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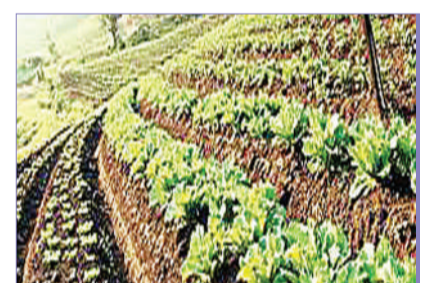
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By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan has hailed NBC Bank for being in the forefront to support the government in the fight against cervical cancer. The VP was speaking at an event to flag off a sponsored marathon cross country run to aid the fight

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Scientists test herbicide for Ngorongoro weeds

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha



The French Ambassador to Tanzania, Frédéric Clavier (3rd-R) addresses a joint press conference in Dar es Salaam on Friday. The event focused on this year's edition of the global campaign of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, whose theme is 'Women empowerment benefits the whole society'. With him (from-L): The Netherlands Embassy Deputy Head of Mission, Lianne Houben; German Ambassador Regine Hess; EU Head of Delegation Manfredo Fanti; UN Women Representative to Tanzania, Hodan Addou; and Head of Cooperation in the Belgian Embassy in Tanzania, Jasmien De Winne. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

AFTER two years of sustained attempts and improvement of formula, Tanzanian scientists have finally come up with an effective organic herbicide to destroy the stubborn invasive weeds that have been threatening Ngorongoro Crater wildlife.

In a meeting held at Ngorongoro over the weekend, researchers from the Nelson Mandela Institute of Science and Technology, Dr Linus Munishi and Dr Isakwisa Ngondya said the painstaking study had to take into consideration the retention of



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EU missions canvass against GBV, seek to foster equality

By Guardian Reporter

THE European Union has reiterated its commitment to continue empowering Tanzanian women economically and supporting gender equality through various initiatives.

The Head of EU delegation, Manfredo Fanti made the remarks over the weekend when addressing journalists on this year's 16 days of activism against gender based violence (GBV) in

the country.

The media appearance also featured EU member state envoys, including Frédéric Clavier (France), Regine Hess (Germany), Jeroen Verheul (The Netherlands), Peter Van Acker (Belgium), Hodan Addou, UN Women Representative to Tanzania and Aline Uwamahoro, director of the Tanzania Community Civic Initiatives (TACCI).

During the 16 days, embassies of Belgium, France, Germany,

The Netherlands and the EU Delegation will jointly organise several public events in Dar es Salaam from November 25 to December 10.

Fanti noted that although more women have entered the workforce in both informal and formal sectors, there is a high discrepancy in wages and equal treatment, not just in Tanzania

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'US determined to boost trade ties with Tanzania'

By Guardian Reporter

A SENIOR commercial officer with the Embassy of the United States has called for enhanced cooperation between the embassy and local institutions with a view to enhancing investments and trade ties.

The diplomat, Ken Walsh, made the call when he visited Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) offices in Dar es Salaam last week and conferred with executive director Dr Maduhu Kazi.

He particularly expressed interest and willingness to organize



The forum will help to identify more business and investment opportunities

a business and investment forum to bring together members of the US Chamber of Commerce and the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce,

Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA). The forum will help to identify more business and investment opportunities, joint venture projects, attracting capital, exchanging experience and seeking new markets, he stated.

The senior official, in the country for the past two months, visited TIC to introduce himself and to express his readiness to work with the centre to bolster business and investment between Tanzania and the US.

He pointed out that among

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the natural environment in the sensitive protected area.

Ngorongoro takes nearly 50 percent of the total tourist traffic to the country each year and is also an important ecological link to the adjacent Serengeti National Park.

At least 40 percent of the 8,292 square kilometer zone has been stifled by 23 invasive weeds, of which six are among the worst intrusive plants, like *Azolla filiculoides* (red water fern), *Argemone mexicana* (Mexican poppy), *Datura stramonium* (jimsonweed) and *Parthenium hysterophorus* (famine weed).

However, the more crippling weeds are *Gutenbergia cordifolia* (known locally as Makutiani), *Tagetes Minuta* and *Bidens Chimper*, weeds that were seen to be rapidly spreading in the World Heritage Site area, with various efforts to clear them, being intimidated, including physically uprooting the weeds and burning them.

The weeds have hard shelled seeds bursting open in the fire, which surprisingly fuelled their further germination, so the burning exercise was seen to do more harm than good. A single such weed can produce over 150,000 seeds per season that are resilient to harsh environments, the scientists noted.

Dr Munishi said the fact that vehicles from other destinations enter or pass through the NCAA, chances are that they brought with them seeds of the alien plants.

Wild animals in the Ngorongoro have started migrating away from areas covered by the alien weeds.

In a 2013 journal, another researcher, Filemon Elisante reported on the distribution and abundance of *Datura stramonium* in the Ngorongoro, stating

that the spread of this alien invasive species was further catalysed by the construction of roads and viewpoints, road traffic, presence of tourist hotels and campsites, and movement of livestock.

Trials involving the use of Greenleaf desmodium plants have been shown to be effective in destroying the deadly *Gutenbergia cordifolia* weeds which are negatively affecting wildlife and other plant species.

The invasion of *Gutenbergia cordifolia* is a serious threat as it suppresses the growth of plants useful to herbivores in the sanctuary and from outside the conservation areas, the researcher noted.

Sap from crushed *Desmodium Intortum* when turned into liquid can be sprayed on the invasive weeds, destroying them instantly while the treatment remains biologically and environmentally safe, the researchers asserted.

Desmodium spraying eliminates over 80 percent of the deadly invasive weeds that so far come in three varieties. "Alien species mimicked the usual grass that herbivores like to eat, but being hard and tough, they caused the animals to hurt their mouths and lose their teeth in the process," they further noted.

Paying the local Maasai in the area to dig out the weeds proved to be slow, cumbersome and frequently resulted into complaints. It had to be abandoned and a more scientific campaign initiated, they explained.

The campaign is being implemented by the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) in collaboration with the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) and the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA).



Gisela Mugumira, a deputy director in the Finance and Planning ministry, addresses a Hazina Saccos annual general meeting in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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but globally.

Citing figures from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) Workforce Survey 2014, Fanti asserted that women accounted for 51 percent of the labour force in the informal sector, noting also that the private sector is dominated by men who account for 72 percent of entrepreneurs.

"The difference in wages is also huge, as those earning above 1.5m/- in paid employment, men account for 81 percent," he said, elaborating that only 15 percent of women have assured income in self-employment.

The key EU message for this year is 'Women Empowerment Benefits the Whole Society,' aligned with the Tanzania national theme for 2020 'End Gender Based Violence--Change Begins With Me.'

The global theme for this year's

campaign is "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!", highlighting the increased need to address violence against women and provide essential services for survivors.

UN Women representative to Tanzania, Hodan Addou said this year the UN agency wishes to promote positive gender norms and raise awareness of persistent harmful practices; expand accountability beyond state institutions; promote male engagement.

Engagement of traditional and religious leaders is also important to create more change agents, she said, affirming that this would inspire the public at large to be active participants in ending gender-based violence.

"UN Women remains committed to strengthening and expanding partnerships with all stakeholders in advancing gender equality and ending

violence against women and girls. We are extremely grateful for the support of all partners so that together, we can ensure that all women and girls, in Tanzania and beyond live a life free of violence," she declared.

Ambassador Clavier said the French embassy will fund two projects to empower women in agroecology, as women produce 50 percent of food and constitute two thirds of global labour but earn only 10 percent of total incomes.

France will also provide 1.5 million euros for the next two years to finance various cultural projects, he said.

"For France, fighting against GBV is a priority and needs to be addressed in partnership with governments, public institutions, civil society and UN organizations," the envoy noted.

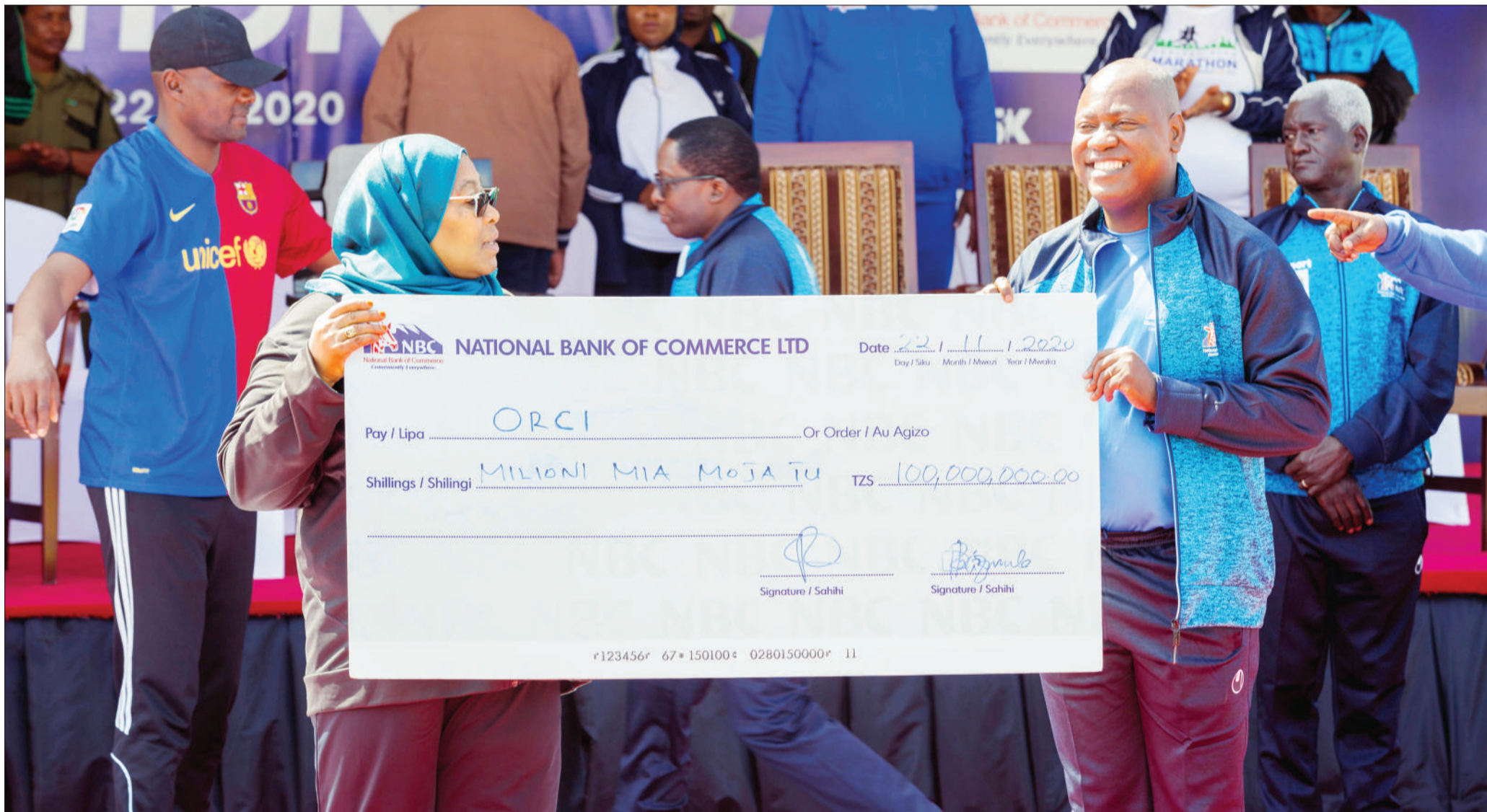
Ambassador Hess affirmed that Germany has been supporting gender-

based activism, funding a number of projects in the country.

Lianne Houben, the deputy head of mission at the Netherlands embassy noted that the protection of women and girls against violence is a priority in Dutch international gender policy. Violence against women and girls is universal as women across the world still experience sexual harassment and violence, she stated.

"GBV exists in every country, culture and community. Everybody has a role to play to change the situation," she emphasised.

In Tanzania, the embassy has been supporting Children Dignity Forum, a civic group, in preventing FGM, early child marriage and pregnancies in Mpwapwa District, Dodoma Region and Kitunda ward in Dar es Salaam, she added.



NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (R) pictured in Dodoma city yesterday presenting a dummy cheque for 100m/- to Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the inauguration of the NBC Dodoma Marathon. The money goes to the Dar es Salaam-based Ocean Road Cancer Institute, the contribution being in support of the national crusade against cervical cancer. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

US determined to enhance ties with Tanzania, affirms official

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his responsibilities in his tour of duty in the country is to get information on all available investment opportunities and promote the same to businessmen or potential investors in the US.

Walsh appealed for close cooperation between TIC and the embassy in matters involving business and investment for mutual benefit of the two countries.

Welcoming Walsh, Dr Kazi thanked the diplomat for the courtesy call and assured him that the centre is ready to work with the US Embassy to enhance business and investment ties between the two countries.

He also briefly outlined key sectors that American investors may take interest in as agriculture, industries, fisheries, livestock, tourism, technology and infrastructure.

TIC figures show that 331 projects have been registered since 1997 valued at \$295.6bn which created employment for 49,272 individuals, he said, noting also that the US is among top ten countries with registered projects at TIC in diverse sectors.

VP Samia lauds NBC in 100m/- cancer dummy cheque event

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against cervical cancer in Dodoma yesterday, where she said that it was imperative for other institutions to extend a hand to reduce alarming death levels from the debilitating disease. The bank handed a dummy cheque crediting 100m/- to the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI) in Dar es Salaam in sponsoring the NBC Dodoma Marathon in the capital, to raise awareness on the disease through sports.

NBC Executive Director Theobald Sabi handed over the cheque to his ORCI counterpart, Dr Julius Mwaiselage, who expressed gratitude at the gesture of concern.

The international marathon event will be held for five years on the basis of a tune 300m/- sponsorship deal signed by NBC Bank and Athletics Tanzania (AT).

"We thank NBC bank for this great initiative as 6695 patients

statistically die every year due to the fact that 75 percent of patients report to health centres by the time the disease is at an advanced stage.

The marathon event was co-sponsored by Jubilee Insurance, Pepsi, SGA Security, Sequa, Oryx Energies and Coral Paints among others, where VP Samia said about 649 health centres in the country diagnose cervical cancer, with more than 400,000 patients having undergone tests

for the disease this year, compared to over 120,000 cases tests conducted last year. She said the idea was to reach one million people by 2025 as cervical cancer treatments are offered in an even larger number of hospitals, including major referral hospitals like KCMC in Kilimanjaro region, Bugando in Mwanza and ORCI.

The government has installed highly standardized cervical cancer detecting equipment for

handling such cases, to avoid massive costs of referring patients overseas, she said. She expressed the government's gratitude to all stakeholders, including financial institutions for their readiness to support the health sector, urging NBC Bank, where possible to extend the gesture to other challenging health sector areas.

"There are so many areas which need attention, cervical cancer is one of them, but as you have

decided to deal with it first it is fine," she said.

"Last time I graced an event organized by CRDB Bank to generate funds for the treatment of people with heart problems at the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute."

"I therefore appeal for continued cooperation between the government and other spheres of the public sector to make sure that we jointly take up the challenges we face for the people's wellbeing," she added.



Nipashe newspaper cartoonist Abdul Kingo receives a certificate of participation from Dar es Salaam Traffic Police Commander Mkadam after attending Road Safety training at a cartoon exhibition held in remembrance of road accident victims. The event was held at the city's Ubungu Bus Terminal at the weekend. The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is marked each third Sunday in November as the appropriate acknowledgment of victims of road traffic crashes and their families. It was started by the British road crash victim charity, RoadPeace, in 1993 and was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2005. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

HBS called on to complete report by December, 2020

By Guardian Reporter

STATISTICIAN General Dr Albina Chuwa has instructed the technical team preparing the main report of the 2017/18 Tanzania Mainland Household Budget Survey (2017/18 HBS) to complete the work by end of this month.

She said the report, is planned to be disseminated early December, 2020. The report is very crucial as it would help the government in strategising on how to reduce poverty at households level.

"As the fifth phase government enters into its second term, it is prudent that the report provides the necessary statistical indicators in addressing problem of poverty in the country," she added.

The survey Key Findings Report was launched in June last year by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.

Dr Chuwa visited the team in Babati Manyara Region where it has been working for the last two weeks.

She explained that, the decision to write the report in Manyara Region was very strategic as "we aim at producing report which contains both data and opinion from

the people about our findings to make it more meaningful and useful to our government and other key stakeholders of the survey"

Dr Chuwa said asking the people about the findings and share their concerns will help us find the nexus between what we, as statisticians, are doing and what people on the ground are thinking about it.

She added that by doing so, they were doing qualitative study which "helps us move from purely theoretical into a more realistic report writing which contains peoples' opinion"

Statistician General admitted that the task before the team was formidable but with experience and skills which members possess she was confident they would make it on time.

Meanwhile, briefing the Statistician General, Social Statistics Manager at NBS, Sylvia Meku said the team has already completed the first draft of the 14-chapter report and what the members were now doing was to review chapters.

She pledged the team will work tooth and nail to ensure the report is completed on time ready for dissemination as planned coming this December.

Legal Services Facility all out to ensure justice for all - CEO

By Guardian Reporter

THE Legal Services Facility (LSF) is a non-governmental organisation which has been operational since September 2011. It is a basket fund created to channel funding on equal opportunity basis to organisations which are providing legal aid and paralegal services in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. These services assist individuals to claim their rights, redress grievances and protect their fundamental human rights.

Result-oriented grants aim to facilitate legal empowerment with increased protection of women's rights to land, property, safety and security. Grant making enables partners to expand and sustain the accessibility of legal aid services. Additionally, grants offer opportunities for institutional strengthening of the recipient, which contributes to sustainability of legal aid.

In order to streamline our efforts for maximum results and the highest social return on investment, The Legal Services Facility commits to substantive progress on well formulated outcomes in each of 3 result areas as mentioned below: Increase access to legal aid services, in particular for women; legally empowered communities and individuals, in particular for women; creating a conducive environment for legal aid provision and contributing to institutional sustainability of legal aid.

LSF through paralegals had now reached over 60,000 people within a year with legal education reaching 4.6 million people. The number of people reached with legal education has increased tremendously compared to 1.4 million people reached in 2017.

LSF chief executive officer, Lulu Ng'wanakilala said in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at editors forum organised by the firm.

"LSF partners to expand and sustain the accessibility of legal aid services through over 4,000 trained paralegals, we have managed to reach over 60,000 people per year," said Ng'wanakilala adding that 5 million people have been legally empowered through legal and human rights awareness building training capacity to broaden their understand on the use of the law for social and economic development.

She said that LSF works to promote human rights for all, and in particular for marginalised groups including women, children, men and the vulnerable such as people living with HIV/AIDS.

"We also work closely with the government at all levels, development partners, organisations involved in the provision of legal aid services and other stakeholders", said Ng'wanakilala.

In working to promote access to justice, she said LSF works to achieve accessibility of legal aid services for all vulnerable populations, particularly women, empowered communities legally and create a conducive environment for the provision of legal aid and legal empowerment as well as and sustainability of legal aid and legal empowerment.

She said that LSF has special funding strategy that touches on specific areas which have impact on the society.

Ng'wanakilala named such areas as gender and women empowerment programmes, urban legal empowerment programmes, working with people living with disabilities, strategic litigation, public interest cases, like early marriage and sectoral based programmes which over agricultural, mining, private sector and women economic empowerment.

As for now, LSF had covered 178 district and municipalities in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar. It had provided services to people in 1,795 wards with 4,031 active paralegals who offer legal aid and education to the public.

LSF has more than 200 organisations across the country who partners in delivering access to justice.

LSF is a basket fund established in September 2011 which is supported by DANIDA, DFID and the European Union and channels funding on equal opportunity basis to organisations providing access to justice (human rights) and paralegal services in Tanzania.



HOTEL SPACE FOR LEASE

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DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY - HOTEL SIDE

Basement: • Lifty Lobby • Parking lots • Water tanks Eighth Floor • Lifty Lobby • Wing A- Tanks and Pump House space. • Wing B- Comprises Swimming Pool, Gym and Bar. • 4Nos. Toilets	Ground Floor • Lifty Lobby • Parking lots • Hotel Reception (part of wing A)	First Floor (Wing A) • Lifts Lobby • Conference Hall • Restaurant • Cocktail • 5 Seminar rooms • Modern Kitchen • 2 Gents' toilets • 2 Ladies' toilets	Seventh Floor • Lifts Lobby • Hotel rooms • 4Nos. Toilets • Pantry, electricity control room and store Ninth Floor • Lifty Lobby • Hotel Rooms • 4Nos. Toilets • Pantry, electricity control room and store
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GENERAL LETTING CONDITIONS

- The hotel is let under 'as is' condition;
- Interested Party shall submit business proposal including rent and service charge per month payable to NSSF, past experience of operating hotel business and other company registration (business licence, certificate of incorporation, Tax registration Number).
 - Highest bidder will be considered to operate the hotel.
 - The hotel is well-furnished and it has all important hotel facilities.
 - Interested Party may contact NSSF Mwanza - Regional Manager to arrange a visit to the hotel property from 9:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs during the working days.

All expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below before 25th November 2020.

Director General, Benjamin Mkapa Pension Towers, Azikiwe St/ Jamhuri Streets, P.O.BOX 1322, Tel: (255) (22) 2163400- 19 or (255) (75) 6140140 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.



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DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY - HOTEL SIDE

Basement: - Parking space with storage tanks space and water pump room.	Ground Floor - Hotel reception - Restaurant and Hotel Kitchen	Fifth to Eight floor - 96 Hotel rooms. - Mini lounge	Ninth Floor - Laundry spaces
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- Highest bidder will be considered to operate the hotel.
- The hotel is not furnished.
- Interested Party may contact NSSF Kilimanjaro - Regional Manager to arrange a visit to the hotel property from 9:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs during the working days

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Floresta Tanzania plans to plant 1.4 million trees

By Francis Kajubi

FLORESTA Tanzania plans to plant 1.4 million trees around the base of Mount Kilimanjaro and several districts of the region for 2020/21 tree planting plan to facilitate environmental conservation and climate resilience.

The initiative which kicked off last month is being implemented in collaboration with the Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA) of the respective areas to be covered, and also intends at empowering people economically by exposing them to financial knowledge of how to generate funds for agricultural activities and businesses.

Richard Mhina, country director for Floresta Tanzania told this paper last week that the focus area for tree planting is at individual farms, road sides, around Institutions compounds and in water sources of rural Moshi, Rombo, Same, Shengen, Hai West, and Siha.

"The vast majority of rural families have little or no access to formal banking systems, leaving few alternatives other than turning to loan sharks who charge oppressive interest rates. Village Savings and Loan Associations



Damas Lubuva, head of Mufindi District Council's agricultural unit, speaks at the introduction of Yara Tanzania's 'Microp' fertiliser to the district at the weekend. Left (seated) is the Yara Tanzania's southern highlands zone business manager, John Meshack. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

(VSLA) featured in this initiative provides a financial safety net.

By educating them on microfinance issues we make farmers form groups of 20 to 30 individuals to work together to save their own money and then make loans to group members to develop small businesses instead of relying only on commercial banks' lenders. They use the money to invest in their farms hence generate income at low interest rates that they set themselves" said Mhina.

In January of each year Floresta Tanzania hosts farmers' group competition bringing together about 10,000 participants from all over Tanzania, award the best performing group in production and expose them to market opportunities of the globe.

"Well beyond the motivational importance this event is an opportunity to celebrate our work in a unique way and linking our farmers with the market through display of their produce. Floresta Tanzania is equipping farmers to

get at the literal roots of poverty through reforestation and sustainable farming techniques. By restoring their land, farmers are producing more food to put on the table and generate income to provide for household needs" he explained.

He asserted that the group decides on a fair interest rate, and those interest payments then go back to the group, which increases each member's individual savings.

Generally Mhina said that the tree planting ini-

tiative goes with a dedicated campaign run from the first week of November to the first week of December this year. Before this campaign an analysis of types of trees to be planted, number, and where to be planted was done.

