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By Guardian Correspondents

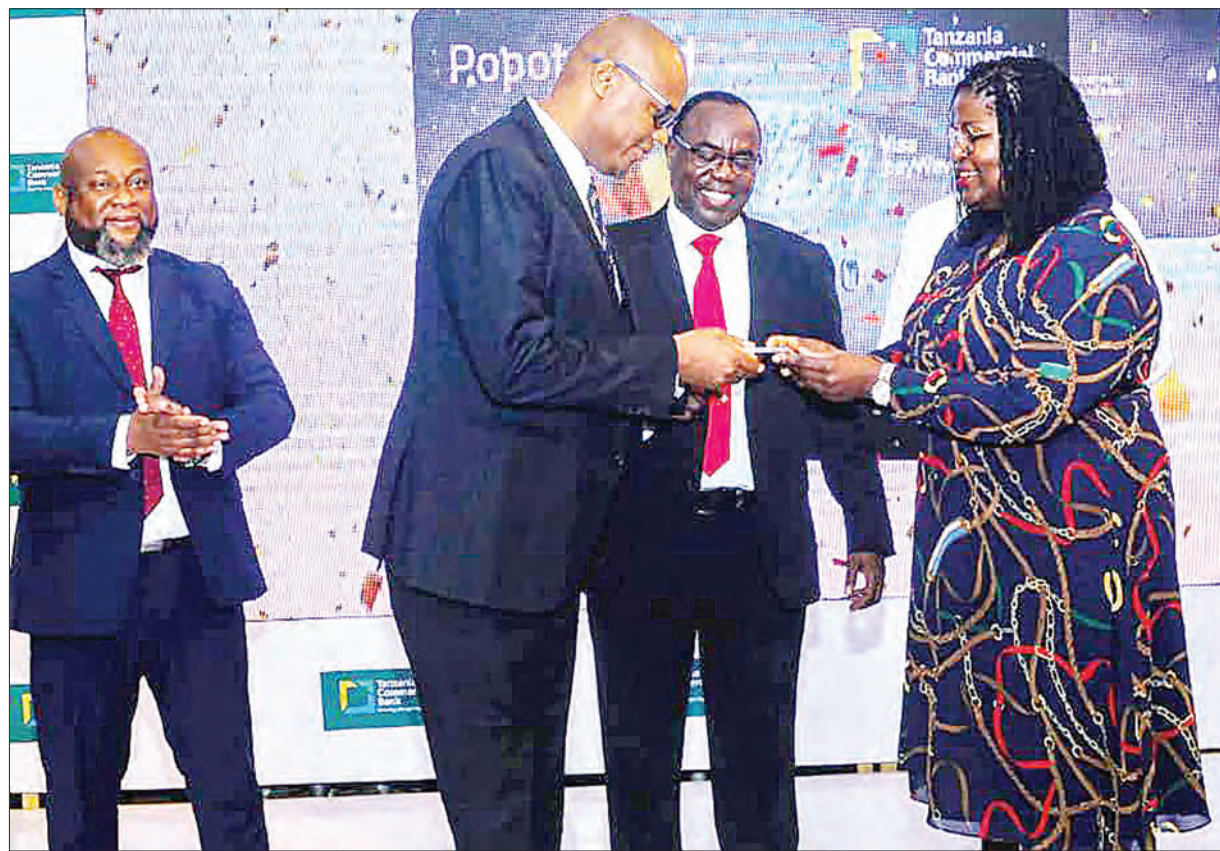
FIVE people have died after being attacked by wild animals in Manyara and Mtwara regions, authorities have confirmed.

In Manyara Region, four people have died in a series of incidents in the past week, where one per-

son was attacked by a hyena and another savaged by a crocodile while swimming in Ruvu River in Simanjiro District.

Regional Police Commander, Benjamin Kuzaga said that in the first incident last Sunday at Dareda village of Ayagayala ward in Babati District, remains belonging to January Flavian (56), a resident of the village were found in a farm after he was mauled by hyenas.

"It has been reported that the deceased was eaten by hyenas after he collapsed at Hando Baso's farm when drunk," he stated.



Corine Nana (R), Visa International vice president and managing director for the East Africa region, presents the Tanzania Commercial Bank's (TCB) newly introduced Popote Visa Card to one of the bank's customers shortly after the card was launched in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. Looking on: TCB chief executive officer Sabasaba Moshingi (2nd-R) and director of technology and operations Jema Msuya. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

TCB launches new Visa card usable globally

By Guardian Reporter

DEVELOPMENTS towards a less-cash economy had a vital digital finance shot in the arm yesterday following the start of an internationally accepted electronic payments card in the market by Tanzania Commercial Bank (TCB).

Sabasaba Moshingi, the bank's chief executive officer said TCB has obtained partnership status on its new product with Visa International, elevating its commercial clout in trade finance by enabling its customers to transact anywhere around the world.

At the launch, he said the debit card has all it takes to bring universal financial services within reach, with its 'Anywhere' usability aiding efforts to reduce cash transactions with innovative digital payment solutions. They are more convenient, safe and offer better money management options, he stated.

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Alliance Insurance partners with Airtel, Axieva to launch Digital Motor insurance

- 100% digital, paperless and fully automated
- Available on all mobile phones 24x7
- Integrated with TIRA (Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority)
- Instant E-Sticker, Cover note and TRA EFD receipt
- Vehicle gets insured within 60 seconds

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania -23rd Mar, 2022: Customers can now buy Motor Insurance policy for Private and Commercial vehicles at their fingertips, thanks to a collaborative partnership between Airtel Money Limited, Alliance Insurance Corporation and the BIMA technology provider Axieva Africa Lab Limited.

Dubbed BIMA on Airtel Financial Services menu '150*60', it is one of the World's first and 100% automated Motor Insurance which can be purchased during any feature phone or smart phone in less than 60 seconds; including KYC, validation, payments, policy, sticker and TRA tax receipt.

Customers can now skip the hassle of travelling, managing cash, finding an insurer and carrying complex paperwork to buy their vehicle insurance. Instead they can simply dial the USSD code on any of their Airtel lines anytime, to access the BIMA menu and avail policy purchase from Alliance Insurance almost instantly. Regulated by TIRA, Alliance Insurance is the No 1 insurance provider in Tanzania under Motor vehicle category.

Addressing the needs of FSDMP 2030 (Financial Sector Development Master Plan) laid by the Government of Tanzania, this three-way partnership also aims to drive several of the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals 2030 (UN SDG Goals) including innovation, climate action, sustainable cities and inclusiveness.

Speaking today in Dar es Salaam while launching the new partnership, the Deputy Commissioner of Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA), Madam Khadija Issa Said commended Airtel on launching this initiative.

"I take this opportunity to applaud Airtel, Alliance and Axieva team for leading all their efforts to launch this revolutionary initiative of Digitalizing insurance. Through this initiative, the masses in Tanzania will now be able to have

access to insurance services anytime, anywhere on their phones.

Madam Said added, "Our focus is to drive an inclusive penetration of Insurance services by boosting the agenda of awareness and use of Insurance products from current 15 percent to 50% by 2030. We do foresee an engaging role of digital and technology partnerships in driving those objectives.

We are truly delighted to see today, the way Airtel Tanzania has availed its digital skills and infrastructure to drive this vision into execution. I am sure, it is not only for the other Mobile Networks, but also the other countries to witness this collaboration.

Indeed, Alliance and Axieva you all have done a great job with Airtel in achieving a critical milestone for the Industry" said Saqware

Anantha Krishnan, Group MD of Alliance Insurance Corporation said, "Today's launch with Airtel and Axieva is an outcome of Alliance's shared vision for industry transformation and digital accessibility to every user.

It has always been our commitment to keep our customer first, and bring them the latest market innovation, convenience and services. We believe that this launch of USSD as distribution channel will add immense value to all Customers, Alliance, Industry and the Country.

This is truly a Historic day! And we are proud, that today with the approvals from TIRA, the regulator who lead the vision, we are taking Insurance to all together a new level, where other countries will be privileged to learn from Tanzania" said Krishnan.

The partnership between Airtel, Alliance and Axieva has considerably relied on the work of that Axieva has been doing at a global level to redefine Inclusive finance and enable last mile delivery of financial services.

Isack Nchunda, Airtel Tanzania Director of Airtel Money, said, "We are excited to lead this digital evolution of Insurance Services in Tanzania & Africa through our innovative products, services and partnerships. This collaboration with Axieva and Alliance to digitize Insurance is a significant step in that direction.



Deputy Commissioner of Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) Khadija Said (2nd Axieva Africa Managing Partner Gaurav Dhingra (2nd L) together with Director of Airtel Money services Isack Nchunda (R) and Anantha Krishnan, Group MD of Alliance Insurance Corporation (L) hold a placard after launching a collaborative partnership whereby Airtel customers can now buy Motor Insurance policy for private and Commercial vehicles at their fingertips. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

Insurance, till date has remained one of the most under-utilized financial service, due to the tedious nature of its accessibility, affordability, payments and paperwork. Today, using the Airtel Money and Partnership infrastructure, we are removing all these barriers for our customers to buy insurance at the touch of the buttons. Motor Insurance, with third-party benefits and upcoming comprehensive is one of our first offering to the market today, but over the next few months, we are ready to offer the full range

of Insurance products.

We want all of our 60 million citizens to be insured and live risk free" added Nchunda.

Speaking on his part **Gaurav Dhingra, Managing Partner at Axieva Africa,** the company behind Axieva BIMA technology and partnership said, "Our mission at AXIEVA is to create sustainable ecosystems; that can positively impact and empower the local communities through the use of technology.

Axieva BIMA is just one example how the entire value chain of a complex industry can be digitally transformed to unlock ease, access, delivery, scale and financial efficiency to Millions.

On Airtel BIMA platform, there is no need to subscribe or pre-register. User may simply dial '150*60 and follow the menu under Airtel Money Financial Services to get TIRA validated Motor insurance for their Cars, Bikes or Bajaj" said Dhingra.

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Partnership with Visa is important to the drive towards cashless society ambitions, he stated, noting that the bank opted for Visa partnership as the US multinational is a pioneer in digital payments technology, with unmatched network of 61m outlets.

Corine Nana, the Visa managing director for East Africa, said the company is committed to expanding digital payments across the world by working with partners like TCB to also bring the benefits of digital finance to consumers and public agencies.

She was of the view that Tanzania has all the ingredients for a cashless society, in which case the partnership with TCB will deliver added values accruing from diminishing direct transactions, by cost savings through payments efficiency.

"Like all innovative digital payment solutions, adoption and use of the Visa card offers significant benefits to individuals, business entities and public agencies," she elaborated, underlining "the impactful advancement of financial inclusion" making a difference in the lives of many people.

TCB customers feel that the Visa card rollout augurs well with ongoing local initiatives to accelerate digital payments. It is a boon for modernization, where the strategic partnership between TCB and Visa International benefits a lot more people than the two companies.

Christian Wielenga, the general manager of DT Card (T) said that the partnership will greatly help to expand local digital payments space and enhance commercial fortunes across the national payments value chain.

Nape Nnauye, the Information, Communications and Information Technology minister, was recently quoted affirming that a \$150m soft loan from the International Development Association (part of the World Bank Group) has been secured to advance the Digital Tanzania Project, to stir the national digital transformation process.

A blueprint is being drafted to chart out the roadmap for executing the grand digital economy venture, he added.



Krinshnan Anantha (C), Alliance Insurance Corporation's group managing director, exchanges views with Tanzania Insurance Authority deputy commissioner Khadija Issa Said during the launch of the firm's partnership with Airtel and Axeiva in providing insurance services through digital platforms. Left is Axeiva director Gaurav Dhingra. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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In another incident, a standard two pupils at Ngage Primary School in Loiborsoit ward of, Simanjoro District, Siamoi Yona (10) died after he was attacked by a crocodile, the police chief noted, elaborating that the incident happened last Thursday when the pupil was swimming in River Ruvu.

A further incident claimed the life of aged less than 14 years, resident of Hangoni in Babati District but whose name could not be identified, also died Thursday last week after being stuck in thick mud in Faheri River flooding that swept him off his feet.

Meanwhile, Correspondent Abdallah Bakari reports that three people died after being attacked by a buffalo while farming at Ma-

hurunga village in Mtwara District. Acting Regional Police Commander Nicodemus Katembo said here yesterday that the incident occurred in the morning last Sunday.

"The three were cultivating the farm a buffalo appeared and started to attack them and all of them were killed on the spot; the buffalo was later traced and killed," he said, listing the deceased as Rashid

Bakari (40) - a resident of Kitunguli village, Salum Yusuph (46) and Said Mussa (45), both residents of Mahurunga village.

Security personnel arrived on the spot, tracked the buffalo and killed it, he stated, urging villagers in various districts to inform responsible authorities if they see stray beasts near residential areas or farms.

Police are still investigating the

abandonment of a female infant soon after birth, found at a dump at Mikindani's Cocobeach area. The infant was abandoned early Tuesday this week, being left to die soon after delivery.

"We are working hard to reveal the wrongdoer," he said, urging people around to share information with the police if there are rumors that could lead to finding the responsible woman.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan gifts South Korea's Ambassador to Tanzania, Kim Sun Pyo, a souvenir during the launch of Tanzanite Bridge held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

UN hands 4.3trn/- for SDGs five years' implementation

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

A NEW 4.3trn/- agreement has been signed between the government and the United Nations country office for the implementation of UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UN-SDCF) for the period 2022 to 2027.

Emmanuel Tutuba, the Treasury permanent secretary said here yesterday that UNSDCF, jointly drawn up by ministerial experts and UN resident consultants, articulates the UN's collective response in support of development priorities within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The framework accord starts being implemented in the coming financial year, with key focus areas being education, health, water, gender equality and agriculture, apart from strengthening the economy, where the accord places overall supervisory responsibility for the UN Office with the Treasury.

The amount will be disbursed on an annual basis on the basis of periodic as-

essments by stakeholders in implementing earmarked projects. Project implementers will be required to focus on the specific priority areas set out by the government to accelerate economic growth, he emphasised.

Expressing gratitude to the UN system for the support, he said that through the process of cooperation Tanzania has made great strides, including reaching lower middle economy status with growth estimated at 6.7 percent in 2020.

Reduced average poverty rate from 38.4 percent in 2007 to 26.4 percent in 2018 was also registered, as life expectancy increased from 50.8 years to 65.5 years in 2018, he pointed out.

The UN will support Tanzania's objectives to increase productivity and incomes, helping to achieve decent employment at the individual level amidst transformation at the national level, to improve living conditions and realizing various socioeconomic rights, he explained, underlining that a healthy and educated population will have improved capabilities, better equipped for self-realization

and supporting the thrust towards full middle-income economic status.

The UN funding will support a greener and more sustainable development path, which includes better access to clean energy and technology, enabling more sustainable management of natural resources, he said, pointing out that this will involve working with communities for actions to mitigate climate change and reduce disaster risks.

Zlatan Milisic, the resident coordinator for the UN system, highlighted the importance of jointly developing the cooperation framework. Partnership with the government was the key in co-designing the funding package, he stated, affirming that UN agencies look forward to a fruitful partnership in the implementation of the five year accord.

He summed up the work as focused on broad issues of governance, access to justice, compliance with human rights norms and standards, along with elimination of violence against women and children and other harmful social norms and practices.

Govt launches electronic system to assess condition of workers in public service

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has launched an electronic system to assess condition of workers in the public service aiming to evaluate the real needs of workers in ministries and public institutions. However, the current assessment has discovered that the actual needs of workers in the public institutions stand at between 52 and 90 per cent. Launching the system here yesterday, Jenista Mhagama, Minister of State in the President's Office, (Public Service Management and Good

Governance) said the system aims to know the total number, responsibilities and work stations of the workers. She said the system will also help in assessing the real situation of current workers and those needed in all public institutions in order to allocate them according to the actual needs of each institution. "In so doing, the government will have correct report and statistics on the current workers, those needed in order to serve the public appropriately," she added. She also said the expectation is to even out workers in public

positions. "The current assessment shows that the need of workers in public institutions stands at between 52 and 90 per cent, but there are some institutions that have surplus workers in some cadres," Mhagama added. She explained that the assessment began January this year and was supposed to be completed in February and so far it shows many ministries and institutions are yet to complete the assessment. "By the report we have, until today, 429 public institutions in the public service and HYPERLINK "https://www.

utumishi.go.tz/uploads/Signed_-_HCMIS_Security_Policy_Guidelines.pdf" \t "_blank" Human Capital Management Information System (HCMIS) have started using the system while others are at various stages of implementation of the exercise at between 13 and 97 per cent of finalization. "In addition, 41 others have submitted their reports and experts were currently processing them for placing them in the system," she said, and added that there were still many ministries and institutions that have not implemented government's directives

accordingly. "We ask officials of these institutions to be accountable accordingly to enable us reach the exercise's goal that aims to strengthen human resources in the public service," she added. She said data in the system launched show that there are institutions that have performed better and those that performed poorly in submitting data into the system. "For example, 10 institutions that performed well include Tanzania Law School (97 per cent), FCC 997 per cent), Morogoro Ardhi Institute (97 per cent), President's Office -

Public Service Management and Good Governance (96 per cent) Records and National Archives (95 per cent) and Iringa Regional Secretariat (95 per cent). The minister further said the system has also discovered that about 94 institutions have performed poorly in submitting data to the system. She directed employers to supervise directors or heads of departments or sections that supervise human resources to complete the exercise by March 31 this year, and those who will fail to do so, appropriate steps will be taken against them.

Hope as forecast shows good rainy season in EAC region

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) Secretariat has urged its partner States to take appropriate steps

to ensure maximum benefit from farming as the region is expected to receive normal rains over the next few months after almost two years of persistent drought in some EAC areas.

This comes after the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development has predicted normal rains over East Africa

from March to May.

"This is good news for the region, though the situation might differ from country to country. Expert guidance is important so that farmers are not over optimistic in case the rains end earlier than usual, but also that the opportunity is not lost," says Christophe Bazivamo, EAC Deputy Secretary General, Productive and Social Sectors.

March to May season constitutes an important rainfall season, particularly in the equatorial parts of the region where it contributes up to 70% of the total annual rainfall, according to ICPAC.

The rainfall is good for crop and livestock farming if it is not excessive.

The EAC Secretariat urges farmers to plant enough food crops and livestock keepers to plant pastures which can be harvested and stored for feeding of livestock during the dry season.

The Secretariat also encourages Partner States to invest more seriously in irrigation and encourages

farmers to adopt technologies for water harvesting and storage as well as irrigation systems to increase crop production and productivity during the dry season.

Partner States might also consider constructing irrigation systems to bring water from areas which often see flooding to dry but fertile areas to make more arable land available.

As the EAC region begins to recover from the impacts of drought, farmers, agricultural extension workers, and other agricultural value chain actors are encouraged to follow the weather forecasts from the national meteorology departments and agencies and the ministries in charge of Agriculture and Livestock and to refer to ICPAC's weekly and monthly weather forecasts.

The meteorology departments and agencies are encouraged to publish weather information in a timely manner. They should collaborate with other government departments and agencies such as public health, animal

health, environmental health to facilitate timely risk communication and preparing for outbreaks of infectious diseases of public and animal health significance.

According to ICPAC, the southern, central and northern Tanzania, eastern Uganda, northern Burundi, eastern Rwanda, southern and western Kenya, and eastern South Sudan might receive above normal rains this time of the year which might result in flush floods and increased mosquito populations. The EAC Secretariat cautions that this might increase the risk of outbreaks of infectious diseases transmitted by mosquitoes such as malaria for humans and Rift Valley Fever for animals which can be transmitted from livestock to humans. The risk of outbreaks of other diseases such as Cholera may increase with the occurrence of flush floods. The public is advised to put in place appropriate measures to minimise infection of people and livestock with mosquito-borne diseases.



Songwe regional commissioner Omari Mgunba (L) launches a regional polio vaccination drive for under-fives yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Grace Mwakalinga

Surveillance cameras to track stray wild animals

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Manyara

SURVEILLANCE cameras are being installed in the bush here to track movements of wild animals to prevent their invasions in residential areas on time.

