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VAT inclusion shifted to over 200m/- annual output traders

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government has changed the Value Added Tax registration threshold from 100m/- to 200m/-, implying that hundreds of thousands of traders will no longer be hassled over tax remittances.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba made this announcement in his presentation of the government fiscal plan for 2023.2024 in the National Assembly yesterday.

In another significant tax measure, the minister said the government also proposes to exempt VAT on inputs used to manufacture insecticides and pesticides used to kill ticks and mites (acaricides).

He said the government will gradually increase the VAT threshold to the 500m/- threshold, all this being intended to enhance administrative efficiency and promote voluntary tax compliance.

He also proposed to exempt VAT on the supply of gold, diamonds, tanzanite and other gemstones at buying centres for metals, minerals and gemstone houses designated by the Tanzania Mining Commission under the Mining Act or any refinery situated in the Mainland.

He also set out a measure to effect zero rate VAT on locally manufactured fertilizer for a period of one year, explaining the measures as intended to attract the sale of minerals at designated trading hubs.

This would increase the contribution of the

mining sector in GDP by amending Section II of VAT legislation "to include domestically manufactured capital goods in the list of capital goods that qualify for deferment," he said.

The tax reforms are aimed at stimulating economic activities by placing emphasis on productive sectors like industries, agriculture and livestock rearing, where the minister said the theme is "accelerating economic recovery, climate change adaptation, mitigation and enhancing productive sectors for improved livelihoods," he stated.

Amending the threshold for VAT registration is expected to increase government revenue by 75.3bn/- as there are many taxpayers with gross sales ranging from 100m/- to 200m/- having more refund claims than actual amounts paid, he said, citing fraud as the source of the discrepancy.

VAT schedule would also be amended to include VAT exemption on the sale and lease of aircraft, aircraft engine or parts by a local operator of air transportation, he stated.

The measure will support aviation sector growth and reduce business and investment costs, he stated, similarly abolishing the measure taken in the previous fiscal year on the supply of air charter services, to align with efforts of reviving the tourism industry.

Item 19 of the VAT schedule is amended to exempt moulds, hollow containers used on molten metal to give shape to the metal when

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Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba brandishes the briefcase in which lay the full text of the Government's Budget Speech for financial year 2023/2024. He was heading to Parliament in Dodoma city yesterday for its official tabling. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Minister: Strategic projects' execution pace satisfactory

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE 86.89 per cent execution of the Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project for 2,115 MW power generation is among scores of strategic projects now nearing completion.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba cited this achievement among highlights of the budget review presentation in the National Assembly yesterday, focused on the implementation of the annual development plan for 2022/23.

Along with the 86.89 percent completion rate, notable achievements include the construction of a water diversion tunnel which has been completed, he stated, noting that construction of the main dam wall has reached 94.85 percent completion.

Building power waterways has reached 99.08 percent, with the powerhouse having been completed at 68.30 percent. The saddle dam has reached 84.47 percent, and building the 400 kV switchyard has reached 98.87

percent, he stated.

The plan, the second in the 2021/22 - 2025/26 annual planning cycle, has the theme of "Realising Competitiveness and Industrialisation for Human Development" being implemented in various sectors, the minister noted.

Other notable achievements attained in the period between July 2022 and April 2023 in various sectors like continued construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), where the construction of Dar es Salaam - Morogoro Lot (300 km) which has reached 98.14 percent of the completion.

This includes construction of the port link from Dar es Salaam to Kibaha (34.97 percent), Morogoro - Makutupora Lot (422 km) (93.83 percent); Mwanza - Isaka (341 km) (31.07 percent), Makutupora - Tabora (371 km) (7.0 percent) and Tabora - Isaka (163 km) (2.39 percent), he elaborated.

Similarly, 22 passenger wagons for the meter gauge railway or traditional railway line were procured; along with the completed rehabilitation of 52 freight wagons and six passenger wagons. Improvement of communication and electric systems for the railway from Dar es Salaam to Mwanza was completed, he said.

Improvement of Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) proceeded with partial payment for four new aircrafts, one being Boeing 767-300F cargo plane that was recently delivered, two being Boeing 737-9 Max slated to be

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GDP: Economy adds 29.7trn/- during 2022

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to increase to \$85.42bn (over 200trn/-) in the course of this year from \$77.06bn (170.3trn/-) in 2022 due to effective measures taken by the government.

Finance and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba made this assertion in the National Assembly yesterday, when tabling the Economic Survey for 2022, noting that in 2022 real GDP at 2015 prices stood at 141.9trn/- compared to 135.5trn/- in 2021.

The economy registered 4.7 per cent growth compared to 4.9 per cent in 2021, a slip attributed to government measures like providing fuel subsidies to mitigate the effects of sharp oil price rises in the world market.

Strategic investments in infrastructure like energy, water, health, education, roads, railways and airports, increasing production of minerals was pursued, while increasing credit to the private sector stimulated economic activities and fostered tourism activities, he said.

Economic activities that recorded high growth rate were arts and entertainment

at 19 percent, quarrying and mining (10.9), finance and insurance (9.2), accommodation and food service (9.0) and electricity supply (7.6 per cent).

"In addition, due to effective measures taken by the government, real GDP is expected to increase to \$85.42bn (over 200trn/-) in 2023," he said, affirming that during 2022 GDP at current prices was 170.3trn/- (\$77.06bn) compared to 156.4trn/- (\$ 69.94bn) in 2021.

On the basis of the 2022 Population and Housing Census, the Mainland population stood at 59,851,347 from 57,724,380 people figured for 2021, implying that GDP per capita for 2022 averaged at 2,844,641/-, equivalent to \$1,229.1, shifting from 2,708,999/- or \$1,173.3 in 2021, he said.

Inflation remained within the five percent target in 2022, with an average of 4.3 percent compared to an average of 3.7 percent in 2021.

Last month the inflation rate stood at 4.0 percent as it was in May 2022, he said, explaining the performance as due to an increase in the production and distribution of goods and services, increase in the availability of food crops in some regions and in neighbouring

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it hardens, applicable to moulds used solely by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

The measure is intended to provide relief to pharmaceutical industries, protect domestic industries and enhance their competitiveness in local and regional markets, he said.

Zero VAT rate on textiles products manufactured using domestically produced cotton was introduced for a period of one year, to provide relief to farmers and local textile industries, he stated, widening access to such good for consumers "especially in this period of global economic recession."

The Income Tax Act, CAP 332 was also listed for amendment to grant income tax exemption on revenue generated from investment returns (such as dividend from shares, treasury bonds and bills) for the National Health Insurance Fund.

The measure is intended to facilitate the provision of medical services to retired members and their partners who do not contribute to the fund after retirement, the minister explained.

He also proposed to exempt the capital gains tax on internal restructuring of mining companies in accordance with the framework agreement entered between the government and a foreign investor to form a partnership entity.

The measure is intended to streamline the implementation of government commitment in framework agreements where the capital gains tax is cut from 10 percent on profits to 3.0 percent of the sales value or the appraised land value, he stated.

Section 65T of the Income Tax Act, CAP 332 is to be amended to introduce a simplified procedure for estimating income tax for transporters of passengers and cargo by using indicative tax rates, he stated.

"This procedure will apply to individual taxpayers who are not obliged to prepare accounts and file tax returns," he said, noting that the measure is intended to address challenges faced by the current procedure of paying provisional income taxes using indicative tax rates for each vehicle, for taxpayers who file tax returns and those who do not file tax returns.

The proposed indicative tax rates will apply to individual taxpayers whose gross sales do not exceed 100m/-, he said, elaborating that indicative tax rates for each vehicle will be lowered to provide tax relief for applicable tax bands for simplifying tax compliance.

This measure is expected to increase revenue to the government by up to 72.2m/-, he said, also introducing income tax at the rate of two percent of payments made to artisanal and small miners.

"The measure is intended to enhance the equity principle of taxation by including them in the tax net and ensuring that they pay taxes on the income that they earn," the minister intoned.

Income tax rated at 10 percent will be placed on income accrued from verified emission reduction (VER), while introducing the Excise (Management and Tariff) Act, CAP 147, the Excise (Management and Tariff) Act, CAP 147 Section 124(2) to provide for annual adjustments of the specific excise duty rates of non-petroleum products.

This measure is indexed to cater for inflation and other key macroeconomic indicators, he said, proposing to adjust at the rate of 10 percent the specific excise duty rates on non-petroleum products and 20 percent on beer and tobacco products.

"The adjustment will not include

excisable goods that are charged in percentage of the value of the goods since the value addition rates take care of the value for money in tandem with inflationary effects," he intimated.

Based on the national strategy to enhance the growth of industrial economy, the adjustment will not include domestically manufactured wines, spirits and confectionery products, he further noted.

The government elsewhere seeks to introduce excise duty rate of 5.0 percent on motor vehicles with engine capacity of more than 2000cc capable of being charged by plugging to external source of electric power, he said.

It also proposed introducing excise duty rate of 80/- per litre on petroleum oils and oils "obtained from bituminous minerals (other than crude) and preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70 percent or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations, containing biodiesel, other than waste oils," he said, citing HS code 2710.20.00.

The measures also introduce excise duty at the rate of 30 percent on other cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes, of tobacco or of tobacco substitutes of HS CODE 2402.90.00; water tobacco of HS code 2403.11.00; and electronic cigarette, vape products and shisha with HS codes: 8543.40.10, 8543.40.90 and 9614.00.00.

It increases excise duty rate on imported energy drink with HS Code 2202.99.00 from 589.05m/- to 600 per litre, he said.

The proposals seek to amend the Excise (Management and Tariff) Act, CAP 147 to harmonize the HS Codes in the East African Community common external tariff book, 2017 with those contained in the current version of external tariff book of the year 2022, he said.

The excise duty measures on non-petroleum products altogether are expected to increase government revenue by 448.9m/-, the minister underlined.

The Tax Administration Act, CAP 438 137 section 35 will be amended to provide clarity on the definition of primary data server "to include physical server in the country, virtual or any other server which stores data that is created or collected by a taxable or liable person in the ordinary course of business," he said.

Section 86(1) of the Tax Administration Act, CAP 438 is to be amended to lower the current level of the penalty charged for the offense of not issuing receipts or not using electronic machines (EFD) from 300 currency points (equivalent to 4.5m/- to 200 3m/- to 20 percent of the value of tax evaded, he stated.

In fiscal 2023/24, the government plans to spend 44.39trn/- for recurrent and development expenditures, where 30.31trn/- is for recurrent expenditure and 12.77trn/- for servicing government debt and other expenditures under the Consolidated Fund.

Upwards of 10.88trn/- is for salaries including salary increases, promotions for current employees and new recruits, plus 1.14trn/- for development subsidies for covering the provision of free primary and secondary education along with a higher education students' loans.

Upwards of 5.52trn/- is intended for other charges, while 14.08trn/- is directed to development expenditure for various projects run by central government agencies and by local authorities, he added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has an audience in Dodoma yesterday with her newly appointed aides Abdallah Bulembo, Haji Omar Kheir, Rajab Luhwavi and William Lukuvi shortly after swearing them in. Photo: State House

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delivered in August and December 2023, and one is a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner slated for delivery next February, he specified.

Renovation of infrastructure at the Kilimanjaro Aircraft Maintenance Facility (KAMF) at the northern tourist hub has its implementation at 85.0 percent, he said.

He also cited the rehabilitation of 38 residential houses at KIA and construction of three buildings for cargo storage at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA), KIA and Songwe airport that has started. Moreover, ATCL was providing services to 14 local

destinations and ten international destinations, he said.

As of May 2023, the total installed capacity of the interconnected grid system had reached 1,872.05 MW, an increase of 10.5 percent from 1,694.55MW installed capacity in 2021/22.

The completion of Kinyerezi I extension project (185 MW) where all four turbines with 185 MW installed capacity were commissioned and connected to the national grid was another achievement, he said.

Widening access to specialized health services in the country was equally emphasized, like the provision of bone marrow

transplant services where 14 patients have been attended at the Muhimbili National Hospital and 11 patients at the Benjamin Mkapa Hospital.

The provision of free primary and secondary education took up 295.3bn/- and student loans amounting to 652.1bn/- released to 202,877 students at higher learning institutions, he said.

The disbursements enabled the completion of 8,000 classrooms for secondary schools in 26 regions, the construction of 1,072 classrooms for old primary schools, and building 809 classrooms for primary schools, he said.

Building 271 science laboratory

rooms in secondary schools and rehabilitation of 14 folk development colleges and universities was carried out, he said.

Access to water in the country was improving, with rural areas access to water points attaining 77.0 percent last year compared to 70.1 percent in 2020. In urban areas water access services rose from 84.0 percent in 2020 to 88.0 percent last year, he said.

The completion of 586 projects with a total of 5,748 water points which benefits upwards of four million people in 1,293 villages enabled this achievement, he added.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango holds talks in Dodoma city yesterday with the visiting Head of the South Korean Maritime Institute, Dr Kim Jong Deog (L). Photo: VPO

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countries, following the availability of rain in rain-fed areas.

On money supply, the conduct of monetary policy in April 2023 remained cautious in managing liquidity in the economy in order to strike a balance between taming inflationary pressures emanating from global shocks and supporting economic growth, he said.

Money supply growth remained within target, whereby in April 2023 extended broad money supply grew by 17.2 percent reaching 39,961.5bn/-, from 34,087.8bn/- in April 2022, he said.

Likewise, money supply in broad terms grew by 15.6 percent reaching 31,048.8bn/- in April 2023 from 26,861.5bn/- in the same period last year, he said.

Overall lending rates by commercial banks to the private sector averaged at 15.91 percent in April 2023, compared to 16.31 percent in the corresponding period earlier, he said.

Time deposit interest rates averaged at 6.79 percent from 6.81 percent in 2022 due to prudent monetary policies, he stated, highlighting that in the July 2022 to April 2023 period, the balance of payments recorded a deficit of \$4,414.2m compared to a

\$2,516.1m deficit from July 2021 to 2022 results, he said.

The reason was an increase in the import bill as a result supply chain disruptions following the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Eastern Europe, he said.

The trade balance recorded a deficit of \$6,065.6m from a \$3,556.8m deficit in the July 2021 to March 2022 results, he said.

The trade in services had a surplus of \$2,198.7m in the July 2022 to April 2023 period, from a surplus of \$1,585.1m recorded in the July 2021 to April 2022 period, equivalent to a 38.7 percent growth, he stated.

The minister explained the

changes from increased tourism and transportation receipts stimulated by a substantial rebound in different economic activities as the COVID-19 fallout waned.

This was coupled with diverse efforts taken by the government for an enabling environment for tourism by the promotion of tourism through the 'Royal Tour' documentary unveiled in May last year.

The balance in the goods and services account recorded a deficit of \$3,866.9m for the July 2022 to April 2023 period, from a \$1,971.7m deficit in the July 2021 to April 2022 period.



Kilombo Sugar Company staff pictured on Wednesday at the launch of the firm's 2023/2024 sugar-cane 'crushing season'. This is an annual occasion signalling the onset of a crucial stage in the sugar production chain. Symbolically feeding cane into the crusher is KSC Business Improvement head Hans Babylone, while looking on right is his Manufacturing counterpart, Etienne Rousseau. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Government to work on proposals to waive tax on menstrual pads

By Henry Mwangonde

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has pledged to issue a directive to the Ministry of Finance and Planning to work on proposals to waive tax on menstrual pads, which campaigners say is crucial in addressing reproductive health challenges facing women and girls in the country.

Speaking during the launch of the WaterAid Tanzania Country Strategy 2023-2028, earlier this week, the PM underscored the need for concerted investment in curbing the burden of diseases resulting from poor sanitation services, lack of hygiene and water supply.

"Why is it that condoms are distributed free and pads are not, this is an issue that we must address together both the government and the private sector," said the PM.

Calls for a tax waiver on sanitary pads resurfaced during the event in Dar es Salaam after Severine Allute, a Secretariat member of the Menstrual Hygiene Coalition addressed the matter during a plenary discussion, attracting the attention of the Premier.

Allute presented to the PM on behalf of WASH stakeholders the need to remove tax on Menstrual Materials as they did in 2018 where he further asked why condoms are for free but not pads.

In his speech the PM, who is the head of government business in Parliament, said he would single-handedly take the matter to the responsible ministry.

Majaliwa referred to the Tanzania Economic Update Report 2023 by the World Bank Tanzania which showed that Tanzania loses 5.6 trn/- every year due to lack of access to clean and safe water and sanitation services.

Official data shows that girls miss three to five school days to challenges associated with the menstrual period. One girl also drops school due to pregnancies.

In Tanzania most girls in rural primary schools who have reached puberty do not use appropriate sanitary wear during their monthly menstrual. They use local

pads such as rags, raw cotton and maize cobs.

Due to lack of water in most rural schools, washing of reusable pads poses a serious challenge.

In 2018, the government made a momentous decision to remove value-added-tax (VAT) from imported sanitary products, thus symbolizing its commitment to supporting women and girls to manage their menstruation in a safe and dignified manner.

However the decision was reversed a year later with the government explaining that removing the tax was counter-productive, as retailers had not lowered their prices.

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Consulting firm organises special business retreat

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Dar es Salaam-based advisory and consulting firm-Accelerate Business Group has organised a special 'Momprenuer Retreat' that will bring together executives, entrepreneurs and leaders dedicated to improving the status of women in the society.

Themed: "Limitless" the meeting which will be conducted tomorrow in Dar es Salaam, is aimed at exploring the challenges that women face in their professional and personal lives together with discussing strategies to overcome them

The event will provide a platform

for participants to network, share their views on women empowerment, and learn from each other's experiences.

Addressing reporters in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday, director of the firm, Bernice Fernandes said the event will provide a platform for participants to network, share their views on women empowerment, and learn from each other's experiences.

She said the event will focus on ways to break down limiting beliefs and to embrace their roles of motherhood and business, along with rebuilding their personal and professional brands.

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ways to break down the barriers that prevent women from achieving their full potential and help them to reach greater heights.

"The Momprenuer Retreat is aimed to provide a forum for executives, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders to network and exchange ideas on women empowerment, learn from the experiences of successful women leaders, discuss strategies for breaking down the barriers that hinder women's progress and identify opportunities to support women's empowerment initiatives," she explained.

Bernice said it was important for women to come together and share

with one another the successes that have had so as to encourage others to make positive decisions that will impact their lives.

"We hope this event will provide valuable insights and inspiration to all participants and contribute to the cause of women's empowerment in our society through branding themselves," she said.

The director added: "We are eagerly inviting all women who are aspiring entrepreneurs and corporate women who want to break down limiting beliefs and to embrace their roles of motherhood and business, along with rebuilding their personal and professional brands."

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Reference No. AE.092/WB-RISE-P164920/336180/2022/23/C/07

This request for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) No. WB-P890351-12/21 of 14th December 2021.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania through Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Roads to Inclusion and Social Economic Opportunities (RISE). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the credit will be used to cover eligible payments under the contracts for Consultancy services.

The consulting services ("the Services") intent is to carry out the Consultancy Services for Project Management and Capacity Building for the Roads to Inclusion and Socioeconomic Opportunities (RISE) Project. The objective of this assignment is to provide technical support on project management for implementation of RISE Project Components and building capacity to PIU and TARURA Staff under the Roads to Inclusion and Social Economic Opportunities (RISE) Project.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) is attached to this request for Expression of Interest and is also available at TARURA's website www.tarura.go.tz. All requests for clarification should be sent through office email pmurise@tarura.go.tz and the Client will respond to the requested clarifications. The Consultants would be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.

The Chief Executive TARURA, now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

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The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08.00 to 17.00 hours Local time Monday to Friday except public holidays.

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Patients at JKCI Dar Group branch increase from 200 to 300 per day

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE number of patients at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) Dar es Salaam Group hospital branch has increased from 300 to 500 per in the last seven months.

Dr Tulizo Shemu, JKCI - Dar Group director said the institute received three heart testing machines for patients undergoing treatment at the hospital.

"We began services here at JKCI-

Dar Group November last year and the number of patients have been increasing from 200 to 300 and sometimes up to 530 per day.

"In the circumstances, even the number of specialist doctors for heart diseases, and experts in other departments has increased at the hospital," he said.

JKCI radiation technologist, Hamisi Athumani said the machines can detect signs of heart on infants even before being born as well as

tests on adults.

He added that the machines can also detect any problem in human body, throat, maternal complications, urinary system and other stomach ailments.

Early this year, the Minister for Health, Ummu Mwalimu inaugurated and gave Dar Group Hospital status to be able to provide heart diseases treatment as part of JKCI aimed at serving children under 15 years of age as well as adults.



Foreign Affairs and East African Co-operation minister Dr Stergomona Tax (R) is gifted a plaque by the President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Justice Imani Daud Aboud, in Dodoma on Wednesday. Judges of the continental court are attending a three-day retreat in the city, mainly to review its effectiveness. They paid the minister a courtesy call and updated her on the court's activities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Austrian investors invited in Tanzania'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Dr Stergomona Tax, has held talks with the Austrian business community in Vienna for the purpose of persuading them to invest, conduct businesses, and visit tourist attractions in Tanzania.

Dr Tax alongside representatives from the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) and Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB), highlighted the improved business and investment environment in Tanzania and assured the Austrian business community that their capital would be safe.

She encouraged them to come to Tanzania to explore the available investment opportunities and visit tourist attractions.

The representatives utilised

the opportunity by showcasing Tanzania's favourable investment climate, emphasizing on the prevailing peace and security, highlighting potential market growth and profits from investing in Tanzania.

Dr Tax reassured them that Tanzania is a peaceful, stable and secured country adding that Tanzania is an ideal destination for them to invest their capital due to the fact that they would find a reliable market, profit making and be able to repatriate their invested funds.