Floresta Tanzania is a Christian development organization that transforms lives in rural areas where poverty and environmental degradation intersect. It works to equip impoverished farming families to change their circumstances and provide for their families.

Agriculture stakeholders commend arrival of new maize and rice fertiliser in Tanzania

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

AGRICULTURE stakeholders in Mufindi District, Iringa Region have praised the arrival of a new fertilizer – Microp produced and distributed by Yara Tanzania, saying the farm input will make a big difference in the country's farming sector.

The newly introduced fertilizer is specifically meant to increase maize and rice yields per acreage.

They were speaking during the official launch of new

fertilizer known as 'Microp' which is manufactured and supplied by Yara Tanzania.

They described the new fertilizer as a "redeemer" to farmers, noting that Microp proved to be effective as it doubles production as it has five different nutrients, which are important in increasing productivity.

"Many maize farmers have a big challenge when it comes to the use of fertilizer, whereby they have been using only practices that lead to poor

yields in the field, but with the advent of Microp fertilizer farmers will be able to get thirty bags of maize per acre," said Dr Juliana Mwakisindo, who is a researcher and manager of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Kifuyulilo in Mufindi District.

Head of agriculture unit for Mufindi District Council Damas Lubuva said Yara Tanzania has shown great success in caring for farmers in the district after launching the advent of Microp fertilizer,

suggesting the need for the council to team up with Yara in educating farmers through demonstration plots.

"As a council we think this fertilizer will be of great benefit to our farmers, what we promise is to provide education to farmers, extension officers and cooperatives so that they can receive it well, but in order to be productive and increase the production in the field we really suggest something to start with. At the moment it is in soil health testing,

we need to know the health of our soil and if possible even the demonstration plots where we will work on soil health would be known," said Lubuva. According to Yara Tanzania's Southern Highlands Business Manager, John Meshack, Microp fertilizer is aimed at uplifting the smallholder farmer to harvest more crops in the field and they are advising smallholder farmers to start using the fertilizer.

"We recommend that a smallholder farmer start with

this Microp fertilizer and then move on to Yaramila fertilizer because we do not offer other fertilizers in the market, and with this new fertilizer product we target 80% of maize and rice farmers whose capacity is limited. This is not expensive for them to get positive results in agriculture right now," said Meshack.

He explained that since Microp fertilizer entered the market in the Southern Highlands regions to date a total of 600,000 tonnes have been

purchased by farmers in two weeks including farmers in Songwe region as well as farmers in Mafinga Town Council in Iringa region.

"This fertilizer is being processed here in the country and the factory is located in Dar es Salaam and that is all about serving the farmers more closely," he said.

Meshack said the fertilizer contains the nutrients Zinc and Sulfur Micronutrients that are needed in crops so that they can have the best quality.



VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT

Health Links Initiative (HLI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to contribute in strengthening health systems in Tanzania. It was registered in September 2011 under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act, 2002. HLI vision is "Better quality assurance practices in public health laboratory and medicine in Tanzania".

The Project

HLI as a part of a consortium with the Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) has been awarded by the US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) funds to implement the Project "Strengthening the quality, accessibility and sustainability of the National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) in United Republic of Tanzania under the Presidents' Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). HLI is looking for a qualified candidate to fill in the following position:

Job Title: Strategic Information Officer

Location: Dar-es-Salaam

Reports to: Project Manager

Overall Job Summary:

The Strategic Information Officer is responsible for providing data management and technical expertise to ensure strategic information needs related to CDC/NHLS project. The candidate will have roles in monitoring and evaluation activities including providing technical assistance to the team.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collaborate with technical staff and other field officers in the collection, collation, and analysis of data from implementation of various interventions.
- Manage data from sub national levels and from sites that are supported by this project.
- Assist with revision of data collection tools and make recommendations based on observations at the field level.
- Enter data into various databases and perform data queries where necessary
- Develop and/or maintain tracking system for reports received and processed.
- Participate in training workshops to build capacity in Monitoring and Evaluation among key stakeholders
- Provide technical support on Strategic Information and evidence-based recommendations.
- Compilation of reports (monthly, quarterly and annual)
- Support technical staff in executing other tasks which may be required
- Any other duties as assigned by the Project Manager.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Monitoring and Evaluation Professional with health program M&E work experience; graduate degree in Epidemiology, Bio-Statistics, Statistics, Monitoring and Evaluation and/or Public Health desirable.
- Extensive experience in data processing and database management (from data capturing to data analysis for decision making). This should include high-level knowledge in the use of database management software (e.g. preferably, MS Access, SQL-Server and/or other), SQL, MS Excel, and data analysis software (e.g. STATA, SPSS, EPI Info, and/or other). Experience in the use / programming of PDAs will be considered an asset.
- Established track record in monitoring and evaluation of health programs, preferably HIV/AIDS
- Good interpersonal skills, team player, able to work under stress. Able to work with local and national authorities and community-based providers from different cultural backgrounds.
- Strong communication skills, including report writing and confidence in delivering complex presentations to a wide range of audiences
- Ability to interact well and develop positive relationships with Stakeholders of different backgrounds

Mode of application:

Interested candidates are invited to submit their application letters and a copy of CV in one document. The applications must be submitted not later than 16hours; November 27th, 2020 and channeled through the following address

Manager
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Health Links Initiative (HLI)
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14121, Mbezi Beach B
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Note that:

- The details of this post can also be visited through www.hli.or.tz
- Any application sent later than the mentioned date and time will not be considered.
- Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted. If you are not contacted within two weeks after the deadline of this advert; consider yourself unsuccessful
- Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY IN TANZANIA



GRADUATION CEREMONY

St. Joseph University In Tanzania is pleased to inform all 2020 Graduands, all stakeholders and members of the General Public that the Graduation Ceremony of **St. Joseph University in Tanzania** will be held on Friday, 11th December, 2020 at the University Ceremonial Ground, Kibamba "B" Mbezi-Luguruni Campus, along Morogoro Road, Dar es salaam, starting at 08.00 a.m. During the ceremony, the Chancellor of St. Joseph University in Tanzania will confer Degree, Diploma and certificate awards in Health, Engineering and Education to the 2019/2020 academic year graduands.

To participate in the aforesaid ceremony Graduands shall observe the following:

- Confirm to the DVC-Academics, Research and Public Engagement through the Admission's Office, their intention to participate in the ceremony by 7th December, 2020. Only those who confirm their participation on time will be considered for hiring graduation gowns.
- Pay a non-refundable fee of TZS 50,000 and a refundable deposit of TZS 80,000 at the time of submission of application for the graduation gown. The deposit will be refunded when the gown is returned. The Graduands may make use of part of their caution money for the purpose. Payment should be made into the "DMI - St. Joseph College of Engineering & Technology, Account No: 0301066674" at EXIM Bank, Dar es Salaam, not later than 7th December, 2020.
- Collect and sign an Agreement Form for hiring graduation gown at the Admission's Office. Gowns will be collected on 10th December, 2020 from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. at Kibamba "B" Mbezi- Luguruni Campus. Gowns should be returned on Monday 14th December, 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. A daily penalty of TZS 20,000 will be charged for each gown returned late.
- Attend Rehearsal, which will be held on Thursday 10th December 2020 from 02.00 to 04.00 p.m. at the University Ceremonial Ground, Kibamba "B" Mbezi- Luguruni Campus. Those who will not participate in the Rehearsal will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. After the rehearsal, there will be a thanksgiving mass for all participants
- Downloads**
 - Registration form
 - The Graduands can download Applications and Guidelines from the University website www.sjuit.ac.tz and watch the Graduation Day events live on www.sjuit.ac.tz
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What place for traditional medicine in today's Africa?

By Guardian Correspondents

JUST how prominent or popular is the use of traditional medicine in modern Africa? Not so much, unfortunately. Most of modern-day Africa has become very "westernised", once could say, and heavily depends on Western medicine for even the commonest of ailments.

"I go to the hospital and after the doctor gives me the prescription, I go to the pharmacy or the drugstore, buy whatever is so prescribed and begin taking it," says Mariam, a small trader living in Dar es Salaam.

She is like numerous other residents of Tanzania, whether in urban areas or in village settings, who rely heavily on Western medicine. But for obvious reasons, including availability of the drugs, this applies more to urban residents than the rest of the population.

With increased rural-urban migration, there are more and more people in African countries using Western medicine for the treatment of most ailments. Consequently, generation after generation and with continual rural-urban migration, African traditional remedies are being lost.

However, all is not lost, and it has taken a global pandemic in the form of the coronavirus to shake the continent back to its roots.

When Covid-19 struck, as predicted, Africa was not ready. Or was it?

If you look at Western countries and how, with their modern and sophisticated machineries, laboratories, near infinite resources and all manner of medical experts, they responded by setting up mobile labs, quickly isolating suspects, suggesting pills and so and so forth, then Africa was indeed far from prepared to meet the challenge from a point of strength.

No wonder, for many it was the end of poorly prepared Africans - although, as actually happened, that was not to be and in fact it turned out to be the contrary.

Leaving aside the behavioural changes that the continent quickly adapted and adopted, Africa - pushed to the corner for medical solutions - was rudely reminded of its history, its rich and indeed proverbial knowledge of plant-based medicines.

There was little option really because, after all, modern Africa relied on Western medicine yet when it came to the coronavirus, the West had no pills or injections for that and there simply is no cure thus far.

Worse still, unlike the other incurable diseases like HIV and Aids or the cancers, Covid-19 did not give its victims respite. Rather, it took root and within hours, the victim's respiratory system fatally

collapsed - and millions have died globally in a matter of months.

"Sisi tulichokifanya ni kuanza kujifukiza..." This short Kiswahili short sentence soon became a most-repeated statement in Tanzania and probably carried a similar message in many other languages across Africa.

There is no direct translation to English for this largely because well, there is no English or shall we say Western meaning to it. After all, it refers to traditional African medical remedies that simply do not exist in the West.

While we cannot translate, we can explain it. I followed a middle-aged man down a road in one of Dar es Salaam's slum areas. The road was bordered by numerous vending stalls and shacks, and littered with all manner of trash. The noise was immense as traders shouted instructions back and forth.

"Twende, twende, ni pale mbele tu," said the old man; this we can translate: "Let's go, let's go, it's just ahead," the man urged me on.

I was following him to his home, where he would show me a collection of leaves that he swore protected him and his family from contracting Covid-19.

When we got to his humble abode, I was welcomed by the jubilant laughter of children playing outside a small house, one



Traditional preparation of herbal medicines in Bukoba Rural District. File photo

of a chain of tiny little rooms. An old woman emerged from the house at the old man's bidding.

She flashed a bright smile and welcomed me 'home'. A few quick directions were given to the children and soon we had several stools to sit on. There was a charcoal stove to the side, while an aluminium pot with simmering

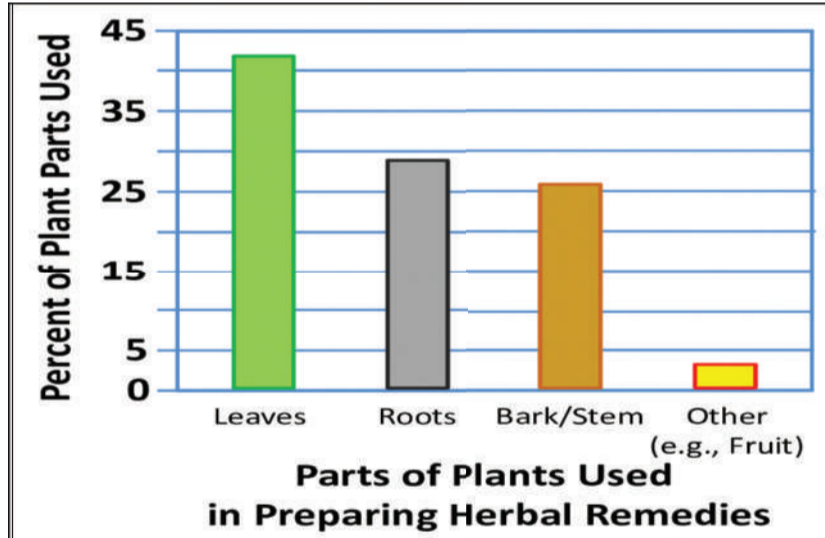
fluid in it sat on it.