Hamisi Ngimba, the chairperson of the Burunge Wildlife Management Area said here yesterday that this method is expected to reduce rising incidents of villagers being attacked or losing crops to ravaging wild beasts in the Tarangire-Manyara plains.

The system is being put up by the Wildlife Network in Tanzania (Wild-Net) for the Burunge entity of Babati, in Manyara Region, as a technological approach in solving the problem. The cameras

are being installed along the buffer zones separating wildlife corridors and boundaries of Tarangire and Lake Manyara national parks, he stated.

Whenever wild animals cross into residential areas or farming zones, they will be spotted on linked screens connected with game rangers' posts, he said, noting that game scouts will be monitoring animals' movements around the clock, through installed cameras.

"Should they spot any destructive beasts venturing near households or farms, they will rush to the scene and help drive them back to the parks," he explained.

Benson Mwaise, the Burunge WMA executive secretary told members of the Journalists Environmental Association of

Tanzania (JET) that the WMA is working with the Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) in Arusha in the camera installation project.

The cameras will mainly monitor movements at the Kwakuchinja wildlife corridor, part of an extended Tarangire-Manyara eco-system. The area is currently experiencing an increase in the wildlife population, especially with large herds of elephants and bigger prides of lions.

"Elephants destroy farms as they move from one point to another, while carnivorous animals such as lions often feed on livestock. The two species are a burden for people in the area," he stated.

Journalists visiting the

ten villages making up the Burunge WMA Babati Rural District conversed with local residents, who applauded the idea of fixing cameras in the paths of big beasts. That will be handy as virtual patrols of the area, also helping to detect poachers and other criminals.

Peter Shausi, a member of the Sangaive village council, said that villagers have been put to initial awareness training on the camera project. They realise that the project will assist in making the area safer," he added.

Katavi residents advised to look for proper, early TB medication

By Guardian Correspondent, Katavi

RESIDENTS in Mpanda District, Katavi Region have been challenged to seek proper Tuberculosis medication because the disease is curable.

The statement was made on Wednesday by Bruno Cornel, the region's Coordinator for TB and Leprosy when speaking at one-day capacity building training to journalists.

Cornel underscored the need for the media to continue educating the society on the importance of getting tested for TB as the number of new cases has been growing every day.

He said the disease can easily attack children because their immune is low, hence the need for parents to protect them and make sure they get proper medication whenever they develop the symptoms.

According to WHO, Tanzania was estimated to have 133,000 TB patients

in 2021, but only 84,791 new cases were notified, meaning there are 48,209 unreported cases, equivalent to 36 percent.

The training facilitator, Kenneth Simbaya, said that journalists will use the gained knowledge and skills to educate the public on how to protect themselves from being infected with TB.

"The media supports the government's goals of eradicating tuberculosis by 2030. It is through the media people can get all the facts about TB including its symptoms, prevention and cure," he said.

World Tuberculosis Day was celebrated yesterday whereas nationally it was marked in Tanga Region. The day is celebrated to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis.

This year's theme is - 'Invest to End TB. Save Lives'.

Tanzania is still one of the countries with the highest prevalence of Tuberculosis (TB) accounting for 87 per cent of all patients worldwide.

The disease has continued to be a national and global epidemic since it was announced in 1993 whereas the World Health Organization (WHO) global TB report of 2021 indicates that 26,800 deaths occurred in the specific year and 32,000 deaths in 2020.

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TO THADEI BONIFACE KAYOMBO

TAKE NOTICE that the 05 day of 04, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon has been fixed for the Mention/Hearing/Judgment/Ruling of the appeal against conviction and sentence filed by the Applicant in the above case. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 17 day of 03, 2022

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TERMS OF REFERENCE: TRANSLATION

- About the Aga Khan Foundation**
The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), was established by His Highness the Aga Khan in 1967. AKF is a private, not-for-profit international development agency that seeks to provide long-term solutions to society's problems. AKF brings together human, financial, and technical resources to address challenges faced by the poorest and most marginalised communities in the world. AKF has a special focus on investing in human potential, expanding opportunity, and improving the overall quality of life, especially for women and girls. AKF's primary areas of focus are Education; Early Childhood Development (ECD); Health and Nutrition; Civil Society; Agriculture and Food Security; and Economic Inclusion.
AKF is committed to ensuring girls and boys, women and men, are equipped with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values to help them interact effectively with the world and be contributing members of a pluralistic society. This demands AKF assumes a holistic, life-long, and systems approach to education. AKF ensures all interventions are globally informed, locally rooted, are embedded in government and community interests and structures, and work to promote social inclusion, equity, and pluralism.
- Background**
AKF, in partnership with a global consortium of private foundations, is implementing Schools2030, a 10-year (2020-2030) learning improvement programme. The ten-year initiative is a participatory action research and learning improvement programme based in 1,000 government schools across the ten countries. Using the principles of Human-Centred Design (HCD) and focusing on the key transition years of ages 5, 10, and 15, Schools2030 seeks to catalyse locally rooted education solutions that can inform systems-level approaches for improving holistic learning outcomes. The three-step process requires teachers to assess, innovate and show case. These assessments are administered to the learners at all levels and conducted by the teachers with the support of the Schools2030 team.
AKF will be pre-piloting and piloting an International Development Early Learning Assessment (IDELA) tool which will be used to support Early Childhood Development (ECD) teachers in assess phase. To date, the AKF have completed the adaptation of IDELA tool (English version) and are seeking the services of a consultant or organisation to translate the tool into Kiswahili so these can be used across all schools2030 learning sites in Tanzania. The consultant or organisation will be required to work remotely to:
i. Provide accurately and timely Kiswahili translations of IDELA tool.
ii. Accurately translate IDELA tool from English to Kiswahili.
iii. To collaborate with the connected reviewer for the proofreading.
iv. Finalise a design to enable these to be attractive and user friendly as they look in their origin versions
- Consultant scope of work**
It is expected for the consultant or organisation to:
i. Translate IDELA Tool with a total of 6507 words consist of 29,362 characters spread over 29 pages
ii. Apply the translations to all documents which include (MS Word and PDF), designed as original versions.
The consultant or organization shall ensure that:
• The translation text is linguistically and grammatically free of errors and meets high standards
• Original meaning (content) is not lost in translation
• The translated versions will not require further editing after completion of the translation
- Key deliverables**
• Finalised translations of IDELA tool in Kiswahili, in high quality.
- Work Plan**

Activity	Deadline
Receiving all origin documents in English	5 th April 2022
Translator works alongside the reviewer	6 th – 25 th April 2022
Submit all final documents in Kiswahili	28 th April 2022

- Confidentiality**
• All documents compiled by or received by the Consultant in connection with this contract shall be property of AKF and shall be treated as confidential.
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- Qualification, Skill and Attributes.**
• Should be qualified translators with a minimum two years of professional experience in translation and editing service
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CUMMINS SPARE PARTS FOR ENGINES QSK19, KTA38, QSK45 MODELS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML) TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring Cummins Spare Parts for Engines QSK19, KTA38, QSK45 Models and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the service as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01217	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CUMMINS SPARE PARTS FOR ENGINES QSK19, KTA38, QSK45 MODELS TO GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
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Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01217)	60%
warranty terms	15
dealership proof with TEREX O & K Parts	15
Ability to supply O & K Parts	15
OEM Maintenance support	15
Total	100%

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Scope of work:

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GGME01174	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TOOLS EQUIPMENT TO GGML ON FCA (INCOTERMS 2010) BASIS)

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Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01174)	60%
Proof of Past Experience of not less than two (2) years Supplying the same products	20%
Copy of Contractual agreement to support the above	20%
Proof or Recommendation letter from two (02) Clients confirming to have consumed the products or service.	20%
Total	100%

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PS calls on Indian investors to venture into health sector

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health Prof Abel Makubi, has called on Indian investors to invest in the country's health sector to help people to access quality services.

Prof Makubi made the call on Wednesday when speaking at the meeting that involved health sector stakeholders including government and private hospitals from India and Tanzania, doctors and pharmaceutical companies. The event was made possible by the Indian High Commission to Tanzania.

He said there are four areas that Tanzania needs more investors—building state-of-the-art medicine manufacturing plant, medical equipments and vaccines.

Other areas, according to Prof Makubi, include providing health services in terms of specialists and super specialists, supply of diagnostic equipment in zone and regional hospitals as well as training for Tanzanian doctors to improve knowledge in their areas of specialization.

"Right now we're encouraging

Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for investors willing to invest in Tanzania especially in other upcountry regions instead of Dar es Salaam," he said, noting that the two countries have long-time bilateral ties, whereby for the past four years, India has been pumping 100 tonnes of medicines and medical supplies to Tanzania.

According to him, in June 2019, Indian-based Jaipur Institute partnered with the Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI) to provide modern artificial limbs for people with disabilities and in September 2020, India provided Tanzania with medical aid and medicinal equipment worth 1bn/-.

India High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan said that India is the largest provider of generic medicine in the world accounting for 20 percent of the global exports.

Currently, India has over 60,000 generic brands and 3000 pharmaceutical companies and in 2020, India exported \$24.4 billion.

It is estimated that almost 33 percent and 25 percent of all the medicines used in the United States and United Kingdom respectively are pro-

duced by Indian pharmaceuticals.

According to him, more than 2500 medical visa are issued every year to citizens of Tanzania and right now they are encouraging Indian leading hospitals to come and invest in Tanzania. Presently most of the hospitals are organizing regular medical OPD's (Outpatient Department) in different cities of Tanzania, he said.

India supplies over 80 percent of the drugs used to combat AIDS- India exports pharmaceutical products to all countries of the world.

The envoy stated that India medical devices market stood at \$10.36 billion in 2020, the market is expected to increase at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 37 percent from 2020 to 2025 to reach \$50 billion.

MNH- Mloganzila Deputy Executive Director, Dr Julieth Magandi noted: "We've been working with many hospitals in India and more patients have been benefited a lot from India."

Through India cooperation, MNH has been able to establish kidney transplant, bone marrow transplant mainly multiple myeloma treatment, lymphoma and sickle cell.



Health ministry permanent secretary Prof Abel Makubi (2nd-R) attends a meeting on healthcare cooperation between India and Tanzania organised by the Indian High Commission in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. With him are Indian High Commissioner Binaya Srikanta Pradhan (2nd-L), Muhimbili National Hospital deputy executive director Dr Julieth Magandi (R) and the head of the Indian High Commission's commercial wing, Raj Ganger. Photo courtesy of IHC



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Dr Joseph Chacha Sunguro (L) of Dar es Salaam's CCBRT Hospital examines on duty at a free eye and bone screening camp held at the city's Kunduchi Police dispensary yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Local councils' personnel officers trained on workers' compensation

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

PERSONNEL and administration officers in local councils across the country have been reminded that one of their responsibilities is to promptly submit Workers Compensation Fund (WCF) reports for workers involved in accidents or falling sick in the course of the performance of their duties.

WCF's Director for Assessment Services, Dr Abdulsalaam Omar, made a plea to that effect here on Monday on behalf of the WCF Director General at the opening of training for the capacity building of the officers from Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Tanga, Manyara and Shinyanga regions.

"WCF satisfies requirements of international protocols on workers' compensation, including by strengthening measures to address the incidence of occupational accidents and illnesses," he said.

He said that the Fund has been of great benefit to workers, employers and the nation in general "as workers are assured of protection with respect to their

incomes in case of unforeseen disasters at workplaces".

He explained that apart from being assured of income protection, employers get ample time to deal with production issues and sustainability of their businesses. "This is because the Fund is the one bearing the burden by meeting the cost of workers' wellbeing in the event of their being injured or falling sick at work," he added.

The director further noted that in order to make sure that the private sector continues to thrive, "the government has eased the burden on employers by ordering the reduction in contributions beginning July this year to 0.6 per cent of the workers' income from the current 1 per cent".

"Additionally, even interest on late contributions has been reduced from 10 per cent per month to 2 per cent only," he director Omar said.

The seminar covered various strategies through which to prevent workplace accidents. Other issues they learned, as addressed by WCF officials,

included how to submit reports on accidents, illnesses and deaths of workers through the Online Notification System.

The WCF team led participants in group physical exercises and how to report on workplace activities and services provided by the Fund as well as other aspects of workers' compensation.

Participants admitted having benefited from the training, promising to use the knowledge they had acquired to teach their colleagues on proper ways of handling issues relating to workers' compensation.

"The training has enhanced my understanding of issues associated with workers' compensation, including the steps to follow whenever a worker is injured, falls ill or dies at a workplace," said Sylvia Mtwewe, a personnel officer from Tanga Region.

Polycarp Mpulumba, an administration officer with the Arusha regional commissioner's office, meanwhile said the training would help him better appreciate the need to made workplace condition more people-friendly.

Committee lauds govt investment of 136bn/- in K'njaro leather factory

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

THE Parliamentary Committee on Public Investment and Capital (PIC) has hailed the huge investment of 136bn/- in the Kilimanjaro Leather Goods Factory and urged Tanzanians to purchase locally produced products.

Speaking last weekend, the committee's chairman Jerry Silaa said imports were hurting the local industrial market which would lead to unemployment for some Tanzanians.

He said the government has invested more than 136bn/- in the factory which has been built in partnership between the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) and the Prison Force, urging them to complete the remaining small areas on time.

"We urge the leadership to provide accurate information about the security and safety agencies that buy products in the factory to determine how they can put in place plans that will enable the participation of all government agencies to use the factory's products and increase sales, we are budgeting so it is important to see leather goods buy products in the factory to promote the investment," Silaa said.

He added: "The board ensures the products are marketable, oversees the completion of factory construction to produce at the intended quality standards, ensures the existence of an in-house and overseas training programme for employees, and effectively manages the workplace safety plan so that workers remain safe."

PSSSF Director General Hosea Kashimba promised to implement the directives issued by the committee and called on the committee to be good ambassadors by advertising the products produced by the factory.

"Our sewage system is still in a state of disrepair, we urge the relevant authorities to ensure that they assist us as soon as possible to ensure that we produce productively without polluting the environment and boosting the economy," he said.

Eng Masud Omari, CEO of the factory said they have started opening stores in various regions including Kilimanjaro, Dar es Salaam and Mwanza, and Dodoma whose intention is to find experienced agents to sell and distribute leather products locally and abroad.



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF MEDIUM VOLTAGE TRAINING TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Medium Voltage Training Services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01269	PROVISION OF MEDIUM VOLTAGE TRAINING TO GGML

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
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List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
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OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
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PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01269)	
Company / Trainer must be registered with International recognised authority	20%
Training should include	20%
1. Authorized Access Control	
2. MV & LV Single Line Diagrams	
3. Legal Requirements	
4. SAQA Unit Standards	
5. Isolation & Lockout Procedures – Work Permit	
6. MV testing equipment and regulations	
7. JSA (Job Step Analysis), RA (Risk Assessments) & Electrical Failures	
8. MV Refresher Training	
Candidates should do an assessment to be found competent	20%
Total	100%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF UNSKILLED LABOUR SERVICES FOR DEWATERING AND METAL SORTING (MINING DEPARTMENT) - GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of Procuring unskilled labour service for Dewatering and metal sorting-mining department and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01356	PROVISION OF UNSKILLED LABOUR SERVICES FOR DEWATERING AND METAL SORTING (MINING DEPARTMENT) - GGML.

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Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01356)	
Must have a permanent office within Geita Region for easily communication and responses and it will be inspected prior any engagement	10%
Must have a store within Geita Region whereby all employees' personal protective equipment will be stored so that it is easy to get a new one when needed and will be verified prior any engagement	10%
Unskilled labours for monitoring dewatering pumps must have at least a basic knowledge from VETA college on either electrical/diesel pump or both	10%
Unskilled labours for sorting scrap metals must have a minimum knowledge of reading and writing Swahili	10%
Must have preferably Toyota Landcruiser 4x4 hard top for deploying unskilled labour employees to and from their working environment especially Nyankanga pit areas	10%
Must have alternative way of deploying employees to and from their working areas when the primary transport vehicle is attending the monthly services without affecting operations	10%
Total	100%

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PanAfrican Energy Tanzania (PAET) operations manager Peter Sololo (R) and China Petroleum Technology and Development project manager Gao Jinwei pictured at the Songo Songo Island gas plant in Kilwa District, Lindi Region, yesterday exchanging documents on the completion of the installation of a gas compression system expected to increase gas output from the PAET Songo Songo processing plant by 30 per cent. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Ministry collects views for 2022 National Investment Draft Policy

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

BY using internal economic experts, the Ministry of Investments, Industry and Trade has started collecting views from stakeholders on the 2022 National Investment Draft Policy.

The collected views will help to strengthen the investment sector and developing the economy whereby through the procedure, the government will know what is needed as well as areas for improvement to attract investors from both within and outside the country.

Speaking here yesterday at a meeting for collecting draft policy views, the ministry's Assistant Investment Director, Neema Maregeli said in order to realise the government's aim in strengthening and facilitating the private sector to become a pillar for economic growth, they have continued to put in place enabling business environment for poverty alleviation and increase individual's incomes and that of the nation in general.

Maregeli said in 2021, the ministry completed the assessment for the implementation of the 1996 National Investment policy that has six important aims with eight sectoral aims including the important ones on strengthening the domestic capacity to boost investment

and mobilise for domestic production of goods for exports.

"This draft policy aims to remove bureaucracy in obtaining investment permits in various sectors including in industrial, tourism, transport, agricultural and mineral," said Maregeli.

Speaking on the draft policy, Senior Lecturer at the School of Economics at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Dr Vincent Leyaro, said the collection of views from stakeholders engaged in business, investment and industries aims to sit at a single table for discussions about various obstacles.

He said through the sitting, they will collect views on which issues the government should adhere to, including enabling environment for attracting investors for the country's economic growth.

"Among obstacles contributing for investors to run away from our areas is placing personal interests foremost instead of having persuasion in ensuring an investor gets all essential services for the investment," he added.

He said so far, a total of four zones have been visited by the views collecting team including the Southern Highlands Zone, Central and Western zones and that all these zones a report will be handed to the minister for Investments, Industry and Trade.

New initiative to help vulnerable patients access diabetes treatment

By Henry Mwang'onde

THE government and other stakeholders have launched an initiative aimed at providing access to affordable diabetes care to vulnerable patients and ensure that no child should die from type 1 diabetes.

The initiative called iCARETM is an implementation of a new global social responsibility strategy called "defeat diabetes" by Novo Nordisk, in Africa to be implemented by the government, the Tanzania Diabetes Association, Tanzania Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance (TANCDA), Salama Pharmaceuticals, iMEMS,

Christian Social Services Council (CSSC), and the Royal Danish Embassy.

Speaking at the launching ceremony yesterday, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Prof Abel Makubi said the initiative will run for three years until 2024, will facilitate access to affordable insulin and the capacities of health care professionals to deliver quality diabetes services will be improved.

"Through this initiative, health systems will also be able to address diabetes challenges in the country in a comprehensive way by ensuring uninterrupted access to quality affordable care

thus averting morbidity and mortality related to diabetes complications," he said.

He said Tanzania has 2.8 million adults (20-79 years) living with diabetes and a prevalence rate of 10.3-percent. Patients living with diabetes across Africa face many challenges and collaborations between the public and private sectors play a crucial role in tackling the multi-faceted problems associated with the fight to defeat diabetes.

The plan aims to reach more than 5,900 patients with affordable insulin across 9 regions, working through 75 implementing facilities at district, regional

and national levels, while also building the capacity of at least 350 Health Care Providers (HCPs) by 2024.

Prof Makubi, acknowledged the rising burden of diabetes in Africa and the need for such public-private partnerships exemplified by the iCARETM initiative, to effectively fight the disease and reduce its burden particularly on patients living with it, and on the healthcare and societal systems at large.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment, demonstrated already through the letter of support for the commencement of the initiative,

earlier extended to Novo Nordisk by the ministry.

According to him, the burden of Non-Communicable Diseases in Tanzania was increasing very fast contributed by adverse effects of globalization, rapid unplanned urbanisation, smoking, alcohol consumption, increasing sedentary lifestyle.

"In Tanzania, the burden of NCDs has increased from 19-percent of the total deaths in 1990 to 34-percent in 2015.