A representative from ZIPA, Khamis Dunia said that the government of Zanzibar has opened doors for investment and welcomed those interested in investing in tourism and infrastructure sectors.

The director-general of TIC, Gilead Terri said the government

has integrated registration and business facilitation systems to provide excellent services to investors.

He mentioned some of the institutions are TIC itself, National Identification Authority (NIDA), Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA), Immigration Department and the Department of Labour.

TTB Director General, Damas Mfugale informed the Austrian business community that the tourism sector in Tanzania offers various types of attractions that investors can explore and invest in.

Mfugale noted that businesses could come to Tanzania and invest individually or in partnership with the government adding that by doing so they will be contributing to the development of the tourism sector for mutual benefits.

Experts underscore need for science, technology and innovation stakeholders to utilise the 'assets'

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

EXPERTS have underscored the need for science, technology, and innovation stakeholders to harness the "assets" to ensure a green, resilient and inclusive economy in enhancing the country's ecological system.

The call was made yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the second day of the 8th annual national science, technology, and innovation conference and exhibition (STICE) that ends today.

Dr Zena Mpenda, deputy principal, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) said the green agriculture and economy in general should ensure that the innovation transformation does not disturb the ecological system.

"We need to support local

innovators in remote areas for them to tap opportunities by creating electricity from cow dung, but the fact is manure has effects on human health. Therefore, as innovators the concern should not only focus on the technical part but to look at how to enhance people's health," she said.

She added: "How are policies and regulations enabling a path for a green, resilient and inclusive economy in the country? They are supposed to have clear answers when it comes to green economy and green agriculture knowledge. What about supervisors, are they knowledgeable?" she asked.

According to her, it's time science, technology, and innovation stakeholders ask themselves how they prepare to ensure that they become a state of act in technology

rather than main consumers.

Dr Amos Nungu, Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) director general said the commission focuses on connecting innovators with experts stressing that in most times, not every innovation requires money

Prof Fortunata Makene, research and policies department head at the Uongozi Institute urged the government to ensure that it engages everyone in the system to have an equal social inclusion in the industrial sector.

Julius Keju, research director at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI), noted that the ecological innovations should never feed out agriculture, livestock, fishing and the industrial sector to contribute to a sustainable green economy.

By Correspondent Anaeli Mbise

HEALTH minister, Ummu Mwalimu has directed health centres to have refrigerators for storage of blood products including plasma, a move that will help to reduce maternal and neonatal mortalities.

Ummu made the statement yesterday when speaking at the launch of the safe blood transfusion centre in Dodoma Region. The 6.3m/- facility has been constructed by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The event went together with celebrations of the world blood donation day.

Construction of the facility

Health minister directs health centres to store blood products

supports the government's efforts in reducing maternal and neonatal mortalities and improves the health of mothers and new born babies.

"Many mothers have been losing their lives during childbirth due to heavy bleeding. Presence of blood at our health centres will save their life," said Mwalimu, noting that donated blood can be stored in refrigerators for 45 days before it deteriorates.

She said with the current technological development, blood can be stored for a year. She ordered councils countrywide to allocate a budget for mobilizing and

collection of blood in their areas to meet demands.

Ummu urged Tanzanians to continue donating blood to meet the demand of 590,000 bottles required every year in the country.

Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry Dr Grace Magembe said the demand for blood in the country has increased following the increase in the number of maternity surgery centres.

KOICA Country Director, Manshik Shin said the project has been implemented in Dodoma since 2019 to improve access to blood products.

PO-RALG: Poor nutrition still big challenge - report

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

POOR nutrition in the country remains a serious challenge, according to demographic reports

or the 2022 Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) This was revealed on Wednesday this week by Mwita Waibe, assistant director in PO-RALG in the health

division during the meeting of stakeholders and the government that discussed about poor nutrition held here. Waibe said as for now the

situation on stunting for children under five years of age is 30 per cent countrywide, meaning that out of 100 children 30 have stunting.

Waibe explained that basically these children face learning challenges, but also in production to bring about benefits to the country's development.

responsibility to oversee various operations going on in the country and that in September 2022, President Samia Suluhu Hassan signed agreements with Regional Commissioners.

The agreements were designed to mobilise and oversee the implementation of nutrition programmes to speed up the fight against poor nutrition.

Iringa regional administrative secretary, Leonard Masanja said the stunting situation in the Southern Highlands regions including Iringa is becoming more grave despite the fact that the area produces many types of food crops in abundance.

He said that the situation stems from habits by some people in the area fail to use the available food correctly thereby causing stunting and kwashiorkor in children under five years of age.

He added that the government continues with its intention to improve nutrition in general in schools and among the communities.

In 2022 nutrition stakeholders created guidelines in regard to provision of food in schools that stressed in using food that were added with essential biological nutrients.

"In the entire issue of poor nutrition, the big challenge affects the country's development thereby contributing to the rise in treating costs," he said.

Iringa Region leads in stunting prevalence with 56 per cent in children under five years of age.

Hence, it becomes difficult for them to learn or engage in production, and the issue moves from generation to generation.

This challenges have made many stakeholders to look at the government in order to put in place a friendly environment to let development partners contribute in fighting the challenge.

"As you can see we are with Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), who have been here for two years now but will continue to be with us," he said.

GAIN were engaged in a programme to increase nutrients in the biological foods but they were particularly engaged in the production of nutritious maize and beans.

He said PO-RALG has the



Participants of yesterday's launch in Dar es Salaam of Anzia Jikoni Campaign, the thrust of whose activities is on sensitising the public on the importance of using clean energy for cooking, in a group photo with UNCDF official and Cookfund project manager Immanuel Muro (2nd-R). Photo: Correspondent Restituta James

NBC Bank's Mwalimu Account launched in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

NATIONAL Bank of Commerce (NBC) yesterday launched a new account, 'Mwalimu Account', to provide cost-effective financial services solutions for teachers in Tanzania.

The innovative account aims to provide special benefits and services designed for the unique needs of teachers and enable them to successfully overcome various financial challenges.

Speaking during the account's launch in Dar es Salaam, the bank's head of finance and foreign markets Juliana Mwapachu said: "The 'Mwalimu Account' represents an important step in the journey of financial inclusion and empowering teachers."

The institution's head of products and sales Abel Kaseko said: "Mwalimu Account' is a unique banking solution designed for teachers in Tanzania. It offers a full range of financial products and services designed for the needs of the community of teachers, giving them greater control over their finances and the opportunity to build a strong future."

Through NBC's partnership with Samsung, teachers will receive up to a 10 per cent discount on the purchase of any device from Samsung stores. There is also another discount of up to 15 per cent on the purchase of solar panels and motorcycles.

"Mwalimu Account' aims to transform the banking experience for teachers by providing benefits, including no monthly fees... we understand the importance of convenience and ease of use for teachers, so we have waived any maintenance fees associated with this account," Kaseko disclosed.

The Head of Products and Sales added: "Fixed activity fee... regardless of either the amount of activity or the method used, teachers will receive a fixed fee of only 2,000/- for all types of activities, providing transparency and low cost."

Other benefits include education benefits in which in the unfortunate event of a parent (teacher) passing away, the family will receive an education benefit of 6m/-, ensuring that the children's educational needs are taken care of during such a difficult time.

The account moreover presents a hand of mercy, as a gesture of support, in the event of the death of a teacher, the bank will offer a condolence payment of 2m/- providing financial relief during this difficult period.

There is also permanent disability assistance, in the unfortunate event of a teacher becoming permanently disabled, the institution will provide an equivalent amount of 2m/- as a token of support and assistance.

Convenient digital banking services in which the 'Mwalimu Account' comes with an easy-to-use mobile banking app, allowing teachers to access their accounts, transact and manage their finances easily from their mobile phones.

There are as well affordable loan options. Recognizing the financial challenges faced by teachers, the 'Mwalimu Account' offers access to affordable loan facilities for home purchase, home completion, home renovation, and insurance loan where the bank offers the option to pay in equal monthly payments to compensate for fire.



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60	MC 687 ACD	MOTORCYCLE		2011	GROUNDED	ARUSHA
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73	T838BUB	FORD	Ranger	2010	GROUNDED	DSM
74	T705CKG	FORD	Ranger	2013	GROUNDED	DSM
75	Z837AE	Toyota	Hatch	1997	GROUNDED	DSM
76	T101ANN	Toyota	HILUX PICKUP S/CABIN	2006	GROUNDED	DSM
77	T423AAY	Nissan	NISSAN J83	2008	GROUNDED	DSM
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79	T466BPT	Iveco	Daily	2010	GROUNDED	DSM
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Electronics company trains dealers for work efficiency

By Guardian Reporter

SOUTH Korean multinational electronics company-LG Electronics has reaffirmed its dedication in delivering efficient and environmentally friendly solutions that cater to the unique needs of our Tanzanian consumers and partners through continuous training to its dealers.

Dongwon Lee, the East Africa managing director said yesterday during the dealers' seminar held in Dar es Salaam that brought together hundreds of dealers and was also attended by the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Tanzania KIM, Sun Pyo and the Indian High Commissioner to Tanzania Binaya Srikanta Pradhan. "I would like to acknowledge the steadfast support you provide to enhance economic relations and foster opportunities in this lovely country as we gather here to empower each other and share the knowledge of our

expertise on improving customer experience and rolling out the best Air solutions for Tanzania," he said.

He said LG firmly believes in the power of partnerships and knowledge sharing adding that the dealer's seminar serves as a platform for them to foster stronger relationships and pave the way for mutual growth.

"I am here to reaffirm LG's commitment to empowering each and every one of you with the tools and knowledge necessary to deliver innovative and energy-efficient air conditioning, heating, and ventilation solutions to our valued Tanzanian consumers," he said.

He further noted that LG's goal is not only to enhance the quality and sustainability of air solutions in Tanzania but also to contribute to a greener, healthier, and more efficient future for Tanzania. "This we hope to achieve through our B2C and B2B Solutions that are currently offered across various

industries, including hospitality, retail, education, healthcare, and transportation, he said.

He called on the dealers to take advantage of the Information Display division in order to offer a great value addition to your clients.

"This is a speciality division that specializes in products such as Digital Signage screens, OLED, Video walls, Interactive Displays, Stand-alone kiosk screens, Large Format Displays, and LEDs (both outdoor and Indoor) and is most commonly known in this region for supplying commercial TVs for the Hospitality Industry across the region. These screens are complimented by our leading software to help manage screens installed in any facility," he added.

He said LG is ready to support dealers to build concepts, designing renderings, installing and training them and the end customer to successfully implement amazing display installations within Tanzania. "As LG Electronics, we promise to avail our world leading consulting, technology engineering and design services for any of your projects free of charge."



Iringa regional commissioner Halima Dendego pictured in Iringa municipality yesterday addressing traders who have staged a strike, protesting the demolition of parts of structures in which they conduct businesses. Photo: Correspondent Francis Godwin

CSO advised to come up with quality data systems

By Beatrice Philemon

CIVIL Society Organisation (CSO) have been advised to come up with comprehensive data systems that will help them to establish projects to enable women to cope with climate change effects and obtain climate finance.

Dr George Mulamula, founder and chief executive officer, Technovate Advisory Services gave the advice recently at a one day climate change breakfast discussion organised by Women Action towards Economic Development (WATED) with funding from Global Alliance for Green and Gender. The debate involved CSOs from different regions across the country.

"As climate change is changing water availability, making it scarcer in many areas across the world including Tanzania, cause drought, women participation in climate change issues is important and CSOs should train them how to cope with climate change in areas

where they are," he said.

He said comprehensive data will enable CSOs to create a road map that will guide them on how to support farmers for what they plant in their localities, introduce new projects and later on assist people to cope with climate change.

Dr Mulamula added: "If you want to support farmers, make sure you involve women in your research, identify how they cultivate their crops, how they access seeds for their farming activities and what kind of farming methods they apply.

He said it is also important for the organizations to have Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems that will enable them to monitor farmers.

Climate finance seeks to support mitigation and adaptation actions to address climate change effects that are now available for all CSOs across the country.

Maria Matui, WATED coordinator added that officials from CSOs

attended the event to discuss why women and indigenous people matter in climate awareness and discussion.

Matui said women and indigenous are among the vulnerable groups affected by climate change and they play a vital role in food production. She said it is crucial to recognise and build their capacity for resilience, diversification of their livelihoods and for empowerment purposes.

Emphasizing on financing for gender, she said it is important to address gender needs from climate change impacts such as agriculture, fishing activities, to balance adaptation and mitigation actions in a gender responsive way.

On Gender Based Violence (GBV), Matui stressed the need to create more understanding and awareness of men and women participation in climate change and generate evidence and information for advocacy and promotion of climate change within initiatives.

By Guardian Correspondent

Vodacom Tanzania launches Makunduchi network tower

country's development.

"I congratulate Vodacom because they will assist residents of Makunduchi in accessing reliable and quality communication services. Residents will also benefit from a wide portfolio of services ranging from digital products to the prominent M-Pesa thus accelerating the growth of various business activities, such as agriculture and fishing," he added.

Executive director of the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency (ZICTIA) Shukuru Awadh Suleiman commended Vodacom for supporting the government in extending broadband communication services, particularly in rural areas.

"I am glad that today's inauguration is taking place when not much time has elapsed since the signing ceremony of the Digital Tanzania project witnessed by the President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dodoma," he said.

He said during her speech, the President urged communication service providers to prioritize rural areas, emphasizing that the areas are densely populated but have long been neglected. She said that improved communication will stimulate various economic sectors, including health and agriculture, which are fundamental to the

financial services, we continue to innovate and strengthen our M-Pesa offerings beyond savings and lending to even cater for international money transfers whilst creating opportunities for employment through our widespread agent network" added Shirima.

Shirima added: "This continued investment in communication infrastructure is for the broader benefit of our communities and it is our hope that it will stimulate even further growth of socio-economic activities".

She went ahead and thanked the government for providing an enabling environment for businesses such as Vodacom thus allowing them to continue investing in the country.

Vodacom has completed 3 other sites in the recent past, all of which are already on air and two more are in their final stages. This goes to show the company's progressive investment in the isles and its commitment to strengthen network coverage across Zanzibar.

Kaliua residents set to benefit from mega water dam project

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

A total of 18,000 residents in Ichemba Ward, Kaliua District in Tabora Region are set to benefit from a mega dam construction project which will facilitate stable supply of water for home and farming activities.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde told lawmakers yesterday here during the questions and answer session.

According to him, the government has already announced a tender to secure the best contractor to implement the project.

Mavunde was responding to a question posed by Rehema Migila, Ulyankulu MP (CCM) who wanted to know when the government will commence construction of the dam at Ichemba village.

The lawmaker wanted to know the government's strategy to construct important infrastructure to facilitate irrigation farming.

"The Rural Sanitation and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) has already commenced processes to

secure a good contractor for the implementation of the project, so once completed, the construction will commence immediately," he explained.

He further said the government will set a special budget in the 2024/25 financial year to facilitate feasibility study and designing for the construction of irrigation infrastructure to send water to farms.

The deputy minister added that in the next fiscal year, the government will also conduct a feasibility study and design to ensure that water from the dam benefits more people in Ichemba and nine other wards.

Mavunde added that the government was implementing various strategies which include construction of dams and renovating basins so as to further boost agriculture.

He assured the MPs that the government was taking all efforts to ensure that more projects are implemented to improve irrigation infrastructures in the country.

RITA registers under-five children in Kagera

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

THE Registration, Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) has trained officials in Kagera Region for the purpose of educating them on how to conduct the registration exercise for under five children.

Since the agency started to implement a registration campaign for under five, it has so far registered 8,292,343 children in 23 regions.

The campaign is collaboratively implemented by the agency and the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Health, PMO-RALG, immigration, National Identification Authority NIDA, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Canadian International Development Agency and a mobile phone company-TIGO.

Dr Amina Msengwa, RITA Board Chairperson, said the training was provided to stakeholders including assistant registrars to enable them run the exercise successfully. She said the target is to register 418,247 children (0-4) years who were born in 2022 as only 68,967 (12.4 percent) of them were issued with birth certificates.

"In December 15, 2022 we held

the first session of training in Kagera which brought together various stakeholders. Training was conducted in May 24, 2023 whereas feedback from officials showed that NIDA must fast-track issues of national IDs," she said

Patricia Mbuya, is the agency's registration manager, she said registration and issuance of birth certificates to children under the age of five is free, being implemented by RITA in collaboration with district officials.

She said birth registration has been simplified as local governments can now manage the exercise, adding the use of digital technology in sending information to RITA has made it easier for many people who were previously required to visit the agency offices.

New-borns are to be registered three months after birth, she said.

Blenda Joshua Kileo, NIDA registration and identification manager, said they have reached officials in all the wards, adding they are working closely to ensure people in the Region have national IDs.

Kagera Regional Administration Secretary (RAS), Toba Nguvula urged officials engaged in the registration exercise to be honest and work diligently.

TAMWA Z'bar celebrates Day of the African Child

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Media Women's Association, Zanzibar (TAMWA ZNZ) celebrates the International Day of the African Child with the emphasis on protection of children in the digital age in all aspects of their life.

TAMWA-ZNZ commemorate this day carrying a thematic message - "The Rights of the Child in the Digital Environment" stressing the protection of the child against acts of humiliation and sexual violence.

The association has organised a forum that will involve various stakeholders advocating for the rights of children whereas participants will discuss issues related to children protection and come up with a way forward on what should be done to make sure children remain in safe hands.

The forum is expected to take place on June 25th 2023 involving children, civil organisations, government institutions, parents, teachers and religious leaders, according to a statement released yesterday.

Stakeholders advocating children's rights will discuss in detail issues of child protection and

suggest ways to deal with acts of humiliation among children.

Statistics released in January this year by the Office of the Chief Government Statistician in Zanzibar showed that a total of 1,173 children were affected by acts of humiliation and violence in 2022 out of 1,360 incidents that were reported.

TAMWA Zanzibar insists on the collaboration of the institutions that advocate the rights of children and society by looking at how children will be protected against acts of humiliation and sexual violence that affect their future life.

The Child Act No. 6 of 2011 aims to strengthen protection, care, and rights of children. It is against the law to commit acts of violence against children and that is why, it provides for the protection of children in all aspects, taking into account the age of not less than 18 years, as stated under section 19(1) (b) of the Child Act.

The Day of the African Child is celebrated every year on the 16th of June to honour memories of students who were massacred in Soweto, South Africa, in 1976 for protesting against education injustice and inequality in the apartheid regime.



Juliana Mwapachu (C), NBC Bank's head of finance and foreign markets, speaks at yesterday's launch in Dar es Salaam of the bank's special account for teachers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PS calls upon heads of public institutions to address grievances via digital systems

By Guardian Correspondent

JUMA Mkomi, Permanent Secretary in the President's Office (Public Service Management) has called upon heads in the administration and human resources management in public institutions to address all complaints and views from the people through the digital system for the intended benefits.

Mkomi made the remarks here

yesterday when opening a task force meeting for senior officials of public institutions and professional associations aimed to discuss the use of the digital systems.

He said apart from the establishment of the system, if there won't be any accountability in addressing public complaints, the entire system will be pointless.

"As you delay responding to people's complaints, the same public will write letters to me

saying the letter should be seen by the PS who is the head of all public servants, we do not want to reach that stage," Mkomi said.

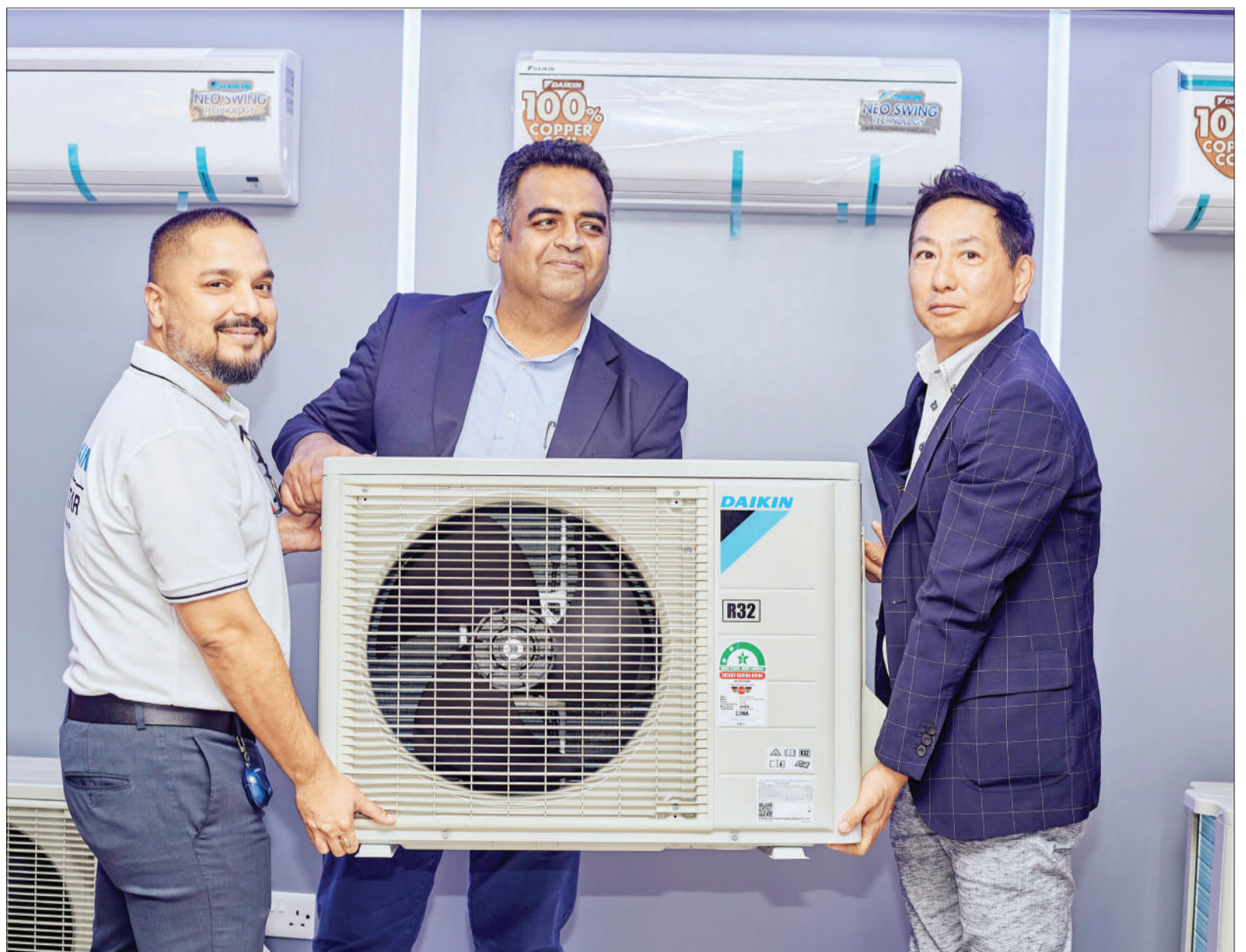
He said he wants to see officers picked to operate the systems are accountable accordingly including making sure all public complaints are speedily addressed while maintaining confidentiality.

