movement of action for the planet."

The Plastic Tide Turners Challenge Badge is now available to all 170 National Scout Organizations and will be promoted at the upcoming 24th World Scout Jamboree as part of a wider push to mobilize young people in taking action for the SDGs. "The Challenge Badge is a strong contribution to Scouting's environmental programming and our ongoing youth-led effort to engage young people in making our communities and planet more sustainable," said Hany Abdulmonem, Global Director, Scouting Development with the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

The aim is to spread the programme over the coming months with a particular focus on Mauritius and India where the government has pledged to eliminate single-use plastics by 2022. The Challenge Badge was initially announced during former British Prime Minister Theresa May's visit to Kenya in August 2018. The British government is also supporting an exchange programme to connect Scouts and Guides in the United Kingdom with their counterparts in Kenya and elsewhere.

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Ohio/Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road
P.O. Box 9213, Dar es Salaam,
4th June, 2019.

RE: NMB/MTL/2019/31/05

Managing Director,
Move Tanzania Ltd.
P.O. Box 19610, DSM

NOTICE OF DEFAULT.

This letter serves as a formal notice to you that you are in default of your obligation to repay the facilities that were granted to you via the offer letters dated 17 May 2018 (Offer letters) which were secured by First ranking debenture created over all of the assets of the company dated 02 June 2018.

You have defaulted in your obligation to pay the amount in arrears/excess and interest thereon totalling Tshs 389,009,456.84 (Tanzania Shillings Three hundred Eighty Nine Million Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six Sixty Four Cent only) as of 4th June, 2019; however, the interest will continue to accrue on a daily basis until full payment.

Be further notified that in the event you do not rectify the default stated above within SIXTY (60) DAYS from receipt of this notice, we may exercise our right to sell the securities that were pledged to us by you and your guarantors as provided in the Offer letters and security documents.

Kindly guide be informed accordingly.

Yours truly,
MANENO JIBASU
For: HEAD, SPECIAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
NMB BANK PLC

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P.O. Box 72770,
Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.

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THE LAND ACT, 1999
(NO. 4 OF 1999)

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To
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This is to notify you on borrower default to honour obligations, covenanted under the mortgage dated 07 June 2018, namely to assure the payment of the loan extended to MOVE TANZANIA LIMITED via the offer letter dated 17 May 2018, which was secured by a mortgage over the property that you own. The borrower has defaulted in their obligation to pay the amount in arrears/excess and the interest thereon totalling Tshs 389,009,456.84 (Tanzania Shillings Three hundred Eighty Nine Million Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six Sixty Four Cent only) as of 4th June, 2019. Further to that, the said loan was secured by a mortgage (agreement) registered on 13th June 2018 under File Document No 197104 on the property stated herein above.

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Dated at NMB Bank Plc HQ this 04th day of June 2019

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(MORTGAGEE)

Received this at _____ this _____ day of _____, 2019

BENEDICT SIZA MASHIMBA
(MORTGAGOR)

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Works, Transport and Communications deputy minister Atashasta Ndiye (5th-L) and Tanzania Meteorological Agency director general Dr Agnes Kijazi (6th-L) with other delegates to the 18th World Meteorology Congress held in Geneva at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Christopher Philemon

Rotary announces US\$100 million for polio eradication

EVANSTON, Illinois

ROTARY is giving US\$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches three years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, bringing the Africa region closer to polio-free status.

“Routine immunisation in high-risk states is helping us prevent new cases of wild polio,” said Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary’s Nigeria PolioPlus Committee.

“Although the polio infrastructure has become stronger and allows us to also respond to other serious health concerns, we must remain committed to ensuring the political and financial support necessary to ending polio in Nigeria and around the globe for good.”

While there were only 33 cases of wild poliovirus reported in 2018, the last mile of eradication has proven to be the most difficult. Barriers to eradication—like weak health systems, insecurity, and mobile and remote populations—must be overcome. As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and commitment to eradication.

To support polio eradication efforts in endemic countries, Rotary is allocating half the funds it announced today to: Afghanistan (\$16.3 million), Nigeria (\$10.2 million), and Pakistan (\$25.2mil-

lion). Additional funding will support efforts to keep vulnerable countries polio-free Chad (\$102,395), Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$9.5 million), Ethiopia (\$2.6 million), Iraq (\$6 million), Kenya (\$6.3 million), Mali (\$1.2 million), Somalia (\$1.4 million), South Sudan (\$1.2 million), Syria (\$1.7 million) and Yemen (\$2.1 million).

The World Health Organisation (WHO) will receive \$1.3 million to conduct research, and will also receive support for surveillance activities in its Africa (\$10.9 million) and Eastern Mediterranean (\$4 million) Regions.

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounting to \$150 million for polio eradication annually. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.9 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication programme, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation later joined. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to 33 cases of wild poliovirus in 2018.

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Ethiopia postpones census to 2020, citing insecurity

ADDIS ABABA

ETHIOPIA’S parliament postponed a national census for a second time on Monday, citing security concerns but potentially undermining logistics for the first election under reformist Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

Ethiopia is due to hold a national vote some time next year, and the cen-

sus - already postponed once from 2017 - is a crucial step towards demarcating constituencies.

But parliamentarians in both houses voted overwhelmingly to delay the census again by a year, due to an upsurge in ethnic conflicts that has forced 2.4 million Ethiopians out of their homes, according to United Nations figures.

“Our people are still displaced in

many parts of the country,” lawmaker Tesfaye Daba told Reuters. “Having this situation, I don’t think it wise to conduct the census this year.”

William Davison, an analyst at the International Crisis Group, said the decision would disrupt election logistics.

“Preparations for those polls are also behind schedule ... this is therefore per-

haps another indication that elections will be pushed back,” he said.

The next vote will test Abiy’s reformist agenda that has included ending hostilities with Eritrea, opening the economy to foreign investment, and freeing political prisoners.

Parliament also postponed to Thursday debate on a proposed law to liberalise the telecoms sector.



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The National Authorising Officer for EDF at the Ministry of Finance and Planning on behalf of the United Republic of Tanzania (GoT) is seeking proposals for Support to the Development of the Coffee, Tea and Horticulture Sectors in Tanzania with financial assistance from the two different programmes, AGRI-CONNECT and MARK-UP. The full guidelines for applicants are available for consultation at:

The National Authorizing Officer for the European Development Fund in Tanzania,

EDF – Programme Support Unit,
Ministry of Finance and Planning of the United Republic of Tanzania,
1 Madaraka Street
P.O Box 1851, 11468 DAR ES SALAAM
and on the following internet site:
<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>

The deadline for submission of concept notes is 26/07/2019, 1000hrs (Dar es Salaam date and time).

Two information sessions on this call for proposals will be held on 27/06/2019 at 1000hrs (local date and time) at the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Dar es Salaam, and on 28/06/2019 at 1000hrs (local date and time) in Stone Town, Zanzibar

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR MARKET ENGAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL SERVICES REGISTRY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) was incorporated in Tanzania on 1st July 2004. The FSDT’s overall aim is to make a contribution to All Tanzanians to (derive value) from regular use of financial services which are delivered with dignity and fairness. FSDT’s objective are:

1. Advocating for an improved policy, institutional, legal and regulatory framework at national and sub-national levels of financial services
2. Promoting more relevant market infrastructure and ways to reduce transaction costs between FSPs and potential clients
3. Stimulating improved access to financial products and services that respond to the needs of MSMEs
4. Stimulating improved access to financial products and services that respond to the needs of households and individual.

2. BACKGROUND

In alignment with the national financial inclusion agenda under the National Financial Inclusion Framework (NFIF) 2018 – 2022 the Financial Services Registry (FSR) is being established. The FSR is a dynamic system that will increase accessibility of data and up-to date information on financial access points in Tanzania. The system will:

- provide a sustainable mechanism to capture and store information
- provide a set of analytic tools to utilize the data for decision making across policy makers and financial service providers

As such the system will drive evidence based decision making in improving access to financial services in both private and public sectors.

3. OBJECTIVE OF ASSIGNMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSULTANT

FSDT on behalf of the system owner is seeking to recruit an experienced consultant that will deliver towards the objective of this assignment: to develop information, education and communication (IEC) materials and a consumer sensitization campaign in order to raise awareness and adoption of the Financial Service Registry.

The specific objectives are:

1. Raise awareness of FSR mass registration including developing a consistent cross-industry brand
2. To develop series of consumer and user awareness materials in order to help build consumer’s confidence in the FSR and to raise awareness about its use, significance, benefits. The consumer awareness material package should include: animations, radio scripts for both a national and local community audience, printed materials including brochures and leaflets, tailored for the above mentioned beneficiary and user groups

The consultant will be responsible for supporting the Technical Committee of the Financial Services Registry in overseeing the implementation of the above-mentioned activities.

4. CONTRACT PERIOD

The contract will be initially for 10 months upon contract signing.

5. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for submission of the tender documents is Friday 30th June 2019.

For more details on application requirements and full scope of work visit: www.fsdtr.or.tz/opportunities. We will only consider applications that adhere to expression of interest requirements.

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We can minimise the risk that our children will be born with clubfoot

CLUBFOOT is a birth defect where one or both feet are rotated inward and downward. The affected foot and leg may be smaller than the other. In about half of those affected, both feet are involved. Most cases are not associated with other problems. Without treatment, people walk on the sides of their feet, which causes problems with walking.

Because the cause of clubfoot is unknown, there are no definite ways to prevent it from occurring. However, we can minimize the risk that our children will be born with a clubfoot by not smoking or drinking during mothers' pregnancy.

The exact cause is usually unclear. Initial treatment is most often with the Ponseti method. This involves moving the foot into an improved position followed by casting, which is repeated at weekly intervals. Once the inward bending is improved, the Achilles tendon is often cut, and braces are worn until the age of four. Clubfoot occurs in about 1 in 1,000 newborns.

There are many hypotheses about how clubfoot develops. Some hypotheses include: environmental factors, genetics, or a combination of both. Research has not yet pinpointed the root cause, but many findings agree that it is likely there is more than one different cause and at least in some cases the phenotype may occur as a result of a threshold effect of different factors acting together.

The Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) has encouraged parents to seek treatment as soon as possible for children with clubfoot.

CCBRT's Chief Executive Officer, Brenda Msangi made the call in Dar

es Salaam recently when speaking to journalists as part of commemorating the World Clubfoot Day—an initiative of the Ponseti International Association to commemorate the birthday of Ignacio Ponseti, the pioneer of the Ponseti technique for clubfoot treatment.

The day is commemorated on June 3rd each year and it is used to create awareness and fundraise for free and low-cost clubfoot treatment at CCBRT.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to seek treatment as soon as possible for children with clubfoot, which we provide free of charge at CCBRT for children below the age of five. With the support of partners like Miraclefeet and CBM, the lives of hundreds of children with clubfoot improve dramatically following treatment at CCBRT. We thank our partners not only for supporting clubfoot treatments, but also helping to prevent disability in Tanzania.

Clubfoot can cause pain when walking or the inability to walk, leading to social stigma and preventing children from going to school. Clubfoot has an estimated prevalence of 1 out of 750 live births annually.

Of the approximately 1,813,000 children who are born with clubfoot annually worldwide, 80 per cent of these are in low and middle income countries. 400,000 of those cases found in sub-Saharan Africa (22 pc), and in Tanzania, 2,500 to 2,800 children every year are born with the condition.

The earlier the initiation of treatment, the better the outcome of the treatment. Children who end their series of treatment too early can require painful and expensive surgery later, with limited success rates. In 2013, CCBRT partnered with TIGO to reduce the amount of children that drop out of clubfoot treatment.

Sub-Saharan Africa has big stake in global demand for wildlife trophies

POACHING has been defined as the illegal hunting or capturing of wild animals, usually associated with land use rights. According to Encyclopaedia Britannica, poaching was performed by impoverished peasants for subsistence purposes and a supplement for meager diets. Poaching was as well set against the hunting privileges of nobility and territorial rulers. By contrast, stealing domestic animals as in cattle raiding, for example classifies as theft, not as poaching.

Since the 1980s, the term poaching has also referred to the illegal harvesting of wild plant species. In agricultural terms, the term poaching is also applied to the loss of soils or grass by the damaging action of feet of livestock which can affect availability of productive land, water pollution through increased runoff and welfare issues for cattle.

Austria and Germany refer to poaching not as theft, but as intrusion in third party hunting rights. While Germanic law allowed any free man including peasants to hunt, especially on the commons, Roman law restricted hunting to the rulers. In Medieval Europe feudal territory rulers from the king downward tried to enforce exclusive rights of the nobility to hunt and fish on the lands they ruled. Poaching was deemed a serious crime punishable by imprisonment, but the enforcement was comparably weak until the 16th century. Peasants were still able to continue small game hunting, but the right of the nobility to hunt was restricted in the 16th century and transferred to land ownership.

Elephant poaching in Africa has dropped significantly from a peak in 2011, according to a new analysis of annual surveillance data. The progress seems to have resulted in large part from declining demand for ivory in China, which has banned the trade, and government action in some African countries.

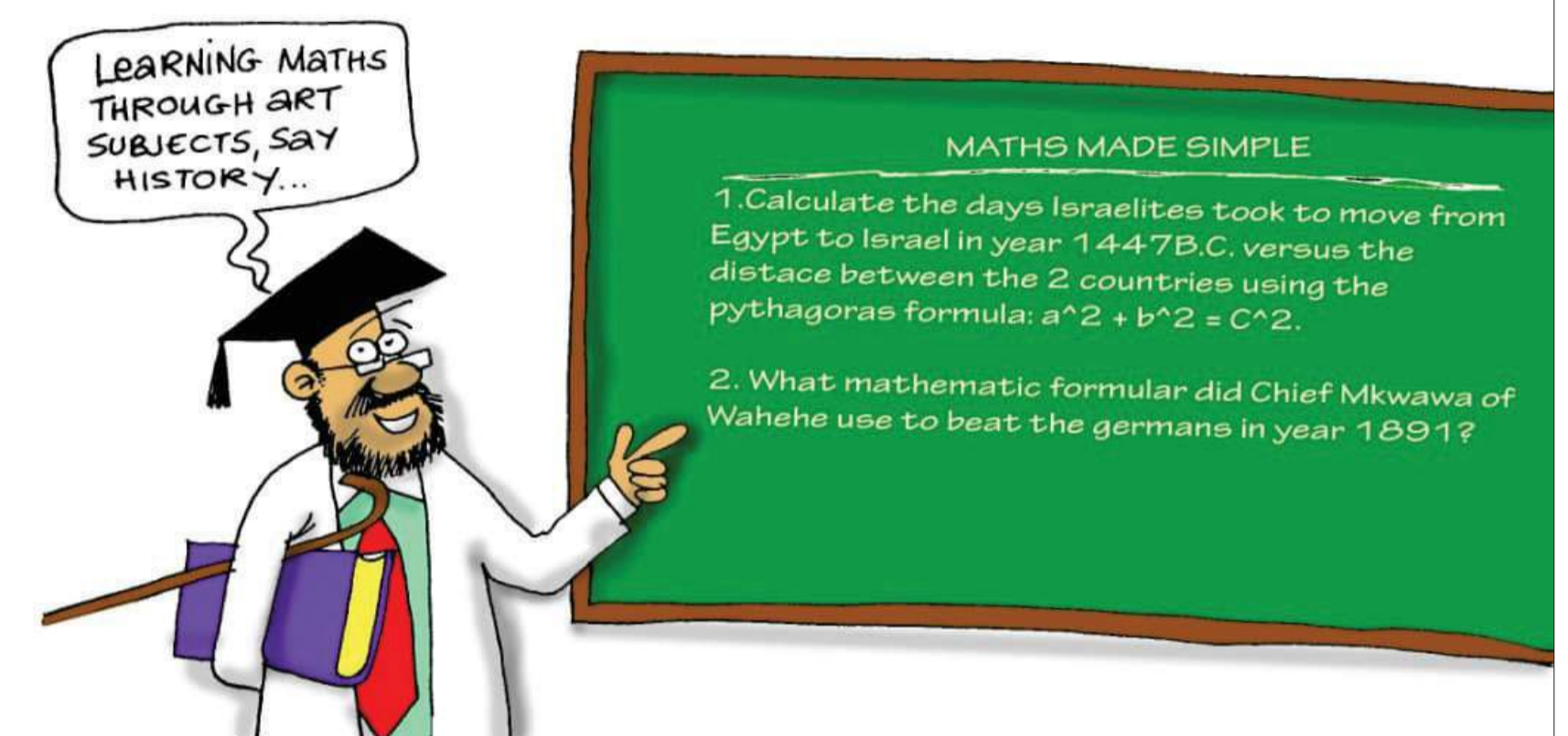
According to a study published in the journal Nature Communications. The annual poaching mortality rate

fell from a high of more than 10 per cent in 2011 to less than 4 per cent in 2017, but the researchers warned that current levels were still unsustainable and could spell trouble for the future of the animals on the continent.

An estimated 350,000 elephants remain in Africa, but 10,000 to 15,000 are killed by poachers every year. The team, from the University of York, University of Freiburg and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, analysed data from 53 protected sites across 29 countries between 2002 and 2017.

They observed a decline in the annual poaching mortality rate - the percentage of elephants killed through poaching each year - and found it was linked with reduced demand for ivory across China that may be linked to a drop in the Chinese economy. The number began to fall before the introduction of a ban on ivory trade in the country in 2017, they said. Differences in poaching between sites was found to be linked with levels of corruption and poverty.

"We are seeing a downturn in poaching, which is obviously positive news, but it is still about what we think is sustainable so the elephant populations are declining," said Dr Colin Beale, co-author of the study from the University of York. "The poaching rates seem to respond primarily to ivory prices in south-east Asia and we can't hope to succeed without tackling demand in that region." The researchers called for continued investment in law enforcement to reduce poaching, alongside action to cut ivory demand and tackle corruption and poverty. Severin Hauenstein, from the University of Freiburg, said: "This is a positive trend, but we should not see this as an end to the poaching crisis. After some changes in the political environment, the total number of illegally killed elephants in Africa seems to be falling but, to assess possible protection measures, we need to understand the local and global processes driving illegal elephant hunting."



Countries failing on gender equality

By Roselyne Sachiti

RESULTS for 129 countries measured by a new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Gender Index released by Equal Measures 2030 show that the world is far from achieving gender equality, with 1.4 billion girls and women living in countries that get a "very poor" failing grade on gender equality.

The SDG Gender Index, launched on Tuesday at the Women Deliver 2019 Conference currently underway in Vancouver Canada, is the most comprehensive tool available to measure the state of gender equality aligned to the SDGs.

Women Deliver is a leading global advocate that champions gender equality and the health and rights of girls and women, while Equal Measures 2030 is an independent civil society and private sector-led partnership that connects data and evidence with advocacy and action, helping to fuel progress towards gender equality. The index, covering 14 of the 17 SDGs, measures countries on 51 issues ranging from health, gender-based violence, climate change, decent work and others. The global average score of the 129 countries - which represents 95 percent of the world's girls and women - is 65.7 out of 100 ("poor" in the index scoring system).