A key component of the iCARETM initiative is the affordability plan, which has the objective of safe-guarding access to affordable diabetes care

for vulnerable patients of low socio-economic status particularly those in rural areas who must travel far to access care and commodities such as insulin.

iCARETM as described at the event by the Vice President and General Manager Middle Africa, Novo Nordisk, Vinay Ransival, has the vision to accelerate access to treatment for patients living with diabetes in Africa in a sustainable manner, by leveraging four key areas: capacity, affordability, reach and empowerment thus ensuring more patients will be treated to defeat diabetes in Central Africa.

The ambassador for Denmark to Tanzania, Mette Nørgaard Dissing-Spandet highlighted the strategic role of the iCARETM initiative and its various programmes in the corporate vision of Novo Nordisk to defeat diabetes in Africa and facilitate access to affordable diabetes care for vulnerable patient groups living with the disease.

"Engaging the private sector is also an important part of our cooperation with Tanzania and we are therefore supporting Danish companies that can bring solutions to the healthcare needs in Tanzania," she said.



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) CEO Cyprian Luhemeja (R) briefs members of the Parliamentary Investment Committee on the implementation of the Pugu-Gongo la Mboto water project when they visited the site of the project at the weekend. Third right is the Dawasa board chairperson, former Chief of Defence Forces General Davis Mwanunye. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Medical facilities manufacturer decries importation of apparatus

By Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

THE Bagamoyo-based manufacturer of medical facilities has decried importation of cheap equipment, saying the move kills investments opportunities in the country.

Masgara Investment Company Chief Executive Officer, Dr Ameir Binzoo made the remarks when speaking to reporters who visited the factory to see how the plant produces medical equipment.

Dr Binzoo, who is a surgeon, appealed to the government and various health stakeholders to address the challenge if the country is to embrace local manufacturers.

"If we want these investors to thrive we must halt importation of medical facilities that can be produced locally, which in most cases are of the same quality," he said.

The CEO said the main purpose of establishing the company was to reduce the cost of importing equipment and supplies to the country.

According to him, the equipment they produce includes bandage, cotton gauze (gauze sharps and rolls laboratory), which in East and Central Africa is the only factory producing the products, claiming that they have

added machines to meet the needs of government and private stakeholders.

"We hope to provide employment opportunities to about 300 Tanzanians after adding machinery and space, initially we were producing 200 tonnes per month but now we are able to produce 2000 tonnes, and we thank the Central Medicines Depot (MSD) for supporting us," said Dr. Binzoo.

Factory's production manager, Bahatisha Mashaka assured the government and private stakeholders that they are producing quality products that meet the standards required by the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) and the Medicines and Medicines Authority (TMDA).

"We would like to thank government institutions like TBS and TFDA for their co-operation in training us and being close to us in the whole process of production of our products which are 100% made of cotton produced in the country," said Mashaka.

Factory marketing director Peter Ambilikile said what they were doing was supporting the government in investment and industrial policy, claiming that they were planning to set up warehouses in areas where they grow cotton, including the Simiyu Region.

Tanzania to benefit from WHO initiative to integrate community-based diagnosis of TB and lung diseases

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is set to further improve the diagnosis and treatment of TB and other chronic lung diseases (CLDs) such as asthma, COPD, allergies, lung cancer after a new initiative to integrate community-based TB prevention and care with detection of chronic lung conditions showed impactful results in Tanga Region.

The World Health Organisation in collaboration with the MoH/NLTP supported a pilot project in Tanga as part of its global effort to integrate community TB activities and chronic lung disease for early detection of other CLDs in line

with the WHO ENGAGE TB patient-centered approach.

One of the key expectations of the pilot project was increased diagnostic accuracy of chronic lung diseases that were previously misdiagnosed. The project was conducted in three health facilities in Tanga region where over 1,045 cases of chronic bronchitis were accurately diagnosed, whereas prior to the project, almost 33% of chronic bronchitis and upper respiratory tract infections (URTI) were misdiagnosed as asthma.

"Through this project over the two-year period, over 1,045 cases of chronic bronchitis were

identified, and a few possible cases of lung cancer were referred for further management at specialist hospitals," said Dr Christine Musanhu, WHO Medical Officer leading the Communicable Diseases Cluster.

WHO provided technical support and procured the spirometry equipment required for improved quality of diagnosis of CLDs. Existing TB M&E tools and training packages were revised and adapted to include new elements for CLD, and training community and facility health workers to use the screening tools were conducted. Financial support was provided by the Bristol Myers Squibs Foundation.

The positive results of the pilot project facilitated early and accurate detection of chronic lung disease including TB, resulting in improved treatment outcomes and patient quality of life. If the initiative is scaled up countrywide more patients with chronic lung diseases can be appropriately diagnosed and managed.

"This is a smart investment to make since it facilitates not only early detection of chronic lung diseases but ensures correct diagnosis. It is patient-centered because patients will start using the medicine for the right diagnosis early, increasing chances of recovery," said Dr Tigest Ketsela Mengestu, WHO Tanzania Country Director.

This year's theme on TB Day is 'Invest to End TB. Save Lives' to convey the urgent need to invest resources to ramp up the fight against TB and achieve the commitments to end TB made by global leaders. During the climax of the WTD in Tanga, the World Health Organisation Representative in Tanzania officially handed over a newly procured spirometry machine to the Tanga RHMT.

The United Republic of Tanzania is one of the 30 countries with the highest burden of tuberculosis (TB) in the world. According to WHO, 133 000 people (222 per 100 000 population) fell ill with TB and 26,800 died from the disease in

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These ever-recurring fire outbreaks call for action, not trading of blame

IN a way, this is but just to reiterate what we have repeatedly said for years on end: the state agency officially responsible for providing and supervising fire and rescue services in Tanzania is not operating in the best of conditions - and this chiefly for reason of inadequate funds, equipment and trained personnel.

Having failed to deliver prompt and efficient enough services, what is now known as the Fire and Rescue Force has on numerous occasions found itself under scathing attack from members of the public.

While this may be understandable, the fact remains that an ill-equipped and understaffed fire and rescue brigade is hardly of much use!

This has manifested itself time and again, when the national fire brigade has had to seek help from private firms to battle raging house, filling station and other fires.

The brigade has also hinted at being drastically short of modern equipment capable of putting out fires in Dar es Salaam - Tanzania's commercial capital of more than four million inhabitants that is increasingly witnessing the mushrooming of high-rise buildings.

The port-city is hopelessly exposed to all manner of risks, primarily in that it is the chief base in Tanzania for the storage of petroleum products, that it boasts the country's most important port and international airport, that it is home to scores of world-class hotels, and that it stands as the country's chief gateway for the importation and exportation of all manner of goods.

Road traffic congestion and the sprouting of unplanned settlements are easily among the factors that have made the city hardly navigable while conspiring with various others to translate into poor performance by fire and rescue agencies.

These hard facts make it extremely difficult for firefighters to operate

smoothly, particularly along pathways meant to serve densely populated slums.

When fires break out in such squatter areas, it is only to be expected that all hell breaks loose as even firefighters' vehicles cannot move fast enough to carry out rescue operations before things get out of hand.

If the national agency and indeed even all the "smaller" private ones are to perform their functions efficiently enough, there is every need to address the shortage of modern fire tenders and competent personnel many are facing.

Another area of paramount importance is the need for training and retraining in the use of fire-fighting equipment, this including staff and people working and living in high-rise buildings.

For instance, previous fire outbreaks in Dar es Salaam and elsewhere provide ample evidence that few people living in or working from skyscrapers can handle fire extinguishers effectively enough and few meaningful efforts have been made to help them out.

We therefore support pleas for the fuller enforcement of the law, under which it is mandatory for owners of high-rise buildings to fit the structures with effective fire-fighting equipment and allied facilities.

The country's laws demand that all tall buildings have floor drawings indicating the components' ability to resist fire, the location of emergency exits, sprinkler and smoke detection systems, etc.

Sadly, the experience we have had with fire outbreaks points to the need to carry out thorough and regular inspections of all high-rise and other buildings in the country at least to ensure that they are fitted with fail-safe standby fire-fighting equipment which even ordinary people can efficiently operate and use. There should be no compromise on this requirement.

We should continue efforts to tap the utility of ex-prisoners

ACCORDING to one authoritative report, three out of every ten people completing their jail terms in Tanzania fall back into crime and soon find themselves in prison again.

The shocker was in the form of a revelation at a fund-raiser for what was being set up as the Ex-prisoners Rehabilitation Society in Tanzania (ERST).

The high-ranking Tanzania Prisons officer making remarks to that effect said that the rate at which people were relapsing into crime in Africa was between 20 and 60 per cent, while in Tanzania it was 30 per cent.

The officer referred to the situation as sad and saddening "because this puts the safety and security of the community in jeopardy" - before turning optimistic: "Through this organisation I see for the first time a community accepting people who were once criminals."

This may have not have added much to the manner in which society views and treats the incidence and prevalence of crime, variations in kinds of criminal activities, and fluctuations in the number of criminal elements in society.

In whichever way the case is argued, the fact that one-time prisoners were forming an organisation to help other people resume lives as good citizens was a proud development.

Yes, prisons departments the world over are in part meant to rehabilitate inmates - that is, help them be reborn as law-abiding citizens upon "graduation" from jail.

But things can work to satisfaction only if that enjoys unqualified sup-

port from the communities where those "prison graduates" return, and this is no easy or small matter. The reintegration of former offenders, convicts and prisoners will have succeeded only if those communities will not see those returnees as a security hazard and if the returnees will not feel threatened upon resuming civilian life.

We remain convinced that ERST will serve the country and the nation appropriately if it helps in bettering the lives of both ex-prisoners and the communities they rejoin and by enabling the ex-prisoners to use the expertise they received while in jail to stand as good citizens.

Collaboration with the government, religious institutions and other organisations and agencies determined to transform the lives of real and presumed or perceived anti-social elements will mean seeing even better returns.

But precious little is heard from and about ERST these days, and many wonder whether we have lost yet another golden chance to improve the lives of the hordes of people forced to learn to lead normal lives again after being behind bars.

Normally, the best recourse at the disposal of these people is self-employment - not a bad idea if they were to land loans at "concessionary" terms.

But it appears that few financial institutions - or even individuals - would readily float such life-sustaining assistance, despite the fact that reformed "criminal elements" can be of much use in crime-busting and other forms of nation building.

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The high psychological cost women pay for engaging in news on climate change

By Luba Kassova

AMONG the issues that beset climate coverage is the question of its impact. There is no longer debate in news that climate change is real or that it is indeed damaging.

However, does the way it is being reported in the news support or impede the action it demands? And how does it affect its female audience, who are most likely to be impacted by the climate crisis?

People feel deactivated and despondent when they think about climate change. This is a key barrier to engaging audiences when reporting on the issue, particularly in the global north.

For instance, 14 per cent of people in the UK and 15 per cent in the US mentioned feeling sad when asked about climate change in Google surveys commissioned by AKAS between October 2021 and January 2022.

A noticeably higher proportion, however - 29 per cent in the UK and 19 per cent in the US - reported feeling sadness in response to the news coverage of climate change. It appears that news is overlaying additional negativity onto an already struggling audience.

I asked Ana (whose name has been changed to protect anonymity) - a British-East European dual national with an interest in climate change - about her perceptions of the news coverage. She said she no longer follows mainstream news.

Overly negative, gloomy and clickbait-driven, she said it doesn't engage her. She finds it particularly guilty of generating fear and desperation without offering enough solutions.

More recent research conducted by AKAS in February 2022 also highlighted a north-south divide in emotional reactions to the climate crisis.

While audiences' most frequently felt emotions in the UK, the US, Canada and Australia were sadness followed by frustration, in Nigeria, South Africa, and India it was frustration, followed by fear.

The psychological cost of engaging with the climate news story is particularly high for women. In a series of online surveys commissioned by AKAS in February 2022, we asked adults about their emotions in response to climate change.

Across the global north and south, women were consistently more likely to report sadness (22 per cent of women versus 19 per cent of men in Nigeria, South Africa and India, and 24 per cent of women versus 22 per cent of men in the UK, the US, Canada and Australia).

These findings align with the Reuters 2020 Digital News Report: although still a minority, in the global north, women and young adults aged between 18 and 24 were more likely than men to view climate change as an "extremely serious problem".

By contrast, in global south countries, the majority of both men and women thought that the problem was extremely serious.

Linn Martinsen, a psychotherapeutic counsellor and author, suggested that the reason for more women feeling sadness could be linked to feelings of powerlessness that many women



experience.

"I wonder if something familiar gets triggered when faced with the overpowering concept of climate change. It is too big, too all-encompassing; we can't fight, and we can't run away, leaving us with the melancholy of seemingly inevitable loss," she said.

Bipasha van der Zijde, a communications consultant at Words for Everything, meanwhile argues that sadness encompasses anguish, despair, hopelessness and helplessness.

"The last two I believe are the key. We are not prepared for this crisis that threatens to disrupt the world as we know it," she said.

In her view, women's pre-eminent role in child-rearing and community building makes watching their futures being threatened disproportionately sad.

I asked Filipino climate activist Mitzi Jonelle Tan, who frequently analyses climate data, what she thinks about climate crisis news coverage.

Her response worried me. "I actually tend to not read climate news right away," she reflected, thoughtfully, adding: "I give myself time and space to look through it. I only look at it when I know I can handle it because it is something that overwhelms me really easily."

I am left with a clear realisation that news coverage of climate change is failing its female audiences because it generates powerful, often deactivating emotions.

It fails to build links between the problem and audiences' lives; and it fails to adequately reflect the per-

spectives of female protagonists or activists. Journalists and newsrooms tend to prioritise the macro aspects of the climate story at the expense of the micro angles.

This results in reporting that is less focused on the impact of, and solutions to, the climate crisis at a personal and community level.

Here are three ways for journalism to foster universal engagement with the climate story. One is rebalancing the climate crisis problem with macro or micro stories of progress from across the global south and north.

In the words of Ana: "What I would love to see is objective reporting, where solutions are offered and where there is also more exchange of facts of what different countries or even smaller communities are doing to help solve the problem of climate change."

"I would love to see a nurturing of positive stories, which show... that there are people who are doing everything they can to make a difference."

Two is accepting journalism's duty of care towards its audiences. Leaving audiences despondent or acutely anxious with calamitous headlines while offering no solutions is not only morally questionable but also harms efforts to engage audiences.

News coverage should consider what emotions it evokes and seek to activate anger and frustration, while counteracting deactivating emotions of sadness, despair and anxiety.

While sadness is an appropriate response to the consequences of

climate change, as Martinsen suggests, "this sadness needs to shift into something new and different if we are to feel energised and mobilised to effect change."

Three is building an evidence-inspired vision of the future that audiences can find hope in and act upon. I asked Tan what keeps her going, and what benefits outweigh the psychological costs of her campaign work.

Her response has stuck with me: "Whenever I do my activism, I try to bring it from a place of love, a place that doesn't burn you out, from love for the people and love for living and life and joy. Not just being anti-something, but being pro-something - building that better world that we are trying to create."

What if, instead of writing about the climate crisis solely from a place of fear and outrage, we also touched on the brave acts of hope and love that exemplify concern for our planet? Might that kind of journalism engage our audiences more?

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Forget about 'superior course', study what you are passionate about

ONE of the world's greatest physicists of all time Albert Einstein once said: "Everybody is a genius, but if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

Some college courses are listed on blogs, websites, journals and magazines as useless or underpaying hence not worth pursuing. Education, political science, communication, psychology, marketing, sociology, hospitality, wildlife conservation, chemical engineering and many others are normally branded as such.

Even though it's true that some degree courses increase earning power and broaden opportunities, but it is also wrong to believe that certain courses pursued in universities and colleges predispose one to failure in life.

Career choice is an important process each one of us encounters from an early age.

While some settle for a particular career path all through high school, others realize what they love to do for a living after graduating and sometimes it turns out to be not even what they took in college.

It's absurd for the society to instill beliefs on students that career success largely depends on the amount of financial achievement that will be acquired later on or for parents to believe that their children will perform well and also have passion for careers they themselves pursued and succeeded in.

In the fullness of time, it is not always about the money but rather what drives someone to get up and get work done and to not really see it as work but something they enjoy doing, a beautiful comfort zone.

Law, medicine, engineering, international relations, architecture, and some business-related courses such as accounting and procurement are amongst the most common careers many cite when questioned on what they would embark on when they grow up.



These responses are generally based on the limited society's view that glorifies certain careers as a guarantee for success. Eventually, for some, these are just dreams and wishes that evaporate as people grow up and have to face the realities of life.

The struggle they face clearly indicates that it is always not about the money or achievements that come along with pursuing certain careers

but rather loving what you do. Yes, it is that passion for work that makes the difference.

In most schools, I must say, the absence of adequate information, combined with popular myths on career and degree choices mislead many students into picking the so called 'paying careers'. The teachers and lectures themselves hold and perpetuate this inaccurate society's view



on best career choices. The demand for these popular career choices eventually pushes the entry requirements to colleges and universities very high for those courses.

The one time when a student has to confront the question of career is the last year of high school in preparation to join university. Eventually, when one scores division one in their A level exams, it is always expected that they will pick one of the popular courses and should any student opt for an 'inferior course' like they say music, education, agriculture, tourism, arts and so forth, one is accused of wasting their high scores which is a mere fallacy.

I know students who picked careers of their choice which they had passion for despite their high scores in their NECTA exams but due to unending pressure from parents, relatives, family and friends, they opted for those 'popular careers' that they still struggle with to date.

It is very unfortunate that the entire education system not only in Tanzania but in most countries glorifies grades and certain careers, ignoring students' unique abilities, passion and suitability for other career options.

It's clear that some of the most successful people in life were college drop-outs or even people who did not have a formal education at all. Most of our successful artists and athletes either studied to secondary level or never had a formal education at all.

My argument is that getting high scores is not a reason to study medicine, engineering, or any other so called 'superior course' since career choice shouldn't be dependent on grades only but rather on one's interests, suitability, passion and purpose. You can only succeed in something you are passionate about. And that's not my rule; it's the rule of nature. See you next week.

China, Africa continue to jointly promote common progress

By Liu Yuxi

THIS year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the African Union (AU). Recently, Chinese President Xi Jinping extended his warm congratulations to African countries and people in a congratulatory message to the AU Summit, which mirrored the unbreakable and everlasting friendship between China and Africa.

The AU, as a successor of the Organization of African Unity founded in 1963, officially replaced the latter in July 2002 when it held its first summit, and has become the most representative and authoritative intergovernmental organization in Africa.

Over the past 20 years, the AU has stayed committed to seeking strength through unity, actively explored a development path suited to Africa, facilitated important progress in regional integration and coordinated a concerted response from African countries to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Such efforts have proven effective in maintaining peace, stability and development in Africa, and have won Africa growing influence and stature in the world.

China and the AU are important partners in promoting high-level China-Africa community with a shared future and safeguarding international equity and justice.

China is the world's largest developing country, and Africa is the continent with the largest number of developing countries. Shared past experiences and similar aims and goals have brought China and Africa close together.

Since the founding of the AU, China-AU relations have been constantly developing. The two sides have maintained frequent high-level mutual visits. In 2008, they established a strategic dialogue mechanism, and their political mutual trust has been continuously deepened. The China-aided AU headquarters' building, which was completed in 2012, became a new monument of China-Africa cooperation. In 2015 and 2018, the Chinese Mission to the AU and the AU Representative Office in Beijing were respectively launched, further consolidating their bilateral relationship.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China and the AU have helped each other and fought side by side to defeat the pandemics.

In February 2020, the AU issued a communiqué in support of China's anti-pandemic efforts, being the first international organization to offer China such support.

China has provided more than 100 batches of medical supplies to African countries and the AU. The China-aided headquarters of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commenced its phase-1 project ahead of



Photo shows the closing ceremony of the 32nd African Union (AU) summit of heads of state and government held at AU headquarters in February 2019. File photo

schedule and was topped-out at the end of the last year.

China and the AU signed a memorandum of understanding for the establishment of a coordination mechanism for Belt and Road cooperation. It marked that the China-Africa joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative has entered a new phase of implementation, and has injected new impetus into China-Africa win-win cooperation and common development.