He added that in case the e-response system will be used appropriately, it will help the

government institutions to improve its services to the people as the responses given will help to make right decisions.

He explained that the e-response system has been formed to enhance transparency, accountability and confidentiality that enable officials to see how the complaints were being addressed.

Earlier, the Director of the Department of Ethics from the President Office (Public Service Management), Leila Mavika said using the digital system will help the government to enhance accountability among public servants when serving the people.



Daikin India deputy managing director Toshiharu Surumaru (R); Daikin's general manager for overseas business, Jayant Jawa (C); and Garnet Star manager Rajesh Nomulwar hold one of the Daikin products during the opening of Garnet Star's Daikin showroom in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dar es Salaam firm launches environmentally friendly drive

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS have been urged to embrace air conditioning machines that are environmentally friendly and consume less energy as Garnet Star has just signed up a dealership with Daikin, a global leader in air conditioning systems.

Rajesh Nomulwar, Garnet Star Manager made the call in Dar es Salaam yesterday when

speaking during the launch of his dealership with Daikin, which was also attended by the firm's top leadership.

"We have chosen to sign a dealership pact with Daikin as they are a world leader and their machines are environmentally friendly hence the need for more Tanzanians to go for this product," he said.

Rajesh said one of the reasons for choosing Daikin is due to its latest

innovations in energy-efficient air conditioning technologies.

"We have highly trained technicians who can handle these machines while adhering to Daikin's international standards," he said.

Daikin India's Deputy Managing Director, Toshiharu Tsurumaru and General Manager for Overseas Business, Jayant Jawa lauded Garnet Star for the new move and promised to offer enough collaboration to ensure Tanzanians get quality

machines and value for money.

"We are excited about Tanzania and have been making strides into the region over the last few years. Daikin is aiming for a leadership position by 2025, and we are serious about the East Africa region. He said adding that they will continue investing more in environmentally friendly machines.

Daikin is a leading air conditioning company from Japan and has a manufacturing facility in India.

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Foreign exchange supply stability shows country's position changing

TEN years ago it would scarcely have been expected that if there is a general crisis of accessing the principal world trade currency, Tanzania would by contrast have adequate foreign reserves. Things have changed and the country is in a better position to use some of its advantages, where perennial disadvantages like criss-crossing a vast country with reliable transportation are no longer a handicap. It is a stage of development that each country in Africa has to scale.

The central bank governor was recently assuring participants to the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) State House meeting that the economy has not been hurt by the global scarcity of the US currency. There was no time that a proper foreign exchange difficulty came up but ripples of the vast attraction of dollars around the world to purchase US Treasury bonds. It was a point a bit hidden in the governor's remarks, as millionaires around the world are attracted by short term US monetary instruments, to the detriment of weaker economies.

Tanzania has some natural resource advantages that are playing a greater role in how the country's economy stands vis a vis the rest. With gradual reforms across four decades and even just in the past two years, the potential starts to unfold in a more significant way than was earlier expected. Projects of mind-boggling sums of money are being signed, and predictably, the country will be suffering much less in the US Treasury instruments purchasing frenzy as it has more numerous profitable investment opportunities compared to chaotic states.

To recall what the governor said,

he assured the meeting participants that all along we have had enough foreign reserves, affirming that at the moment BoT us selling at least two million US dollars daily, crediting Tanzania with being the only country in East and Central Africa that still has reserves it can pump into the economy to support the market. Others put in forex as well but there are good reasons to believe that they are operating chiefly on a hand to mouth basis.

It is however inaccurate to say that Tanzania is totally adrift this foreign exchange centripetal movement of foreign currency to the US market or other major financial centres elevating such deposits on a short term basis. There are situations here that reflect the tendency, as tourism operators may for instance not bank foreign exchange locally in view of higher benefits abroad. President Samia Suluhu Hassan made a remark to that effect at the TNBC meeting in that the government does not see or obtain the dollars they get from tourist arrivals.

Alternatively, this foreign flow hiatus in world trade shows the value of opening up the country at this time, to attract deposits that can't all be channelled to US treasuries or stocks. One such avenue is the latest initiative of a special status for the country's Diaspora as it could make a difference though the ideal situation is dual citizenship. We tend to harbour fears rather than noticing opportunities, but initiatives could be possible in due course. One finger doesn't break lice, and all successful countries invited foreign investment to the grassroots, not just infrastructure or industries as substantial amounts of money reaching grassroots level raise consumer demand, fostering industrial growth.

We need to commit more to fighting desertification

TANZANIA'S economic base is dependent on the use of natural resources, rain-fed agriculture and biomass for household energy. The economy is highly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change and to extreme weather events. The impacts are already vivid.

Eighty per cent of the glacier on Mount Kilimanjaro has been lost since 1912 and it is projected that the entire glacier will be gone by 2025.

The loss of human, natural, financial, social and physical capital, caused by the adverse impacts of climate change, especially severe droughts and floods, among many other disasters, are indeed of great concern to Tanzania. The impacts of climate change on sectors such as agriculture, water, health, energy and others have been the driving force for the preparation of the Tanzania National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA).

Climate change is now a global issue posing challenges to the very survival of mankind and sustainable development. The adverse impacts of climate change are now evident almost everywhere. Climate change poses a serious risk to poverty reduction efforts and threatens to undo decades of development efforts. It is widely accepted that the impacts of climate change are, and will continue to be more pronounced in poor countries.

These countries have contributed the least to the problem and are the ones least able to cope with the impacts. Due to the increasing temperatures, the adverse impacts are now felt in all sectors of the economy and are threatening human life. Severe and recurrent droughts in the past few years have triggered the recent devastating power crisis.

After two years of comprehensive information and data collection and analysis as well as wide consultations, Tanzania's NAPA preparation project has been finalised. This document has been prepared with the primary objective of identifying and promoting activities that address urgent and immediate needs for adapting to the adverse impacts of climate change. The focus of this work has been on adaptation needs in the agriculture, water, energy, health and forestry sectors.

In drought affected areas of Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia, 22 million people are acutely food insecure and 5.1 million children are acutely malnourished. WFP is urgently calling for USD 2.4 billion to help avert a major humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa and support 8.8 million people affected by the drought with regular life-saving relief.

After five consecutive below-average rains, the humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa is deepening. To address the devastating drought-induced hunger and malnutrition across the region, WFP is pursuing an integrated dual track approach; meeting immediate life-saving food and nutritional needs while simultaneously building resilience to extreme climate variability.

WFP is already on the ground, providing millions of people with life-saving assistance every day. Since mid-2021, thanks to the generosity of its partners, WFP has more than doubled relief assistance across drought-affected areas of the Horn of Africa from 4 to over 8.8 million food relief beneficiaries every month. Responding now is necessary to avert a humanitarian catastrophe, prevent suffering, protect dignity and save lives.

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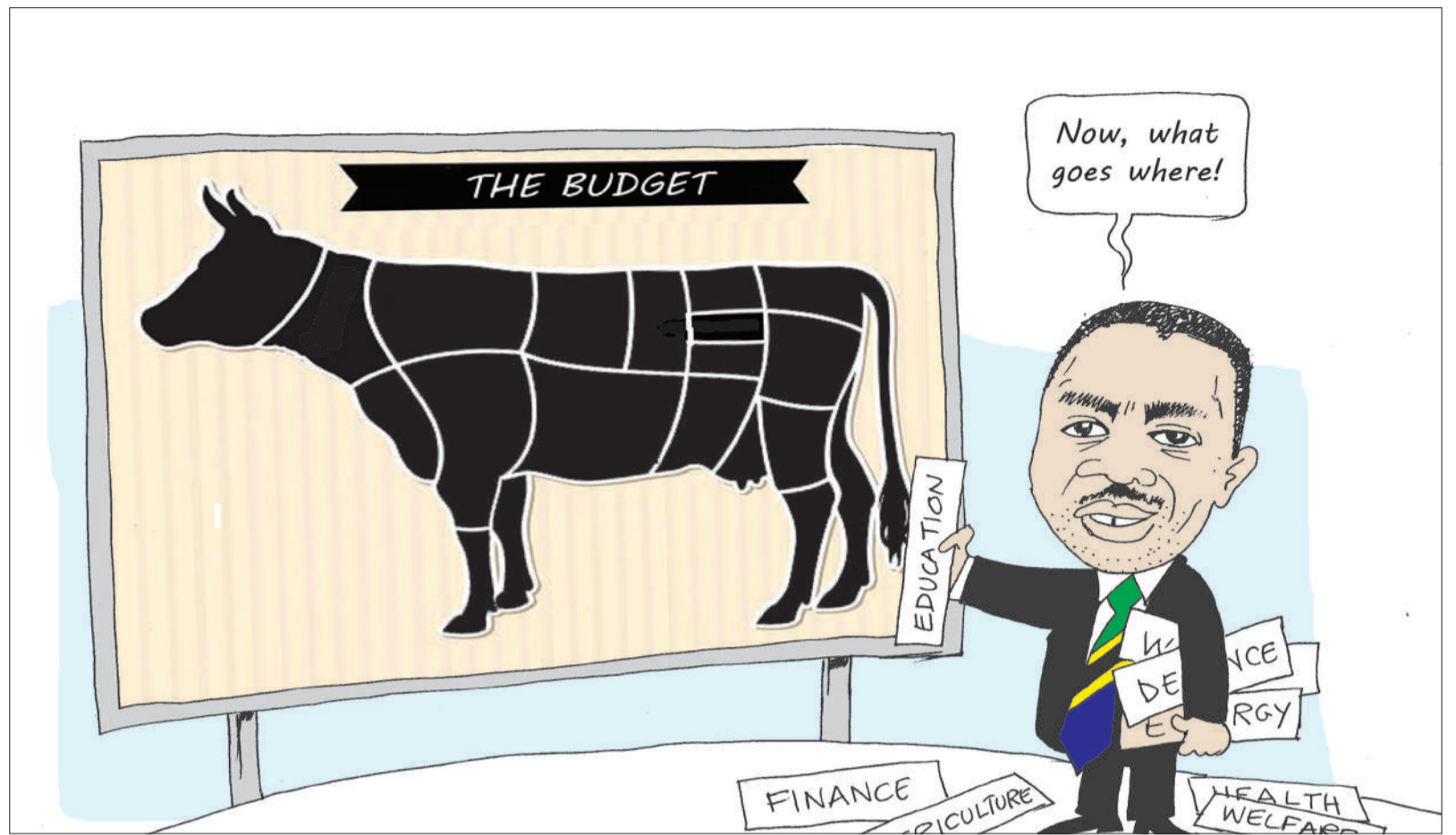
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What can Africa learn from Nigeria's swift adoption of cashless payment systems?

By Mxolisi Msutwana

ALL around the world, governments are trying to encourage cashless payments. Their reasons for doing so are multiple, including expanded financial inclusion and transparency, wanting to formalise the informal economy, and to drive economic growth and innovation. Nigeria is no exception. By the end of 2022, the move towards a cashless policy as a means to eradicate cash was high on the government's agenda in Nigeria. In early 2023, a bid by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to introduce new banknotes and lower cash withdrawal amounts led to a serious shortage of cash.

Unfortunately, there were not enough new notes in circulation to serve the needs of a country that's historically been as heavily cash-dependent as Nigeria. While the initiative itself is a step in the right direction, there's no denying that it caused issues.

The economic effects were far from positive. According to S&P, amidst widespread protests, many Nigerians were left scrambling for ways to pay for day-to-day goods and services. As a result, many people who'd never previously used digital payment services had little choice but to adopt them. Fintechs in particular stepped up to the plate, helping Nigerians meet a fundamental need at a time when their lives had been massively disrupted. A report from Nigeria's Inter-Bank Settlement System (NIBSS) found that there was a 125% increase in mobile payments during January compared with the same period in the previous year. Additionally, Bloomberg reports, the value of mobile-money transactions has jumped by a quarter to 2.5 trillion naira (US\$5.4 billion).

As the shortages abate, it will be crucial that digital payment providers do not let the resulting move to digital payments go to waste. In a country with a long history of relying on cash as the primary means of payment as Nigeria, they will have to work hard to retain the customers they've gained in recent months and position themselves for continued accelerated growth.

How digital payment providers evolved

Before looking at how digital payment providers can do so, it's worth taking a deeper look at how they responded to the situation. That the crisis represented a particularly big opportunity for digital payment providers that allow people to make transactions with their



mobile phones is to be expected. After all, as Bloomberg points out, just under 40% of Nigerians have access to bank accounts, compared with mobile-phone penetration of 117% in the country, giving them the opportunity to expand rapidly. Given the comparatively low levels of mobile money use prior to the cash shortages, it should be clear just how much potential for growth there was (and still is).

Of course, those operators still had to work hard to ensure that they were able to properly service the growing pool of customers looking to make and receive digital payments. MTN Nigeria, for example, is planning to deploy 224 000 agents to boost the adoption of mobile wallet use.

At Baxi, meanwhile, we onboarded record numbers of agents, ensuring that people were able to easily send and receive money. We also supported merchants in providing solutions for payment collections during that period by deploying additional point-of-sale (POS) terminals, allowing customers to pay via card and transfers, and allowing merchants to generate account numbers for payment collections.

Of course, not everything went according to plan for every digital payment provider. As a recent column in TechCabal pointed out, many Nigerians complained about the high failure rate in digital transactions.

Cash will always be important

Even in the face of such growth, it's important to remember how dominant cash has historically been in Nigeria. Despite cashless transactions rising 42% in 2022,

cash-based payments still accounted for 63% of all POS transactions in the same year, according to the FIS Worldpay Global Payments Report 2022. That's significantly higher than the global average of 17.9%. It also puts Nigeria well ahead of the average for the Middle East and Africa region, where cash accounts for 44% of POS payments.

The reasons for the dominance of cash in Nigeria are deep-seated too. They range from a lack of access to bank accounts (just 39% of Nigerians aged 15 and older have a formal bank account) to trust issues with the formal economy. An extensive informal economy and infrastructure challenges also play significant roles while the power of force of habit can't be ignored either.

In other words, digital payment and mobile money providers cannot simply assume that the boon they've experienced as a result of the cash shortage will continue unabated. They also can't assume that cash will be displaced. It will continue to play a significant role in Nigerian society for a long time to come.

Instead, they should focus on using the situation to ensure that Nigerians and merchants alike understand the very real advantages that digital payments and mobile money have in specific situations.

Security, convenience, and increased access

When it comes to consumers, for instance, payment providers need to highlight that the day-to-day transactions that they enabled during the cash shortage were just the start of what they can offer.

Of course, it's important to keep

emphasising that digital payments offer consumers better security and convenience, especially when it comes to large transactions.

But it's also important to highlight the additional benefits that digital payments offer. Thanks to advanced integrations, for example, customers can access audio and video streaming services without needing a formal bank account. In many cases, the promise of access to something you didn't previously have access to is a much more powerful incentive than being able to complete existing tasks more conveniently.

For merchants, meanwhile, security is also a benefit that can continue to be emphasised. For small businesses especially, using electronic channels makes tracking your cash-generating activities easier than ever.

Here again though, there are other significant benefits that should be emphasised, including the ability to automate takings. The digital records made available by having digital payment offerings as an option can also ease the path towards formalisation for small businesses. That, in turn, makes it easier to access things like growth financing.

An opportunity not to be missed

Ultimately, there's never been a better time for digital payment providers to press home what they can offer to both consumers and merchants. But they must make the most of that opportunity. Their best hope for doing so isn't to degenerate the role of cash but to emphasise the very real opportunities they can help unlock.

Power of Attorney: When one acts legally on your behalf

POWER of attorney is a common legal document used by various people or legal entities for the convenience of running their day-to-day transactions with the purposes of transferring mandate to someone else.

In very ordinary meaning, the word power means authority or mandate while attorney means representation or act on behalf of. In simpler terms, power of attorney is an instrument conferring authority by deed.

A person or entity that has been given such authority is called the donee while the one granted such authority is called donor. The donee is regarded as an agent of the donor. Legal effect of issuances of power of attorney is that as long as he or she acts within the parameters of the authority given under such power of attorney, then the donor is bound by all such acts done on his or her behalf by donee.

One might wonder why the law can allow such conferring of authority from one person to the other as if it is in oblivion of the consequences that can be occasioned by such act. However, the law (particularly civil law) strives to serve the needs of the society and it is not uncommon in the current business setup of modern times for people to deal with agents of the principal since the principal cannot be present everywhere when needed for various reasons.

Under these circumstances, the principal or donor executes an instrument called power of attorney which authorizes the donee to represent or act on their behalf to handle private affairs which can be business or some other legal matters.

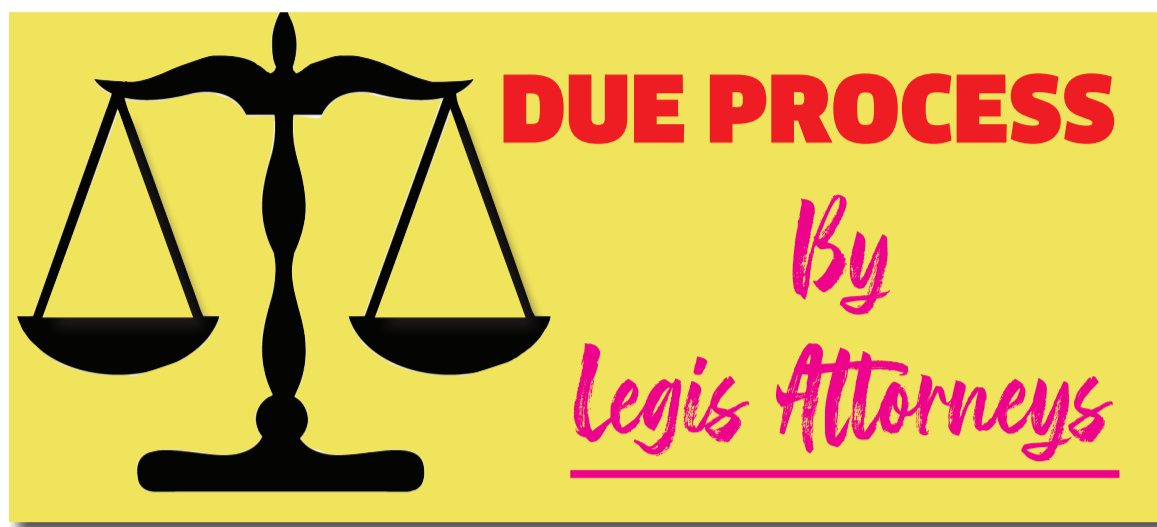
Bu who is a competent person to issue power of attorney? Many people go to lawyers asking to have power of attorney because the donor is of unsound mind and cannot function well.

As pointed above, power of the attorney is a deed of transfer of authority. Therefore, a person who issues the same should be in a position to understand the nature of the power or mandate issued to the donee.

Therefore, any person with full understanding of the nature of what he or she is given can issue power of attorney. For the entity, it should be with legal status such as a company, statutory bodies and others.

Essentially, a person or entity can issue power of attorney only on specific task but also power of attorney can be issued to cover general issues of the donor. Therefore, there are two types of power of attorney namely specific power of attorney and general power of attorney.

As their names denote, specific power of attorney is given to undertake a specific task while general power of attorney is given to generally undertake everything concerning the donor.



It is a matter of the law that a person delegated with specific mandate or power cannot sub-delegate the same to another person. In Latin, it is called delegatus non potest delegare, meaning a delegate, in our instance the donee, cannot further delegate such powers entrusted to them by the donor.

One thing to take note of is that the legal effect of general power of attorney is that the donor confers right to the donee to perform variety of issues on his or her behalf. This is very risky for the either entity or person who is capable of discharging their obligations.

General power of attorney should be issued after one is satisfied with all circumstances surrounding such environment. Otherwise, specific power of attorneys is advisable in most transactions.

Let's look at specific power of attorney, particularly one given for purposes of initiating and representing the donor in court

and the ones for effecting disposition (transfer) of registered land.

It is important to take note at this juncture that validity of the mentioned power of attorney used in court for disposition of land commences once the same is registered under the Registration of Document Act Cap 117 R.E 2019.

The validity of power of Attorney to be used in court of law commences from the date of registration as evidenced in the Civil Appeal No 39 of 1992 Dar es Salaam City Council & another vs C.M. Munde-ba.