No one country is the world's best performer - or even among the world's top 10 performers - across all goals or all issues.

In 2015, world leaders from all countries committed to achieve gender equality by 2030 for every girl and every woman when they signed on to the ambitious goals and targets of the SDGs.

Overall, the world is furthest behind on gender equality issues related to public finance and better gender data (SDG 17), climate change (SDG 13), gender equality in industry and innovation (SDG 9) and - worryingly - the standalone "gender equality" goal (SDG 5).

Denmark tops the index, followed closely by Finland, Sweden, Norway, and the Netherlands. The countries with the lowest scores in the index - Niger, Yemen, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chad - have all faced conflict and fragility in recent years.

"With just 11 years to go, our index finds that not a single one of the 129 countries is fully transforming their laws, policies or public budget decisions on the scale needed to reach gender equality by 2030. We are failing to deliver on the promises of gender

equality for literally billions of girls and women," said Alison Holder, director of Equal Measures 2030.

"This report should serve as a wake up call to the world. We won't meet the SDGs with 40 percent of girls and women living in countries that are failing on gender equality," said Melinda Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"But the SDG Gender Index also shows that progress is possible. Many countries with the most limited resources are making huge strides in removing the barriers for girls and women across economies, politics and society, demonstrating that when it comes to gender equality, governments shouldn't have excuses for inaction."

"As advocates for gender equality in Africa, we can no longer operate on presumptions and approximations. Gaps of inequalities must be marked, counted and recorded so that the trail of implementation is clear and decision makers are held to account.

"The SDG Gender Index will help to ensure that Africa's girls and women are counted and accounted for," said Memory Kachambwa, executive director of the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET).

With 8 000 decision-makers, advocates, and influencers gathered in Vancouver as part of the Women Deliver Conference, and over 100 000 participating around the world, we have the collective power to drive real progress on these gender equality scores and create real impact for girls and women," said Katja Iversen, president/CEO of Women Deliver.

Released alongside the index, a new report from Plan International revealed that a vast majority of girls worldwide want to take leadership positions in the workplace, politics and wider society, yet more than nine out of 10 believe as women leaders, they will suffer widespread discrimination and sexual harassment. Close to 10 000 girls and young women between 15 and 24 years were surveyed in 19 countries as part of the research also released on Tuesday at the conference.

Of all girls and young women surveyed, 76 percent said they aspired to be a leader and over 60 percent said they felt confident of their abilities to lead. At the same time, 94 percent believed that being a leader involved being treated unfairly as compared to men and 93 percent felt female leaders experienced unwanted physical contact.

Alarmingly, this perception was stronger amongst young women who had some experience of leadership than those who had none.

"The findings show that despite having the aspirations to lead, girls and young women have extremely negative perceptions of what being a female leader involves," said Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen, CEO of Plan International.

"No matter where you are - USA or India, Japan or Sudan - for girls and women globally, being a leader means discrimination and harassment. That's a major deterrent. In light of this, it's not surprising that only 24 percent of parliamentarians worldwide and only 5 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs are women."

The report: "Taking the Lead", is the first of its kind that shines a light on girls' and young women's leadership aspirations, perceptions and real experiences across diverse societies and economies across the globe. It is jointly produced with the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media.

"Our advocacy drives investment - political, programmatic, and financial - in the lives of girls and women worldwide.

"We harness evidence and unite diverse voices to spark commitment to gender equality. And we get results. Anchored in sexual and reproductive health, we advocate for the rights of girls and women across every aspect of their lives. We know that investing in girls and women will deliver progress for all."

At the same conference, a new McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) report, "The future of women at work: Transitions in the age of automation", also released on Tuesday explores the impact of automation on the global workforce through a gender lens.

It finds that 40 million to 160 million women - as many as one in four women currently employed today - may need to switch occupations as their jobs become automated by 2030, often into higher-skilled roles.

The report concludes that if women succeed in making these transitions, they could maintain or even improve their current share of employment and be well positioned for more productive, better-paid work.

If they do not, gender inequality in work is likely to worsen, the gender pay gap could widen and some women may drop out of the workforce. According to the report, a roughly similar percentage of men and women may need to transition across occupations over the next decade - seven to 24 percent of women currently employed compared to eight to 28 percent of men. However, the report, which studies several scenarios of automation across six mature economies and four emerging economies in detail, finds that long-

established barriers will make it harder for women to make these transitions.

They often have less time to re-skill or search for employment because they spend much more time than men on unpaid care work; are less mobile due to physical safety, infrastructure, and legal challenges; and have lower access to digital technology and participation in STEM fields than men.

These challenges have already slowed women's progress, which comes at a high cost.

Previous MGI research estimated that narrowing gender gaps could add \$12 trillion to the global economy in 2025.

However, in the four years since MGI first analysed gender inequality in society and work, progress on both fronts has been limited, and women's progress towards equality in the workplace continues to lag behind social indicators of equality.

"At first glance, it looks like men and women are running the same race into the age of automation, but while the distance may be similar, women are running with a weight around each ankle. If we invest in removing those weights, women, will not only achieve greater economic success for themselves, but also help strengthen businesses and economies," said Kweilin Ellingrud, a senior partner at McKinsey and co-author of the report.

Policymakers and businesses need to step up interventions targeted at women to overcome these barriers. Top priorities include more investment in training and transitional support; more provision of childcare and safe and affordable transportation; addressing stereotypes about occupations; boosting women's access to mobile Internet and digital skills in emerging economies; and supporting women in STEM professions and entrepreneurship.

"As we move into the future of work, we need to step it up and not leave half the population behind if we want individuals, societies, and economies to thrive," said Katja Iversen.

"We need to invest - politically, programmatically, and financially - in girls and women so that automation continues to move us forward, not backwards."

Addressing and promoting gender equality has been especially marked since the International Conference on Population Development in 1994 and the 1995 Beijing conferences at which governments agreed that a gender perspective should be an integral and cross-cutting aspect of all follow-up efforts.

By Guardian Correspondent

COASCO all out to work with TRA on auditing of members of cooperative unions across the country

THE Cooperative Audit and Supervision Corporation (COASCO) under the Ministry of Agriculture has plans to cooperate with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to provide public education to cooperatives so as to persuade them to pay tax which will help to develop various social services.

COASCO Deputy Director General Zavery Mkingule said in an interview that the aim of cooperating with TRA is to provide training to their members who are cooperative union members on the importance of paying taxes and its benefits. When they execute their duties of auditing the accounts of cooperatives they should also prepare formal procedures for paying taxes.

Even members of cooperative unions have been facing challenges due to lack of tax payers' education arising from the fact that COASCO has no budgeted funds for providing education to members of cooperative unions about paying taxes and auditing their accounts. Cooperative union members also need to keep their books of accounts properly and balanced, he said.

Coasco has been of vital importance in auditing the accounts of cooperative union members to make them operate profitably instead of loss making operations, benefit from bank or financial institutions' loans. With audited accounts they also stand to receive subsidies from donors including the government to support them financially to run their activities smoothly and consolidate cooperative unions, he explained.

Coasco is an organisation which supports cooperative unions and primary cooperative societies like AMKOS, SACCOS and Vicoba in auditing their accounts annually. It has improved services including extending training on proper arrangement of their books of accounts such that when Coasco auditors come they execute their duties without bottlenecks.

The purpose of auditing is to adhere to the audit legislation of 1982 as



Chief Auditor Jeremiah Mpeta with a team of auditors in a special training prepare them for auditing various cooperative unions across the country which audited by Coasco headquartered in Dodoma.

amended in 2005, which give power to Coasco to audit cooperative union members' accounts together with accounts of the private sector.

He emphasized that members of cooperative unions are required to use the services of Coasco in auditing their accounts so as to make sure that their accounts are clean. This will enhance the confidence of members on their leaders, he stated.

Despite the fact that the organization has a good relationship with members of the cooperative union, it is facing some challenges. Some of the SACCOS books of accounts are not in good order, which makes Coasco officials take long to audit their accounts, but if their

accounts were well arranged, they could have used minimal time in auditing them.

The organisation is in the process of providing education to accountants on proper arrangement of books of accounts so that when the auditors come they do so easily.

Some members of cooperative unions are habitually late to complete their accounts and submit them to the auditors.

Coasco which is under the Ministry of Agriculture, is prepared to provide their services to all cooperative unions and associations which work with entrepreneurs



The acting director of the organisation of auditors Coasco, Zavery Mkingule showing the winners' cup of competence in executing the duties of auditing the books of accounts of the members of the cooperative unions and various stakeholders who are audited by the organisation.

so as to enable them to succeed economically and access loans to develop their businesses and grow.

He requested cooperative unions to use Coasco services so as to support the government's initiative of having an industrial economy.

Director Zavery commended efforts of the government in prioritizing cooperative unions in agricultural sector products and seeking international markets including among UN organizations, a situation which provides space for farmers to increase production of food crops.

He also commended President Magufuli and his government for astute management of various projects including Stigler's Gorge power project, the standard gauge railway and road construction. Cooperative unions will benefit with those services as they are among major users of those services, he stated.

For his part, the Acting Auditor General of Coasco, Jeremiah Mugeta said that the organization is providing services in 21 regions on the Mainland, where some regions appear to be part of an older regional centre, like Katavi while other new regions have

proper Coasco regional offices He also requested cooperative union members, both new and old to use Coasco services as it has wide experience and has been helping to provide education to cooperative societies so as to accomplish their intended objectives.

The organization also welcome new members of cooperative union to join Coasco so as to get professional advice for success especially in this period where achieving the government's goal of an industrial economy where cooperative unions have a key role.

A journey from a small-scale farm to international stage

LAGOS, Nigeria

AS a wife and mother in Nigeria who wanted to support my family and my community, I began my own farm in 2006. When I began, I never could have dreamed that just cultivating the earth would someday lead to my meeting government leaders, and traveling to meet other women from around the world doing their part to make a difference in their own communities.

Years of hard work, learning and women's solidarity built to my recent trip to New York City, where I participated in the Commission on the Status of Women. I was there to talk about my work in Nigeria, and my journey from being one individual small-scale farmer, to this international stage.

It was an amazing opportunity that was all new, yet also brought me full-circle and made me realize I am on the right track. Now, as I head home after further travels, my time in New York feels monumental and my passion for this work is stronger than ever.

THE BEGINNING

What brought me is Chileofarms, my farming company that produces, processes and packages rice, fish, poultry, and vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, spinach, pumpkin. To help build up my farm, and the good it could grow, I entered a competition and development program in 2014 called Oxfam's Female Food Heroes, which gives resources, training and exposure to female farmers.

I was given an award as a Female Food Hero in a ceremony attended by the Governor, Commissioner, Permanent Secretaries and other guests. It was the first time I started to realize how much impact I could really have as a Small Scale Farmer and it was the assistance of Oxfam that made it possible.

During the award presentation, the Director of the Gender Desk from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture in Nigeria, Mrs. Karima Babaginda, asked me what they could expect to see as my achievements in the next 5 years. I told her that in five years, Nigerian female farmers' voices will be heard both locally and internationally. I knew I had to get to work to live up to my promise.

I went back to my community to see how I can contribute to helping other women and I formed a Cooperative called Ogbonge Women Multipurpose Association, where women with like minds came together to discuss the progress of our farms and how we can help each other.

I constructed a smoking kiln with my Female Food Hero award money in my community where my fellow women could come to smoke their fish, package and sell it. This simple equipment was important, especially when we are having post-harvest losses, because with the smoking kiln, the shelf life of dry fish is extended to 6 months.

We also started farming mushrooms together, and donated a portion of the profit to help widows, displaced and other vulnerable people living in our community. There are many women who cannot go to their farms because of the fear of being raped or killed, or their farms were destroyed with nothing to fall back on. We are lucky we are even safe and able to farm in the first place - not everyone is that lucky.

We then started to tackle the issue of loans because our women are always having problem accessing loans through banks. With Oxfam's help, 42 women from around our state were trained in Village Savings and Loans (VSL), which is when 25 to 30 women come together to save, give each other loans, and share the interest.

This not only brought extra and more reliable income, but it brought so much happiness to our women. I started a VSL group with 25 members in 2017 and today we are 500 women with more still waiting to join. Because of this program, our women can now feed their children and send them to school, without have to wait for the money they make in harvest season.

We also advocated for farmers all over Nigeria - all women farmers decided to come together to present a Farmers Manifesto to the Gubernatorial Candidates before the Concluded Nigeria Election.

We asked candidates to sign this manifesto that agreed that farmers be recognized, and our demands must be met if they want us to vote for them. We have also pushed to change land ownership laws that have not allowed women to

own and inherit land.

COMING FULL CIRCLE IN NEW YORK

During the Commission on the Status of Women it was an unbelievable honor to see the experiences and knowledge from women from different countries together in one room.

We shared ideas and what we wanted most, with one issue of common interest being the issue of women being denied American visas to attend the conference. I was overwhelmed with joy discussing issues like land rights for women, challenges facing displaced women and families and more.

I told myself that I have to go back to my country and pass the

knowledge to my women and also see how we can get more women from Nigeria to have this amazing opportunity to join this conversation with women from around the world.

I was overwhelmed and honored to be included as a panelist representing Oxfam as the Female Food Hero to discuss economic empowerment as a means for social protection for women in agriculture. Here I was, a woman from a rural area in Nigeria, now having the chance to speak at this global forum in New York.

I gave my presentation in the United Nations building, and to my surprise, there was the same Director of the Gender Desk from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture

in Nigeria, Mrs. Karima Babaginda. I was able to ask her: "Have I fulfilled what I have promised to achieve over five years?" and she laughed and said "Well done, Ogbonge Woman." I was right on schedule, five years later with my voice at an international forum sharing the stories of my Nigerian female farmers.

WHAT'S NEXT

My time in New York motivated me to do more and keep pushing. As an Ogbonge woman trying to contribute my part towards the growth and development of my community, I would like to work more to bring in more women to the Village Savings and Loans groups, and will also remind wom-

en that we need to work on ourselves, because the government can't do it all for us.

We need to face the problems as they come and that we can jointly speak with one voice. Women's collective efforts and solidarity are key to make the changes we want to see, in partnership with our leaders.

We are also pleading for more donors and NGOs to come to our aid, because even with a strong, united group, the women farmers really need help. I will continue to advocate for my fellow female farmers, because we each deserve a chance to work hard, feel safe, make promises and fulfill them.



Ogbonge Women Lagos Chapter in Agege. File photo

Who will succeed Theresa May as Prime Minister?

Some runners and riders for the UK Tory leadership

LONDON

THE race to choose a new prime minister officially started on Monday with ten hopefuls bidding to win the biggest job in British politics.

The list of contenders emerged when a deadline closed with the successor to Theresa May expected to be announced before the end of July.

Former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson remains favourite to win the race. To guarantee a place in the final two that will be decided in a national vote among around 160,000 grassroots Conservative party members, Johnson will have to convince enough of the more than 300 Conservative MPs that he is the best person to move into 10 Downing Street.

Burned by the consequences of letting Theresa May win by acclamation in 2016, Tory MPs anticipate that the race to succeed her will at least begin with a crowded field. The party is terminally divided, with no clear, unifying favourite.

For the generation currently in cabinet - or just out of it - a leadership election this year could be their last shot at attaining cabinet office, or otherwise prolonging their time at the top table. Both camps in the party's war over the EU will see it as an existential battle.

Here the NS brings you the runners and riders spoken of by Conservative MPs as likely candidates.

Jeremy Hunt, MP for South West Surrey and Foreign Secretary

One of the early favourites. Surviving nearly six years as health secretary - the longest tenure at the department ever - has earned him the respect of colleagues, many of whom say he is the candidate who most looks like a prime minister. Widely assumed to have been destined for demotion or the sack in January 2018, his stock rose after he demanded - and won - a new £384m-a-week funding settlement for the NHS in July. Could be hobbled, however, by a reputation for political dilettantism: having backed Remain in 2016 and publicly flirted with running as the candidate of a second referendum in the ensuing leadership race, he has since remade himself as a born-again Leaver. Said the UK could "survive and prosper" in a no-deal scenario last August, but sources close to him deny reports that he would run as the candidate of "managed no deal". Has since sought to

Sajid Javid, MP for Bromsgrove and Home Secretary

The other frontrunner. A former investment banker, he beat Ruth Davidson for selection to the safe seat of Bromsgrove in 2010 and was subsequently groomed for high office by George Osborne, serving as culture and then business secretary. His career appeared to have stalled, however, after the EU referendum - he backed Remain, despite cultivating a reputation as a Eurosceptic - and the defenestration of his mentor. Over-saw the government's response to the Grenfell Tower fire as communities secretary, before replacing Amber Rudd at the Home Office in April.

Colleagues have been struck by his willingness to take a sledgehammer to a department still largely cast in Theresa May's image: he ditched her hostile environment approach to immigration and moved to legalise medicinal cannabis. His iconoclastic streak extends to the economy, where his personal philosophy is one of bulldozing libertarianism. A fan of Ayn Rand, he is known to re-read *The Fountainhead* every year. Much is made of his backstory - as the son of a Pakistani bus driver, he would be Britain's first BAME prime minister - but detractors point to a thin list of tangible achievements in office. Some MPs cast aspersions about his interpersonal skills, however.

Boris Johnson, MP for Uxbridge and South Ruislip and former foreign secretary

The received wisdom dictates that Johnson, who resigned from government in order to oppose the Prime Minister's Brexit plans last July but has since backed the Withdrawal Agreement, would win comfortably among

the membership should he reach the final two of a leadership contest. The former foreign secretary's problem, however, is getting there, as his early exit from the last leadership contest demonstrates.

The breadth and depth of enmity towards Johnson has only grown in the two years that have passed since, and his personal following remains relatively small (though it has grown since his resignation). An unedifying and characteristically gaffe-strewn spell at the Foreign Office seemed to have diminished his appeal, and several MPs have said they would resign the Conservative whip if he became leader. Could be hobbled by a split Leave vote but has received a string of endorsements from Tory MPs of late, and could yet win the imprimatur of the DUP, with whom he has held talks.

Amber Rudd, MP for Hastings and Rye and Work and Pensions Secretary

The Cameroon. Marked out for stardom in the 2010 parliament and emerged as an articulate advocate for Remain in the EU referendum campaign. A promotion from energy secretary to the Home Office followed, but she was forced to resign over the Windrush scandal, having denied being aware of deportation targets that her office was in fact aware of. Returned to cabinet in November, replacing Esther McVey at the Department for Work and Pensions, having come out for a second referendum to avert no deal in the meantime.

Having pinned her colours with such enthusiasm to the mast of continuity Remain, it looks unlikely that she would be able to win a vote of the Conservative grassroots - a fact she has herself acknowledged. Complicating things further is her slim majority of just 346 votes over Labour, which could well necessitate her airlifting to a safer seat at the next election if she did run, which is unlikely. More likely to serve as "kingmaker" for another candidate.