At the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation held

in November 2021, President Xi announced 'nine programs' for future cooperation with Africa, including a donation of another 1 billion doses of vaccines to Africa aiming to help Africa strengthen capacity building in public health.

With profound changes and a pandemic unseen in a century, the global governance system is undergoing unprecedented adjustments. To respond to new challenges brought about by COVID-19, President Xi put forward the Global Development Initiative (GDI), and the initiative has been well re-

ceived by African countries.

China welcomes the AU and African countries to join the initiative, and is willing to further synergize the GDI with the AU Agenda 2063. The GDI will become another powerful booster to promote China-Africa cooperation and play a positive role in Africa's economic recovery and sustainable development.

Both history and reality prove that the close relationship between China and Africa is not forged within a day, nor was it bestowed by others. Instead, their relationship

was a hard-won result of the two sides' long-term mutual assistance offered through thick and thin.

The majestic strength of the 2.7 billion people in China and Africa is unstoppable. China-Africa cooperation will continue to enhance the welfare of the Chinese and African peoples, and create a bright future featuring common development and prosperity.

Criminal acts, sabotage and corruption see endless rate of oil spills in Niger Delta outpacing clean-up efforts

By Oluwale Ojewale and Alize le Roux

THE Niger Delta in southern Nigeria is one of the most polluted places on Earth. Decades of spillages from over 50 years of oil operations continue to erode local communities' health, well-being, and livelihoods.

Ogoniland, located in Rivers State, has a complex history of oil exploration fraught with environmental, social and political problems. While the region doesn't currently produce oil, incessant spills from the pipelines running through it and looming plans by the Nigerian Petroleum Development Company to resume operations threaten any hope of long-term restoration.

Most oil extraction from the sensitive ecological area of Ogoniland stopped in the early 1990s. But despite subsequent clean-up efforts, the region is constantly set back by spillages from pipeline sabotage, theft, artisanal refineries and pipeline corrosion. This has caused conflict between local communities and multinational oil companies such as Shell, ExxonMobil, ChevronTexaco, TotalFinaElf and Agip, which engaged in petroleum exploration for decades.

As part of the reconciliation process between Shell and local communities, the federal government appointed the United Nations Environment Program (Unep) in 2005 to undertake an environmental assessment. Unep was also mandated to supervise clean-ups in areas damaged by the decades of mismanaged oil operations. Unep's 2011 report predicted it would take 25 to 30 years to deal with the pollution.

The government only began acting on the report's recommendations in 2016 – five years after its release. At the time, president Muhammadu Buhari said this marked a



A boy stands on the oil-stained bank of a creek in Ogoniland, Nigeria. File photo

turning point in restoring Ogoniland's fragile ecosystem and the rest of the Niger Delta. That signalled a commitment to clean up

other communities devastated by oil spills and provided hope for those relying on water resources for their survival.

However, since 2016, rising oil spills in the Delta have outpaced clean-up efforts and hamper any possibilities of environmental

restoration in the near future.

The four Niger Delta coastal states of Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers produce 93% of Nigeria's crude oil. The National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Nosdra) database shows that of the almost 6,000 confirmed crude oil spillages recorded in these states since 2006 (see map), 32% occurred after 2016. Some 408 confirmed spillages have been documented in these states since January 2020 – 21 during this year alone.

More than 75% of spills in Nigeria since 2016 can be attributed to theft and sabotage, mostly by militants and organised crime groups who target the pipeline network. Nigeria lost an estimated \$4.5-billion in 2020 due to petroleum pipeline vandalism and crude oil theft. These crimes lead to large-scale spills and environmental destruction, jeopardising clean-up efforts.

The Nigerian Petroleum Development Company's resumption of oil exploration in Ogoniland will increase these figures and further harm the environment. Since the clean-up started in 2016, 692 oil spillages have been confirmed in Rivers State. Sixty of these were in Ogoniland, with an estimated spillage of more than 2,200 barrels of oil. All the spillages were attributed to theft and sabotage of the pipeline and corrosion, according to the Nosdra database.

Nigeria's Petroleum Production and Distribution (Anti-Sabotage) Act defines sabotage as intent to obstruct or prevent the production or distribution of petroleum products. This includes destroying or damaging materials, premises or utilities for oil bunkering and theft, pipeline vandalism, fuel scooping, operating illegal oil refineries and pipeline rupture.

Anyone committing sabotage is liable on conviction to a death sentence or imprisonment of up to 21 years. The Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps reported 503 arrests and 122 convictions for offences bordering on pipeline vandalism and crude oil theft in 2021.

This stringent legal framework has not however deterred offenders. Oil spillage due to sabotage by criminal groups, corruption and collusion by state security officials are increasing in the Niger Delta.

The crimes are enabled by the weak implementation of laws, inconsistent oil spill data (which hampers monitoring), accidents and corporate negligence by oil companies. Old and poorly maintained infrastructure is also to blame, as is the lack of commitment among some oil companies to containing spills.

Fyeface Dumnamene, Executive Director of the Youths and Environmental Advocacy Centre in Port Harcourt, told ISS Today that environmental restoration would remain difficult until efforts were made to stop all new pollution. He said multinationals hadn't provided enough alternative job prospects for people engaging in illegal artisanal refining of crude oil. The Unep report proposed a plan for employment options to stop the water and land pollution resulting from artisanal refining during the Ogoniland clean-up. Niger Delta environmental rights activist Ledum Mittee told ISS Today that priority wasn't given to the Unep's suggested measures to protect households from consuming water from wells, streams and rivers where hydrocarbons were detected. Oil companies did not provide these households with alternative sources of drinking water as planned. These problems make replicating the Ogoniland clean-up model in other polluted areas in the Niger Delta harder.

Nigeria's government should conduct a comprehensive review of the clean-up seven years after its launch and improve the pace of work by using new technologies. Communities need to be involved through training and awareness that warns of the dangers of spills, theft and sabotage. Adequate government funds should be provided to Nosdra so that the agency can monitor and detect oil spills and take speedy action.

Nigeria's judicial system must remain a guardian of environmental justice. It needs to stay steadfast as it deals with penalties for environmental crimes committed by oil companies and compensation claims for the affected communities. Otherwise, oil spills in Ogoniland will continue to make the Niger Delta's future as dark as the substance itself.

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REGULATORY AUTHORITY..... 2ND RESPONDENT

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) dated 23rd December, 2021 in which TCRA found that the 1st Respondent wrongly swapped the Appellant's SIM Card without his permission in contravention of Rule 14 of the Electronic and Postal Communications (SIM Card Registration) Regulations, 2020. The illegitimate SIM Card swap caused the appellant loss of money in his M-Pesa account which, upon follow up, was refunded and the SIM Card was replaced. Appellant sought for specific damages of USD 223,600 and general damages of TZS 600,000,000. TCRA awarded the Appellant TZS 2,500,000 as general damages hence the appeal.

The Appellant contends, among others, that TCRA erred in law and in fact in not awarding the claimed amount for reasons of lack of evidence and being big. Thus, the Appellant prays that the Tribunal allows the appeal with costs.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 25th March, 2022

REGISTRAR

giz Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Invitation for BID

BID No. GIZ/CO/91161312/2022

As a federally owned enterprise of the German Government in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH supports the Government of Tanzania and the East African Community secretariat in achieving their development-policy objectives on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic and Development Cooperation (BMZ).

Requirement:

GIZ invites bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the supply of IT Equipment as shown below:

ITEMS	QUANTITY
Fujitsu Image Scanner fi-7160	4

Bidders shall quote item with respective quantities

Interested candidates should request for detailed tender documents from giz-tanzania@giz.de no later than date 30th March, 2022 and submit your offers by email no later than date 08th April, 2022.

We will answer your request during office hours from 8:00 to 15:00 hours local time, Monday to Friday, except public holidays.

Late Bids, Partial Bids, Bids not received, shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

GIZ is not obliged to follow any condition in nominating the supplier and has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

This tender is intended solely for Tanzanian based companies.

CAPITAL RADIO

RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

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Use of multi-sectoral approach to end GBV, FGM in Africa - report

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

A NEW report has found countries in Africa are making progress in addressing and preventing gender-based violence (GBV), including female genital mutilation (FGM), thanks to the adoption of the multi-sectoral approach (MSA) involving all stakeholders in the development and implementation of programs to protect and promote women's and girls' rights.

However, challenges such as lack of strong political commitment and limited resources are significantly impacting MSA's effective implementation, finds research commissioned by Equality Now, an international women's rights organization, in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Spotlight Initiative.

Released on Wednesday, 'Use of the Multi-Sectoral Approach to Ending Gender-Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation in Africa,' looks at 11 African countries where the Spotlight Initiative has been implemented, namely: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda. The Spotlight Initiative is a UN program aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, carried out in collaboration with the African Union and the European Union.

The report analyzed the diverse experiences of countries and identified

good practices and strategies adopted to prevent, address, and eliminate FGM and other forms of GBV. It found countries that have instigated multi-sectoral coordination have encountered similar challenges hindering its full potential. This includes glaring gaps in countries' implementation of the MSA, made even more apparent in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic which exacerbated and exposed the extent of GBV.

Although there is evidence of positive changes in social norms, a stronger synergy of actions is needed from different sectors over the long term. This requires the holistic application of MSA, bringing together relevant state and non-state actors alongside providing a platform to coordinate the development and implementation of national programs and actions and allocate resources.

All the countries examined have integrated GBV and FGM within their national development plans. However, the most effective way to cement the protection of women and girls is to have legislation in place against FGM because this helps accelerate efforts towards eradication, provides recourse and access to justice, and ensures the allocation of adequate funding.

Of the eleven focus countries, only seven have criminalized FGM within their national laws and have therefore allocated budgets for end-FGM programs. These are Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya, Senegal,



Health minister Umy Mwalimu (R) stresses a point at the Response to Control TB and AIDS pavilion during World Tuberculosis Day celebrations held in Tanga city yesterday. Looking on is Fatuma Taufiq (3rd-L), chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on AIDS, TB and Non-communicable Diseases. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kachalla

Tanzania, and Uganda.

All the focus countries have identified each of the key departments responsible for GBV and FGM, and have nominated gender focal persons to participate in the national coordination mechanisms, which are constituted to bring together state and non-state actors.

However, these gender focal persons did not receive capacity building to enable them to assume their roles effectively, and the coordination mechanisms fell short of fulfilling their mandates due to insufficient funds, a lack of strong leadership and commitment, and weak monitoring.

Asenath Mwithigah, the Global Lead on Equality Now's End Harmful Practices programme, stated that many African countries have made efforts to strengthen their legislation by integrating specific provisions prohibiting GBV and

FGM. However, countries with especially high prevalence rates of FGM such as Liberia, Mali, Sierra Leone, and Somalia, have still not enacted specific laws prohibiting this harmful practice.

"If we can have the requisite strong political commitment needed to ensure that anti-GBV structures are reflected in laws, policies, budgets, and national development plans, then we can truly eliminate FGM," she said.

Mireille Tushiminina, coordinator of the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the elimination of female genital mutilation, acknowledged the seven countries with national legislation on FGM but added that there was a need to breathe life into these legislations by infusing nationally representative data on FGM, establishing a national coordination body for FGM programmes, and integrating an

annual implementation review system for programs to end FGM.

"There are many challenges related to coordination and these are mainly on the functionality. Similarly, the lack of centralized information management systems is a challenge that fails to facilitate the availability of a comprehensive set of data in most of the countries studied. The need for strong political will and commitment as key drivers for the effective use of the MSA towards ending GBV and FGM can therefore not be overemphasized," said Tushiminina.

Alliance Insurance partners with telecoms to launch digital motor insurance

By Guardian Reporter

ALLIANCE Insurance customers can now buy Motor Insurance policy for Private and Commercial vehicles at their fingertips. This has been possible through a partnership between Airtel Money Limited, Alliance Insurance Corporation and the BIMA technology provider Axieva Africa Lab Limited.

Dubbed: BIMA on Airtel Financial Services menu, it is one of the World's first and 100-percent automated Motor Insurance which can be purchased using any feature phone or

smart phone in less than 60 seconds; including KYC, validation, payments, policy, sticker and TRA tax receipt.

Customers can now skip the hassle of travelling, managing cash, finding an insurer and carrying complex paperwork to buy their vehicle insurance. Instead they can simply dial the USSD code on any of their Airtel lines anytime, to access the BIMA menu and avail policy purchase from Alliance Insurance almost instantly. Regulated by TIRA, Alliance Insurance is the number one insurance provider in Tanzania under Motor

vehicle category.

Launching the new partnership on Wednesday, Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) Deputy Commissioner Khadija Issa Said commended partners company on the initiative.

"I take this opportunity to applaud Airtel, Alliance and Axieva team for leading all their efforts to launch this revolutionary initiative of Digitalizing insurance. Through this initiative, the masses in Tanzania will now be able to have access to insurance services anytime, anywhere on their phones," she said, adding:

"Our focus is to drive an inclusive penetration of Insurance services by boosting the agenda of awareness and use of Insurance products in Tanzania. We do foresee an engaging role of digital and technology partnerships in driving those objectives.

Group MD of Alliance Insurance Corporation Anantha Krishnan said: "Today's launch with Airtel and Axieva is an outcome of Alliance's shared vision for industry transformation and digital accessibility to every user."

"It has always been our com-

mitment to keep our customer first, and bring them the latest market innovation, convenience and services. We believe that this launch of USSD as distribution channel will add immense value to all Customers, Alliance, Industry and the Country.

This is truly a Historic day! And we are proud, that today with the approvals from TIRA, the regulator who lead the vision, we are taking Insurance to all together a new level, where other countries will be privileged to learn from Tanzania," said Krishnan.

The partnership between Alliance, Airtel and Axieva has considerably relied on the work of that Axieva has been doing at a global level to redefine Inclusive finance and enable last mile delivery of financial services.

Airtel Tanzania Director of Airtel Money Isack Nchunda said: "We are excited to lead this digital evolution of Insurance Services in Tanzania & Africa through our innovative products, services and partnerships. This collaboration with Axieva and Alliance to digitize Insurance is a significant step in that direction.

"We want all of our 60 million citizens to be insured and live risk free," added Nchunda.

Gaurav Dhingra, Managing Partner at Axieva Africa, the company behind Axieva BIMA technology and partnership said: "Our mission at AXIEVA is to create sustainable ecosystems; that can positively impact and empower the local communities through the use of technology. Axieva BIMA is just one example how the entire value chain of a complex industry can be digitally transformed to unlock ease, access, delivery, scale and financial efficiency to



Finance and Planning ministry permanent secretary Emmanuel Tutuba (L) and the UN's Resident Coordinator in Tanzania, Zlatan Milisic, pictured in Dodoma city yesterday exchange documents on agreements they had just signed under which the UN will release 4.3trn/- for the implementation of various projects in the country. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Rockefeller Foundation inaugurates \$105million strategy to provide health, sustainable foods for the underserved

By Guardian Reporter

THE Rockefeller Foundation has launched a new strategy, which will invest \$105 million over the next three years to increase access to healthy and sustainable foods for 40 million underserved people around the globe.

The Good Friday programme will support a shift in public and private spending toward foods that are nutritious, regenerate the environment, and create equitable economic opportunity for people at every step of the food supply chain.

The new strategy builds on the Foundation's investment in powering the food system with renewable energy, part of its historic 1 USD billion commitment to an inclusive, green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and as an anchor partner of the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet.

"Because of climate change, food prices were already the highest in a decade, even before Russia's barbaric invasion of Ukraine further decimated global food supplies.

"Now, the world is on the precipice of a global humanitarian crisis," said Dr. Rajiv Shah, President, The Rockefeller Foundation.

The Good Food Strategy recognizes that the way the world produces and consumes food is failing both people and the planet. De-

spite the food system's \$9 trillion global market value, two-thirds of people living in extreme poverty are agricultural workers and their families.

Unhealthy diets account for one in five deaths worldwide, and the food system generates over a quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions.

"The world must act - and act now. With this new commitment, the largest for nutrition in our history, The Rockefeller Foundation will help increase the supply of good, nourishing food and reimagine our food systems to make them more resilient for the future."

Over the next three years, The Rockefeller Foundation's Good Food Strategy will focus on three levers to increase access to affordable, healthy food; reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the food system, and expand economic opportunity for small- and mid-size food producers.

The new strategy builds on The Rockefeller Foundation's decades-long commitment to food systems innovation.

While historic approaches focused on increasing the quantity of food produced to avert famine, the Foundation is working to ensure that quality foods are widely accessible and affordable, and that food policy and purchasing decisions are driven by a full understanding of the costs and benefits of what we eat.



CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF MTOTO KWANZA PROJECT ACROSS 10 REGIONS OF TANZANIA MAINLAND

Tanzania Early Childhood Development Network (TECDEN) is a national umbrella network of Early Childhood Development (ECD) Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working to promote Early Childhood Development in Tanzania by influencing change in policies, programmes and practices. Our work aims to impact the children holistic development, inspired by a vision that the rights and needs of all infants and young children must be realised to survive, grow, and develop to their full potential. TECDEN has been in operation since 2000 and is a leading platform for ECD dialogue coordination among civil society, government and other stakeholders, for more info see: <https://www.tecden.or.tz/>

TECDEN in partnership with Children in Crossfire (CiC) has recently secured funding from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to deliver a three years project from 2022 to 2024 to catalyse the implementation of the recently launched National Multisectoral ECD Programme (NM-ECDP) across national and sub-national levels.

The Mtoto Kwanza Project will be implemented in partnership between TECDEN, CiC, and the Union of Tanzania Press Clubs (UTPC) across all 26 regions in two phases. Phase I will compose of 10 regions that is Dodoma, Dar Es Salaam, Morogoro, Mbeya, Tabora, Kagera, Arusha, Manyara, Rukwa and Lindi. Currently TECDEN is looking for one focal CSO from each mentioned region above to support project implementation. The interested CSOs from these regions are invited to apply by downloading Call for Application and Application Form at: <https://www.tecden.or.tz/> (News and Resources).

The interested Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) should send a filled Application Form to TECDEN through: recruitment@tecden.or.tz indicating in the subject line: "Name of the Region – CSO Application". All application documents should be in a single pdf format.

Only those CSOs shortlisted will be selected for interview and organization capacity assessment.

The closing time for receipts of applications is 23:00hrs on Tuesday 05th April 2022, local time in Tanzania.

Al-Shamiya: When adversity becomes inspiration

CAIRO

WHEN Suhier Abed's husband broke both legs after falling two floors while working in construction, the 32-year-old mother of five needed to support her family.

She joined the Bab Amal Graduation program hoping that she would replace the \$100 her husband earned a month.

"I started my project with two sheep in the hopes of bettering my living situation, especially given my husband's medical conditions. Indeed, I was successful in developing it, and within a year, the number of sheep had increased to five," Abed told IPS.

Abed and her husband's siblings share one house with three rooms. Each family lives in a room with two beds in the village of Al-Shamiya, Assiut Governorate, 440 km from Cairo.

The village between the Nile's east bank and the desert is a typical upper Egyptian town, with high school dropout rates, unemployment, and high poverty levels.

BRAC's Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative (UPGI) works to help people lift themselves out of extreme poverty worldwide through the Graduation approach – a holistic, sequenced set of interventions developed 20 years ago designed to reach the most vulnerable people. Egypt is one area where BRAC UPGI is working, providing technical assistance on a Graduation program focused on empowering rural households in extreme poverty.

People living in extreme poverty in Egypt face significant challenges due to rising food prices, currency devaluation, and a lack of sustainable employment opportunities in a country where 32.5 percent of the population lives below the national poverty line.

In Upper Egypt, BRAC UPGI partnered with the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFS), Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Egyptian Human Development Association (EHDA), and Giving Without Limits Association (GWLA) to launch the Bab Amal Graduation program, which works to develop sustainable livelihoods and socioeco-

omic resilience for the 2,400 participating households.

According to the World Bank's household survey results for October 2019-March 2020, around 30% of the population lived below the national poverty line before the pandemic coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

COVID-19 is likely to have contributed to an increase in the poverty rate.

"During COVID, BRAC UPGI and its partners had to swiftly adapt their approach to meet participants' evolving needs – like connecting participants to available public services," Bobby Irven, Communications Manager for BRAC UPGI, told IPS.