The old man walked over to a nearby tree and pulled down a branch from a tree, explaining to me that it was the leaves and barks that made what was boiling in the pot on the charcoal stove. A heavy piece of cloth was brought and then the pot was brought in front of us.

When the lid was lifted, a plume

of steam rose to the sky and, on command, one of the children took the cloth, leant over the steaming pot and covered himself with the cloth. He soon re-emerged from under the blanket, sweating all over. The old man gestured; it was my turn. That was precisely the process the Kiswahili sentence referred to above meant.

Why herbal remedies were effective against Covid-19 epidemic in Africa



By Guardian Correspondent

African healers quickly learnt that the coronavirus attacked the respiratory system, and so they used various mint-based or mintish herbs, barks and roots to make various remedies. The concoctions are inhaled just as in the case I learnt from the old man and his grandchildren.

This process of covering oneself under a blanket or some other cloth with a steaming pot of boiled herbs by the side is what the vendor woman had told me about. This 'steaming' action is what is referred to in

Kiswahili as 'kufukiza' and, even well before Covid-19 struck, has been in common use across Africa for many ailments.

If the truth be said, there are few households in Tanzania that have not experimented with the simple but trusted practice - and it has often worked!

The steam from the medicinal herbs help to open the air ways that would otherwise be clogged by the coronavirus, eventually causing the victim to lose breath. Pure magic, probably. But pure science, for sure.

However, steaming is not the only

traditional remedy one can talk of. Relief or even cure is also possible through ingestion, chewing the barks or drinking juice derived through the boiling of the plants.

Ten common African herbal solutions:

Amaranthus dubius, a flowering plant, also known as spleen amaranth
Amaranthus hybridus, commonly known as smooth pig-weed or slim amaranth
Amaranthus spinosus, also known as spiny amaranth

Asystasia gangetica, an ornamental ground cover known as Chinese violet.

Centella asiatica, a small herbaceous annual plant commonly referred to as Asiatic pennywort

Ceratopogon trilooba, a tall annual plant that flowers in summer sometimes referred to as poppy sue

Chenopodium album, also called lamb's quarters, this is a weedy annual plant

Emex australis, commonly known as southern three corner jack

Galinsoga parviflora, commonly referred to as gallant soldier

Justicia flava, also known as yellow justicia

Traditional medicine in the modern world

Did you know that there is an African Traditional Medicine Day (ATMD)? Well, it is indeed there - and it is observed each August 31.

"Traditional medicine has been used for centuries to improve people's well-being and it continues to play a central role in public health care in Africa," says the World Health Organisation's Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti.

Dr Moeti adds: "It draws on the continent's rich and unique biodiversity of aromatic and medicinal plants. It is also a promising industry that African countries can do more to export internationally." The question worth seeking an answer to is whether this is being done.

In his message on the occasion of this year's ATMD, Dr Moeti cited the fact that as Covid-19 pandemic raged, African



Traditional healer Bi Mwanahija Mzee (C) of Zanzibar folds a herb in a piece of paper to give to a mother who said her child had constipation. File photo

traditional medicine took the spotlight, starting with widespread discussion of Covid-organics as a potential remedy for the virus.

"Action has accelerated to study this remedy, with a view to scaling-up production if it is shown to be effective," he noted. This reflects marvellously on Tanzania, its very own Dar es Salaam-based National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

having produced a widely acknowledged and applied remedy for Covid-19-like symptoms. This is the largest public health research institution in Tanzania

WHO support for organic solutions to Covid-19

The UN's specialised health agency and Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have supported the

development of organic solutions in addressing the Covid-19 crisis through the drawing up of a master protocol for clinical trials of traditional medicines for the pandemic.

Additionally, WHO has also established a regional Expert Advisory Committee bringing together experts from across the continent to oversee the study of COVID-organics and other potential remedies.

Formalising traditional medicine in Africa

According to WHO's Dr Moeti, some 40 African countries now have national policies on traditional medicine, up from eight in 2000, and many have integrated traditional medicine into their national health policies and even gone on to establish regulatory frameworks for traditional medical practitioners.

At least 24 countries have academic institutions that offer traditional medicine courses to pharmacy and medical students. Also, in 17 countries, referral pathways have been established between traditional and conventional health practitioners, and eight countries are strengthening integrated delivery of conventional and traditional medicine services.

In Ghana, availability of integrated services has doubled from 19 facilities offering these services in 2012 to 40

in 2020 - by all standards not a mean achievement.

In fact, Ghana, Mali and South Africa already have partial health insurance coverage for traditional medicine and allied products and related services, thus protecting people from financial hardships in line with action towards universal health coverage.

As noted by the World Health Organisation's Regional Director for Africa, it will do Africa immense good ensuring that traditional medicine as practised on the continent becomes more fully recognised internationally. Indeed, Dr Moeti's assurance about the UN health agency's commitment to promoting safe and effective traditional medicines for better well-being in Africa is most comforting.



Traditional healer Bi Mwanahija Mzee (C) checks the diaper on a child taken to her for constipation treatment. File photo

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Agriculture stakeholders discuss performance of food, cash crops

By Guardian Reporter

AGRICULTURE stakeholders are set to meet in Vwawa, Mbozi District, Songwe Region for a two-day convention to deliberate on the best partnership approaches to improve performance of the poultry, rice, avocado, sunflower, potato and dairy agricultural value chains.

This involves the private and public sector, non-state actors and development partners from the national and Songwe and Mbeya regions, referred to together as the Mbarali Cluster, led by SAGCOT Centre Ltd. and the Songwe Regional Secretariat.

According to SAGCOT Centre Ltd., the meeting, to be held today and tomorrow, will provide a platform for dialogue amongst stakeholders on key issues of relevance to the agricultural and related sectors' growth in the cluster.

Some of the issues to be discussed include sustainable transformation agriculture zooming in on environmental and social issues; regulatory and policy issues; new opportunities for investment in production, processing and marketing as well as agreeing on approaches for realizing the opportunities or devise a way to overcome challenges.

SAGCOT Centre Ltd. pointed out that the meeting will provide a platform to discuss the bottlenecks hindering agricultural development in Mbarali Cluster and suggest better ways to sustainably

improve agribusiness.

Public sector, which involve ministries, departments and agencies, is expected to share their coordination role of different actors working in their area of jurisdiction while the private agribusiness on their side will share new innovations, progress and challenges faced. Development

Partners projects are expected to share details on various projects and programs (on-going, new, and planned) in Mbarali Cluster.

CSOs will present facilitation role that their organizations are to improve agricultural production and productivity, social and environmental issues and challenges they face.

The meeting will also provide a unique opportunities for actors to take up specific responsibilities and commitment to deliver by signing a compact statement which will be signed by the Public Sector, Private Sector including local and international agribusinesses active in Mbarali Cluster and dealers in agro-inputs, business development, extension services and environmental organisations.

Commenting about the meeting, the Songwe Regional Commissioner, Brigadier General Nicodemus Mwangela, said the meeting provides a unique dialogue opportunity for agricultural stakeholders and will ultimately contribute to development of the agricultural sector.



M-Pesa director Epimack Mbeteni (R) and Vodacom Tanzania Plc business director Linda Riwa (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend launching the firm's 'Shangwe Shangwena' promotion under which lucky M-Pesa customers will win Renault Kwid cars. The campaign runs in tandem with celebrations to mark the mobile phone service provider's 20th anniversary. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Submit complaints, opinions over plastic wrappers ban, says NEMC

By Guardian Reporter

THREE days after naming December 31 this year as deadline for use of plastic wrappings various goods by traders, the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) has appealed to all those with complaints or advice to refer the same to the Council or Tanzania

Bureau of Standards (TBS).

In its yesterday's press statement, NEMC said the June 30 2019 prohibition for manufacture, distribution and use of plastic bags for carrying goods was successful; there have been an increase in the use of plastic wrappers in the streets that are a threat to the environment.

"Our aim was good as it was to

ensure laws and all procedures on environmental protection were adhered to at all times. We believe producers who stand to be affected will submit their complaints," the NEMC statement said.

The increase in the production of plastic tubings of which origin have not been clearly determined and have no TBS

approval was dangerous to people's health and their environment, the statement further said.

It further said the manufacture, distribution and use of the wrappers was a breach Regulation 3 and 4 of the NEMC Act of 2004, that were formulated and gazetted in 2019 for the implementation of the government

prohibition of plastic bags.

Regulation 3 requires manufacturers to have permits from TBS after satisfying the set criteria, but as for now this regulation was not being adhered to, much less respected the statement added.

In the statement, NEMC as the country's sole environmental authority stressed that it was

not ready to see the continuation of manufacture of plastic wrappers that do not abide by environmental regulations.

It said the presence of these wrappers in the market violates Regulation 4(b) and 9(c) of the NEMC Act that protects the health of the people and their environment.

Since the 2019 ban of plastic

bags, some 2,761 manufacturers of alternative carrying bags were established that created many employment opportunities for Tanzanians.

NEMC continues to urge Tanzanians to cooperate with it by passing information on the manufacture of banned plastic bags in order to take appropriate legal action.



PCI Tanzania Qualitative Study Request for Letters of Interest

Project Concern International has partnered with GAP Inc. to implement a life skills training project, PACE, with savings groups in the Mara Region between August 2018 – December 2020.

PCI is seeking a consultant or firm to conduct a qualitative evaluation of its PACE project utilizing key informant interviews and focus group discussions. The PACE program delivers curricula to men and women to provide foundational life skills, technical training and support that will help them advance in their personal lives. Qualified applicants meet the following minimum requirements:

- extensive experience in qualitative data collection and analysis,
- ability to lead primary data collection in Kiswahili and strong English writing skills.

Interested candidates should indicate their Expressions of Interest by submitting the following by December 2, 2020:

- letter of interest describing qualifications,
- curriculum vitae of key team members, and
- a list of previous, relevant evaluations with the date and client contact information.

Please submit all materials to Wilfred Donath: wdonath@pciglobal.org; and copying Hillary Dashina: hdashina@pciglobal.org; Stephanie Grow: sgrow@pciglobal.org

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Save your money in banks, not in homes, TAMWA tells Zanzibar entrepreneurs

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR entrepreneurs have been called on to save their money in banks instead of keeping them in their homes.

Speaking after an entrepreneurs training on the issue of finances including the need for budgeting, Nairat Abdallah Ali, women economic empowerment officer from the Tanzania Media Women Association (Tamwa-Zanzibar)

said saving money in the bank was safer than keeping it at home.

She said they have decided to conduct the training for their entrepreneurs who were being sponsored through the Weza Phase Three Programme after realising that they keep their money in unsafe places including money boxes at home.

She also called on the entrepreneurs to ensure they increase efforts in the

production of their goods to attract the market to increase their income.

Nairat also called on the entrepreneurs to use the opportunity given including their empowerment in order to be part of change.

She said normally, in order for a customer to buy anything, he would like to see its quality.

Muhiddin Ramadhani, TAMWA-Zanzibar's Marketing Officer called on the entrepreneurs not to lose hope from the many challenges they face.

He said: "We in TAMWA understand your many challenges facing you but I ask you not to be discouraged, but turn them to be part of the opportunities."

He said the main thing was for them to work together as well as with other stakeholders who will be among those who would motivate them in enhancing opportunities for markets.

Some entrepreneurs said among the challenges the face include lack of packaging for their goods after manufacture.

Faida Mohamed, one of the traders said lack of markets for their goods was one other challenge, but packaging was the biggest challenge for them.

"In the circumstances we are sometimes forced to remain with our goods at home without having the right places to take them to for sale," she said, calling on financial institutions to ease loan conditions for the small traders.



The World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) is a non-profit, autonomous international agricultural research center with headquarters in Taiwan and five regional offices around the globe. WorldVeg conducts research and development programs that contribute to realize the potential of vegetables for healthier lives and more resilient livelihoods. (For more information please visit our website: www.avrdc.org). The WorldVeg Regional Center for Eastern and Southern Africa based in Arusha is inviting for bids for a

Market Systems Assessment of Horticulture Production – Trading – Processing – and Support Sectors in Zanzibar

within the context of the USAID funded Profitable and Sustainable Youth Vegetable Business project.