Michael Gove, MP for Surrey Heath and Environment Secretary

The most senior Brexiteer to have remained loyal to May, Gove - if he chose to run - would be one of the few candidates who could plausibly command support from a broad cross-section of MPs. He has urged colleagues to accept the deal currently on offer as a ticket to a harder Brexit in the future. The stance has inspired loathing among more doctrinaire Leavers but could convince a critical mass of those whose objective is to make sure the UK actually leaves the EU.

One of the few household names in the mix, but this is no asset: he retains an enduring public unpopularity from his time as education secretary. He has nonetheless turned his reforming zeal into a reliable generator of good publicity for the government at Defra and was a well-regarded justice secretary before his banishment to the backbenches by Theresa May. Known by colleagues as an incorrigible gossip, some have not forgiven his betrayal of Boris Johnson in 2016. He will prove a formidable force if he does run. Allies describe him as "wavering".

David Davis, MP for Haltemprice and Howden and former Brexit secretary

The maverick. Frequently floated as a caretaker replacement for the Prime Minister, the trajectory Davis's career has taken since he made the transition from campaigning backbencher to cabinet minister in 2016 is likely to mean he has little chance of winning a leadership contest with a broad field, despite a loyal personal following. Ran for leader - and lost - in both 2001 and 2005. His best hope this time would be to pitch himself as an interim premier with a brief to deliver Brexit, though his insistence on a Canada-style deal and the presence of other Leavers in the field would make his path to victory almost impassable.

Dominic Raab, MP for Esher and Walton and former Brexit secretary

The libertarian. Long beloved of hipster Tories, Raab was until recently one of the nearly men of the 2010 intake - a perpetual rising star overlooked repeatedly for Cabinet



Theresa May

Office. Having finally attained it as Brexit secretary, a role whose title obscured his lack of influence, he lasted just 138 days before resigning. One of the five co-authors of the neo-Thatcherite manifesto *Britannia Unchained*, he would be the most nakedly ideological leadership candidate and has advocated an Asian-style low-tax, low-regulation economy. A habitué of the Commons gym, colleagues have described him as prickly and impatient, and 2011 comments in which he argued that "feminists are now amongst the most obnoxious bigots" have been a gift for Labour. He nonetheless has a strong chance of beating Johnson and Davis to serve as standard bearer for ERG MPs.

Penny Mordaunt, MP for Portsmouth North and International Development Secretary

The dark horse of the Brexiteers. One of the few faces of Vote Leave remaining in cabinet, which she joined after the resignation of Priti Patel last November. Mordaunt has somehow managed to avoid publicly backing or disavowing the Prime Minister's Brexit plans, which could harm her appeal among her fellow Leavers. Since last November, however, she has had the benefit of a relatively low-risk, touchy-feely ministerial brief that has allowed her to burnish her liberal credentials and pick fights with May on emotive issues like equal marriage and abortion rights in Northern Ireland. Privately, colleagues have been known to express doubts about whether she has the intellectual capacity for the premiership and others are still uneasy about her role in the referendum campaign, during which she falsely claimed that Turkey was about to join the EU. Would be Britain's first single prime minister since Edward Heath.

Esther McVey, MP for Tatton and former work and pensions Secretary

The unashamed right-winger. A former television presenter and protégé of Iain Duncan Smith, McVey rose to promi-

nence in the 2010 parliament as the remorseless face of the government's welfare cuts and a pugnacious spokesperson on the airwaves, attending cabinet as employment minister. Having lost the marginal of Wirral West to Labour in 2015, she returned in George Osborne's old safe seat of Tatton last June and was quickly welcomed back into the government fold as deputy chief whip and then work and pensions secretary, the latter of which she quit last month. She signalled last week that she would consider a run if May fell, but lacks an obvious constituency of supporters. Considered frighteningly right wing even by the standards of the Conservative backbenches. MPs joke that her partner Philip Davies, the similarly strident MP for Shipley, would be installed in Downing Street as an éminence grise and "First Lady".

Andrea Leadsom, MP for North Northamptonshire and Leader of the House of Commons

The comeback kid. Burst into the public consciousness during the EU referendum campaign as one of Vote Leave's doughtiest campaigners but crashed and burned in the subsequent leadership contest after she suggested having children made her a better-placed candidate for prime minister than Theresa May. A lacklustre stint as Environment Secretary in the prime minister's first cabinet saw her demoted to Leader of the Commons, a role which, unexpectedly, has been her making. Won plaudits for her handling of the Westminster bullying and harassment scandal, as well as for her willingness to challenge John Bercow, and has offered organisation and leadership to Cabinet Brexiteers without being publicly disloyal to the prime minister. Remains scarred by the experience of her last run, however, and friends say she is still unsure of whether to take the risk again.

Liz Truss, MP for South West Norfolk and Chief Secretary to the Treasury

The free marketeer. Another *Britannia Unchained* co-author, she was constant presence in the

cabinets of Cameron and May, her career appeared to be on the wane when she was demoted to number two at the Treasury; but she has enjoyed something of a renaissance at the Tory grassroots, where she has cast herself as the champion of the gig economy. Fond of giving stump speeches on the innate capitalism of young people, who she describes as "Uber-riding, Airbnb-ing, Deliveroo-eating freedom fighters". Her partisan pugnacity - and has won her many admirers in the 2017 intake of Conservative MPs, and will pitch herself as the champion of untrammelled markets and deregulation. Could be underpriced.

Matt Hancock, MP for West Suffolk and Health Secretary

Osborne 2.0? A protégé of the former Chancellor, Hancock had appeared destined for political obscurity after May arrived in Downing Street in 2016. Surprisingly, however, he accepted a demotion to what many considered a backwater brief in Digital Minister with alacrity, winning a promotion to full Cabinet rank as Culture Secretary and then to Health, where he has avoided the sort of rolling media crises that marred his predecessor's seven years in post. Friends say the reliable media performer, who has just turned 40, believes this race is a cycle too early. But colleagues nonetheless say he could emerge as a unity candidate and both of his Cabinet briefs have offered the capacity to court MPs via what allies describe as pork barrel politics. Has urged the party to broaden its appeal, arguing that Tories must sound as if they like the country they seek to govern.

Mark Harper, MP for the Forest of Dean and former chief whip

The sleeper hit. A mainstay in the governments of David Cameron - under whom he served as chief whip - Harper, who backed Remain in 2016, has argued for a harder Brexit than most of his classmates and has been sounding out backbenchers ahead of a tilt at the leadership. Lacks pub-

lic recognition but respected by colleagues. Patrick McLoughlin, another former chief whip, is canvassing support on his behalf. Could get further than bigger names.

Jacob Rees-Mogg, MP for North East Somerset and chairman of the European Research Group

The Tory Corbyn. Beloved of the grassroots but lacking in anything close to government experience, he has repeatedly denied that he is interested in the job, most often citing the demands of his six children. More likely to serve as a kingmaker for either Johnson or Davis, both of whom he has suggested would make strong candidates.

Justine Greening, MP for Putney and former education secretary

The mutineer. Resigned from cabinet in January 2018 after refusing to move to the Department for Work and Pensions in a reshuffle, and subsequently became the first member of a May cabinet to endorse a second EU referendum. Comprehensively educated in Rotherham, her campaigning on social mobility gives her an obvious and attractive policy platform beyond Brexit, which is more than can be said for some others. Like Rudd, however, her stance on Europe - and support for a second referendum - limits her natural constituency constituency to single figures. Would be the first British prime minister to have a same-sex partner in office but at this point is more likely to leave the party than lead it.

Gavin Williamson, MP for South Staffordshire and Defence Secretary

The amateur Machiavel. Williamson saw out David Cameron's premiership at his right hand as parliamentary private secretary before managing Theresa May's campaign for the leadership. A stint as chief whip followed - Tory MPs remember it with increasing fondness as a minority government takes its toll on morale - before his unexpected promotion to the Ministry of Defence after the resignation of Michael Fallon. Some speculated that he could emulate Edward Heath's journey from the Whips' Office to Downing Street, but his star has faded under scrutiny. Has repeatedly clashed with Philip Hammond over funding for the armed forces. Sniffer colleagues have been known to disparage his reedy Yorkshire accent and past life as a fireplace salesman. However, he remains close to - and trusted by - the ten DUP MPs, which could prove an attractive selling point after events in recent weeks.

James Cleverly, MP for Braintree and Brexit minister

The party man. A popular figure among the Tory grassroots and loyalist Brexiteer who won promotion to ministerial office earlier this month, he has made no secret of his desire to one day run for the premiership. His lack of ministerial experience and obvious route beyond the opening rounds of a sudden contest to succeed May nonetheless makes a serious candidacy this time a non-starter. Could nonetheless run to stake a claim to a big job but is more likely to endorse Johnson, who he backed in 2016.

Philip Lee, MP for Bracknell and former health minister

The outsider. As leader of the Tory campaign for a second referendum - the cause over which he resigned from government last year - the sometime ally of Theresa May could, at most, count on the support of eight MPs. Is nonetheless known to be considering a run.

Egypt opens world's widest suspension bridge

CAIRO

EGYPT has opened the world's widest suspension bridge, across the Nile, in what is one of a series of military-led, mega-projects designed to improve infrastructure and provide jobs. The bridge, which crosses the Nile

just north of central Cairo, is a key link in a highway stretching from the Red Sea in the east to Egypt's northwestern Mediterranean coast, and is meant to help reduce congestion in the capital.

Traffic ground to a halt in parts of central Cairo on Wednesday morning as president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi trav-

elled to open the bridge with ministers and military generals.

At its widest, the bridge has six traffic lanes in each direction and measures 67.3 metres (222 feet) across. A regional director for the Guinness Book of World Records present at the opening said that makes it the world's widest

suspension bridge.

Around one million cubic metres of concrete as well as 1,400 km (2,268 miles) of steel wire for 160 suspension cables were used in its construction, according to a presentation given at the formal opening. The bridge crosses the Nile's Warraq Island, which has an

estimated 100,000 residents, some of whom have protested against planned demolitions on the island and plans to develop it into a "modern residential community".

On an inspection visit to the suspension bridge last month, Sisi denied reports the island could be sold to in-

vestors and said the state could not forcefully evict residents.

Other prestige projects launched under Sisi include an expansion of the Suez Canal, completed in 2015, and the building of a new capital in the desert east of Cairo that is currently under construction.



Rebranding now seen in legal practice in effort to serve clients regionally

By Guardian Reporter

A Dar es Salaam-based law firm—Anjarwalla & Khanna (A&K) Tanzania has taken over the practice of ATZ Law Chambers in order to complement its robust local practice with the capability to service clients regionally.

The firm's core leadership team will now include Partner, Geoffrey Dimoso and Director, Shemane Amin who joined in April and February respectively.

A&K Tanzania is a leading full service corporate and commercial law firm based in Tanzania's commercial capital, Dar es Salaam.

According to a statement issued yesterday by A&K Tanzania director, Shemane Amin, the rebranding and entry of the new team members and offering to clients in Tanzania and across Africa will be bolstered.

Amin said in his new role, Dimoso will work closely with the rest of the A&K Tanzania leadership team to ensure that the firm continues to provide exceptional service to clients in Tanzania and the wider region.

"With over 15 years of experience in private practice, Dimoso headed the legal department and served as company secretary of the Commercial Bank of Africa (Tanzania), and previously, Azania Bank. Dimoso is a practicing Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania and holds a Master of Laws degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Dar es Salaam. "He is certified as a director by the Commonwealth Centre for Corporate Governance (Kenya) and the Institute of Directors (Tanzania), and is a member of various professional bodies, including the Tanganyika Law Society and the East African Law Society," she said.

People-centric tech targets disaster displacement

By Gareth Willmer

AS weather-related disasters force millions from their homes each year, new technologies are transforming the humanitarian response.

When disaster strikes, the immediate death toll is first to hit the headlines. But a much longer-term problem is the potentially huge number of people forced to move - a figure set to surge amid the rising impact of climate change.

Over 17 million people worldwide were displaced by disasters last year, the vast majority of which were weather-related, according to a new report by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC).

At 41.3 million, the estimated number of people living in internal displacement from disasters or conflict is at its highest-ever level, the report states, adding: "Despite policy progress in several countries, the root causes of internal displacement are still not being adequately addressed."

One of the biggest issues in the coming years, the report highlights, will be rising rural-urban migration, with 95 per cent of urban growth expected to hap-

pen in developing countries. Adding to rapid, unplanned sprawl, this threatens to make people even more vulnerable to climate change impacts, such as the now "staggeringly high" risk of floods, the authors warn.

Poorer citizens will undoubtedly take the brunt of the hit. "Even a country that is relatively well prepared and disaster-aware is going to experience a disproportionate impact on its poorer population," says IDMC director Alexandra Bilak.

Bangladesh tackles cyclones As a low-lying, flood-prone nation, Bangladesh has sought to address this issue, developing early warning systems for cyclones.

Having long realised climate change was a problem, "we haven't sat idle waiting", says Saleemul Huq, director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) in Dhaka. "We've been trying to figure out what to do about it, and as a result have gone up a steep learning curve."

That means cyclones now claim far fewer lives in Bangladesh, he says - pointing out that people knew what to do when Cyclone Fani hit in May, with over a million moving to

shelters. Disaster response has been boosted by the spread of tracking tech, smartphones, social media and new apps, aiding communication even among those who lack literacy skills, says Huq. But the longer-term effects of displacement from flooding remain a problem, he adds.

Even with systems in place, Dhaka - already among the world's fastest-growing cities, with slums full to bursting - is unable alone to absorb the further 10 million people expected to be displaced in Bangladesh over the next two decades.

So in what Huq describes as a "people-centred" pilot scheme, ICCCAD has pinpointed around 20 smaller towns deemed suitable for resettling up to a million migrants each in the future. Its aim is to get towns on board and allay economic fears.

"The carrot is that it will help their town grow," says Huq. "We're looking at how we make these towns climate-resilient but, more importantly, migrant-friendly to enable migrants to become citizens... We talk to the mayors and the people, and I wouldn't say we've convinced them all, but they're sufficiently interested to engage."

Community mapping

The need to combine social and tech approaches for long-term solutions strikes a chord elsewhere, too. Innocent Maholi works on community-based mapping initiative Ramani Huria in Tanzania's Dar es Salaam, a frequently flooded city where more than 70 per cent live in unplanned settlements and with a population expected to more than double by 2035.

The initiative, run by international organisation the Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team (HOT), has been using drones and data from community mapping, including door-to-door surveys, to assess the position, types and material composition of buildings, roads, drainage systems and flood-prone areas, plus identify evacuation routes and safe refuges.

Engagement of citizens is key, says Maholi, adding that the ethos for the community is: "If we develop the map together, it should be our map, not Ramani Huria's." This has involved training local people on the tools, and enthusing them via initiatives such as "mapathons", or mapping parties, as well as collaborating with universities to train hundreds of

students.

A recent graduate who joined Ramani Huria has been developing a rapid-assembly drone made out of bamboo in a bid to create one at a cost of less than US\$200. "I see a bright future in terms of us processing our own imagery so we can help people on the ground," says Maholi.

Satellite solutions

Meanwhile, smaller, cheaper and higher-resolution satellites are also improving displacement tracking. US firm Planet currently has about 140 satellites - including over 120 of its shoebox-sized Doves - collecting 1.2 million images daily, hitting sufficient fleet density by late 2017 to image the whole of Earth's landmass each day.

Andrew Zolli, the company's vice president of global impact initiatives, says the technology can help analyse where floods and landslides might happen, pre-position emergency services, and manage urban growth to avoid vulnerable areas.

Planet has also been working with the World Bank to develop AI tools to find every building in its imagery, enabling them to be viewed as they're being built, says Zolli. "This allows you to see the

kind of progress of urban growth that is otherwise totally invisible, even to the urban managers who manage those cities."

In the Kutupalong camp in southern Bangladesh, populated by Rohingya refugees fleeing Myanmar, the imagery was harnessed to identify people to move from areas that became prone to landslides after trees were removed to build houses and cook food.

Planet is also working on satellite-linked financial instruments to help release funds the moment a disaster strikes. In addition, its imagery can also help people retain ownership of their land if they are temporarily displaced, even if a disaster has made an area unrecognisable. "Someone can say definitively that this is mine and this is where my family lives," says Zolli.

Other breakthroughs are being made in artificial intelligence, which will eventually replace the often "resource-intensive and time-consuming" manual analysis of imagery, says Matthew Wencel, global GIS manager and settlement specialist at humanitarian association IMPACT Initiatives. He added that IMPACT partner UNOSAT (the Operational Satellite Programme of the UN Insti-

tute for Training and Research) has just produced its first AI-derived shelter analysis map for a resettlement camp in Syria.

AI technology in general, however, has not yet been effectively automated enough to save time, says Wencel, adding: "We continue to rely mainly on manual analysis, as the success rate of AI tools has historically been too low to offer any advantage over it."

Freedom to innovate

Elsewhere, the UN's Pulse Labs in Indonesia and Uganda are seeking to pioneer cutting-edge methods for harnessing big data for development by encouraging innovation through experimentation.

Pulse Lab Jakarta's methods have led to the development of CycloMon, which tracks satellite data on the path of cyclones, and Haze Gazer, which wraps in user-generated data and has been adopted by Indonesia's government to monitor wildfires.

"If something looks promising, the idea is to share it as widely as we can and map out how we go from here," explains Derval Usher, head of office at Pulse Lab Jakarta, which she says is able to experiment in a "safe-to-fail" environment.

Uganda starts wetland restoration to reduce effects of climate change

By Ronald Ssekandi, Kampala

AFTER several prolonged dry spells in the remote eastern Ugandan district of Pallisa, villagers set their eyes on the neighboring Limoto wetland.

Matiya Woira, one of the villagers said that they had no alternative but to descend on the wetland which had water and fertile soils.

Before long, the wetland also dried up and was not productive any more. The rice paddies were not doing well and the yields continued to diminish.

"We faced long dry spells especially in the middle of the year, our

crops were destroyed and the cattle did not have water to drink," Esther Nakyesa, another farmer said.

Now at crossroads, the farmers had run out of options. The soils in their gardens had no nutrients and the swamp too had stopped being productive.

After the destruction, the government instructed Woira and his village mates to immediately leave the wetland. The directive was a big blow, according to Woira who said he was not certain of the future since his family depended on the swamp for a living.

"It was a very difficult time for us, we kept wondering how the govern-

ment wanted us to survive. My garden was not productive and now the government was chasing us out of the swamp which was the alternative," said Woira.

Uganda has one of the highest population growth rates in the world, according to figures by the country's ministry of finance.

The country's population is 40 million people and official predictions indicate that by 2027, the population would have swollen to 50 million people.

This huge population has caused pressure on the land, forcing people to resort to wetland reclamation to farm.



Angola under Lourenço: More than just a promising start?

BY PETER FABRICIUS

ANGOLAN activist Rafael Marques de Morais was persecuted by security agencies for his relentless exposés of corruption and human rights abuses by the Dos Santos government. But soon after João Lourenço took over as president in September 2017 he invited Marques to a meeting at State House.

