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## Blair Institute set to monitor development project funds

By Guardian Reporter

FORMER British Prime Minister Tony Blair (pictured) has assured Tanzania that his institute will continue to support the government's development endeavours.

Blair made the commitment yesterday at the Chamwino State House when he held talks with President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

A State House statement said that the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change will strengthen efforts and support the government in bringing about rapid development to the people.

Blair, who chairs the institute, said that in order for the country to register rapid success in the implementation of development projects, it was important to have accurate information enabling close monitoring of projects.

President Samia commended the



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former British PM for visiting the State House to inform her on the monitoring of development projects and various activities conducted by the charity organization in the country, noting that the government was implementing priority projects in various sectors that the institute can track their progress.

The Tony Blair Institute for Global Change is a charity dedicated to making globalisation work for the poor in most countries, offering new thinking and new approaches "to address some of the most intractable problems that leaders wrestle with today."

The institute works to provide policy and strategy advice in support of a vision of globalisation designed to improve the well-being of the people, economically, politically and socially, the statement added.

# 'Frauds creeping back in local govt projects'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

FINANCIAL misappropriation in many projects among local government authorities was becoming a major administrative headache, the government has stated.

Umyu Mwalimu, the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), made this observation when opening a working session for recently appointed district executive directors, noting that there are too many dubious deals in development projects countrywide.

Elements of fraud and other misdeeds that were invisible during the fifth phase government are slowly creeping back especially where development projects are being implemented, for instance the ministry is being told that one classroom has been built by revenue from own sources in a district council, while the same classroom is under construction through the constituency fund, etc.

"Corruption is rampant in many government projects and there is need for concerted efforts to ensure value for money is realized in development projects," the minister asserted, reiterating a position she gave in closing a training session on guidelines for trainers on the fight against corruption.

There was need to empower wider sections of society including the youth on

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi (R) exchanges greetings with top clerics of Christian denominations shortly after arriving to open their meeting at Amani Utengamano Welezo in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: State House

## Zanzibar government not confessional - Dr Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said that he leads the government without any discrimination based on religion, colour or race, but follows the Zanzibar Constitution and the law.

Even in making appointments to various leadership positions, he does not consider religion or gender but adheres to qualifications as the main premise of such appointments.

President Mwinyi made the remarks yesterday before leaders of the Christian



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faith at Welezo Mjini, Unguja island, saying he was ready to receive names of youths from the Christian faith who hold required qualifications to assign them in various government positions.

"Bring to me the names of the youth who have the required academic qualifications to hold various positions in the government," he stated, pointing out that the main requirement is capability, not religion or race or where they hail from.

He said that he formed the government of national unity to unite Zanzibaris, a

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## Ministerial team urges day old chicks imports permits

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A COMMITTEE formed to evaluate the availability of chicks has called on the government to extend a special import permit of hatching eggs and day-old chicks (DoD) for three months so as to meet market demand.



The Director of Veterinary Services, Prof Hezron Nonga (pictured) said in an interview that this proposal is among recommendations of the evaluation exercise carried across the entire poultry value chain.

In the report, the committee said

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Finance and Planning minister Mwigulu Nchemba (R) receives the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority valuation performance report for 2020/21 from acting PPRA board chairman Prof Ninatubu Lema in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: MoF

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corruption for they can also be good whistleblowers, she stated, praising the move to "train young Tanzanians as scouts on corruption" saying it will have an impact in the society as public education on the vice needs to reach the grassroots level.

In addition to corruption, there are other issues like violence against children and matters of environmental conservation that young people need to be empowered to actively contribute, she said.

Young people, once empowered will know the effects corruption and its signs in development projects, thus increasing the number of champions against corruption in the country, the minister declared.

By 30th June, 2021 there were 11.1m primary school pupils with 10.6m in government schools and 1.5m in private schools, while there were 2.3m students in secondary schools,

2.0m in government schools and 0.3m in private schools, she stated, as local government authorities oversee primary and secondary educational provision.

"In total we have 13.7m young Tanzanians, who if well empowered can help broaden the fight against corruption since the problem is still evident in the country," she elaborated.

For her part, chief scout Mwantumu Mahiza argued that primary school pupils and secondary school students are often major casualties of corrupt dealings.

"Youth are brave and can easily penetrate, ensuring that our message on the vice reaches the ground, thus the need to empower them at tender ages," she remarked.

Konrad Adenauer Stifting country director Tilmann Feltes expressed intent of continued cooperation with the government in the war against corruption.

## Researchers urged to improve on 12 areas of crop production

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

RESEARCHERS have been called upon to conduct research on 12 areas in the country's agriculture sector, including the improvement of crops by coming up with new crops seeds that would bring benefits to the sector.

The call was made here yesterday by the retired Director of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Dr Everina Lukonge while contributing to the debate that focused in identifying important areas for agriculture research at the meeting organised by the National Agricultural Research Association (NARA).

She said as for now there are 12 research areas, the first being the improvement to crops to make farming profitable which incorporates coming up with new crops seeds.

She said another area entails the collection of seed genes for improvement to produce quality seeds for both current and future generations.

"There is also the agricultural economy, climate change, conservation farming, markets, technology dissemination as well working on new sciences that we have discovered ourselves, and that discovered by others," she added.

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that the shortage of day-old chicks will continue to persist due to the Covid-19 pandemic that made major farms fail to meet production targets, a finding that supports eased importation permits from June to August to which new recommendations were being made to the government.

An experts team tasked with the matter has shown that grandparent stock, hatching eggs suppliers and manufacturers were in danger of collapsing, a situation arising from higher operational cost including

prices of broiler chicks (from 1,600/- or 1,700/- to 2,800/- or 2,900/- per chick and layers from 1,850/- or 1,900/- to 3,600/- or 3,800/- per chick, he elaborated.

To solve the problem, an extension is needed for importation permits as a long-term plan to solve the problem in the poultry-subsector, the director underlined.

"The government eased import permits between June and August, but the target was not achieved since only 905,000 chicks and 874,000 hatching eggs were imported in the country," he said of the findings.

Furthermore, the committee

suggested to the responsible minister to issue import permits on time to avoid delay and cumbersome processes.

Currently, statistics indicate that the country's demand is 100m chicks while production capacity is 88.5m chicks annually, with 26 investors registered in the poultry sub-sector producing 1.3m chicks annually, a drop in the sea.

"We encourage the private sector to invest in a new big poultry project to assure production of enough chicks to bridge the consumption gap as part of middle-term planning," the director urged, expressing the

wish to see a big poultry project for 'grandparent stock' to produce parental stocks.

The potential of the poultry industry to reduce the meat availability deficit, enhance food and nutritional security and contribute to household and national economic growth is enormous, he stated.

The Livestock Master Plan, if implemented, would increase the contribution of the national poultry sector to Gross National Product by 182 per cent to nearly \$324m over the 2017-2022 period, he added.

## Universities called upon to lead political engagement

By Special Correspondent

AFRICAN universities have been called upon to be engaged in political and social activism and take leading roles towards improving the human condition on the continent by exposing inherent dangers of inequalities, exclusion, oppression, racism and other forms of coloniality in society.

The call was made by Dr Pinkie Mekgwe, the senior regional adviser for Africa and West Asia at the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, when she participated in a virtual meeting themed, 'The Engaged University: Working with policymakers, the private sector and communities to advance African higher education transformation'. It formed part of a dialogue series hosted by the Alliance for African Partnership (AAP).

The AAP was co-established by Michigan State University (MSU) and African thought leaders in 2016 and is a consortium of MSU and 10 leading African universities that collaborate to address global challenges.

The event on 22 September was organised and hosted by the University of Botswana in collaboration with the Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA) and University World News - Africa.

According to Mekgwe, African universities have a long history of engagement with different communities by raising legitimate concerns about the human condition, gender inequality and the suppressed aspirations of people of African descent on the continent and in the diaspora.

She cited how, in the 1970s, the University of Dar es Salaam was a centre of pan-African ideas, while the University of Nairobi in Kenya

and the University of Ibadan in Nigeria led public engagement in the struggle for the decolonisation of literature in African academia.

"In recent years, we have witnessed university student movements in South African universities and beyond under the banners of #Rhodes Must Fall, #Fees Must Fall and Black Lives Matter, pushing engagement into the public sphere," said Mekgwe.

Mekgwe advised African universities to take on causes that broadly affect people's human rights and to be internationally connected through partnerships with academic and civil societies.

She highlighted how the University of the West Indies has distinguished itself by becoming a global hub for studies and lobbying for slavery reparations. She also cited how the University of Singapore has improved its global engagement with different actors by establishing niche training facilities in education and in business management.

"In this regard, African universities can also increase their engagement footprint by working closely with the local communities, as in the case of the University of KwaZulu-Natal [South Africa] whose Africa Health Research Institute's public engagement model encourages local people to be active partners in the development of a research agenda," said Mekgwe.

The issue is that, through community engagement and networking, universities can create awareness and educate people on how to solve some of the common problems they might be facing.

In that aspect, she urged academics to become advocates of volunteerism, as one way of reaching out and offering free specialised services that local people could not readily afford.



Moshi Urban MP Priscus Tarimo signs a condolence book on the former Deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment) William Ole Nasha at the deceased's residence in Dodoma yesterday. Ole Nasha died on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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step that has helped in eradicating hate politics.

"The government of national unity has united all the people and to a large extent it has removed political wrangles and hate, I am thankful that now we have no reason not to attain our set goals as we have peace and religious stability," he declared.

Responding to a question posed by religious leaders about houses of worship pitting Muslims and

Christians that have created sectarian squabbles that threatened peace and stability, Dr Mwinyi called on urban planning officials to oversee the separation of the two settlements to ward off complaints.

"I have already instructed urban planners to allocate cemeteries and places of worship for the different faiths to remove complaints among their followers," he further stated.

Earlier, during the meeting, religious leaders aired their complaints to the president as to appointments in various positions

saying they do not give consider some religious groups, in particular Christians.

They also complained of job opportunities in the government, failure to get building permits for houses of worship in various areas in Zanzibar, saying these issues have been quite challenging.

Bishop Shukuru Maloda, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) said the community has painful experience regarding jobs. "We do not access jobs but also whenever we want to

build a house of worship, there is a lot of red tape to obtain a permit," he stated.

For his part, Zanzibar Catholic Bishop Augustino Shao praised President Mwinyi for steps the government was taking against acts of gender based violence (GBV) and child abuse, including rape.

The church has conducted a survey on such acts in some of its projects and found the problem was big and a threat to children upbringing and the society in general, he added.



NMB chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (2nd R) yesterday unveiled Wekeza Account in Dar es Salaam aimed at spurring long term investment saving culture in Tanzania. Left is senior manager products Janet Rwegasila and NMB head of products Aloyce Maro (2nd L) and head of private banking Getrude Mallya. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Only 3 pct of wards incorporated in postcode address system - minister

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

COMMUNICATIONS and Information Technology Minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji has said up to this month three per cent of all wards countrywide had postcode addresses services.

In the circumstances, she has called local councils to be fully involved in the exercise in order to incorporate all wards in their areas to the postcode address system.

Dr Kijaji made the remarks here yesterday when opening a training for implementation of the postcode services for the Association of Local Government Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT).

She said the three per cent is in regard to 135 wards out of 4,067 countrywide including 115 in Zanzibar.

"We should be revolutionary, we should do this, as President Samia Suluhu Hassan just said if the problem is funds, she will provide to achieve the aim," she said.

She said her ministry has been provided with 45bn/- for the exercise while the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) was given 100bn/-, hence she called for the officials from the two ministries to work together to complete the exercise.

She said the postcode system simplifies the participation of the people in community development activities.

"The world economy is becoming digital, business is now being conducted digitally, you order goods that are delivered to your door step," she said.

"We must involve Councillors, who in turn should involve the community in their areas through ward and village executives, Tanzania has embraced the digital economy," she added.

For her part, the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Zainab Chaula said they are mobilised that come 2025, every house will have a post code.

Earlier, the permanent Secretary in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government) Prof Riziki Shemdoe said by-laws have been formulated for the local councils in implementation of the postcode system.

He said all postcodes have been prepared and entered into a database, and 21 local councils had already been empowered on the implementation of exercise.

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# Police kill three armed bandits in gun battle in Kasulu District

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

THREE people believed to be armed bandits and who were about to commit a crime at Maiko-Nyakitonto Ward in Kasulu District have been killed during exchange of gunfire between them and the police.

Confirming the incident, Kigoma Regional Police Commander, James Manyama said the incident occurred

on Monday this week at 5:00 in the morning after receiving reports of some criminals who had placed logs along the road with the aim of robbing passers-by and traders at Kagerankanda area.

RPC Manyama said after the criminals discovered they were being hunted, they started firing towards the police and TANAPA game wardens from Gombe Game Reserve who were on patrol in the

area, and managed to seriously wound the criminals.


RPC Manyama explained that unfortunately all three suspects died when they were being taken to Kasulu District hospital for treatment.

Meanwhile, the police recovered an AK 47 rifle, one magazine with 24 bullets and machetes from the area of incident, and also found out the criminal gang consisted of a total of

six people, hence they were hunting for the others who fled.

The three deceased, whose names were still not identified were estimated to be of between 35 and 40 years of age.

"Our operations are sustainable and if there are other people who intend to commit crimes in the areas should think twice of and engage in legal businesses," said the RPC.



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No	Reference no.	Description of work/goods to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	TEMBO-2021-09-01	<b>Resettlement Action Planning and Implementation Services</b>  The Consultant shall provide a range of consulting services within the fields of Resettlement Action Planning (RAP) and Implementation, including Livelihood restoration.  This requires undertaking complex multidisciplinary projects from scoping to full evaluation, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Project management</li> <li>▪ Develop/Update Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)</li> <li>▪ Develop a Resettlement Specific Stakeholder Engagement Plan (RSEP) and implementation</li> <li>▪ Develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for the RAP</li> <li>▪ Livelihood Restoration Plan development</li> <li>▪ Destination site planning</li> <li>▪ Asset survey and valuation</li> <li>▪ Land allocation and resettlement agreements</li> <li>▪ Destination site land use rights acquisition</li> <li>▪ Construction of resettlement sites</li> <li>▪ Household relocation; and</li> <li>▪ Livelihood restoration implementation and monitoring</li> </ul>	Must be compliant to the Local Content Legislation and have an approved Local Content Plan  Company profile with proven experience in services in Tanzania.  Tanzanian based office.  Must be well versed with the requirements of the Tanzanian national legislations and international requirements such as the International Finance Corporation Performance Standards, including but not limited to IFC's PS 5: Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement (2012), the associated Guidance Note (2012) and the Equator Principles (2020).  Must be able to demonstrate completion of several successful Projects of similar scope in line with these requirements in Tanzania or similar environments.  Must have demonstrated significant experience in; environmental and socio-economic studies, land-use planning, public consultations, resettlement and livelihood restoration. This also includes HSE, Geology, Engineering, and GIS capabilities.  List and attach evidence of consultant in-house staff expertise to undertake the required services.
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# Government assures investors of health sector transformation

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has assured investors in the health sector that it is committed to provide full support of their efforts that are meant to transform the sector through provision of quality health services in the country.

Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr. Dorothy Gwajima made the assurance in Dar es Salaam during the launch Mony Industries medical devices factory at Kigamboni Uvumba in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday.

The Mony Industries medical devices factory has been established to complement the government's efforts to facilitate access to medical equipment in the country.

Dr. Gwajima commended the company for taking significant steps to be part of the efforts to improve health in the country.

"I congratulate the board of Mony Industries for this significant step. Let me assure you that the Sixth Phase government under President Samia Suluhu Hassan is in support of these efforts as it has prioritized the health sector especially improving and effectively managing the provision of health care for every Tanzanian," she said.

She added: "Considering that a healthy nation is an important factor in reviving the industrial

economy, we will continue strengthening cooperation between the government and investors."

The minister called on Tanzanians to always protect their personal health as statistics show that non-communicable diseases account for 27 percent of all deaths in the country.

She said the rapid increase in prevalence of NCDs is attributed to the demographic change with longer life span and to changes in lifestyle specifically concerning diet, level of physical activity, alcohol and tobacco usage which are common risk factors shared by several NCDs.

"With this, apart from the loss of the national workforce, there are significant costs that are incurred in the treatment of the diseases that could have been avoided by eating the right foods as well as exercising," she stressed.

Mony Industries managing director Violet Mordichai said the factory will all the time adhere to rules and regulations to produce quality medical products to compete in the local and international market.

"Mony Industries has prioritized professional and legal performance to ensure the production of quality medical equipment as directed by the Tanzania Medicines & Medical Devices Authority (TMDA). Our factory is one of the few factories in the East African region that uses state-of-the-art technology in

producing quality products. We have 7 state-of-the-art machines that produce over 700,000 per day with capabilities of producing Hospital Masks (Surgical Masks), Industrial (KN 95) and General Medical Masks."

Mordichai said the industry will soon start producing surgical and medical gloves, hence being able to compete in both local and international markets as the company's future plans entails.

She added: "As a key stakeholder in improving the health sector in the country, the launch of this factory is part of a move to actively support the efforts of the government in increasing industries, employment opportunities as well as facilitate access to medical equipment and thus achieve the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) goal."

The factory occupies an acre, out of 8 acres. This gives a wide room for further expansion in the future. The size of the land guarantees enough space for safety and security for staff, customers, and public.

Mony Industries was established in 2018 and operates in the United Republic of Tanzania. The medical face masks are produced using a non-woven fabric forming technology. The use of state of the art semi-automatic technologies in production and the machineries are of top-notch qualities that were brought from China.



Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Dr. Dorothy Gwajima lays a foundation stone to launch Mony Industries medical devices factory at Kigamboni Uvumba in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Day of old persons affirms need for access to meaningful participation in the digital world

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS are tomorrow expected to join the world to commemorate the United Nations International Day of Old Persons.

The theme for this year's International Day of Older Persons is: "Digital Equity for All Ages." This theme recognizes the need for access and meaningful participation in the digital world by older persons.

In a statement, WHO commends the commitment from the government of United Republic of Tanzania to ensure the health and wellbeing of older adults in the country. The governments leadership has been instrumental developing a National Strategy to Eradicate Elderly Killing 2018-2023, revising the 2003 Healthy Ageing Policy, putting systems in place to ensure that older people have access to medical service without the financial hardship among others.

"As a country, we need to make efforts to ensure that older population can enjoy the benefits of digital technologies," the UN body said.

In Tanzania, the number of elders will only increase in the coming years with the commendable success of the Government in reducing the burden of communicable diseases and the engagement for more commitment and investment in interventions against no communicable diseases.

"Now than ever, we must all cultivate behaviours, lifestyles

and environments to promote health and wellbeing in order to have healthy and active ageing. In fact, ageing is a normal part of life. It happens to all of us, all the time, throughout our lifespans despite commonly held beliefs. What we do in life, and how we interact with our environments determines how we age."

According to the statement, there are 54 million people aged 60 years and over in Sub Sahara Africa which represent 5% of the older adults' population worldwide. This figure is projected to reach 67 million by 2025 and 163 million by 2050.

"Older people are the backbone of society. They have accumulated financial and human capital to support socio economic development. They are the promoters of cultural values, arbitrators, and custodians of our history. We must develop and maintain the functional ability that enables well-being in older age thus allowing older persons to do the things they value."

The 75th United Nations General Assembly declared 2021-2030 the Decade of Healthy Ageing. The United Nations Global Action Plan for Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030) is a global collaboration to strengthen multisectoral approaches to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live.

The Decade of Healthy ageing supports the realization of Agenda 2030 and its 17 Sustainable

Development Goals. It is framed around four action areas—combating ageism by changing how we think, feel, and act towards age and ageing; instituting Age-friendly environment ensure that communities foster the abilities of older people; delivering integrated care and primary health services responsive to older people; providing access to good quality long-term care for older people who need it.

To achieve these objectives, WHO said challenges to be addressed include; high prevalence of ageism and other forms of discrimination, weak investments in Age-friendly environments, limited functionality and sustainability of long-term care systems. This is compounded by limited data on persons aged 60 years and above.

The need for focused attention to older persons has become more visible during this COVID 10 pandemic with persons aged 60+ years disproportionately affected and at high risk of severe disease and death. Unfortunately, the response in many countries has not targeted older adults enough or in time to avert the disabilities and deaths.

WHO reiterates its commitment to continue supporting the Tanzania government in its efforts to operationalize the Global Action Plan on Decade of Healthy Ageing and the Africa Region Framework for Implementing the Priority Actions on Healthy Ageing 2021-2030.



Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Amos Makala, speaks at the meeting of religious and National Environment Council leaders in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is NEMC board chairperson Esnati Chaggu, NEMC Director Dr Samuel Gwamaka (3rd Right) and Dr Menani Jangu also from the Council. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## Clergymen urged to chip in fight against noise pollution

RELIGIOUS leaders have been challenged to educate the public about the consequences of noise pollution to protect people from various consequences caused by the vice.

Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Amos Makala threw the challenge yesterday when opening a one-day seminar, organised by National Environment Council (NEMC) to Dar es Salaam religious leaders.

RC Makala said from May to September only he has received 85 noise pollutions complaints from nightclubs and worshipping places and the majority of complaints

came from nightclubs. According to him, 65 complaints were based on nightclubs while 20 complaints were from worshipping houses.

Makala said previously there were an increase in noise pollution which come from different activities something which affects people's health.

He said some people have been complaining about noise that comes from worshipping houses

and he commended NEMC for initiatives to educate the public about the consequence of noise as a move to protect the next generation.

NEMC Director, Dr Samuel Gwamaka said the meeting was productive because many religious leaders have committed themselves that they are going to educate their followers about the negative effect of noise pollution.

Dr Gwamaka said the majority of

them admitted that they were not aware of the laws and regulations that ban noise and they promised to be good ambassadors in protecting the environment and reduce noise pollution so as to protect people from various consequences.

Dr Gwamaka mentioned some negative effects of pollution as mental illness, depression, fear, headache, an increase of disputes in society, lack of sleep which eventually cause hypertension.

## Govt, stakeholders challenged to curtail drowning incidences

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE government and stakeholders have been challenged to initiate constructive measures for protecting children and women dying from the incidences of drowning.

One of the important steps needed to be taken include developing the guidelines which will set up procedures to be followed by people who do their activities along the ocean.

Speaking with The Guardian recently in Dar es Salaam Mlele Organisation executive director Khadija Mlele said drowning is still a major problem in the country, specifically in Zanzibar, thus public and government attention is inevitable.

"People living nearby water bodies are at great risk of dying from drowning," she said.

According to the research conducted by IPSOS institute in 2018, 85 percent of children are at a great risk of dying from drowning.

"While 67 percent of women in the Isles are at risk of dying from drowning," she said.

She explained that the main factors which contribute to the death of women and children from drowning include carrying out social activities along the ocean, playing games and use of transports which pass through the ocean without having the knowledge for swimming.

Drowning refers to the process of experiencing respiratory impairment from submersion or immersion in liquid.

She added that Mlele Organisation is working hard to provide awareness to vulnerable groups to have idea on best approaches that can help them to protect from drowning, the training include capacity building for swimming to

children from 7 years and above to be able to swim in the deep of 25 meters for 30 seconds, and be able to roll down to upward.

Mlele said the training is conducted for 15 days with an average of 1 hour per day in order to strengthen personal protection ability.

She said that they started to offer training in 2013 both in theory and practical, the practical training include training bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation.

The training has been provided to 12,000 youth, fishermen, seaweed farmers and children on how to swim properly.

"But also training on beach lifeguard has been provided to 56 villages including Nungwi, Kendwa, Fukuchani, Pwanimchangani, Uzi and Tumbepemba," Mlele said.

She said the community and government should increase effort in providing awareness on risks of drowning in order to increase interventions to control it.

Statistics from WHO shows that, around Lake Victoria which is one of the biggest water bodies in the country, drowning rates are very high among fishing communities, where 217 deaths by drowning per 100,000 occur.

One of the beneficiaries of the training Ramadhan Hamza from Nungwi village said the coaching has imparted on him enough skills to escape from drowning but also to help others who might face difficulties in the ocean.

He advised the government and other stakeholders to assist fisheries and other groups of people who work along the ocean with safety equipment to enable them to be in safe condition in the course of their duties.

"I will use the knowledge I got to train my fellows in order to help every individual to be safe," he said.

By Special Correspondent, Accra

## New review finds slow progress in restoring Africa's ruined lands, urges greater efforts for climate action

THE first ever stocktaking of restoring Africa's forests and landscapes, launched yesterday during Africa Climate Week, shows that more needs to be done to fully tap the enormous opportunity for the continent to return land to sustainable production, protect biodiversity, and shield livelihoods in the battle against climate change.

Up to 65 percent of productive land is degraded, while desertification affects 45 percent of Africa's land area. While the overall trend is moving downward, net loss of forests is still increasing in Africa with 4 million hectares of forest

disappearing every year. Africa's drylands are very vulnerable to climate change and their restoration is a priority for adaptation and building resilient and sustainable food systems.

The Review of Forest and Landscape Restoration in Africa 2021 is a joint analysis carried out by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD and presents the successes so far and the remaining

difficulties and opportunities across the continent in restoring land degraded by conversion and forest clearance, overuse of natural resources, urbanization, drought, and other factors.

"Despite our efforts, every year more forest disappears, costing the continent a 3 percent loss of GDP," said Abebe Haile-Gabriel, FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Africa in the "Review's" Foreword. "Degraded forest landscapes intensify the

effects of climate change and are a barrier to building resilient and prosperous communities when 60 percent of Africans depend on their land and their forests."

"The urgent need to reverse these negative and devastating trends has prompted African leaders to commit to the restoration of the continent's ecosystems. Through its roadmap for development, Agenda 2063, the African continent commits to ecosystems restoration

by protecting, restoring and promoting sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably managing forests, and combating desertification," said Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, in his Foreword. "This review of current approaches and exploration of emerging opportunities is a key to accelerating restoration efforts."

Most of the projects assessed in

the Review have a strong climate change dimension, aiming at not only sequestering carbon, but also creating jobs, reducing the vulnerabilities of rural people to food insecurity and helping them adapt to climate changes.

The Review identifies local ownership and stakeholder engagement as fundamental factors for success. High-level political support and access to finance are also crucial.

Difficulties with longer-term finance, land tenure and property rights are major challenges along with insecurity and conflict, lack of technical capacity and restricted access due to poor infrastructure.

## Unidentified people torch vehicle belonging to MP

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbozi

UNKNOWN people have set on fire the vehicle belonging to Mbozi Member of Parliament George Mwenisongole (CCM) that has completely destroyed it by.

Songwe Regional Police Commander, Jane Magomi told this paper in a telephone interview yesterday that the incident happened at 3:00 in the morning at the MP's house in Ichenjezya area here.

RPC Magomi said the police and the fire brigade received information on the complete destruction of the vehicle, a Toyota Brevis Reg T231DDZ and arrived at the scene of the incident and that the firefighters managed to extinguish the flames so as not to engulf the MP's house.

She said the motive behind the act of arson was not yet known but investigations were continuing and called on members of the public to cooperate with the police to identify the culprits.

Following the incident, Songwe Regional Commissioner, Omary Mgumba conveyed his sorrow to the MP and called on members of the public to be calm and stop providing unconfirmed information about the incident.

For his part, MP Mwenisongole said the incident has saddened him but it was too early to say anything about it.

"Since defence and security organs have embarked on the investigations, I think it is better to let them do their work with the aim of finding out the truth," he added.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE



Ms. Anna Stephen Kimweri

Orbit Health Care Services (T) Ltd Traded as Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital would like to inform the general public that Ms. Anna Stephen Kimweri is no longer an employee of Orbit Health Care Services (T) Ltd effective 17th September 2021.

Hence, Orbit Health Care Services (T) Ltd shall not be accountable for any transaction or agreement that will be negotiated on behalf of Orbit Health Care Services (T) Ltd by the employee mentioned above.



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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Representation Office in Dar es Salaam has cancelled this tender which was accessible in the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RlhoxKP-xXoHNKGuM0GwAP6MZ5roddFV?usp=sharing>

## Encourage citizens to attend meetings for best results, local govt leaders counseled

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

LOCAL government leaders have been urged to encourage citizens especially women, youths and people with disabilities to attend meetings so as to jointly discuss and come up with best solutions to address problems facing the community.

Deogratius Temba, a facilitator at gender-based budget training for ward councilors and local government chairpersons in Dar es Salaam, made the call saying that it was vital for villagers or street dwellers to attend the important meetings for their development.

He added that citizens who attend meetings will share and express their views on which projects are required at the time according to the priorities in their areas.

Deogratius said the current government struggles to remove small entrepreneurs doing business along roadside and other

undesigned areas might be caused by two sides, citizens and local leaders for not discussing the priorities needed in their areas.

"For example, right now where the government is struggling to remove petty traders conducting business along the roads, having regular meetings and discussions is vital. Meetings are very important in our places because they can teach you how to lead your people. You will plan with the people on priorities," he said.

Vaileth Kabigumila, a health officer from Ubungo Municipal urged leaders and families to consider gender needs when preparing budgets, so as to avoid unnecessary quarrels.

"In a family if you have two children, a girl and boy, you can't prepare the same budget for both of them, because girls have more gender needs. So, we should be fair from family level, village to national level when preparing budgets," she said.

## Samia swears-in Mavura as envoy to South Korea

By Guardian Reporter

President Samia Suluhu Hassan has sworn-in Togolani Mavura as Tanzania's ambassador to South Korea.

Mavura was sworn-in in Dodoma alongside the Head of Public Service Commission (PSC), Mathew Kilama, in a ceremony that was also graced by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Minister, Ambassador Liberata Mulumula.

Prior to his latest appointment, Amb Mavura was once a speechwriter to President Jakaya

Mrisho Kikwete between 2013 and 2015. He later served as advisor to the former president Jakaya Kikwete in the capacity of Diplomacy and International Relations.

He holds Masters degree in Leadership and Development, from Kings College London, Post Graduate Diploma in Management of Foreign Service from the Mozambique-Tanzania Centre for Foreign Relations, and a bachelor degree in Political Science and Public Administration, International Relations from the University of Dar es Salaam.



Journalists from various regions visit Chikowa mining site in Dodoma Region as part of awareness training about reducing mercury impacts in small-scale gold mining on Wednesday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Zara tours chief executive officer named Tanzania's top executives

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

ZARA International Travel Agency (ZITA) chief executive officer (CEO), Zainab Ansell has been named among Tanzania's top executives who performed well among the peers in the corporate world amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ansell emerged as the only female executive in a male dominated multi-billion-dollar tourism industry who made it to the list of 100 most effective CEOs in Tanzania for 2021, as recognised by a reputable management firm, Eastern Star Consulting Group Tanzania.

The Top 100 CEOs will be recognized on October 8, 2021, for playing a critical role in enabling the country's economy to rebound in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis.

"Zainab Ansell is one of the flamboyant female executives of our times. She's successfully managed her business through the storms of Covid-19 pandemic, she deserves a

standing ovation," the Eastern Star Consulting Group Tanzania high-ranking official, Alex Shayo, said.

The Top 100 Executives Awards seek to recognise and celebrate individual executives, appreciate their exceptional contributions to the country's economy and to encourage innovation and to improve the overall performance of the corporate world. Indeed, Tanzania has been hobbled by an economic slump, thanks to a brutal wave of coronavirus that pushed a significant number of businesses to close shops, driving millions of people into poverty.

But as this happens, Zainab came up with various innovative packages to woo domestic tourists, probably a forgotten virgin market, to make her company survive in the face of severe Covid-19 crisis.

Her innovation and sustainable business model have sustained jobs, fought climate change, uplifted and impacted hundreds of marginalized women in the tourism host

communities of Tanzania.

Zainab is the founder and CEO of the Tanzania-based ZITA, who is single handedly struggling to address historic injustice compounded by oppression and exploitation towards women in Northern Tanzania's Maasai community.

She is credited for developing a special window for helping underprivileged Maasai women in her bid to liberate them from poverty, courtesy of the harmful shackles of their traditional norms, by financially empowering them to buy raw materials for making beads and crafts and to sell the products to tourists.

Through her women's development centre, hundreds of Maasai women benefit from the tourism industry, as it gives them an opportunity for showcasing and selling beads and carvings along the routes to Tanzania's most popular tourist sites.

This initiative has grown to become a strong pillar for the women and this

particular host community at large.

Zara Tanzania Adventures (famously known as Zara Tours) is a local company, founded and established in 1986 located in Moshi, Tanzania, by Zainab, providing high quality travel and tour services in East Africa. Zara has great experience with over 30 years in the travel and tourism industry.

Today, Zara has evolved into Tanzania's largest Kilimanjaro outfitter and one of the largest safari operators in East Africa. Zara is a one-stop shop, offering experiences and accommodation in Tanzania's tourism hotspots.

In 2009, the company launched Zara Charity, giving back to marginalised communities in Tanzania and making its footprint in the global movement for sustainable tourism development. Zara charity supports marginalised communities in Tanzania's tourism host communities addressing health care, education, unemployment and women and children's challenges.

## Botswana-based firm expresses commitment to provide more inclusive financial services

By Guardian Reporter

BOTSWANA-based Letshego Group has expressed its commitment to continue leveraging digital technology and inspiring innovations to extend the reach of inclusive financial services to more customers in the continent.

Andrew Okai, Letshego's Group chief executive said in a statement yesterday that digitisation is no longer a revolution but part of everyday life.

"Having recently celebrated Africa Day, and as we navigate our way through a global pandemic, there is no better time than now for Letshego to be inspiring confidence in our unique strengths as a continent, encouraging collaboration to overcome our challenges," he said.

Okai said due to a number of challenges brought by Covid-19 pandemic there is currently a huge need to come up with strategies to handle banking services digitally so as to enable customers to access the services smoothly wherever they are.

"Letshego remains committed to improving lives by extending access to appropriate financial solutions, progressing towards our ambition to be a world class retail financial

Organisation. Digital is no longer a revolution; digital is life," he said.

The Botswana based banking group recently launched its 'LetsGo digital' campaign through its digital financial technology platform. This, according to the company, is an enabler to deepen financial inclusion across Africa.

According to the Group, Letshego has chosen two budding markets, Nigeria and Botswana, as the first two countries in which the 'LetsGo digital' will be rolled out.

Through the LetsGo App, customers have access to simple financial beyond banking services on the go, to enhance their lifestyles.

He said "LetsGO solutions" enable customers to achieve their aspirations, empowering a progressive generation of cultural change in this new normal.

"With simple digital financial and beyond banking solutions that are tailored to support life goals and help improve the lives of our customers, bringing tangible spin-off benefits for our local communities."

Initially the LetsGO platform - accessible via mobile phone and web will unlock digital access to account information, loans and top-ups for

existing and new deduction at source customers in Botswana and Nigeria.

He said the Group's remaining 9 markets including Tanzania will enjoy the same digital platform benefits by the end of this year.

Okai added that with the brand's phased rollout of increasing depth in capability, access and products, 'LetsGo' is set to catapult Letshego towards its vision to become a world-class retail financial institution, improving the lives of customers across sub-Saharan Africa.

Chief executive officer of Letshego Bank Tanzania Andrew Tarimo said that in the near future customers in the country will begin to benefit from the digital innovation through "LetsGo service" that will connect them with other customers in Africa.

"As we build on this further, soon all Tanzanians and Letshego customers across the breadth of Africa footprint will also have this digital power, indeed with growing and expanding capabilities to enjoy in the palms of their hands," he said.

He noted that LetsGo solutions enable customers to achieve their aspirations, empowering a progressive generation of cultural change in this new normal.

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2. The highest bidder will pay 25% of the amount immediately and the remaining balance of 75% within fourteen (14) days from the date of auction. Failure to do that will lead to the purchaser losing all his rights of purchasing the item and the deposited amount will not be refunded;
3. The purchaser will be required to remove the purchased item within seven (7) days from the date of paying the remaining balance of 75%;
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Simba Kasige, chairman of the Iringa Region chapter of the federation of traditional healers in Tanzania, shows samples of items of Hehe tribe used in their day-to-day lives. The event was during the climax of World Tourism Day celebrations held in Iringa municipality on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya



Deogratius Temba, gender based budget facilitator speaks with ward councillors and local government chairpersons about the importance of preparing local budget sustainable development in their areas. The training was conducted by Tanzania Gender Network Programme yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

# PSA project benefits 2,000 women in Mbozi District

By Beatrice Philemon

OVER 2,000 women in Mbozi District, Songwe Region have benefited from a five-year project (2019-2023) dubbed: 'Strengthening Social Accountability and Oversight Capacity for Rights-based Public Resources Management in Health and Agriculture in Southern Africa (PSA)'.

The project is being implemented by MIICO Organisation based in Mbozi District and ActionAid Tanzania in five villages—Itaka, Zelezeta, Idiwilli and Hasamba in Mbozi District with funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) focusing on Public Resource Management (PRM).

Ajenikisa Kayange is one of women who have benefited from the initiative. Before getting into the project, Ajenikisa wasn't aware of her right to own land because women are not allowed to own land in her community. But after the PSA project, Ajenikisa and her fellows, now own land, and they are free to grow anything, the situation that improved crop production due to the adoption of modern agronomic practices.

"Right now I'm very happy because I own this land and through this project we're being trained on various issues including ways to claim our rights to own land from MIICO and ActionAid Tanzania. I commend these organizations for what they have done to me, as I'm speaking I own two acres of land, something that was not easy in the past," said Ajenikisa, a mother of three. In her land she grows maize, groundnut, beans, and sunflower and she harvested 18 bags of maize, 18 bags of groundnuts, 40 kgs of beans and 3bags of sunflower.

"I'm very proud for what I have gained through this project because I'm more vocal and very confident to express my opinion to my peers, demand my rights and I believe in the future I will use my land to access loans from the financial institutions," she said.

Executive Director of Mbozi, Ileje and Isangati Consortium (MIICO) Catherine Mulaga said in implementation of the project women children were trained on rights, gender equality, sustainable farming skills, use of indigenous seeds and organic pesticides to control pests.

She also said the beneficiaries were trained

on budget analysis, Public Expenditure Tracking System (PET) and women participation in villages meetings.

"Women are now aware of their rights, something that has changed men's mindset and begun to issue land for women and girls. To us, this is a positive side of the project," Catherine said.

The project seeks to improve public service delivery in agriculture sector namely food security and health in the specific areas of HIV/Aids, sexual reproductive health and rights by strengthening the oversight and social accountability roles of five target groups in the SADC region including Tanzania.

Hazelu B village chairman, Hobadia Simwenga said: "Women in this area are being given land by their families, something which wasn't the case in the past."

Chairperson of Women Platform located in Hasamba village, Catheline Mponzi, said: "Before ActionAid Intervention and MIICO, we were in total darkness on women rights and modern farming, but MIICO has changed our mindsets on it and now we can own land and venture into agro-ecological farming that is best for environment and reduce farming cost as well."

The SDC's National Project Manager, Samwely Mkwatwa said Swiss Agency donated \$800,000 (over 1.6bn/-) to ActionAid Tanzania to implement Phase II of the project that will be completed in 2023.

In Phase I, the agency donated \$500,000 in 2016 for the implementation of public resources management in health and agriculture in Southern Africa.

The funds have trained and equipped the smallholder women farmers with knowledge and skills in agro-ecology farming hence weaning them from artificial inputs modern farming.



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# Dar firm joins govt's safe blood transfusion campaign

By Correspondent Mohamed Ugasa

WORKERS of a Dar es Salaam-based Aluminium Africa (ALAF) have joined the government's safe blood transfusion campaign.

The blood donation by the workers started early Friday last week with the firm's Chief Executive Officer Ashish Mistry joining the fray at their office premises.

The firm's marketing manager Isamba Kaseka said Alaf is highly giving priority to good health for its workers as well as the public at large.

"We have embarked on donating blood to join efforts by the Ministry of Health through Damu Salama's Coastal Zone," she disclosed.

Alaf workers volunteered to donate blood in big numbers as blood donor recruiter

for eastern zone blood transfusion service official Mariam Juma hailed the firm. Mariam said Alaf is one of the companies in Dar es Salaam that has made a crucial generosity decision to serve the public.

Mariam said the demand for safe blood is increasingly high as the country needs at least 600,000 units per year to hit satisfaction point. However, she said each unit has 450 mills of blood that should be preserved for thirty five days before consumption to needy patients.

She said the demand for blood is always high and there is no time where hospitals have been satisfied.

Mariam said the reason for high demand in eastern zone is as a result of high concentration of hospitals with resultant in big number of patients as well. Voluntary blood transfusion

exercise has and still is an ongoing trend across all the seven zones of the country. Before a patient is forwarded for blood transfusion he or she has to undergo some testing and counseling to ensure quality blood is collected. She said not everyone who needs to donate blood can just do that as counseling and testing has to be carried out to avoid contamination of HIV, diabetic, malaria and other factors that can render blood invalid for use by patients.

She went on to say that where necessary some blood units can be transferred to other zones to meet prevailing demand.

Alaf's marketing manager said this is the first time her firm has been involved in blood donation. She however did not disclose whether the tradition will be absorbed for next time or not.

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**Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties wanting to supply the equipment's and steel plates as mentioned below at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine**

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited (BGML) is a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation. Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Site is located 45km south of Lake Victoria, in the Kahama District of Shinyanga Region, northern Tanzania. There are road accesses to the mine from Mwanza, 127km to the northeast and from the town of Kahama, 84km to the south.

**BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the below goods/service packages.**

No.	Reference no.	Description of work	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-21-09-20_A	Supply of Steel Plates - 200 Tons and Structural Steel - 50 Tons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade of steel S355J as specified</li> <li>Facility to roll steel plates thickness upto 12mm</li> <li>Facility to prepare edge / chamfers on steel plates</li> <li>Lead time</li> </ul>
2	BUL-21-09-20_B	Supply of Agitator Set complete with Gearbox & motor unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to supply agitator set - Make - Afromix</li> <li>Model - AMX9000 Dual impeller R/L, Motor: Weg (IE2) W22, 90 KW, 1485 RPM, Frame-280S/M, 400v, 3 phase, 50hz</li> <li>Warranty period</li> <li>Lead time</li> </ul>
3	BUL-21-09-20_C	Supply of Inter Stage Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to supply agitator set - Make - Kemix</li> <li>Model - MPS 700P.(400+180m3/h), 630um,Mech, swept I/S 22% Open Area, Motor - Weg, 15KW, Speed - 4 pole, Frame-160L, 400V, 3 Phase, 50Hz</li> <li>Warranty period</li> <li>Lead time</li> </ul>
4	BUL-21-09-20_D	Supply of Carbon transfer pump sets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be able to supply agitator set - Make - Weir Minerals</li> <li>Model - TC 8/8 - 140 m3/hr, 1.42 t/m3 and 5 m TDH, Motor - 11KW</li> <li>Warranty period</li> <li>Lead time</li> </ul>

The above Services/goods are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable pre-qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. Please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead **referencing the work package reference number** should your company qualify as per the **pre-qualification criteria** together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Full company profile;
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business licence, TIN, VRN, Tax Clearance Certificate etc.;
- BRELA - Register of Companies detailed information certificate
- Applicable certification, accreditation and affiliated registration
- Years' service and experience of key personnel to be assigned to project
- Required equipment availability to perform the specific work

Kindly send your response by email to [bulytender@barrick.com](mailto:bulytender@barrick.com) by latest close of business on the 06 October 2021. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote reference number in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of **BGML**.

For and on behalf of **BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**

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We are pleased to inform you that we have moved to our new headquarters effective 01st of October 2021. This is an important milestone for CRDB Bank's corporate growth and prosperity. We thank our customers, shareholders, and other stakeholders who made this possible.

Located along Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, just near the Palm Beach Traffic Lights in Dar es Salaam, our new iconic headquarters is a state-of-the-art green design building, with modern facilities and larger space, one of a kind in East & Central Africa. The building is a Grade "A" office development with an environmentally conscious design.

For all that, our Azikiwe Branch will remain at Biashara Consumer Building, Azikiwe Street. We thank you for your continued support and looking forward to seeing you and serving you at our new headquarters

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## Marking day of awareness of food waste means rededication to efficiency, reforms

FOOD and nutritional activists around the world were on Wednesday September 29 marking the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, which is indubitably tied up with the theme of global hunger. While UN data shows that globally around 14 per cent of food produced in farms is lost between harvest and retail shops or markets, non-outdated data about Tanzania was even two years ago putting the wasted amount close to 40 per cent. While shops sell much of their grain, markets lose plenty of what they collect at distribution points, chiefly vegetables, fruits, legumes, etc;

Efforts of United Nations agencies and especially the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) have usually focused on reducing waste, chiefly among small producers (peasants) who depend on the elements for nearly all they do. They don't have the facilities or instruments, and often awareness of methods to control food waste, despite elements of ingenuity in many regards, for instance drying up and preservation of meat, grain or storage in ways that don't expose the produce to the elements too easily. But that is after the produce is out of the farms, where plenty can also happen with worms, birds, animals.

Traditional food conservation efforts, starting with farms have focused on the use of pesticides but in later decades the global environmental awareness campaign laid siege to these methods, in favour of organic agriculture. This produces food of a higher range and pricing, and looks quite like a luxury product in poor or lower middle income countries, and trying to improve agro-sector methods (farming and grain processing, and even for milk, eggs etc) quickly starts involving

stationary factors like access to capital, size of farms and produce (economies of scale), which boils down to social organisation, land occupancy.

Intruding into these fine points of social organization is always a problem, as it changes many of the things or features of society that people take for granted, since putting in place different methods or setting off such mechanisms implies a changed chain reaction, from banks to farms. That rapidly proves to be impracticable, so politics has always focused on enabling improvement of production at the peasant level, whereas that is lopsided economics. As controllers of land, the peasants are supposed to use it to uplift themselves (and families, of course) but it doesn't work out; campaigns start for 10 per cent of the total budget being directed to agriculture. Where it was done, there was too much production, and waste.

Even now a whole lot of the maize harvested in the past year is at risk of destruction because there is no local market for the crop, and bumper harvests from heavy rains early this year ensured that neighbors don't quite need so much of what we have in excess. Meanwhile regions that lead in maize production also take strong position in overall under-nutrition and stunting of school age children, a double risk as even what they prize themselves with, maize, is no solution to their problems. And then it lacks markets.

That is why political parties must think hard for answers to such issues, as academic researchers simply take note of what there is on the ground. Non-governmental organisations seek aid to help people, and politicians fight for control of decisions, blocking this or helping that. No solutions are on sight.

## Fish farmers stick to farming fish on land, not lake patches

THESE days of receiving investors from all places and climes is also a situation of having to set clear bearings on what is workable and what is not, and in some regards, having a nose on potential resource conflicts which can be ignited if certain levels of administrators aren't prudent enough. This worry comes to view when it is heard that ways to make better use of Lake Victoria resources like identifying areas for fish farming blocks as well as protected areas for traditional fishing activities are being examined. This is what top officials of the relevant ministry are saying, and actually give signals they are already decided.

Deputy minister Abdallah Ulega of the Livestock and Fisheries portfolio made this observation at a visit to Tangreen Ltd, a Chinese block fish farming company wishing to use lake resources for its business.

The ministerial administrator intoned that implementing the plan would stop interaction of fish farming and traditional fishing activities, which he said was a move to strengthen the blue economy sector, as the plan will attract more investors to the lake and that the government was ready to welcome them. If he said there is no possible interaction that would be fine but to stop interactions is to stop the locals, a bad move.

While data can't be updated each passing day there are reports of over-fishing in Lake Victoria, in which case the possible zone for fish farming would be Lake Tanganyika if it doesn't experience sufficient population pressure. It can't be said of the Victoria zone, and not surprisingly fishermen in neighbouring countries may also protest about fishing companies with trawlers, taking the lion's share

of the fish. In a sense the firm and any others need to seek land purchases (inducement to transfer occupancy rights, as peasants don't own the land anyway) to farm on the land, letting fishermen enjoy breadth of space, luck.

As a matter of principle, foreign companies can't have the same right of access to limited or fixed land-based resources with local people unless they make a prior purchase of their belonging to that area. Locals expect to make a living out of the resources that foreign companies are trying to access, mechanically outdoing them in getting the fish. When they are now 'separated,' it means pushing aside local residents so that foreign companies access those resources, since land (or the lake) belongs to the government. That is faulty; the government exercises sovereignty on behalf of the people, without extra right or other duty.

Land in Tanzania has not yet been parcelled out for individuals to own their plots of land, thus being able to sell and get capital to do something else, and even when they can sell outlying plots without acute clan settlements, the lack of dual citizenship and residence permits by having substantial levels of capital dampens land prices, as only built up urban areas fetch high land prices. When such transactions occur they add to disposable capital and consumption, which uplifts local market prospects and its dynamism.

When farmers around the lake can obtain much capital by selling plots of land, they could then compete with foreign investors. The latter rent blocks of lake territory and the former buy small plots for intensive zero grazing, chicken, piggery or horticulture. That isn't the case at the moment so we must exercise care.

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## Zimbabwe not rationing investment openings

By Special Correspondent

WHEN President Mnangagwa announced as part of the reform package at the start of his term that "Zimbabwe was open for business" along with promises, being steadily fulfilled, that legal and financial reforms were being implemented to turn a slogan into a practical policy, he did not put any limits on who could invest.

Everyone was welcome. Of course you have to obey the laws, but these are largely the streamlined tax, labour, financial and licensing laws, and even here if you have some good ideas to make the reformed set-up even better Zimbabwe will listen. The other point, which is a positive attraction rather than a law that hampers business, is that the Second Republic is totally opposed to corruption so if anyone offers to "smooth your way" for a fee, pass the word promptly.

Investors have been moving in from many countries. We have American, Australian and Russian mining and prospecting companies joining the South African companies who have been here forever; there have been some European companies quietly increasing their investment and business; and there has been Indian and south Asian investment, largely via their subsidiaries already in the region, building up their stake in Zimbabwe.

So it is wrong to suggest that China, and Chinese companies have been among the biggest investors, has some sort of hold and are favoured.

But there are a number of reasons why Chinese investors have been prominent in the investment area and in the provision of specialist contracts. For a start China is big. Depending on how you do the sums it is the world's largest or second largest economy, and is easily the dominant global manufacturer plus having a lot of companies that have built up huge expertise in infrastructural work as China accelerated its own development. So regardless of any other fact there are more potential Chinese investors and when it comes to tendering for the really big stuff, a Chinese company will almost always be on the list of suitable suppliers.

A second factor is the access to trustworthy and correct information. Chinese company owners and managers do not rely on the media, and especially not on social media. They want the real low-down. When Zimbabwe changed



Zimbabwe Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube

the thrust of its foreign policy and embassies to emphasising trade and business, we were to a large extent following in the footsteps of the Chinese diplomats.

We have absolutely no idea what the Chinese embassy in Harare tells its own Government and tells Chinese businesspeople, but we suspect that the information is likely to be fairly complete and include the downsides as well as the upsides so that a Chinese company can make a full assessment.

Any Chinese investor, or any Chinese supplier, will have information needs and topping the list they will want to know if the country is stable, honest and pays the bills. Extra information on infrastructure availability and the pool and cost of skilled labour will be useful.

What we do know is that the present Chinese ambassador is remarkably energetic, both in gathering information and in making sure that where he can smooth out misunderstandings these are smoothed out. In other words he is doing a first-class professional job to help his own look for the "win-win" openings. He also works pretty hard to make sure that there is no xenophobia in Zimbabwe, and appears to give Chinese companies advice here as well.

The third factor arises from the sanctions regime imposed by the US, the other international economic giant, and what was done in the European Union. Technically these

do not affect private companies, but because of the financial curbs they certainly sharply limit what can be done.

It is very difficult for an American or European company to use their banking systems for the normal trade and investment finance, even in the private sector, and when it comes to Government or parastatal contracts the difficulties become almost impossible. Obviously more would like to do more business in Zimbabwe, and they are, but they tend to have to be careful on the financing side so they do not run foul of their own laws.

Chinese banks are not in this boat and are not integrated into the American banking system. They will want to know the things all bankers want to know: Are the end customers reliable? Do they pay their bills? What sort of guarantees are in place if a deal turns turtle? Here the fiscal and monetary reforms of the Second Republic provide a lot of positive answers, and word of Zimbabwe's growing reputation of being a decent business partner must get around.

So major Chinese companies are in the interesting and fortunate position of being among the world leaders in their particular business sectors, of having access to decent information on exactly what is happening in Zimbabwe and what sort of customer or business partner they are dealing with, and having access to normal prudent bankers who will consider each matter

purely on its business merits without having to worry about the politics, and in particular without having to worry about the wilder side of the US Senate.

We need to remember that Chinese companies and their bankers are also in business. They are not charities. Good relations between the two countries help, but are not the most critical factor. We get investment from Chinese businesses for exactly the same reasons we get investment from other people, that Zimbabwe under the Second Republic is a sound business partner. If we lose that reputation then all the nice speeches on national days will mean nothing.

If the Western sanctions were lifted then not only would Zimbabwe have better access to global financial institutions, an important point for a developing country that has fixed its economic fundamentals, but would see more investment and trade from countries whose own business sectors are also hit by the sanctions regimes.

Chinese companies, so long as Zimbabwe keeps our present reputation, would obviously still be coming in and would still be extremely welcome, since our dealings with them are on a pure business level and we want all the business and investment we can get. But others could join them. Zimbabwe is not rationing investment openings, and if investment doubled so would our growth rates.



(Hold tight, you're in for a bumpy ride)

# Dear First Year..

It's me! Your 3-years-later-after-college - and-a-little-bit-wiser self.  
3 years ago I was thinking about getting into a college campus.

I never thought high school would end so soon. During those three years, I made memories and mistakes. I don't want to go back and change anything, but I would love to feel a couple moments again.

This is for you a first student, I'm here, as a college and street graduate yeeey! to tell you everything is going to work out.

You're not going to be friends with the people you meet the first weekend of first year, it's OK. But if you are still friends with the same people, you've got something great going in your life, don't ruin it.

There will be at least one person that deserves an apology from you. Do not, I repeat, do not graduate without giving it to them. Write them a really long text. Go meet them for a lunch date.

You don't have to do what everyone else is doing. Be unapologetically you.

You're going to get your heart broken at least once and you're going to end toxic friendships. These are the best things that will happen to you.

Be industrious, study hard, give those semester classes your all. It's not cool to receive a C for a paper you could have done so much better if you had put in the effort. The study life is so easy when you don't have to cram and panic prepare for exams. Manage your time wisely and read those course works.

You're going to meet a lot of very beautiful people. Don't be intimidated. One day you will open your eyes and realize just how amazing you are on the inside and out.

You're probably going to think of changing your course study after attending 2 to 3 classes, it's okay, figure out what you want to do and where your passion lies. Don't study something you don't have an interest in. Don't listen to the critics that say you're not going to have a job, just make them your motivators, prove to them you can make money by creating employment for yourself later on too if things just don't turn out the same as you expected.

It's okay to say "NO"...there will be times when people are going to ask you to do things or go out to of your wishes. It is all right to say: "no!" There are times that you should study or treat yourself! Don't worry about offending people. They are in the same boat as you and will totally understand. If they do get offended, then they are not worth your time or your friendship.

Be social...you can network with so many people and learn so much about your college and your program from senior students. Also, the senior students have the weirdest/handiest tips you will ever hear about navigating through your college literally! Socialize, learn from them. Widen your circle, don't just look within your course mates.

Do not skip morning classes... this classes allow you to wake up early and with your mind still fresh you will do

just fine in the lecture room throughout the day. Do not skip. Even though it's truly difficult to wake up for an 8:30 a.m. class, especially when it is Math or Economics, pull the energy and do it, you will be more refreshed for the classes later throughout the day.

Wait to take on a part-time "anything"...whether a job, or a routine whatever the case... in full-time, the studies are draining and by taking on more than you can bite, you will just cause more stress and just hinder your men-

tal health and academic performance. Be willing to live a little, but also make sure you focus on school and taking care of what is most important: you!

So congrats to you first year. Go give it your best shot. Just don't sweat the small stuff, drink a lot of water and live just live. College is here and it's one of the best experiences you will ever have, make those memories today.

Good luck,  
Sincerely,  
Graduate me



By Eskinder Nega

# If there must be war in Ethiopia..

A prisoner of conscience for many of the past 15 years, Eskinder Nega smuggled out the following plea from his detention in Addis Ababa.

If not in how my incarcerators have treated me, then in how I have been handed by government sponsored trolls on the internet, this episode of my eleven years (and counting) imprisonment under a series of false charges is a novel experience. Gone are days of yore, where the dignity of those who experienced suffering and our empathy for their trials was universally acknowledged.

Enter our present times, where any would be noble martyr has been transfigured into a public joke, a caricature of the ultimate attention seeker. But while the dethronement of wannabe martyrs may be desirable, the concomitant assault against empathy in the public domain is profoundly troublesome.

Consider the two sides of Ethiopia's ongoing internal war. Beginning in trickles and then in flood like thrust came stories of impending famine, mass murders and gang rapes in all the conflict zones of Ethiopia's three northern regions - Tigray, Amhara and Afar. And while limitations imposed by lack of access to the conflict zones blurs the full picture, human rights organisations have been able to verify a series of gross rights violations by all the belligerents.

But none of these chronicles of callous cruelties - against children, women, the elderly - has transcended the political divide and resonated with the other side. Tears have indeed been shed, petitions signed, and rallies held, but always unwaveringly for one's side, never the other.

This is not who we are. When did we lose our empathy? I remember a time when we prayed side by side, when we fought under the same flag, when we laughed and cried together, when we joyed over and ate our harvests as one, when we tied our children in matrimony, when we whispered our secrets and dreams to each other, when were our brothers' keepers.

Do we know what we have now become? There is more to us than mere "I shall look, hear, speak no evil about my side". For now, we insist gawping, laughing, mocking, and denying the suffering on the other side. And I fear too few of us will pass a chance for a cute selfie with a victim on the other side. We have become a spectacle to the world, shocking for our lack of empathy for the plight of our fellow citizens, our fellow humans. We must change. We must change for our sake.

We must change to sustain our humanity, our



conscience, our soul. No victory is greater than the God embedded morals in our hearts. Of the numerous lessons of history, none is greater than the knowledge the end, however noble, never justifies the ignoble means. Only at our peril do we fail to heed this caution against moral permissiveness. In change lies our only hope.

We cannot and must not deny that the two sides do not have moral and politi-

cal equivalence. One side is on the right and the other not. One side needlessly fired the first shots and the other had no choice but to shoot back. One side fight to preserve and the other to shatter a nation. And we know one side strives to hate more than the other. We also know on which side history stands.

But ultimately, true victory will not be secured on the battlefield alone. For there are multiple fronts. There is victory

to be secured in the legacy we leave behind, in the stories we tell our children, in the pages of history, in the deep interiors of our conscience, in the face of our creator who hears and sees all, who knows the entire breadth and depth of our secret desires, thoughts and deeds. It is better not to wage war.

But if it is an absolute necessity, let it be on terms of a just war. Such is just war: a war where empathy has a place, a hu-

mane war as far as possible, a war without hate, a war without vengeance, a war without triumphalism.

If there must be war, let it be war for peace, for love, a war to end war.

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Read the original of this report, including embedded links and illustrations, on the African Arguments site.



# The validity of dreaming



When I was young I had a dream of becoming a lawyer then becoming the first female Chief Justice General in the country.

I was very determined, ok in my words, but my actions were not collaborating with me. You see I am a versatile learner. I get easily bored of doing the same thing over and over. So even though I have an absorbing memory and was able to easily regurgitate in the exams what the teachers had said during the term, I never kept still. If I was not skiving off to buy mandazi through the school fence in Primary school, I was skipping classes in high school and missing evening preps all together.

And the way the country's education system is wired; you either tow the line or fall down the abyss. I fell down the abyss. Never got grades to take me to public university, leave alone take a that law degree. All did not get lost though; I still made my way through undergraduate and graduate school. Still got dreams of a PhD

But in the eyes of my grandmother, I was a lawyer. That is the name she called me to her dying bed. Even on her phone book she had saved me as Lawyer. My loving uncle up until recently still called me Chief Justice . . . sigh

**Dreams**  
Over the growing years, I have had many other dreams, which fortunately or unfortunately have come to naught. Some of those dreams have been very dear and hard to let go while others, well, I easily let slide.

I am sure you have also had your fair share of dreams. Some have lived while unfortunately or fortunately other have died.

When I grow up I want to be . . .

By xyz:

- I will be married . . .
- I will own my own house . . .
- I will have children . . .
- I will have travelled the world . . .
- I will have lost weight . . .
- I will have a six pack . . .
- I will be earning a 6 figure salary . . .
- I will have published my first book . . .
- I will have . . .
- I will have done . . .
- I will be . . .

**Then dream death strikes**

It is not an easy thing to acknowledge the death of a dream, let alone letting the dead dream go. If you are like me, you are always resuscitating dreams, putting them on life support and continuing to pay huge emotional, financial, mental, social and physical bills (price) to keep such dreams alive. At some point you realize, you need, you must face the reality that your beloved dream is no more. And then allow the grieving process to begin: easier said than done.

As I continue to grow, I am daily reconciling with the reality that dreams can and do die. The reality that holding on to some of these dreams to the detriment of even my health is not a wise choice continues to dawn on me every day, but the willpower to

let go is something else all together. And so I have been on a dream funeral phase for almost a year now. Taking stock of my dreams, big and small, consequential and not so consequential and putting to rest those that are no longer breathing.

**Grieving Process or better Grieving Maze**

One of the things I have realized with the loss of a dream as with the loss of a loved one the grieving process swings into action immediately. As with the loss of human life, the grieving process of a dream does not follow the chatted path. Instead of moving from one stage to another it is a mixed up maze of emotions and stages.

I teach a personal development course 'Integrated Living' and one of the hard lessons is on 'Mortality'. Accept-

ing the fact that one is mortal - limited in strength, ability, control, span of life. It is not easy to accept one's mortality especially when faced with loss; Loss of dreams, loss of life. And that's why the bargaining stage of grief is there. We cannot for the life of us believe that our dream, our loved one is slipping from us and there is nothing, nothing that we can do to stop this.