The project aims to use the Vegetable Business Network (VBN) approach to improve the linkage between farmers and consumers through building stable and sustainable business relationships aimed at quality and fairness between the different actors as well as supporting their business development. The project will involve several partners.

In this context, WorldVeg is looking for a consultant to implement a market systems assessment and business modelling study in Zanzibar. The consultant / team of consultants applying will ideally have a combination of expertise in market systems – and value chain analysis and development, business and horticulture production, trade and processing in Tanzania.

Timing of the evaluation: Early 2021

Closing date applications: Thursday 10th December 2020 12 midnight.

All interested consultants can get the detailed TOR by downloading them either directly through

<https://avrdc.org/download/jobs/expressions/Market-systems-assessment-of-horticulture-production.pdf>

or by clicking on the link on the following webpage: <https://avrdc.org/join-us/consultants/>

Note: The terms of reference will be available through the link only on Monday, 23 November 2020 at 2 pm Nairobi time (GMT+3).

Hazina Saccos unveils plans to foot members' HESLB debt

By Getrude Mbagi

HAZINA Saccos Ltd, a registered cooperative for public servants has unveiled plans to take over and foot all loans whose members are owed by the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB).

Aliko Mwaiteleke, board chairman of the Saccos said this in Dar es Salaam during the weekend at the opening of the 7th annual conference which brought together members from all over the country.

According to him, the manage-

ment and board have received requests from the majority of members calling on possible ways to help them clear their outstanding debts.

"We are currently discussing this matter, and may be a few months to come, we will come up with a positive decision, we want our members now to focus on their development issues rather than thinking on the HESLB loan," he said.

Mwaiteleke said that the loans will be cleared as per the agreement where a member will have to pay it later to the Hazina Sac-

cos Ltd.

"For example, maybe our member owes HESLB a certain amount of money, Hazina Saccos will clear the debt giving an opportunity for the member to continue paying the same loan to Hazina but slowly and without horror," he explained.

Meanwhile, the board chair said that the Hazina Savings and Credit Cooperative Society has also reduced interest rates in loans from 24 percent to 13 percent per year. "Business and development loans interest rate was previously at 15 percent

equal to 1.25 percent per month on reducing rate. This has gone down to 13 percent per year equal to 1 percent per month. On the part of the bank standing order loans, interest rate has gone down from 24 percent to 18 percent per year equal to 2 percent per year to 1.5 percent per month," he said.

He acknowledged that Hazina Saccos has been a saviour of economic problems to a number of public servants.

"Our aim is to ensure that through the Saccos, public servants improve their capitals, businesses and incomes, we will con-

tinue reviewing and reducing loan interest rates so as to give more relief to our members," he added.

Mwaiteleke said that loans amounting to 4.33bn/- have been disbursed to a number of members from January to September, this year.

"A total of 951 members benefited from various loans, where by 341 members took the development loan and 513 members took the emergence loan, our Saccos now has a capital of 12bn/- with over 4000 members," he said. Doto James, Per-

manent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning commended the Saccos's leadership for supervising well the operations and plans to ensure that its members benefits heavily from the cooperative.

In his speech which was read on behalf of the ministry's assistant director- Human Resources, Gisela Mugumira, the PS urged public servants who are yet to join the Saccos to do so and thus benefit from various products provided by it.

He commended Saccos's management for reducing loan

interest rates from 2.5 to 1 percent per month.

He also urged the Saccos's leadership to work hard and encourage more members to join the cooperative.

"Invest in awareness programmes on the importance of saving whatever little they get, members should be trained on proper use of the funds to bring development in their families and the nation at large," he added. James further called on the members of the Saccos to make proper use of the loans to improve their lives.

Organisation in new campaign to plant ten million trees by 2022

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

A SUSTAINABLE development organisation, Raleigh Tanzania Society is set to plant ten million trees by June 2022 through 'tomorrow we'll be late' (kesho tutachelewa) tree planting campaign, a senior official revealed over the weekend.

Secretary of the Morogoro-based Society Elibariki Simon said this when speaking at the launch of the campaign, which is expected to involve 10 million youth from 20 Tanzania's institutions.

The idea of the campaign is to address wanton tree felling in the country for fuel wood, he said.

He said in order to attain those goals they were working together with various other institutions including stakeholders from the government's environmental sectors such as Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) and other private organisations.

He said the changes will assist policy makers to implement positive environmental policies as well as mobilizing the young Tanzania to generation to work keeping in mind of the

coming generations, the community and the nation in general.

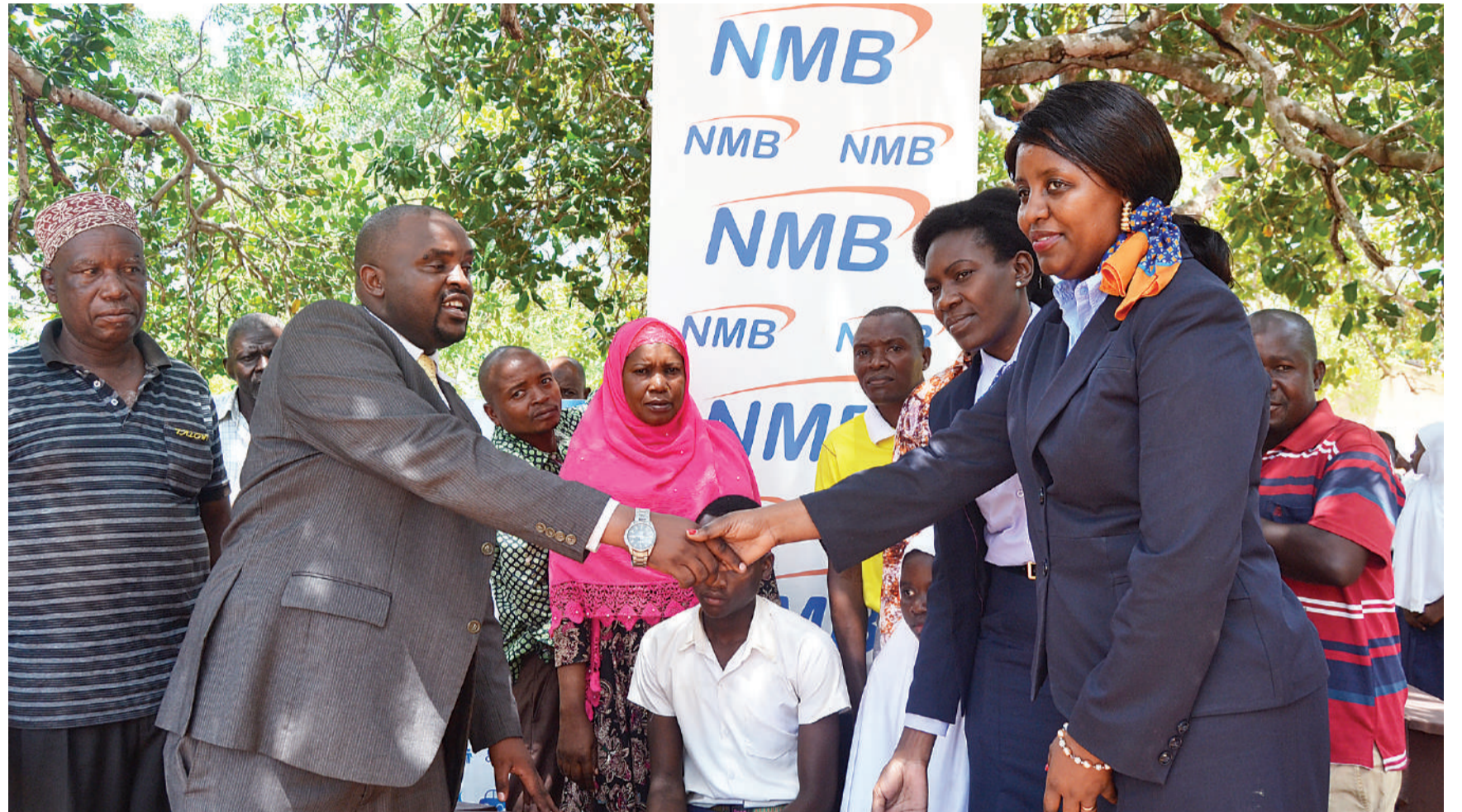
He said according to statistics from the natural resources and tourism sectors, Tanzania was losing 3000,000 to 400,000 hectares of its forests every year, more than twice of the world average.

He also said the harvest of timber, charcoal and other forest products has to a large extent contributed to the disappearance of the forests, whereby between 2001 and 2015 1.8 million hectares of forest land was, according to one UN report.

Simon said Tanzania, with more than two thirds of youth below 25 years of age, but mobilization for the youth's awareness in the making a 'green' Tanzania was still not great.

Gerald Tupa, Raleigh Community Coordinator said the community was established in 2014 and has more than 1,000 youth from the country's various regions.

Tupa said in the sustainable tree planting campaign, more than 40,000 have been planted between 2016 and 2017 in Morogoro, Arusha, Mwanza and in districts thereof.



Kilwa District Council director Ratus Mchau (L) symbolically receives 100 desks from NMB Bank Plc southern zone manager Janeth Shango at the weekend for use by Kipindimbi Primary School, which is reported to be facing a critical shortage of the items. It is said the school had to come to the help of Njinjo Primary School pupils after the latter closed was hit by floods earlier this year. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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5	Provision of Data Centre maintenance
6	Provision of office vehicle maintenance services
7	Provision of Cash in Transit Services
8	Provision of Security Guard Services
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Fisheries: An aquatic resource forming core of blue economy

THE blue economy may warrant a significant departure from the conventional fishing practices and regulations in the SADC region. In addition, this may necessitate changes in the legal and institutional structures for enabling a smooth realisation of blue economy goals.

Fish farming or pisciculture involves raising fish commercially in tanks or enclosures such as fish ponds, usually for food. It is the principal form of aquaculture, while other methods may fall under mariculture. A facility that releases juvenile fish into the wild for recreational fishing or to supplement a species' natural numbers is generally referred to as a fish hatchery. Worldwide, the most important fish species produced in fish farming are carp, tilapia, salmon, and catfish.

Demand is increasing for fish and fish protein, which has resulted in widespread overfishing in wild fisheries. China provides 62 per cent of the world's farmed fish. As of 2016, more than 50 per cent of seafood was produced by aquaculture. In the last three decades, aquaculture has been the main driver of the increase in fisheries and aquaculture production, with an average growth of 5.3 per cent per year in the period 2000-2018, reaching a record 82.1 million tonnes in 2018.

Farming carnivorous fish, such as salmon, does not always reduce pressure on wild fisheries. Carnivorous farmed fish are usually fed fishmeal and fish oil extracted from wild forage fish. The 2008 global returns for fish farming recorded by the FAO totaled 33.8 million tonnes worth about \$US 60 billion.

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) has recorded an increase in aquaculture production which rose to 100,950 tonnes in 2020, from 92,773 tonnes reported in 2019.

Ocean and inland waters such as lakes, rivers and reservoirs in the SADC

region provide significant benefits to citizens such as food and nutrition security from fisheries and aquaculture, and economic and social development from fisheries and aquaculture.

The fisheries sector in SADC member states, comprising marine and inland capture fisheries and aquaculture, generates a variety of benefits, including nutrition and food security, livelihoods, employment, exports and foreign currency, and conservation and biodiversity values that are of global significance.

As part of the implementation of the SADC Regional Aquaculture Strategy, 12 member states have implemented national aquaculture programmes in line with the regional strategy, resulting in the increase in aquaculture production.

Development and approval of Guidelines for Aquaculture Management in the SADC region was done to support sustainable, environmentally and socially acceptable aquaculture practices in the region.

Capacity building programmes to support aquaculture value chains were also conducted through transformation of aquaculture in the SADC region by way of regional training meetings.

The fisheries sector in SADC contributes an average of about two percent to regional GDP, with total average exports worth of US\$152 million and average imports of US\$100 million.