Marques related in a speech to the Oslo Freedom Forum in Mexico City in February this year how Lourenço 'encouraged me to continue my work of exposing corruption'. This story epitomises the changes Lourenço has made in two years, since replacing José Eduardo dos Santos, one of Africa's political dinosaurs, after 38 years of corrupt and authoritarian rule.

He won praise for quickly removing the ex-president's fabulously rich daughter Isabel and son José Filomeno from their lucrative positions as heads of the state oil company Sonangol and the sovereign wealth fund respectively. He has started cleaning out corruption, prosecuting officials and recovering millions of dollars of stolen state funds.

Lourenço has also consolidated his political power. He briefly allowed Dos Santos to remain as head of the ruling People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola to smooth the transition but then ousted him a year later, leaving himself largely unchallenged.

Lourenço - ably assisted, rumour has it, by his wife Ana Afonso Dias, a former senior World Bank economist - has also introduced a slew of macro-economic reforms. These have arguably been forced on him by the slump in the oil price since 2015, putting pressure on the fiscus and on public debt in a country almost entirely dependent on oil revenues.

Even if the oil price recovers, Angola must diversify its economy as production has been falling and is predicted to fall further, from 1.6 million barrels a day in 2018 to 0.7 million in 2028. One of Lourenço's key reforms has been to make the hitherto murky process of selling oil concessions more transparent. He relaunched the stagnant oil industry on this sounder footing at a major oil and gas conference this week.

Other reforms include: unpegging the kwanza from the dollar to relieve

pressure on foreign reserves; ordering the central bank to auction dollars to all instead of reserving them for a few; instituting plans to privatise scores of state companies; and tightening up regulation of the banks which largely prioritised the interests of Dos Santos and his cronies.

In December last year the International Monetary Fund rewarded Lourenço for his initial reforms by granting him a US\$3.7 billion loan to support further changes. Angola committed to: cut costs to reduce debt; increase exchange rate flexibility to regain competitiveness; reduce inflation; and increase non-oil revenue, partly by introducing a value added tax, eliminating subsidies and clearing domestic arrears.

Some observers nonetheless remain sceptical about the sincerity of Lourenço's reforms. Is he just getting rid of his enemies on corruption charges and going through the motions of economic reforms to attract foreign investment?

The Economist recently noted that Lourenço wasn't much of a political reformer. He rejected calls to change the constitution to limit his powers, put loyalists rather than independent minds in key army and security services positions, and showed little desire to make courts independent. It quoted an unnamed local activist saying: 'We don't need a strongman. We need strong institutions.' That warning bell has often tolled elsewhere in Africa.

Jon Schubert, political anthropologist with Brunel University, London, and author of *Working the System: A Political Ethnography of the New Angola*, says Lourenço's reforms have been 'a mixed bag'. He's 'trying to do the right thing on many levels, i.e. especially reassuring foreign investors, and getting the IMF on board is a big success in that regard'.

'The fight against corruption has made him popular - but the problem is that the "economic reforms" so far have had little impact, and the recipes prescribed by the IMF will impact the lower and middle classes hardest - such as the introduction of VAT in July.' Likewise the fuel shortages and the rampant depreciation of the kwanza.

Like other analysts, Schubert is suspicious of Lourenço's 'resurrection' of Dos Santos's old vice president and



The country is on track with economic and anti-corruption reforms, but it's still too early to pass judgement. File photo

Sonangol boss Manuel Vicente despite his being tainted by corruption. This points to the continuing weight of old networks, he says.

Justin Pearce, Cambridge University political scientist and Angola expert, also believes some ambivalence is advisable when assessing Lourenço's reforms. Precisely because power was so centralised under Dos Santos, Lourenço has been able to do a lot quickly 'because he got his hands onto many of the levers of power simultaneously'.

But he adds that this power was personalised on the figure of

Dos Santos, not institutionalised, and operated through informal hierarchies of personal loyalty, some of which continue. 'Hence, I believe, a lot of the mixed signals, including the Samussuku arrest.'

Hitler Samussuku was first arrested and then released for posting a video online criticising Lourenço. He might still be criminally charged for insulting the president. Pearce observes though that, 'Whereas a few years ago he would have been locked up indefinitely, at least there's a sign of a legal process being implemented and he's at liberty as

the investigation proceeds.'

Many observers are also suspicious of Lourenço's recent firing of Carlos Saturnino, who replaced Isabel dos Santos as head of Sonangol. Some believe this was a political move, even though Saturnino took the rap for the chronic fuel shortages.

Because of such ambiguities, Pearce cautions that 'we can't rule out that Lourenço's rule might in the future take a more authoritarian turn if he felt it necessary'. This is a wise caution which Marques shares despite his generally favourable impression. He noted that Lourenço

ordered an inquiry into his 2017 report on extrajudicial killings by the state's Criminal Investigation Service. 'It was a significant step forward. But I am still waiting for any official outcome,' Marques said.

We have seen too many promising starts in Africa that ended badly, to be wildly optimistic. But there is nonetheless a sense of cautious optimism and much greater transparency and openness in the air of Luanda. So far, at least, Lourenço appears to be on the right track.

Peter Fabricius, ISS Consult-

Washington follows protectionism in name of free trade

By Zhong Sheng

MUKRIM Omary and other four students at the St Joseph University in Tanzania hope to be millionaire from the innovation that can highly reduce shortage of cardiologists.

The American politicians "taught the world a lesson" by launching protectionism measures in the name of free trade. By unilaterally instigating trade frictions against so many countries, the Uncle Sam shut down the door of free trade with trade barriers.

A string of comics have been published by international media to unmask Washington's self-deception and its failure to match deeds with words. What it did is a modern version of the fairy tale "Emperor's new clothes", in which the emperor and his courtiers pretend he is wearing clothes because they do not wish to appear foolish, but in the end they look more so.

Countries around the world have declared their solemn stand against the aggressive protectionism policies launched by the US, but some American politicians turned a deaf ear to those warnings.

The American politicians have, in a vulnerable way, made quite a lot slanders and empty talks. When the US unveiled a list of Chinese imports it wanted to impose additional tariffs, Larry Kudlow, director of the White House National Economic Council, said that the proposed tariffs may not actually take effect in the end.

"The actions could be a tactic to get China to negotiate on trade practices", he said, adding that the US is ultimately a free trader.

White House trade adviser Peter Navarro also advertised the US as a "free trader" when speaking at Hudson Institute, claiming that "for this adminis-

tration, free trade means trade that is free, fair, reciprocal and balanced".

During the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, the US side vowed that it "supports free trade, but it needs to be fair, and it needs to be reciprocal."

When the US hit imported Chinese steel and aluminum products with hefty tariffs, it declared what it wanted is "free, fair and smart trade", after which it even worked out a high-sounding slogan of "zero tariffs, barriers and subsidies".

What's more ridiculous is that when the American politicians pledged to "continue to demand an economic relationship with China that is free, fair, and reciprocal, they slapped additional tariffs on \$250 billion of Chinese imports.

German newspaper Handelsblatt commented Washington's move to cover "America first" policy with "free trade" as a kind of "jargon of politics".

A Chinese saying goes as "judge people by their deeds, not just by their words". If the US really hopes to safeguard free trade, and build an open world economy, just as what China envisions to, it should work towards a solution with sincerity and concrete actions, instead of going back on its own words, in an illusion that the tariffs can translate its inordinate ambitions into realities.

If the US really upholds free trade and aspires a shared development with the rest of the world, it would not say no to inclusion of free trade and opposition of protectionism into the joint statement released by the G20 financial ministers and governors of central bank in their gathering in March 2017 in Germany.

If the US truly honors free trade and expects mutual benefits, it would neither reject EU's offer to remove all



tariffs on two-way trade of industrial goods, nor impose a 5 percent tax on all imports from Mexico starting June 10.

People around the world are clear-minded enough to judge what is fair trade, and what is bullying and deception. The so-called "free trade", in the US side, is a unilateral game from which it can continue with the exploitation of multilateral trading system, defraud trust and seek its own interests.

By calling for a so-called "zero tariffs, barriers and subsidies", Washington intends to worm its own way around the world. Its true ambition is to suppress other countries' development backbones with its own advantageous industries after removing the protec-

tion of developing members from the World Trade Organization (WTO).

By howling the so-called "fair competition", the US magnifies its own interests in an unprincipled way and in disregard of multilateral, inclusive and non-discriminatory guidelines advocated by the WTO.

In the eyes of Washington, an equality means US-benefited, otherwise, the order needs to be rebuilt.

"Any deal could not be '50-50' between the two countries and had to be more in favor of the US because of past trade practices by China." This blatant provocation from the US also uncovers its aggressive unilateralism and arrogance.

As international trade is preconditioned on and backed up by free and

equal trade, the WTO has been taking free trade and opposition of protectionism as its core value and basic principles. This is the conclusion drawn up after rounds of hard negotiations and compromises.

As an important member of the WTO, the US played a key part in making multilateral trading rules, and has benefited a lot from the free trade. But the WTO rules is not Washington's family rules, and it has neither the right nor the strength to overturn everything for sake of its self-interests.

No matter how hard the American politicians tried to uncover their true intention, their lies are not able to fool the whole world and confound free trade and protectionism moves. In this era of economic globalization, it is more important to enlarge the cake for common interests in a rule-based way, than to take truculent and unreasonable actions, bully others and follow an "America first" policy.

If moving ahead without any changes, the narrow-minded American politicians will drift the US off course, and in the end concentrate on trivial matters but neglect the important ones.

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RELIEF

TAHA commends government's move over plastic bags exemption

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE decision by the government to allow the horticultural industry to continue using plastic bags as packaging material is exporting goods has been hailed as an incentive to spur growth.

Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA) Group's CEO, Jacqueline Mkindi, said here yesterday that the government's move been well received by flower, fruits and vegetable farmers, exporters and logistical agents.

Mkindi commended authorities' decision saying it is a positive step in the direction of supporting the fast growing industry which earns the country millions of dollars annually.

"The government's considerate decision will go down into history as the best for the horticulture industry to grow by leaps and bounds," Mkindi told a news conference noting that TAHA members are, "Very proud of our government."

She said polythene bags with a thickness of 30 microns are universal standards packaging material for flowers especially cuttings and veg-

etables for the export market. Plastics are also used as punnets for packaging vegetables, seed trays for raising vegetable seedlings, seed bags for nurturing fruit trees seedlings and flower sleeves for blooms.

The government through the Prohibition of Plastic Carrier Bags Regulations of 2019, exempted the agriculture sector, horticulture industry inclusive from prohibition of using plastics as packaging materials. The ban on plastic bags became effective on June 1.

"Without prejudice to the provisions of regulation (5), plastic or plastic packaging for agricultural sector or food processing are exempted from the prohibition," reads part of the regulations.

TAHA members are equally happy with the government's exemption with Home Veg Tanzania Limited's Director, Machel Tarimo saying, "We are very grateful indeed to our government for being generous enough to us. We are very happy and our hope is that this exemption will translate into our earnings."

TAHA Chief Development Manager,



TAHA Group's CEO, M Jacqueline Mkindi, addresses a press conference in Arusha yesterday.

Anthony Chamanga also joined his peers in commending the government for the move, noting that the exemption is a huge relief to the industry as plastic bags are key pillars in the entire value chain, from farm to the market.

"This shows that our government is real willing to create enabling environment for horticulture to

flourish. It also offers us a new energy to continue fostering the industry," said Chamanga.

TAHA's Business Environment Manager, Kelvin Remen who led the negotiations between the green industry and the government over the issue said he is overwhelmed by the decision as it will motivate exporters, growers and logistical agents to work

hard.

Horticulture is one of major foreign currency earners after tourism, mining and manufacturing industries with current earnings of nearly \$700 million per annum. The sub-sector also employs nearly 2.5 million local people, mostly unskilled labour.

INVESTMENT

Windlab Developments, partners excited by Tanesco shortlisting of wind project

By Guardian Reporter

THE shortlisting of the 100 megawatts Miombo Hewani wind project in Makambako by state utility giant, Tanesco has encouraged Windlab Developments Tanzania Limited and its Australian and Japanese based partners.

In a statement released yesterday, Windlab East Africa Managing Director, Catherine Persson said Australian based Windlab Limited and Japanese based Eurus Energy Holdings Corporation which are shareholders in Windlab developments are in the country to attend an investment road-show.

"Eurus Energy Holdings Corporation (Japan) and Windlab Limited (Australia) are shareholders and partners in the development of a portfolio of renewable energy projects across East Africa totalling 1,650MW of potential capacity under development," Persson said in the

statement.

Representatives of Eurus Energy have visited the Japanese Embassy and a number of other organisations including the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) to affirm their intent to invest in Windlab's activities in Tanzania, the statement added.

The first phase of the Miombo Hewani Wind Farm which has been shortlisted by the state utility led wind energy procurement process, is well-placed to be the country's first large grid-connected wind farm.

"We are extremely excited about the imminent announcement of the next steps in the Tanesco wind energy procurement process," said Eurus Energy's CEO, Hideyuki Inazumi. "Miombo Hewani has been under development for many years and has completed all necessary development steps meaning that it can be completed and can commence operation



Windlab East Africa Managing Director, Catherine Persson.

quickly, without risk of delay," Inazumi added.

Miombo Hewani's location near Makambako in Njombe region is a world-leading wind resource that is highly compatible with other renewable energy sources, including solar and

hydro generation, the statement stated.

"The Miombo Hewani project has been developed to the highest international standards and has an extremely attractive wind resource profile that will generate electricity during the peak times of demand and in the Tanzanian dry season," said Windlab's Chairman and CEO, Roger Price.

Seconding his boss, Windlab Developments' local employee, Frank Tarimo said the future investment of international and local funds to construct and operate Miombo Hewani is an exciting development.

"It is a privilege to be involved in this flagship project which will result in up to a US\$200 million investment in Tanzania. I have worked closely with the community in our project area for a number of years and they are excited about the local jobs, economic opportunities and other benefits that will be created by this project," Tarimo said.

Windlab East Africa which is incorporated as Windlab Africa (Pty) Limited in South Africa, is a subsidiary of Windlab Limited of Australia, which is owned 75 percent by Windlab Limited and 25 percent by Eurus Energy Holdings Corporation of Japan. Windlab Developments Tanzania Limited is a subsidiary of Windlab East Africa. Windlab Limited is a publicly listed international wind energy development company initially established to commercialise world-leading atmospheric modelling and wind mapping technology developed at Australia's CSIRO.

WEA holds the rights to Windlab's existing project development assets as well as the right to future projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Malawi. Windlab uses this proprietary technology to identify and develop high quality wind farm sites reducing the risk and uncertainty associated with wind development.

ASSURANCE

Tanzanian ambassador advises Rwandan business community

KIGALI

RWANDAN businesses operating in Tanzania are optimistic of improved trade flow between the two countries after Tanzania promised to relax some of the non-tariff barriers (NTBs) that were making business difficult for them.

Tanzanian businesses operating in Rwanda include Azam Industries, Bakhresa, Azam Media, among others, while Rwandan companies like Sulfo Rwanda, and Pharmalab, have set foot in Tanzania.

In a meeting held yesterday at the Tanzanian Embassy between Rwandan business leaders and the Tanzanian High Commissioner to Rwanda, Ernest Mangu, issues related to opening and registering businesses in Tanzania, as well as carrying out trade in the country, were raised.

Non-tariff barriers faced by foreign businessmen in Tanzania include, among others, the difficulty in opening bank accounts in the country. Rwandan businesses told the Tanzanian envoy that while they are carrying out trade in Tanzania, they have to find a Tanzanian to open an account for them to use.

Mangu promised the Rwandan business community that by the end of the year, most of the issues will have been fixed. In an exclusive

interview with The New Times, the envoy said that the Tanzanian government was working on removing the barriers which impede business transactions for both Tanzanians and foreigners.

"I am sure overtime those barriers will be relaxed. You know previously the volume of business between Rwanda and Tanzania was very small, and so it was not easy to become aware of those barriers. But, currently, as business volume between the two countries is increasing, we are realising that there are some barriers which the Government of Tanzania needs to address," he said.

For the envoy, there are many opportunities in Tanzania that Rwandans can tap into and believes that the trade volume between the two will increase exponentially over the years.

"Tanzania has so many industries which are producing products of different categories, which can be sold here in Rwanda. And, again, we have the Dar-es-Salaam port which we wish to invite Rwandans to keep using," he said.

Geoffrey Kamanzi, the Director of Trade and Business Involvement, at the Rwanda Private Sector Federation, told The New Times that the commitment of Tanzania's envoy to removing or relaxing the barriers was a good move for Rwandan businesses.



Ambassador Mangu during his meeting with Rwandan business leaders in Kigali yesterday.

RESTITUTION

Egypt moves to stop Tutankhamun plan to sell statue of King

CAIRO

EGYPT has moved to try and halt the sale of a 3000-year-old stone statue of King Tutankhamun, planned to take place at a London auction house next month.

The Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities said that it was concerned that the artefact had been taken out of the country illegally. The brown quartzite head of Tutankhamun is expected to fetch more than £4 million (Dh18.64m) when it goes on sale at Christie's on July 4.

The Egyptian ministry said it had asked the British Foreign Office and the auction house to halt the sale and return the artefact to the country through Egypt's embassy in London. "If it's proven that any piece has been illegally moved out of the country, we will take legal action with Interpol," the ministry said.

"We will never allow anyone to sell any ancient Egyptian artefact." A former Egyptian minister of antiquities said he believed the statue had been taken illegally from an ancient site known as Karnak Temple, in the southern city of Luxor.

"It seems that this sculpture was looted from Karnak Temple," Dr Zahi Hawass told ABC News. "Christie's would not have any proof whatsoever of its ownership." Christie's said any accusation that it had procured the artefact illegally was untrue and that the present lot was part of the Resandro Collection, which it described as "one of the world's most renowned private collections of Egyptian art."

DONATION

JTI Leaf hands over classrooms, desks to Tabora school

By Guardian Reporter

JTI Leaf Services has handed over three classrooms, 80 desks and an office building to Chali Primary School in Uyui district of Tabora region as part of its contribution to support government's efforts to improve quality of education in the country.

Speaking after receiving the desks, Uyui District Commissioner, Gift Msuya applauded JTI Leaf for the initiative saying the donation will help minimize shortage of classrooms and desks at the public school.

"The government recognizes and values the support by JTI Leaf in areas where they operate hence would like to thank management and staff for the support," Msuya said. She chal-

lenged residents neighbouring the school to play their role towards supporting development, specifically education and health sectors.

She pointed out that residents of the area have a responsibility to back some pending projects at the school such as renovation of some dilapidated classes to which she pledged to support by donating 20 bags of cement.

"This will help in ensuring that those using old classrooms do not feel neglected hence am appealing to residents to actively take part in the renovation exercise," the DC ordered.

The JTI Leaf General Manager, John Gauna said his company has been carrying out various development projects in areas where it operates by supporting



JTI Leaf General Manager, John Gauna speaking to a reporter at a past event. File photo.

projects related to education, water and health.

He said the donation went hand in hand with commemoration of the World Day Against Child Labour adding that through ARISE, a JTI's child labour flagship program, thousands of children have been weaned from child labour. This year's theme for WDACL is 'Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams.'