The Bab Amal program started in late 2018 in the two poorest governorates of Egypt: Assiut and Sohag.

"As with any of our Graduation Programs, coaches and field staff are tasked with providing skills training in finance and savings, livelihood development, and ongoing coaching on health, nutrition, education, and more, to help participants carve a pathway out of extreme poverty – helping them meet their most basic needs and beyond," Irven says.

"To ensure that participants, their families, and even entire communities can weather the storm and move onward and upward from this global crisis, program staff and coaches have put a renewed focus on ensuring that eligible program participants are connected to basic services like health clinics, schools, sanitation facilities, government social protection programs, identification cards and so on."

BRAC UPGI is committed to combating global extreme poverty, which has increased due to the pandemic in the last two years.

"We believe that to eradicate extreme poverty, which is about so much more than a lack of income, we must invest more heavily in multifaceted approaches that address various challenges people in extreme poverty tend to face – including a lack of food, clean drinking water, regular income, savings and more. Evidence shows that BRAC's holistic Graduation approach can enable those furthest behind to create a pathway out of the poverty trap," Irven says.

Abed explains how her small investments grew with the help of this project.

"Following my success with the sheep fattening project, I embarked on my second personal project, hand-crafting homemade household detergents and selling them to the women of my village," Abed says.

Her husband began to recover and obtained a loan to purchase a motorcycle to help with household expenses. Her profits helped him repay a portion of the loan she took out as part of the program.

Suhier aspires to buy a machine that produces household detergents to reduce manual labour and increase production. She also aspires to provide her five children with a good education, which she did not receive.

Another beneficiary, Ibtisam's situation, was not much better. She began her project with three pregnant sheep in addition to the fodder. Only one sheep gave birth, and the lambs ended up dead in a few weeks, and it appeared that the project would collapse.

"Within a year, my capital declined from \$700 to \$500, and with the advice of my coach, I decided to sell the sheep and buy a small cow," Ibtisam told IPS.

Before the program, she did not possess the skills or knowledge to save, especially since her husband did not bring in a steady income. "The coaches teach us to save, a culture we were completely unaware of at the time, but it has become critical in our lives, assisting us in managing our expenses and providing future savings for our children," Ibtisam says.

Safaa Khalaf is one of the program facilitators who serves 64 families in Shamiya village, where Ibtisam and her family live.

"Once a month, I visit each family and conduct a savings session, as well as follow-up and recording of each woman's savings and expenses. The second session concentrates on one of the life skills or topics that are important to them, such as female circumcision, early marriage, and family planning," Safaa told IPS.



LOCUS DEBT MANAGEMENT LTD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to the instructions given to us by Advocate Fredrick Ringo, who is the Receiver Manager, of the properties of M/S UNNAT Fruit Processing Limited, We shall conduct a public auction of the property mentioned hereunder after Fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice.

Place	Owner	Security to be Sold	Day; Date & Time
Kingolwira, Morogoro	UNNAT Fruit Processing Limited	Property on Plot No. 3, Kingolwira Area, Morogoro District, L. O. No. 188851	Monday, 11 th April, 2022, at 11.00 am

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION

- The successful bidder shall be required to deposit Twenty Five Percent (25%) of the auction sale price on the working day that follows immediately the auction day.
- The successful bidder shall be required to pay the entire balance of seventy five percent (75%) of the auction sale price within Fourteen (14) days from the date of the auction.
- In case of any default by the successful bidder in paying the whole 100% of the auction sale price within the prescribed time from the date of the auction, the amount deposited shall be forfeited and the successful bidder shall be deprived of all rights of a successful bidder and the property will be re-auctioned.
- The successful bidder shall bear all costs relating to transfer of title to the property auctioned and all other titles associated with the public auction.
- The property shall be auctioned basing on the doctrine of: – "as is where is basis."

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AFDB FOR MORE SUPPORT TO TANZANIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

By Property Watch Reporter

FINANCE and Planning minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has met with a team of experts from the African Development Bank (AfDB) to discuss how to develop cooperation in monitoring various development projects that have been decided to be implemented between the government and the bank.

Dr Mwigulu met the delegation at his office in Dodoma and thanked the experts for carrying out the instructions given by President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the AfDB President, Dr Akinumwi Adesina, when they met in February 2022 in Dodoma.

"I thank you for responding to the instructions of our leaders wherein their session they directed the teams of experts to

start sitting down to discuss how to complete these exercises—one is to look on how Tanzania will increase the scope of funding to implement development projects and the second is to develop cooperation in projects that have already been decided," he said.

Dr Nchemba added that the window is important as Tanzania has already spent the money on infrastructure projects such as roads, energy, and social services.

The minister stated that the country expects that the allocation of funds will increase from the current \$250 million to \$750 million will help in implementing major development projects that are in the national vision and vision of President Samia

Dr Nchemba assured the delegation that the Ministry of

Finance and Planning and all government departments are ready to co-operate as directed by President Samia and that the Ministry is ready to provide co-operation in accessing data needs as well as policy and strategic information that will be relevant in making a decision to expedite the execution of those responsibilities.

AfDB acting director, strategy and operational policies department, Dr. Victoria Chisala, said that the bank is continuing with the process of expanding the scope of the Tanzanian window in financing the implementation of various development projects and official information will be provided, adding that the opportunity to expand the AfDB window is based on the country's ability to increase resources.



TRA, JICA finalise four-year technical cooperation project to stimulate devt

By Property Watch Reporter

The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has successfully completed a Four-Year Technical Cooperation Project aimed at mobilizing revenue to finance the country's development strategies, such as the Vision 2025.

In a statement issued yesterday, JICA's move will also facilitate the Tanzania third five years' development plan (FYDP3).

JICA has been supporting TRA through various technical cooperation projects since 2012 when the first joint project began.

"JICA believes that, when TRA staffs have the necessary capacity, they will be effectively and appropriately mobilize tax revenue and help the country to implement the Vision 2025 and the FYDP3," the statement reads in part.

The first technical cooperation project, the "Project for the Enhancement of Taxation Training", which had been implemented from 2012 to 2016, and its succeeding second phase, the "Project on Capacity Building for Tanzania Revenue Authority," of which implementation started in November 2017 and completed very recently, in February 2022.

The second phase project had three main outputs; the Output 1 was that "Training programs offered by the Institute of Tax Administration (ITA) are improved".

At the completion of the project, training curriculum, syllabus, and course materials for five ITA courses, such as Taxation on Extractive industry, Construction industry, Tax audit, Intellectual property, and Telecommunications industry, have been newly developed and revised. These courses will be used to train a number of TRA staffs in these areas, and contribute to increasing their competence in performing their duties of administering tax laws and revenue mobilization in the country.

The Output 2 was that "Coaching and Mentoring Program initiated by Human Resources and Administration Department (HRAD) is enhanced".

A total of 895 coaches and 1,508 coaches have been identified from TRA's 7 Departments, ITA, and 15 regions. JICA is very much convinced that, when this program will be rolled out to the entire TRA within this year, it will impact professional lives of many TRA junior staffs, and enhance their competency in administering tax laws and appropriate revenue collection.

The Output 3 was that "Career Development Framework across each job grade and specialization is further elaborated".

The project's Japanese Experts together with TRA HRAD staffs managed to develop guidelines indicating the alignment between TRA's Scheme of Service (SOS) and ITA training programs. The guidelines will help to lead TRA staffs' career progression in a more professional way.

The framework indicating competency requirement for various positions was also developed. This framework will help to guide different Human Resources management operations including competence-based performance management, training, and recruitment.

"JICA extends its sincere gratitude to TRA, specifically HRAD and ITA for their outstanding achievements as mentioned above, and also their continuous hard work together with Japanese Experts during the whole period of implementing this project."

JWT lauds govt for improving business, investment environment

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Iringa

The Business Community Association (JWT) has commended the government's efforts towards improving the business and investment environment saying they are now operating smoothly.

Addressing a business community conference here recently, Chairman of the traders association, Johnson Minja said previously they were operating in difficult conditions leading to some of the traders closing their businesses.

"The ongoing policy reforms by the government would continue to attract more businesses as well as investors. We would like

to congratulate President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her various efforts to strengthen the country's economy," said Minja.

He explained that the financial sector is also performing better, the thing that is beneficial to businesses. He said banks are an important link in the economy because most traders rely on support from the financial sector to improve their business.

He also commended the government for re-organizing small traders commonly known as 'Machingas' by re-allocating them to formal market areas.

The government resolved to remove machingas who were conducting their businesses

along streets, pavements, canals, road reserves as well as in front of government schools, shops, buildings, and government institutions.

Relocation of petty traders in Dar es Salaam and other major cities followed President Samia's directive to regional authorities across the country that they should immediately start allocating areas for machingas.

The President's directive was based on the fact that the presence of informal businesses amidst traders who pay tax and rent had for many years been a major concern in the business community because it creates unfair competition.

Speaking at the conference, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Trade, Dr Hashil Abdallah said the government's objective is to facilitate businesses by working on the available challenges.

Dr Abdallah told traders that the government has set in place some laws and guidelines for the business sector, but they are not meant to be an obstacle in regard to doing business in Tanzania. He said the laws are there to facilitate commercial activities.

He warned officials of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) from using excessive force in collecting revenues. He added that

once traders are well educated on the importance of paying taxes, they would pay money voluntarily. Iringa District Commissioner, Mohamed Moyo said the regional government is ready to work with all development stakeholders including the business community.

He said the regional government has put in place mechanisms to address various challenges and resolve them without disturbing traders.

DC Moyo said the number of factories in the region has increased from 2,515 to 2,814 ranging from small, medium and large industries. He said the industries have in total employed 15,586 people directly and indirectly.

Permanent Secretary applauds GGML for executing mining Act



A night view of GGML mining plant.

By Property Watch Reporter

PERMANENT Secretary in the ministry of minerals, Adolph Ndunguru has applauded Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) for adhering to the country's laws and executing mining operations with great professionalism.

Ndunguru made the statement yesterday while speaking to GGML management after he visited the company for the first time.

"Since President Samia Suluhu Hassan appointed me to this post, I have heard a lot of positive comments on GGML and today I came to witness, you are doing a great job," he said, adding: "I recall you receiving many prizes in Dar es Salaam in acknowledgment of your performance as the best mining company for the year 2021."

Vice President for Sustainability in Ghana & Tanzania, Simon Shayo thanked the PS for visiting them assuring him that GGML will continue to produce sustainably by paying taxes and contributing to social investment programmes that assist the communities surrounding the mine.

"We have had a number of challenges in our operations including depletion of ore mineable through open drilling in the Nyankanga pit. There was also a delay in the issuance of mining permits for the Geita Hill underground and Nyamulilima open pit projects," he said.

He said GGML has also commenced reconnaissance work for Greenfield prospecting licenses located in Singida, Dodoma, Kishapu and Nzega.

Women SACCOS in Pemba increase beneficiarys' incomes

By Guardian Correspondent, Pemba

MEMBERS of savings and credit societies (SACCOS) in Pemba say their groups has helped to increase their incomes for women in the community and been able to alleviate economic hardship they have been facing.

This was revealed by Mwanzoni Bora and TupateSote saving and credit groups in ChakeChake District,

South Pemba Region during the visit by officials from Norway Association of the Disabled (NAD), Tanzania Media Women association - Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar) and the umbrella organisation of Zanzibar Disabled Community institutions (SHIJUWAZA) that aimed to learn on the groups' operations.

The Secretary of Mwanzoni Bora group, Hadia Idi from the

MichungwaniShehia (ward) said the groups have enabled women in the shehia to advance themselves economically from the profits they reap in its operations.

She explained that in the period of more than five years since she joined the group that was established by TAMWA-Zanzibar, she has economically strengthened herself in various fields.

"I bought to sewing machines for my tailoring activities, but also after dividing shares amongst ourselves I was able to send my young brother to a tailoring school," she said.

Speaking to groups members, George Mukisa, NAD technical consultant praised women's efforts in engaging themselves in economic activities which have helped them to alleviate their economic hardships the

had been facing.

He said through the groups' achievements, he has learned better strategies to enable people with disabilities to advance themselves economically through the groups.

"People with disabilities are faced with many challenges in the society, especially the hard living due to their physical conditions, therefore from you I have learnt a lot on how we can

assist these people," he said.

TAMWA-Zanzibar coordinator in Pemba, FathiyahMussa Said explained that the women group established by the Association have brought positive changes to women in Zanzibar.

She said the WEZA project has enabled to mobilise Zanzibar women to grab various economic opportunities from the knowledge and other business strategies the gained.

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL (CHSR) PROJECT UPDATES



LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail (CHSR) Project has received approval for the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the approximately 14-mile Burbank to Los Angeles section. The section is a part of the first phase (San Francisco to Los Angeles/Anaheim) and received unanimous approval from the California high speed rail board of directors.

The EIR/EIS reportedly analyzed a broad range of potential impacts during the construction and final operations phase of the system. These include transportation, public utilities, air quality, noise and vibration, safety, equity, parks, aesthetics, and cultural resources, among many others. The Authority's team also studied local plans to look at existing and planned facilities that might be impacted.

The board is now set to assess the final environmental documents for the San Jose to Merced, and San Francisco to San Jose sections in April and June of 2022, respectively. That would leave the environmental clearance of two segments on the entire phase remaining. These segments are Palmdale-to-Burbank and L.A.-to-Anaheim.

Setting new milestones

The board's actions mark new milestones for the CHSR Project. On the one hand, it marks the second certification of an environmental document in

the Southern California region and the first in the Los Angeles Basin.

Speaking on the new achievement, CHSRA CEO Brian Kelly said, "Today's approval represents a historic milestone, and brings us closer to providing the first high-speed rail system in the United States. "We appreciate the continued support and collaboration with local and regional agencies and stakeholders as we work together to improve transportation in California."

The Burbank to Los Angeles section will connect the high-speed rail system from a new Hollywood Burbank Airport Station to the existing Los Angeles Union Station, providing an additional link between Downtown Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. The alignment for this project will primarily use existing railroad right-of-way adjacent to the Los Angeles River through the cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles.

The California High-Speed Rail (CHSR) is a publicly funded high-speed rail system that is under construction in the U.S. state of California to connect the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center in Anaheim and Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles with the Salesforce Transit Center in San Francisco via the Central Valley, a distance of 612 km.

The project cost of which is US\$ 84bn+, making it the most expensive railway project ever to be carried out in the North American country, is

planned to eventually be extended to Sacramento and San Diego.

The CHSRA has just released the first Draft Environmental Impact Report for the California High-Speed Rail (CHSR) project. The document, which covers the 80-mile stretch of the project from Bakersfield to Palmdale, will be open for public comment starting on Friday, February 28th.

The Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section will provide a connection from the Central Valley to the Antelope Valley and Los Angeles County, closing the existing passenger rail gap between Northern and Southern California through the Tehachapi Mountains, as well as providing new opportunities for economic development and revitalization in the cities along this corridor.

Attainment of environmental clearance on schedule

The approximately 80-mile project section will travel through or near the communities of Bakersfield, Edison, Tehachapi, Rosamond, Lancaster, and Palmdale with stations in Bakersfield and Palmdale. The approved Bakersfield Station and the proposed Palmdale Station would maximize ridership, work in coordination with local land use planning and provide multi-modal transportation options, including potential connection with Brightline Trains in Palmdale. With the release of this Bakersfield to Palmdale Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/

EIS), the Authority remains on track to complete environmental clearance for the full Phase 1 system by the federally mandated 2022 deadline.

From Friday, February 28, 2020, through Friday, April 13, 2020, the Bakersfield to Palmdale Project Section Draft EIR/EIS is available for a 45-day CEQA and NEPA review and public comment period. In conjunction with the public review period for the document, the Authority will hold a public hearing to take public comment.

Comments received regarding environmental issues will be reviewed and responded to as required by law. The final EIR/EIS document for Bakersfield to Palmdale will be issued in 2021.

The state of California announced that they would need to postpone the construction deadline for the high-speed rail project for asking the Biden administration for a one-year extension on completing construction on a section of track in the Central Valley.

The state now expects to complete construction on a 119-mile segment of track from Bakersfield to Madera in the Central Valley by 2023.

A portion of the funds is tied to meeting a federal 2022 deadline, prompting the request for an extension. The budget for that segment of track is expected to jump from US\$ 12.4bn to US\$ 13.8bn according to Brian Kelly, the project's chief executive officer.

Saudi Arabia: Neom City Project Updates

RIYADH

THE Government of Saudi Arabia has announced plans to start the actual construction of a US\$ 5bn Green Hydrogen Plant in Neom City as soon as this month, following the completion of the flattening of the construction site.

This was particularly announced by Peter Terium, the head of energy and water for the project's host region which was chosen due to the abundance of wind, empty land, and sunlight.

Terium said that overall, the plans to start selling and exporting carbon-free hydrogen in about 4 years (by 2026) are on schedule.

Implementation of the project

The construction of the Green Hydrogen Plant in Neom city is led by a consortium that includes, ACWA Power International and Air Products. The companies will make use of 120 Thyssenkrupp AG electrolyzers.

Each of these electrolyzers will be 40 meters long and will be used to split hydrogen from water. When processed, the fuel will be shipped from the plant since it is easier to transport Ammonia than hydrogen in its gaseous state.

Upon completion, the Green Hydrogen Plant in Neom city will immensely contribute to Saudi Arabia's ambition to become the biggest exporter of hydrogen which is considered to be a pivotal transition to a form of energy that is cleaner.

It is less polluting to the environment than oil because the fuel only produces water vapor when burned, making it a better alternative to coal and natural gas.

Technology for producing it on a mass or rather a commercial scale is still not available, however, according to the press, the market could potentially be worth US\$ 700bn annually by 2050.

Neom City Project overview

Neom City Project is a planned cross-border city in northwestern Saudi Arabia, Tabuk Province. It is aimed to have smart city technologies and also act as a tourist destination. The area is in the northern part of the Red Sea, south of Jordan and Israel, and east of Egypt across the Strait of Tiran. It will cover an estimated area of 26,500 km² extending 460 km on the coast of the Red Sea. Key parts of the Neom project design were acquired from the Gardens by the Bay in Singapore.

Saudi Arabia plans to complete the first phase of the Neom City Project by 2025. The scheme is estimated to cost \$500 billion. On January 29, 2019, Saudi Arabia revealed that it had formed a closed joint-stock company called Neom with \$500 billion. The company's aim, wholly acquired by the Public Investment Fund, the sovereign wealth fund, was to develop the economic zone of Neom.

The development is aimed to totally be powered

by renewable energies. The project emerged from the country's Vision 2030, a plan that aims to reduce Saudi Arabia's dependence on oil, stretch its economy and grow public service sectors. The scheme calls for robots to perform duties such as logistics, security, caregiving, and home delivery.

Furthermore, aiming for the city to get powered solely with solar and wind power. Due to the city's design construction starting from scratch, more infrastructure innovations and mobility have been suggested. Planning and construction will be done with \$500 billion from the country's Public Investment Fund and international investors.

The crown prince of Saudi Arabia has released plans to construct a zero-carbon city at, the first major construction project for the US\$ 500bn flagship business zone aimed at diversifying the economy of the world's largest oil exporter.

Prince Mohammed bin Salman stated that the zero-carbon city known as "The Line" will extend over 170 km and would be able to house a million residents in "carbon-positive urban developments powered by 100% clean energy". He then went on to give the report that the project took 3 years in preparation and its infrastructure would cost \$100 billion to \$200 billion to bring it to reality.

He stated that "the backbone of investment in 'The Line' will come from the \$500 billion support to NEOM by the Saudi government, PIF and local and global investors over 10 years." The Saudi Kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund (PIF), is the main investor in NEOM, a 26,500-square-km high-tech development on the Red Sea with several zones, including an industrial and logistics areas, that is expected to complete construction in 2025. An official Saudi report stated that construction would start in the first quarter of 2021 and that the city was expected to contribute US\$48 billion to the kingdom's gross domestic product and create 380,000 jobs.

"Throughout history, cities were built to protect their citizens. After the Industrial Revolution, cities prioritized machines, cars, and factories over people. In cities that are viewed as the world's most advanced, people spend years of their lives commuting.