Gordon Neufeld and Gabor Mate M.D in their book "Hold On To Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter Than Peers" call this feeling 'futility'. Realizing your limitation, it is such an asset in living life. Unfortunately many of us do not acquire this life giving skill while young and thus struggle through the rest of our life fighting futilities, on a wrestling match with futility and a losing one at that. We never learnt early enough that dreams like hu-

man beings can say a resounding NO to your advances. That dreams can reject you and you would do well to reconcile with the rejection rather than engage in the futility of fighting for dreams than are dead.

Once you engage the grieving process of your dear dreams, you are on a path towards healing and freedom. Yes the initial shock might reel you back 100 steps but you will go through, if you choose to, even when everything in your system is telling you otherwise. Because we all know peeps that have stuck in grief stages for years, numb, completely unable to move beyond shock and all through to acceptance. Once again, it is a life skill, one that we'll all do well to cultivate in our lives and intentionally teach the younger ones for their overall life health.

**The Dream Funeral**

Unlike in the loss of human life where we perform elaborate funeral rites and finally bury the dead, dream funerals are not so easy to bury. Some people like Tania Ngima (watch to her story here) perform their dream funeral by writing them down in a piece of paper and then burning it up, surrounded by supporting village of course.

Please share with me other ways to perform a dream funeral.

Bottom line a dream funeral involves actions that evoke the emotions of grief and letting go. Better to do it practically in the way that works best for you, as long as you do it. And allow you to heal and to dream again!

Beauty from ashes  
The beauty of dreams is that you can always dream again.

You can dream new dreams as long as life is flowing through your veins.

You can accomplish your dreams even if you have buried some.

So arise and shine!

Dream again!

Then go get your dreams!

By Kayode Komolafe

# Nigeria's students in captivity

Many students would not be going back to the classrooms as the new school year begins across the country. This is because they are in captivity.

The condition of the hundreds of kidnapped students should be treated as a matter of national emergency.

In practical terms, the human development of a significant number of members of a generation is being arrested in the climate of insecurity plaguing the country. The implications of this disastrous trend are immense for the present and future. In every sense, the condition of the students in captivity is a major human cost of the crisis in the land.

According to a statement from the United Nations International Children Fund (UNICEF), over 200 students are languishing in kidnapper's den. This highly dispiriting figure of abductions was given in a last month estimate. Since then more abductions have taken place while the kidnappers have also set free some students after millions of naira were reportedly paid in ransom.

Only two days ago, the picture got grimmer as the same UNICEF and the European Union (EU) said in another statement that more than

300,000 children have been killed in the northeast of Nigeria alone. It is also estimated that over a million children have been displaced in the region. The humanity of these victims of terrorism is being assaulted with impunity. Yet these are children who should, in a normal situation, be in school. It has also been reported that a recent assessment of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support needs of the children in the zone, which has been the epicentre of the Boko Haram War, indicated various forms of stress.

These include aggressiveness, anger, hyper-vigilance, and anxiety. This regime of stress to which the children are subjected is implicated in the cases of poor brain development, low self-esteem and other forms of mental problems. The statement was made in the context of a 10 million euros - fund provided by the European Union to provide vocational skills and non-formal education for at least 25, 000 young persons. The project is tagged Early Recovery and Resilience Project. It will be implemented by UNICEF.

Now, if nothing more could be

done about the children killed, the EU and UNICEF seem to be saying by their action that the displaced and dislocated could still be assisted to recover early and muster some resilience to face the future.

In the same spirit, the abducted students are in dire need of their freedom.

These students have been in captivity for varying periods of time.

It is 2,709 days today that over 100 girls abducted from a secondary school in Chibok, Borno State, have been in captivity. Today is also the 1,302nd that Leah Sharibu, a girl in a secondary school in Dapchi, Yobe State, has been in captivity.

This calendar of distress has been sadly expanding in the last seven years.

Some students of the Federal Government College in Birnin Yauri, Kebbi State, have been held by their abductors for 98 days while the students of Baptist School Kujama in Kaduna State have in kidnapper's den for 80 days now.

In some recent cases of abductions, the students were released after being held in captivity for weeks.

There have stories of poor parents selling their belongings to meet the demands of the kidnapers. Such was the bitter experience of the 136 children, whose ages range between three and eleven, kidnapped at the Saliu Tanko Islamic school in Tegna, in Rafi Local Government Area of Niger State.

Most of the students regained their freedom after almost three months.

These are pupils in nursery and primary schools!

Some of the students died in the process just as some of the parents died of shock. One of their teachers broke down in a live programme on ARISE TV as he recounted the tragic incident. At a point, the kidnapers demanded N150 million from the poor parents.

Similarly, eight abducted students of the Kaduna State public Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic in Zaria, Kaduna State, were set free two weeks ago by kidnapers after 28 days in captivity. Bandits reportedly invaded the school and kidnapped staff and students.

Some of the kidnapped students

of the Unity College students in Kebbi have also been lucky to regain their freedom. Some, however, died in the process. The police and the army actually rescued some of the students in this particular case.

Some heavily armed bandits reportedly invaded the town on motorcycles, from the Rijau forest in the neighbouring Niger State. At a stage, it was believed that over 100 students were being held in the forest by kidnapers in Kebbi State.

Many of the students abducted in both Chibok and Dapchi have also since been released from captivity.

The sad stories of the abductions students have been reviewed on this page on different occasions to draw attention to the often downplayed humanitarian cost of the crisis. For instance, after the abduction of over 300 students in Kankara secondary school in Zamfara State, on December 11 last year, the following observation was made on this page:

"Therefore, it is time the Nigerian state was asked: when exactly is it a national embarrassment? When will the national shame be officially acknowledged that six years after

the Chibok tragedy the combined efforts of defence and internal security organisations could not ensure the security of students in Kankara Science Secondary School? What-ever happened to the professional acumen and the capacity of the army, police, SSS, civil defence corps and other security outfits supposedly on duty in Katsina State? When indeed is it an emergency?"

"All efforts should be made to prevent a catastrophe in the extremely delicate situation of Kankara..."

"The manner of the abduction of the students in Kankara is a clear pointer to the limits of rationalisation of the failures of the nation's security system. The attackers reportedly arrived Kankara after 10 p.m. on more than 150 motorcycles. Imagine a convoy of 150 motorcycles ridden freely across local government areas. And hundreds of boys taken away on those motorcycles! That ought to be conspicuous enough to attract the attention of security men. While a detachment of the invaders went in to take the boys from the school, another group blocked the road to prevent access to the scene of the crime.

"The attack on Kankara proved that the nation has not learnt sufficient lessons from earlier attacks on schools."

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# UNCDF hosts knowledge session on untapped finance for Africa

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in Tanzania conducted a webinar to raise awareness of municipal revenue bonds as one of the untapped sources of finance urgently needed to solve development challenges of today.

African cities and local authorities face significant challenges to address critical urban infrastructure and services due to lack of funding. Currently, the dependency on fiscal transfers from most central governments is approximately 70-90% of their budgets.

Around 250 participants from government, local authorities, academia, financial institutions, development partners, UN system, and private sector heard first hand new financing initiatives that the government is introducing to support national development plans.



Vibrant trade at Kakonko cross border market

The webinar brought together seasoned global and national experts as panelists, including Dr Charles Mwachaja, Commissioner for Financial Sector Development in the Ministry of Finance and Planning who said: "The Ministry is working with UNCDF to

create enabling environment for cities and sub-nationals to access new source of development finance including municipal bonds

critically needed to provide services in their communities."

"Although local authorities in many countries are sphere of

Government and are responsible to deliver urban infrastructure and services, in many cases the funding models results in significant funding gap. Therefore, it is important to change policies that create an enabling environment to tap into alternative financing solutions," said Masefateng Dorcas Khomotso Letsatsi - Chief Officer Municipal Finance, Fiscal Policy and Local Economic Development at South African Local Government Association (SALGA)

Giving his observation during the webinar, the CEO of Capital Markets and Securities Authority, Tanzania Nicodemus Mkama highlighted: "There is a capital market appetite for new innovations such as municipal revenue bonds. The infrastructure is there and there is a political buy in to develop this untapped finance for development."

Tanzania's increasing population and annual

national budget deficits have incentivized UNCDF to promote municipal bonds to help diversify and expand the financial base of local government authorities (LGAs) to accelerate local development and to leave no one behind.

"As a UN agency with capital mandate, UNCDF is supporting the government of Tanzania to diversify the finance mix in the national budget to include municipal bonds. We therefore commend the ministries of finance and local governments for their reforms and innovations around this subject," said Peter Malika, Head of UNCDF Tanzania and UNCDF Chief Technical Advisor.

The webinar is part of a series to raise awareness on the use of financial instruments to fund development and achieve inclusive economic growth by fulfilling the commitments in the 2030 Agenda.

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

## Mining firm, MAT organises three day free medical checkups in Geita

GEITA Gold Mining Limited (GGML) and the Medical Association of Tanzania (MAT) have organised three-day free medical check-ups to the public in Geita Region.

MAT President Dr. Shadrack Mwaibambe said the association has a culture of providing free health services to the community ahead of their annual conference.

"MAT usually has different rotations throughout the regions offering free medical services to the communities. This is my first time in Geita town and I found modern medical equipment that was provided with support from Geita Gold Mining Limited to Geita Referral Hospital, which helped us a lot in the initial screening of our patients.

"Geita Residents should be proud of the GGML's investment in this hospital as most of the equipment found here is also found in major hospitals like Bugando and Muhimbili National Hospital. GGML's contribution to these sophisticated devices is to be applauded," he said.



Doctors who are members of the Tanzania Medical Association (MAT), in collaboration with various stakeholders provide free medical check-ups to the public in Geita Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Acting Regional Medical Officer Dr. Michael Mashallah acknowledged the support of the GGML and other stakeholders involved in this project and said it

greatly benefits the community.

"This is one of kind support that the public would like to receive. Access to health services is very im-

portant because it can save lives. I thank all stakeholders for their support, especially the Office of the Geita Regional Commissioner, Geita Gold Mining Limited

(GGML), Medical Association of Tanzania, AMREF, CORDET, NELCO, Fhi360, MNH, BMC, ORCI, JKI, TANCDA, Maria Stope, MDH, and SHDEPHA," said Dr. Mashallah.

GGML Vice President - Sustainability, Simon Shayo, said: "As a corporate citizen, GGML is committed to supporting the government in the delivery of accessible health services in Geita Region."

He said that GGML has provided 800m/- to Geita Referral Hospital with the aim to serve over 1.7 million residents living in the surrounding communities.

"GGML has extensively renovated the buildings that make up Geita Regional Hospital, which dates back to 1957, and provided them with life-saving medical equipment as well as enabling the hospital to offer cardiac check-ups and treatment services as well as dental care.

"This will ensure that community members continue to receive specialist services, previously offered at MOI Referral Hospital in Dar es Salaam. The support included the purchase of an ECG machine, an emergency generator for dental equipment and the

construction of modern buildings for emergencies and premature births," he said.

He said Geita Region is growing rapidly and GGML's dream is to build modern health centres in and around the host community.

GGML has undertaken a number of health projects, particularly the construction of dispensaries in Nyamalemba, Nyakahongola, Kasota and Kakubiro, with each dispensary costing 260m/-.

In 2019, GGML also donated medical equipment to health facilities worth 142m/- to support Katoro and Bukoli dispensaries in Geita. In the same year, GGML also donated two state-of-the-art microscopes worth approximately 13m/- to Geita Regional Commissioner.

Last year, GGML donated medical equipment and supplies, including orthopaedic surgery kits, an ECG machine and an illumination device, to the orthopedic and traumatology departments of Sekou Toure Regional Referral Hospital.

Earlier this year, at an event officiated by President Samia Suluhu Hassan, GGML was recognized for its outstanding contribution to the mining industry in collecting government revenue, performance in environmental and safety issues, as well as in executing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects and local business content for the period 2019/2020 period.

## Global fertiliser Day earmarked to transform country's farming sector

By Guardian Reporter

SONGEA Municipality in Ruvuma Region next month is expected to host the Global fertilizer Day—a worldwide event which is celebrated on October 13 every year to remember the Haber-Bosch patent on synthesis of ammonia from air in 1908, which sowed the seeds for the Green Revolution of the early 20th century.

Organised and coordinated by Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA), the three-day event will bring together agriculture professionals, importers, local manufacturers and distributors of fertilizers as well as smallholder farmers. The event will provide a room for players in the agricultural sector to celebrate fertilizer—an important ingredients to transform the sector that employs millions of Tanzanians across the value chain.

TFRA Executive Director, Dr Stephen Ngailo described the event as a key in transforming the fertilizer sector.

He said: "Farmers and all people in the agricultural sector value

chain will get a chance to get knowledge and skills on how to increase crop production through the wise-use of fertiliser."

According to Ngailo, the annual event will set a platform for stakeholders to learn a number of issues including wise-use of the key farm inputs to realize productivity.

Being an important cornerstone to the country's socio-economic development, the agricultural sector will remain so in many years to come as it generates 26.8 percent of the gross domestic product, 24 percent of exports and employs over 75 percent of the rural population where the majority of the poor reside.

Currently, widespread adoption of agricultural technologies has lifted millions of people out of poverty and famine, allowing the world to grow and fertiliser in particular and plays a key role to transforming agricultural sector in Tanzania.

Its richness in nitrogen, phosphorus and potash the vitamins of life for plants, makes fertiliser remain a key in scaling up crop productivity.

Yet global food security remains

a top international agenda and with the global population projected to reach 9.7 billion by 2060, encouragement of innovation in agriculture and education about farming techniques are crucial for the future of nutrition.

Global Fertilizer Day was first launched in London in 2016, giving international agricultural professionals the opportunity to creatively discuss global food security and the sustainability of the future.

The goal is to spread knowledge and awareness about one of farming's most important ingredients and to highlight the need for continued agricultural research, innovation in agriculture, with the end of goal of worldwide food sustainability at the core of the awareness campaign.

In Tanzania, TFRA has since its inception under Act No.9 of 2009 spearheaded the enforcement of laws, policies, regulations governing the manufacturing, importation and use of and trade in fertiliser, or fertilizer supplements (FFS).

TFRA, under the Ministry of Agriculture, has the mandate of en-

suring timely availability of quality FFS to all farmers in the country at affordable prices.

According to Dr. Ngailo, under the Fertilizer act, which provides for fertilizer quality control, fertilizer dealers are required to ensure that FFS are packed and labeled in the manner prescribed in the regulations.

"The law prohibits the sale or distribution of adulterated or sub-standard fertilizer or fertilizer supplements."

He said that in performing its functions, TFRA regulates the quality and trade of FFS in the entire value chain including manufacturing, importation, domestic distribution, storage and exportation.

TFRA's major four function categories relate to FFS are quality assurance, domestic manufacturing, domestic and international trade facilitation, legal and international relations, research, training and extension.

Tanzania a predominantly agricultural country employing 75 percent of the population; it has ten fertilizer and two fertilizer suppl-

ment factories with 30 percent and 56 percent installed capacity utilization respectively.

The largest fertilizer plant is in Minjingu in Manyara Region manufacturers about 80 percent (100,000) of all the domestically manufactured FFS.

Fertilizer supplements (lime, dolomite and gypsum) are produced by the Tanga-based ABM Equipment Services and Dodoma Cement respectively.

According to Dr Ngailo, the total fertilizer soil requirement in Tanzania is 1,089,964 metric tonnes while fertilizer utilization is estimated to be 23-25kg/per hectare, equivalent to 50 percent of the Abuja Declaration of using 50kg/per hectare fertilizer nutrients.

He says utilization varies between 300,000-400,000 metric tonnes which is equivalent to 28-37 percent of the soil requirements.

In an agrarian country like Tanzania where by majority of its population derives its livelihood from farming, the TFRA's boss said fertiliser play a fundamental role of replacing the nutrients that crops

remove from the soil.

Increased fertilizer use, can lead to modest but immediate and important increases in yields, while the profitability of other technologies will be stifled without adequate plant nutrients, he said.

Without the addition of fertiliser, Dr Ngailo said crop yields and agricultural productivity would be significantly reduced, noting: "That's why mineral fertilizers are used to supplement the soil's nutrient stocks with minerals that can be quickly absorbed and used by crops."

With the country's population steadily growing, Ngailo said: "It is important that enough crops are produced each year to provide food, clothing and other agricultural products to people in the country."

He added, "Fertiliser are essential to the security of the country's food supply, and they must be used properly. The manufacturer, sale and transportation of fertiliser are heavily regulated to protect human health and the environment."

# Developing China and benefiting the World



By Cai Ge

Celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. China will celebrate the 72nd Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic on October 1st, 2021. After 72 years of continuous struggle, China has created two miracles: rapid economic development and long-term social stability. In 1949, China was poor and blank, with a per capita GDP of less than 70 U.S. dollars and an average life expectancy of 35 years. Today, China has become the world's second largest economy, largest industrial manufacturing country, and largest goods trading country. China's output of more than 220 industrial products ranks first in the world. The total number of scientific research personnel and patent applications for inventions of China also ranks first in the world. The Communist Party of China (CPC) has led the Chinese people to realize the First Centenary Goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. All the rural population has been lifted out of poverty as defined by the existing standard. The world's largest social security system has been built. Through the arduous efforts of people of all ethnic groups across the country, China has achieved economic growth and maintained social stability and development while fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the past 72 years, China has always been a builder of world peace, contributor to global development, defender of international order and provider of public goods. China is the largest contributor to peacekeeping operations among the permanent members of the UN Security Council. With contribution of more than 30 percent annually to world growth and as the largest trading partner and largest export market for more than 130 countries and regions in the world, China has become the main anchor and

powerhouse in the world economy. Taking active steps to combat global climate change, China has fulfilled its international commitment to reduce carbon emissions by 2020 ahead of schedule. In addition, it has pledged to peak carbon emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. China has also announced it would step up support for other developing countries in developing green and low-carbon energy, and would not build new coal-fired power projects abroad. China is also making outstanding contributions to world public health security. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic, China has been providing timely assistance to the international community. By now, it has provided medical supplies to 150 countries and 13 international organizations, dispatched 37 medical expert teams to 34 countries, provided close to 1.2 billion doses of finished and bulk vaccines to over 100 countries and international organizations, and will step up efforts to provide

a total of two billion doses to other countries in the course of this year. In addition to donating 100 million US dollars to COVAX, China will donate 100 million doses of vaccines to other developing countries in the course of this year. At the same time, taking an open and scientific attitude, China will continue to support and engage in global science-based origins tracing, and stands firmly opposed to political maneuvering in whatever form, to the so-called report compiled by the U.S. intelligence community and to U.S. slandering and attacking China on this issue.

The great achievements were achieved by the Chinese people under the leadership of the CPC, which surely will unite and lead the Chinese people to realize the Second Centenary Goal and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. This is because:

First, the CPC always serves the people wholeheartedly. Putting the people first and firmly relying on the people, the CPC has united and

lead the people to achieve great achievements one after another.

Second, the CPC works tirelessly to realize its ideals. By insisting on proceeding from reality in everything and leading the people to explore and move forward with unrelenting courage, the CPC has pioneered a path of socialism that is distinctively Chinese, which has refuted the myth that modernization can be achieved only by following the capitalist model.

Third, the CPC is of robust leadership and strong governance ability. Centralized leadership by the CPC serves the best interests of the Chinese people, suits China's national conditions, and conforms to Chinese history and traditional culture. The CPC has won widespread support from the people.

Fourth, the CPC has always maintained its vigor and vitality by self-reform, self-purification and self-innovation. The CPC takes resolute measures against all phenomena that may undermine

its integrity and progressive nature, exercises effective self-supervision, practices strict self-discipline in every respect, strengthens checks and scrutiny over the exercise of power. The CPC has allowed no safe haven, left no ground unturned, and shown no tolerance in fighting corruption, preventing or punishing any action that creates barriers between the Party and the people or infringes on their interests.

Fifth, the CPC contributes to world peace and development. The CPC is a political party that seeks happiness for the people and progress for humanity. Taking a clear-cut stance against hegemony and power politics, it adheres to the path of peaceful development, firmly upholds the international system with the United Nations at the core, promotes democracy in international relations, presses for a new model of international relations based on mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation, and promotes the building of a global community

of shared future. At the General Debate of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, President Xi Jinping noted that, right now, COVID-19 is still raging in the world, and profound changes are taking place in human society. The world has entered a period of new turbulence and transformation. It falls on each and every responsible statesman to answer the questions of our times and make a historical choice with confidence, courage and a sense of mission. He also stressed that mankind must beat COVID-19 and win this decisive fight crucial to the future of humanity, must revitalize the economy and pursue more robust, greener and more balanced global development, must strengthen solidarity and promote mutual respect and win-win cooperation in conducting international relations, must improve global governance and practice true multilateralism.