The JTI Leaf GM appealed to farmers to desist from employing children to work in the farms and instead allow them to go to school as it is their right. "We realize the importance of creating a good learning environment for our children and for the communities that we work with," he added.

Earlier, the Chali Primary School Headmaster, Bwire Mbuya thanked JTI Leaf for the donation saying it has reduced the problem of shortage of classrooms and desks to a larger extent.



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President Uhuru Kenyatta signs a bill at a past event in Nairobi. File photo

COMPETITION

The African nation built on gold loses its crown to a 'western' rival

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's struggling gold industry has suffered yet another humiliation, losing its status as continent leader to Ghana.

The country that led global gold production for a century and extracted about half the bullion ever mined is now Africa's second-largest gold producer. Output is shrinking as operators capitulate to stubbornly high costs, regular strikes and the geological challenges of tapping the world's deepest mines.

Meanwhile, Ghana, a country whose gold mining industry dates back to the 19th century, is benefiting from lower-cost mines, friendlier policies and new development projects.

South African industry stalwarts AngloGold Ashanti and Gold Fields are shifting their focus to other countries - including Ghana - where deposits are cheaper and easier to mine. The largest remaining gold miner in South Africa, Sibanye Gold, is cutting thousands of jobs and diversifying into platinum group-metals as it struggles to contain costs.

The difficulties facing South African gold mines mean output is contracting even though it's got the world's second-largest reserves of the metal, according to estimates from the US Geological Survey.

In Ghana, gold output jumped 12 per cent in 2018, according to data from the Ghana Chamber of Mines. Small producers account for the largest share of the total, although Ghana also hosts some of the world's biggest gold miners, including No 1 producer Newmont Goldcorp. Al-

though Newmont is exploring in Ethiopia, Ghana is the only place in Africa where it operates.

"It's an important part of our portfolio and, geologically we see really good potential to continue to expand," chief executive Gary Goldberg said in an interview. "We're very happy operating in Ghana."

The West African nation's output will get a further boost when AngloGold Ashanti's Obuasi operation, previously overrun by illegal miners, restarts later this year. Production from Obuasi is forecast at 350,000 to 450,000 ounces of gold annually during the first ten years.

Gold Fields, which has operated in Ghana for 26 years, says authorities there understand what makes for a "sound" business environment. Ghana cut corporate taxes in 2016 and in 2017 changed Gold Fields' mineral royalty to a sliding scale based on the gold price, from a 5 per cent flat rate.

"The government of Ghana's 10 per cent free-carry stake in all mining companies provides a level of security to the investment," said Sven Lunsche, spokesman for Gold Fields.

Back in South Africa, a dearth of exploration and investment means the sector that once powered Africa's most industrialised economy will continue to shrink, said mineral resources and energy minister Gwede Mantashe. As South Africa's 130-year-old industry limps toward its final years, mining investors must look beyond gold for better returns, he said.

"Gold is an old sector and naturally it will decline," Mr Mantashe said. "New minerals that are discovered are becoming more important."

EXPANSION

Azania Bank on a forex trading shop opening spree

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to take advantage of the vacuum left behind by hundreds of foreign currency trading shops in the country closed by Bank of Tanzania in Dar es Salaam earlier this year, Azania Bank Limited has opened five bureau de change shops.

The ABL's Managing Director, Charles

Itembe said the five stand-alone bureau de change shops opened in Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions will allow customers easily change their money.

Itembe said it is important that the business of foreign currency trading should continue smoothly hence his bank's decision to invest in the new shops to address demand which has been increasing tremendously.

The newly opened bureau de change shops include two in Dar es Salaam and one each in Arusha City, Kilimanjaro International Airport and Moshi Municipality respectively. Foreign exchange services will be provided at the shops during normal working hours as do other banking services.

ABL's opening of the new shops comes after the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), earlier this

year, established new regulations to govern the forex trade after its prompt inspections found massive irregularities.

The ABL's Managing Director, said pledged to continue investing in expansion of forex trading shops to all corners of the country particularly where demand is very high.

"Apart from providing forex services to our customers and the general public, these

stand-alone bureaux will also provide additional banking services such as account opening, cash deposit, cash withdrawal as well as mobile banking," Itembe added. He added that ABL will also continue to have foreign exchange windows in all of its branches in the country which are open to the public daily.

INNOVATION

Blockchain duo announce Nigeria's first stablecoin

LAGOS

NIGERIA now has its first stablecoin NGNX, according to the CEO of blockchain company KuBitX which recently partnered with Interswitch.

A stablecoin is a form of cryptocurrency with price stability characteristics. It is suitable for short and medium-term use as a unit of account and store of value. It helps with the transition from using fiat currencies like naira to digital assets.

KuBitX's Eric Annon

said NGNX, pegged to the Nigerian naira, fits into the company's plan to build a digital assets marketplace for African projects and investors. Nigerians can use NGNX to pay to over 3000 merchants and send money within and outside the country, Annon says. He believes its launch will also address hype and misconceptions surrounding blockchain in Africa.

Annon said: "To many blockchain is bitcoin and bitcoin is ponzi in the minds of many policy

makers, financial industry players, (and) ordinary people. One can't just ignore such misconceptions - especially when the majority of Nigerians first heard of bitcoin through a popular ponzi scheme called MMM."

"The MMM debacle caused many (to) not even bother to understand what bitcoin is, because it was one of the payment methods in that scheme. There have also been some anti-bank and formal financial institutions (campaigns) by key

blockchain players thinking they will do away with banks as blockchain is a disruptive (technology)."

Partnering with a trusted integrated payment company will take blockchain mainstream Annon added. He said Interswitch has pioneered and succeeded with e-payments in Africa and KubitX will leverage Interswitch's fiat gateway to make financial services more accessible to more people in Africa.

He agrees that this is crucial since cash still



plays a key role in Africa and there is a growing interest in digital assets by the teeming young population "Blockchain will become mainstream and (will be) the most used solutions in Africa in the next five years," Annon said. He adds that there's an impressive number of blockchain-related start-ups compared to the internet era.

"We need this solution more than any other continent. We have more in-terms of infrastructure, economic empowerment and social impacts. So to us, mainstream adoption of all blockchain-based services can't be complete if we don't make the formal financial institutions a part of the future."

CONTROVERSY

Zimbabwe likely to withdraw from CITES to sell \$300m of ivory

HARARE

ZIMBABWE may consider withdrawing from the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species because the organisation won't allow it to sell its ivory stockpile.

The southern African nation with the world second-largest population of elephants has a stockpile of tusks worth an estimated \$300 million and needs the revenue, Fulton Mangwanya, director-general of the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, told lawmakers in the capital, Harare on Monday.

While CITES has banned international ivory sales to curb poaching, frustration is growing over the fact that "other countries are prescribing how we should handle our animals," Mangwanya told a parliamentary committee on environment and tourism.

RECONCILIATORY

IMF head calls on nations to resolve trade tensions to reduce risk to global economy

TOKYO

The International Monetary Fund head called on countries to resolve trade tensions to reduce risks to the global economy, which could shave off 0.5 per cent in growth or about \$445 billion (Dh1.63 trillion) in 2020.

"The principal threat stems from continuing trade tensions," IMF managing director Christine Lagarde said at the end of the G20 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors in Japan on Sunday.

"The first priority should be to resolve the current trade tensions - including eliminating existing tariffs and avoiding new ones - while we need to continue to work toward the modernisation of the international trade system," Ms Lagarde said. "This would be the best way for policymakers to give more certainty and confidence to their economies and to help, not hinder, global growth."

In April, the Washington-based lender cut the global economic growth forecast amid softness in many parts of the world. However, recent data releases suggest that growth may have strengthened in the first quarter of 2019, suggesting an acceleration to 3.6 per cent in 2020 from 3.3 per cent in 2019. However, questions remain about the strength of the recovery, as trade tensions could persist or further escalate, and the UK's divorce from the European Union might end up being disorderly, the IMF said.

"We met at a time when the global economy is showing tentative signs of stabilising and growth is projected to strengthen. While this is good news, the road ahead remains precarious and subject to several downside risks," Ms Lagarde said.

The US-China trade war initiated by President Donald Trump, remains the biggest threat to global economy. It has dented profitability in industries such as aviation, disrupted global supply chains, damaged investor sentiment and has roiled markets during the course of past two years. Talks between Beijing and Washington to resolve the dispute have stalled, leaving in place tariffs on \$360bn worth of goods between the two top world economies.

The IMF, along with the World Bank and the World Trade Organisation, has in the past voiced concerns over an escalating tariff war, but it doesn't see the threat of a global recession as a result of the dispute. It has however, lowered China's growth forecast to 6.2 per cent



Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund speaking at G20 Summit I Fukuoka.

in 2019 and 6 per cent in 2020, down from earlier forecasts of 6.3 per cent and 6.1 per cent, respectively.

Besides tariffs, the lender sees rising debt levels in many advanced economies and emerging markets driven by lower interest rates as the other

major threat that could derail economic recovery next year. All of these factors have come into play at a time when "monetary and fiscal policy space is more limited than in the past."

The IMF recommends that fiscal policy around the world should carefully balance growth, debt and social objectives. Structural reforms from opening up markets to encouraging greater participation by women in the workforce should be used to lay the foundation for stronger and more inclusive growth.

If measures such as these are implemented jointly, the IMF estimates they could boost the combined GDP level of G20 countries by 4 per cent over the long term.

"Of course, determined joint action is also needed in many other areas: in international tax, in the financial sector, to ensure an open and resilient system grounded in agreed international standards and in the area of debt, particularly for low-income countries," Ms Lagarde said.

CHANGE-OF-MIND

France plays down selling of Renault stake after Japan visit

FUKUOKA

FRANCE is open to cutting its 15 per cent stake in Renault to mend its partnership with Nissan after the French automaker's talks with Fiat Chrysler abruptly collapsed earlier this month - but it isn't looking to do it anytime soon.

A day after saying that France was prepared to consider reducing its holding in Renault, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire added that this was a long-term plan, and that his priority is reinforcing the Renault-Nissan alliance and protecting jobs and sites in France.

"On the agenda, there is: strengthening the alliance and protecting jobs, industrial and research sites," Mr Le Maire said Sunday during the Group of 20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting in Fukuoka, Japan. "The second step will be consolidation - only if all parties are on board."

The comments follow the collapse of discussions between Fiat and Renault to form a global car manufacturing powerhouse. The talks ended abruptly earlier this month when Fiat withdrew its offer after France asked for more time to seal the deal as it tried to get the backing of Nissan.

France's holding in Renault

has long been the source of complaint by the Japanese automaker. Nissan has been seeking more sway in its two-decade partnership with Renault since Carlos Ghosn, who led both companies, was arrested in Japan over alleged financial crimes. Mr Ghosn has denied the charges.

Nissan would prefer a full exit because the state's activism has generated tension within the alliance and it's not clear that a reduction of the French stake would change that, according to a person familiar with the matter.

On Sunday, French newspaper Journal du Dimanche reported that Fiat managers informed French authorities on their interest in Renault during the Christmas holidays. The finance ministry then worked with Fiat for two months, before getting into more substantial discussions with Renault, JDD reported, citing anonymous sources. A spokesman for the French finance ministry declined to comment on the report.

Mr Le Maire also sought to take a step back by insisting that it was up to the management at Renault and Nissan to determine how to reinforce their relationship, and that it wasn't his role to meet with Nissan's CEO during his trip to Japan.



An image grab from an AFP TV interview with French finance

OUTLAWED

Dubai Airports to ban single-use plastics in January 2020

DUBAI

DUBAI Airports will ban single-use plastics at the world's busiest international airport beginning next year.

The company, which manages Dubai International Airport and Al Maktoum International Airport, yesterday pledged to ban items such as plastic knives and forks, straws and shopping bags, from consumer spaces from January 1, 2020.

Dubai Airports recycles over 43,000 tonnes of paper, glass, and other waste, each year, in a bid to limit its impact on the environment. Over the past six months, the company collected and disposed of 16 tonnes of single-use plastic bottles and bottle caps.

"At an airport that hosts some 90 million people per year, we believe we can make a tangible difference by eliminating single-use plastics in consumer spaces," said Eugene Barry, executive vice president of Commercial at Dubai Airports.



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SATURDAY 1 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 11:30 Usafiri wako
- 12:00 Mapishi
- 12:30 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:45 Igizo rpt: Kivuko
- 15:15 Igizo rpt: Elininyo
- 15:45 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
- 16:00 Igizo rpt: Kimya Milele
- 16:30 Igizo: Mtego rpt
- 17:00 Shamsham za Pwani
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Igizo: Elininyo
- 19:00 Sanaa na wasanii
- 19:30 Jungu Kuu
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Insta Moja
- 21:10 Igizo: Kimya Milele
- 21:40 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 22:40 Isidingo rpt
- 01:00 CNN International

SUNDAY 2 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
- 11:45 Aibu Yako
- 11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt
- 12:50 Bongo Movie rpt: Maisha 1
- 14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
- 15:00 Mwangaza
- 16:00 Korean drama: The great queen Seonduk
- 16:45 Igizo: Kivuko
- 17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Matukio ya wiki
- 19:30 Igizo: Mtego
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Biko
- 21:10 Mizengwe
- 21:30 Mjue Zaidi
- 22:15 Bongo Movie: Maisha 2
- 23:30 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)

MONDAY 3 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 Habari

- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Igizo: Elininyo
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Kimya Milele
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jungu kuu rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Mjue Zaidi
- 13:40 Sanaa na wasanii
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 13:40 Sanaa na wasanii
- 14:10 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:10 Aibu yako rpt
- 18:15 Mapishi rpt
- 18:30 Kesho Leo
- 19:00 Afya ya Jamii
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Insta Moja
- 21:10 Dakika 45
- 22:00 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 02:00 CNN International

TUESDAY 4 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 Habari
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Shamsham za pwani
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Shamsham za pwani
- 11:25 Igizo: Mtego
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Uchumi na biashara
- 13:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt : TFDA
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino) rpt:
- 14:55 Habari za saa

- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 The great queen Seonduk
- 19:00 Jarida la wanawake
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Tanzania yetu
- 21:30 Chetu ni chetu
- 22:15 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 CNN International

WEDNESDAY 5 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Korean: The Great queen Seonduk
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Korean: The Great queen-Seonduk
- 11:15 Jagina
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Jarida la wanawake rpt
- 13:00 Dakika 45
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino):
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mizengwe rpt
- 18:30 Ijue Sheria
- 19:00 Kipindi Maalum: TFDA
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Aibu Yako! Hata wewe?
- 21:05 Tatu Mzuka
- 21:15 Kipindi Maalum : Uongozi
- 21:45 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
- 22:15 Telenovela: Destiny (Destino)
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 Al Jazeera
- 2:00 CNN International

THURSDAY 6 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa

- 10:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:30 Igizo: Kivuko
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Igizo: Kivuko
- 11:15 Shamba Lulu
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Ijue Sheria
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Kipindi Maalum: Uongozi
- 13:30 Tanzania yetu
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza Huru
- 16:30 Watoto Wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Mapishi
- 18:30 Jagina
- 19:00 Usafiri wako
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari
- 21:00 Malumbano ya hoja
- 23:00 Habari
- 23:30 The Base
- 00:30 CNN International

FRIDAY 7 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:30 HABARI
- 8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
- 8:55 Habari za saa
- 9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
- 9:30 Isidingo
- 9:55 Habari za saa
- 10:30 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 10:55 Habari za saa
- 11:00 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 11:30 Usafiri wako
- 11:55 Habari za saa
- 12:00 Al Jazeera
- 12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco
- 12:55 Habari za saa
- 13:00 Jagina rpt
- 13:30 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 13:55 Habari za saa
- 14:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt
- 14:15 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)
- 14:55 Habari za saa
- 15:00 Meza huru
- 16:30 Watoto wetu
- 17:00 The Base
- 17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
- 18:00 Jiji Letu
- 18:15 Igizo: Mizengwe
- 18:30 Shamba lulu
- 19:00 Uchumi na biashara
- 19:30 Isidingo
- 20:00 Habari

SATURDAY 8 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 9:00 Watoto wetu
- 10:00 Mjue Zaidi rpt
- 11:00 Chetu ni chetu rpt
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- 21:00 Insta Moja
- 21:10 Igizo: Kimya Milele
- 21:40 Hawavumi lakini wamo
- 22:40 Isidingo rpt
- 01:00 CNN International

SUNDAY 9 June

- 5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
- 6:00 HABARI
- 6:40 Kumekucha
- 7:00 Habari
- 8:00 Al Jazeera
- 09:00 Watoto Wetu
- 10:00 Isidingo
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- 21:10 Mizengwe
- 21:30 Mjue zaidi
- 22:15 Bongo Movie: Maisha 2
- 23:30 Telenovela rpt: Destiny (Destino)

WORLD

As Biden tours Iowa, farmers want to know where he stands on ethanol

NEW YORK

JOE Biden may have an ethanol problem.

The former U.S. vice president has pledged support for advanced biofuels as part of his bid for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

But Biden, who leads the crowded Democratic field in opinion polls in Iowa and nationally, faces lingering questions in the U.S. Farm Belt over his push in 2014 as President Barack Obama's No. 2 to slash the amount of corn-based ethanol that refiners must blend into the country's fuel supply.

Biden, a former U.S. senator from Delaware, was considered instrumental in orchestrating the blending cuts as a way to help struggling refineries on the East Coast deal with rising compliance costs under the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), a 2005 law requiring oil companies to blend increasing volumes of ethanol and other biofuels into fuel, Reuters previously reported.

A federal court struck down the cuts in 2016. But the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has yet to make the biofuel industry whole for the lost gallons despite repeated promises to do so.

That could hurt Biden in Iowa,

where he kicks off a campaign tour on Tuesday. The state is America's top corn and ethanol producer, with 44 biofuel plants that help support more than 40,000 jobs. It holds the first presidential nominating contest in 2020, and any Democratic candidate who wants to win that vote and peel off some of Republican President Donald Trump's Iowa support in the general election will likely have trouble if lukewarm on biofuels.

"I really hope we can finally get some answers to what happened," said Dave Walton, a farmer who grows corn, soybeans and livestock. "Right now, I am suspicious of anything Biden will say about his commitment to ethanol, but we do need to hear from him."

Iowa farmers and ethanol producers sent a letter, seen by Reuters, to Biden in 2014 asking him to explain his actions. They also requested a meeting that never materialized, according to those who sought it.

The RFS creates demand for Walton's corn, lifting prices, while ethanol production produces a byproduct that serves as cheap feed for his livestock. Walton, a registered independent who voted for Trump in 2016, says his vote is up for grabs in November 2020 because of the president's trade wars and mixed support of the RFS.



Former U.S. vice president Joe Biden

Biden released a 22-page climate policy proposal earlier this month that promised net-zero emissions and a 100 percent clean-energy economy by 2050, largely through taxpayer investments in renewable energy and electric car infrastructure. He promised to refuse campaign contributions from oil and gas executives and strengthen regulation of oil companies.