By 2050, commute durations will double. By 2050, one billion people will have to relocate due to rising CO₂ emissions and sea levels. 90% of people breathe polluted air. Why should we sacrifice nature for the sake of development?

Why should seven million people die every year because of pollution? Why should we lose one million people every year due to traffic accidents? And why should we accept wasting years of our lives commuting," stated the Crown Prince.

Hudson yards - the largest urban development project in New York

NEW YORK

THE Hudson Yards is a real estate development in the Chelsea and Hudson Yards neighborhoods of Manhattan, New York City. The project has been described as New York's largest urban development since Rockefeller Center.

It sits on a 28-acre site and is expected to create a new neighborhood of residential and office skyscrapers, schools, hospitals, retail spaces, parks, cultural venues, and public art.

Upon completion, 13 of the 16 planned structures on the West Side of Midtown South would sit on a platform built over the West Side Yard, a storage yard for Long Island Rail Road trains. The first of its two phases, opened in 2019, comprises a public green space and eight structures that contain residences, a hotel, office buildings, a mall, and a cultural facility.

The second phase, on which construction has not started yet, will include residential space, an office building, and a school.

The eastern portion of the site, developed as Phase 1, contains two office towers on



Tenth Avenue, plus a retail podium between them. It is projected that all of the Phase 1 buildings would receive a LEED Gold designation.

The 52-story, 895-foot (273 m) 10 Hudson Yards is located at Tenth Avenue and 30th Street, along the southeastern corner of Phase 1. It opened in 2016 and is anchored by

Coach Inc. Ground was broken for the building on December 4, 2012. It was the first of the Hudson Yards buildings to begin construction because it was not built over railroad tracks.

However, 10 Hudson Yards does straddle the High Line spur to Tenth Avenue. 10 Hudson Yards opened

on May 31, 2016, and was the first structure to be occupied by tenants. Tenants include L'Oréal, Sidewalk Labs, and Coach. Early on during construction, Coach purchased a stake in the building, which was sold back to Related toward the end of construction. Kohn Pederson Fox designed the building.

15 Hudson Yards, originally proposed as Tower D, is located on Tenth Avenue and 30th Street, near Phase 1's southwestern corner. The building is connected to a semi-permanent structure, a performance, and an art space known as the Hudson Yards Cultural Shed. This particular yard started construction in December 2014, was topped out in February 2018, and opened in early 2019. It contains 285 residential units.

Its original design, with a pronounced "corset" at the middle of the tower's height, attracted attention. The Shed The Shed is an art center housed in the Bloomberg Building, a three-story structure adjacent to 15 Hudson Yards. The space is focused on providing cultural programming and is maintained by an

organization of the same name. Its most prominent feature is a retractable "shell" that wraps around its roof and its northern and southern facades.

The Shed opened on April 5, 2019. 30 Hudson Yards The 73-story, 1,268-foot (386 m) 30 Hudson Yards is located at Tenth Avenue and 33rd Street. It is the city's fourth-tallest building. It is designed by Kohn Pedersen with an observation deck that juts into the air.

Construction began after caissons were sunk to support the platform over the tracks, the latter of which was raised 12 to 27 feet (4 to 8 m) above ground level. 30 Hudson Yards opened on March 15, 2019.

The mixed-use building contains 137 condominiums, Equinox brand hotels, medical offices, and retail spaces. David Childs, the chairman of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, contributed the designs.

CONSTRUCTION

KARABAKH CLAIMS AZERBAIJAN IS CUTTING ITS GAS SUPPLIES

STEPANAKERT

THE de facto authorities in Nagorno-Karabakh have accused Azerbaijan of cutting natural gas supplies to the territory for the second time in as many weeks, depriving the people thereof heat for their homes amid a sharp cold spell.

Nagorno-Karabakh gets its gas supplied via Armenia, through a pipeline that transits territory over which Azerbaijan regained control in the 2020 war between the two sides.

Supplies from the pipeline were first disrupted on March 8, as tension spiked in the region following the launch of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Officials in Nagorno-Karabakh said that Azerbaijani troops prevented them from repairing the pipeline.

The shutdown forced residents of the territory to use other sources of heating, particularly electricity, which resulted in power outages. Armenian volunteers also shipped gas canisters to Karabakh to temporarily mitigate the issue.

The supply ultimately was restored on March 19, but was disrupted again on the evening of March 21. Officials in Nagorno-Karabakh blamed Azerbaijan.

"We have sufficient grounds to assume that during the gas pipeline repairs, the Azerbaijani side installed a valve that stopped the



gas supply a few hours ago," the de facto government said in a statement. "Unfavorable weather conditions serve the insidious Azerbaijani purpose of creating additional humanitarian problems for our population; it's a crime."

There has been no comment from

the Azerbaijani authorities. The Russian peacekeeping contingent in Karabakh is discussing the issue with the Azerbaijani side, a spokesperson for Karabakh's de facto leader said on March 22.

March has been colder than usual this year, and heavy snow also has

blocked roads in Karabakh and in the neighboring parts of Armenia, compounding the logistical complications. The gas issue comes as the two sides have recently released more details on their slow negotiations over a peace deal.

Earlier this month Azerbaijan an-

nounced that it had sent a new proposal to Armenia to discuss a peace deal, which Armenia said it accepted on March 14. The deal would be based on five principles, according to Azerbaijan's foreign ministry:

"Mutual recognition of each other's sovereignty and territorial in-

tegrity, mutual reaffirmation of the absence of territorial claims to each other and a legally binding obligation not to make such claims in the future, abstaining from threatening each other's security, demarcation of the border and unblocking of transport links."

Following the Azerbaijani proposal Armenia said it had applied to the Minsk Group of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe - the body that has been the main platform for negotiations since the first war between the two sides in the 1990s - to start negotiations.

But Armenia Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan said Yerevan would also be insisting on the rights of ethnic Armenians in Karabakh to be respected. "It is paramount for the Armenian side that the rights and freedoms of the Armenians of Artsakh [an alternative Armenian name for the region] are guaranteed, and the status of Nagorno-Karabakh is finally clarified," he said on March 15. "For us, the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict is not a territorial issue, but a matter of rights."

With the new gas shutoff, however, many Armenians found the talk of peace ironic. "Despite the war in Ukraine, gas continues to flow through the country to Europe. And in our country, as the era of peace is beginning, the gas in Karabakh is cut off,"

EU considers \$100 billion energy relief financing for companies

LONDON

EUROPE faces an unprecedented energy crisis that requires extraordinary policy action, such as a possible 100 billion euro in relief funds to businesses hit the hardest by soaring energy prices.

MF daily said the European Union on Wednesday is considering a massive 100 billion euro bond issuance for a new relief program that would provide relief funds to businesses hit hardest by rising gas and electricity prices, as criticism soars about out of control commodity inflation and the bloc's inability to tame prices.

MF didn't cite sources, though it said the issuance could be approved within the next 15 days.

The news comes as the European Commission has proposed a plan to make Europe independent from Russia fossil fuels following the invasion of Ukraine. Even before the invasion, many European countries were facing extraordinary high natural gas, electricity, and fuel costs.

There's even risks of a diesel shortage emerging. The latest developments from Ukraine have exacerbated the situation.

The European Commission



published a new ambitious energy strategy to "make Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels well before 2030."

On Tuesday, a working group of Germany's coalition parties agreed on a relief package to strengthen Germany's energy independence and help alleviate the burden of high energy costs sources,

told Reuters. This comes as Europe's biggest economy is attempting to decouple from Russian gas and oil due to the invasion of Ukraine.

Italian Premier Mario Draghi recently said the invasion of Ukraine had sparked high volatility for the markets for commodity markets, which were already at elevated prices before the conflict.

He said, "We must intervene right away."

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said, "committing ourselves to diversify energy sources as fast as possible" is necessary. He said "small businesses and citizens can't bear" soaring gas and electricity costs.

European politicians are awakening to the fact that

high energy costs could "re-awakening the nightmare of populism" on the European continent, Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis warned.

That's why the European Union is likely to pass some kind of energy relief package for businesses and households in the near term.

The re-development project for Birmingham city in UK

BIRMINGHAM

THE Big City Plan is a significant development project for Birmingham, England's city centre. The City Centre Grand plan, Stage 2 of the Big City Plan, was unveiled on September 29, 2010.

This blueprint outlines how Birmingham's city center will be developed over the next 20 years. The strategy targeted five important sectors for growth with a potential value of slightly over US\$ 13bn.

The goal of this ambitious project is to increase the size of the city core by 25% while enhancing transportation connectivity among the city's seven "quarters." It identifies how the city center population would grow by providing over 5000 new homes and 50,000 new jobs, and the US\$ 792M redevelopment of New Street station, which launched in September 2015, a new Library of Birmingham, which launched in September 2013, and Eastside City Park, which launched in 2012, the first new city center park since Victorian times.

It also lays out visionary recommendations for how each of the seven sections i.e City Centre Core, Eastside, Digbeth, Southside and Highgate, Westside and Ladywood, Jewellery Quarter and Gun Quarter, which were formed following the dismantling of the Inner Ring Road that served as a "concrete collar" restricting growth in the city center.

The city center is now defined as the area within the Middle Ring Road and it is considerably larger owing to the seven districts, each of which has its own particular personality.

Grand Central Shopping Centre opened its doors on September 24, 2015, following a five-year, US\$ 792M construction project as part of the New Street Station renovation. The new shopping center has 66 stores, including department stores, fashion retailers, and eateries.

Centro Metro travels over the Snow Hill viaduct, serving a new stop, then through the city center, serving stops on Bull Street, Corporation Street, and Stephenson Street before arriving at the new Birmingham New Street Gateway on Stephenson Street.

The project was branded simply

as "Paradise," noting the notion that the "circus" feature of the site will be removed when the section of Paradise Circus Queensway road running beside Birmingham Town Hall from Great Charles Street is pedestrianized as part of the renovation.

The 9.2 acre Arena Central project, which fronts Broad Street and is adjacent to Centenary Square, is a very deliverable, highly desirable location for work, leisure, and retail. Arena Central was master planned to be a true mixed-use area in the heart of Birmingham's city center.

The land has planning permission to build up to 670,000 square feet of Grade A office space, Residential space of up to 530,000 sq ft, Ancillary retail/leisure and Great Charles Place.

This was Birmingham's first PRS (private rented sector) development. The first phase of Great Charles Place cost US\$ 72.6M and contained 320 flats ranging from studios to three bedrooms, as well as 20,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and leisure space and a mix of units totaling 8,000 square feet to accommodate small companies.

The second phase of the Big City Plan comprises the construction of a 205,000-square-foot office building. The grade A offices will feature floor plates of roughly 15,000 square feet spread across 14 levels.

Birmingham Central Library was replaced with the close to US\$ 250M Library of Birmingham, which opened in September 2013. It has been described as the largest public library in the United Kingdom, Europe's largest public cultural venue, and the biggest regional library in Europe.

The development projects, worth over US\$ 528, will create outstanding new facilities for students, staff, visitors, and the local community - all while drawing on Aston Webb's original campus masterplan, as well as subsequent plans, and laying a solid foundation for the future.

Housing The need for housing in Birmingham continues to rise, not just as a result of the city's population increase, but also because an increasing number of people are choosing to relocate to the city and make it their home.

FBI says five energy companies targeted in Russian scanning row

WASHINGTON

THE Federal Bureau of Investigation has issued a warning to the U.S. energy industry that it had detected scanning activity from multiple Russia-based IP addresses.

"These Russia-based IP addresses are believed to be associated with cyber actors who previously conducted destructive cyber activity against foreign critical infrastructure," the warning read.

"Present activity of these IP addresses likely indicates early stages of reconnaissance, scanning networks for vulnerabil-

ties for use in potential future intrusions. US Energy Sector entities are advised to examine current network traffic for these IP addresses and conduct follow-on investigations if observed."

According to the FBI, a total of 140 addresses were involved in the detected scanning activity, which targeted at least five energy companies as well as businesses from other sectors such as defense, financial services, and information technology.

The warning comes on the heels of another one, made by President Biden, who said earlier this week that Russia was

"exploring" a cyber attack against the United States but added that Washington would use every tool at its disposal to thwart it.

"My Administration will continue to use every tool to deter, disrupt, and if necessary, respond to cyberattacks against critical infrastructure," the U.S. President said in a release published on the White House website.

"But the Federal Government can't defend against this threat alone. Most of America's critical infrastructure is owned and operated by the private sector and critical infrastructure owners and operators

must accelerate efforts to lock their digital doors."

Cyberattacks are becoming a serious problem for businesses, and critical infrastructure is a top target. Last year, cybercriminals shut down the the Colonial pipeline that carries 45 percent of the gasoline and diesel fuel the East Coast of the United States consumes.

It is also the biggest piece of pipeline infrastructure in the United States. The attack highlighted the importance of protecting such critical infrastructure in an environment where cyber criminals become increasingly bolder.

WORLD

Middle East, North Africa grapple with food insecurity

PARIS

While the Ukraine-Russia conflict poses serious risks to food security of Middle East and North Africa, or MENA, it could also act as an impetus for countries in the region to boost their own agriculture sectors and cut the dependence on imports, experts say.

"The food crisis caused by the Ukraine crisis will force the MENA countries to reduce the reliance on foreign grain imports by investing in domestic agricultural sector," Salman Zafar, founder of EcoMENA, an environmental think tank in Doha, Qatar, told China Daily.

But he also noted that as MENA is the world's most water-scarce region, diversion of water supplies to agriculture produce may precipitate a water crisis.

Mariam Al Jaajaa, a member of the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty, a group advocating for investment in domestic production of food in the region, has urged the cultivation of food staples like wheat to be promoted to beef up food security, and such com-

modities to be prioritised over crops intended for export. London-based online news outlet Middle East Eye reported on March 19.

The World Food Program on March 18 warned that the ongoing conflict in Ukraine is further threatening global food security, with food prices already at an all-time high.

Jakob Kern, the WFP's Emergency Coordinator for Ukraine, told an online press conference that the conflict has triggered a wave of hunger across the globe.

As the world's largest and fourth-largest exporters of wheat respectively, Russia and Ukraine together account for 29 percent of the global wheat trade – critical to ensuring the food security of many countries.

Food and fuel prices have increased sharply in the world since the start of the conflict in Eastern Europe, the WFP said. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization's Food Price Index, they reached an all-time high recently. The price of wheat increased by 24 percent between Feb 21 and March



A combine harvesting picks up the wheat on a field near the Krasne village, in the Chernihiv area, 120 km to the north from Kiev, on July 05, 2019. AFP

15, Kern said.

A World Bank blog on March 7 warned that MENA countries like Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen "will be materially and negatively impacted" by the conflict between Ukraine and Russia – their main source of food imports for wheat and cereals.

Syria, it noted, imports roughly two-thirds of both its food and oil consumption, with most of its wheat sourced from Russia. Lebanon imports 90 percent of its grains from Ukraine and Russia, while Yemen imports about 40 percent of its wheat from the two countries locked in conflict.

Maroun Khater, an associate professor of finance at Saint Joseph University in Beirut, said the Ukraine crisis will have a severe impact on vulnerable countries like Lebanon and many other non-oil producing Arab countries. While alternative sources of goods are always available, the prices, however, are unbearable, he said.

"Reversing the negative economic trend is only possible in countries with strategic vision, reserves and relationships," Khater told China Daily.

Deniz Istikbal, an economic researcher at the Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research, a policy think-tank in Ankara, Turkey, said the MENA region may be

more affected by the conflict as "price increases and decreases in production make imports more difficult".

"The food crisis may worsen as the economic effects of the pandemic are not over," he said.

Istikbal said even if the MENA countries look for other sources, not many nations may be willing to export agricultural products. This could open up opportunities to improve the MENA countries' own agricultural sectors.

According to the 2021 Near East and North Africa Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition report, which came out in November last year, hunger in the Arab region has continued to rise since 2014. The number of undernourished people reached 69 million in 2020, or 15.8 percent of the population – a 91.1 percent increase in the past two decades.

Moderate or severe food insecurity has also continued to witness an uptrend, affecting an estimated 141 million people in 2020, the report read.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on March 14 appealed for immediate peace in Ukraine to "avert a hurricane of hunger and a meltdown of the global food system".

Britain announces tax cuts as inflation hits 30-year high

LONDON

BRITAIN announced tax cuts on Wednesday as the latest official statistics showed its inflation rose to a 30-year high in February, but industry leaders and analysts have said the measures could play a limited role in stopping the worsening cost-of-living crisis.

In the 12 months to February 2022, Britain's Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose by 6.2 percent, up from 5.5 percent in January, according to the country's Office for National Statistics (ONS) on Wednesday.

On a monthly basis, the CPI rose by 0.8 percent in February 2022, compared with a rise of 0.1 percent in February 2021, and that was the largest monthly CPI increase between January and February since 2009, the ONS added.

"Inflation rose steeply in February as prices increased for a wide range of goods and services, for products as diverse as food to toys and games," ONS chief economist Grant Fitzner said.

Clothing and footwear saw a return to traditional February price rises after last year's falls when many shops were closed, and furniture and flooring also contributed to the rise in inflation as prices started to recover following new year sales, Fitzner added.

Amid the soaring prices, a cost-of-living crisis was aggravated. Record high inflation now means a typical single parent will face paying out an estimated additional 315 pounds (415 U.S. dollars) in food and heating this year compared to 2019, while bills for a family of four are likely to jump 580 pounds, according to Matt Whittaker, chief executive officer at British charity Pro Bono Economics.

"With inflation driven by staples such as food and fuel, the everyday impacts of inflation will be felt most sharply by the poorest," Whittaker added.

Worse yet, an increased energy price cap was expected to push inflation even higher and deal yet another blow to household finances. Britain's energy regulator has announced that the cap would jump from the current 1,277 pounds to reach 1,971 pounds per year in April for about 22 million customers.

Inflation is likely to hit at least 8 percent this spring, reaching the highest in 40 years, said Jack Leslie, senior economist at British think tank Resolution Foundation.

"This prolonged period of high inflation – which millions of people have simply never experienced before – is a complete disaster for living standards," he said.

Britain's central bank, the Bank of England, lifted the benchmark interest rate to 0.75 percent earlier this month to bring down the inflation that was far above its 2-percent target.

But analysts have expressed concerns that rate hikes would not be helpful. "Energy prices are set on a global or at least continental basis, so raising UK interest rates will do nothing to reduce energy prices and help calm inflation," said Tom Pugh, an economist at business advisory firm RSM UK.

Against such a backdrop of soaring prices across the board and the deepening cost-of-living crisis, Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak said on Wednesday in his Spring Statement speech that the government will raise the income threshold for people to start paying National Insurance by about 3,000 pounds to 12,570 pounds in July. It is a 6-billion-pound tax cut for 30 million people across the country, and a tax cut for employees worth over 330 pounds a year, Sunak added.

Fuel duty has also been cut by five pence per liter, which took effect on Wednesday. And the Employment Allowance, which cuts small businesses' tax bills and makes it cheaper to employ workers, will increase from 4,000 pounds to 5,000 pounds in April.

Nevertheless, financial hardship facing British households was expected to continue. With the energy price cap rising in April, and inflation running at a 30-year high, "households are likely to see a fall in their discretionary income over the course of 2022," said Helen Dickinson, chief executive of the British Retail Consortium.

Businesses were also under pressure. Noting that firms will welcome some positive announcements, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce Shevaun Haviland said it "did not fundamentally address the huge cost pressures they are facing."

"The cut in fuel duty, though very welcome, is just a drop in the ocean compared to the larger tsunamis of surging costs that is bearing down on firms and households," Haviland added.

"Smaller businesses are particularly exposed as they have neither the protections or financial support provided to households, nor the negotiating power of larger businesses."

"Also on Wednesday, the Office for Budget Responsibility published the latest update of its economic and fiscal forecasts. "In the medium term, a sustained increase in global energy prices could lower potential output for a net energy importer like the UK," it noted.

And while vaccines have reduced the COVID-19 pandemic-related uncertainties, "the recent rise in hospitalisations demonstrate that Covid remains a risk," it added.

Agencies

Former US secretary of state Madeleine Albright dies at 84

WASHINGTON

MADELEINE Albright, who fled the Nazis as a child in her native Czechoslovakia during World War Two then rose to become the first female US secretary of state and, in her later years, a pop culture feminist icon, died on Wednesday at the age of 84.