A person issued with power of attorney to represent the donor in court has powers to institute a case and prosecute the same but in doing such tasks, the donee is not assuming duties of advocates.

Therefore, he or she is not allowed to be remunerated in any way. This issue was well stated in the old case in the Court of Appeal of Tanzania in Civil

Application No 6 of 1998 between Rashid Abdulla Rashid & others vs Musa Haji Kombo & another.

The court held that power of attorney does not confer power to discharge duty as an advocate. Rather, it is an instrument to institute and prosecute proceeding but not to discharge functions as an advocate.

Further, a person cannot just appoint an attorney to represent them in court as and when they wish to do so. For example, a person who is not eloquent or is timid to prosecute own case cannot decide to appoint an attorney to act on their behalf in court.

Courts of law have established consideration factors which are taken into account before accepting a person representing another person based on the power of attorney.

Although the reasons differ from one application to the other but the consideration is whether circumstances offered are truly disallow the donor to

institute and attend his or her case in court.

In the case of Hassan Marare Magori & another vs Juma Marare & 4 others (HCT) 1992, it was stated that this is entertained: "Where a person who is a party to a case is unable to pursue the case himself or herself for reasons of old age, sickness or where such party is dumb or deaf, or when the party to the proceedings is away in a foreign country and getting such party would be tedious or expensive.

The court further added that the donor of power of attorney must be sure the donee of the power of attorney would step into donor's shoes and that the donor of the power of attorney must accept all the consequences that may arise in the course of the litigation.

As for disposition of the land, section 96 of the Land Registration Act 9 Cap 334 R.E 2002 requires the registrar to take cognizance of a joint application of donor and donee of a power of attorney registered for purposes of effecting disposition of a registered land.

This law further states that such power of attorney shall be in writing, in the prescribed form and shall be executed in a manner required for deeds.

Once the same is registered, the donee shall have mandate specified in the attorney to act on behalf of the donor. It can be power to negotiate purchasing consideration or

sale, lease and others provided therein in respect of the land of the donor.

The donor of power of attorney can revoke such powers on events of misappropriation of such powers or upon change of circumstances which led to such appointment such as where the donor is no longer in existence or passed away.

However, for such revocation to be effective, it has to be brought to the attention of the donee. The donor can also refuse to be bound by the acts of the donee which were done out of the scope of the granted powers.

So, a person who transacts with a donee should be very careful with the limitations conferred by the donor with view of making the donor responsible.

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

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BY MARK MAPAMBANO

THE debate on whether the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Tanzania and Dubai on development of ports in our country is still raging on. The matter has divided the country into two extremes of opposers and proposers; yet, many are still confused, not knowing what to believe.

Unfortunately, the debate that, due to its importance, was supposed to take place soberly has taken a political twist with some commentators stating that Tanzania's two signatories in the agreement namely President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Prof Makame Mbarawa, Minister for Works and Transport, are both from Zanzibar but the isles' ports are not part of the deal.

Jingoistic comments flooded the social media, with folks who cannot filter misinformation and disinformation concluding that with the IGA, we have lost control of our ports hence inchi imuzwa (the country has been sold).

This is playing politics with a very sensitive topic and that is unpatriotic, to say the least. This implies that many Tanzanians are not fully aware of the importance of a port, especially seaport.

Countries with seaports like ours are extremely lucky. But countries with seaports and landlocked neighbours like ours are abundantly blessed. Apart from our natural resources and tourism hotspots that bring us foreign currency, our other source, with the potential of becoming a cash dispenser is the port.

Maritime transport is the backbone of international trade and the global economy. For, around 80 percent of global trade by volume and over 70 percent of global trade by value are carried by sea and are handled by ports worldwide.

Seaports are an important factor in domestic and international trade since they are the starting and the ending point of any transport of goods or passengers by sea. Ports serve as a vital link in many supply chains and distribution channels related to international trade, thus playing an important role in economic development

Also, seaports are an important factor in regional economies since their operations create positive effects on

The bottom-line is we need investments to modernise our ports



the economy. The application of new technologies and innovations is important for the successful operation of seaports since their use reduces costs, facilitates business, increases transparency and attracts new business opportunities.

Currently, development of complex industrial production processes has increased the importance of seaports in the global supply chain. Port activity is no longer limited to just cargo handling since logistics service provision in an international context has become a core part of the business.

New technology in ship making necessitates investment in construc-

tion of berths and state-of-the-art handling and storage facilities. These things cost real money in hard currency on one hand and skills to deliver the same on the other.

Just having a port or ports like in our case is not enough. We can brag that we have three, namely Dar es Salaam, Mtwara and Tanga but what does that prove if they are inefficient? Poor logistics facilitation takes a huge toll on a country's competitive advantage.

One thing we cannot avoid is to engage a tested and passed investor to modernize our ports especially the Port of Dar es Salaam which handles about 95 percent of our international

trade. The port serves the landlocked countries of Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Malawi, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Yes, we boast these seven countries but we should not take this for granted. These are not the days of our solidarity with Zambia because of ideological friendship between Julius Nyerere and Kenneth Kaunda. These are the days of cutthroat competition where nothing matters than value for money.

Mind you, we have Beira in Mozambique and Mombasa, Kenya just around the corner as alternatives and competitors. It is an open secret that folks there are not just sipping tea or

coffee in the office; they are out looking for investors to modernize their ports and even build new ones.

That is why I submit that we should discuss this topic with the soberness it deserves and finally settle on a competent investor to improve efficiency of our ports. I don't mind if it is DP World if it has what it takes to do the job.

The sooner we do this, the better. For, time is not our best ally and we have no reason to relax. The World Bank's Container Port Performance Index released last month is a challenge to us to do something urgently about our ports, especially our jewel in the crown—the Port of Dar es Salaam.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, our neighbour Beira made it to the coveted top 10 highest-ranking ports. It is number eight on a list with the port of Djibouti on top. It is followed by Berbera (Somaliland), Conakry (Guinea), Dakar (Senegal), Matadi (Democratic Republic of Congo) Tema (Ghana), Mogadishu (Somalia), Freetown (Sierra Leone) and Toamasina (Madagascar).

The 10 aforementioned ports are not there by accident. Authorities in those countries decided years back to engage services of competent entities to invest and run the facilities.

One unique thing in this hot debate about Tanzania's IGA with Dubai is that there are no voices that oppose the whole idea of investment to improve our ports. The disquiet is about the terms and conditions set out in the agreement. These issues can be ironed out, can't they?

Experts we have trained and hired in our government should advise and help President Samia execute this good intention to improve efficiency of our ports. If well executed, our state coffers and hence service delivery to the good people of Tanzania will change for the better.

Let's stop politics and focus on business instead. An efficient seaport in a country surrounded by friendly landlocked countries is equal to a cash dispenser. We have three of them but in waiting and we know what to do to make it a reality, don't we?

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'News deserts' now rampant across Latin America

BY HUMBERTO MÁRQUEZ

WITHOUT the means to receive information about what is happening around them, millions of Latin Americans who live in poor remote rural or impoverished urban areas inhabit veritable news deserts, according to an increasing number of studies conducted by journalistic organizations in the region.

There are, for example, 29 million people in Brazil, 10 million in Colombia, seven million in Venezuela and up to three-quarters of the Argentine territory without access to journalism due to the absence of media outlets, or because the few existing local outlets are dedicated to entertainment, rather than news.

"When we talk about information deserts, we are also talking about what a robust media ecosystem implies: that there are not only enough media outlets, but also pluralism," said Jonathan Bock, director of the Colombian Foundation for Press Freedom (FLIP).

This plurality must encompass "the topics that are covered, diversity of formats, media that address different audiences. A healthy ecosystem," Bock added in a conversation with IPS from the Colombian capital.

A Jun. 7 forum organized by the Venezuelan branch of the Press and Society Institute (IPYS) displayed atlases and maps on news deserts in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela, based on research by organizations of journalists and academics from those countries.

Even without extrapolating from the results of these assessments, it is possible to estimate that news deserts affect a good part of the region, judging by the structural deficiencies of the population, and by conflictive situations in the media and journalism in nations such as those of Central America and the Andes.

"The social and geographical marginalization found in parts of our countries means that important segments of the population are in these news deserts. For example, indigenous populations lacking media outlets in their languages," Andrés Cañizález, founder and director of the Venezuelan observatory Medianálisis, told IPS.

Atlases and statistics

A study by the Argentine Journalism Forum (FOPEA), coordinated by Irene Benito, took a census of 560 areas in that country and considered 47.9 percent of them news deserts, 25.2 percent in "semi-desert" conditions, 17.1 percent as "semi-forests", and 9.8 percent as "forests", or areas with an abundance of media outlets and news.

"As in other Latin American nations, in many areas there are media outlets and journalists, but there is no quality coverage. They deal with other things, not the interests of their communities, while the propaganda apparatus of the powers-that-be is in overly robust health," Benito said in the IPYS forum.

In Brazil, the most recent News Atlas, released in March, recorded the existence of 13,734 media outlets in that country of 208 million inhabitants, but not a single one in 312 of its 5,568 municipalities. These 312 municipalities are home to 29.3 million people with no access to local news.



Remote rural areas far from the main cities and often in border regions are among the most affected by deficient infrastructure and lack of media outlets. CREDIT: ECLAC

Information.

Although hundreds of online media outlets emerge every year "and now more municipalities have at least one or two media outlets, many are not independent or are biased, because they depend on the city government or religious movements," said Cristina Zahar, from the Brazilian Association of Investigative Journalism (ARAJI).

In a third of Colombia, where 10 of the country's 50 million inhabitants live - many areas far from the big cities - there are no mass media, and in another third, home to 16 million people, the existing media outlets are dedicated to entertainment, according to FLIP's Cartography of

Information.

In Venezuela, seven million people live in municipalities where there are no media outlets, and that figure rises to 15 million - in a country of 28 million people - if municipalities with only one or two media outlets, considered "semi-deserts", are included, according to IPYS.

Unlike other countries, "the situation has worsened, with the massive closure of radio stations ordered by the government - at least 81 in 2022 alone, and 285 since 2003 - with radio being the medium that has the greatest penetration in remote areas," Daniela Alvarado, head of freedom of information at IPYS, told IPS. Exclusion, once again

In the case of Colombia, one cause for the breadth of news deserts is violence, "war, one of whose strategic aims is to pressure or close down news, journalism that can reveal, report, warn and monitor what happens in areas of conflict," said Bock.

In 45 years of armed conflict in Colombia, 165 journalists were murdered, "strategic killings, because they reported on things, and became symbols," Bock stressed.

"But it also has to do with a different kind of exclusion, of weak economies and little interest on the part of politics and government institutions in promoting independent and plural journalism, seen in some contexts as the enemy, and with society getting used to it and not demanding" independent reporting, the Colombian analyst said.

Another thing that has happened in countries in the region is that "traditional media, and many new digital outlets, emerged and are concentrated where there was already an audience and sources of advertising, which is combined with pre-existing inequalities to create an abyss between big cities and small towns and the countryside," said Cañizález.

In news deserts, infrastructure failures abound and there are absences or deficiencies in internet services, with providers that do not access these territories, aggravating the situation of local inhabitants who often only have simple mobile phones and cannot obtain news and information through digital or social networks.

However, news deserts are not

exclusive to rural, remote or border areas; in cities themselves there is a dearth of local media outlets, or the outlets have their own agendas on issues in poor urban communities, which are also impacted by the crises that face journalism in general.

This is the case of Venezuela, which "is caught up in a complex and continuous economic, political and social crisis that has led to the deterioration of its media ecosystem," Alvarado said, adding that it also faces "a communicational hegemony (on the part of the State) that is manifested in censorship and self-censorship."

Newspapers and television stations were driven to shut down, by government decision or suffocated due to lack of paper and advertising, or their sale paved the way for their closure; or, as in the case of many radio stations, closure is a constant looming threat. Online media suffer from internet cuts and harassment of their journalists.

What can be done?

"The challenge seems immeasurable, but we are not sitting quietly by, we must not give up on what is our right as a community public service," said Benito.

The State "should promote, at least in the area of its competence, which is radio, television and internet, inclusive policies throughout the nation's territory, guaranteeing basic rights, including the right to communication and information for all citizens," stated Cañizález.

Zahar said that "sustainability is the challenge," due to the difficulties many new media outlets, local or not, face in supporting themselves, and the advantages of digital media "that have fewer barriers to entry, can experiment with formats and financing mechanisms, and make quick changes."

Bock said "we must think about the financing of journalism where there are fragile economies, see it as a public service but an independent one, to address the training of people practicing journalism in those places."

Together with the support of the government and the international community, "models could be developed in which the big media sponsor local media in very small places or where there is clearly a news desert," Cañizález said.

"But that's still not even discussed in a number of our countries," he said. "It is an issue that concerns journalism but has not drawn public attention. The debate is still very much confined to reporters."



A photo of journalists dedicated to covering issues affecting nearby communities, like these ones in a town in Colombia, is uncommon in poor areas of Latin American countries, where millions of people have no access to information of local interest. CREDIT: Chasquis Foundation

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Mining firm marks African Child Day stressing education as a right

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

IN marking the Day of the African Child on June 16 this year, Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has carried out various campaigns, including providing education on the rights of the African child and his/her responsibilities in the society.

In the event, GGML has collaborated with different stakeholders including the Police Force through its Gender Desk and Geita District Council to provide various educations on the rights and responsibilities of the child in the community in the villages surrounding the mine namely Bugulula, Kasota and Nyawilimilwa.

The GGML senior manager in charge of community relations, Gilbert Mworira, said that children are an important part of the society that should be involved in various aspects of development.

He added: "The Day of the African Child is important for each of us because it reminds us of the importance of this group in our society. Children are the nation now and tomorrow; we should protect them by providing them with their basic rights including education. GGML will continue to implement various projects that benefit children within the Geita region and Tanzania in general, including the construction



of schools, health centers, infrastructure and sustainable projects that are productive for sustainable development," he said, while calling upon parents and

guardians not to allow children to enter mining areas to eke out a living or for income as it is a dangerous environment."

Providing education to children

and parents at Kamlale Primary School located in Nyawilimilwa ward in Geita District Council, the Acting Executive Director of Geita District Council

Ms. Rehema Kabanda said that the government will continue to encourage the best use of digital technology in order to protect children from unnecessary activi-

ties in the mine and society.

She added: "The theme of the African Child Day emphasizes the consideration of the child's safety in the digital world. We call on parents and guardians to properly guide their children on safe digital use as it is a source of moral erosion in society and affects our development all."

The Day of the African Child is a day celebrated every year on June 16. The day began to be celebrated in 1991 when it was designated by the African Union to honor the contributions of children who participated in the protests in the city of Soweto, South Africa in 1976 as well as to build community awareness of the importance of quality education for children.

On that day, thousands of children in the country of South Africa gathered in the town of Soweto for a protest aimed at demanding better education. Hundreds of children were shot and killed while over a thousand children were injured.

Barrick paves the way for the reintroduction of white rhino into Garamba National Park

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AN initiative begun by Barrick president and chief executive Mark Bristow almost 13 years ago has come to fruition with the successful reintroduction of 16 white rhinos to the Garamba National Park in the northeast of the DRC, where the species was last seen in 2006.

Following more than a decade of dedicated action and support, an environment has been created where they can exist safely. The rhino arrived by aircraft from South Africa this week and have now been released in the park where professional staff and qualified veterinarians will regularly monitor their acclimatization.

Barrick Gold Corporation (NYSE:GOLD)(TSX:ABX) was the lead donor in the translocation as part of its long-standing partnership with African Parks and Garamba National Park, Africa's oldest wildlife park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. To date, Barrick has provided more than \$2.5 million for tracking collars, fuel for observation planes, rescue and rehabilitation programs as well as improvements to critical infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

The rhinos were sourced from the &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve in Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, and their translocation was achieved in collaboration with the Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN), the Congolese government and African Parks.

Garamba was one of the last strongholds of the now extinct in the wild northern white rhino. The introduction of the near-threatened southern sub-species not only promotes the long-term conservation of rhino in Africa by extending their range, but also creates another breeding node for the species in a safe environment. Since African

Parks assumed management of Garamba in 2005, there has been a significant decrease in poaching and most wildlife species found there are showing positive population increases, thanks largely to the development of alternative socio-economic initiatives in and around the park. Additionally, rhino have historically played an important role in regulating the structure and functioning of the park's ecosystem, creating and maintaining grazing lawns that support other fauna and flora and provides important ecosystem services.

Bristow says Barrick's continued support for Garamba is based on the company's holistic approach to sustainability.

"Conserving biodiversity is fundamental to planetary survival, essential to tackling climate change and has an important role to play in the war on poverty. We strive not only to preserve and maintain biodiversity within our permits but to partner with NGOs and other organizations, such as African Parks and Garamba, to protect and restore critical biodiversity in some of the world's most precious places," he says.

Barrick's successful group-wide biodiversity strategy places importance on protecting areas with high conservation value.

"It is very important to understand the relationship between the natural environment and the communities that depend on it. Garamba is one of the largest employers in the region, with over 500 full-time staff and hundreds more employees on contract, including law enforcement teams and dedicated community personnel. The park also supports more than 9,000 community members in entrepreneurial enterprises including beekeeping, fish and poultry farming as well as four hospitals with a capacity of 12,000 patients.



John Maige, Acting director general of the Cereals and Other Produce Board, speaks at a workshop for senior journalists from various media houses in Iringa municipality on Wednesday.

CPB builds modern cassava processing plant in Handeni

By Guardian Reporter, Iringa

THE Cereals and other Products Board (CPB) is building modern cassava processing factory in Handeni District, Tanga Region as part of its efforts to ensure markets for local farmers.

The factory is one of the 25 factories that are to be built country-wide.

John Maige, CPB acting director general unveiled this on Wednesday in Iringa Municipality when speaking at the meeting with editors and reporters from the country's media outlets.

Maige said that the plant with capacity of processing 12 tonnes per day is under construction and is expected to start operation early next month.

The 350m/-worth cassava plant is being built at Kwa Chaga village in Mkata, Handeni District, Tanga Region that will benefit about 6,000 farmers in the area.

Maige said that upon its completion the factory will provide casual employment to 80 people and five permanent.

"We have identified Handeni to be among leading producer

of cassava in the country, but we will also build similar factories in other regions, including Mtwara, Kigoma and Coast regions," he said.

He explained that the crops processing technology used by CPB is a modern one as it does so within a short time to be ready for use, including wheat, maize and cassava flour.

"We are therefore urging Tanzanians to utilise the available foreign market for the processed products, hence CPB assures farmers and sellers of assured market availability using CPB infrastructure, including warehouses, processing factories and drying at affordable cost," said Maige.

According to him, Kenya and Rwanda have entered into agreement with CPB to sell to them cereals, in particular maize while leguminous crops including red beans and peas are in high demand in the neighbouring countries.

"We deal in different crops including maize, pigeon peas, peanuts, cashew nuts, wheat, sun-

flower, oil palm, rice and others that we process to make flour and margarine," he said.

CPB acting director of commercial services, Evans Mwanibingo said CPB has various kinds of warehouses including silos able to store 112,000 tonnes of crops a year located in five regions - Arusha, Iringa, Dodoma, Mwanza and Dar es Salaam.

He added that UN World Food Programme (WFP) has requested to use the warehouses, while Tanzania Breweries Ltd (TBL) also made similar request.

The board which started operations in 2011/12 was formed after the collapse of General Agricultural Products and Exports Board (Gapex) and the National Milling Corporation Ltd (NMC), whose functions were mainly purchasing, milling and exportation of cereals and other produce.

The collapse of Gapex and NMC created a vacuum with regard to fulfilling commercial and regulatory functions, thus affecting the production, processing and marketing of cereals and oil seeds.

The CPB officials said that few private traders proceeded to dominate the market hence affecting farmers' prices.

In order to rectify the undesirable situation, the government decided to establish the CPB to undertake commercial and promotional functions in cereals and other produce.

The board buys produce at competitive prices; export and import cereals and other products.

In the next financial year, CPB is planning to buy 115,000 tonnes of produce worth 100bn/- in accelerating processing of the agricultural products, according to the board's acting director of commercial services, said Mwanibingo.

The budget increased from 68bn/- set aside in the current financial year in which the board targeted to buy 80,000 tonnes

The board is headquartered in Dodoma but operates in five zones which cover all 26 administrative regions.

International Day of the African Child: Young activist's plea to President Samia

SHARON Ringo (12) has been recognized as the youngest East African Community Trade and Tourism Ambassador and Climate Change Activist on prioritizing and engaging children and youth to raise voices on climate action in Tanzania.

As Tanzania joins other countries to commemorate the International Day of the African Child today, she has written this open letter to President Samia Suluhu Hassan on matters climate change and why involvement of children and youth is critical.

I am pleased to address you, Your Excellency, in relation to the 50th World Environment Day that was marked on 5th June 2023 today as we commemorate the International Day of the African Child. The World Environment Day was observed across the world with the aim of raising awareness on the importance of protecting the environment. This year's commemoration carried a theme, "Solution to plastic pollution" under the campaign of #BeatPlasticPollution.

In 1972, the UN General Assembly designated 5th June as World Environment Day (WED). The first celebration under the slogan "Only One Earth" took place in 1973. In the following years, WED has developed as a platform to raise awareness on the problems facing our environment such as air pollution, plastic pollution, illegal wildlife trade, sustainable consumption, sea-level increase, and food security, among others. Furthermore, WED helps drive change in consumption patterns and in national and international environmental policy.

The International Day of the African Child is an advocacy tool for enhancing the Charter's visibility and promoting children's rights and welfare in Africa. The day is one of the standing promotional activities of the committee. During the celebration, the committee promotes children's rights and takes stock of the efforts being made to protect and promote children's rights and welfare across the continent. The Day of the African Child thus calls for serious introspection and commitment toward addressing the numerous challenges faced by children across the continent focusing on this year's theme The Rights of the Child in The Digital Environment.