Fisheries are a vital oceanic and aquatic resource that forms the core of the blue economy in the Region. Besides wild catch, there has been phenomenal growth in fish farming in SADC.

While adoption of aquaculture is growing over time due to increasing demand for fish and fish products, people in the region view aquaculture as a sector for gainful employment and self-enterprise. The sector employs about 145,000 people, and more than one million benefit indirectly.

Marking World Television Day can raise awareness on issues of global importance

IN December 1996 the United Nations proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996. World Television Day is run every year.

Television continues to be the single largest source of video consumption. Though screen sizes have changed, and people create, post, stream and consume content on different platforms, the number of households with television sets around the world continues to rise.

The interaction between emerging and traditional forms of broadcast creates a great opportunity to raise awareness about the important issues facing our communities and our planet.

Television (TV), sometimes shortened to tele or telly, is a telecommunication medium used for transmitting moving images in monochrome (black and white), or in colour, and in two or three dimensions and sound.

The term can refer to a television set, a television show, or the medium of television transmission. Television is a mass medium for advertising, entertainment, news, and sports.

Television became available in crude experimental forms in the late 1920s, but it would still be several years before the new technology would be marketed to consumers.

After World War II, an improved form of black-and-white TV broadcasting became popular in the United Kingdom and United States, and television sets became commonplace in homes, businesses, and institutions. During the 1950s, television was the primary medium for influencing public opinion.

In the mid-1960s, colour broadcasting was introduced in the US and most

other developed countries. The availability of multiple types of archival storage media such as Betamax and VHS tapes, high-capacity hard disk drives, DVDs, flash drives, high-definition Blu-ray Discs, and cloud digital video recorders has enabled viewers to watch pre-recorded material—such as movies—at home on their own time schedule.

For many reasons, especially the convenience of remote retrieval, the storage of television and video programming now occurs on the cloud (such as the video on demand service by Netflix).

At the end of the first decade of the 2000s, digital television transmissions greatly increased in popularity. Since 2010, with the invention of smart television, Internet television has increased the availability of television programmes and movies via the Internet through streaming video services such as Netflix, Amazon Video, iPlayer and Hulu.

In 2013, 79 per cent of the world's households owned a television set. Television signals were initially distributed only as terrestrial television using high-powered radio-frequency transmitters to broadcast the signal to individual television receivers.

Alternatively television signals are distributed by coaxial cable or optical fiber, satellite systems and, since the 2000s via the Internet. Until the early 2000s, these were transmitted as analog signals, but a transition to digital television is expected to be completed worldwide by the late 2010s.

A standard television set is composed of multiple internal electronic circuits, including a tuner for receiving and decoding broadcast signals. A visual display device which lacks a tuner is correctly called a video monitor rather than a television.

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The fight against money laundering: An African perspective!

By Special Correspondent

DESPITE estimates from organisations such as the IMF and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), it is impossible to know exactly how much money is "legalised" every year.

They put the sum between 2 and 5 per cent of the global GDP; if so, around \$2.5tn was laundered in 2014, more than the GDP of the Russian Federation, India, Italy or Brazil.

The tragedy for the world is that these vast sums come from some of the most insidious crimes: the trafficking of women and children, drug smuggling, illegal arms sales and the funding of terrorist organizations. This is big business and it presents all of us in the frontier and emerging markets in Africa, in particular, with a difficult reality. Illegal transactions or financial discrepancies can take place anywhere in the world.

There is, however, a lower risk of detection in African countries because our compliance programmes are often not as robust as they should be and in some cases simply ineffective. If African nations and the region as a whole are serious about helping in the global fight against terror, drugs and human trafficking then we need to reassess what we are doing. We need to acknowledge



that in many places significant progress has been made - but that there is still more that needs to be done. And if we are to make progress quickly, we need to work collectively as well as within our own borders as the region looks to realize its full economic potential.

One of the most important steps for all African countries is to engage fully with global financial compliance institutions such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). It has developed international standards for legal, regulatory and operational measures, in addition

to pushing for the political will required to achieve national legislative and regulatory reforms.

African countries need to work with these organizations and - most importantly - implement the policies and procedures they recommend to streamline their financial mechanisms. It is, however, the legal adoption of policies and the creation of laws that govern financial transactions that are so crucial in this journey.

The Republic of Angola issued its first anti-money laundering resolution

(no.19) in 1999, which the government has continuously revised. Further resolutions were passed in 2010 and 2011 that ratify the unlawful trafficking of narcotics and psychotropic substances, cross-border crime and the elimination of the financing of terrorism. Revision of existing laws is critical because the technologies and tactics used by global criminal networks are always evolving.

A failure to respond to changing world events poses not only a threat to global peace and stability but to our own national security as well. African countries also need to appreciate that a failure to act threatens the security of their banking systems and may potentially endanger socio-economic development.

Adoption of international policies is, however, only part of the journey - prevention and punishment present African nations with an even greater challenge.

We must acknowledge that the continent has a legacy of corruption and poor transparency - the world knows this and we need to continue to respond accordingly. We have a special responsibility to demonstrate that - just as we strive to build world class economies - we are capable of stamping out corruption at every level. So there is a cultural aspect to enforcing behavioural change, particularly in non-banking sectors.

It's three years of disaster

By Tinashe Kairiza

IN November 2017, President Emmerson Mnangagwa swept to power through a military coup that toppled long-time leader Robert Mugabe, pledging to mend the country's battered economy, curtail rampant corruption and roll out a raft of economic and political reforms.

However, three years after the dramatic take-over, Zimbabwe's fragile economy continues to be battered, characterised by runaway inflation of 471.3% in October, declining exports, widespread company closures, job losses and a ballooning debt of around US\$10 billion (official figures). The Covid-19 pandemic and the containment measures have had a significant impact on the country's economy.

At the heart of Zimbabwe's multi-faceted crisis, the southern African country is in the throes of rampant public corruption fuelled by the political elite and a checkered human rights record.

Ironically, Mnangagwa's administration riding on a wave of international goodwill and overwhelming support at home after decades of Mugabe's misrule hogged the limelight through his pledge to ring in key economic and political reforms per-

ceived as key to set Zimbabwe on a firm recovery and growth trajectory.

But before the euphoria surrounding Mugabe's dramatic exit from power had receded, critics pointed out that Mnangagwa's ascendancy to the helm would perpetuate the system of patronage and corruption that his predecessor had established, rather than uproot it.

Economist Tawanda Purazeni observed that with Mnangagwa bent on consolidating his grip on power, the odds were stacked against his government's ability to turn around the economy.

"Three years after the advent of the new dispensation, Zimbabwe's economy is worse off. Power transfer was not smooth and this affected the goods and financial markets.

"Inflation has skyrocketed and this is compounded by low capacity utilisation. FDI has continued to shrink over the years," Purazeni said.

In 2018, ahead of a historic poll in August, state security agents shot dead six civilians protesting against "delays" in the announcement of presidential results. Though Mnangagwa's victory was upheld by the Constitutional Court (ConCourt), the polls were blighted by the gunning down of civilians by state security agents.

Faced with a tide of criticism, the

government instituted a commission of inquiry headed by former South African president Kgalema Motlanthe to probe circumstances around the fatal shootings.

Its recommendations, which included bringing the soldiers who shot the civilians to book and compensating the victims and their families, received international endorsement.

However, three years after the military coup, no arrests have been made and compensation to the victims is yet to be paid. Barely six months after the shootings, members of the security forces shot dead more than a dozen unarmed people protesting against fuel price increases of around 150%, according to human rights organisations. Mnangagwa was once again roundly condemned.

In his first term in office, which ends in 2023, Mnangagwa's administration has also been castigated for its heavy-handed approach towards dealing with dissent. His administration has been hit by allegations of abductions of political opponents.

The alleged abduction and torture of three women activists, namely Joana Mamombe, Cecilia Chimhiri and Netsai Marova by state security agents and subsequent arrest of the trio also sparked criticism.

Amnesty International said then:

"The continued arbitrary detention of Joana Mamombe, Cecilia Chimhiri and Netsai Marova amounts to persecution and is designed to send a chilling message to anyone daring to challenge the Zimbabwean authorities.

"Zimbabwean authorities must end this travesty. The authorities must immediately and unconditionally release Joana Mamombe, Cecilia Chimhiri and Netsai Marova, and stop their campaign of intimidating and harassing opposition leaders and activists. Authorities must immediately withdraw all the charges against the opposition leaders."

The continued incarceration of local journalist Hopewell Chin'ono has done little to deflect criticism against Mnangagwa's beleaguered administration. On corruption, Mnangagwa's administration has also been roundly criticised, particularly over its mismanagement of funds meant to contain the global pandemic, coronavirus.

The controversy surrounding the awarding of a US\$1 million procurement contract in June without going to tender to Drax International, whose beneficial owner has close ties with Mnangagwa's son Sean, laid bare rampant corruption pervasive in government circles being fuelled by the political elite.



**Expression of Interest (EOI)/ Request for Information (RFI):
Underground Production, Exploration and Grade Control Drilling Services
for Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML).**

Introduction:

Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) an AngloGold Ashanti Ltd ("AGA") asset is located in north western Tanzania, in the Lake Victoria goldfields of the Geita region.

The Services will be performed at GGML lease, located in Geita District, Geita Region, approximately 910km from Dar es Salaam and 120km west of Mwanza City respectively, within the Lake Zone of northern-western Tanzania. The GGML lease area falls within the Archaean Sukuma land Greenstone Belt of the Lake Victoria goldfields and the mine is one of the largest open pit operations in Africa. Underground activities have commenced at the Star & Comet deposit in 2016 and at Nyankanga in 2017 and preparations are now underway for Geita Hill underground operations.

The lease is at a mean altitude of +/- 1200m above sea level with a mean monthly temperature 22°C. Total annual rainfall is in the region of 1000mm with a dry season between June and September. The landscape comprises steep hilly areas along the southern and eastern areas with several river systems flowing from the hills across low lying 'mbuga' plains towards Lake Victoria in the northwest.

The purpose of the EOI/ RFI is to explore the Underground Drilling market for competent service providers with the requisite technical skills and financial capacity to undertake Underground Production, Exploration and Grade Control drilling services at Geita Gold Mine in accordance with the RFI documents.

The responses to this EOI/RFI will be used to shortlist capable Service Providers that will be invited to respond to the Main Tender for Underground Production, Exploration and Grade Control Drilling Services for Geita Gold Mine (GGM). The details and dates for the issue of the Main Tender will be communicated to shortlisted Companies only. It is necessary to respond to this EOI/ RFI in order to be pre-qualified to be considered for the Main Tender.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICE TO BE PROCURED
GGME01085	PROVISION OF UNDERGROUND PRODUCTION, EXPLORATION AND GRADE CONTROL DRILLING SERVICES FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML)

The primary purpose of the service is to provide underground geological drilling services, comprising:

- (a) Exploration – Diamond Drilling;
- (b) Grade Control – Reverse Circulation/ Diamond Drilling;
- (c) Long Hole Drilling and Slot Rises.

for the purpose of drilling accurate drill holes within the client's specifications and in the case of Exploration and Grade Control Drilling obtaining accurate and complete drilling samples, properly related to the depth of the drilling.

Drilling services (hereinafter referred to as "the Services") are to be performed at Geita Gold Mine underground operations in a safe, productive and efficient manner.

Table 1: Estimated Indicative drill metres by type from Q4/2020 to end of Q2/2023.

Location	Drill Type	Drill Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Star and Comet/ Ridge 8	Grade Control	RC/DDH	12,105	24,083	24,380	12,800	73,368
	Exploration	DDH	11,256	25,000	26,888	13,000	76,144
	Production	76mm	24,255	46,485	46,593	13,886	131,218
		89mm	48,332	138,227	173,242	62,716	422,517
		102mm	-	3,561	7,963	4,654	16,177
	V30 (760mm diameter)	15	62	90	30	198	
Nyankanga	Grade Control	RC/DDH	8,791	17,440	15,891	8,791	50,913
	Exploration	DDH	20,300	38,271	36,877	14,200	109,648
	Production	76mm	-	-	-	-	-
		89mm	2,619	3,541	5,309	5,368	16,837
		102mm	23,573	31,870	47,784	48,311	151,537
	V30 (760mm diameter)	18	19	19	18	74	
Geita Hill	Grade Control	RC/DDH	6,152	14,800	15,152	7,555	43,659
	Exploration	DDH	16,939	23,000	23,100	14,000	77,039
	Production	76mm	-	-	-	-	-
		89mm	2,287	40,193	47,358	24,270	114,107
		102mm	3,430	4,676	9,185	9,979	27,269
	V30 (760mm diameter)	2	4	5	7	19	

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01085) to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 0830 A.M 04 December 2020 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF
CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF INLAND LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT
SERVICES TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML)**

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 the service of Inland Logistics and Transport Services and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the below service.