China and Eritrea enjoy profound traditional friendship. Our two countries have always respected and treated each other equally, supported each other on issues concerning each other's core interests and major concerns, and jointly safeguarded the common interests of our two countries and international fairness and justice. China cherishes the traditional friendship with Eritrea, admires the development progress achieved by the Eritrean people, understands Eritrea's difficulties, respects Eritrea's policy of independence and self-reliance, supports Eritrea's efforts to safeguard national sovereignty and efforts made for social and economic development, and opposes sanctions or threat of sanctions against Eritrea. China is willing to continuously deepen and expand bilateral friendly cooperation in various fields for the benefit of our two peoples. Chinese and Eritrean peoples were, are and will always be good friends, partners and brothers helping and supporting each other.

H.E. Cai Ge  
Chinese Ambassador to Eritrea

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## NMB Bank debuts incentives backed 'Wekeza' account to attract long term saving customers

By The Banker Reporter

A long term saving account with a package of incentives to lure customers into joining the scheme has been launched by NMB Bank Plc in Dar es Salaam mid this week.

The account which in addition to paying handsome interest, also offers customers a free life insurance cover. Dubbed 'Wekeza', the account is the first of its kind in the market offering interest rate of up to 12 percent in the market.

NMB Bank's Chief of Retail Banking, Filbert Mponzi said the new account will help customers become more financially secured. Mponzi further said that NMB Bank is committed to providing innovative solutions and banking services to customers from all walks of life.

"We continue to invest strategically in use of technology and expanded branch network to strengthen our ability to deliver in the market. We are happy to be



NMB Bank's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mponzi (3rd R) unveiling the Wekeza Account in Dar es Salaam mid this week. Others in the photo are the bank's senior management officials. Photo courtesy of NMB.

able to offer our customers another safe and long-term way of saving money, seven months after the launch of our deposit mobilization campaign," Mponzi said.

He pointed out that the market's most profitable bank is operating in a heavily competitive environment but stands tall to prove that it continuously introduces new products that bring value to customers.

"We are extra proud of our product 'Wekeza' and are committed to making available exciting opportunities for our customers while also encouraging them to adopt good financial habits," he added while stressing that, "We want our customers to continue trusting the bank to keep and manage their deposits while also inculcating a savings culture for their future financial prosperity."

The minimum deposit in the 'Wekeza' account starts at 250,000/- and the tenure of the savings ranges between 6 to 20 years with interest earned payable twice a year in June and December. The account will also attract an option of topping up the investment through NMB channels which includes NMB Branch, NMB Wakala and NMB Mkononi.

The account also offers a free life insurance in case of death or permanent disability to customers with deposits of between of 2m/- and 50m/-.

"We develop products that help people save time and money and we are using the latest technology to do so. We want everyone to be in full control over their personal finances, wherever they are, in a way that is as accessible and customer-friendly as possible," Mponzi said.

## How women are denied opportunities in Z'bar's hospitality industry

By Francis Kajubi, Zanzibar

REGARDLESS of its vibrant growth with creation of decent job opportunities in Zanzibar Island, women shy away from opportunities in the hospitality industry due to negative attitudes by the local community leading to gender inequality in the industry. The Guardian investigation has revealed.

Sources said a negative attitude rooted in gender inequality among Zanzibaris considers women working in the hospitality industry as prostitutes hence force them to refrain from joining the isles leading foreign currency earning industry.

In addition, Zanzibar women shy away from jobs in the industry due to religious and ethnic restrictions related to dress code with that associated with tourism and hospitality being considered as not being decent. As a result, the majority of women working in the industry are from the Mainland.

One of the people interviewed, Asha Kombo Mohammed (26) admitted that young women in the Spice Islands are often treated negatively by their families and relatives once they join the hospitality industry.

Being one of the beneficiaries of International Labour Organization's (ILO) Apprenticeship Skills Development Programme, Kombo said she managed to overcome the negative perception from the community and is currently working at Park Hyatt Zanzibar, a five star facility in Zanzibar.

She said after graduating from the ILO program, she proceeded to the prestigious hotel's communication department as an operator. Kombo who graduated as a front office (reception) operator in 2018, went on and pursued a diploma in hospitality and tourism management in 2019/20 and has ambitions to pursue a degree course in the same field.

"Being a prostitute is one's personal habit and one can get into even without working in the hospitality industry. I respect myself and have been enjoying my profession. The community must understand that hospitality is a decent industry for both women and men across the world and we must share equally all emerging opportunities in the industry," she said.

Kombo pointed out that the apprenticeship programme in hospitality also provided girls to be courageous and

explore opportunities available especially those who are jobless." Even self-employed people have the opportunity to train and work in the island's thriving hospitality industry," she noted.

Responding to issues raised by Kombo, a Labour Officer from the Employment Department in the President's Office in Zanzibar, Mustafa Hassan Makame admitted that inequality to women in the hospitality industry is of many years but initiatives takes to sensitize the public have started yielding fruits.

Makame said his office has been organizing regular workshops and seminars involving youth and non-governmental organization to encourage women join Zanzibar's hospitality industry. He said his office has been collaborating with ILO since 2017 in offering sponsored skills development courses to youth through its apprenticeship programme.

"The number of youth joining the programme has been growing as days pass by. A few women join the programme but as I said, sensitizing the public is an ongoing process. We hope for the best to change the public's perception as we continue with the campaign," he noted.

According to him, in last year's programme, a total of 105 youth were involved of which 71 were male and 34 were women. He said the programme also covered youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) where 97 of them were involved of which women were only 23.

"The revolutionary government through its 2021/22 budget has allocated 530m/- to finance an apprenticeship programme to train youth with diploma in hotel management courses and targets to involve at least 450 both male and female young people," he added.

Backing Makame's observation, ILO Apprenticeship Skills Development Programme Coordinator Zanzibar, Khafidh Khamis said that in 2017/18, there were 34 male and 18 female who graduated while in 2019/20 the number increased to 71 including 35 female. "We are working closely with the government in sensitizing the general public so that people change their negative attitude toward women working in the hospitality industry," Khamis said.

Acting Director at Zanzibar Association of Tourism Investors (ZATI), Adil George said that while the community considers jobs in hospitality industry indecent for

women, some changes are happening, albeit slowly.

"The other challenge is considering hospitality as the last option after one has failed to succeed in other professions of their dream. The industry is facing a shortage of local hotel managers because the education system still doesn't offer degrees for the profession," George said.

George's argument is backed by Campus Manager of National College of Tourism Arusha, Dr Maswet Masinda who admitted that there is no college or university that offers hotel management degree level courses but said the college is expecting to enrol students in the next academic year.

"We had planned to start the hotel management degree programme this academic year but didn't make it because of registration processes that are not yet completed. We are hoping to do so in the next academic year," Masinda said.

Commenting on what is exactly happening on the ground, Lisenka Beeton who is Emerson on Hurumzi Hotel Manager in Stone Town, said that at the hotel women make about 15 percent of all employees. "They mostly work in housekeeping, kitchen and reception departments," Beeton said adding that chances for women in the hospitality industry exist and there are several role models from the apprenticeship programme.

"Sharing their success stories can help the community understand that work in tourism can offer decent careers for women working at different levels within the industry," Beeton noted. Beeton's views were also backed by Eleonora Mallya, Human Resource Manager at Doubletree Hotel Stone Town, who said that hospitality is a profession and not like working in street bars.

"At the hotel there are only three female workers out of about 70 employees. The gender gap is huge compared to the mainland's industry where the majority of women tap the opportunities," Mallya said.

In a study dubbed 'Effects of workplace bullying and emotional exhaustion in Zanzibar's hospitality industry' for 2021, Dr Hamad Said who is a Lecturer from School of Business at the State University of Zanzibar, stated that bullying of women has been declining in recent days.

"Data shows that bullying acts like



Mustafa Hassan Makame, a labour officer from Employment Department at the President's Office (Labour, Economic Affairs and Investment) in Zanzibar during an interview in his office recently.

employee being humiliated or ridiculed in connection with their work had not been much reported by employees as 60.6 percent of employees said they had never experienced any of such incidents," Dr Said said.

In case of being the target of practical jokes carried out by people they do not get along with, also, this case was not much

reported by employees as total of 52.8 percent said they had never come across such humiliation," he said.

A World Bank report in 2019, stated that tourism is a critical source of Zanzibar's foreign exchange contributing 28 percent to gross domestic product and 82 percent in foreign currency earnings. The industry is also one of the leading employers.

## AfCFTA payment platform ready for intra-African trade

ADDIS ABABA

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) have announced the operational roll-out of the Pan-African Payment and Settlement System (PAPSS), Fintech that enables instant, cross-border payments in local currencies between African markets.

PAPSS was first launched in July 2019 in Niamey, Niger, at the 12th Extraordinary Summit of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) who adopted it as a key instrument for the implementation of AfCFTA. The partners believe PAPSS will simplify cross-border transactions and reduce dependency on hard currencies for these transactions and

thereby boost intra-African trade. Moreover the platform is expected to underpin the implementation of AfCFTA.

PAPSS will serve as a continent-wide platform for the processing, clearing and settling of intra-African trade and commerce payments, leveraging a multilateral net settlement system. Its full implementation is expected to save the continent more than US\$5-billion in payment transaction costs each year, according to information supplied.

The platform has been developed by Afrximbank, who also acts as the main settlement agent in partnership with participating African central banks. The implementation of the infrastructure is taking place in collaboration with the

AfCFTA Secretariat with the endorsement of the AU.

A statement released by the organisations reads: "The commissioning of PAPSS follows a successful pilot phase in the countries of the West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ), with live transactions done in an instant.

The West Africa Monetary Institute (WAMI) collaborated with Afrximbank in launching the system in the WAMZ. This is an important milestone for the continent and PAPSS is now engaged in advanced discussions with other national and regional institutions to rapidly expand continent-wide connectivity. Afrximbank provides settlement guarantees on the payment system and overdraft facilities to all settlement agents."

# Tigo's digital mobile money saving platform gaining popularity among customers

By The Banker Reporter

CUSTOMERS of Tigo Pesa Kibubu digital mobile money saving platform across the country are quickly adopting a saving culture and cherishing the new innovative product.

The Tigo Pesa Kibubu subscribers said last week that the product that was launched recently by Tigo Tanzania in partnership with Bank of Africa (BoA) is a game-changer because it is providing incentives to encourage them save money for future use.

One of the most attractive incentives being offered by the digital mobile money saving platform is interest earned by subscribers through their mobile phones. Further, the platform allows Tigo Pesa customers to save the corresponding e-money and earn interest based on the saved balance.

One of the customers is Arbogast Mayoo, a 32-year old used clothes trader plying his business at Kariakoo Market in Dar es Salaam said it's indeed a game changing experience. "Tigo Kibubu has been a new-found blessing to me because previously, I was keeping money from my business in my bedroom because I thought it wasn't enough to put the little cash in a bank, but with the introduction of the new platform, I am now saving digitally," Mayoo said.

He vowed never to leave money in his bedroom where many risks threaten its security compared to Tigo Kibubu which is basically locked up in a mobile phone wallet. "In addition, I will also earn interest income on my savings," he noted.



Chief officer for Tigo Pesa, Angelica Pesha (L) and BoA Tanzania deputy managing director, Wasia Mushi after launching Tigo Kibubu in September.

Mayoo's arguments were seconded by a fellow vendor who deals in travel bags, 28 year old Morris Simanyara who is based at Machinga Complex also in Dar es Salaam. "Previously, I was keeping my money, both for business and for subsistence, in my normal wallet which was both risks and tempting, but I have since shifted to Tigo Pesa Kibubu because of security, convenience and interest payment," Simanyara said.

He noted that the new platform is much safer compared to an ordinary wallet which can easily get lost or stolen, which means a total loss of money. "With Tigo Pesa Kibubu, I am not worried by the possibility of my cash getting lost or stolen; in any case," he stated saying interest paid is also an attractive incentive.

Mwanza based fish vendor, Rose Rwekaza backs his peers by saying that Tigo Pesa Kibubu was tailor made to accommodate formal banking needs of petty traders who cannot manage

to maintain a bank account. Rwekaza said the platform also supports women's savings and credit cooperative societies to manage their cash easily.

"We have a small group that comprises my peers and we previously used to give our group's weekly savings to one of us for safe keeping and faced a number of challenges in terms of returns and also concerns about the safety of the cash," the Mwaloni based fish vendor said.

But upon learning about Tigo Pesa Kibubu, Rwekaza and her peers opted to use the platform because its much safer and hassle-free way of saving money which also earns interest income after sometime.

Commenting on how the market has reacted to the new product, Chief Officer for Tigo Pesa, Angelica Pesha said consumers have welcomed the platform positively. Pesha said Tigo Pesa Kibubu is an all inclusive innovative plat-

form which allows customers to save as little and 1/- and earn an interest.

"Tigo Pesa Kibubu is a saving platform that is directly linked to one's mobile phone wallet for saving purposes," said Pesha who added that the product is packaged to bring 'a new saving culture' among the people to contribute towards the country's economic growth.

She noted that by offering customers a better and more convenient way of saving money, the platform also gives subscribers a more organized way of saving with a positive incentive of incorporating them in the formal banking system in line with the government's financial inclusion agenda.

The Tigo Pesa chief further noted that the uptake of Tigo Pesa Kibubu in the market has been overwhelming since its inception in September this year. Pesha said so far, the platform has attracted over 64,000 subscribers who have saved a whopping 2bn/-.

The platform has thus become a popular product to lure savings which remain very low in Tanzania. According to the World Bank, the ratio of saving to gross domestic product in Tanzania, stood at 34.08 percent in 2020.

Conversely, Tanzania's National Financial Inclusion Framework (NFIF-2020) noted that the country has made remarkable progress in expanding opportunities for people to access and use financial services, with the uptake of formal financial services reaching 65 percent in 2017 compared to 57.7 percent in 2013. An important catalyst contributing to the growth, are mobile network operators such as Tigo Tanzania Limited.

## Interest rates not to increase soon - Nedbank group chief economist

JOHANNESBURG

Nicky Weimar, Nedbank group chief economist, informed delegates at the Agbiz Grain Symposium on Monday, 20 September what to expect in terms of future interest rate increases.

She explained that in terms of South Africa's monetary policy the Reserve Bank keeps inflation within the inflation target which is between 3% and 6%. However, the Reserve Bank targets the midpoint of 4.5%. The repo rate is adjusted by the Reserve Bank following the meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee to reach that objective.

Weimar stated that the worst of the rising inflation is over. "The inflation outlook is pretty modest and the Reserve Bank's estimates indicate that inflation will be fairly subdued and contained at a 4.5 % midpoint. If the rand were to come under pressure, it has not resulted in any inflationary pressure. The pass-through of a weaker rand to consumers has been broken and is a lot weaker than it used to be.

"Why is that? Nedbank's view is that South Africa is stuck in the longest economic downturn in its history. It started late in 2013 and it continued throughout. South Africa is still in that phase and that is keeping a lid on prices. It makes it very difficult for companies to pass cost increases to consumers without hurting their volumes. This subdued and selective demand is containing inflation," said Weimar. Interest rates will therefore stay flat until the end of this year and interest rates will not increase more than 100 basis points in 2022, she said.

"The Reserve Bank foresees that interest rates will go up by 25 basis points by November this year and 100 basis points (1%) in 2022 and another 100 basis points in 2023. The Reserve Bank may normalise interest rates but Nedbank does not believe that interest rates will increase more than 100 basis points. The economy is too weak and demand is too selective for inflation to take hold in any meaningful way in South Africa. Even if there are cost pressures."

She said the only reason the Reserve Bank might have to hike interest rates a little bit is that the Reserve Bank had to provide a buffer against the changing US monetary policy, the beginning of the unwinding of quantitative easing and the eventual normalization of US interest rates. This may result in a more volatile rand.

In the short term until 2023, it seems that sharp increases in interest rates are not something that the storage sector and agricultural industry need to be unnecessarily worried about in the short term, she added.

# Deloitte says banking profits surging despite Covid-19 setbacks

By Geoffrey Tusiime, TUDARCO

TANZANIA'S banking industry witnessed worsening profitability between 2015 and 2018 due to increase in non-interest expenses and provisions for bad and doubtful debts, the latest East Africa Banking Industry Trends Report 2021/22 released by Deloitte has said.

The Kenyan banking industry experienced a decline in profits between the years 2018 and 2020, compared to the growth experienced between years 2017 and 2018 while Uganda's banking industry managed to claw back to its profitability levels after experiencing a dip in its returns in the year 2016.

According to the report, Tanzania banking industry's profitability however increased between 2018 and 2019, driven by increased interest income that was consistent with growth in loan portfolio and



Tanzania Bankers Association chairman, Abdulmajid Nsekela unveiling a point of sale digital banking tool at a past event.

decrease in interest expenses.

The Deloitte report urges that in a highly unpredictable environment, banks need to rethink their financial and operational strategies and embrace digital transformation, enhance their operational

resilience and adapt to the constantly evolving environment.

"With customers increasingly demanding for a seamless banking experience and more tailored products, digital transformation is critical for banks to meet these

demands," the report noted. It explained that the disruption brought about by the coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the need for banks to continue enhancing their operational resilience.

"The pandemic has highlighted the need for banks to continue revamping their business continuity plans, talent management plans and operational processes. This will also ensure banks can operate sustainably as different stakeholders are increasingly demanding for sustainable operations from a social and environment viewpoint," the report added.

The report noted that as banks strive to thrive in a post-pandemic world, they must adapt to an evolving regulatory and more competitive environment. "Banks should ensure they have capabilities to adopt to unexpected or foreseeable regulatory changes. Such changes may also be catalysts for consolidation in the banking industry, and banks should be prepared to take advantage of such opportunities, which may be key drivers of organic growth in future," the report advised.

NEWSINDEPTH

# Mobile money agency transactions up 45pc

NAIROBI

Cash handled by mobile money agents in the eight months to August jumped by more than Sh1 trillion compared to a similar period last year, indicating a continued recovery for individuals and businesses from the pandemic-induced economic struggles.

The latest data from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) show agent transactions in the period rose by 44.7 percent or Sh1.3 trillion to Sh4.44 trillion from Sh3.07 trillion in 2020. The number of times money was withdrawn or deposited increased by 20.8 percent or 244 million to 1.418 billion from 1.174 billion, indicating increased activity with the agents. The value of transactions was recorded to Sh2.87 trillion in the same period in 2019.

The growth indicates the impact of

eased restrictions with the reopening of learning institutions and resuming businesses activities, which push up the demand for goods and services. The pandemic last year had slowed economic activities, which in turn led to layoffs and reduced incomes, resulting in declined spending and investment.

In a Monetary Policy Committee meeting in July, CBK governor Patrick Njoroge said the economy was on a steady recovery path due to the continued rollout of vaccination programmes and noted in the manufacturing, agriculture, trade, and real estate sectors.

"The economy is expected to rebound in 2021, supported by the continued reopening of the services sectors including education, recovery in manufacturing, and stronger global demand," the MPC statement added.

The increased mobile money usage has also increased the number of active M-Pesa, Airtel Money, and T-Kash agents to 304,822 in August from 252,703 in the same month last year, underlining the growing demand for the outlets across the country. This also means 1,104 agencies were opened over a month from 303,718 registered last month.

The resultant Covid-19 economic fallout pushed traders and households into survival mode, resorting to the mobile money service operator business as a replacement for lost jobs or complement their reduced income.

Data from the Communications Authority of Kenya show M-Pesa controls the largest number of agents at 89.8 percent of 283,357 operating in the period ended June, while Airtel Money and T-Kash at 7.5 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively.



CBK governor, Patrick Njoroge.

# Customer service week should be the right time to address service gaps

By Godwin Semunyu

**P**HILLIP Kotler, a seasoned marketer, defines customer satisfaction as a 'feeling of pleasure or disappointment, resulted from equating a product's performance against expectations.' Meaning, when a product or service meets customer expectations, we have positive satisfaction and dissatisfaction when it doesn't.

If you are thirsty and decide to buy a soft drink, your expectations are at both quenching the thirst and enjoying the flavour. When the drink meets your expectations, you are a satisfied customer. You are likely to recommend it to your peers and make a future repeated purchase. In case of disappointment, a terrible experience creates a 'service gap.' You are likely to give bad recommendations, and that will probably be your last purchase.

On average, customers tell nine people about a positive brand experience versus telling 16 people about a negative one. Unsurprisingly, 32 percent of poorly treated customers will never return. The numbers speak for themselves.