I am the founder of Sharon Ringo Foundation (SRF), a non-governmental organization registered in Tanzania dedicated to work with younger children and youth by empowering and influencing them to act as agent for change on climate action, environmental justice, and sustainable tourism. I am dedicated to influencing children and youth and utilizing their full potential on protecting the environment at local and international levels.

This commemoration day of "International Day of the African Child" is critical in calling for action to avert the effects of climate change since it is a global burning issue that calls for collective efforts from multiple stakeholders to take action. The global efforts of nations and organizations on climate action show that there is a need to rethink the approach to fighting climate change where children and youth are the most vulnerable group but the next future generation with



The International Day of the African Child is celebrated on June 16 every year since 1991, when it was first initiated by the Organisation of African Unity to honour 176 children who died in the 1976 Soweto Uprising in South Africa. File photo

high potential of adapting to rapid shift to low carbon lifestyles, their involvement and full enjoyment of the right to participation is crucial in fighting against the destructive impacts of climate change.

In fighting against climate change, we should recognize the power and influence of children and youth as the center for climate action globally and in national states, here I wish to stress the role of children and youth who are the next generation that will inhabit the earth and inherit the responsibility to protect the environment. Children and youth are powerful agents that can play a crucial role in fighting complex problems resulting from climate change. Therefore, Children and youth should be given a chance and guided to take an active part in decision-making on matters related to environmental protection and supporting climate action initiatives that can change the discourse.

Dear Excellency, I am calling for action to prioritize the engagement of children and youth to raise voices on climate action, with this letter I am humbly requesting to you and your government support initiatives like the one I lead to raise voices of children and youth in Tanzania and globally through establishment of Children and Youth Climate Change Baraza (CYCCB) that will be the center of children and youth on climate action through;

Creating opportunities for young



people to effectively participate in climate change policy-making as well as decision-making on all matters related to climate change.

Encouraging and supporting children and youth-led initiatives on addressing climate change and promotion of environment conservation sustainability.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the global and government initiatives that are already in place to combat the consequences of climate change. I believe it takes joint efforts to address climate change. Tanzania boasts remarkable natural resources and biodiversity which contribute not only to our national heritage but also to our

economy through tourism. Hence, it is important to safeguard the ecosystem, reverse nature loss and preserve the beauty of Mother Earth by creating a sustainable future.

Yours sincerely,
Sharon Ringo Mowo

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IMPROVED PORTS WILL CONTRIBUTE 67 PCT OF ANNUAL BUDGET, SAYS PROF MBARAWA

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

WORKS and Transport Minister, Prof Makame Mbarawa stated that, the investment which the government is eagerly to enter into agreement with DP World (DPW) will have great potential, by saying that the deal will empower country's ports sector to contribute to the national budget about 67 percent.

Minister Mbarawa revealed this here in Tanga early this week while opening session workshop between ministry's management (works department) and managements of institutions under the ministry, aimed at stimulate and motivating working performance among its staffs.

He said currently, ports sector is contributing about 37 percent to the national budget.

He explained that among the government's strategy and intention to enter into agreement with DP World logistics is to make Dar es salaam port's efficiency and performance to meet international ports standards in operations services, pointing out that the firm will



Works and transport minister, Prof Makame Mbarawa addresses workers during the opening session of workshop for the ministry (Works) and institutions under it held earlier this week in Tanga City. Photo by Correspondent Cheji Bakari

work into berths number 5,6 and 7.

He elaborated that, among the factors influenced the government to sign deal with DP World after critical analysis, as that logistic company has great experience into maritime sector, including ports operations, whereby according to

data, it operates into six ports in Africa and 30 ports across the world and owns over 100 cargo ships.

Other factors, he outlined as also that the gulf company has cruise ships for tourists and capabilities of the whole chain of logistics and freight forwarding to end customers, and ability to construct dry port. "Likewise Rwanda had built logistic park, Demo-

cratic Republic of Congo(DRC) also has plan to build such logistic park for their cargoes but both countries depending on Dar es Salaam port to transit their cargoes, hence DP World will help to increase cargo volume transit to these countries," Prof Mbarawa asserted.

According to him, stated that the improvements agreements divided into two projects including Dar es Salaam port which will focusing on operations of berths no 1 up to berth number 7 and will further focusing on establishment of dhows and passengers quays.

"The challenge facing Dar es Salaam port is berths number 1 up to number 7, its performance and efficiency is not satisfying because the infrastructure is outdated, lack of modern equipment, including IT equipment, which are not enough".

Earlier, permanent secretary ministry of Works and Transport (Works) engineer Aisha Amour said that the session workshop will give unique opportunities workers to get prepared, set plans and implement it effectively.

Last Saturday National Assembly has endorsed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the government and the United Arab Emirates for eco-

nomical and social cooperation, involved port development and improvement of operation whereas Works and Transport minister, Prof Makame Mbarawa told the National Assembly that there was a great importance of the joint venture between the two governments due to the poor business conditions at the ports of Tanzania, including Dar es Salaam.

Tanzania has geographical advantage on maritime sector, as it sits on the Indian Ocean, serves the neighbouring countries of Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Zambia and Malawi to export and import goods through the port of Dar es Salaam.

Recent data by the TPA had shown that while the volume of cargo had reached a four-year high to a centre port in Dar es Salaam, DRC is the largest customer followed by Zambia.

Dar es Salaam port is the Tanzania principal port with a rated capacity of 14.1 million (MT) dry cargoes and 6.0 million (MT) bulk liquid cargoes.

The Port has a total quay length of about 2,600 metres with eleven deep-water berths. Dar es Salaam port handles about 95 percent of the Tanzania international trade.

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

RECOVERING from the economic effects propelled by the Covid-19 pandemic has not been an easy task among the smallholder farmers, micro, small as well as medium scale agro enterprises in Tanzania.

Moreover, the ongoing challenge of climate change has continued to witness most of the small-scale farmers across the country realizing poor harvest, prompting more economic woes on their side.

To that end, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is bridging efforts with the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) and Alliance of Diversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in the implementation of a robust project which majors to the smallholder cassava farmers in the semi-arid and drought-prone areas to recover from economic loss from the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.

With the financial auspicious from the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China through International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)- South-South and Triangular Cooperation Facility, funded a two-year initiative which has so far benefited at least 6,500 smallholder cassava farmers from three regions of Mwanza, Morogoro and Geita.

Christened 'Supporting and Strengthening Community Resilience in Tanzania (SSUCORETA)' the project aims to strengthen smallholder cassava farmer's community resilience, markets, and trade development among the targeted farmers.

Moves to enabling cassava farmers to recover from pandemic succeed



Some of the smallholder cassava growers benefiting from the project display healthy cassava tubers. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

In implementing the project, agricultural pundits from TARI are responsible to impart the field facilitators with the hands-on orientation over the recommended agronomic practices necessary in growing the tuber crop, as well as in pest and disease management using digital tools namely A-Kilimo and Plant Village Nuru.

Innocent Ndyetabula, a cassava scientist from TARI

Ukiriguru in Mwanza region told The Guardian that the well-trained 120 field facilitators were promoting at least six high-yielding, drought resistance and market-suitable varieties through awareness campaigns in over 123 villages and application of best practices at village level.

Together with that, he detailed that through the initiative, the beneficiary farmers

were also capacitated with the much-needed post-harvest management practices.

He said, before the inception of the project most of the cassava farmers used to dry their cassava tubers on bare ground, the poor practice which caused contamination of different cassava-prone diseases hence reducing prices at the market.

"The project has adopted use of a new training package

on climate-smart agriculture (CSA), the useful development which has managed to capacitate field facilitators through diverse training sessions, and this approach has enable them to guide farmers on how best to move agri-food systems toward climate-resilient practices," he informed.

Ndyetabula added that the project has set up a network of cassava producers linked via aggregators to the Kipipa Millers for production of high-quality cassava flour, being part to attain additional value for the cassava.

To ensure the farmers are standing on a better side to professionally process the cassava chips on their own shadow, he unveiled that the project was freely rolling out cassava chipping (processing) machines to its beneficiaries.

"For instance, Lake Zone region has become the major trading hub for dried cassava chips with at least 66 higher level aggregators trained on improved post-harvest management and marketing linkages and they are supplying the products sourced from smallholder farmers to neighboring counties of DRC Congo, Rwan-

da, Burundi, South Sudan and Uganda," he added.

On his side, the project's coordinator, Lembris Laizer said to ensure the farmers produce digitally, they have adopted Kobo Toolbox Application to track and document project beneficiaries adopting good agronomic practices and marketing information.

According to him, the modern system was playing a meaningful role in assisting the field facilitators to cheat challenges in collecting data of the beneficiaries who are scattered in over 15 districts, wards, villages and sub-villages.

"Among the other key digital tools we're using incorporate the Cassava Seed Tracker, Plant Village Nuru and A-Kilimo," he said, adding that the digital tools can easily be accessed in the Google store or App store using smart phones.

And he detailed: "Seed Tracker, which is managed by the Tanzania Official Seeds Certification Institute (TOSCI) is for real-time tracking of cassava production, including pre-planting, registration of seed fields, crop management, harvesting, quality assessment and quality."

According to Laizer, Plant Village Nuru application uses a digital assistant to help farmers diagnose crop disease in their fields, whereby A KILIMO is an agronomic advisory service developed for and with smallholder farmers for cassava production.

The project has also tracked the sale of cassava planting materials and reported that the sale of cassava seed increased from 67.9mn/- million in 2021 to 117.1mn/- in 2023, with more sales expected between November and December.

AfCFTA: A driving force for transport, logistics in Africa

DURBAN

Improved transport and logistics in Africa have immense potential to realise the vision of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).

The AfCFTA envisions a borderless Africa, removing barriers to trade and investment by eliminating tariffs on most goods and harmonising customs procedures, while encouraging entrepreneurship and promoting the free movement of people and capital.

Aligning with the AfCFTA is an overarching theme at this year's

Transport Evolution Africa Forum & Expo and co-located Logistics Evolution Africa Forum & Expo from 20-22 September at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli ICC Complex in Durban.

During a recent online panel discussion, various challenges and opportunities were placed on the agenda to be unpacked at the shows later this year.

From efficient road networks and modern rail systems to well-performing port facilities and streamlined air transportation, transport and logistics are the catalyst for sustainable, cross-border exchange and economic development, and



have a pivotal role to play in the success of the AfCFTA.

Beatrice Chaytor, Head of Division - Trade in Services of the AfCFTA Secretariat in Ghana believes once

the AfCFTA is fully implemented, traffic routes across air, ports, rail and road travel will improve.

"There are significant opportunities for investors in vital infrastruc-

ture like airports, warehousing, cold storage and more, and with tourism on the continent back to 88 percent of pre-pandemic levels for the first quarter of the year, ensuring a robust and reliable transport and logistics system across the continent makes good business sense," she said.

She mentioned that 46 out of 56 African countries have signed the AfCFTA, and governments now need to embrace this commitment and regulations must follow. Transport and logistics will be prioritised to be "liberalised" under the AfCFTA, with developments expected in the coming months.

John Bosco Kalisa, an economist and EABC Executive Director agreed that transport and logistics are enablers of the AfCFTA and said intra-Africa trade is currently at 17 percent. "Intra-continental trade in Africa could reach 81 percent by 2035."

Andrew Othieno from Uganda's Prime Minister's Delivery Unit said improved transport and logistics will boost job creation and reduce poverty among other benefits. "Accessibility, connectivity, productivity, capacity and predictability matters. The faster people can move around, the more the African economy can progress."

CONSTRUCTION EXPANSION PAVING THE WAY FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

JOHANNESBURG

Amidst a pressing drive to modernise, South Africa's construction and infrastructure development industry is experiencing substantial transformation, fuelling growth on a significant scale.

This, in turn, is ushering in a wave of employment opportunities and fostering new career paths for the country's youth.

Notably, South Africa is facing an ongoing youth employment crisis, as Statistics South Africa reveals that nearly half of all youth between 15 and 34 years are not in education, employment, or training.

Against this backdrop, however, the construction and infrastructure industry is offering an essential glimmer of hope as its expansion holds enormous labour-absorbing potential.

As the South Africa Construction Industry 2023 Report suggests, the sector is expected to experience an annual compound growth rate of 5.8 percent between 2023 and 2027, while construction output is set to reach just over R230 billion this year.

"The construction and infra-

structure sectors will be instrumental in achieving the country's objectives for growth and employment. The sector's anticipated growth not only addresses the immediate need for jobs, but also presents an opportunity for young people to develop highly sought-after skills, potentially altering their career trajectories and futures," says Olebogeng Manhe, Chairman of the Gap Infrastructure Corporation (GIC).

"So, as the demand for skilled workers in this sector increases, it's important for young people to consider careers in this industry, as it offers many opportunities for personal and professional growth. Some potential, high-earning career paths include civil engineering, architecture, construction management, business administration, and project management - positions which will always be in high demand."

Assisting youth to develop in-demand skills for thriving career journeys, GIC has forged a partnership with LearnMe, a learner-ship consulting provider which offers fully accredited training with the SETA. LearnMe specialises in the recruitment and training of abled people, as well as providing learnerships and skills



Data show half of all youths aged between 15 and 34 years are not in education, employment, or training and many are absorbed by construction projects

programmes for people with disabilities.

As the GIC's trusted implementation partner, LearnMe is rolling out a tailored GIC learnership programme aligned with its skills development and B-BBEE strategies. In this way, GIC aims to provide learners from black communities with practical and comprehensive learning opportunities, assisting them to develop future-ready skills and ensuring

that they are able to enter the job market with confidence.

Several learners have already been enrolled to complete their NQF Level 3 Business Administration qualification through the GIC programme for a period of 12 months, each receiving a monthly stipend sponsored by the GIC.

He further notes that several companies have partnered with programmes like the National Youth Service to provide oppor-

tunities for young people to gain work experience and develop their skills through training, mentoring, and community service projects.

"Many companies recognise this challenge as an opportunity to invest in programmes that attract and develop young talent. These initiatives focus on providing training and mentoring opportunities and promoting diversity and inclusion in

the workforce. By empowering young people with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed, we can build a more vibrant industry for generations to come," says Manhe.

"This approach to tackling unemployment and promoting industry growth is a testament to the forward-thinking nature of this sector. It's a model that other industries could learn from as South Africa continues to grapple with the challenges of high unemployment and the need for sustained economic growth."

Looking ahead, young people will play a crucial role in shaping the construction and infrastructure industry. By providing opportunities for learning, growth, and development, construction and infrastructure companies can play a meaningful role in building a workforce equipped to meet future challenges.

"At GIC, we recognise that the youth are vital to building a brighter future for our communities. Through our focus on innovation, we are dedicated to creating employment prospects for youth, and helping them to thrive in this industry as a leading infrastructure developer," concludes Manhe.

Watchdog recovers stolen village funds for building school, irrigation scheme

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

The Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) has recovered a total of 3mn/- funds, donated by villagers, meant for construction of school and irrigation scheme in Mboliboli village, Iringa district, which was stolen by the village chairman.

The PCCB commander, Iringa Region Domina Mkama said the exercise to recover the funds started after the chairman escaped the three years jail term, after paying a fine of 200,000/-, following the court's conviction.

"We investigated and took the case to court and he was convicted, but instead of being jailed three years term, he paid a fine, that's why he is free. But, we wanted to ensure that the stole funds must be recovered," explained Mukama.

She added that after the judgment, an order was issued by the court that the stolen money should be recovered because it was the property of the village.

The regional anti-graft commander has therefore asked the people to choose whether to remain with their chairman or appoint an interim chairperson, because he is not qualifying to hold the public office due to the court conviction.

She said in bid to continuing the fight against acts of soliciting and accepting bribes, PCCB will continue to provide public awareness, urging them to provide information when they see any signs of corruption practices.

Anti-corruption desk officer Evarist Shija said that in protecting public resources or public funds, the public must first have the right to be informed and know how much money has

been allocated for the construction of a particular project.

He said that it is the responsibility of the people to manage, but when it comes into the implementation, the public must be involved in protecting the funds. Shija added that protection includes preventing theft, embezzlement, and ensuring that projects are implemented according to the allocated funds (value for money).

Dirtram Muhoma, the PCCB's head of the education desk for the public, urged the public to cooperate with the institution in preventing and fighting corruption, as the work cannot be successfully, when it will be left for the bureau, so it must be everyone's responsibility.

Muhoma explained that the institution works according to the motto that says, "Preventing corruption is your responsibility and mine is our responsibility."

For their part, the people of the village have thanked the PCCB for helping them recover the stolen money, which they raised to solve social challenges, despite of their low economic abilities.

"We request that the returned funds be used as we earlier planned as were meant for the rehabilitation of Mboliboli primary school and the rest were to be allocated for the construction of the irrigation scheme..." said Gilbert Method, a resident of Mboliboli.



Mohamed M. Fall



Emeka Oparah

Bridging the digital divide: Any link to overcoming Africa's learning crisis

By Emeka Oparah & Mohamed M. Fall

Today (16th June) we commemorate thousands of young activists in Soweto, South Africa, who marched to protest the quality of their education in 1976.

Hundreds of them were shot dead for demanding their right to learn.

Does today's generation of children have a reason to feel similar anger at the state of their education? Certainly, young people have been taking to the streets to protest futures jeopardised by climate change and antiquated job markets.

We like to think that 'development' is linear, and that the right to education is assured as fundamental. But in truth, decades of progress have been reversed, not least by the effect of COVID-19 on school closures, exacerbating the digital divide.

This is an important issue to reflect on as we mark the Day of the African Child, under the theme of 'Child rights in a digital environment'. Digital technologies can be a panacea to the continental learning crisis, if deployed strategically; or a curse if mismanaged. Mobile phones can be a gateway to knowledge or a trapdoor to abuse.

Sub-Saharan Africa is facing a learning crisis of mammoth proportions, with the lowest levels of foundational literacy and numer-

acy skills in the world. Only one out of 10 ten-year-olds can read a simple story or solve simple arithmetic problems. Africans, we must demand more for our children.

One key lever for overcoming the learning crisis is improving young people's employability by providing them with market-relevant skills. This must start by ensuring that classrooms embrace the digital revolution. It is estimated that 90 per cent of future jobs will require digital and analytics skills, but many schools in the region still follow a curriculum focused on rote learning.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, digital learning has become a fundamental aspect of education worldwide. However, it has also deepened the digital divide leaving those without access to devices to access relevant digital content and internet connections, at an even greater disadvantage. In addition to the challenges of poverty, climate change, and emergencies, around half of children in Africa could not access remote learning during the pandemic, the highest share of any region.

Hardware and data costs in Africa are also among the highest in the world.

Despite 63 per cent of households in the region owning mobile phones, their use for learning remains low. During the pandem-

ic many could not participate in online learning due to barriers such as affordability of data, lack of digital devices, limited literacy and digital skills, safety, digital privacy concerns and lack of perceived relevance.

Of course, any learning crisis rapidly escalates into an unemployment crisis. As a result of the population getting younger, people aged 15-24 now account for 60 per cent of all unemployed Africans. This demonstrates significant mismatch between skills gained in the education system and those needed by the labour market. Most of these unemployed young people have not completed primary school.

Governments in the region urgently need to target resources to reach the poorest and most marginalized through investments in evidence-based approaches, focusing on digital content, capacity of teachers and learners and connectivity to the internet. On the Day of the African Child, we must commit to closing the digital divide, if we are to meet our education goals.

Indeed, which African child are we immortalising on this day? On one side of the fence, we have children born in conflict, where it is too unsafe to open classrooms. Their peers are born on the frontlines of the climate crisis, in countries saddled with debt from loans taken to pay for necessary

emergency responses. Education is the only route out of these cycles of poverty.

To help address this, UNICEF and Airtel Africa are working with key partners to help transform digital education for children across the continent. The shared-value partnership relies on Airtel Africa's market reach and innovation capabilities coupled with UNICEF's technical expertise to champion digital education.

Airtel Africa has committed \$57 million, including cash and in-kind donations, to support the five-year partnership across 13 countries, including Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

In each of these countries we are working with Ministry of Education to create models for overcoming the digital divide by providing free access to online learning resources.

Our continent has some of the world's most exciting technology hubs in low-income areas, where high speed affordable internet even in notorious informal settlements is allowing teenagers to moonlight geotagging data for global AI companies.

This emerging job market relies on two things: affordable wages and fast internet. Let us embrace change, connect our schools, enthuse our teaching professionals, and upskill our workforce. We can be future-fit.

By Emeka Oparah & Airtel Africa Vice President Corporate Communications & CSR, and Mohamed M. Fall, UNICEF Regional Director For Eastern And Southern Africa.



Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau Iringa Regional Commander Domina Mukama (right) hands over the recovered money to Juma Kitola, Acting Executive Officer of Mboliboli village. Photo by Correspondent Friday Simbaya

CONSTRUCTION

TOP 10 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN ASIA FOR 2023

By Amber Jackson

After uncertainty following the COVID-19 pandemic, construction in Asia is entering a period of significant growth.

According to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the construction industry is expected to grow by US\$4.5tn to a total of US\$15tn between 2020 and 2030, with US\$7.4tn of the 2030 figure to take place in Asia alone.

Construction across these regions is experiencing a boom in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, with governments planning to invest seriously in infrastructure. Construction Digital therefore considers some of the most anticipated and exciting construction projects to watch out for in 2023.

10: Gaia Timber Building - Singapore

Named Gaia, after the ancient Greek Goddess of the Earth, this project is the largest timber building in Asia. It sprawls across 43,500 square metres (468,000 square feet), according to CNN. The project opened in May 2023 and cost 125 million Singapore dollars (US\$93mn) to build.