Her family announced her death on Twitter and said she had died of cancer. Leaders, diplomats and academics remembered her as a trailblazer on the world stage.

Albright served as US ambassador to the United Nations from 1993-1997 in US President Bill Clinton's administration. He then nominated her to become the first female secretary of state and she served in that role from 1997-2001.

"Madeleine Albright was a force. She defied convention and broke barriers again and again," US President Joe Biden said. He directed US flags be flown at half-staff at the White House and government buildings, including embassies, until March 27.



FEMINIST HEROINE

Once the Clinton years and the 1990s were over, Albright became an icon to a generation of young women looking for inspiration in their quest for opportunity and respect in the workplace. Albright was fond of saying: "There's a special place in hell for women who don't help each other."

Born Marie Jana Korbelova in Prague on May 15, 1937, her family fled in 1939 to London when Germany occupied Czechoslovakia. She attended school in Switzerland at age 10 and adopted the name Madeleine.

Albright attended Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and got a doctorate from Columbia University. She became fluent or close to it in six languages including Czech, French, Polish and Russian as well as English.

In 1959, she married newspaper heir Joseph Medill Patterson Albright, whom she met while working at the Denver Post, and they had three daughters. They divorced in 1982.

She followed her father into academia but also became involved in Democratic Party politics. Albright joined the staff of Senator Edmund Muskie, a Maine Democrat, in 1976 and two years later became a member of President Jimmy Carter's National Security Council staff.

Agencies

Africa CDC roots for innovative financing to revitalise community healthcare

NAIROBI

THE Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) on Wednesday renewed calls for the continent to explore innovative financing towards community-based healthcare systems in order to boost response to infectious diseases.

Mohammed Abdulaziz, Head of Division for Disease Control and Prevention at Africa CDC said that a robust and motivated community healthcare workforce was required to hasten post-pandemic recovery in the continent.

"The community health workers played a crucial role in pandemic response and therefore we need to provide them with

financing and technical tools in order to strengthen the resilience of our public health systems," said Abdulaziz.

He told a virtual forum organized by Africa CDC and partners that integrating community health volunteers into the broader healthcare systems in the continent would revolutionize disease prevention, treatment and management.

Abdulaziz added that many African countries had domesticated global best practices to help raise the visibility of community health workers as the continent grappled with a growing burden of infectious and lifestyle diseases.

He said that empowering community health workers and integrating them in na-

tional and regional disease response strategies featured at the inaugural conference on public health in Africa held virtually in December 2021.

On her part, Herilinda Temba, an epidemiologist with Africa CDC said that harmonizing training for community health workers, providing them with medical insurance and sustainable remuneration would boost action on disease outbreaks in the continent.

Temba emphasized that community health volunteers were key to reducing maternal and infant deaths in Africa besides promoting hygiene and immunization to prevent transmission of vector-borne diseases. She called on African governments

to leverage domestic financing, experience and knowledge sharing in order to establish a robust and resilient community healthcare workforce.

Xinhua



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Agencies

Digital transformation in energy sector gives boost to green, low-carbon development

THANKS to the employment of digital technologies, work efficiency at the Qingdong 5 offshore oil production platform of Sinopec Shengli Oilfield in east China has been significantly improved.

The oil production platform with 14 workers and 35 oil wells is able to produce about 230 tons of crude oil a day.

With the help of 12 high-definition dome cameras, workers can easily monitor the entire oil platform through a large screen—even the screws on oil wells can be clearly seen. Meanwhile, computer beside the screen can provide the real-time data about various factors of oil wells,

including wellhead pressure, temperature, oil production as well as electricity consumption.

In the past, such data were manually collected, during which workers had to run back and forth carrying thermometer and pressure gage to record the readings. Now they are able to get various indexes with a click of the mouse.

With real-time data displayed on the computer, workers can know whether there are pump leaks, lack of liquid feeds and other problems and keep track of the production of oil wells, said Yuan Liang, who is in charge of the production and maintenance of the oil platform.

While digital economy thrives, digitalization of the energy sector, which refers to leveraging digital technologies to build a more efficient, cleaner and more economical modern energy system and improve the safety, productivity and sustainability of energy system, is quietly penetrating people's production and life.

Digitalization bears great significance for the development energy companies. It can not only liberate mankind from burdensome manual labor, but bring plenty of benefits to enterprises. Since China's new development philosophy toward low-car-

bon development was put forward, digital and intelligent transformation of the energy sector has become even more important.

Digital technologies can help the energy industry reduce costs and increase efficiency. Based on all-optical sensing products and arithmetic engine, Chinese tech giant Huawei helped Shandong Jihua Gas Co., Ltd. find a solution to smart oil and gas pipeline inspection, which increases the accuracy of pipeline integrity threat identification to 97 percent.

In this way, it has helped the energy company comprehensively improve pipeline safety and management qual-

ity and reduce operation and maintenance costs, accelerating the digital transformation of oil and gas industry. Digital technologies are playing an important role in China's energy supply and consumption revolution strategy and have become the driving force for the transformation of the energy industry, according to Liu Wenqiang, deputy head of the China Center for Information Industry Development.

The integrated development of cloud computing, mobile Internet, big data, blockchain and 5G technology is transforming the models of energy production, operation and transmission; and by empowering the energy

industry, digitalization can improve the management and production efficiency in the industry and promote green and low-carbon transition, Liu pointed out.

Many companies at a chemical fiber industrial park in Xiaoshan district, Hangzhou city, east China's Zhejiang province recently installed energy consumption data collectors, which upload their energy consumption and carbon emission data in real time to the city's digital platform for energy conservation, carbon emission peaking and carbon neutrality.

People's Daily

Russia-Ukraine conflict 'adds uncertainty to Asian economy'

WASHINGTON

THE ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict has added uncertainty to the Asian economy, which already has to battle an Omicron-fueled COVID-19 surge and brace for tighter financial conditions, an International Monetary Fund official has said.

"We are now quantifying the impact through various channels ... but we don't have at this moment the exact number partly because there are still a lot of uncertainties," Changyong Rhee, director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department, told Xinhua in a virtual interview on Friday.

Rhee was just nominated as a candidate for South Korea's central bank governor and will relinquish his role at the IMF, according to an IMF statement published Wednesday.

Noting that the most important channel to impact the Asian economy is commodity prices, especially oil prices, Rhee said how long this conflict will last will have an impact on oil prices, and with the fluctuation of oil prices, the impact on the Asian economy can change "quite a lot."

Indonesia, which exports a lot of commodities, will be less affected by the current crisis, while South Korea, Japan and India, heavily reliant on oil import, will be negatively affected, Rhee said.

Rhee urged Asian governments to reduce fuel subsidies, which tend to benefit people with higher incomes as they consume more energy, and adopt targeted fiscal policies to support the poor households, who also need to cope with higher food prices amid the crisis.

Apart from the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Omicron's spread in the region and higher interest rates due to US monetary policy normalization are also headwinds for Asia's growth, Rhee said. "So all news doesn't seem to be good at this moment, and that will actually interact each other."

US Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes could prompt capital outflows and drive up financing cost, exacerbating Asia's debt issue, Rhee said, adding that Asia's debt now accounts for nearly 40 percent of the global total, compared with 25 percent in 2007.

"So debt has increased quite significantly and high interest rates will definitely affect the borrowing cost and financing cost, could even slow down the economy," he said.

For China, the direct impact is "relatively small," Rhee said, adding that the increase in global oil prices will affect China and the slowdown in Europe might have an indirect impact on China's export.

China could boost consumption growth and roll out stimulus plans to help achieve its long-term objective of deleveraging as well as its short-term economic growth target for 2022 set at around 5.5 percent, the official suggested.

Predicting the Russia-Ukraine conflict's potential impact on globalization, Rhee, together with his colleagues, wrote in a recent IMF blog that it "may fundamentally alter the global economic and geopolitical order should energy trade shift, supply chains reconfigure, payment networks fragment, and countries rethink reserve currency holdings."

"Increased geopolitical tension further raises risks of economic fragmentation, especially for trade and technology," said the blog.

"I really hope that it's not happening that way, so that Russia and Ukraine have to resolve this issue quickly. I hope that globalization can continue," Rhee told Xinhua.

Noting that a setback for globalization would mean higher costs and smaller trade flows, Rhee stressed that trade is a great engine for growth. "The more people exchange, there are more ideas and more technology development."

"I hope that multilateralism prevails," he added.



Changyong Rhee, director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department

Security Council fails to adopt resolution on Ukraine situation

MOSCOW/LYIV/UNITED NATIONS

THE 15-member United Nations Security Council on Wednesday failed to adopt a resolution on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine.

Two members - Russia and China - voted in favor of the text and 13 others abstained. The text submitted by Russia was rejected.

To be adopted, a Security Council resolution needs at least nine votes in favor and no vetoes by Russia, China, Britain, France or the United States.

Russia's draft resolution expresses grave concern about reports of civilian casualties and the deteriorating humanitarian situation in and around Ukraine, including the growing number of internally displaced persons and refugees.

The draft text also calls for the protection of civilians, including humanitarian and medical personnel, respect for international law and the protection of civilian objects and critical infrastructure, safe and unhindered evacuation of all civilians, and unhindered humanitarian access in Ukraine.

Since the conflict erupted on Feb 24, the council has held three briefings on the humanitarian situation in Ukraine - on



Members of the UN Security Council vote to abstain from a resolution proposed by the Russian Federation and therefore preventing its passage during a meeting of the UN Security Council on Wednesday at United Nations headquarters. AP

Feb 28, March 7 and March 17.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict continues on Thursday as relevant parties are working to broker a peaceful solution.

Putin talks with Bennett, Scholz

Russian President Vladimir Putin held a telephone conversation with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on Wednesday to discuss the Ukrainian situation.

Bennett voiced his assessments of the situation regarding Ukraine and the ongoing negotiation process between Russian and Ukrainian delegations, the Kremlin said in a brief statement.

Putin shared his views on the Moscow-Kiev peace talks and the development of Russia's special military operation in Ukraine, it added.

Earlier in the day, Putin had a telephone conversation with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz to discuss the same

issue.

Zelensky seeks French support

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday addressed the French National Assembly via video link, asking France to support Ukraine with military equipment and aircraft.

He thanked the French government for discussions and negotiations, and called on France to add sanctions against Russia.

'US seeks hostility'

The United States would not like to see a rapid completion of the Moscow-Kiev peace talks but hopes that Russia is mired in prolonged hostilities, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Wednesday.

"It is unprofitable for Americans that this (negotiation) process will be completed quickly. They want to continue to send weapons to Ukraine," Lavrov said during a meeting with students and teachers of Russia's MGIMO University.

"Apparently, they (Americans) want to keep us in a state of hostilities for as long as possible," he said.

Xinhua

American architectural designer that has a close bond with China

SITTING in his office on the 56th floor of the 632-meter-tall Shanghai Tower in Shanghai's Pudong New Area, chief designer of this fascinating architect Marshall Strabala stared out the window at the magnificent building clusters along the banks of the Huangpu River.

"I'm a part of the Chinese architectural design industry, and I have witnessed how the sector has changed," said the American architect, who, because of architecture, established a close bond with China and observed the country's social progress.

Strabala, who believes that architecture is the most impressive part of a city, came to China for the first time in 1999, when he visited Beijing, Tianjin and Shanghai.

He told People's Daily that when his cab drove all the way from Puxi to Pudong in Shanghai, he was "tasting" the city. Recalling the drive, the man said Puxi was home to a bunch of historical buildings, while skyscrapers were standing in Pudong, including the Jin Mao Tower.

"I felt China was both historical and vital," he said.

After that, Strabala's visits to China became more and more frequent. In 2006, he came to Shanghai for a design competition of the Shanghai Tower. By that time, he had already been a designer of the Zifeng Tower in Nanjing, China and the Khalifa Tower. He and his team put forward a creative plan for the Shanghai Tower, which would make the structure twist 120 degrees.

"Such a design is advanced in the entire world, but it's successfully accepted by China," he said. Two years later, he was chosen as the chief designer of the Shanghai Tower and started working in the Chinese metropolis.

Strabala has put a lot of energy into the Shanghai Tower. Everything about it, from structure to materials, was designed meticulously by him and his team. They designed the tower in a spiraling shape to reduce the impact of wind, and adopted advanced energy management for lower energy consumption.

The Shanghai Tower has been awarded a LEED-CS Platinum Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in 2015, and in the following year, it was named the 2016 Best Tall Building Worldwide by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

"I've been to Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, as well as Hubei and Jilin provinces. Everywhere I went, I could see robust development," he said.



He shared a story of a field trip to the Changbai Mountain National Nature Reserve in northeast China's Jilin province a couple of years ago. When he first visited the place, there was no decent road around it, but when he revisited it two years later, a road network has been built there.

"Not only megacities like Shanghai, but also every region in the country are developing," he noted, adding that such changes are touching and inspiring.

From the Jin Mao Tower, to the Shanghai World Financial Center, and to the Shanghai Tower, the ever-rising skyline of Putong is a witness to China's development miracle.

In recent years, Strabala had contacts with some local governments in China when he joined major design projects in the coun-

try. He felt the leadership of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the stable social environment are what made the country achieve such a huge progress.

Strabala said Chinese officials at all levels are good at listening and learning, and are willing to accept novel ideas and suggestions. Through years of field trips in China, he has witnessed the country's development in education, healthcare, housing and other aspects related to livelihood, as well as the concrete efforts of the CPC and the Chinese government to make people's lives better.

"I believe that under the leadership of the CPC, China will surely better embrace the world and the future during its development, and the life of the Chinese people will get better and better," he said.

People's Daily

Ukraine sets up nine humanitarian corridors

KYIV/MOSCOW

UKRAINE established nine humanitarian corridors on Wednesday, enabling civilians to leave the conflict-torn areas and the delivery of humanitarian aid, the presidential press service reported, citing Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk.

Humanitarian corridors were set up to evacuate civilians from three towns in the southern Zaporizhzhia region and four villages in the central Kyiv region, Vereshchuk said at a media briefing.

Besides, people will be evacuated through the humanitarian routes from Mariupol city in the southeast and Rubizhne town in the east, Vereshchuk said.

Lavrov: US dislikes quick success in Russia-Ukraine peace talks

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People rest in the Kyiv subway, using it as a bomb shelter in Kyiv, Ukraine, Feb 24, 2022. AP

Africa consulting partners to contain higher food prices

DAKAR

AFRICAN leaders are in the process of consulting with their bilateral and multilateral partners to ensure they have the means to contain the rise in commodity prices following the crisis in Ukraine, said Senegalese President Macky Sall, also the Chairperson of the African Union, on Tuesday.

"We have already started to consult all our partners, both our multilateral partners and bilateral partners. It is a call to the whole world and to all bilateral partners who can work with African countries and the whole world in this critical phase," he said.

On Tuesday evening, he hosted a

"It is unprofitable for Americans that this (negotiation) process will be completed quickly. They want to continue to send weapons to Ukraine," Lavrov said during a meeting with students and teachers of Russia's MGIMO University.

"Apparently, they (Americans) want to keep us in a state of hostilities for as long as possible," he said.

Lavrov expressed concern over the delivery of MiG fighter jets and US Stinger man-portable air defense systems to Ukraine, which will pose "an enormous threat, because they will surely spread all over Europe."

The foreign minister stressed that the United States has used sanctions on Russia as an instrument to maintain its dominance in the world.

"These sanctions are aimed at removing Russia as an obstacle on the way to building a unipolar world ... This is not about Ukraine. This is about the world order in which the United States wants to be the sole sovereign," he said.

joint press conference with World Bank Group President David Malpass, who is visiting Senegal during the 9th World Water Forum.

"There is real inflation affecting countries. We need a support mechanism when the crisis is so serious," said the Senegalese president, who recognizes that his country, like the other African states, is a consumer of imported products, especially wheat and iron.

"In the face of soaring prices for these products, it is urgent to stop the conflict between Russia and Ukraine so that the consequences are controlled on the continent and the whole world", said Macky Sall.

Xinhua



African Stars Band's Director, Luiza Mbutu.

Twanga Pepeta troupe's artist now lobbies for support in music awards

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

THE song titled 'Penzi Sigara Kali' composed by African Stars Band, alias 'Twanga Pepeta' has been included in the Tanzania Music Awards competition, organized by Tanzania Arts Council (BASATA).

African Stars Band's Director Luiza Mbutu noted yesterday that the song has been included in the 'Best Dance Song of the Year' category, competing for the honour with several other tracks.

Other contenders for the award are Mwinjuma Muumin's track titled 'Fenesi', Msondo Ngoma Music Band's 'Mchawi Ndugu', artist Melody Mbasasa's 'Kwake Yeye', and 'Bado Kidogo' by Joachim Lema.

"Our song has entered the competition. I am in the 'Best Female Dance Musician' category, contesting with my colleagues in the Tanzania Music Awards," Luiza disclosed.

Luiza, who is also one of the band's veteran vocalists, said that she, as a result, competes with four other female singers, and asked music stakeholders to vote for her to emerge victoriously.

"I beg you to vote for me by sending an SMS to my code 'T0311' and then texting 0677-209090 so that I can emerge victorious in the race," Luiza disclosed.

The awards are expected to be presented in April this year, with 15 categories to be competed for by various artists including the ones in dance music, Hip Hop, and Bongo Flava.

In a recent interview, Luiza stated it

is not easy for the band to plunge into oblivion due to the departure of some of its musicians.

Luiza insisted the troupe instead becomes stronger each passing day.

The famous musician disclosed when she was talking about the challenges that the band, popularly known as 'Twanga Pepeta', has faced.

Twanga Pepeta for several years witnessed some of its prominent musicians resorting to leaving the troupe seeking to either form a new band or join another band.

"You know in normal life, one has to go through a lot of challenges, that's the way it is even in dance music in which our band is used to losing performers but it has not lost steam," Luiza disclosed.

The vocalist cited the reasons for the troupe's steadfastness as its long-term sustainability.

She disclosed Twanga Pepeta was the first band in Tanzania to launch a modern dance movement and garner enormous popularity that still exists.

The director mentioned some of the popular musicians who have left the band as singers Ally Choki, Saleh Kupa, Khalid Chuma, Charles Gabriel 'Chaz Baba', rappers Msafiri Said 'Msafiri Diouf', and Saulo Ferguson, and keyboardist, Victor Mkambi.

"I have mentioned a few, but there are others, but if you follow our troupe, you will find that they have all returned to the group after realizing that 'Twanga Pepeta' is unique," Luiza said.

Company pledges to support tennis promotion

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

KILIMANJARO-based Rafiki Foundation tennis team says it is indebted to the support it is getting from Homeopathy Tanzania Limited.

Rafiki Foundation squad's head coach Charles Laizer said through the company his team is efficiently competing at various tennis tournaments in the country.

He said Homeopathy Tanzania Limited through its official Camilla Sherr has been supporting the team.

The tactician pointed out: "We are very thankful for the support we are getting from Homeopathy Tanzania Limited through official Camilla Sherr, she is doing a lot to our team and for tennis development in the country, she uses her own and her company resources to support us."

"She is connecting our team to other well-wishers and sponsors who are supporting us, last year they supported us, and this year they are doing the same," he said.

He disclosed that Homeopathy Tanzania Limited, which was previously known as The African Institute of Integrative Medicine (AIIM), has this year, sponsored seven players to compete at Fumba Town by CPS Open tennis tournament which gets underway today at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) courts.

The coach mentioned the players as Aurella Mushi, Irene Munishi, John Kimaro, Naitoti Singo, Nasha Singo, Racheal Swai, and Victoria Ndosu.

Camirra had in the previous interview said her company is committed to the development of sports in the



Rafiki Foundation tennis outfit coach, Charles Laizer (C), in a group photo with a section of the club's players before participating in a past showdown in Kilimanjaro.

country.

She said her company is happy to be involved in sports development in the country and promised to continue helping the development of tennis.

Camirra noted: "Our company is very happy to sponsor the enthusiastic Rafiki Foundation Moshi tennis team. We also provide the team

with natural products to help in case of injuries and other health care issues."