From October 4th to 8th-2021, the world will be celebrating customer service week to commemorate the importance of customer service and the people who serve and support the group daily. This year, the week

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is themed 'The Power of Service,' paying tribute to changes in dynamics of service offering amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

In Tanzania, the week has gained popularity in recent years, with organizations engaging in several endeavours, notably staff dancing videos to popular Nigerian or South African tunes with matching attires. It has since become a week of marathons of staff dance videos and social media posts of staff donning a variety of matched attires from 'vitenge' to Gujarat attires. The rivalry is so fierce that one crucial aspect is being left out; the customer. Very little is done to improve service levels and address customers' pain points.

While there's nothing wrong with the dance videos and matching attires, the jubilations should go concurrently with a focus on improving customer service. In recent times, there have emerged so many gaps in our service delivery industry that, as customers, we are becoming accus-

tomized to a tradition of being 'okay' with poor services. Our expectations have gone so low, to the point that being served satisfactorily is considered a favour and not a right.

Suddenly, it is okay for staff to demonstrate a lousy attitude, take calls while serving, or drop calls. Response times now vary with moods; companies now send representatives with a lack of product knowledge. There are cases of unprofessional interactions, poor telephone etiquette, moody cab drivers, poor packaging that leads to spillage, ridiculous flight delays and cancellations, unregulated lunch breaks, and many other shortfalls.

I can't be the only one who gets dismayed when, after ordering a cab online, clearly stating my destination and fees on display, then being asked by the driver, "Unaeleka wapi boss," then start to negotiate the price.

I constantly attend football matches. However, I don't recall the last time I ended up sitting on my desig-

nated seat. You have to look for any vacant seat. The stewards are just there enjoying the match. They want you to 'understand' and be 'okay' that someone sat on your seat. Find another seat, bro, it's okay.

The digitization of the monetary payment services means that most transactions and bills are now executed online, commonly at one's mobile phone convenience. All is well until in times of troubleshooting. The reverse transaction times vary from 24-72 hours; why? The journey to migrate customers from the traditional to digital channels has been long and costly. Still, the disappointments and unreliability will give customers reasons to think otherwise.

If you are a frequent local flyer, you will agree that some airlines tend to delay or cancel flights out of the blues. They expect you to 'understand' the existence of reasons 'beyond' their control. Flights from KIA to JKNIA scheduled for 19:00 hours could be delayed to midnight, just like that. It is supposed to be okay; it is 'just five hours' delay, just like last week or a week before. What's all the fuss about? Just five hours.

We can look all flashy in our 'Amapiano dance' customer service week videos, donning the lavish matching 'vitenge' or Gujarat attires. Still, if nothing is done to improve our service levels and address the service gaps, we could all end up sounding like a broken record. Happy customer service week.

## Zambian leader reappoints central bank chief axed by predecessor

LUSAKA

Zambian newly elected leader on Monday reappointed a respected central bank governor who was controversially sacked last year by his predecessor three years before his term was up, the presidency announced. President Hakainde Hichilema handed Denny Kalyalya his old job, a year after the former World Bank executive director was removed with no reason given.

Kalyalya's dismissal by Edgar Lungu in August 2020, enraged the then South African finance minister Tito Mboweni who publicly demanded an explanation for the sacking, resulting in a diplomatic incident. "Presidents in Africa must stop this nonsense of waking up in the morning and fire a Central Bank Governor! You cannot do that. This is not some fiefdoms of yours!" tweeted Mboweni then.

He went on to tweet "The President of Zambia must give us the reasons why he dismissed the Governor or else hell is on its way. I will mobilize!" South African President Cyril Ramaphosa later said he had "strongly reprimanded" his finance minister, and that the "unfortunate remarks" did not reflect the government position.

Kalyalya's removal also caused the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to call for the bank's "independence and credibility" to be maintained. The announcement of his reappointment comes as Zambia this week resumes negotiating a bailout from the IMF.

Meanwhile a new estimate for the amount of money that Zambia owes Chinese lenders is nearly double what the Zambian government had previously admitted. Zambia spends at least 30% of its income on interest payments, according to credit ratings firm S&P Global.

Last year, it missed an interest repayment, making it the first African country to default on a loan during the pandemic. The country is now under a new President, Hakainde Hichilema, who told the BBC earlier this month that he had inherited an "empty" treasury. He said the debt situation had not been "fully disclosed" by the former government. This included what was owed to Chinese lenders.

A new paper from the China Africa Research Initiative, based at Johns Hopkins University in the US, estimates that the sum now amounts to \$6.6bn (£4.8bn). A previous Zambian government figure put it at \$3.4bn, the paper's authors say.

Zambia's finance ministry said these figures were "broadly consistent" with official government reporting, Reuters news agency reports. It also quotes Bwalya Ngandu, who was finance minister under the former government, as saying: "We have never hidden any debt."



Reinstated Zambia central bank governor, Denny Kalyalya

# South Africa dominates Brand Finance Africa 150 2021 ranking

JOHANNESBURG

South African brands dominate the Brand Finance Africa 150 2021 ranking once again, with the entire top ten hailing from the nation. In total, 81 South African brands feature with a cumulative brand value of \$29bn, equating to 73% of the total brand value in the ranking - a 15% decrease from last year.

MTN and Vodacom lead the way, with First National Bank (brand value \$1.3bn), Old Mutual (brand value \$1.3bn) and Standard Bank (\$1.3bn) completing the top five. In total, there are only 19 of the continent's 54 countries with brand representation in the ranking.

Nigeria is South Africa's closest competitor with 17 brands featuring, which account for 6% of the cumulative brand value in the ranking. 33 Export (down 8% to \$292m) is Nigeria's most valuable brand, sitting in 43rd in the overall ranking. This brand value decrease is in line with the trend seen for alcohol brands across the continent and the rest of the world with people going out and drinking less because of the pandemic.

Morocco is the third most-represented nation in the ranking, with 10 brands featuring, which account for 6% of the total brand value. Claiming 13th spot is Maroc Telecom - the highest-ranked brand from outside South Africa - jumping five spots following a modest 1% rise in brand value to \$761m. The telecoms brand was able to capitalize on the increased reliability of its services over the previous year and a half, with both work and social lives forced to turn online, managing to increase its customer base, seeing an uptick of 10% in broadband users.

Top African brands lose \$5.5bn in brand value

The total value of Africa's top 150 most valuable brands has declined by \$5.5bn (12%) from \$45.5bn in 2020 to \$40bn in 2021. The Covid-19 pandemic has played a key role in the downturn in the brand value of Africa's top



Jeremy Sampson, managing director, Brand Finance Africa.

brands. Lockdown measures and travel bans were implemented throughout the year and across the continent, creating uncertainty and impacting brands' ability to do business as usual.

Jeremy Sampson, managing director, Brand Finance Africa, commented "In a year that saw most African countries go into lockdown and significant unrest across the continent, a decline in total brand value for the top African brands is unsurprising. Following the pandemic, African brands will need to search for opportunities to make up lost ground. By embracing new technologies and collaboration, the continent can propel its recovery and bounce back from the extraordinary situation the world has found itself in."

MTN peaks again

South Africa's MTN has retained the title of Africa's most valuable brand, despite recording a 19% drop in brand value to \$2.7bn. The telecoms giant dominates on home soil too, this year holding onto its decade-long reign as South Africa's most valuable brand, according to the

Brand Finance South Africa 50 2021 report.

It has been a turbulent year for MTN, however, with the brand facing several scandals from its money mobile services being hacked in Uganda, to being accused of price discrimination practices alongside telecoms rival and second-ranked Vodacom (brand value down 16% to \$1.7bn). MTN has also begun to scale down its operations, announcing its exit from the Middle East, in order to focus and build further across Africa.

Despite this, according to the Brand Finance Global Brand Equity Monitor, MTN is ranked 3rd among consumers for "Popularity with friends and family", 4th for "Cool" and 4th for "Accessible anywhere and anytime." With the recent appointment of Ralph Mupita to the helm as CEO, as well as the successful launch of its 5G network across major South African cities, MTN will hope to use these developments as a springboard to capture some of its lost brand value moving forward.

Banking, telecoms, and insur-

ance are Africa's most valuable sectors

Banking, telecoms, and insurance remain Africa's most valuable sectors, but cumulative brand values across the sectors have taken a hit. The continent's most valuable sector, banking, has 36 brands featured in the ranking, accounting for 27% of the total brand value, but has dropped 12% year-on-year. The economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic are difficult to ignore, and this drop in brand value is in line with the negative trend seen across the rest of the world.

There are a few outliers, however, Kenya Commercial Bank (up 12% to \$209m), Morocco's Bank of Africa (up 11% to \$221m) and Nigeria's Access Bank (up 8% to \$262m) have all recorded solid brand value growth and are all their respective country's fastest growing brands this year.

In second is the telecoms sector, with 26 brands featured and accounting for 21% of the total brand value in the ranking. Despite the sector boasting the number one and two ranked brands in the overall ranking, the industry still lost 13% of cumulative brand value year-on-year, down to US\$8.5 billion.

As with all big telcos globally, these brands are being squeezed from all sides as OTT messaging apps like WhatsApp are impacting voice and SMS revenue, and challenger brands offer comparable data services at below-market rates, leading to fierce price competition and decreasing margins.

The insurance sector fared slightly better than the other two, seeing only a 5% drop in total brand value to \$3.6bn. Old Mutual retained its spot as the most valuable insurance brand in the ranking and moved up one spot to 4th, despite a 7% drop in brand value.

**BANKING&FINANCE**

## Bolster investment funds to protect financial stability, IMF chief says

WASHINGTON

The International Monetary Fund called on policymakers to bolster investment funds, after the Covid-19 crisis exposed "fundamental vulnerabilities" in the sector that could threaten global financial stability.

The Washington-based fund said reforms to investment funds are needed to avoid a repeat of the financial market turmoil triggered by the pandemic in 2020. It proposed a range of tools for asset managers to strengthen liquidity risk management in a 73-page report on financial stability and investment funds.

"If we are to safeguard financial stability at the national and global levels, we need to boost the resilience of investment funds," Kristalina Georgieva, the IMF's managing director, said. "Policymakers worked together to make banks safer after the global financial crisis - now we must do the same for investments funds."

## WORLD

# Top US general calls Afghan war 'strategic failure'

WASHINGTON

GEN. Mark Milley, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on Tuesday during a Senate hearing that it is a "strategic failure" with the Taliban back in power and US withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Milley, alongside Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and US Central Command head Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, testified for the first time before Congress since the United States ended its longest war in Afghanistan.

"It is obvious, the war in Afghanistan did not end on the terms we wanted, with the Taliban now in power in Kabul," Milley told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"Strategically, the war is lost, the enemy is in Kabul. So you have a strategic failure while you simultaneously have an operational and tactical success," he said, referring to the massive personnel evacuation since mid-August.

Milley and McKenzie said they believed the United States should maintain 2,500 troops in Afghanistan, and a quick drawdown from the country could lead to a collapse of the Afghan government and military.

Such comments seemed to contradict President Joe Biden's words in an interview last month, in which he said no military officials advised him to keep troops in Afghanistan after the withdrawal deadline.

Meanwhile, Milley and Pentagon chief Austin stressed that the sudden collapse of the Afghan military was beyond their expectation.

"The fact that the Afghan army we and our partners trained simply melted away, in many cases without firing a shot, took us all by surprise," said Austin.

Milley noted that most intelligence assessments indicated the collapse "would occur late fall, perhaps early winter, Kabul might hold till next spring."



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley

Top military commanders pointed to the agreement reached between the United States and Taliban in February 2020, which called for a full withdrawal of the US troops from Afghanistan by May 2021 if the Taliban meets the conditions, had a demoralizing impact on the Afghan military.

The US military completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan on Aug 30 under Biden's order, ending 20 years of occupation. The hasty and chaotic evacuations drew fierce criticism from both home and abroad.

Milley admitted in the hearing that the withdrawal damaged US credibility. "Damage is one word that could be used."

He also raised terrorism threats that

could potentially emerge from Afghanistan in the near future.

Reflecting on the Afghan war, Austin questioned if the United States had the right strategy in the past two decades, adding that Washington might never fully comprehend the situation on the ground, including the depth of corruption in Kabul.

A poll conducted last month by the Pew Research Center showed only 26 percent of Americans believed the Biden administration handled the Afghanistan situation well, and 69 percent of the public said the United States mostly failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan.

## US treasury secretary says Congress must raise debt limit by October 18

WASHINGTON

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said on Tuesday that U.S. lawmakers have until Oct. 18 to raise or suspend the debt limit before the United States is expected to default on the national debt.



"We now estimate that Treasury is likely to exhaust its extraordinary measures if Congress has not acted to raise or suspend the debt limit by October 18," Yellen said in a letter to congressional leaders.

"At that point, we expect Treasury would be left with very limited resources that would be depleted quickly. It is uncertain whether we could continue to meet all the nation's commitments after that date," she said.

Yellen noted that Congress should not wait until the last minute to raise the debt limit as estimates regarding how long the remaining extraordinary measures and cash may last can "unpredictably shift forward."

"We know from previous debt limit impasses that waiting until the last minute can cause serious harm to business and consumer confidence, raise borrowing costs for taxpayers, and negatively impact the credit rating of the United States for years to come," she said, adding failure to act promptly could also result in substantial disruptions to financial markets, as heightened uncertainty can exacerbate volatility and erode investor confidence.

Yellen's letter came after Senate Republicans on Monday evening blocked a measure to fund the federal government and suspend the debt limit.

"If Democrats want to use fast-track, party-line procedures to ram through trillions more in inflationary socialism, they'll have to use the same tools to handle the debt limit," Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday on the Senate floor.

"There is no constant tradition that says one-party governments get bipartisan help with the debt limit," McConnell said.

It's not yet clear how Democrats would raise or suspend the debt limit to avoid a default without help from Republicans.

As part of a bipartisan budget deal enacted in August 2019, Congress suspended the debt limit through July 31. After the debt limit was reinstated on Aug. 1, U.S. Treasury Department began using "extraordinary measures" to continue to finance the government on a temporary basis.

The debt limit, commonly called the debt ceiling, is the total amount of money that the U.S. government is authorized to borrow to meet its existing legal obligations, including social security and medicare benefits, interest on the national debt, and other payments. *Xinhua*

## COVID-19 pill developers aim to top Merck, Pfizer efforts

BRASILIA

AS Merck & Co and Pfizer Inc prepare to report clinical trial results for experimental COVID-19 antiviral pills, rivals are lining up with what they hope will prove to be more potent and convenient oral treatments of their own.

Enanta Pharmaceuticals, Pardes Biosciences, Japan's Shionogi & Co Ltd and Novartis AG said they have designed antivirals that specifically target the coronavirus while aiming to avoid potential shortcomings such as the need for multiple pills per day or known safety issues.

Infectious disease experts stressed that preventing COVID-19 through wide use of vaccines remains the best way to control the pandemic. But they said the disease is here to stay and more convenient treatments are needed.

Pfizer and Merck, as well as partners Atea Pharmaceuticals and Roche AG have all said they could seek emergency approval for their COVID-19 antiviral pills this year.

Rivals are at least a year behind. Pardes began an early-stage trial last month, Shionogi plans to start large-scale clinical trials by year-end. Enanta aims to start human trials early next year and Novartis is still testing its pill in animals.



This handout photo obtained May 26, 2021 courtesy of Merck & Co Inc shows capsules of the investigational antiviral pill Molnupiravir.

## Mobile money innovation a game changer for Africa

NAIROBI

AFRICA'S fast-growing mobile payment market is offering opportunities to enhance financial access and tap the continent's "digital dividend" potential, said a senior executive of Africa's leading fintech platform operator.

In a recent exclusive interview with Xinhua, Sitoyo Lopokoiyit, CEO of M-Pesa Africa, spoke about how digital payment technology has transformed millions of lives that largely remain unbanked across African continent.

"When M-Pesa started, financial inclusion in Kenya was some 20 percent. But today it's well above 85 percent, making the country the third highest in Africa in terms of financial inclusion," said Lopokoiyit who is also chief financial services officer at Kenya's telecommunications service provider Safaricom PLC.

Launched by Safaricom in 2007, M-Pesa is an electronic mobile money service that allows users to deposit, withdraw and transfer money, pay for goods and services, and access loans and savings product.

M-Pesa, however, was not originally created to be a fintech and digital ecosystem brand, rather a simple proposition to help people send money to each other via Short Message Service.

Due to rapid urbanization in Kenya, a large number of people moved from rural areas to cities for jobs and sent money home to support their families. But remitting the money back used to be challenging as the migrant workers either needed an envelope and a bus courier to send money back or they had to leave the city where they worked to take money home.

"As an example for myself, my family is 550 kilometers from Nairobi. And it meant taking a whole day's journey to go and give my mother money every other time," Lopokoiyit recalled. "M-Pesa changed it all and has been key in driving financial inclusion across African continent."

M-Pesa now boasts more than 50 million monthly active users across seven African countries of Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Leso-



Will Meng, CEO of Huawei Kenya, speaks in an interview with Xinhua in Nairobi, Kenya, Sept. 22, 2021. (Xinhua)

tho, Ghana and Egypt, with 500,000 businesses transacting over 7 billion U.S. dollars every month on M-Pesa platform.

Will Meng, CEO of Huawei Kenya, told Xinhua in a separate interview last week that M-Pesa has brought real benefits to Kenya and played a crucial role in the East African nation.

"Nowadays when we walk on the streets in Kenya, whether shopping at malls or dining in restaurants, almost everywhere we can use M-Pesa to make payments," said Meng, noting that M-Pesa has also played a part in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic as people reduced reliance on cash to minimize the risks of COVID-19 transmission. As a result, M-Pesa has become a more important platform for people amid the health crisis, with transaction value increasing 58.2 percent year on year during April 2020 and March 2021.

A recent survey by global consulting firm Dalberg showed that 94 percent of Kenyans older than 15 years of age use mobile mon-

ey and 44 percent increased their usage during the pandemic.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, Africa has accelerated digital transformation, with the digital economy playing a crucial role in fostering opportunities, creating jobs, and scaling up economic recovery on the continent.

Lopokoiyit said mobile money technology has changed globally. Talking about M-Pesa's next move, he is ambitious about making M-Pesa not just about payment but about a platform integrated into people's daily life from the morning they wake up to the evening they go to sleep.

In December 2020, M-Pesa introduced its super app service with the aim of growing itself into a payment lifestyle brand that gives users a 'one-stop shop' for all their needs.

Chinese telecom giant Huawei since 2015 has been supporting the core platform of M-Pesa by providing secure, stable, innovative and scalable technology. Meng said

Huawei will continue to assist M-Pesa in evolving into a multi-purpose ecosystem that creates more digital benefits.

Sub-Saharan Africa has been at the forefront of mobile payment industry for more than a decade. According to a report released by GSMA, an international association of telecommunication service, Africa had 161 million active mobile money accounts as of end-2020, an increase of 18 percent year on year.

A report jointly produced by Google and the International Finance Corporation estimated that Africa's internet economy would reach 180 billion U.S. dollars by 2025, accounting for 5.2 percent of the continent's gross domestic product (GDP). By 2050, the potential could further grow to 712 billion dollars, or 8.5 percent of the continent's GDP.

According to the e-Economy Africa 2020 report, propelling the growth is a combination of increased access to faster and better quality internet connectivity, a rapidly expanding urban population, a growing tech talent pool, a vibrant startup ecosystem, and Africa's commitment to creating the world's largest single market under the African Continental Free Trade Area.

As Africa and China both are making progress in digital competitiveness, Lopokoiyit believed that there are good opportunities for Africa to partner with China and make the digital technology reach more people on the continent.

Xinhua

## China has built world's most modern railway network

CHINA is testing a new high-speed railway linking Ganzhou city in east China's Jiangxi province and Shenzhen city, south China's Guangdong province, a section of the Beijing-Hong Kong high-speed railway connecting the country's capital city with its Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

With a total length of 436.37 km and a designed top speed of 350 km per hour, the Ganzhou-Shenzhen high-speed railway is expected to open to traffic at the end of this year and shorten the

travel time between the two cities by train from seven hours to two hours.

"After the high-speed railway is put into operation, the old revolutionary base areas in southern Jiangxi will enjoy better connection with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and embrace new opportunities for development," Zhang Handong, chief engineer of Nanchang-Jiujiang Intercity Railway Co. Ltd., constructor of the Jiangxi section of the railway, said with pride.

The Ganzhou-Shenzhen high-

speed railway is an example of the rapid development of railways in China. Since the People's Republic of China (PRC) was founded more than seven decades ago, the country has built the most modern railway network and the most advanced high-speed railway network in the world.

When the PRC was founded in 1949, the country had only 22,000 km of railways. During the past more than 70 years, China has pushed ahead with railway construction and constantly improved the quality of its railway

network.

Since 2012, China has seen railways pass through remote windy areas in the north, meander in mountains and over rivers in the southern regions, thread through snow-covered areas in the north-east and zigzag in water towns in the south, gradually turning its blueprint for building a massive high-speed railway network with eight horizontal lines connecting the east and the west and eight north-south ones into reality.