It is the eighth building project on the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) campus to receive the Green Mark Platinum for zero energy. According to the university itself, the building is expected to produce around 2,500 fewer tonnes of carbon a year compared with a standard building of its size.

9: Suzhou Zhongnan Centre - China

Suzhou Zhongnan Centre is a 499.2-metre tall building under construction in Suzhou Industrial Park in Suzhou, China. The building was originally intended to be 729 metres in height, but this was scrapped in 2019 as China imposed a ban



Nusantara, the planned new Indonesia capital city

on buildings taller than 500 metres.

The building has been designed to become the tallest and most advanced supertall building along the Jinji Lake skyline in Suzhou. It will contain high-end apartments, a boutique hotel, prime offices, observation deck, and other amenities.

8: Tun Razak Exchange - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Tun Razak Exchange (TRX) is intended to be an integrated 70-acre development that will be Malaysia's International Financial District in Kuala Lumpur. It aims to consist of 30 buildings across the site area and is due to open towards the end of 2023.

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated digitalisation on a global scale, including in Malaysia. This new precinct will be home to more than 400 stores, ranging from new brands and stores, cinemas, department stores, a supermarket and dining terraces.

7: Hanoi Pilot Metro Line Project, Vietnam

This metro line is the first underground railway line in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The project was created with sustainability in mind, to promote economic development in the city, as well as reducing traffic and emissions. It also aims to improve economic development in Hanoi and will consist of 8 metro lines for 200,000+ passengers a day.

The elevated section of the Nhon - Hanoi station metro line is scheduled to be put into service in 2023, according to Hanoi Times. It is expected that the underground section will be operational by 2027.

6: First UHV Transmission Channel - China

Construction on this project only recently started in June 2023, which aims to connect northwest China's Ningxia (NHAR) with the central Human Province with an ultra-high voltage direct current transmission line. This is China's first UHV transmission channel and aims to focus on developing photovoltaic bases and deliver new energy.

The project consists of constructing a 1000kV ultra-high voltage power line to hopefully maximise clean energy. The project will be a total of 1,634km in length, with a total investment of

US\$3.95bn. China has announced that it aims to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060.

5: IGW wind energy and battery storage project - Kazakhstan

Aiming to meet the energy requirements of one million people, this wind farm in Kazakhstan has been given the go-ahead. Energy company, Masdar, has agreed a roadmap to deliver the project.

The site will be located in the Zhambyl region of the country and include a 600 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system to ensure a reliable power supply. It will feature 200 turbines, making it the largest wind project in Kazakhstan, helping the country towards ensuring 15% of its electricity is renewable by 2030.

4: Azabudai Hills - Tokyo

Azabudai Hills, formerly known as the Toranomom-Azabudai District, is a complex of three skyscrapers currently under construction as of 2019 in Tokyo, Japan. Once completed, which is expected to be by the end of 2023, the complex will contain the tallest buildings in Japan.

It aims to be a huge open space in the heart of the capital city, with beautiful green spaces within it to build a new community hub. It has also been dubbed "a city within a city."

3: Mumbai International Airport - India

Navi Mumbai International Airport is an international airport currently being constructed in Navi Mumbai, India. It will serve as an alternative airport to the existing Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), being the second in the Mumbai region.

The new airport is being built due to increasingly high air traffic demand in the country. It is anticipated to serve 90

million passengers and handle 2.5 million tonnes of cargo by 2032. It is expected to be inaugurated by 2024.

2: Changi Airport's Terminal 5, Tuas Port - Singapore

Singapore is moving forward with its key infrastructure project, the construction of Terminal 5 of Changi Airport. It has been redesigned to be more energy efficient and part of the Changi East Urban District, which will ultimately create more jobs for Singaporeans. The district is also expected to have offices, smart work centres, halls, hotels, apartments and public spaces.

According to the airport website, Terminal 5 will be located within the 1,080 hectare Changi East development. The new terminal will be able to handle approximately 50 million passengers every year. It is expected to be operational around the mid-2030s.

1: The 'New Capital' - Indonesia

Nusantara, the planned city, is intended to be the future capital of Indonesia and is currently scheduled to be inaugurated on 17th August 2024 in its location of Borneo. The project aims to build a green and walkable capital city that would be a way of symbolically centralising the Indonesian government.

Part of the reason for its construction is due to Jakarta, the current capital city, sinking as 40% of it now lies below sea level. This construction project will aim to relieve pressure on Jakarta, which is also very crowded and struggles with pollution.

"We want to build a new Indonesia," President Joko Widodo said, as reported by the NY Times.

"This is not physically moving the buildings. We want a new work ethic, new mind-set, new green economy."

Hexagon geosystem unveils new construction technology solutions

NEW YORK

Hexagon Geosystems division has launched a number of construction technology solutions at its Hexagon Live event in Las Vegas, US, including a new cloud-based software to visualise, federate and help control project data, a Reality Cloud Studio and a partnership to further advance its reality capture solutions.

The new cloud-based software - called AEC Project Viewer - is based on BIM. It connects model, schedule, and document management processes within one cloud solution to improve visibility, collaboration, and communication. Hexagon says it supports the transition from 3D models to 5D construction management by adding time and cost insights.

"To visualise progress and identify changes, AEC Project Viewer can serve as a single pane of glass for office and field teams. Design or schedule updates are effectively visualised to ensure that they are easily understood and actionable for project stakeholders and team members," said Kevin Holmes, VP, Building Solutions, at Hexagon's Geosystems division.

"Our cloud solution will enable construction companies of all sizes to take an important step towards BIM-based construction processes."

At the event Hexagon AB launched Reality Cloud Studio, powered by HxDR (Hexagon Digital Reality). The SaaS application is said to make reality capture data accessible and combines advanced Hexagon technologies with high levels of automation to make data processing simple-to-use.

Users upload reality capture data to the cloud for automated processing, storing and visualisation to create photorealistic digital twins, and to share data quickly and securely. These functions enable fast extraction of vital information from reality capture data and make it readily available to stakeholders in any industry.

Hexagon says that, with automated processing and visualisation tools, Reality Cloud Studio makes digital twins accessible to everyone.

Reality Cloud Studio can be accessed from any computer or mobile device with a web browser. Users in the field can upload data directly from

compatible reality sensors to create registered and meshed digital twins for use on-site, all with a few taps on a smartphone or tablet.

"We are at a point in reality capture where a unified, scalable and simplified digital reality experience is necessary to make digital twins and their value accessible to everyone," said Thomas Harring, President, Hexagon's Geosystems division. "Reality Cloud Studio provides a space where anyone can access and build digital twins and share their vital information, using valuable communication tools that bring people and data together in a centralised space for digital reality."

The company also announced a partnership with Sony Semiconductor Solutions Corporation (Sony), the global leader in image sensors, to further advance its reality capture solutions, including the Leica BLK product family. Through this collaboration, Hexagon will integrate Sony's advanced Time-of-Flight image sensor and software technologies to enhance the speed and accuracy of its reality capture solutions.



Dubai's most expensive home goes on sale at US\$204 million

DUBAI

Covered in ornate gold leaf decoration and with echoing marble throughout, a luxury real estate company has announced Dubai's and the region's most expensive home currently for sale - The Marble Palace, listed for \$204 million.

The Versailles-inspired mega home is in the ritzy Emirates Hills community and boasts a 24-carat gold jacuzzi. The house is so big it has its own dedicated power substation.

The 60,000 sq.ft. palace also has an enormous coral reef aquarium and is filled with sculptures and one-of-a-kind treasures, including a precious stone and a crystal dining table.

Like the Palace of Versailles, it boasts marble columns, 160 in total, and two roof domes, reaching a height of 14m from the ground floor. Other luxury touches include a 16-car garage, koi carp pond, an office and a secretary office, gym and cellar, as well as a garden with its own lake and pavilion.

Sotheby's International Realty described the house as a "one-of-a-kind trophy home" and "a love letter to the architecture of the Belle Époque, exuding grandeur with its

display of rich surface treatments, geometric finery, and gilded statuary."

George Azar, CEO, said 70 artisans had spent nine months applying 700,000 sheets of gold leaf to create the property's décor, and the palace, based on European royal palaces and residences, took 12 years to design.

"Such meticulous attention to detail is evident throughout the property, and it testifies to the unwavering dedication of everyone involved in making this project a resounding success."

Inspired by Versailles

The property takes its inspiration from Versailles and bears a resemblance to the great Palace of Versailles, the brainchild of France's 17th century King Louis XIV, known as Le Roi Soleil, or the Sun King, built as a seat and symbol of his wealth and power.

The exquisite palace became a symbol of the elaborate lifestyles of the French royals. An impoverished population was angered by the excessive spending of King Louis XVI, grandson of Louis XIV, and his wife Queen Marie Antoinette, who famously declared of her hungry people who were begging for

bread: "Let them eat cake".

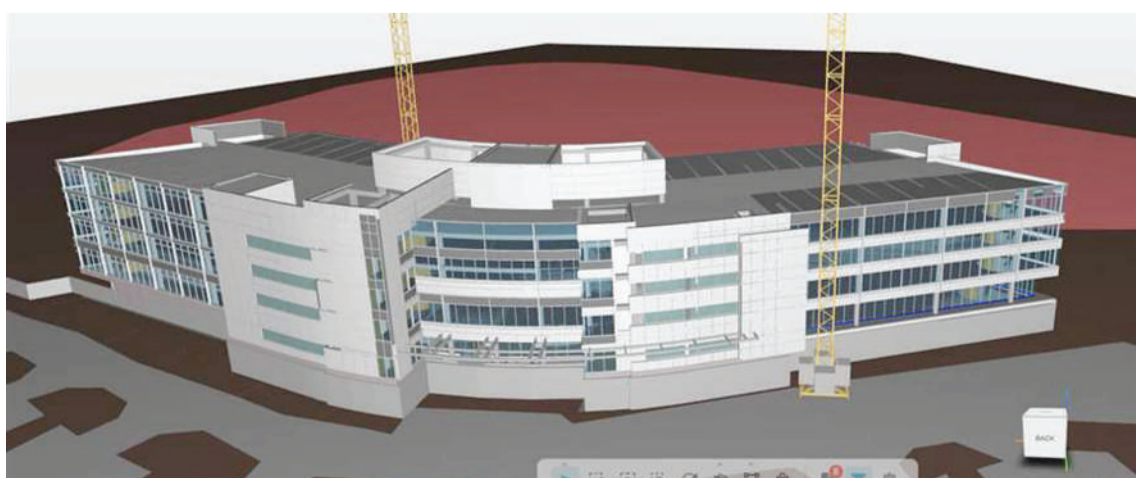
The royal couple left the cavernous palace empty much of the time in favour of their Parisian court, in yet another sign of their extravagance, and thus its role as a royal residence died with them.

However, the palace still stands today as a museum to French history, its royal architecture and décor an ultimate symbol of 17th century European mastery of design, still much mimicked around the world today, and associated with the glory days of the French monarchy through the reign of the Sun King.

Back to Dubai

The emirate's property market has been setting new records regularly in the past few months, with Dubai developer BinGhatti launching offplan mansion penthouses listed for sale at \$204.22 million, smashing the previous record for a penthouse, which was set the previous week, of \$114.3 million.

While rent prices, which have spiralled upwards post pandemic recovery, have begun to soften marginally in some areas according to a CBRE report, residential property sales prices continue to rise in the emirate.



HxGN AEC Project Viewer is cloud-based software to visualise, federate and control project data

WORLD

UN chief calls for stemming online hate, bolstering social cohesion

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday called for efforts to curb online hate and invest in social cohesion.

"Hate is a danger to everyone - and so fighting it must be a job for everyone. We must collectively strengthen our defenses," the top UN official told the Security Council meeting on "the Values of Human Fraternity in Promoting and Sustaining Peace."

"We must reign in the hate that is spreading online," said the secretary-general.

The UN chief underscored that hate

"fuels humanity's worst impulses," noting that it is a catalyst for polarization and radicalization, and a conduit for atrocity crimes.

"It is also a result of these crimes, contributing to horrific cycles of violence that can churn for decades. It greases the wheels of violence, frays the social fabric, and corrodes the pillars of stability. It is, in short, often the bloody heart of conflict," Guterres elaborated.

"And as part of Our Common Agenda, we are working on a Global Digital Compact for an open, free, inclusive, and secure digital future for all, firmly anchored in human rights and nondiscrimination," he added.



UN secretary General Antonio Guterres addresses the media during a visit to the UN office in the capital Nairobi, Kenya on, May 3, 2023. (PHOTO / AP)

The secretary-general called for efforts to "move toward evermore multi-ethnic and multi-religious societies" and "invest in social cohesion."

"We need to ensure that every community feels respected in their unique identity while feeling valued as an integral part of society as a whole. We need to recognize diversity as a richness of all societies - not a threat," he said.

Guterres said that hate takes root in the soil of ignorance and fear. "But when we enrich

the soil of knowledge with facts, science and historical accuracy, hatred cannot spread like a deadly weed."

"That means ensuring quality education for everyone, everywhere, including women and girls. It means supporting education systems that instill respect for science and celebrate humanity in all its diversity. And it means a surge in education financing, peacebuilding and global solidarity," the secretary-general added.

Nearly 20 countries want to join BRICS – senior Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

NEARLY 20 countries are seeking to get BRICS membership and their number continues to grow, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov told TASS yesterday.

"The list of candidates for joining the association continues to increase. The number of states seeking to join this association is nearing twenty. It reflects BRICS' growing and already considerable role in the international arena as an association of countries with similar positions. I would like to stress it," he said.

BRICS is a grouping of countries that do not follow the leader-follower principle, Ryabkov (pictured) said. Instead, the partners "set a constructive agenda based on consensus," he said.

"Discussions continue on what could be the criteria for joining BRICS, and South Africa has intensified this work," the senior Russian diplomat said.

"I can say that, in our view, the Arab world and the Asia-Pacific region have been clearly 'begging' to join BRICS, as they have no representation there today. But we will see exactly what we can offer to the leaders regarding this, and leave this to the leaders to decide at the summit in Johannesburg," he concluded.



India supplied 'Made in India' Covid vaccines to 42 African countries - EAM

NEW DELHI

UNDER Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "One Earth One Health" and belief "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," India supplied 'Made in India' Covid vaccines to 42 countries of the Africa continent, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday.

Addressing the inaugural address at the 18th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave, Jaishankar said, "During the pandemic, India continued unabated its engagement with Africa."

The 15th and 16th editions of the CII-Exim Bank Africa Conclave were actually held, though they were held virtually. To support our friends in Africa, India provided medical support to 32 countries."

"From January 2021 till March 2023 we supplied 'Made in India' Covid vaccines to 42 countries of the continent. This was in line with our Prime Minister's vision of "One Earth One Health" and

our civilizational belief in "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

We are now encouraging Indian pharma manufacturers and vaccine manufacturers to explore joint manufacturing facilities in African countries.

Equally important, we have battled in the WTO along with our African partners for enhancing the accessibility and affordability of vaccines," he added, according to the statement released by MEA.

He also talked about virtual education and medical services. Jaishankar informed that India launched e-VidyaBharti and e-ArogyaBharti network in 2019 for tele-education and tele-medicine.

Under this initiative, over 14,000 youth from 22 African countries have enrolled for various degrees and diploma courses. India has partnered with African countries in promoting digital transformation through the setting up of IT Centres, S&T Parks Entrepreneur Development Centres (EDC), etc.



This combo photo shows Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang (left) and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. PHOTOS: XINHUA AND AP

Where the digital domain is concerned, India's emphasis on trust and transparency makes it a natural partner for Africa.

On the trade and economic front, India and Africa's bilateral trade reached USD 98 billion in 2022-23.

"On the trade and economic front, India's bilateral trade with Africa has reached US\$ 98 billion in 2022-23 compared to USD 89.6 billion of the previous year. I am confident that our bilateral trade will soon cross the USD 100 billion mark," Jaishankar said.

"Through the Duty-Free Tariff Preference (DFTP) Scheme that extends duty-free access to 98.2 per cent of India's total tariff lines, India opened its market to African countries, and so far 33 LDC African nations are entitled to get the benefit," he added.

The minister hoped that African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) which commenced in 2021 will be helpful for Indian companies to enhance their business footprint in Africa.

With cumulative investments at USD 73.9 billion from 1996-2021, India is among the top five large investors in Africa, Jaishankar said adding that he is sure this will grow in the times to come.

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African hospitality investment forum ends amid hopes for tourism rebound

NAIROBI

THE 2023 edition of the African Hospitality Investment Forum (AHIF) concluded in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi Wednesday, with policymakers, industry leaders, and experts agreeing that the tourism sector in the continent is on a recovery trajectory amid the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Kenya hosted the premier gathering of investors in the continent's hospitality and travel sector on June 12-14, attended by an estimated 500 delegates from more than 40 countries.

Held against a backdrop of eased COVID-19 travel restrictions globally, the three-day event cast a spotlight on emerging opportunities in the rapidly evolving hospitality sector of Africa.

During his remarks at the forum's opening Monday, Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi said Africa's tourism industry is poised for an accelerated post-pandemic recovery, aided by conducive macroeconomic policies, product diversification, and targeted marketing. "The tourism sector in the continent is

rebranding after the COVID-19 pandemic slump to increase the number of arrivals," Mudavadi said.

Among the participants at the forum are ministers of tourism from Kenya and Zimbabwe, leading investors in the industry, executives from international hotel chains, service providers, and experts.

Matthew Weihs, the managing director of Bench Events, the forum's convener, said the forum provided a platform for showcasing untapped opportunities in Africa's hospitality industry to potential investors.

According to Weihs, the continent's travel and tourism sectors are ready for take-off, fueled by investors' confidence in a continent that has not experienced major political or economic shocks.

Weihs added that the diversity of natural wealth in Africa, including wildlife, coastal beaches and tropical grasslands, good climate, and famed hospitality of its local communities, has been luring foreign tourists to the continent in large numbers.

The hospitality industry in Africa is gradually returning to its pre-pandemic levels, supported by fiscal incentives from

the government, a high number of domestic travelers, and investments in new high-end hotels, said Pat Thaker, the editorial and regional director for Middle East and Africa at The Economist Intelligence Unit.

Thaker noted that the projected increase in the number of outbound Chinese tourists will benefit African countries, adding that the pandemic was a wake-up call for the continent to enhance the resilience of its domestic tourism market.

She suggested that investors in Africa's tourism sector should heighten vigilance amid threats posed by geopolitical tensions, global inflation, climatic shocks, and volatility in the commodities market. The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has said Africa currently receives a 5 percent share of global tourism, but the numbers are expected to rise exponentially.

According to the UNWTO, 47 million tourists returned to Africa in 2022 after a high of 69 million in 2019, amid projections of 134 million visitors by 2035, making the continent the fastest-growing tourist destination after the Asia Pacific region.

During the forum, industry leaders

agreed on the importance of leveraging digital technologies, addressing supply chain issues, and diversifying product portfolios to meet the needs of young travelers.

Abraham Muthogo Kamau, the vice president of Africa at Toggle Market, a developer and operator of cross-border multi-tenant supply chain infrastructure, said the continent's hospitality sector stands to gain from local sourcing and digitization in order to reduce operational costs.

Kamau further said the African Continental Free Trade Area will benefit the hospitality sector through seamless cross-border movement of business and leisure travelers.



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Chinese fastener manufacturing industry embraces intelligent development

SCREWS are unobtrusive, but they are indispensable to industrial production. They are used in the manufacturing of almost everything, from small articles of everyday use such as watches and mobile phones, to big and even gigantic items such as automobiles, high-speed rail and spacecraft.

Screws, which are also called fasteners, are known as "the rice of industry" in China. They are one of the most basic and commonly used types of machine elements, which are often seen in engineering, auto manufacturing, machinery manufacturing and

aerospace industries.

China is a major producer of "the rice of industry."

Given the transformation and upgrading of the manufacturing sector, downstream industries have developed a higher demand for high-strength, high-performance, high-precision and high-added value fasteners over the recent years. The low-tech and low-quality development model that places little importance on products' added value and branding has become unsustainable.

The fastener manufacturing industry is thus facing a trend

of upgrading. Many enterprises choose to embrace it with digital technologies and intelligent manufacturing.

Digitalization contributes to the management of enterprises. Digital technologies, when applied in enterprises' management, can optimize their operation and efficiency.

An enterprise specialized in the manufacturing of self-drill screws in Yongnian district, Handan, north China's Hebei province, has effectively lowered production cost and lifted products' quality via building digital

and green workshops.

Another fastener manufacturer in Ningbo, east China's Zhejiang province has established a 24-meter-high warehouse that covers about 4,000 square meters, where shipping and stock inquiry are all automated. It now takes only 25 minutes for the manufacturer to load a twenty-foot equivalent, which is 30 percent faster than before.

Intelligent manufacturing also helps enterprises improve efficiency. It is a great tool for traditional enterprises to promote supply-side structural reform.

In a workshop of a new energy technology company in central China's Hunan province, manual labor is replaced by robotic arms, which shorten the time for processing embedded screw sleeves by 70 percent and lifts production capacity by 72 percent.

The Hunan-based company has made a series of innovations and breakthroughs assisted by a whole-process smart manufacturing system, which covers designing, purchasing, planning, production, quality control, enterprise management and warehousing and logistics. It now boasts the

largest market share of embedded screw sleeves for the manufacturing of wind turbines.

The application of industrial internet makes it easier for upstream and downstream enterprises along the supply chain to find each other. An industrial internet platform has been set up in Ningbo to offer digital factory solutions for fastener manufacturers, help them strengthen information sharing and improve their R&D efficiency. Industrial internet, backed by digital technologies, makes the flow of data and other productive factors more

efficient, and offers stronger support for enterprises in innovating products, business models and technologies.