The proposal's roughly 10,400 words did not include "ethanol," although Biden did explicitly support advanced biofuels, which fall under the RFS umbrella.

In an email on Monday, the Biden campaign did not comment on his role or motivations in the 2014 episode. The campaign said the country's energy revolution must be "fought for and with our farmers."

"By doubling down on our national renewable fuel standard obligations and implementing stronger, bolder commitments that invest in ethanol and biofuels, we can loosen big oil's grip on our nation while spurring economic growth in areas hard-hit by Trump's trade war," said Biden campaign spokesman Andrew Bates.

BACKING BIOFUELS

In Iowa, ethanol is not as much a threshold Democratic Party issue as abortion rights or gun control.

Ethanol is opposed by many Democrats, who see it as maintaining the reliance on fossil fuels and combustible engine vehicles. Environmentalists argue that using land to grow corn for fuel also ruins natural habitats. Studies on the environmental benefits of ethanol versus gasoline in car engines have shown mixed results.

But backing biofuels typically is important for political success in the state, said Cary Covington, a political science professor at the University of Iowa.

"In the general election, Iowa's largely Republican agricultural community is going to be less inclined to vote for a Democrat if they don't support ethanol. It's like, don't poke the bear and give them a reason to be against you," Covington said.

U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who has made success in Iowa a priority and has climbed in the polls, stands out among top Democratic contenders as the most full-throated supporter of the state's ethanol industry.

Touring an ethanol plant in Dyersville, Iowa, on Monday, she said renewables like corn ethanol, soy biodiesel and advanced biofuels "play an important role in our march toward independence from fossil fuels."

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont supported the RFS during the 2016 campaign. At least seven Democratic candidates have toured Iowa ethanol facilities, including former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar of corn-friendly Minnesota.

Tom Vilsack, a former Iowa governor and agriculture secretary under Obama, said the concerns over Biden's ethanol bona fides were "unfounded."

He said the Obama administration was a friend of the biofuels industry on a number of fronts, including funding new infrastructure for higher ethanol blends of gasoline.

Agencies

10 politicians join race to succeed May as Britain's prime minister

LONDON

THE RACE to choose a new prime minister officially started Monday with ten hopefuls bidding to win the biggest job in British politics.

The list of contenders emerged when a deadline closed with the successor to Theresa May expected to be announced before the end of July.

Former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson (pictured) remains favourite to win the race. To guarantee a place in the final two that will be decided in a national vote among around 160,000 grassroots Conservative party members, Johnson will have to convince enough of the more than 300 Conservative MPs that he is the best person to move into 10

Downing Street.

Critical to the process of choosing a successor as leader of the Conservatives will be how each of the politicians taking part in the process plan to handle Brexit, the task described as the poisoned chalice of British politics.

The person chosen as leader will automatically become Prime Minister, though Queen Elizabeth II has to approve the appointment. Johnson was the first in the line-up of contenders to say he would seek a deal with the EU but would be prepared to leave on Oct.31 with no deal.

That is likely to put him at odds with MPs, many of them Conservatives, insisting Britain must reject any notion of a no-deal Brexit. May's failure to deliver a Brexit



deal to bring Britain out of the European Union, was the reason for her exit last Friday as leader of the Conservative Party.

She will remain as caretaker prime minister until her successor is chosen. Over the coming weeks the long list will be reduced in a series of ballots among Conservative politicians at Westminster. When the list is down to just two names the task will be handed over to grassroots members of the Conservative Party.

Another frontrunner is Johnson's successor as Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

Hunt has said a very smart approach is needed to tackle the Brexit question, adding: "I will never take action to provoke a general election before we have delivered Brexit because that would be absolutely fatal for our (Conservative) party."

Among Hunt's supporters were International Trade Secretary Liam Fox and cabinet colleagues, Amber Rudd and the Work and Pensions Secretary.

Political observers said such a group of heavyweight front-bench politicians have given Hunt's a better chance of success.

Environment Secretary Michael Gove is also in the line-up, having spent the weekend responding to front-page headlines telling how, when he was working as a

30-year-old journalist he took the drug cocaine. Gove was also critical of Johnson saying his "deal or no deal" strategy was destined for failure and could bring about a general election.

It would result in a vote of no confidence in a Conservative government, ushering in a Labour-run government led by their leader Jeremy Corbyn by Christmas, said Gove.

Completing the list are Health Secretary Matt Hancock, Home Secretary Sajid Javid, former Brexit secretary Dominic Raab, International Development Secretary Rory Stewart, former Leader of the Commons Andrea Leadsom, former minister Esther McVey and backbencher Mark Harper.

Agencies

Aussie govt 'open' to legal protection for journalists after police raids, says PM

CANBERRA

THE AUSTRALIAN government has flagged action on press freedom after federal police raids on journalists.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison met with Ita Buttrose, the chair of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), on Tuesday to discuss legal protections for journalists and whistleblowers.

Australian Federal Police (AFP) officers raided the ABC earlier in June with a warrant for docu-

ments related to stories published by the public broadcaster in 2017 about alleged war crimes by Australian soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

It occurred just one day after officers raided the home of News Corp Australia journalist Annika Smethurst over a national security story published in 2018.

The raids preceded the AFP announcing it had dropped an investigation into the leaking of classified documents relating to legislation in early 2019. Both



raids have been condemned by the media and by the Opposition Australian Labor Party (ALP) as encroaching on the freedom of the press.

Speaking before his meeting with Buttrose, Morrison (pictured)

told reporters that he would "listen carefully" to her concerns and was "open" to strengthening legal protections.

"If there is a suggestion or evidence or any analysis that reveals there is need for further improvement of those laws, then the government is always open to that."

Buttrose was appointed to lead the ABC by Morrison in February despite not being one of the three candidates identified by global

Anthony Albanese, the leader

of the ALP, welcomed news of the meeting between Morrison and Buttrose, saying it was "good" that the prime minister "acknowledges that there is an issue."

"I think freedom of the press is an essential component of our democracy," Albanese told reporters in Perth. "I think it's good that Ita Buttrose, as the chairperson of the ABC, has spoken out so strongly and I think it's good that Prime Minister Scott Morrison is meeting with Ita Buttrose."

Agencies

Kremlin waiting for forensic report on Golunov case

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin is aware of the case of detained journalist Ivan Golunov, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, adding that the Kremlin was waiting for a forensic report on the case.

"He (the president) is aware of these developments," Peskov said.

"An investigation into the case is underway, we are waiting for news about a forensic test that is supposed to provide answers to a number of questions," the presidential spokesman added.



Golunov case

On June 6, Ivan Golunov, who works for the Meduza news website, was hauled off in downtown Moscow and taken to a local police station on charges of illegally producing, selling and transporting drugs.

According to police, Golunov was carrying four grams of mephedrone, a synthetic stimulant drug, while five grams of cocaine were found during a search of his rented apartment.

Moscow's Nikulinsky District Court placed the journalist under house arrest.

Golunov's lawyer Dmitry Dzhulai said earlier that drugs could have been planted on his client. Meduza Director General Galina Timchenko and Chief Editor Ivan Kolpakov said that Golunov's journalistic activities might be the true reason behind drug charges.

Golunov's friends and colleagues have announced on Facebook that a march for his freedom will take place on June 12. According to the organizers, it will be a peaceful event so there was no need to receive any sort of permission from the authorities.

Those partaking in the march will demand that the journalist be released from house arrest and that the criminal case against him be dropped. The organizers hope that Moscow city hall won't try to prevent the march.

Pacts mulled during Xi's visit to Central Asia

BEIJING

China will sign an array of cooperation agreements with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan during President Xi Jinping's state visits to the two Central Asian countries to further strengthen their ties, a senior diplomat said on Monday.

As an important outcome of Xi's visits, Beijing will also sign a joint statement with each country on furthering their comprehensive strategic partnerships, Vice-Foreign Minister Zhang Hanhui said at a news briefing.

Xi (pictured) will also attend the 19th meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz capital, during his stay from Wednesday to Friday, as well as the fifth summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia in the Tajik capital of Dushanbe during his visit from Friday to Sunday.

The visits come a few weeks after Xi's meetings with Kyrgyz President Sooronbay Jeenbekov and Tajik President Emomali Rahmon in Beijing at the end of April during the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

In the face of the changing international situation, relations between China and the Central Asian countries maintain sustained, stable and healthy development, Zhang said, adding that ties between China and the two countries are at their best in



history and are facing broad prospects for development.

"President Xi's visits will further cement the political foundation of ties between China and Kyrgyzstan as well as that between China and Tajikistan, map out a new blueprint for the joint building of the Belt and Road and translate their high-level political mutual trust into more substantial cooperation outcomes," Zhang said.

Besides their cooperation in infrastructure investment under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative, he said, China will facilitate imports of agricultural products such as soybeans and grains from the Central Asian countries to its huge market.

"Priority will be given to the agricultural and husbandry fields in future cooperation between China and the Central Asian nations," he added.

Xi will also have a series of bilateral meetings with some of the leaders of other countries attending the SCO summit, and he will exchange views with them on bilateral ties as well as the major international issues of common concern, Zhang said.

Xinhua

China donates over 11,000 tonnes of rice to Kenyans affected by drought

NAIROBI

China has donated 11,835 tonnes of rice to Kenya's drought victims, a Chinese envoy said on Monday.

Wu Peng, Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, told journalists in Nairobi that the first batch has already been distributed and is currently benefiting the drought-affected people.

"The shipment for the second batch of 1,500 tonnes will start by the end of this month," Wu said during the Handover Ceremony of the

China-aided project of emergency humanitarian rice donation to Kenya.

Wu added that the Chinese embassy is working closely with the Kenyan government to ensure quick transportation and efficient distribution of the more batches to come.

He added that in 2017, the Chinese government announced a 22 million dollars worth of emergency humanitarian food aid to Kenya.

He noted that 21,366 tonnes of rice were shipped to Kenya within one

year and has supported millions of drought-affected people. "Now, I am very glad to see that the project is officially completed and handed over," the Chinese envoy said.

Wu said that China hopes and believes that all the emergency food assistance provided by the Chinese side will effectively alleviate the difficulties of Kenyan people and help the vulnerable rebuild their normal life.

He observed that China is one of Kenya's most important develop-

ment partners and its assistance to Kenya will be closely aligned with the Big Four Agenda, especially the manufacturing industry.

He added that since Kenya gained independence in 1963, China has financed nearly 100 projects through grants, interest-free loans and concessional loans, supporting the development of vast areas such as infrastructure, health, education, and agriculture.

The Chinese diplomat said that the two governments are also working

together on the China-Africa Trainers College of Vocational Education, which aims at training teachers with vocational skills, thus cultivating the "seeds" for skill enhancement, job creation and income improvement for the local people.

"We look forward to the day that the seeds grow into big trees that nourish Kenya's national development and China-Kenya relations," he added.

Eugene Wamalwa, cabinet secretary of the ministry of devolution

and arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) said that China has always stood with Kenya whenever it has faced challenges.

He noted that in 2016/2017 financial year, many Kenyans had been facing drought and China come to the aid of Kenya. "The rice donation was timely; it came at the time when the country was faced with a prolonged drought which had put the lives of three million people on the verge of starvation."

Xinhua

China, Russia embrace higher level, better development of bilateral ties

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on June 5 during his state visit to Russia. The two heads of state attended a gathering marking the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

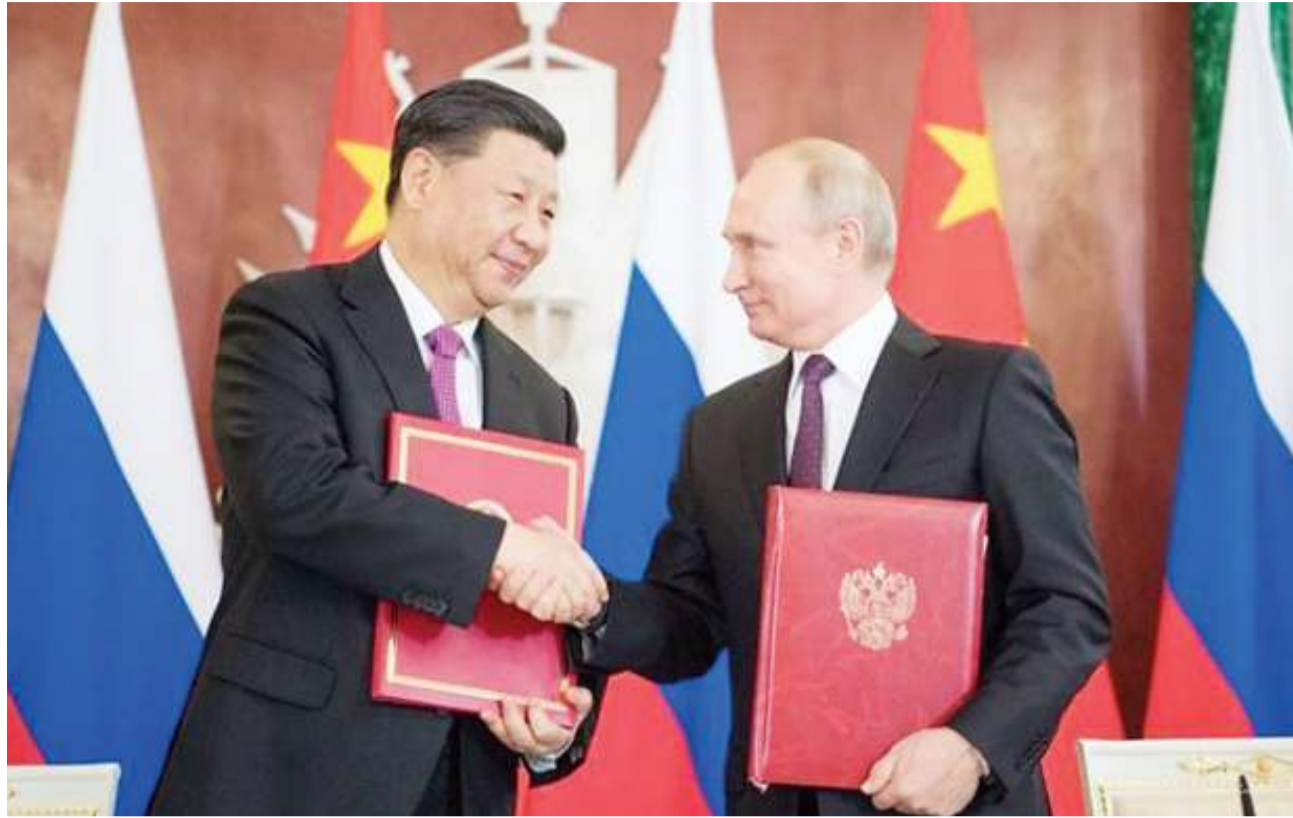
The Chinese and Russian Presidents signed a joint statement and decided to upgrade their relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era, jointly embracing higher level and better development of bilateral ties.

At this important historical juncture when the two countries celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations, China-Russia ties have built on past achievements and opened up new horizons, moving to growth of higher quality at higher levels.

It not only carries milestone significance in the development of bilateral ties, but also sets a new example for the relations between major countries. The 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations marks both a milestone and a new starting point. Over the past 70 years, China-Russia relations experienced rains and storms, and have withstood the test of the ever-changing international environment.

Especially in the recent years, China-Russia relationship maintained a continuous, steady and sound development at a high level, and is at its best in history.

In the past 6 years, the heads of state of the two countries maintained frequent meetings on both bilateral and multilateral occasions, with Xi making 8 trips to Russia, leaving behind new stories on the history of China-Russia relations. The two sides have continuously deepened political mutual trust, advanced practical cooperation, enhanced people-to-people exchanges



Xi and Putin lead bilateral ties into new era, embark on fresh journey of international cooperation

and strengthened coordination on international issues, turning the China-Russia relationship into a big ship featuring the highest degree of mutual trust, the highest level of coordination and the highest strategic value.

When the world is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century, China and Russia shoulder an even greater expectation from the peoples of the two countries and the international community. To enhance China-Russia relationship is a call of history, and a firm strategic choice of both sides. The Chinese side is ready to join Russia in amplifying the positive effect of the two countries' high level of political relationship, bringing more benefits of bilateral cooperation to the two peoples, and presenting more China-Russia options for global affairs, Xi said. His remarks reflected the

strategic thinking to further enhance China-Russia relations.

Putin also bears the same aspiration. He called on the two countries not to be complacent about what they have achieved, but be dedicated to bettering their bilateral relations.

Signing the joint statement to upgrade bilateral relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era and the joint statement on strengthening contemporary global strategic stability, China and Russia have endowed their bilateral ties with new position and connotation. The two statements indicate the sense of responsibility of the two countries to safeguard global strategic stability, demonstrating the positive effects of their strategic coordination.

Standing at a new starting point of history, China-Russia relations are embracing new historical opportunities.

Xi called on the two sides to strengthen strategic communication and coordination, and further their mutual support on issues regarding their respective core interests.

He also urged the two countries to further promote their economic and trade cooperation, push forward cooperation on major strategic projects as well as in emerging fields at the same time, and boost cooperation at local levels, and in economy and trade, investment, energy, technology, aerospace, inter-connectivity, agriculture and finance sectors.

The two sides, according to Xi, should actively push forward their cooperation to dock the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Eurasian Economic Union so as to promote regional economic integration.

To step up people-to-people exchanges, Xi said the plan for the China-Russia year of scientific and technological innovation from 2020 to 2021 should be well designed.

He said China and Russia, both permanent members of the UN Security Council, are going to continue working with the international community to safeguard the international order that is based on the international law with the UN at the core, maintain multilateral trading system and make new contributions to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

These important suggestions made by Xi pointed a new direction and mapped out a bright future for China-Russia relations in the new era.

The goal of China-Russia partnership in the new era is for both sides to give more support to each other as they seek to take their own development paths, preserve respective core interests, and protect sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Political, security, practical, people-to-people exchanges, as well as international coordination cooperation, a priority of the China-Russia partnership, is serving as new connotation of the bilateral ties between the two countries.

Those who share the same aspiration will complement each other and achieve common progress.

The world today is seeing rising uncertainties and instabilities. Entering the new era of China-Russia relations, the two countries have shown a strategic vision that is not blocked by "floating clouds".

The China-Russia ties, growing more mature, stable and resilient, will definitely bring more benefits to the peoples of the two countries, and play a larger role as a stabilizer and ballast stone in the peaceful development of the world.

People's Daily

Red Cross urges African countries to protect people during armed conflicts

KIGALI

AN official of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on Monday urged African countries to ensure that people are protected during times of armed conflicts regardless of their political views.

Attacks against women, children and men are "unacceptable," and the ICRC demands that governments hold their obligations under the international humanitarian law, train the military, and engage civilians to let them understand that even wars have limits, ICRC's Director of International Law and Policy Helen Durham said.

He made the remarks at a media briefing during the 5th Commonwealth Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference on International Humanitarian Law, which kicked off here on Monday.

Over 150 delegates from more than 35 Commonwealth countries and their Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are attending the conference.