Scope of work:

REF NO.	SERVICES TO BE PROCURED
GGME01080	PROVISION OF INLAND LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 2 references from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Environment Compliance Certificate	2.5%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	2.5%
Safety and Environmental Policies	2.5%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	
Proof of experience in logistics and transport services or similar business involving large volume of shipments preferably in the mining industry	4.7%
Proof of being in possession of sufficient number of road worthy trucks to support smooth operations	4.7%
Reliable preventive maintenance plan for the trucks	4.7%
Use reputable garage for trucks maintenance, the garage should possess required tools, equipment's and competent mechanics	4.7%
Competent drivers with good track record & valid driving license	4.7%
Good record keeping (Maintenance record, drivers record, Alcohol test record, etc.)	4.7%
Proof of compliance with transport laws and regulations	4.7%
Proof of compliance with Industry specific standards including ICMI code for Cyanide handling and transport	9.2%
Proof of sufficient storage space / warehouse/yard to accommodate local deliveries, some international loose imports and container shipments	4.7%
License or proof of compliance to Radioactive materials transportation/Compliance to relevant Regulation	4.7%
Proof of company presence/representation at border entry/exit points	4.7%
Proof of being in possession of handling equipment for loose cargoes and containers in their premise at Dar es salaam	4.7%
Proof or capability to return to Port/ICD empty containers and occasionally loose cargoes on return trip for delivery to local repairers or for export purpose at no cost	4.7%
Proof of being in possession to undertake route survey when needed	4.7%
Proof of ability to establish office on site - Geita	4.7%
Total	100%

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Rapid in-country sequencing of whole virus genomes to inform rabies elimination programmes

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

Genomic surveillance is an important aspect of contemporary disease management but has yet to be used routinely to monitor endemic disease transmission and control in low- and middle-income countries. Rabies is an almost invariably fatal viral disease that causes a large public health and economic burden in Asia and Africa, despite being entirely vaccine preventable. With policy efforts now directed towards achieving a global goal of zero dog-mediated human rabies deaths by 2030, establishing effective surveillance tools is critical. Genomic data can provide important and unique insights into rabies spread and persistence that can direct control efforts. However, capacity for genomic research in low- and middle-income countries is held back by limited laboratory infrastructure, cost, supply chains and other logistical challenges. Here we present and validate an end-to-end workflow to facilitate affordable whole genome sequencing for rabies surveillance utilising nanopore technology. This workflow was used in Kenya, Tanzania and the Philippines to generate rabies virus genomes in two to three days, reducing costs to approximately £60 per genome. This is over half the cost of metagenomic sequencing previously conducted for Tanzanian samples, which involved exporting samples to the UK and a three- to six-month lag time. Ongoing optimization of workflows are likely to reduce these costs further. We also present tools to support routine whole genome sequencing and interpretation for genomic surveillance. Moreover, combined with training workshops to empower scientists in-country, we show that local sequencing capacity can be readily established and sustainable, negating the common misperception that cutting-edge genomic research can only be conducted in high resource laboratories. More generally, we argue that the capacity to harness genomic data is a game-changer for endemic disease surveillance and should precipitate a new wave of researchers from low- and middle-income countries.

Scientists from various institutions in Tanzania have advised the government, relevant institutions and other stakeholders in the country to invest in the Oxford Nanopore sequencing technology so that the technology can enhance

socio-economic development of the nation. The Oxford Nanopore sequencing is a unique, novel and portable molecular technique that enables direct, real-time analysis of long DNA or RNA fragments.

They said the latest technology which is used to sequence the genome of organisms such as animals, insects and plants, required adequate budget for development, promotion and training programs of young scientists so that they can carry out fruitful research, generate data, analyse them and make decisions right here in Tanzania without sending the samples overseas.

Speaking at portable genomics practical training using Oxford Nanopore technologies at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology in Arusha, they said with the technology in place, the scientists will be able to answer different research questions and solve farmers and other society problems on site in a very quick manner.

In the past, to get this useful research information, one had to take sample abroad and take many months to get back the results, but with this portable technology in place, one can get the results right away on site.

The training attracted different research institutions such as Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI), Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), and the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST).

Prof. Joseph Ndonguru from Selian Agriculture Research Institute (TARI-Selian centre) said that if the portable genome sequence is easily made available can help to transform lives in all spheres of life and enhance socio-economic development in the country.

Professor Joseph Ndonguru (PhD), a Presidential medal award winner and one of the great scientists in Africa said there is a need for investment in this technology. This technology can be used to analyse the DNA for animals, plant, insects, crops and many other problems on the spot without ending the samples abroad, he clarified.

"Like here, we have analysed the DNA for the Giraffe, Cotton samples also insects like the whiteflies. When you are sequencing the whiteflies, remember they are transmitters or vectors of viral diseases. So, it makes it easier to find out the viruses which are carried out by the whiteflies," he said.



The Presidential medal award winner who heads TARI-Selian in Arusha, Professor Joseph Ndonguru (C), leads scientists from various institutions in the portable genomics practical training using Oxford Nanopore technologies at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) in Arusha. Photo by Gerald Kitabu

This portable device can also be used to genotype plant and animal species in the National Parks. The information can be generated by the technology and that information can be used to understand genetic biodiversity in the national parks for effective and efficiency management and conservation. The technology can tell which species are endemic, endangered and which species are invasive. The technology can also tell where the invasive species came from and when, what changes have taken place from time to time since they landed and invaded that particular area.

"In the past, to get this useful information, one had to take sample abroad and take many months to get the results but with this portable technology, one can get the results right away on site," he said.

Explaining the objective of the training, one of the training facilitators, Charles Kayuki said the aim of the training is to equip scientists and researchers working on genomic studies so that they can have access to portable, affordable and widely used portable Oxford sequencer in their labs. "When this objective is achieved, it means that when there is an outbreak of diseases for example in our environment, it is very difficult to know the causative of the outbreak. Therefore, it is this sequencing technology that will help the farmers and scientists to understand the exact cause of that problem on time," he said.

Therefore, if the country manage to equip the scientists, it will help them much to respond to different problems in a very quick and timely manner, he added.

Advising the decision and policy makers, Kayuki said that usually scientists work under a chain of command, they can have knowledge on a certain technology but they cannot do it on their own so, we usually need assistance from policy and decision makers for support. So, my advice to both members and those who can help scientists to move forward is to give these scientists a sort of funds that can work and deliver results that can real change the Society.

TARI Kihinga centre Director Dr. Filson Kagimbo explained that the technology has come at the right time. It should be supported by both decision and policy makers. It can be used to sequence genome of organisms such as animals, pest and plants on time without wasting much time to take the samples abroad. "My centre has the mandate of coordinating oil palm research in Tanzania, so, I have found this technology very useful for oil palm research in Tanzania because Oil palm is the new research area in the country. It just started in 2018. Therefore, there is still a lot to do on Oil palm research.

Explaining how the technology will help her studies, Monica Nakei from Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology in Arusha said the technology has simple techniques of extracting DNA and does not need a specialized

room such as lab. It can solve the problem on site. Citing an example, Nakei who is doing her PhD in Life Science, specializing in sustainable Agriculture at Nelson Mandela explained further that if there is an outbreak of pests, there is no need to take the samples to the laboratory, what one need is to do it right on site.

"With this technology, a scientist or a researcher does not need to take the samples to the laboratory, extract the DNA and send them overseas for sequencing, instead he or her will just do it in the field. This also allows the scientist to have data bank of line that he will need to download the data from gene bank or from the local data and then when he goes to the field, it will be much easier for him to get the solution on the problem. "It is much easier to get the solution. He or he can extract the DNA, sequence, analyse the data and get the results. It is a very good technology for smallholder farmer in Tanzania and sub-saharan Africa," she said.

I advice that the technology should be adopted countrywide, in the higher learning institutions and research institutions to help the farmers solve problems for their crop, wildlife and many other fields.

Computational Biologist, Laura Boykin who is based in USA said with portable genomics using Oxford Nanopore technologies, there will be no more sending samples overseas, and no more wondering what kills something. "just taking technology into the hand of people and transforming lives. Here, I mean development of science and technology has become so powerful. The biggest thing we can do is to train young students, raise awareness around this technology," she said.

Our main mission is sustainability in the sense that we don't needs always overseas funders always coming to fund. We real want the local government to support this work and empower the young scientists to be able to generate data in Tanzania, keep the data here and make decisions here in Tanzania, he said. "I would like to advice the local government to shift powers from samples going overseas and sometimes data coming back. It is high time the government supported this portable genomics Nanopore technology and empowered the scientists to be able to generate data, analyse them and make decisions right here in Tanzania.

Tanzania unveils plans to increase food crop production

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

In Tanzania, cassava is produced in all regions at various levels whereby about 80 per cent of the produce is for home consumption and the small amount is used for animal feed and export.

Cassava production in the country has been fluctuating year after year whereby available statistics show that from 2008 to 2019 Tanzania managed to record a significant increase from 5.9 million tons (2008/9) to at least 8.2 million tons in 2018/19.

During 2016/17, a total of 1,202,216 hectares of cassava grown in the country, generated 4,025,265 tonnes, whereby in 2017/18 a total of 983,502 hectares was grown and the yields were 8,372,211 tonnes and 2018/19 the cultivated hectares were 990,835 and the harvested cassava tonnes stood at 8,184,093.

However, the country has the potential to triple the current production and productivity.

Primarily, low uses of improved seed, poor application of improved technology (GAP), unreliable climatic conditions, present of pest and diseases as well as limited cassava product market information appears to stand among chief barrier for the effective metamorphosis of the key sector.

Presently, cassava production in Tanzania remains low when it comes in comparison with demand.

The demand from China which is more than 2 million tonnes of dry cassava, equivalent to 6m tonnes of fresh cassava per year. The domestic actual demand is not yet established though it was estimated that per capital consumption is 44kg of dried cassava, hence a total of 2.3 million was required by the year 2019/20 out of 2.7 million tonnes of cassava produced in 2017/18.

Based on National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)'s Agricultural Annual Sample Survey of 2017, in Tanzania cassava is cultivated by 1.9 million operators along the value chain.



Director of Smart Steps Co. Limited, Idd Senge (right), the major producer of cassava in central zone corridor at one of the company's plantations in Mkalama District in Singida Region. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

The government, through the Ministry of Agriculture has set and started to implement numerous viable strategies to improve production and productivity of cassava within the country.

The effort focuses to triple the currently production level so as to meet home demand, but also for export.

According to director for crops in the Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Nyasebwa Chimagu, the strategies include development of 26 improved cassava variety which are pest and disease tolerant and with high yielding potential, between 16 and 50 tonnes per hectare.

"Moreover, we're working to improve agronomic services and technology to farmers. Tanzania Agricultural Training Institute (TARI) the International Institute

of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and other technology developers have developed agronomic packages such as correct spacing, planting technique, fertilizer rates, weed management, pest and disease management and time and harvesting technologies," he expressed.

He added, the ministry was also promoting eLearning among the farmers and other relevant stakeholders through SMS, APP packaging with a specific technology, radio and TV programmes.

"Currently, the ministry has established M-Kilimo system where farmers are able to send messages through phones and get feedback from extension agents, or subject matter specialists," he explained.

On the same vein, Dr Chimagu said other APP include AKILIMO App packed with

various technologies, SEED tractor for cassava seed producer information and NURU for disease identification and management.

"All these efforts aiming to equip farmers with necessary skills and hence improve the current production," he stated.