The transformation of the screw manufacturing industry is a miniature of the digitalization of China's traditional manufacturing. Its experience proves that conforming to the trend of digitalization and promoting science-based and efficient digital transformation of traditional industries are crucial for energizing entities, shaping new competitive advantages and achieving high-quality development. **People's Daily**

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Cooperation on human rights urged

COUNTRIES should intensify cooperation and stick to their own reality in safeguarding their people's human rights, including the rights to subsistence and development, officials and experts said at a human rights forum that opened on Wednesday in Beijing.

The two-day Forum on Global Human Rights Governance is themed "Equality, Cooperation and Development: The 30th Anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and Global Human Rights Governance." It is jointly hosted by the Information Office of the State Council, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the China International Development Cooperation Agency.

China is a formulator and advocate of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as a firm defender and practitioner of it, said Li Shulei, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, at the forum.

The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action was adopted in 1993 by the 171 states attending the World Conference on Human Rights and endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly later that year.

China insists on putting people first, integrating the universal principles

of human rights with China's reality, and taking subsistence and development as primary basic human rights, he said.

Li said that China has coordinated and improved its overall economic, political, social and cultural development to promote all-around social progress, and has explored a path of human rights development that conforms to the trend of society and suits China's national conditions.

International participants at the forum hailed China's efforts in protecting human rights.

China has spared no effort to promote and protect human rights and has made remarkable achievements in this process, said Akmal Saidov, first deputy speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Uzbekistan's parliament and director of the National Human Rights Center of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Moreover, China is playing an increasingly important and positive role on the international community in the human rights cause, he said, adding that different countries have different historical and social backgrounds, but share a common topic in human rights.

It is necessary to be fully aware of the unique circumstances of each country and the unique needs of its



Aslan Abashidze (left), a member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, talks with Shen Yongxiang (center), deputy director of the China Society for Human Rights Studies, and Liu Xinsheng, a member of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, on the sidelines of the Forum on Global Human Rights Governance held in Beijing on Wednesday. (CHEN ZEBING / CHINA DAILY)

people, in order to explore the best way to protect human rights, he said.

Aslan Abashidze, a member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, said that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action holds that all human rights are indivisible, and all aspects of human rights should be properly

ensured.

China has accounted for 70 percent of global poverty reduction and eradicated extreme poverty 10 years ahead of the UN target date, which is not only a major achievement for China but also a major victory for mankind, he said.

Over the more than four decades of re-

form and opening-up, China has lifted more than 800 million people out of poverty and brought over 400 million people into the middle-income group, noted Zhang Weiwei, director of the China Institute of Fudan University.

The achievements have far-reaching and enlightening implications for global human rights governance, he said, adding that in its modernization drive, China continues to formulate policies based on its own people's feelings, national conditions and cultural traditions.

China's philosophy that "people's livelihoods are paramount" has corrected a long-standing deviation of the Western philosophy of human rights governance, which only prioritizes the political rights of citizens, while rights regarding people's livelihoods and development are ignored, he said. *Xinhua*

'India has potential to become one of superpowers of world'

PARIS

INDIA has the potential for becoming one of the superpowers of the world. It has the world's largest population, innovators and giving back to society, Maurice Levy, VivaTech founder and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Publicis Groupe, said after the inauguration of the India Pavilion at Europe's biggest startup event being organised in Paris.

Speaking to ANI, Maurice Levy said, "India has the potential to become one of the superpowers of the world for several reasons. The first is population. It is a population of entrepreneurs and innovators. They can create, invent, disrupt and the last, but not the least aspect is that they have a big heart."

He further said, "India is making huge strides in the area of cyber security. When you look at the difference in a few years of what happened in India, it is absolutely fantastic because India was almost nowhere when it came to cyber security. And now it is one of the major players in the world."

Speaking about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to France on July 14 on the national day of France at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron, Levy said, "The relationship between India and France is a relationship of alliance, partnership & mutual respect."

He further said, "We are extremely honoured to have Prime Minister Modi come for Bastille Day."

We are extremely pleased because this is strengthening the alliance and the partnership between President Macron and PM Modi, between France & India and fostering the development of our economies: Maurice Levy, Vivattech founder and Publicis Groupe chairman on PM Modi to attend Bastille Day Parade as Guest of Honour on 14 July 2023 in Paris."

India's Ambassador to France Jawed Ashraf inaugurated India Pavilion at Europe's biggest start-up and Technology event Viva Technology which started on Wednesday. India was the Country of the Year at VivaTech in 2022.

This year, around 70 Indian startups are participating in the event under the leadership of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Department (MEITY) & Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt of India.

While inaugurating the India Pavilion on Wednesday, Ambassador Ashraf highlighted the reason why India is important to VivaTech.

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Palestinian PM calls for action to protect two-state solution

RAMALLAH

PALESTINIAN Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtaye on Wednesday called for immediate international action to protect the two-state solution from "Israel's sabotage."

He made the remarks at a meeting with European Union Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process Sven Koopmans in the West Bank city of Ramallah, according to a statement by the prime minister's office.

"There is an urgent need to move immediately to protect the two-state solution at a time when the Israeli government is working to push the Palestinian Authority to collapse and destroy the possibility of establishing a Palestinian state," Ishtaye was quoted by the statement as saying.

He accused the government under Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of sabotaging the two-state solution "by promoting Israeli settlements, seizing land and continuing incursions into cities, and controlling crossings and natural resources."

Koopmans, for his part, briefed Ishtaye on his efforts to revive the Arab Peace Initiative as a basis for a permanent solution

involving various international parties.

The Arab Peace Initiative was launched in 2002 after it was formulated by Saudi Arabia and adopted by the Arab League. It stipulates normalizing relations with Israel after its withdrawal from the Arab and Palestinian lands it occupied in 1967.

Ishtaye praised "the constructive" efforts led by EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell to revive the stalled peace process.

"The EU and Palestine stand together for peace and justice toward ending the occupation and establishing an independent Palestinian state on the 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as its capital and the right of return for Palestinian refugees," he said.

Koopmans also met with other senior Palestinian officials in the West Bank, including Secretary General of the Palestine Liberation Organization Executive Committee Hussein Al-Sheikh.

On Tuesday, Ishtaye called on Europe to take "serious measures ... to ban the shipment of the Israeli settlement's products to the markets of the European countries."

The Palestinians want to establish an independent state alongside Israel on all the Palestinian lands Israel occupied in 1967. *Xinhua*



Residents view mortar shells and fragments of exploded Israeli missiles on display from the rubble of homes destroyed in recent fighting with Israel in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip, June 8, 2023. (PHOTO / AP)

THE logistics sector, which serves as a bridge between production and consumption, is an important link that ensures the smooth flow of economic activity.

China's social logistics rose 4.4 percent year-on-year between January and April this year to 107.6 trillion yuan (about \$15.07 trillion), up 0.5 percentage points from the first-quarter figure. The China Logistics Prosperity Index stood at 51.5 percent in May.

These statistics indicate a sound recovery of the Chinese logistics industry since this year, with major indicators continuing to rise. The continuous improvement in the national economy has consolidated the sound momentum for the development of the logistics industry, offering strong support for stabilizing the economy, expanding domestic demand and promoting consumption.

At 8:00 pm on May 31, China's mid-year "618" shopping festival started. Soon after placing the order a villager from Lhoka prefecture, southwest China's Tibet autonomous region received the smart LCD TV delivered by JD Logistics, the delivery arm of Chinese e-commerce giant JD.com.

This year, the company placed pre-sale commodities at thousands of warehouses in more than 300 cities across China, which enables the goods to be delivered at the

China's logistics industry shows vitality with sound recovery momentum

fastest speed after orders are placed.

Customs clearance is getting smoother. At the Qianwan Container Terminal of Qingdao Port in east China's Shandong province, 17 tons of polyester knitted fabric imported by a garment manufacturer in Shandong's Yantai was unloaded from a vessel and then immediately shipped to the manufacturer's factory for production.

According to an executive of a logistics company in charge of the imported fabric, a new monitoring model has been launched by customs authorities in Qingdao that introduces machine inspection and ship-side direct unloading. It decreases the procedure of container lifting and transferring, which saves time for customs clearance and reduces logistics costs, the executive said.

From the rising business volume of express delivery to the busy cargo ships frequently seen at ports, the accelerated recovery of China's logistics sector this year reflects the country's vitality.

Statistics indicate that China's courier sector saw its delivery volume exceed 50 billion parcels this year as of



Commodities are handled in a warehouse of Cainiao, the logistics arm of Alibaba Group, in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu province. File photo

May 31, and the milestone was achieved 27 days earlier than in 2022. In the first four months of 2023, the country's commercial freight volume increased 7.5 percent year-on-year to 16.53 billion tons, and the cargo throughput at ports across the country stood at 5.28 billion tons, up 7.6 percent from a year ago.

The China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing (CFLP) said the total revenue of the logistics industry rose 7.5 percent year-on-year in the first four months, 0.8 percentage points higher than that of the first quarter. In particular, over 5 percentage points of the growth came from the transporting and warehousing services as well as the express delivery sector.

"Policies to expand domestic demand have come into effect, and online and offline consumption scenarios have been integrated. Restaurants, supermarkets, florists and pharmacies in neighborhoods are connected by instant logistics services. This has further driven community consumption," said Zhou

Zhicheng, a researcher with the CFLP and deputy head of the China Society of Logistics.

The continuous progress of digital transformation also enriched the commercial application scenarios of intelligent logistics.

For instance, a smart control system is launched at a port in north China's Tianjin municipality, which enables customs authorities to remotely monitor berthing and cargo handling in real time.

People's Daily

Russian Central Bank chief says scenario of global economic crisis has not implemented

ST. PETERSBURG

THE scenario of global economic crisis has not implemented, Central Bank of Russia Governor Elvira Naliullina said at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF).

"We are criticized by market participants for speaking often about some risks. But indeed, we are preparing for those risks. You cannot meet the risk properly unless you are ready for it. What has not implemented from our risk scenario is that the economic crisis has not implemented," she said.

Russia's business and economy developed under the scenario of accelerated adjustment, Naliullina added. "Our enterprises adjusted to new conditions very

quickly," she said.

The 26th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) - Russia's showcase annual economic and business event - is being held on June 14-17. 'Sovereign Development as the Basis of a Just World: Joining Forces for Future Generations' is theme of this year's forum. TASS is the official information partner of the event.

SPIEF's expanded business program offers attendees the opportunity to participate in more than 140 sessions featuring over 1,000 moderators and speakers, according to event organizer Roscongress Foundation. In line with tradition, Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to address the plenary session of SPIEF today.

Agencies





Popular gospel musician Christina Shusho

Culture shift as Samia acknowledges helpful role of 'Bulldozer' assemblies

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

SOMETHING of a watershed was visible lately on a Sunday open-air praise and worship assembly with the brand name of 'Arise and Shine,' on the northern reaches of Dar city at Kawe Beach environs.

The event was the usual praise congregation often attended by people from all over the country, and featuring groups in Mozambique and DRC who send live images of collective connection with those assemblies. It is a novelty in the praise and worship scene, growing fast.

As the ceremony was going on, assembly leader and charismatic healer Boniface 'Bulldozer' Mwamposa announced the presence of Albert Chalamila, incoming city regional commissioner.

While admitting he was not quite new to attending such assemblies, he changed the atmosphere by announcing that he was due to attend his regular service on Sunday when he received instructions from President Samia Suluhu Hassan to present an offering to that assembly on her behalf.

The message he gave said the President has followed those assemblies and sees people uplifted.

It was hugely gratifying for the vast congregation and those tuned to its frequencies in and around the country as well as further abroad, as this acknowledgment has not been easy to extract, nor indeed forthcoming, from big competing 'ministries' locally.

This has not been surprising as 'Arise and Shine' - scarcely ever cited by name, is still a swear word to a range of such groups owing to the early 2020 night service for walking on anointed oil.

More than 20 people died in that stampede, sparking huge controversy on the whole idea of charismatic institutions as outlaws.

Ups and downs of charismatic institutions never end in the region, as while top authorities are starting to acknowledge that visible change occurs in the lives of many people who seek out 'Arise and Shine' services, tragedy is also not far to seek.

The latest horror was fortunately not within our borders but is culturally a kindred area, as it occurred within the environs of Malindi municipality on the northern part of the Kenyan coastline.

Upwards of 260 bodies in mass graves have so far been discovered, and the area is to be turned into a Holocaust memorial, probably the first of its kind in Africa.

The difference is that it was not induced by cruel invaders engaged in ethnic cleansing but by weird preachers detesting life when life is seen as a daily diet of lust and sin. Uganda's Kibwetere put his group on fire.

Surprisingly, the name of the place is a verbal combination of its bush environment and its predestined function as a holocaust equivalent, as it is named 'Shakahola' the bush of the holocaust, in a sense.

Yet when it comes to the local en-

vironment, 'Arise and Shine' is by no means the nearest comparable theatrical approximation to what happened there, but more institutionalized groups espousing the 'rapture' philosophy of the ancient disciples of the Messiah.

This expectation that is preyed upon, literally, by the Jehovah's Witnesses group especially present in the United States, has deep roots and a scatter of tragedies in the 1980s to more recent horrors.

That sets the stage for an ironic contrast between the far-reaching healing and uplifting work of 'Arise and Shine' plus similar ministries, who are admittedly working for a better world without induced diseases or poverty.

Their nemesis is those whose theatrical act in the open-air assemblies focus on abandoning this lustful body and going to heaven, which moves from the sphere of praising to reality.

In the early 1980s, an American pastor led people into the jungles of Guyana to await the 'rapture.'

US legislators pursued them as part of an investigation into criminal trafficking of people, the group saw it as fatal Last Days persecution.

Their decision was especially bizarre, in opting to drink poison instead of being captured by the 'forces of evil', that is, US state organs, a view arising from wild interpretations of what specific prophecies provide for.

All this is part of the danger of guesswork ideologies propounded in open-air meetings, but as the record shows, there are those with genuine charismatic objectives of uplifting people especially through healing.

They do not focus on the priestly preoccupations with 'zinaa', simply adultery, which spans all sorts of horrors, including global terror.

While this much is not being acknowledged, there is a gradual shift via individual innovations of all sorts of preachers, joined by a unique capacity of conducting faith miracles, especially in healing, instant or gradual.

Detractors have for years insisted that those testimonies of healing are pre-arranged, with people given small amounts of money to stand before a microphone and say they were suffering from a stomach boil and it healed, etc, but with live radio and online or open television coverage, this traditionalist argument visibly falls apart.

Whence comes to the latest acknowledgment from the highest levels of the state that the work cannot be ignored.

What is visible is that this profound psychological contention as to the purpose of worship is now being resolved, not in academic circles or monasteries but in open-air events where thousands, literally, of innovators put in their wares.

One branch that may lead to Shakahola or wielding swords is the group hating adultery foremost.

Those seeking to heal, urging people to 'Arise and Shine' spark no horrors at all.

Simba SC stars who could follow Okrah out

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE 2023/24 main transfer window has been labelled as the big rebuild, Simba SC righting the wrongs of the failure to address their squad situation which has seen them go to consecutive seasons without winning any title.

After Augustine Okrah's exit from Simba SC recently, several players in the squad could follow suit before the new season gets underway.

Early this month Simba SC announced their decision to part ways with the Ghanaian attacking midfielder after a single season at the club.

Okrah joined Simba SC at the start of this season after shining in the Ghana Premier League with Bechem United.

Upon the expiration of his contract, Simba SC decided against triggering their option of a further year.

Other players who struggled for game time could follow him, especially those whose contracts expire at the end of this campaign.

We take a look at players who are at risk of being deemed surplus to requirements by Simba SC in the squad's quest to recapture the titles from age-old rival Young Africans SC, alias Yanga.

Mohamed Ouattara

The 25-year-old Burkinabe center-back was signed from Al Hilal SC of Sudan while Simba was under head coach Zoran Maki but found life difficult in the 2022/2023 season, having managed nine appearances in his first campaign with Simba SC.

The impending arrival of a new center-back will push him even further down the pecking order, meaning he might be forced to find a new home.

However, he is understood



Simba SC players discuss tactics during the outfit's 2022/23 NBC Premier League match against Coastal Union which took place in Dares Salaam on June 9. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

to be on a big contract that has one more year to run, and finding a club willing to pay a transfer fee for him could be a big challenge.

Terminating his contract is another headache for Simba. He is like an expensive car parked at the back of a garage, left to rot... so what next?

Gadiel Michael

The 27-year-old left full-back has failed to offer the required competition to Mohamed Hussein.

He has made five league appearances for the club this season and with his contract set to expire, word is that he's no longer in Simba's plans for the new season.

In three seasons at Simba SC, his involvement has been on a rapid decline in every campaign.

Singida Fountain Gate has been credited with an interest in his services and it remains to be seen whether the former Yanga and Azam FC defender joins the Singida club as he looks to revive his career.

Ismael Sawadogo

He was supposed to plug the midfield gap after joining Simba SC in the January transfer window but has found it tough.

Not only has he failed to dislodge the midfield duo of Yassin Mzamiru and Sadio Kanoute he has been a spectator for most of the games.

Simba SC is understood to be on the market for another option to address the midfield issue in the squad.

Depending on his contract status, a loan deal or permanent exit is certainly on the card for the Burkinabe defensive midfielder.

John Bocco

Despite scoring ten goals in the league, Bocco had a poor campaign. The club captain is now a bit-part player but the fact he is still considered a senior figure in the club dressing room, he might be kept.

The former Azam FC striker is understood to be weighing his options though Simba SC would

be smart enough to keep him as a backup option.

Habib Kyombo

He was signed as part of the 'project youth' but has struggled for game time even as a backup option. He is still seen as a young player to take a chance on which complicates his situation.

Maybe it would be prudent for Simba SC not to sell him, but rather send him out on loan so that he gets some game time.

He is unlikely to play games of consequence at the club, and for that, he needs to spend time away from Simba and cut his teeth elsewhere.

Kyombo is not a player you want to have sitting on the bench. He gets better as he plays. A loan deal could be suitable for both the club and the player.

Jonas Mkude

Simba SC has been a very patient club when it comes to Mkude, a player who has done a lot for the side.

When fit, Mkude runs the midfield and with great performances, he even gets call-ups for the senior national squad, Taifa Stars, that is why Simba SC has been patient with him during his ups and downs including gross misconduct.

However, with declining game time every season, the longest-serving current player at the club could be finally out of Simba SC.

Erasto Nyoni

His versatility makes it hard for Simba SC to let him go. Nyoni always comes in handy when most of the key players are either suspended or injured or when coaches feel the need to rotate the squad. He is one of those unnoticeable players, but crucial to have.

However, like Bocco and Mkude, the consensus is that time is up for the veteran utility player who joined Simba SC from Azam FC in 2017 and has enjoyed a fruitful time.

Coach Nasreddine Nabi leaves Yanga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA head coach Nasreddine Nabi has parted ways with the NBC Premier League champion amid reported interest from South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs.

The NBC Premier League champion's leadership announced the outfit resorted to parting ways with the experienced tactician who has been linked with a move to Kaizer Chiefs to replace the current head coach Arthur Zwane.

Yanga explained the tactician opted to seek a new challenge outside Tanzania after helping the Jangwani Street side enjoy tremendous success this season.

The club unsuccessfully tried to convince the Tunisia-born gaffer to stay after his deal with the club expired.

"Yanga's leadership wishes to inform the public the outfit has reached an agreement to part ways with coach Nasreddine Nabi who opted against extending his contract," Yanga said in a statement.

The club noted: "The deal between the coach and the club expired at the end of the concluded 2022/23 season."

Despite the club's efforts to meet Nabi to discuss a new deal, he requested to leave and seek a new challenge.

"The management thanks coach Nabi for his contribution during his time with Yanga, and wishes him all the best in future endeavours," the outfit said.

Nabi has won two NBC Premier League titles, two Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) top honours, and as many Community Shields with Yanga.

The 58-year-old further guided Yanga to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final, nar-



Yanga head coach, Nasreddine Nabi.

rowly losing to Algeria USM Alger.

Kaizer Chiefs, which has gone eight seasons without winning any major silverware, reportedly contacted Nabi who is keen on joining the Soweto-based giants.

The Tunisia-born gaffer refused to join Kenyan Premier League side, Bandari FC, much as the club had shown interest in him and was expected to convince Nabi to join the side.

Meanwhile former Kaizer Chiefs attacker Kanga Nzenza has advised the Soweto giants to break the bank for Young Africans SC striker Fiston Mayele instead of South African Ranga Chivaviro.

Both strikers are reportedly on the top of the list of the South African club's new signings after impressing this season.

Mayele has scored 14 goals in 17 matches for Tanzanian side Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, from the preliminary stages of

the 2022/23 CAF Champions League to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup campaigns.

Chivaviro, turning out for Marumo Gallants FC, has scored seven in 10 CAF Confederation Cup matches alongside 10 goals in South Africa's Dstv Premiership.

Mayele, winner of this season's NBC Premier League Player of the Year prize and top goalscorer prize that he shared with Saidi Ntibazonkiza of Simba SC having notched 17 goals apiece, has a year left on his contract with Yanga.

"That'd be a good one. Mayele would be a good fit for Amakhosi, you see what he has done for Yanga since he landed, he is no doubt a deadly and top striker on the content, waiting till free-agency will be risky" Nzenza said.

"If Chiefs had asked me about Saile (DR Congo forward Christian Saile Basomboli) I would have told them, but they didn't

ask me when he joined them during the January transfer window," the former goal-getter noted.