By the end of 2020, China's railway network had grown to

146,000 km in length, and the total length of high-speed railways had reached 38,000 km, which represented an increase of almost five times compared with a decade ago and accounted for more than two-thirds of the total length of the world's high-speed railways.

"High-speed railway has made it so convenient for me to go home and visit my brother and sister. It saves me about five or six hours on the journey home," said Yu Ruiqin, a resident in Beijing, who is glad that she can now take high-speed trains to visit her siblings

in Zhangjiakou city, north China's Hebei province.

Since the founding of the PRC, the country has independently built a plateau railway with the highest altitude in the world, a heavy-duty railway with the greatest load-carrying capacity in the world, and the world's fastest intelligent railway. The Fuxing high-speed trains, over which the country owns full intellectual property rights, run with a minimum departure interval of about three minutes.

People's Daily



## Russian diplomat urges to prevent destabilisation in Somalia amid preparations for polls

UNITED NATIONS

RUSSIA considers it important to prevent the situation in Somalia from further deterioration against the backdrop of electoral preparations in the country, Russian Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Anna Yevstigneyeva said.

The diplomat told the UN Security Council briefing on the situation in Somalia on Tuesday that the country needs time and favorable conditions in the political, social and security domains in order to implement the obligation according to which the share of women in the future composition of the federal parliament must stand at no less than 30%.

"Here in the Security Council we need to be guided by the political reality in the country and set priorities in a right way," she continued. "We assume that the Council has already sent all the needed signals in its press statement dated 18 September."

She went on to say that the main task of Somalis for the short term would be to complete their national elections.

"Unfortunately, the federal authorities had to reschedule the previously agreed dates against the backdrop of domestic political destabilization," Yevstigneyeva continued. "Now the electoral prospect can be expected to conclude no sooner than at the end of November."

"Besides, it is important to prevent further degradation of the security situation, which is already rather critical," she said, noting latest terrorist attacks by the Al-Shabaab militant group.

The Russian side expects the UN Secretary-General, the African Union, and Somalia itself to articulate proposals as to parameters of further presence of AU peacekeeping mission in the country, as stipulated in UNSC Resolution 2568.

The Russian deputy UN envoy went on to say that humanitarian situation in Somalia remained complicated.

"According to the recent data, the number of people in need of food assistance and social care has reached almost 6 million. Approximately 4 million people are exposed to especially great risks. The number of refugees and IDPs is growing," she said.

## Germany's Laschet fights for his political life

BERLIN

CONSERVATIVE chancellor candidate Armin Laschet won some time in a fight for his political future on Tuesday as lawmakers in his CDU/CSU alliance met to decide what to do after suffering their first national election defeat since 2002.

The centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) narrowly beat the conservatives in Sunday's election, leaving Laschet, 60, to try to form a ruling coalition with the Greens and liberal Free Democrats (FDP) or else see his political career collapse.

He faces an uphill battle. The SPD, Germany's oldest party, won 25.7 percent of the vote in Sunday's election, ahead of 24.1 percent for the CDU/CSU - the conservative bloc's worst federal result.

Several senior party members have signalled that Laschet's days may be numbered and before the crunch meeting of CDU/CSU lawmakers conservative Economy Minister Peter Altmaier called for a "swift realignment in terms of personnel and content".

Laschet faced some harsh criticism at the meeting. "It was a factual discussion with a wide range of views, there was certainly some disappointment ... Some things just have to be said openly," said Ralph Brinkhaus, who was re-appointed head of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group for six months.

"But in the end there was solidarity in a crisis and there was an overriding will to look forwards," he said, brushing off questions about Laschet's longer term future.

In a show of support Brinkhaus said Laschet should be involved in any exploratory talks on a coalition, but stressed that while the conservatives were open to talks, for now it was up to the Greens and FDP to decide which way to go.

Laschet, whose fortunes began to slide in July when he was caught on camera laughing on a visit to a flood-stricken town, got the go ahead on Monday from his Christian Democrats (CDU) to explore a possible coalition with the Greens and the FDP.

Markus Soeder, leader of the Christian Social Union (CSU), Bavarian sister party to the CDU, also took a swipe at Laschet earlier, saying there was only a small possibility the SPD would not manage to form a government.

"At the moment Olaf Scholz clearly has the best chances of being chancellor," Soeder said of the SPD's candidate to succeed Angela Merkel, who plans to step down after 16 years in power.

Laschet only secured the conservative chancellor candidacy in April after a public contest with Soeder.

A survey by pollster Civey for the Augsburg Allgemeine newspaper showed that 71 percent of Germans think it is wrong for Laschet to lay claim to the chancellorship.

One CDU lawmaker, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that if Laschet could not pull off a coalition with the Greens and FDP, he should go. The SPD hopes to talk to the same two parties this week about forming a three-way government. **Agencies**



## Report: WHO employees took part in Congo sex abuse

GENEVA

MORE than 80 aid workers including some employed by the World Health Organization were involved in sexual abuse and exploitation during an Ebola crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo, an independent commission said on Tuesday.

The probe was prompted by an investigation last year by the Thomson Reuters Foundation and The New Humanitarian in which more than 50 women accused aid workers from the WHO and other charities of demanding sex in exchange for jobs between 2018-2020.

"The review team has established that the presumed victims were promised jobs in exchange for sexual relations or in order to keep their jobs," commission member Malick Coulibaly told a press briefing. In its long-awaited report, the commission found that at least 21 of 83 suspected perpetrators were employed by the WHO, and that the abuses, which included nine allegations of rape, were committed by both national and international staff.

Many of the male perpetrators refused to use a condom and 29 of the women became pregnant and some were forced to later abort by their abusers, he added.

WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who has pledged zero tolerance on sexual abuse and is said to be seeking a second term at the United Nations health body, said the report made "harrowing reading" and apologized to the victims.

"What happened to you should never happen to anyone. It is inexcusable. It is my top priority to ensure that the perpetrators are not excused but are held to account," he said, promising further steps including "wholesale reform of our structures and culture".

Regional director Matshidiso Moeti said the health body was "humbled, horrified and heartbroken" by the findings. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' spokesperson also apologized and thanked victims for their courage in testifying.

### Prosecutions Unclear

The known perpetrators have been banned from future WHO employment while the contracts of four people employed by the body have been terminated, officials said.

It is not clear if the perpetrators will face prosecution. Tedros said he planned to refer the rape allegations to Congo and to the countries of the suspected perpetrators. Some of them have yet to be identified.

"We encourage the WHO to continue and show the community that its personnel who abused women and their daughters in our community have been gen-



This photograph taken on Mar 5, 2021 shows the flag of the World Health Organization (WHO) at their headquarters in Geneva amid the COVID-19 outbreak. AFP

uinely, severely punished," said Esperence Kazi, coordinator of women's rights group 'One Girl One Leader' in Beni.

One girl, a 14-year-old named as "Jolianne" in the report, told the commission she was selling phone recharge cards on the side of the road in April 2019 in Mangina when a WHO driver offered her a ride home. Instead he took her to a hotel where she says he raped her and she later gave birth to his child.

Some women who were already employed told the review team that they continued to be sexually harassed by men in supervisory positions who forced them to have sex to

keep their jobs, get paid or get a better paid position.

Some said they had been dismissed for refusing sex while others did not get the jobs they wanted even after consenting.

Alleged victims "were not provided with the necessary support and assistance required for such degrading experiences", the report said.

Co-chair of the investigation Aïchatou Mindaoudou said that there was "no overlap" between the victims who testified in last year's media reports and those it interviewed, acknowledging that this could point to a larger problem.

Some people at higher levels of the

WHO "were aware of what was going on and did not act", she added.

In June last year, Congo's government announced the end of the two-year outbreak of Ebola that killed more than 2,200 people - the second-largest outbreak since the virus was identified in 1976.

Congo and other aid agencies have also pledged investigations into the sex abuse. Congo's minister of human rights was not immediately available for comment.

## No force can block China's forward progress



CHINESE citizen Meng Wanzhou, arbitrarily detained by Canada on a U.S. extradition request on Dec. 1, 2018, at Vancouver International Airport, returned to China on a charter flight organized by the Chinese government on Sept. 25.

Her return resulted from the Chinese government's unremitting efforts and the strong support of all Chinese people, marking a significant victory achieved by the Chinese people.

It has long been a fully proven fact that this is an incident of political persecution against a Chinese citizen, an act designed to hobble Chinese high-tech companies.

Meng (pictured), chief financial officer of Chinese tech giant Huawei, with no violation of Canadian laws, was arbitrarily detained on Dec 1, 2018, at the request of the U.S. at Vancouver International Airport. The so-called "fraud" charges against Meng are purely fabricated.

It is clear to the international society that the "laws" employed by the U.S. and Canada are nothing but an unjust tool to plunder, oppress others, and seek private profits, no matter how they have abused their bilateral extradition treaty and how hard they have tried to make excuses for their persecution of the Chinese citizen in the name of law.

The stance of the Chinese government on the wrongful detention of Meng has always been consistent and clear. Taking all necessary measures, the Chinese government resolutely

safeguards the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese enterprises and citizens.

Learning the arbitrary detention of Meng, the Chinese government immediately lodged stern representations and expressed solemn position and provided consular assistance for her at the first opportunity possible.

Ever since, the Chinese government has strongly urged the Canadian side to release Meng and practically safeguarded her legitimate rights and interests.

Hundreds of millions of Chinese have also made a strong voice of justice. The safe return of Meng to China fully indicated that the Communist Party of China, the 1.4 billion Chinese people, and the great country of the People's Republic of China are always reliable for Chinese citizens.

The wrongful detention of Meng is just another case proving that the Chinese people do not create troubles, nor are they afraid of troubles. China will never accept any form of political coercion or abuse of justice and will never allow its citizens to fall prey to other countries' political persecution.

Chinese are a people who uphold justice and are not intimidated by threats of force. As a nation, they have a strong sense of pride and confidence.

The Chinese people have never bullied, oppressed, or subjugated

the people of any other country, and they never will. By the same token, they will never allow any foreign force to bully, oppress, or subjugate themselves. Anyone or any force attempting to do so will finally end up in vain.

The essence of Meng being wrongfully detained is the U.S. trying to undermine and even stop China's development course.

What China has done has not only safeguarded the rights and interests of a single Chinese citizen or enterprise but also protected the rights of all the Chinese people to enjoy a better life and modernization.

The wrongful detention of Meng mirrored the fact that China must unswervingly follow its own path and do its own things well when the world is facing changes unseen in a century to achieve independent development of high technologies and make itself a stronger country.

Today, China's national rejuvenation has become a historical inevitability. The country knows for sure that the closer it gets to its national rejuvenation, the more challenges and risks it will face.

However, it believes that no force can shake its position or block its forward progress as long as it stands with the trend of history and human advancement and keeps going forward despite the challenges and risks.

People's Daily

## Xi unveils plan to turn China into talent hub

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping has set out a vision to develop China into a global hub for talented people and innovation, with steps to train and bring in more top-flight professionals to enable them to fulfill their potential.

Speaking at a central work conference on human resources held in Beijing on Monday and Tuesday Xi called for greater emphasis to be given to training talent and quicker steps to establish a competitive edge in human resources.

As China edges closer to the grand goal of realizing its great rejuvenation, the nation is more eager for talented people than at any period in history, said Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission.

The country's competitive strength and national development and rejuvenation hinge on the fostering of more talented people, he said.

Xi summed up key experiences of the nation's work related to talent in eight areas, including adhering to the Party's across-the-board leadership, following the strategy of talent-led growth and focusing on the forefront of global science and technology, the economy, the major demands of the country and people's health.

He unveiled the nation's goals in this area over the next 15 years. By 2025, China will see a sharp increase in spending on research and development, secure important progress in developing a leading force in scientific and technological innovation, bring together more top scientists and have a large number of talented people in core technologies.

China will establish a talent system in keeping with high-quality growth and have stronger appeal to high-caliber talent globally by 2030. By 2035, China aims to rank among the world's top nations in terms of being a strategic force in science and technology and have high-caliber talent, he said.

The president proposed building a leading area for high-caliber talent in Beijing, Shanghai and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, saying that the nation's high-quality resources should prioritize support for a group of national laboratories and new research institutions.

China will launch an international, big science plan to offer a leading innovation platform for talent, he said.

In deepening the institutional reform for talent development, Xi highlighted the need to give play to the role of employers in training and bringing in talented people and enabling them to fulfill their potential.

Scientists must be given greater say in deciding what technological routes to take, allocation of funds and resources, he said, adding that it is equally important to ensure that scientific and research programs can yield outcomes.

Xinhua



Yanga's newly signed midfielder, Khalid Aucho. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Aucho: Yanga players ought to work hard

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's newly signed midfielder, Khalid Aucho, has said that despite the quality of their squad they have to fight to achieve the club's goals.

Aucho said he is well aware of the difficulties in the Mainland Tanzania Premier League so new footballers and those that have been retained must combine their strengths to fight for Yanga.

"Even if we have the best team, it will be difficult for us to achieve the goals, should the players not commit to the field and listen to the coach's instructions," the midfielder revealed. "I know the Tanzanian league is difficult... there are many good teams, so we must fight to give Yanga success," Aucho said.

The midfielder was one of the players who led Yanga to a 1-0 win over city rivals, Simba SC, in the Community Shield game at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week.

Yanga, led by Tunisian tactician Nasreddine Nabi, won the Community Shield title, the clash was the 2021/22 Premier League opener.

The newly signed attacker, Congolese Fiston Mayele, netted for Yanga to lift the Community Shield that was, in the past season, won by Simba SC.

Yanga's first 2021/22 Premier League match, pitting the side against Kagera Sugar, was scheduled for yesterday at Kaitaba Stadium in Kagera.

Yanga won 1-0 against Kagera Sugar in the previous season's first phase tie, which took place at the same venue.

The two outfits' second phase game, which was held in Dar es Salaam, was a 3-3 draw.

This season will witness Yanga seek to keep on proving its worth whereas Kagera Sugar is in pursuit of an upset.

Victory over Simba boosted Yanga's morale, the latter's footballers, for that matter, were set to confidently face their opponents in the Wednesday duel.

## SportPesa secures over 9 million audiences with 'Mdundo' partnership

By Guardian Reporter

ONE of the leading entertainment and sports betting companies in the world, SportPesa Limited, has signed a long-term advertising deal with Tanzania's music streaming service, 'Mdundo', securing the platform's 9.7 million users for one year.

The deal valued at \$100,000 will see SportPesa serve 600 million audio ads to the 9.7 million users during the engagement period.

The partnership will also see SportPesa benefit from 'Mdundo's Brand Lift tool, giving the brand access to real-time insights on the performance of its various campaigns on the target audience.

This deal comes as a further testament to 'Mdundo's innovative, results-driven solutions for its clients, having worked with leading brands from across the continent such as Standard Chartered Bank, Nivea, 9mobile, Safaricom, Coca-Cola, Guinness, Airtel, Vodacom, Carrefour Supermarket and various Diageo brands.

'Mdundo' also recently announced music bundle partnerships with Airtel Nigeria, MTN Nigeria, and Vodacom Tanzania, building on the company's innovative solutions to help brands effectively reach their target audience. Head of Brand Partnerships at Mdundo.com, Rachel Karanu, says: "Creating commercial value for our brand partners is key to a long-term and sustainable partnership."

"SportPesa is an extremely innovative and forward-thinking brand with a strong focus on meaningful brand connections to drive results. We're looking forward to working with the

strong marketing team at SportPesa."

SportPesa Limited has established a leading brand within Tanzania through a strong focus on data-driven marketing and channel optimization, a brand strategy that is strongly aligned with 'Mdundo's Brand Lift Tool introduced earlier in the year.

The tool provides consumer brands with real-time insights on brand performance within the 'Mdundo' Audience allowing the marketing teams to continuously optimize campaigns and improve the returns of media investments.

SportPesa Chairman of the Board of Directors, Tarimba Abbas, says: "We are very excited to start working with Mdundo.com on this project, considering the successful campaigns of other strong brands we are expecting excellent results during this fact-based campaign."

Since advertising on 'Mdundo', SportPesa has realized 48% brand growth among the platform's audience, with the brand improving across all four metrics of awareness, consideration, favourability, and purchase intent.

The leading music streaming service has also launched a new version of the brand lift tool, containing additional features including media habits, category penetration, and music taste that are aimed at providing valuable insights for the marketing industry within different audiences.

The tool will continue to be freely available on Mdundo.com for brands providing data for over 30 product categories within Food & Drinks, Connectivity, Financial Services, Personal Care, and Fabric & Home Care.

## Arusha Gymkhana golfer clinches Diplomatic tournament silverware

By Guardian Reporter

ARUSHA Gymkhana Club (AGC)'s golfer, Aftab Singh Neote, beat the rest of the pack to lift the 2021 Diplomatic golf tournament's trophy in the event which took place at Kili Golf Club's course in the city early this week.

Neote scored 74 Stable Ford points over two rounds of 36 holes. He also won the Division C title.

The competition's Division A title was won by former Tanzania Golf Union (TGU) Chairman Joseph Tango of Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) with 73 points.

Tango, therefore, took home a business class return air ticket for a trip to Dubai, the second place went to AGC's Simon Travers that posted 73 points.

Riyaz Somji of AGC clinched the Division B title with 70 points and second place was won by the fellow golfer, Muzaffar Yusufali, with 66 points.

Division C second position went to Harbhajan Chadha who posted 72 points.

DGC's new golfer Arshid Esmail's efforts did not let him down, given the player had won a return air ticket for a trip to Dubai in lucky draw.



Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Damas Ndumbaro, battles it out in this year's Diplomatic golf tournament which took place in Arusha early this week. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Ladies' winner, Neema Olomi of AGC, posted 68 points and was also awarded a business class air ticket, whereas Vicky Elias from Dar es Salaam's Lugalo Club finished second with 67 points.

Juniors' title went to AGC's Shane Pandet scooping impressive 64 points and was followed by fellow golfer John Kasegenya with 42 points. The oldest player award also went to Harbhajan Chadha.

Ndobellah Sikwattah laid her hands on Sun-

day's lady winner prize.

Saturday's Longest drive men and ladies went to Son Vengetsamy and Neema respectively.

Neema moreover lifted the Sunday longest drive prize, the day's nearest to the pin prize went to Shakir Jaffer and Saturday's award was won by Munhir Bhawani. Jacob Chacha lifted men's longest drive prize.

Diplomatic golf tournament's chief guest, Martin Ngoga, who is as well the East African Legislative Assembly's

Speaker, congratulated those who turned up for this year's event.

Ngoga as well thanked Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Damas Ndumbaro, for coming up with the wonderful idea of coordinating the competition and presiding over its implementation.

Ngoga said: "Before he left the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ndumbaro had formed a golf team within East African Parliament."

"When he left the min-

istry, I was wondering if this initiative meant to bring together diplomats is going to survive, now at the new portfolio I know he has found the rightful home, we salute him."

He added: "Tournaments like these are integration initiatives that mean to bring together people from different nationalities and this is what we stand for as East African Community."

Ndumbaro thanked Ngoga for accepting the invitation and turning up at the event.

He said that they plan to have a more successful event next year.

"I want to take this opportunity to announce that Kili Golf Club will again be home to the Diplomatic golf tournament that will tee off September 24-25 next year and is going to be a bigger event."

This year's tournament was sponsored by Radiowave, Germin, Fly Dubai, CRDB, Galaxy, Gran Melia, Kili Villa, Sound of Silence, Eubg.

Other co-sponsors are Tanfoam, Hanspaul/HIL/DSH/HAL, Songea Mississippi, AMREF, Rhotia Valley, Blink, Johnny Walker, Lemala, Sirringit, Greenside, Mount Kilimanjaro Safari, Jibu, Nimali, Insight, Dolphin, Sanaa, Multichoice, and Dekker.



Cyclists, who participated in the 2020 Twende Buitama Cycling Tour, pictured at Mwitongo Village in Buitama to commemorate the Father of the Nation, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## Tanzania hosts cycling tour to commemorate independence

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AS Tanzania is set to celebrate its 60th year of independence this year, Afrika Mashariki Fest has organized a five-day international cycling tour and a Kili trek which will cover 555 kilometers.

The tour, which will cover the southern circuit, is also aimed to highlight the investment potentials available in the southern parts of Tanzania.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Community, Liberata Mulamula, said apart from commemorating the 60th

year of independence, the cycling tour should play a pivotal role in showcasing available opportunities in the southern circuit.

She said that the tour, which will involve all East African member countries, should also be used to strengthen peace and stability in the block.

She said that the cycling tour will provide an opportunity for Tanzanians and other East African Community member states to embrace a culture of cycling that has a lot of health benefits.

Afrika Mashariki Fest's Chief

Executive Officer, Kisebendo, said that apart from celebrating the 60 years of independence the tour will also aim to empower Tanzanians to have a habit of cycling to and from work as a way of keeping their health in check.