"Sports and exercises play an important role in keeping youngsters healthy and strong," she revealed.

The company is a natural, holistic, and alternative healthcare organization that seeks to improve the health and well-being of people throughout

Tanzania and Africa.

It has a center found in Moshi and has 12 outreach clinics to reach those living in distressed conditions.

The firm is providing care for about 13,000 patients in Kilimanjaro. AIIM is a registered Tanzanian Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

Muumin, Hafsa Kazinja compose new track

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

VETERAN Tanzanian dance music singer, Mwinjuma Muumin, has composed a new song titled 'Tusiachane', sang in Zouk style featuring another

popular domestic singer Hafsa Kazinja.

Speaking yesterday, Muumin, who is also the Director of Dar es Salaam-based Special Band, pointed out 'Tusiachane' is his song, not the band's, and that he had done so to gain a different perspective.

The singer noted: "If you follow singer Christian Bella you will find that he has his songs, but there are as well songs composed by his troupe."

"I have as well sought to do the same to get different flavours, considering that Hafsa is one of the best Zouk singers in the country," Muumin stated.

Muumin said the duo is now in the studio recording the song so that he can later distribute it to various radio stations and then prepare the track's video and upload it as well on social media.

He said domestic dance music is currently facing many challenges, for that



Special Band's Director, Mwinjuma Muumin

matter, coming up with various styles is one of the ways to deal with the challenges.

According to Muumin, the decision will help the genre's artists see to it they continue to enjoy success in music and other endeavours.

"Engaging dance musicians, Zouk, and Bongo Flava singers happen to be one of the ways which will make sure we get all fans together at this time when dance music is in transi-

tion," he said.

Muumin has composed various popular songs including 'Tunda' and 'Mgumba' which helped him rise to prominence in the domestic dance music circle.

The experienced artist noted he is confident that if the music is given enough space in the media it will return to the charts.

He said he cannot be discouraged by the challenges that the music goes through, instead, he con-

tinues to mature until he scales great heights.

The musician was adamant that he does not agree with the statement that dance music is outdated.

"So let me tell my fellow musicians not to give up, we should keep on fighting to make sure we get this music back on the charts especially by loving each other instead of disappointing each other," he said.

Wheelchair tennis players return to Dar

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NATIONAL wheelchair tennis team arrived in Dar es Salaam yesterday from Antalya, Turkey where they competed at this year's edition of the BNP Paribas World Team Cup.

Tanzania Wheelchair Tennis Association (WTTA)'s Chairman John Bura said head coach of the team Riziki Salum is expected in the country later today as he remained in Turkey to attend a two-day coaching seminar.

The country was represented by two players namely Rehema Suleiman and Lucy Shirima and competed in the Women Africa Group B showdown.

Bura stopped short of issuing more details on the two's results at the

tournament.

The WTTA official stated coach Salum who was also the leader of the delegation will be in a better position to issue the information.

The leader, however, said as WTTA is happy with the performance of the players.

"The coach communicated to me that the team played well, the response from players was very good." "They were keen and enthusiastic, but he will be in a good position to issue more details when he comes back," he said.

The country was expected to send six players to the event but due to insufficient funds, the association managed to so far send two players and one coach.

Bura mentioned those who contributed to the team's trip as International Tennis Federation (ITF), and his company, BQ Contractors, which was responsible for meeting costs for the team's preparations.

According to the WTTA official, his firm moreover paid for the team's travelling allowance.

Bura further thanked Gold Star Paints which paid cash to the team, and Turkey's Embassy to Tanzania, which offered free visas to all six players and coaches and insurance of \$50 to all seven people who were to travel to Turkey, totaling \$1260.

The WTTA Chairman thanked all sponsors for making the trip very successful.

Cup of Nations surprise side Gambia edge Chad in 2023 qualifier

JOHANNESBURG

GAMBIA, the outsiders who took Africa by storm this year when reaching the Cup of Nations quarter-finals, edged Chad 1-0 on Wednesday in their first step toward reaching the 2023 finals.

The Scorpions left it late in Yaounde with United Arab Emirates-based forward Steve Trawally scoring in the 89th minute to win the preliminary round first leg.

Gambia, a small west African country surrounded by Senegal, made a spectacular Cup of Nations debut two months ago, beating Mauritania, Tunisia and Guinea before losing a last-eight clash with hosts Cameroon.

Before tackling Chad, Belgium-born Gambia coach Tom Saintfiet warned his players to avoid becoming "one-tournament wonders".

"We want to qualify for the 2023 and 2025 Africa Cup of Nations and the 2026 World Cup," said the coach who has guided national teams in Africa, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean.

He cited the example of Madagascar, newcomers who stunned Nigeria when reaching the 2019 Cup of Nations quarter-finals in Egypt only to miss out on the latest edition.

Chad hosted Gambia in the Cameroon capital because the landlocked central African does not have a stadium that meets international standards.

Gambia are also affected by a Confederation of African Football (CAF) clampdown on venues with sub-standard pitches, dressing rooms or facilities and will stage the return match on Tuesday in Morocco.

Mauritius are the only nation among the 10 in the preliminary round who have been permitted to play at home.

The Indian Ocean country face another island nation, Sao Tome e Principe, on Thursday and will stage both legs in Saint-Pierre as their opponents have conceded home advantage.

South Sudan scored four second-half goals to defeat Djibouti 4-2 in ancient Egyptian Mediterranean city Alexandria.

Tito Okello gave the Sudanese a 54th-minute lead by converting a penalty having been fouled and after Djibouti levelled, Rashid Toha, Okello and William Gama netted for the winners.

Djibouti completed the scoring in added time, but face a massive task in Uganda on Sunday if they hope to survive an early exit.

Eswatini all but sealed a place in the 48-nation group stage, which kicks off during June, by punishing sloppy Somalia defending to triumph 3-0 in Dar es Salaam.

Bonginkosi Dlamini reacted quickest to a low cross for the only first-half goal and Fanelo Mamba chipped the ball over the onrushing goalkeeper to double the lead midway through the second half.

AFP

Rooney and Vieira join Premier League Hall of Fame

LONDON

MANCHESTER United great Wayne Rooney and former Arsenal captain Patrick Vieira were Wednesday inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame.

The pair are the ninth and 10th players named in the select group, joining David Beckham, Steven Gerrard, Dennis Bergkamp, Frank Lampard, Roy Keane, Eric Cantona, Thierry Henry and Alan Shearer.

Rooney, currently manager of Championship side Derby, is second on the list of all-time Premier League goalscorers, with 208 goals for Manchester United and Everton.

"It's a huge honour for me to be named in the Premier League Hall of Fame, alongside an incredible group of players who have already been inducted," said the 36-year-old former forward.

"Growing up, I watched the Premier League as far back as I can remember. My dream was always to become a professional footballer, score goals, and win trophies and I was lucky enough to win the Premier League five times.

"I have so many brilliant memories from my years playing for Everton and Manchester United and I'm really proud of what we achieved."

Vieira, now manager of Crystal Palace, played 307 times in the Premier League, winning the competition three times including as captain of the Arsenal "Invincibles" team, who remain the only club to have won the title without losing a game.

"Being inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame is a fantastic achievement," said the French World Cup winner, who finished his playing career at Manchester City.

"When I received the news, I thought about being a young boy playing in Senegal, or in a suburb of Paris."

The former midfielder, 45, added: "To be there with the best players in the Premier League, the best league in the world, is bigger than what I was ever thinking about. To have my name around those players makes me proud and makes me realise how good I was."

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World Cup playoffs provide a Salah vs. Mané sequel

CAPE TOWN, South Africa

AFRICA'S World Cup playoffs will serve up a Mohamed Salah vs. Sadio Mané sequel as the Liverpool teammates face off on opposite sides again with their countries, this time for a place at soccer's biggest show.

Salah's Egypt will face Mané's Senegal in one of the continent's five decisive World Cup playoffs, with the first leg in Cairo today. The draw for the playoffs was made before the two Liverpool stars met in last month's African Cup of Nations final, which was won by Senegal in a shootout thanks to Mané's winning penalty.

The second leg is at Senegal's new 50,000-seat Abdoulaye Wade Stadium on Tuesday.

Egypt vs. Senegal headlines the playoffs, but there's also a big West African derby pitting Ghana against Nigeria.

Cameroon vs. Algeria, Congo vs. Morocco and Mali vs. Tunisia are the other playoffs to decide Africa's five teams at this year's World Cup in Qatar. All the first legs are on Friday and the second legs on Tuesday.

"EGYPT vs. SENEGAL

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp recognized the significance of the game when he rested Mané for Sunday's FA Cup quarterfinal against Not-

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was fired for the African Cup failure. It's also without captain Andre Ayew because of his red card in that loss to Comoros.

Ghana must beat a resurgent Nigeria to get to the World Cup. Nigeria was at times impressive at the African Cup and has been strengthened by the return of strikers Victor Osimhen and Odion Ighalo, who were both unavailable for that tournament.

"CAMEROON vs. ALGERIA

Like Ghana, Algeria has to restore its reputation after a dire defense of its African title in Cameroon, when it exited bottom of its group and without winning a game. There have been repercussions. Veteran striker Baghdad Bounedjah and midfielder Yassine Brahimi have been dropped from the squad by coach Djamel Belmadi.

Cameroon is now coached by former national captain Rigobert Song, who was appointed a month ago with the support of new Cameroon federation president Samuel Eto'o, his former teammate. The Indomitable Lions' buildup has been complicated by goalkeeper André Onana's involvement in a serious car crash this week – he escaped unhurt – and the unavailability of key mid-

fielder André-Frank Zambo Anguissa because of injury.

"CONGO vs. MOROCCO

Congo could be the story of the playoffs if it surprises Morocco to reach the World Cup for the first time since its only previous appearance at the 1974 tournament in West Germany as Zaire. That may be remembered for the 9-0 loss to Yugoslavia that still shares the record as the World Cup's biggest defeat. But this Congo team is led by experienced Argentine coach Héctor Cúper and can call on former Belgium youth player Théo Bongonda for the first time after the winger switched allegiance to his parents' country of birth in January.

Morocco is the clear favorite to advance even without Chelsea's Hakim Ziyech, who has turned down a recall because of his ongoing feud with coach Vahid Halilhodzic.

"MALI vs. TUNISIA

Mali is the only one of the 10 playoff contenders to have never played at a World Cup before. It has now been able to call up two former France under-21 players in Eintracht Frankfurt defender Al-mamy Touré and Everton midfielder Abdoulaye Doucouré against Tunisia.

AP

Arabs denounce 'double standard' of Russia sports bans

LONDON

RUSSIA'S war on Ukraine has drawn unprecedented sanctions that have seen it banned from most international sports in a Western-led break with the long-standing convention against politics mixing with sport.

For many Arabs, who have seen their own sportsmen and women punished for refusing to compete with Israelis in protest at successive wars, the exception made for a European conflict smacks of double standards.

Egyptian squash champion Ali Farag said "nobody should be happy about what's going (on in Ukraine)".

"We've never been allowed to speak about politics in sports but all of a sudden now it's allowed," he said this month.

"Now that it's allowed, I hope that people also look at oppression everywhere in the world.

"The Palestinians have been going through that for the past 74 years but I guess because it doesn't fit the narrative of the media of the West, we couldn't talk about it."

Days after Russia invaded Ukraine, football governing bodies FIFA and UEFA swiftly suspended Russia from all international competitions.

Formula One suspended its contract with Russia, barring it from hosting its Grand Prix in Sochi.

Accompanying the bans was an officially sanctioned outpouring of support for Ukraine.

The blue and yellow colours of its national flag were displayed at all English Premier League matches in the first weekend of March in a show of solidarity.

It has been a remarkable transformation for a sports establishment long so wedded to the idea of keeping politics out at all costs.

"What about Yemen?"

"International sports associations, including FIFA, have banned any political or religious expression on the sports field," said James Dorsey, a senior fellow at the National University of Singapore's Middle



A Ukraine solidarity banner is hung from the stands at English club Everton's Goodison Park ground for its Premier League fixture against Manchester City on February 26 (AFP)

East Institute.

"What they have done now is they effectively have lifted that for Ukraine. There is Palestine of course, but what about Yemen? Syria? Libya?"

In the past, sports governing bodies have tolerated some exceptions to the general ban on making political statements, but they have all been short-lived.

During a flare-up of fighting between Israel and Palestinian armed groups in Gaza last May, England's Football Association said players would not be punished for raising the Palestinian or Israeli flags.

But in November, FIFA fined the Scottish Football Association 10,000 Swiss francs (about \$10,700) after Scotland fans booed Israel's anthem and raised Palestinian flags during an October match between the national sides.

The head of the Palestinian Football Association, Jibril Rajoub, urged FIFA to commit to applying its standards equally.

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Taifa Stars coach Kim Poulsen satisfied with victory but calls for improvements



Taifa Stars

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S senior national football team's head coach Kim Poulsen was pleased by Wednesday's victory against the Central African Republic in an international friendly duel that took place in Dar es Salaam.

Poulsen, nevertheless, pointed to areas of improvement as Tanzania's Taifa Stars started well in their three-nation mini-tournament.

Taifa Stars clocked up a 3-1 victory thanks to goals from Novatus Dismas who beat the Central African Republic goalkeeper with a simple bouncing free-kick

before captain Mbwana Samata got his 22nd goal for Taifa Stars and George Mpole completed a convincing victory at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium.

Speaking after the match, Poulsen, who is in his second stint with Taifa Stars, felt his men managed the fixture particularly well against a good team.

Poulsen pointed out: "We created a high number of

chances and scored three goals. I am very pleased that we can create several chances against an opponent like the Central African Republic."

The tactician said: "The Central African Republic is a strong team, if you remember their World Cup qualification campaign recently where they beat Nigeria in Lagos and obtained some good results in other Group Stage games too,

so it is a strong team."

"I thought we played very well in the offensive part and for me, the moment of the day was goal number two."

"The way we scored goal number two, I think it is a long time since we have seen such a kind of passing rhythm and outplaying them to make it 2-0. That was a wonderful moment."

"There is one point where I

think we have to step up and that's when it comes to our defensive line. I still think we need to take some steps forward when it comes to concentration and focus. Sometimes we are too relaxed when we are defending, we are too loose."

"This is a bad habit, maybe you can get away with it when you are playing a weaker team but if you play internationally and you make small mistakes because you are losing your concentration then the opponents can smell it and take advantage. That's one area where we have to work on to step up."

"I was pleased with the new faces we saw today, I think many of them did a good job. We have highlighted for the players that we want each of them to understand that to qualify for AFCON finals we don't need just 11 players but close to 30 players. Sometimes you are on the bench but you have to be ready and take the chance when it is there."

"A good picture of that is when George Mpole who had been sitting out for like 80 minutes but you see when he comes on he's ready to do the work and he finished the game with a wonderful goal as well."

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Moshi to host basketball bonanza

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

THE Kilimanjaro Basketball Association (KBA) in collaboration with other sports stakeholders will have a two-day special bonanza, known as 'Northern Zone Basketball Bonanza' scheduled for April 1-2 in Moshi.

The bonanza will involve 10 teams from Kilimanjaro, Manyara, and Arusha.

Speaking to The Guardian at his office in Moshi, the KBA Chairman, John Mmbando, explained that a total of 10 teams from northern regions as well as a total of four U-18 teams will participate in the bonanza.

Meanwhile, Mmbando explained that KBA has trained 12 new coaches, and 13 referees from across Kilimanjaro to improve their basketball skills.

According to him, the special training was organized by the KBA in collaboration with the Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF).

"As you have witnessed today, we had a training here at the Mashujaa Village famously known as Baptist grounds where our trainees obtained special refereeing and coaching training from the Tanzania Basketball Federation special trainers from Dar es Salaam to promote new talents as well as tourism through sports," Mmbando disclosed.

According to Mmbando, apart from basketball, they are promoting other sports such as football, netball, and golf, among many others, to the young generation through his new project dubbed 'Tanzania Youth Vision and Support'.

The TBA leader added: "Kilimanjaro is one of the crucial tourism destinations in Africa, so through our project, we are promoting sports from the grassroots as well as promoting sports tourism for sustainable tourism."

According to him, Tanzania has not made its presence felt in the international basketball championships, appealing to the government and other stakeholders is to invest more in sports particularly basketball so that the country can excel internationally.



Hockey players battle it out in a recent Mapinduzi Cup hockey tournament that took place in Kilimanjaro. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Moshi Khalsa to face Arusha Twigas in 2022 Mapinduzi hockey tourney's opener

By Guardian Correspondent

THE 2022 Mapinduzi hockey showdown's defending champions, Kilimanjaro's Moshi Khalsa, will confront Arusha Twigas in one of the tournament's opening day's clashes at Annadil Burhani Complex in Tanga today.

Tanzania Hockey Association (THA)'s secretary-general Kaushik Doshi noted on Thursday seven domestic hockey squads have lined up for the showdown, having been placed in two pools.

Pool A constitutes Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park's squad, Arusha Twigas, hosts Annadil Burhani Club, and defending champions, Moshi Khalsa.

Tanzania Peoples Defense Forces (TPDF) outfit, Black Mamba and Tanga Stars are the showpiece's Pool B contenders.

Hockey fanatics in Tanga will on Friday further have a chance to watch two more ties, in which the TPDF squad will lock horns with Tanga Stars in Pool B.

The duel will be followed by a Pool A fixture pitting Annadil Burhani against Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park squad.

Six games have been slated for the

following day in which the opening clash between Moshi Khalsa and Annadil Burhani is slated to start at 7.30 am.

The day's last fixture between Annadil Burhani and Arusha Twigas will begin at 4.30 pm.

The prestigious competition's knockout matches are set to be played on Sunday morning, the final will be played in the afternoon.

The THA leader disclosed recently that winners of the prestigious hockey tournament will get a chance to represent the country in Africa Club Championship which will be held in Malawi in December this year.

Doshi noted the high-profile national tournament is organized by THA and kindly sponsored by Reliance Insurance Company and Nas Tyre Services LTD.

According to the THA leader, the association leadership is very grateful to the firms for sponsoring the tournament.

The official revealed the event is open to all outfits, and institutions.

He added all teams which take part

in it on regular basis have shown willingness to participate in the competition and shall be vying for the top honour.

Doshi revealed all matches will be played at Annadil Burhani Complex in the northern region.

The THA official said all top domestic hockey outfits have had vigorous training, adding preparation for the tournament went smoothly.

Doshi further said that most of the teams confirmed to take part in the showdown and were just waiting for a few more teams to confirm within 48 hours.

The last edition of the tournament, also termed as National Club Championship, was played in 2020 in Dar es Salaam, whereby Kilimanjaro's Moshi Khalsa was the winner, Black Mamba settled for runners-up place.

According to the THA leader, this tournament will also boost hockey promotion in Tanga.

The official noted there had been an absence of a prestigious tournament in the northern region for the past seven years.

Paralympic athlete flops in Commonwealth Games' qualifiers

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S Paralympic athletics coach, Bahati Mgunda, has attributed the poor showing of a local athlete, Sauda Njopeka, at the just ended South Africa Invitational Paralympic Athletics Championships to sickness.

Mgunda and Sauda returned to Dar es Salaam on Wednesday night.

The South Africa showdown was held in Boksburg and was used as a qualification competition for the 2022 Commonwealth Games which will be held in Birmingham, England from July 28-August 8.

Mgunda said Sauda clocked 3.42 and took the sixth position out of six athletes in her category.

He, however, said all is not lost for the athlete as in May, he and the performer will travel again to South Africa for Commonwealth Games Qualification and courses.

The coach pointed out: "To me, Sauda did not perform well at the South Africa event due to sickness, you know she has been sick for some time."

"By the time we were travelling to South Africa she was recovering from her sickness, I'm sure if she will be well in May she will do well and hopefully qualify for the Commonwealth Games."

"The other good thing is that the 3.42 meters which she clocked are within her record meters," he said.

He clarified that he accompanied the athlete as her coach and did not attend any course.

In May, the tactician stated, he will attend the course at Stellenbosch University while Sauda will be seeking Commonwealth Games qualifying time.

They will participate in the events under GAPS which is a developmental arm of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).

Sauda is a discus and shot put athlete, her classification is T57 and her best effort is 4.5 meters.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