Nzenza has endorsed Mayele to move to the Soweto-based football giants following the Congolese forward's stellar statistical data that support his performance.

Basomboli has failed to show his edge after 16 games having scored four goals and executed one assist in 16 games in all competitions.

The former Kaizer Chiefs striker revealed: "I knew about Saile, but he is not the type of player who will get you those goals but a type of player who will supply you with balls coming from midfield."

Nzenza views Mayele as a better fit to lead Kaizer Chiefs' attacking line after the failure of Burundian forward Bonfils-Caleb Bimanyimana.

"Mayele can score goals and create plays for others to score, as for Saile, he needs somebody to advise him, he's rushing too much, and that's why he's complicating things. Mayele has pace and he is mobile and very powerful," Nzenza pointed out.

"Most strikers today, when they are heading the ball, they close their eyes, how can a striker close his eyes when heading a ball?" he queried.

Mayele's goals have been instrumental in Yanga's triumph in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup, and Community Shield as well as reaching the CAF Confederation Cup final.

"I know about Chivaviro, but still, I will go for Mayele, he is a better player than Chivaviro. Honestly, Mayele is better than Chivaviro," the former Amakhosi player disclosed.

Masai Ujiri's Giants of Africa unveils star-studded lineup for inaugural Giants of Africa Festival

TORONTO

GIANTS of Africa, a not-for-profit dedicated to enriching the lives of African youth through sports, and its co-founder Masai Ujiri, Vice-Chairman and President of the Toronto Raptors, yesterday announced the exceptional talent set to perform during the inaugural Giants of Africa Youth Basketball Festival. Taking place from August 13th to 19th in Kigali, Rwanda, the Festival will bring together more than 250 youth from 16 countries in celebration of Giants of Africa's 20th anniversary.

"The Giants of Africa Festival represents a momentous milestone for our organization - we will celebrate 20 years of empowering youth and we will honor the incredible communities that have welcomed us. Through this Festival, we aim to inspire and encourage youth, while acknowledging their immense potential and the collective effort to create positive change," said Masai Ujiri.

"We are honored to have artists including Davido, Tiwa Savage, Diamond Platnumz and more join us for the opening ceremony celebration and closing concert, as we believe their performances will further ignite the spirit of the Festival and uplift the aspirations of the local youth in attendance."

With key themes including basketball, education, culture, and entertainment, the Festival strives to unite and celebrate the next generation of leaders across Africa. Youth campers will represent Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Somalia, Uganda, Botswana, Ghana, South Sudan, Morocco, Cameroon and Mali.

Three events taking place at BK Arena will be open for the public to attend: the opening ceremony celebration (August 13th) and closing concert (August 19th), and the Boys Championship Game, Girls Championship Game, and All-Star Game (August 18th).

*Opening Ceremony Celebration

The opening ceremony celebration will kick off the week with an electrifying concert from Tanzanian Bongo Flava recording artist and award-winning superstar Diamond Platnumz. Hosted by award-winning sportscaster Carol Tshabalala, the celebration will also feature captivating sounds from Massamba Intore, musician, songwriter and founder of Gakondo music group, accompanied by a performance choreographed by Sherrie Silver, an MTV Award-winning choreographer and United Nation's IFAD Advocate for Rural Youth.

*Closing Concert

The closing concert, presented by Spotify, will feature an incredible lineup of internationally acclaimed artists and performers. Afrobeats icon Davido, fresh off the success of his fourth studio album, will grace the stage with his infectious energy and magnetic stage presence. Joining him is Tiwa Savage, the Nigerian singer-songwriter and actress known as the Queen of Afrobeats, who will captivate the audience with her unparalleled talent.

Adding to the all-star lineup is Rwanda's own Bruce Melodie, a gifted singer-songwriter known for his soulful melodies, and Tyla, a rising star selected as one of Spotify's emerging artists as part of their RADAR program. Their performances promise to create an electrifying atmosphere and leave a lasting impression on the Festival attendees.

*International Youth Day Forum

Additionally, on August 12th the Festival will host an International Youth Day Forum, sponsored by Dani Reiss, and in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Imbuto Foundation. It will bring together 2000 Rwandan youth along with the campers participating in the Festival to hear from esteemed guest speakers, including Lt. Gen (Ret'd) Romeo Dallaire, Founder of the Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security and UN Force Commander during the Rwanda Genocide, and Ishmael Beah, international best-selling author, advocate for children in armed conflict, advisor to the Dallaire Institute, and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.

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Giants of Africa Festival also expressed its gratitude to all sponsors and partners who have contributed to making this event a reality:

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Special thanks to His Excellency President Paul Kagame for his unwavering support of Giants of Africa and for graciously hosting the Festival in Rwanda.

Tickets for the Giants of Africa Festival public events will go on sale starting Thursday, June 22nd at 10:00am Central Africa Time. To learn more about the Festival and to purchase tickets, please visit www.GOAFestival.org.

Salah creates goal as Egypt win secures Cup of Nations place

CAIRO

LIVERPOOL star Mohamed Salah set up the equaliser for Egypt in a 2-1 win over Guinea on Wednesday that secured a place at the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations finals.

Serhou Guirassy put Guinea ahead on 26 minutes in the central Moroccan city of Marrakech and substitute Mahmoud Trezeguet levelled three minutes before half-time off a Salah pass.

Former Aston Villa forward Trezeguet turned creator after 79 minutes with a cross that Mostafa Mohamed slammed past goalkeeper Ibrahim Kone in the Group D matchday five showdown.

An eventful night for Turkey-based Trezeguet ended with an added-time yellow card after he refused to be stretched from the pitch following an injury, prefer-

ring to limp off.

Salah displayed some exquisite touches as Egypt joined hosts the Ivory Coast, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Morocco, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia at the African showpiece from January 13.

Among the eight countries already assured of places at the 24-team tournament, only Burkina Faso have not lifted a trophy that symbolises African national team supremacy.

It was a third straight group victory of the record seven-time Cup of Nations winners after a stunning 2-0 loss to Ethiopia on matchday two last June that cost coach Ehab Galal his job.

Defeat for Guinea leaves the second qualifying place from the group between them and Malawi, who play Ethiopia on Tuesday and the Guineans in the final round during Septem-



Mohamed Salah

ber.

If Malawi win both matches they will finish level with Guinea on nine points and head-to-head records will

determine who finishes runners-up.

- Gambia win thriller - Gambia, who exceeded expectations as debutants by reaching the

quarter-finals at the last Cup of Nations before losing to hosts Cameroon, edged South Sudan 3-2 in a Group G thriller.

South Sudan, who have never qualified, equalised twice before Denmark-based Gambian Hamza Barry scored the winning goal six minutes into added time.

Rehan Angier conceded an own goal after only four minutes in the Egyptian city of Ismailia -- a temporary home for the Sudanese because they do not have an international-standard stadium.

Valentino Yuel levelled midway through the opening half in 31 Celsius (86 Fahrenheit) heat and there were no further goals before half-time.

Ablie Jallow put Gambia ahead a second time halfway through the second half and in added time, Peter Chol equalised before Barry be-

came the hero of Gambia by firing a rebound into the net.

Guinea-Bissau struggled to overcome minnows Sao Tome e Principe 1-0 through a 55th-minute Zinho Gano goal, but the three points lifted them above Nigeria to first place in Group A.

Sao Tome are another country lacking an international-standard stadium and conceded home advantage with the match staged in Bissau.

After conceding 10 goals to Nigeria and five to Guinea-Bissau in earlier qualifiers, Sao Tome did better than expected in a match that produced 20 goal attempts, but only three on target.

Nigeria play Sierra Leone on Sunday and a draw for the Super Eagles will suffice to clinch qualification for them and Guinea-Bissau.

AFP

England's future is about to be defined - and it's out of Gareth Southgate's control

By Miguel Delaney

As the England players arrived at St George's Park this week, there was more than one that got messages detailing their representatives' latest discussions as regards their futures. It is likely to be a theme of this international break, along with jokes about Jack Grealish's last few days.

Gareth Southgate may be largely set on the spine of his team, but the players that form that spine are very far from set on their futures.

All of Harry Kane, Mason Mount, Declan Rice and Harry Maguire are currently negotiating their futures, with Jude Bellingham having just completed a deal with Real Madrid, and ongoing interest in Jordan Pickford. If any of them step out, as is likely to be the case in forgiving fixtures against Malta and North Macedonia, Marc Guehi and Conor Gallagher also face uncertainty.

The potential Euro 2024 winners may well have a huge influence on the summer 2023 market. Some of them are still subject to wider forces, though.

The race for goalscorers is the main market this summer, but that has now been entirely reshaped by Kylian Mbappe's simple decision to tell Paris Saint-Germain he won't be extending his contract from 2024. It has already had an effect on Kane's future.

Real Madrid have had serious interest in the striker, to the point they have made it clear they will meet any wage demands, and are willing to negotiate with Daniel Levy. Some well-placed sources even maintained last week that a deal was "a lot closer than has even been made out". The Tottenham Hotspur chairman is increasingly mindful of losing out on around £100m of rebuilding money for the sake of a



Gareth Southgate

season of football and is seen as more willing to do business than ever before. There is also the gradual realisation that it might make some sense to take the money for a player going into his thirties, brilliant as he is, especially as Ange Postecoglou has his own ideas on a team.

Madrid could have offered a clean solution, especially as Levy does not want to sell to another Premier League club. It is suddenly a lot more complicated.

Madrid had planned to bring in Kane for two years before then going big on either Erling Haaland or - more likely - Mbappe. The French star's sudden willingness to move has changed that, especially as it could force PSG's hand. All of a sudden, people are not talking about Kane to Madrid as so close.

It could open the way for Manchester United, who have gone back and forth on the idea of going for England's top scorer this window. The long-held stance has been that they just don't want to get into a stand-off with Levy but an increasing number of involved people have spoken of a shift in attitudes over the past few

days. Kane's first choice in this market would similarly be to go to Old Trafford, especially as he wants to win the Premier League and break the goalscoring record.

Erik ten Hag's insistence on a forward will meanwhile work against any move for Rice, who the Dutch coach does greatly admire. Ten Hag has asked to be kept informed of what is happening between the midfielder and Arsenal. United know it would take the Kane price to persuade West Ham United to sell, though, and even then they could get into a bidding war where they are already behind. West Ham are very close to a £90m deal with Arsenal for Rice, with one of the remaining issues concerning the structure of the payments. The widespread expectation is that it gets done.

In any case, Casemiro's influence puts off Ten Hag's need for that type of midfielder, with the focus on a

No 8. The United manager realised towards the last few months of the season that his team needs that greater energy, and few combine that with a profound understanding of pressing instructions as effectively as Mount. Managers love him.

There is currently a £15m difference in valuation between United and Chelsea on transfer fee, but the Stamford Bridge club's need to sell indicates the deal should eventually get done. Ten Hag meanwhile needs to overhaul his squad, too, and it is striking that he wants to move on many of Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's signings. This was something that became apparent much earlier in the season. Ten Hag doesn't have enough players sufficiently trained in that high-pressing approach.

The most prominent of Solskjaer's signings is Harry Maguire, whose status has been diminished in the last two years. It hasn't helped that, in the last few weeks, Southgate has

told him he has to move in order to keep his England place for Euro 2024. Many Premier League managers still share Southgate's admiration for Maguire, though, despite a difficult two years. Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur are two clubs who would be willing to do a deal this summer, but the player's high wages mean that could be on loan.

Should he go, United have had a look at Crystal Palace's Guehi, but their interest is not as strong as Arsenal's. Conor Gallagher meanwhile has a series of upper mid-table sides interested, although his own future could be influenced by that of James Maddison. Whoever doesn't get the Leicester City midfielder may move for Gallagher. That is if anyone does get Maddison.

Relegation has not seen Leicester's demands change, though, and their asking price is described as "exorbitant".

While Tottenham and Newcastle United had designs on paying £45m for Maddison, Leicester want closer to £80m.

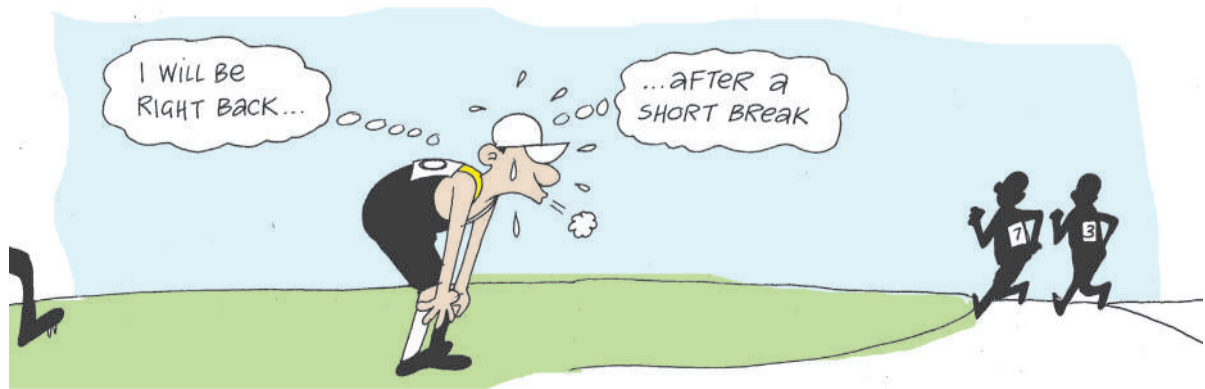
Financial Fair Play constraints mean Newcastle can't quite go to such levels in the way their Saudi Arabian owners would want. The player's current preference is also to go to London for family reasons, although the reality of the market may change such ideals.

It has very much changed the mood around Southgate's squad right now. Talk of transfers and who might join who has trumped jokes about Grealish's hangover. Club managers have of course detailed players to have a word with targets over the next few days.

Some of those chats could influence their next few years.

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Mbeya City FC players (in purple jerseys) and their Kinondoni Municipal Council FC counterparts battle it out in the 2018/19 Premier League clash in Dar es Salaam.

It's all or nothing for KMC FC and Mbeya City FC in NBC PL playoff

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

IT is all or nothing for hosts Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and Mbeya City FC at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam today afternoon as both clubs battle in a relegation playoff scrap to determine who keeps NBC Premier League status.

Kinondoni Municipal Council FC ended in the relegation zone and scored just 25 goals and let in 39.

Mbeya City FC also scored just 34 times and lost 13 fixtures compared to Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's 14 ties.

The aggregate loser of this match will head down to play a promotion/relegation playoff against Championship League club, Mashujaa FC, in a bid to avoid joining Polisi Tanzania and Ruwu Shooting in the Championship League. At the same time, today's game could head to extra time and eventually penalties.

Mbeya City FC made a small step towards securing another top-flight campaign with a slim 2-1 victory over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in the first leg of the relegation playoffs played in Mbeya on Tuesday.

First-half goals netted by Gasper Mwaipasi and Sixtus Sabilo appeared to have given Mbeya City FC an upper hand before Abdul Hillary pulled one back for Kinondoni Municipal Council FC with four minutes of normal time to play.

It was a one-way street from the very first whistle as Mbeya City FC got in front in the third minute after a beautiful delivery from left-back Kenneth Kumbani was fluffed by Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's defense and landed on Mwaipasi who took a clean strike to beat goalkeeper Hussein Abel.

Mbeya City FC appeared to have gained a bigger advantage when the club's top scorer Sabilo converted from the spot kick to make it 2-0 on the half-hour mark.

However, Mbeya City FC's poor finishing and a late goal by Kinondoni Municipal Council FC through the spot kick left the tie open ahead of this second leg.

In head-to-head stats, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and Mbeya City FC have met in 11 league matches.

Kinondoni Municipal Council FC so far does not have anything to lose and should push hard for the early opener.

The Kinondoni-based team has won five matches while Mbeya City FC has claimed three wins with the other three ending in stalemate.

When the teams met earlier this season, in Dar es Salaam in December 2022, they settled for a 1-1 draw.

The return game saw Kinondoni Municipal Council FC claim a 1-0 away win thanks to a first-half strike by Matheo Anthony.

Sabilo, who scored his 10th goal of the season in the previous meeting, will be vital for the visitors to Mbeya City FC, while the hosts, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, will look to former Young Africans SC forward Waziri Junior for goals.

Azam FC's big clear-out continues with more players sent packing



Azam FC players are pictured preparing to confront Simba SC in this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) last-four duel in Mtwara on May 7. Azam FC defeated Simba SC 2-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC's big squad clear-out continues after the club confirmed it would not renew the contracts of midfielders Ismail Aziz Kada and Cleophae Mkandala.

The duo's contract with Azam FC is set to come to an end this month, and the Chamazi-based club has opted against keeping them.

"Thank you very much for the memories in our club. We wish you all the best wherever you go, Ismail Aziz and Cleophae Mkandala," Azam FC said on Thursday.

Azam FC is on a rebuilding

course under new head coach, Senegalese Yousouph Dabo, and has released several players and technical bench members as a result.

On Wednesday afternoon, Kenyan international midfielder Kenneth Muguna and Zambian striker Rodgers Kola were shown the exit door.

Muguna joined Azam FC at the start of the 2021/22 season from Kenyan foot-

ball giants Gor Mahia and has been on and off this season.

Zambian striker Kola was prolific a season ago under the tutelage of Abdihamid Moallin, scoring 11 goals, but he never regained his form and was also troubled by injuries at the beginning of this campaign.

He was limited to just eight appearances in the league with zero goal contributions in the 2022/23

season.

On Wednesday, Azam FC also let go of the side's veteran Zimbabwean left-back Bruce Kangwa, the 35-year-old who spent seven seasons at Chamazi.

The club also parted ways with Spanish goalkeeping coach Dani Cadena and fitness coach Moadh Hiraoui.

Last week Azam FC confirmed the arrival of midfielder Feisal Salum 'Fei Toto' from Young Africans

SC (Yanga), as the club attempts to provide new coach Dabo with ammunition ahead of the next season.

Azam FC finished third in this season's NBC Premier League, 19 points behind champion Yanga and 14 points shy of second-placed Simba SC.

The club reached this season's Azam Sports Federation Cup final after edging out Simba SC in the semi-finals but lost 1-0 to Yanga to end up trophyless for a fourth season in a row.

In a season that Azam FC has had three different head coaches, the side was eliminated in the preliminary rounds of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup by Al Akhdar of Libya.

Moallin who started the season was fired after only three games and replaced by Frenchman Dennis Lavagne.

Lavagne lasted for only 45 days before falling out with the club hierarchy following a 2-1 loss to Kinondoni Municipal Council FC.

The gaffer was replaced by caretaker coach Kalimangonga Ongalla until the end of the season.

Flashnet Pak Stars books place in 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup Super4s

By Guardian Reporter

FLASHNET Pak Stars clobbered Remax Strikers by 24 runs, securing their place in the Super4s stage of this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament.

Disciplined batting, as well as an impressive bowling display by Flashnet Pak Stars, proved too much for Remax Strikers to handle in the thrilling encounter played at Leaders Club venue early this week.

Winning the toss, Flashnet Pak Stars elected to bat first, aiming to set a challenging target for their opponents.

Opener Zeeshan Ul-Haq provided a solid start, scoring a quick 33 runs off just 22 deliveries.

His aggressive stroke play laid the foundation for the innings and earned him the Colourflex Man of the Match Award.

Sheraz Khan, batting at the two-down position, played crucial unbeaten innings of 39 runs off 40 balls.

Khan's composed knock ensured that Flashnet Pak Stars reached a decent total of 140/7 in their allotted 20 overs.

Remax Strikers' bowling attack put up a commendable performance, with Jatin Dari, Athumani Siwa, and Raymond Francis picking up two wickets each.



Zeeshan Ul-Haq of Flashnet Pak Stars (L) receives the Colourflex Man of the Match award from John Chebil, Head of Operations at Automark Tanzania, after the conclusion of this season's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup match between the former's team and Remax Strikers held last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Their efforts helped restrict the opposition's scoring rate and kept them in the contest.

In pursuit of the target, Remax Strikers faced a slow start, struggling to build substantial partnerships.

Openers Athumani Siwa and Amin Solanki scored 27 runs off 40 deliveries and 22 runs off 27 deliveries, respectively.

However, the required run rate kept mounting as the innings progressed. Issa Ki-

kasi's knock of 32 runs off 29 balls gave Remax Strikers a glimmer of hope, but his dismissal at the hands of Muhammad Bilawal dented their chances further and earned Bilawal the Rickshaw Game Changer of the Match honour.

Flashnet Pak Stars bowlers showcased their skills and bowled with precision. Muhammad Bilawal, Zafar Khan, Zeeshan Ul-Haq, Ayaz Mustafa, and Basit Raza each picked up a wicket, stifling the Remax Strikers' batsmen

and preventing them from gaining momentum.

Remax Strikers could only manage to score 116/5 in their allotted 20 overs, falling short of the target by 24 runs.

With this 24-run victory, Flashnet Pak Stars sealed their spot in the Super4s stage of the Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup.

Their disciplined batting and tight bowling performance throughout the match proved crucial in securing the win.

As the tournament progresses, teams continue to battle it out for ultimate glory in the 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup.

Flashnet Pak Stars' impressive display has set the stage for an exciting Super4s stage, where the competition will intensify, and the stakes will be higher.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup is an annual T20-formatted cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of the showdown. Other sponsors include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, TATA Africa Holdings, ASAS, Rickshaw Travels, RAS Logistics, Pepsi, e-Parking, Remax, Flashnet, and Aurobindo.

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Horizon Teleports, Aone Bottlers, Samsonite, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Euro Cables, VL Smart Solutions, Mobidoc, GI Logistics, Delta Africa, The Works, and Tanzania Assurance wind up the sponsors' list.

Alliance Caravans lifted the 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament's trophy following the outfit's four-wicket drubbing of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final.

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