He said that his organization is intending to engage the youths to be the vanguard of East African regional integration through arts and sports.

He pointed out that the tour will also be used to identify, develop and promote local cycling talent envisaging repre-

sentation of Tanzania at international races.

The Afrika Mashariki Fest targets engaging the young generation to embrace regional integration through arts, sports, and advocacy.

Tanzania, in October 2020, hosted a cycling tour, known as 'Twende Buitama', to commemorate the Father of the Nation, Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere.

The cycling tour was flagged off in Dar es Salaam and ended at Mwitongo Village in Buitama, Musoma.

## A jury convicted R. Kelly; will his music face consequences?

NEW YORK

WILL a criminal conviction do to R. Kelly's music what years of ugly allegations couldn't?

It's unlikely that Monday's moment of justice – when a federal jury in New York found the 54-year-old R&B superstar guilty of all nine counts in a sex trafficking trial – will mean much for his fans, given all the awful things they had learned already, some observers say.

"The lines have already been drawn," said Jem Aswad, deputy music editor for the trade publication *Variety*, who has been covering R. Kelly for 20 years. "The people that are going to listen to R. Kelly's music are still listening to it. I don't think a guilty verdict is going to change their minds."

Still, advocates hope the criminal conviction brings a moral reckoning.

Tarana Burke, founder of the #MeToo movement, understands how irresistible the music of R. Kelly can be for people who grooved to songs like "Ignition," but said, "People should just have a second thought about the message that it sends."

"This generation is very clear about who R. Kelly is, right? These young people have come up with the information that this person is a perpetrator, right?" Burke said. "And if we can't push past our personal likes and desires to dance to a song for the sake of sending a message to these little girls and little boys, at some point I'm just going to draw a line."

"I don't want to support somebody who will cause this kind of harm in my community. I just urge people to think about that," she continued. "Is it really worth it?"

Kelly had long managed to avoid professional consequences amid decades of reports of sexual abuse of young women and children, from his illegal marriage to R&B phenom Aaliyah in 1994, when she was just 15, to a 2002 arrest in which he was accused of recording himself sexually abusing and urinating on a 14-year-old girl.

The #MeToo era and the 2019 docuseries "Surviving R. Kelly" saw his music downgraded by streaming services and subjected to boycotts, and Kelly dropped by his label, but it still remains widely available and draws millions of weekly streams.

The Grammy winner, once called the King of R&B, has had a dozen albums reach platinum or multiple platinum status. His biggest hits include "I Believe I Can Fly" and "Bump N' Grind." His songs ranged from explicit to romantic, popular both in the clubs and at weddings.

The people he has worked with are a who's who of popular music, among them Jay-Z, Lady Gaga, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Celine Dion, Quincy Jones, Toni Braxton and Janet Jackson.

His popularity took a hit as allegations mounted in the past five years. His last three songs to chart on *Billboard's* Hot 100 peaked in 2013, including a duet with Lady Gaga called "Do What U Want" and "PYD" with Justin Bieber. He hasn't had a hit reach the Hot 100 since then, despite releasing two albums and several singles. He has had more success on other charts.

According to MRC Data, formerly Nielsen Music, a data provider that powers *Billboard's* charts, Kelly's airplay spins and audience dropped significantly between 2017 and 2021, and digital sales followed a similar pattern.

However, his streaming on-demand numbers have remained about the same, averaging more than 6 million per week for most of 2021.

A group of fans who continue to back him blasted his music outside the courthouse Monday, with one shouting, "We're not giving up on R. Kelly!"

Neither Spotify nor Apple Music responded to questions Tuesday about whether they would modify their use of R. Kelly's music on their platforms.

Spotify has made such a move before but got pushback.

In 2018, amid the momentum of the #MeToo movement and a campaign to #MuteRKelly, the service removed his music from playlists after establishing a new policy on hate content and hateful conduct. His music was still available, but Spotify stopped promoting it.

Yet as many pointed out at the time, the history of pop, R&B and rock music is overloaded with artists who not only sexually abused underaged girls, but also celebrated it in their songs.

And legendary producer Phil Spector, whose hands are on classic hits available everywhere, was a convicted murderer.

"These sort of lines of morality are hard to draw, and Spotify found that out very quickly," Aswad said. "You're looking at where you draw the line. If it's going to be, Did someone get convicted? Convicted of what? A felony? What if someone stole a car?"

But when Lifetime aired "Surviving R. Kelly" early in 2019, moves against him were inevitable. His RCA label dropped him, and Lady Gaga apologized for working with him and took their duet off streaming platforms.

At the peak of Kelly's success, Aswad said, the fortune he amassed helped him fight the stories about him, and people who made money with him made them less likely to abandon him.

But his finances appear to have been in serious decline. Crain's Chicago Business reported that a \$2.9 million foreclosure was filed on Kelly's suburban Chicago mansion in 2011, and it was auctioned off in 2013 for \$950,000. The Chicago Sun-Times reported at the time that he owed the IRS more than \$4.8 million.

He was evicted from two Atlanta-area homes over more than \$31,000 in 2018, and the following year he told a judge he couldn't pay \$161,000 in back child support.

# Could Messi's partnership with Neymar, Mbappe hinder PSG?

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

IN the grand scheme of things, 263 minutes is the blink of an eye, but not for Lionel Messi. His explosion of relief and joy as he ended his nearly four-hour wait for his first goal in a Paris Saint-Germain shirt -- a stunner in a 2-0 Champions League win against Manchester City -- suggested that every minute of his "drought" felt like a lifetime.

Even the biggest superstars feel the heat and weight of expectancy. And Messi, whose early weeks at PSG following his arrival last month as a free agent from Barcelona had seen him struggle to make an impact for Mauricio Pochettino's team, was already into his third-longest goalless start to a season. He took 298 minutes to get off the mark for Barca in 2005-06 and 288 minutes in 2019-20, so the last thing that Messi, Pochettino and PSG's hugely ambitious owners would have wanted would be for the 34-year-old to set an unwanted new record in Paris.

"Oh, I celebrated today," Pochettino said of his compatriot's strike



Messi took the game away from Manchester City late on to help PSG record a 2-0 win. (Agencies)

after the match. "I don't usually celebrate goals; it's internalised. Today, I let out a shout."

"I've spent long enough seeing so many Messi goals against me, I had to celebrate the one that was for me."

Messi has been signed as the missing player in PSG's Champions League-winning jigsaw, so it suited everybody for him to finally get on the scoresheet. Timing is everything, and Messi has always been a master of picking his moment, so he really couldn't have chosen a better time, place or opponent against whom to score that first goal.

Manchester City, despite this Group A loss, are likely to be one of the biggest threats to PSG's ambition of winning the Champions League this season. But the fact that City and coach Pep Guardiola had worked so hard to get Messi themselves will make the 74th-minute goal in Parc des Princes even sweeter for PSG's Qatari owners. Even Guardiola conceded that it was a "fantastic" goal by his former Barcelona player.

PSG beat City to Messi's signing, and he has now shown them precisely what they missed out on. And who would bet against him doing

the same in the Champions League final in St. Petersburg in May?

His goal was up there with all the other 120 he had scored in this competition for Barcelona. A typical Messi burst from midfield, followed by a one-two with Kylian Mbappe, ended with the Argentina international striking a left-foot shot past goalkeeper Ederson from 20 yards.

After so many years in Barcelona's colours, this was finally Messi's rhapsody in PSG blue. He raced away in celebration as though it was the first club goal of his career, rather than number 673.

While it was a majestic strike, and one created with the help of Mbappe, this game showed that Pochettino must still find the right formula for his stellar front three of Messi, Mbappe and Neymar to work as a unit for the team.

Messi's goal will paper over the cracks for now, and it also might prove the spark that ignites the so-called "MNM" strike force into becoming the world's best, but after Idrissa Gueye's seventh-minute goal had given PSG the lead, Messi, Neymar and Mbappe struggled to jell as a true front three.

PSG's problem is that

they are three supremely talented forwards who all expect to be the main man. While Messi is around, that will always be him, so Neymar and Mbappe might ultimately prove incompatible.

One of them might have to go. Mbappe has already said he wants to leave for Real Madrid when his contract expires next summer, and that might yet work in PSG's favour. The best attacking threesomes always need at least one player who is willing to sacrifice himself for the greater good of the team, but PSG don't have that in Neymar or Mbappe.

Messi and Neymar worked so well together at Barcelona because of the unselfishness and work rate of Luis Suarez, while Karim Benzema played a similar role in Real Madrid's "BBC" forward line alongside Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale. Roberto Firmino does that job at Liverpool alongside Mohamed Salah and Sadio Mane, while Manchester United won the Champions League under Sir Alex Ferguson in 2008 because Wayne Rooney and Carlos Tevez each parked their ego to provide the platform for Ronaldo to score so many goals in a red shirt.

## New Sheriff in town: Moldovan club stuns Real Madrid

ESPN

MOLDOVAN side Sheriff Tiraspol pulled off a remarkable 2-1 win away to Real Madrid in the Champions League on Tuesday, snatching a shock victory thanks to a sensational 89th-minute strike from Sebastien Thill.

Competition debutants Sheriff went ahead against the 13-time European champions in the 25th minute with a header from Uzbek midfielder Jasurbek Yakhshiboev, who narrowly missed a chance to double the visitors' lead later in the first half.

Sheriff closed with +2700 odds at Caesars Sportsbook, making it the largest underdog to win in the last three Champions League seasons. The previous biggest upset was Shakhtar Donetsk beating Madrid in the group stage last year at +1300 odds.

"We believed we could win. I spoke to my teammates as captain, motivating them, saying 'why not dream?' This is football," Sheriff Tiraspol captain Frank Castaneda said. "Real Madrid are historic but on the pitch it's 11 vs. 11. We went for the win and got it."

Goalkeeper Georgios Athanasiadis, 28 -- who plays for Sheriff on loan from AEK Athens -- was named UEFA's Man of the Match for a display that saw him make ten saves.

"I'm really happy," he said. "It's very difficult to play against these teams, the best in the world. I'm emotional, if I carry on talking much longer, I'll



Midfielder Jasurbek Yakhshiboev powered a header past Thibaut Courtois after being left unmarked at the back post. (Agencies)

end up crying."

Real dominated the play in both halves but needed a penalty to draw level. Karim Benzema buried his spot-kick in the top corner in the 65th minute after Vinicius Jr was felled and awarded a penalty following a VAR review, having been denied a spot kick after a previous review moments earlier.

Real substitute Luka Jovic spurned a great chance to win it for the hosts, but Sheriff quickly got down the other end and, following a throw-in, the ball fell to Luxembourg midfielder Thill, who unleashed a lethal shot into the far top corner.

"It's the type of game where when you have total control it's the little details that decide it," said Madrid manager Carlo Ancelotti. "That cost us the game. It can be a good lesson for the future, a game like this, the details cost you. A throw in, a cross, a corner, a pointless foul... They cost you. We lost and the team didn't

deserve it, honestly, for what we did."

Sheriff, from the unrecognised breakaway state of Transnistria, top Champions League Group D with six points from two games while Real are second with three.

Sheriff came through four rounds of qualifying to become the first Moldovan team to play in the group phase of Europe's elite club competition and had surprised a highly

experienced Champions League side in Shakhtar Donetsk to win their opening game 2-0.

They faced an unbeaten Real side and were outplayed for most of the game but pulled off the biggest result in their 24-year history, making the most of their few chances and relying on a few top-drawer saves from Athanasiadis.

Real made a strong start and Vinicius and Benzema each went close to giving them

the lead, Athanasiadis making the first of many saves to tip a stinging shot from Benzema over the bar.

But Ancelotti's side were outdone on the counter when Cristiano tore down the left wing and crossed to the unmarked Yakhshiboev, who headed into the net.

Real continued to threaten with Benzema and Vinicius each firing shots just off target before halftime, although Yakhshiboev

could have scored again down the other end following a glaring error from the hosts' keeper Thibaut Courtois.

The Spaniards looked set to go on to win the game after Benzema levelled from the spot, but Sheriff had the ball in the net again through substitute Bruno, although the goal was ruled out for offside.

Moldovic was then thwarted by Athanasiadis, who saved a thumping shot from the Croatian with his face, before Brazilian forward Rodrygo fired narrowly over the bar.

A Real winner looked inevitable but instead it came down the other end when Thill tried his luck from the edge of the box, scoring the most important goal in his club's brief history.

"Sheriff defended well, very tight at the back," Ancelotti said. "They forced us to go outside. But we combined well, we got in behind, a lot of crosses, what we didn't go well was the little details, we could have been more focused."

## Gwiji by David Chikoko

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Man City's super Saturday restores title grip

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## National amputee football team camps for 2021 CANAF tourney

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA's national amputee football team 'Tembu Warriors' has entered the camp in Dar es Salaam to prepare for the Cup of African Nations for Amputee Football (CANAF) tournament to be held in the city from November 26 to December 5, this year.

The 'Tembu Warriors' 14-man squad, coached by Salvatory Edward, has been at the Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE)'s hostels and will remain in camp for two months.

Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF) president, Peter Sarungi, thanked the government through the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sport's Deputy Permanent Secretary, Abdallah Possi, and Acting Secretary General of National Sports Council (NSC), Neema Msitha for facilitating the camp.

"We thank the government for how it has been cooperating with the organizing committee of this competition, led by Riziki Lulida, for the great work they are doing," Sarungi pointed out.

Sarungi said preparations for the showpiece are well underway and the committee continues to raise funds as the competition requires more than 600m/-.

The top four teams in the CANAF showpiece will qualify for the Amputee Football World Cup finals in Turkey next year.

The CANAF tournament, which will be held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, will involve 16 countries.

Countries expected to take part in the tournament are defending champions, Angola, Nigeria, which ended as the past showpiece's runners-up, Liberia, Cameroon, Sierra Leone, and hosts, Tanzania.

The other contenders are Kenya, Ghana, Morocco, Ethiopia, Uganda, Egypt, Zanzibar, Gambia, Togo, and Rwanda.

Amputee football is a sport for people with disabilities played with seven players on each team (six outfield players and one goalkeeper).

Outfield players have lower extremity amputations, and goalkeepers have an upper extremity amputation.

Outfield players use loft strand (forearm) crutches and play without their prostheses.

## National U-19 cricketers face Rwanda in ICC U-19 World Cup Qualifiers



Cricketers making the Tanzania U-19 side pose for a photo with the head coach, Yahya Jiwa (6th R), at Muhimbili Cricket Academy in Dar es Salaam recently. The cricketers will represent the country in Africa Region Qualifiers for ICC U-19 World Cup in Kigali. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S U-19 cricket side opens its campaign in this season's Africa Region Qualifiers for ICC U-19 World Cup, confronting Rwanda in Kigali today.

Tanzania's U-19 side made up of 14 cricketers and coaches, Yahya Jiwa and Kassim Nassor, left for Kigali last weekend to compete in the showdown.

The tournament has brought together U-19 squads from five countries seeking qualification for the 2022 U-19 men's Cricket World Cup which will take place in West Indies.

Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Hassan Abbas, the ministry's Director of Sports, Yusuf Singo, and National Sports Council (NSC) Acting Secretary-General, Neema Msitha, had bid the team farewell at NSC headquarters in Dar es Salaam.

Tanzania's U-19 squad's cricketers were taking part in drills in the city under the tutelage of Jiwa and Nassor.

The team is made up of Augustine Mwamele, Laksh Bakrania, Abdulrahman Akida, Pafrod Anaclet, Abubakar Selemani, Johnson Nyambo, and skipper, Dhrumit Mehta.

Karim Mnyamkindi, Issa Kas-

sim, Alhaji Makange, Abdallah Jabiri, Gokul Das, Karim Kisetu, and Yalinde Maurice complete the squad.

Tanzania U-19 cricketers will next come up against Nigeria U-19 squad in the second clash set to take place in the Rwandan capital city on Sunday.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) recently announced the rescheduled qualification pathway to the ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2022 in the West Indies, where 34 teams will compete for five World Cup spots.

The 14th edition of the event, which takes place in the West Indies in early 2022, will involve Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies, and Zimbabwe under their top 11 finish in the 2020 edition.

The remaining five spots will be determined by regional qualification. Qualification for the 2022 edition of the U-19 men's Cricket

World Cup was delayed by a year due to the COVID-19 crisis.

The 34 spots will be decided by seven regional events starting in June 2021. Due to the depth in strength in the Africa and Asia regions, a two-division qualification pathway will take place.

Teams from the other three regions, Americas, East-Asia Pacific, and Europe will have a one-division qualifying process, with the winner of each regional Qualifier claiming one of the five coveted ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2022 places.

Tanzania U-19 cricketers have joined Namibia, Nigeria, Uganda, and hosts, Rwanda, in the Africa Qualifiers in September.

The top team from the September event will secure their spot in the West Indies showpiece.

The Asia region which also has two divisions will see two qualifiers from Bhutan, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singa-

pore, and Thailand in Division 2 join Malaysia, Nepal, Kuwait, and UAE nine in the Asia Qualifier to be hosted in the United Arab Emirates, with the top team qualifying for the West Indies.

The top team from the remaining qualifiers East-Asia Pacific, Europe, and Americas will make up the Men's U-19 Cricket World Cup lineup.

In Europe, Scotland hosted the Qualifier from July 30 to August 5 and competed alongside Denmark, Guernsey, Ireland, Jersey, and the Netherlands for the World Cup spot.

The USA hosted the Americas Qualifier and was joined by Argentina, Bermuda, and Canada between August 18-25, 2021.

Finally, the EAP qualifier, which consists of Indonesia, PNG, Vanuatu, and hosts, Japan, will take place between September 28 and October 4, with the winners booking their tickets to the West Indies.

Europe's originally sched-

uled Division 2 event was cancelled following extensive consultation with participating members, as the only available window for hosting did not provide a suitable environment for the staging of an international pathway event.

ICC Head of Events, Chris Tetley, said: "The ICC U-19 Men's Cricket World Cup showcases the future stars of our game, with many top-class cricketers around the world having featured at this event."

"The qualification pathway also provides teams with the opportunity to display their progression at this level, with the likes of Japan and Nigeria qualifying for the last edition of the Men's U-19 CWC for the first time."

"With 33 teams in the running for five World Cup spots, I am sure we will see a highly competitive series of events and the emergence of players that will become household names in the future."

## Prisons in pursuit of Premier League top honour

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

TANZANIA Prisons' head coach, Salum Mayanga, has said that lifting this season's Mainland Premier League trophy features in the club's plans.

This season's domestic top-flight officially began on September 27 and eight fixtures took place in the opening round.

Prisons FC is one of the most experienced teams in the league and proving to be a hard nut to crack for the league's big guns, Simba SC and Yanga is Prisons' biggest reputation.

The warders, now based in Rukwa, have experienced a disappointing start, conceding a 1-0 defeat to Mbeya City FC at Sokoine Stadium in Mbeya on Tuesday.

Mayanga pointed out the ambitions have been put in place due to the improvement he has made to his squad this season.

The coach revealed Prisons FC gives him hope the squad can efficiently get the better of any opponent and ultimately emerge as champion.

The gaffer stated: "I have two of the



Prisons' head coach, Salum Mayanga.

best goalkeepers I have signed this season, Benedict Haule, and Aaron Kalambo, but we also have added players to the attacking and midfield areas."

"I believe that with their experience and better preparations we deserve to be champions," Mayanga revealed.

The coach has also coached Tanzania's senior national football team,

Taifa Stars, on several occasions in the past.

The gaffer disclosed said apart from seeking to guide Prisons to lifting the Premier League's silverware, participating in one of the club competitions in Africa next season is the side's ambition.

Prisons had, in the late 1990s, rep-

resented Tanzania in the CAF Confederation Cup, having clinched the then Union League's top honour.

Mayanga said they are saddened that such a modest side like Biashara United FC, which won promotion to Mainland Premier League recently, won the qualification for 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup.

The coach was adamant Prisons will do all it can to post good results in this season's Premier League and make it to one of the continental showpieces.

Prisons players recruited for the 2021/22 season are keepers, Hassan Mshamu, Aaron Kalambo, Benedict Haule, defenders Vedastus Mwihambi, Nurdin Chona, Ibrahim Abraham, Benjamin Asukile, Dotto Shabani, and Ramadhan Ntobi.

Midfielders are Jumanne Elfadhili, Adily Buha, Julius Kwanga, Ezekiel Mwashilindi, Salum Kimenya, Marco Mhilu, Michael Bosco, Gwamaka Bangu, Kelvin Sangati, Lambert Sabiyanka, and Athanas Mdamu.

Samson Mbangula, Mohamed Mko-pi, Moses Kitandu, Jeremiah Juma, and Salum Upuu make Prisons' attacking force.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

SUPPOSE THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETIC CASES?