The participants will discuss how to address serious violations of the international humanitarian law, particularly how Geneva Conventions are being implemented, as well as share information about national measures of implementing Geneva Conventions taken by each Commonwealth country.

All Commonwealth states need to strengthen their continued collaboration to entrench the protection of victims of armed conflicts, head of the Commonwealth Office of Civil and Criminal Justice Reform Steve Malby said when opening the conference.

Xinhua

Trade tension spills over to academic area

BY LIA ZHU

CHARLES Benjamin, a neuroscience student at Stanford University, lingered in front of a painting at a Chinese art exhibit at the university in California.

"It's really beautiful," he said. "The forms of the painting reflect some of the culture."

Thanks to increasing cultural exchange programmes over the past few years, Benjamin has had more opportunities to learn about Chinese culture. He has even started learning the language.

"Given how important the relationship between the United States and China is on the world stage right now, I think it's important for individuals from the two different cultures to get to know each other," he said. "In that way it can help ultimately reduce tensions that may exist on national and international levels."

However, such exchanges may go the way of other collateral damage taking place amid the dispute between the two countries, which has expanded from trade into the education realm.

A San Francisco-based tour operator said that more than 100 Chinese students and their parents have canceled an exchange program to the US this summer. "Some of them were denied visas and some of them gave up on applying for visas," said the operator, who asked to remain anonymous.

He said it was unusual to see such a large number of cancellations after many had already



Students taking a selfie at the commencement ceremony of Columbia University's 261st academic year in New York, the United States, May 20, 2015. (XINHUA)

paid deposits.

Last week, the Ministry of Education urged students to assess the risk of visa denials before deciding to study in the US, given the tightened restrictions.

Beijing has accused the US of politicizing normal China-US educational exchanges by using the "China threat" and "Chinese infiltration" as excuses.

There's more scrutiny of international students as the administration of US President Donald Trump adopts stricter controls on immigration and a harder line on China.

Benjamin said he hasn't heard anything in particular on the matter from his foreign classmates, but in general he thinks it's harder to get visas as the process has become more intensive than it used to be.

"In this era of rapid globalization, we should be trying to reach out to each other and trying to bridge cultures. The US has been built on the strength of immigrants and people who want to come here," said Benjamin.

Stanford's Department of Art & Art History has been actively engaged in exchanges with Chinese counterparts, including involvement with a faculty member residency in Gansu province's Dunhuang an ancient city on the Silk Road.

The department is also involved with major annual lectureships involving historians and artists.

"We are trying to get the momentum going as much as we can," said Richard Vinograd, a professor of Asian art at Stanford.

"I regret that it seems there are more complicated bureaucratic processes to go through for them (Chinese students and researchers) to get their visas and applications approved. It poses kind of a barrier for scholar exchanges. It's unfortunate," Vinograd said.

In the past year, some senior officials of the Trump administration, including FBI Director Christopher Wray, have

portrayed Chinese studying in the US as potential threats to national security.

Citing "espionage concerns", the US State Department has shortened the validity period of visas for Chinese graduate students in fields such as aviation, robotics and advanced manufacturing from five years to one.

There are also reports of increased visa delays and denials, and prolonged visa checks for Chinese students and researchers.

US Senator Ted Cruz of Texas and US Representative Francis Rooney of Florida have recently reintroduced the Stop Higher Education Espionage and Theft Act, which is intended to prevent "Chinese espionage" efforts at US universities.

Other US lawmakers are writing bills that would require more reporting from colleges and universities about funds they receive from China. The bills would also prohibit students or scholars with ties to the Chinese military from entering the US, or set new limits on access to sensitive academic research.

The undercutting of scholarship and people-to-people contacts between the two nations is a serious concern for Stanley Kwong, an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco. "When political tensions intrude into the academic and educational realm, the impacts are more damaging and far-reaching," he said.

Xinhua

Lavrov urges Russia, US to adopt joint declaration on avoiding nuclear war

MOSCOW

THE presidents of Russia and the United States should jointly declare that the use of nuclear weapons is unacceptable, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told an international forum, the Primakov Readings, yesterday.

"From a political perspective, it's of principal importance that Russia and the US calm the rest of the world and pass a joint statement at a high level that there can be no victory in a nuclear war and therefore it is unacceptable and inadmissible," Lavrov said.

Lavrov recalled that the lead-



ers of the US and the Soviet Union had earlier made such statements. "We do not understand why they cannot reconfirm this position now. Our proposal is being considered by the US side," Russia's top diplomat said.

In comments on the Pentagon's recent statement calling

for launching dialogue with Russia, China and North Korea to reduce the risks of combat actions with the use of nuclear weapons unprovoked by the US, Lavrov said: "That is said by the country's military agency, the latest nuclear doctrine of which has significantly lowered the threshold of using nuclear weapons."

During its contacts with Washington both at the level of the leaders, ministers and presidential aides, Moscow submitted proposals on the entire range of strategic stability issues, but has not so far received the response, the foreign minister recalled.

Pakistani politician arrested in London amid probe of speeches

LAHORE

BRITISH police arrested Pakistani politician Altaf Hussain in London yesterday as part of an investigation into speeches he gave as founder of a political party that ruled the megacity of Karachi for decades, media in Pakistan reported.

London's Metropolitan Police said in a statement a man in his sixties had been arrested after a joint investigation with Pakistani authorities.

It did not identify the person but said the arrest was "in connection with an investigation into a number of speeches made by an individual associated with the Muttahida Qaumi

Movement (MQM) in Pakistan". Hussain's representatives could not be reached for comment. MQM has dominated the sweltering metropolis of Karachi, Pakistan's largest and wealthiest city, since the 1980s. When security forces cracked down on the party in the 1990s, Hussain sought asylum in the United Kingdom.

Even from exile in London, Hussain controlled the city through a powerful network. Karachi police and his opponents have accused him of exhorting his supporters to violence, charges he has denied.

Prime Minister Imran Khan came to power last year vowing to attack rampant politi-

cal corruption in Pakistan and there have been a string of high profile cases.

Opposition parties say the government is using corruption as a pretext to silence its opponents while it also cracks down on groups such as the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM), an ethnic Pashtun rights group. Hussain's arrest in London followed other detentions of opposition politicians in Pakistan.

On Monday, former president Asif Ali Zardari, leader of the opposition Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on corruption charges.

Agencies

UN urges east African countries to harmonize vehicle emission standards

NAIROBI

THE United Nations on Monday urged East African Community (EAC) countries to harmonize vehicle emission standards.

Rob de Jong, head of air quality and mobility unit at the UN Environment, told countries to phase off old vehicles that produce dirty fumes and instead promote zero emission vehicles. "There is need to develop a

harmonized approach to ensure that the region has safe and quality air," de Jong told delegates attending EAC workshop on harmonization of vehicle emission standards.

De Jong said that the region need to have similar quality of fuel as is the case with Europe and other parts of the world that is fast changing in line with environmental conservation so the region can enjoy benefits of

clean fuel.

He challenged delegates to push for the phase-off of used and old vehicles that pollute the air besides forcing owners to use lots of money in maintaining them.

Remy Duhuze, director of environmental regulation and pollution control at Rwanda Environmental Management Agency (REMA), suggested that all vehicles in the country under-

go emission inspection to help prevent air pollution.

"The inspection is mandatory for all vehicles with commercial ones undergoing inspection twice within six months," Duhuze noted.

He said that the country has developed vehicle import strategy, apply strict import regulations and has banned small seater-capacity buses. Duhuze noted that Rwanda

is developing new transport policy that is being informed by the ongoing feasibility study on green mobility.

"The Kigali Motor Vehicle Inspection Center and its satellite centers are equipped with emissions inspection equipment while the national police have also been given hand-held inspection gadgets," he added.

The official noted that sulphur that is caused by vehicular emis-

sions is of concern in Rwanda since it is the major pollutant. He said that in a study that was done in 2011 and 2018, sulphur leads, followed by Nitrogen oxides, particulate matter (PM10) and carbon monoxide.

Duhuze revealed that a standard imposing low sulphur fuel (less than 50 ppm) that was adopted by the EAC is already in force in Rwanda. He attributed the state of

pollution to failure to have motorcycles undergo inspection and the increasing traffic jam in major cities. According to UN Environment, stringent emission standards are needed to reduce pollution by over 85 percent.

The UN environmental agency urges countries to avoid transport where necessary, shift to cleaner modes of transport and improve transport modes like cleaner cars and buses. Xinhua



Rafael Nadal

Golden trio tightening grip on men's game

LONDON

IT has been more than 15 years since Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic began their collection of Grand Slam titles and the bad news for anyone eyeing tennis's big prizes is their stranglehold on men's tennis is as tight as ever.

Nadal, a few days after turning 33, proved unstoppable at Roland Garros for a 12th time on Sunday as he crushed Dominic Thiem with the same frightening intensity that he displayed when beating Mariano Puerta to win his first French Open in 2005.

Federer, who will be 38 in August, played dazzling tennis to reach the semi-final before Nadal and a Parisian gale did for his hopes of a record-extending 21st Grand Slam title.

The 32-year-old Djokovic, meanwhile, is stuck on 15, three behind Nadal, after falling agonisingly short of holding all four majors at the same time for the second time.

Between them they now have 53 Grand Slam titles from the last 64 played dating back to Federer's first Wimbledon triumph in 2003 when he was aged 21.

What is more, the trio have shared the last 10 between them in their third era of total domination, having won 11 in a row between 2010 and 2012 and 18 in a row between 2005 and 2009.

Austrian Thiem, ranked fourth in the world but still without a Grand Slam title, is now 25. By that age the three players above him were already multiple Grand Slam champions.

Thiem said that he will strive to get better and better, but knows they will too. Their relentless desire to stay ahead of the chasing pack is why only seven other men have won a

Grand Slam title in the last 16 years.

With the exception of Andy Murray and Stan Wawrinka who have won three apiece, four of them have been one-Slam wonders. Marat Safin won his second major at the Australian Open in 2005 but that was before either Nadal or Djokovic had begun their court.

After watching Nadal for the past two weeks, seven-time Grand Slam champion Mats Wilander believes the Spaniard is still improving his game. "The way he hit his backhand against Thiem tells me he's still working at his game, developing another way of playing," the Swede, working for Eurosport, said.

While chiefly motivated by his rivalries with Nadal and Djokovic, Federer says his enthusiasm to keep evolving as a player comes from watching the likes of Stefanos Tsitsipas and Alexander Zverev and the new challenges they bring.

"It never gets boring, because every day plays different, every opponent plays different, every guy gives you different struggles," Federer said last week.

The way things look right now it might be Old Father Time that finally brings down the curtain on the current era, rather than the young pretenders stuck in the shadow of arguably the greatest three players ever to swing a racket.

"Being in this era, it seems like it's going to be hard for anyone to kind of do something the same that three of us did," Djokovic said last week.

"I don't know what the future will bring, but I'm sure it will be bright."

REUTERS

Bank announces winners for trip to Egypt to cheer Taifa Stars in AFCON



Exim Bank Tanzania Marketing and Communication Manager, Abdulrahman Nkondo (C), address members of press as he was announcing the winners of the bank's campaign dubbed 'Deposit & Win - Twende Tukaliamshe Misiri' during the campaign's raffle held at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam. The winners of the campaign will be joining other Tanzanians to support Taifa Stars during the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations tournament in Egypt. Others include the bank's Cluster Head-Retail Banking, Mwinymkuu Ngalmi (R) and a Gaming Board of Tanzania representative. PHOTO: COURTESY OF EXIM BANK

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania yesterday announced the winners who will be joining other Tanzanians to support the senior national soccer team (Taifa Stars) during the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations tournament in Egypt.

Five winners were picked during the campaign's raffle dubbed 'Deposit & Win - Twende Tukaliamshe Misiri', held at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam.

As part of the recently launched two-month campaign, existing and new customers of the bank who increased their account balances or open new account with the bank entered the draw to win a unique chance to experience their passion for the game and live their dream to enjoy a lifetime experience of watching Taifa Stars at AFCON 2019 finals in Egypt.

Winners were presented with an opportunity to access an all-expenses-paid trip (visa cost, plane ticket, match day ticket and spending money).

Musa Mohamed (Mtwara), Athumani Hassan (Manyara), Deogratius Kessy (Arusha), Msimu Ngaruka (Dar es Salaam) and Justine Tembo (Arusha) were announced the lucky

winners of the bank's raffle. Gaming Board of Tanzania oversaw the draw.

"The campaign was meant for every Tanzanian, both existing and new to bank customers," Andrew Lyimo, Exim Bank's Head of Retail, told reporters during the occasion.

"For the new customers, all they needed to do to qualify was to open a Savings Account and maintain a monthly balance of 500,000/- or above or open a Current Account with a minimum average monthly balance of 10,000,000/- or booking of a Fixed Deposit (FD) valued at a minimum of 5,000,000/-."

For the bank's existing customers, Lyimo said all they needed to do was to increase their balance by 500,000/- or above for Savings Accounts or increase their Current Account by 10,000,000/- or simply by booking of a Fixed deposit (FD) valued at a minimum of 5,000,000/-.

According to Lyimo, the campaign comes

as part of the bank's ongoing initiatives committed to the prosperity of its customers termed 'Exim at work today, for tomorrow' which is in line with the bank's mission and vision.

Commenting on the campaign, Stanley Kafu, Exim Bank's Head of Marketing and Communication, noted: "Our promotion not only encouraged customers to manage their finances in a responsible manner, but also rewarded them significantly for their efforts. We will continue to drive the savings habit in the country and allow customers to realize their long and short term life goals by banking with Exim Bank."

According to Kafu, the campaign embodies the bank's approach in pursuit of a better tomorrow for its customers, a better tomorrow for the communities that support and surrounds it, simply, transformed lives through its actions.

F1: Home points for comeback King Lance

MONTREAL

RACING Point drivers talking after rollercoaster weekend results in a P9 and P12 finish in Montreal Grand Prix!

Lance Stroll: "The car performed so well today and it feels great to score points in Montreal. The lead up to the race wasn't easy - losing the power unit yesterday and taking a performance hit by going back to the old engine - but we kept pushing, went out there and grabbed a couple of points. My start was strong, which moved me up a few positions and the key to our strategy was all about going long on the first stint with the hard tyre. By the time

we switched to the medium, we were in good shape and I was able to chase down [Carlos] Sainz and make the move for ninth place. It was a really fun race: I put all my emotions on the table today and loved every minute of it. The team really deserved this: they've put in some long hours this week and it's a boost for us all. It has been an awesome week with great support from the crowd. I'm going to remember this one for a while."

Sergio Perez: "Not such a good day for me - but a good day for the team, scoring two points with Lance. We knew that getting into the points was going to be tricky, so we went with different strategies to try to maximize the

opportunities. As it turned out, Lance was on the better strategy - but you only know which was the best strategy after the race. The whole weekend wasn't great for me. The pace today was quite poor - but I was always stuck in traffic, so the temperatures were on the limit and we couldn't do much about that. In the first stint, I suffered with the high track temperature, but, more than that, I could only put pressure on Kvyat ahead for two laps before I had to look after the brakes, which made things even harder. As a team we minimized the damage of the weekend - and that's important at the tough races."

Otmár Szafnauer, CEO & Team

Principal

"It's fantastic to see Lance score points at his home race. After such a tough Saturday, he delivered a really strong performance today to fight through the field from P17 to ninth. He kept his head down and made the strategy work with some decisive overtakes too. Checo's strategy - with the medium tyre for the first stint - didn't play out as well, but we felt it was worth splitting the strategies between the cars. These two points are important after a tough couple of races and show all the hard work is beginning to pay off in terms of performance and results."

(AGENCIES)

Warriors hang on to stay alive, win Game 5 of NBA Finals

TORONTO

THE Golden State Warriors aren't letting go of the NBA title just yet.

With Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson shooting and Draymond Green swatting, the champions found a way to win even after a gut-wrenching loss.

Curry scored 31 points, Thompson added 26 and they led a season-saving surge long after Kevin Durant was injured again to give the Warriors a 106-105 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night in Game 5 of the NBA Finals.

Devastated by the loss of Durant, the All-Stars that the Warriors had left made sure there was celebration along with their sadness, pulling out what Green thought had to be the greatest win during their run to five straight NBA Finals.

"When you're down six with a couple minutes to go in an elimination for these guys to win a championship, we could have thrown in the towel. We could have folded, but we didn't," Green said. "I said it before: I've never

seen this group fold. And that stands true still."

Curry and Thompson, nicknamed the Splash Brothers, combined for three straight 3-pointers in the closing minutes after Toronto had taken a six-point lead with under 3½ minutes remaining in front of a raucous, red-shirted crowd.

"Even going down six with three minutes left, their ball, we didn't panic," Thompson said. "We just do what we do."

The Warriors lost Durant barely a quarter after getting him back but got the win, cutting Toronto's lead to 3-2 and sending the series back to Oracle Arena for Game 6 on Thursday.

Kawhi Leonard scored 26 points for the Raptors but couldn't get the final shot, which went to Kyle Lowry and was blocked by Green.

The two-time defending champion Warriors were minutes away from their title reign ending, having lost Durant and a 14-point lead during an emotionally exhausting game. They had controlled Leonard for three quarters, but he scored 10

straight Toronto points in the fourth and the Raptors were close to their first championship and a party that would have stretched coast to coast in Canada.

But even after everything the Warriors had lost, they still had two of the best perimeter shooters in the world on the floor. Thompson hit a 3, and Curry followed with one to tie it at 103. Golden State got it back to Thompson and the Raptors lost sight of him just long enough for the tiebreaking shot with 57 seconds to go.

Toronto cut it to one when Kyle Lowry was credited with a basket and the Raptors got a final chance when DeMarcus Cousins was called for an illegal screen. Leonard had the ball but the Warriors forced him to pass and it ended up in the corner to Lowry, but Green sprinted over to get a hand on his shot as the buzzer sounded.

"He got a piece of it, that's what great defenders do," Lowry said. "He got a piece of it and we'll continue to look at it and see how we can be better for the next game."

Cousins had 14 points for the

Warriors and Green finished with 10 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Golden State is the only team to lose a 3-1 lead in the NBA Finals, when Cleveland came back to win in 2016.

Now the Warriors have a chance to pull off the feat themselves, but it became more difficult after Durant limped off in the second quarter after he had missed the previous nine games with a strained right calf.

"We understand the moment and I think we can rally, considering how the second half went tonight," Curry said.

Durant, the two-time NBA Finals MVP, was attempting to dribble past Serge Ibaka early in the second quarter when he suddenly came to a stop, lost the ball and limped sideways before grabbing at his lower right calf as he fell to the court.

Fans at first cheered but then, spurred in part by some Raptors players, chanted "KD! KD!" as he was helped to the locker room area joined by Curry, Andre Iguodala and general manager Bob Myers.

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Toronto Raptors guard Fred VanVleet (23) grabs a rebound under pressure from Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) and center Kevon Looney (5) during Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto. AP Photo

Hazard could be catalyst for new Real Madrid era - Martinez

BRUSSELS

REAL Madrid can build a new team around latest signing Eden Hazard, his Belgium coach Roberto Martinez said on the eve of their Euro 2020 qualifier against Scotland on Monday.

Real ended their long pursuit of the winger on Friday when they agreed to sign him from Chelsea on a five-year contract for a reported 100 million euros (£89 million).

Hazard, who scored 110 goals in 352 games for Chelsea after joining from Lille in 2012, will be officially presented at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium next Thursday.

"He is an unbelievable personality. His focus in a match lies in the winning of the game," Martinez told reporters.

"He is now playing the best football of his career and he is a player around which a new project can be built," added the Spaniard, whose side top Group I and looking for a fourth win out of four when they host the Scots in Brussels on Tuesday.

"Eden is a phenomenal footballer and I think for him several new chapters can be written about his career. The move to Real is his dream, the perfect next step."

"The whole transfer happened with a lot of respect. Eden is an example to all of a player who can go back to all his old clubs with his head held high."

Hazard, 28, is moving to Spain after helping Chelsea win the Europa League and finish third in the Premier League.

"I'm looking forward to seeing him at work at Real," added Martinez who will be relying on his captain to help beat third-placed Scotland, who are three points behind the leaders.

"I'm not planning to change much," he said of his team selection after Saturday's 3-0 home win over Kazakhstan.

"We don't underestimate any visitors. Scotland have got some real talent and coach Steve Clarke is one of the gentlemen of the game."

Martinez was subjected at Monday's new conference to a gentle ribbing about divided family loyalty since his wife, Beth, is Scottish.

"Well, we put a ban up at home so we aren't speaking about football since the Kazakhstan game, but I hope that everyone is very upset when I get home."

"She's no problem, it's more my father-in-law," joked Martinez.

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Barca make final push to sign De Ligt

BARCELONA

BARCELONA are ready to make a final push to sign Ajax centre-back Matthijs de Ligt this week by re-opening talks with his agent Mino Raiola, sources have told ESPN FC.

Barca thought they had an agreement in place with De Ligt in March, but have seen their offer bettered by clubs including Paris Saint-Germain, who believe they are leading the race.

Juventus, Liverpool and Manchester United have also been linked with De Ligt, but a source close to Bayern Munich told ESPN FC last week that the Bundesliga giants have dropped their interest.

Barca have refused to budge on their initial offer amid new demands from De Ligt and Raiola, and talks have stalled in recent weeks.

But a source said the club would re-establish contact with Raiola this week because they are aware that PSG are best placed to sign the Netherlands international.

The source refused to say whether Barca would increase their offer. Until now, they have been reluctant to pay De Ligt more than his Ajax teammate Frenkie de Jong, who joins next month.

Barca already have an agreement in place with Ajax should they manage to convince De Ligt to move to the Camp Nou for around €80m.

The saga has parallels with their

move for De Jong in January. At one point, they thought they had missed out on the midfielder to PSG or Manchester City, but managed to convince him to join.

President Josep Maria Bartomeu travelled to Amsterdam to show De Jong how much the club wanted him and, according to sources, showed him messages from Neymar in which the Brazil star expressed regret at leaving Barca for PSG.

Sources did not confirm whether a delegation would make a similar trip as they try to convince De Ligt that Barcelona is the best place for him to continue his development.

De Ligt, meanwhile, said he had still not made his mind up about where he will play next season after Netherlands lost to Portugal in the UEFA Nations League final on Sunday.

He revealed that Portugal forward Cristiano Ronaldo had asked him to join him at Juventus next season when the two spoke at the final whistle.

"So soon after the game, you are not at all concerned with it. You are disappointed that you have lost and that is the only thing you are thinking about," he told NOS television.

"The transfer period starts in a while, so I will first go on a nice vacation and rest. I will let it happen, and then I will see."

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Coutinho admits to poor season at Barcelona

SAO PAULO

PHILIPPE Coutinho admits his performances for Barcelona this season were not good enough as the Spanish champions look to cash in on their record signing.

Coutinho, 26, made an impressive start to life at Barca when he joined the club from Liverpool in January of 2018 for €160 million but his form dipped dramatically in his second season with the club.

"I didn't have a great season," the Brazilian told reporters in his homeland ahead of this summer's Copa America.

"It was below what I expect from myself and what the supporters expect from me. But you can only gain confidence through working hard, which is what I have done and what I will continue to do."

Sources told ESPN FC after Barca's humiliating Champions League exit to Liverpool in May that the Catalan club were actively looking to move Coutinho on.

"Coutinho is not a Barcelona player, that's been made clear," a club source told ESPN FC after the 4-0 second leg loss at Anfield. The source also explained that a number of the coaching staff had grown disappointed with the playmaker's performances throughout the season.

There has been interest in Coutinho but nothing concrete and Barca have become worried that they won't be able to bring in the €100m they were hoping to sell him for.

However, they hope the ex-Liverpool player's value could receive a boost at this summer's Copa America. With Neymar missing with an ankle injury, he has already impressed in friendly matches against Qatar and Honduras. International teammate Thiago Silva says Coutinho is already benefiting from being away from Barcelona, where he was criticised by supporters for his performances throughout the season.

"Coutinho's had a difficult year at Barcelona," the Paris Saint-Germain defender told reporters. "It was demanding and they jeered him a lot. But here, in this team, he's our reference point - especially when Neymar isn't available."

"In the two friendly matches we've played, he was the best player on the pitch. Not just because of his assists and his goals, but because of his defensive work. He's happy again."

Brazil kick off the Copa America against Bolivia in Sao Paulo on Saturday. They then face Venezuela and Peru.

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Copa is anyone's but fans worry emulating Europe

SAO PAULO

THIS month's Copa America will be the third in four years but for those suffering from an overdose of South American soccer there is an end in sight. Only not just yet.

The tournament that kicks off in Sao Paulo on June 14 will be followed next year by yet another Copa America - although it will be jointly held thousands of kilometres apart in both Colombia and Argentina.

After that, however, organisers have said enough is enough and the tournament will thereafter be held every four years.

The decision is part of a widespread revamp designed by the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL) to bring all their tournaments more into line with the European model.

The Copa will be held every four years in the same year as the European Championship.

At club level, gone are the home and away finals of the Copa Libertadores and Copa Sudamericana, to be replaced by one off games in neutral venues.

The changes have been met with resistance by fans, who say it is unfair to ask supporters in one of the world's poorest regions to travel thousands of kilometres to see big matches.

Likewise, decisions to grant Facebook the television rights for some games in the Libertadores - the South American equivalent of the Champions League - have been met with frustration as fans across the continent struggle with Internet streams that break up or regularly drop out.

The changes come as CONMEBOL tries to put years of corruption and chaotic organisation behind them.

The last three presidents of the confederation were indicted in the FIFA corruption scandal and last year's Libertadores final was moved to Madrid after River Plate fans attacked the Boca Juniors team bus.

All have dealt harmful blows to the organisation's credibility.

A decision to include Japan and Qatar as the invited sides to this year's Copa has also done little to generate faith in the new leadership, with the tournament usually featuring the 10 South American nations plus two invited teams, although they are generally from elsewhere in the Americas.

Whatever the reason - CONMEBOL officials did not respond to interview requests - administrators and fans will hope that soccer takes the centre stage in a welcoming nation with facilities that were built or renovated for the 2014 World Cup.

Although Neymar has dropped out be-



cause of injury, players such as Lionel Messi, Sergio Aguero and Uruguayan pair Edinson Cavani and Luis Suarez are among the best in the world.

They arrive in Brazil to compete in one of the most open tournaments in years.

Brazil have not won the Copa America since 2007 and coach Tite needs a good performance after a disappointing World Cup in Russia, where the five-times world champions were eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Argentina, too, are desperate to win their first major silverware since the 1993 Copa and finally give Messi an international title to go with the dozens of club ones.

Chile are not as strong as they sides that won the last two editions of the tournament in 2015 and 2016 but they, along with Colombia, Uruguay, Peru and Venezuela, cannot be counted out.

Meanwhile, Brazil expect to win every tournament they play, especially at home, but they go into next week's Copa America without their talisman Neymar and lacking some of the sparkle that has long been their stock in trade.

They have not lost since Belgium dumped them out of the 2018 World Cup in the quarter-finals but their 10-game unbeaten run

- with the exception of last week's 7-0 drubbing of 10-man Honduras - has come largely without the usual flair.

Brazil's preparations for the Copa have been overshadowed by Neymar - firstly the rape allegations against the striker, which he has denied, and then the ankle injury that ruled him out the tournament last week.

Tite's squad is as good as any in the tournament but the coach is trying to manage a generational change and said that choosing his squad of 23 players was the "most difficult" task he had faced since taking over three years ago.

Brazil have included only 14 of the squad that went to the World Cup in Russia a year ago, with Everton's Richarlison, David Neres of Ajax Amsterdam and midfielders Artur of Barcelona and Luca Paqueta of AC Milan among the young recruits.

Apart from home advantage, they are fortunate to be in one of the easier groups with Bolivia, Peru and Venezuela.

The big question will be how they cope without Neymar but his absence could be a blessing in disguise. With the Paris St-Germain forward gone, there will be less of a circus atmosphere around the squad and the focus will be firmly on the pitch.

His team mates will want to show they can do it without their undisputed leader and they may also take the opportunity to show their solidarity and try to win the trophy for Neymar.

The win over Honduras in their last warm-up game, with Philippe Coutinho resurgent and six different players getting their names on the scoresheet, was an encouraging sign.

Brazil have won the Copa America eight times but not since 2007 and that trophy drought - compounded by a failure to win the World Cup since 2002 - is a long one by Brazilian standards.

Fans expect a home triumph and, even though the president of the Brazilian Football Confederation last week said Tite's job was safe no matter what happens, fans will not spare him unless Brazil win, or lose playing beautiful football.

But the coach was his usual inscrutable self when asked what he hoped to achieve over the next three weeks.

"We are playing in our own country, and expectations are high that we win," he said. "But the expectation corresponds to how we perform. Are we going to win? I don't know. But I want us to do the best we can."

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Aguero's return lifts Messi's hopes of Copa glory with Argentina

BUENOS AIRES

LIONEL Messi has long craved a suitable strike partner so that he can win a major trophy with Argentina and the return of his friend Sergio Aguero has given the nation renewed hope of winning the Copa America.

Even though he is third on Argentina's list of all-time top scorers and has a prolific record with Manchester City, Aguero has started only 14 games in major tournaments since making his World Cup debut in 2010. But with Gonzalo Higuain retired, he is set to play a central role in Brazil.

Aguero played his part in memorable triumphs for his country at youth level, twice winning the under-20 World Cup as well as claiming an Olympic gold medal alongside Messi at the 2008 Beijing Games.

But he is desperate to win a major international trophy, above all for Messi, who has lost four finals with the national team, missing out on the last two Copa America finals with painful penalty shootout defeats to Chile.

"I'm more excited about winning for Leo than for myself because he has played for so long and he has suffered so much," Aguero told Fox Sports.

"Whenever I talk with Leo, we always say 'Pray that one day it happens for us'. It's what he wants and it's what we all want. I put myself in his shoes and I want to do the best."

Just as Messi has been unable to replicate his glut of trophies with Barcelona on the international stage, Aguero also showed a desire to balance his considerable success at City with a prize with Argentina after winning a domestic treble.

"I'm feeling fit and I finished the season well, I have no injuries and I want to do the same for Argentina as I do with City," he added.

Argentina face a daunting opening game in Group B against Colombia but should be confident of beating Paraguay and Qatar to progress to the quarter-finals.

Coach Lionel Scaloni was not the most glamorous of choices to succeed Jorge Sampaoli after their woeful World Cup campaign.

However, the former defender, who was an as-



Lionel Messi - Sergio Aguero

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Harambee Stars head coach, Sebastian Migne.

Stoinis out of Pakistan game with side strain

LONDON

MARCUS Stoinis is out of Wednesday's match against Pakistan with a side strain, and is at a risk for the whole tournament.

Mitchell Marsh, who was supposed to tour England with the Australia A team, has been flown in early as cover.

A final decision on Stoinis' future in the World Cup will be made after he is assessed again in the lead up to Australia's next game, against Sri Lanka on Saturday at The Oval.

The tricky part is to assess how long Stoinis will be out for: if a replacement is approved for a player, he cannot come back into the tournament unless there is another injury in the squad. Now, in the absence of a like-for-like all-rounder in the squad, Australia will have to decide if they can do without Stoinis for the period it takes for him to recover.

Stoinis sustained the injury during his fifth over against India at The Oval on Sunday, after which he came back for a two-over spell at the death. He bowled the 48th and the 50th overs, which involved a sharp return catch to dismiss MS Dhoni. "He was in some discomfort," Finch said of that spell.

"And it wasn't ideal, but he still managed to bowl a couple of overs. And speaking to guys who have done a side before, they say you can generally get through a game towards the end, but it's tough to get going after you've cooled down."

Finch said there will be a comprehensive assessment before a decision is made either way. "Not exactly sure on how many games he'll miss," Finch said.

"That's why Mitch is flying over. It's still being assessed. And over the next couple of days we'll have a clearer picture of what that looks like."

Mitch was meant to fly over with the Australia A side on Friday. He's just coming a couple of days early as a bit of precaution, if Stoinis doesn't recover quick enough or doesn't respond to treatment well enough over the next few days."

In the immediate aftermath, Australia will have to decide whether they go in with an extra batsman or bowler for the match against Pakistan. "We're going to have to juggle around especially that allrounder spot," Finch said. "We've got to find a few more overs now, whether we play the extra batter or extra bowler, we'll wait and see, and especially tomorrow with the conditions." Shaun Marsh had a long hit in the nets, which could suggest more bowling work for Glenn Maxwell, and potentially a few overs from Steven Smith and Finch himself. The other way to go about it might be to include Jason Behrendorff and push Alex Carey, Nathan Coulter-Nile and Pat Cummins a spot each in the batting.

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Taifa Stars' winger, Farid Mussa (R), dribbles past defender, Vincent Phillip, in a training, which took place at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

Taifa Stars take on Egypt in friendly

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

SENIOR national soccer team, Taifa Stars, will be in action tomorrow when they play their first international friendly match against Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) final hosts, Egypt.

The two teams will crash in the city of Alexandria and the match is important to Taifa Stars head coach Emmanuel Amunike as it will help him assess his players ahead of the finals which gets underway later this month.

The international friendly match will also help the players have a real feel of the assignment ahead of them.

It will as well boost the squad's level of confidence as Egypt have the best squad assembled from players who play in many top leagues around the world.

Reports released by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) say the team is training well and all of the players are looking forward to the international friendly match.

After the Egypt game, Stars will face Zimbabwe in another international friendly game three days later.

Taifa Stars are in Group C of the continen-

tal showdown alongside Senegal, Algeria and Kenya. The Tanzania squad, which is competing at the AFCON finals for the first time after 38 years of absence, will start the group games against Senegal, then Kenya before completing with Algeria.

Skipper Mbwana Samatta, speaking shortly before Taifa Stars' trip to Egypt, assured Tanzanians that the squad is ready for the finals.

"We are ready for the AFCON finals, everyone is looking forward to games, others may think that we will not do well, but the fact is that we are ready and am sure of good results," he said.

Coach Amunike has assembled a very good side which is expected to compete and not simply making numbers.

Taifa Stars have such players like Samatta, who plays in Belgium, and Simon Msuva and Shiza Kichuya, who play in Morocco and Egypt respectively.

The team is also made up of experienced and upcoming players that include Kelvin Yondani, John Bocco, Abdi Banda, Aggrey Morris, Kelvin John and others.

The provisional squad, which is participating in final preparations for the show-

piece, is made up of keepers Aishi Manula (Simba), Metacha Mnata (Mbao FC), Suleiman Salula (Malindi), and Aron Kalambo (Prisons), defenders Hassan Kessy (Nkana, Zambia) Vincent Mayombya (Mbao FC), Gadiel Michael (Yanga) and Abdi Banda (Baroka FC, South Africa).

Ally Mtoni (Lipuli FC), Mohamed Hussein (Simba), Aggrey Morris (Azam FC), Erasto Nyoni (Simba), David Mwantika (Azam FC), Claryo Boniface (National U-18 team) and Kelvin Yondani (Yanga) and midfielder Feisal Salum (Yanga) are also in the squad.

Other midfielders, Mudathir Yahya (Azam FC), Shiza Kichuya (ENPPI, Egypt), Farid Mussa (Tenerife, Spain), Simon Msuva (Difaa el Jadida, Morocco), Miraji Athuman (Lipuli FC), Fred Tangalu (Lipuli FC) Himid Mao (Petrojet, Egypt) and Frank Domayo (Azam FC).

Forwards Yahya Zayd (Ismaily, Egypt), Adi Yusuf (Blackpool, England), Kelvin John (National U-17 team), Mbwana Samatta (KRC Genk, Belgium), Thomas Ulimwengu (JS Saoura, Algeria), Shaaban Iddi (Tenerife, Spain), John Bocco (Simba) and Rashid Mandawa (BDF, Botswana) also make the list.

Kenya name final squad for 2019 AFCON tournament

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe & Agencies

KENYA'S Harambee Stars head coach, Sebastian Migne, has named the final squad for the upcoming Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt

Migne's side will face Taifa Stars in their second game of this year's AFCON in Egypt in a game that is considered by both sides as possibly their best chance of picking up three points in a group that features highly ranked and tournament favourites, Senegal and Algeria.

The big names in the Kenyan squad include Michael Olunga and Victor Wanyama, as well as Francis Kahata, who has been heavily linked with a move to Tanzania's Yanga and Simba.

Goalkeeper Farukh Shikalo is another included player who has been long rumoured to be on the move to Tanzania Premier League. Shikalo, who plays for Bandari, will be battling out for a place with Patrick Matasi.

Three of the players dropped from the 26-man provisional squad were ZESCO United midfielder Anthony Akumu, Maritzburg, defender Brian Mandela, who suffered an injury on Monday, and Sweden-based Christopher Mbamba.

The squad has set a training camp in France and will play a final warm-up game against Democratic Republic of Congo, on Saturday, June 15, 2019, in Madrid, Spain while Tanzania will play its first friendly on Thursday.

Meanwhile, as Tanzania continued with their training sessions since arriving in Egypt early Saturday morning for a two-week intensive pre-AFCON camp, the Egyptian Football Association (EFA) has announced that 30,000 fans will be allowed to attend Egypt's national soccer team friendly game against Taifa Stars that takes place at Alexandria's Borg El-Arab Stadium on Thursday.

Harambee Stars Full Squad

Goalkeepers: Patrick Matasi, John Oyemba, Faruk Shikalo

Defenders:

Philemon Otieno, Abud Omar, Bernard Ochieng, Musa Mohammed, Joash Onyango, Joseph Okumu, David Owino, Eric Ouma

Midfielders:

Victor Wanyama, Dennis Odhiambo, Erick Johanna, Ayub Timbe, Francis Kahata, Ismael Gonzalez, Ovella Ochieng, Paul Were, Johanna Omollo

Forwards:

Masoud Juma, Michael Olunga, John Avire

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