On top of that, under the Agriculture Sector Development Program (ASDP-II), cassava is one among priority commodity valued chains for lakes, eastern and southern zone under the 'One Region One Commodity initiative.

Currently, there are at least eight medium cassava processing plants that had been registered in Tanzania with estimated production capacity of more than 10,000 tonnes of fresh cassava per year.

However, three out of the industries are currently not operating due to a number of constraints hence hindering farmer to access sustainable markets of their fresh cassava.

Cassava desk officer, Upendo Mndeme, told The Guardian in an exclusive interview that apart from the said eight industries, there are a total of 150 small scale cassava processing groups who process irregularly.

According to her, the ministry was working to see establishment of more industries in order to assure farmers with reliable markets, but also improve additional value chain for the crop, the development which will also enable the country to maximise exportation of cassava related products.

Statistically, Tanzania imports cereal starches from maize, wheat, millet sorghum, potatoes and the lesser extent cassava starch.

Cassava starch has special merits such as high paste clarity (48.32pc), followed by potatoes (42.16pc), and least for sweet potato derived starches (23.22pc), while all cereal starches paste clarity is 14.97 pc.

"Its high time for cassava value chain actors and investors to invest largely in establishment of high value cassava products processing plants in order to tap the existing potential," Mndeme observed.

However, establishment of Tanzania

Cassava Producers and Processors Association (TCPPA), a vital platform to organise cassava value chain actors is viewed as a crucial stride made by the government to propel to cassava processing industries.

The platform was formed in tandem with Cassava Seed Growers Association.

Apart from being used as food and animal feed, cassava can be used in various ways. For instance, high quality cassava flour can be used as a substitute for wheat by up to 30pc in the making of breads, cakes, biscuits and other confectioneries and pastries.

Moreover, cassava starch can be used in confectionary industries, automotive and dry cell batteries, petroleum drilling, paints, pharmaceuticals, adhesives, iron ore mining, laundry, paper, soap and detergent, packaging materials and in cosmetic industries. currently, in Tanzania there are at least six registered company introduced to The People of United Republic of China for dry cassava exportation.

However, due to prolonged rainfall and existence of COVID-19, no cassava was exported in 2020.

The China market requirements include,

Am The cassava production an exportation company should be registered in Tanzania and dintroducted to the People of United Republic of China by the Government (Ministry of Agriculture)

B. Products should be free from pest and disease, free from contaminants such as sand, metal contamination and free from peatcise residues.

Moreover, the products must be packed in new packaging materials that conform with Chinese requirements.

C. The pests and diseases of concern by China are:-
-Prostephanus truncatus (Horn), Trogoderma granarium Events, Phenacoccus manihoti (Matije Ferrer), Sinoxylon conigerum Gerstaecker, Achatina Fulica, Meloiodogyne spp, Oxalialis latifolia Kunth, African cassava mosaic virus (ACMV), Xanthomonas axonopodispv. manihoti (Bondar), Vauterin et al, Cassava Brown Streak Virus (CBSV).

The China market is open to everyone and the government provides all necessary measures to facilitate market accessibility.

However, the world price of dry cassava is relatively low that do not match with current costs of production in Tanzania.

In order to supply such market profitably, it is adviced to increase the current productivity from eight tons/ha to at least 16 tons per hectare through use of improved technology.

Gene rapy to possibly cure sickle cell disease in Africa

SEATTLE, US

SICKLE cell disease is a genetic condition that affects the shape of red blood cells, leading to many health complications. While the disease is manageable, some developing countries struggle to maintain the illness. For example, sickle cell disease in Africa contributes to an abnormally high rate of mortality. However, with new scientific discoveries, gene therapy may be able to change that.

Sickle cell disease (SCD) tampers with the body's ability to transport oxygen through the blood due to the red blood cells sickling. The molecule hemoglobin S causes the red blood cells

to stray from their circular shape and deform. The resulting crescent-shaped blood cells can clog vessels and cause a lack of blood to organs. Moreover, if organs don't get enough blood carrying oxygen, they will fail.

In addition to a lack of oxygen moving through the blood, anemia can occur when sickle cell disease causes red blood cells to die too early. SCD has different categories, one of the most common being sickle cell anemia. Anemia is a condition in which the body has less red blood cells than necessary, producing shortness of breath and fatigue.

Sickle cell disease is not always fatal, but it can be depending on the country. Africa has struggled

for many years with the disease, particularly sickle cell anemia. In 2006, Africa reported more than 200,000 people having sickle cell anemia.

Furthermore, this disease dominates the illnesses in Africa, affecting up to 2 per cent of children in some regions.

In Nigeria, sickle cell anemia is an inherited disease, affecting newborns 150,000 times each year.

Besides having more occurrences than other countries, the death rate is also higher for sickle cell disease cases in Africa. Only 10 per cent to 50 per cent of children with sickle cell disease in Africa will survive.

One of the reasons for a higher

mortality rate among African sickle cell disease cases is poverty.

Some medications and transfusions can treat this disease. However, these medications are expensive, making them unavailable to people living in poverty. For instance, in Africa, it is unlikely that a person with SCD would live longer than 20 years when in high-income countries the survival rate of children is nearly equal to a child without the disease.

The costly resources keeping the disease under control leads to people often dying from an infection. One of the most common infections in Africa is malaria. An unexpected result of inheriting one of the abnormal sickle cell genes is that the carrier will be

safer from malaria due to some form of protection the gene offers. However, having two of the genes will increase the likelihood of death immensely.

Two genes will result in the diagnosis of sickle cell anemia and therefore makes the body more open to infections.

This seemingly endless war with sickle cell disease in Africa has a newfound solution: gene therapy. Gene therapy can operate in two different ways.

A medic can insert a healthy gene inside of the patient or alter a faulty gene. The gene therapy would be working to fix the HBB gene.

The HBB gene can have a mutation leading to an error in the

instructions, making hemoglobin production faulty, which would lead to sickle cell anemia.

There are two known methods for correcting sickle cell anemia with gene therapy. In the first method, a professional would insert a healthy HBB gene into a removed hematopoietic stem cell.

The hematopoietic stem cells should produce proper red blood cells in the bone marrow once inserted back into the patient. The second method would be to increase the production of fetal hemoglobin by altering the gene in the DNA to stop the misshaping of the cells.

There have already been some trials run, and the experiments include tests to make sure it is safe

for a new HBB gene to replace a damaged gene. Scientists have also run tests in which stem cells take in a gene that works comparably to fetal hemoglobin, but instead, produces therapeutic hemoglobin with hopes that it will stop the sickling.

SCD can cause many health complications and has a stronghold in Africa. Malaria and poverty only increase the troubles that sickle cell disease causes. However, due to gene therapy trials, a cure for SCD is now in sight.

Gene therapy can alter genes and replace old ones to stop the body from sickling the cells. Today, due to gene therapy there is finally hope for eradicating sickle cell disease in Africa.

Community radio becomes 'game-changer' in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter

COMMUNITY radio stations act as a vehicle that contributes significantly to the economic, social, and political changes in a particular society.

The radio stations, which are run in the community through local journalists, have been providing a great education that encourages people to take action to liberate them economically and politically as well as to oppose issues of abuse of women and children.

Haji Adam Haji is the director of the Tumbatu community radio located in the Unguja North Region, Zanzibar, who says in the past women in Tumbatu were not involved in income generation activities and were not reporting issues related to gender-based violence (GBV) as they believe that those issues are regarded as taboo.

Tumbatu Island is the third-largest island making up the Zanzibar Archipelago. It is located off the north-west coast of Zanzibar's main island.

Launched in 2014, the radio station has taken efforts to encourage women to work in groups, getting education on election-related issues. Through the station, women are able to report GBV-related issues—rape, early marriages, domestic violence, and sexual exploitation.

According to him, through awareness people are more open and they now report almost all cases related to rape, slander, beatings, and neglect. "This is a big achievement to us and people who are campaigning against GBV," he says.

Citing examples, Haji says in 2019 about 31 cases were reported to the police where his station was involved in monitoring at various levels from the community level.

In the past, women were voting in accordance with the wishes of their husbands or relatives, but after receiving voters' education, women in the area use their rights to decide who to vote for.

Tumbatu Radio Station has been monitoring the formation and growth of 12 women's groups that are involved in various businesses including beauty, tailoring, and animal husbandry, the official says.

Throughout the period, the station has been assisted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for training and equipment through Sustainability Program for Community Radios.

"One of the things I remember before the radio station was established was that it was common for many men to run away from their marriages without providing services



Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA) Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa exchanges views with Micheweni Community Radio director Ally Massoud during her recent visit at the radio station on Pemba Island. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

and go to various places for fishing activities where others stay there for more than a year.

"Many families suffered a lot as they lacked basic services and many of them, found themselves falling into the abyss of extreme poverty and sometimes causing children to drop out of school," he recounts.

Radio's editor-in-chief Juma Haji Juma says through various radio programmes there has been a major reason for the construction of the maternity ward at the health center on the small island of Tumbatu.

"Before the health facility was built, many expectant mothers gave birth at home and sometimes while in a boat as they travel to

seek health facilities outside the island and sadly some lost their lives," says Juma.

Despite all the achievements, he says: "We need speed boat for us to easily get information from the neighboring islands. This radio is being heard in many parts of Unguja South Region, but we're interested to work on various reports that occur outside Tumbatu. The challenge is the lack of reliable boat transport."

Some community members who listen to the radio are of the view that there has been a dramatic change since the station's inception.

Among the community members is Mzee Makame Mcha who describes the station as

a 'game-changer', saying: "The radio station provides us with important information on different socio-economic issues."

Through the radio station, Mcha says many people are aware of the importance of conserving the marine environment, taking their children to schools, understanding basic human rights and fighting against gender-based violence (GBV). Similar experiences have been seen for the Micheweni Community Radio in North Pemba Region in Pemba Island.

Micheweni Radio director, Ally Masoud says the station was established in 2009, and the targeted goals are almost realized. He says the radio carried out a number of campaigns

such as the fight against severe hunger for the people of the area as most of them did not do farming due to the fact that their land doesn't support agriculture.

"Most of the people had no alternatives as our land is rocky. They had to have other methods and that is what we went to teach them and we have succeeded," he added.

Acting manager for Mkoani Radio, Said Omar Said, revealed that his station has been able to encourage women to engage in rice farming in valleys such as Mjimbini, Kiwani, and Makombeni. And for them to actively engage in this farming, we also encouraged to embark in irrigation."

The radio station, according to Said, involved various stakeholders to ensure that farmers are installed with irrigation equipment.

The radio has been also at the forefront of encouraging children to go to school and empowering them with skills on how to report GBV issues, where for many years, people in the area saw it as a taboo to talk about it.

So far, he said: "There are still villages, which are reluctant to report such cases but we are closely monitoring them to eradicate such heinous acts."

In some villages, he says girls are not taken to school at all, something that needs to be addressed "and our radio station will continue to change the mindset of those community members." One of the parents from Mkoani area, Mize Mohammed said before the presence of the radio, she did not fully understand the importance of education.

"In the past, I used to send my children to sell different merchandise so that I get money to run my family. But now I'm a different person. I encourage children to go to school," she says.

"We must be honest; the presence of this radio has contributed to a great change in our society because many children initially grew up not going to school."

1,300 Kongwa sorghum farmers gain from TBL-FtMA-WFP pilot project

By Guardian Reporter

HILDA Madeje, a sorghum farmer from Sagala B village in Kongwa district has a reliable market to sell her 30 bags of sorghum, a yield 70 per cent better than in the previous years.

This has enabled her to earn enough money to build a modern house for her family and pay school fees for her 4 children.

Madeje was part of the TBL Plc - Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA) - World Food Programme (WFP) sorghum pilot project which aimed to equip farmers with Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), improving the yield and quality of sorghum, as well as to provide them with a guaranteed market for their produce.

The trilateral project kicked off in January 2020 where TBL Plc agreed to purchase the sorghum produced by smallholder farmers in Dodoma and Manjara regions. TBL Plc, FtMa and WFP supported the farmers with access to sorghum seed; crop insurance; sorghum crop management protocols; agricultural extension services; as well as improved aggregation and market access to maximize their harvest.

Speaking during the post season assessment for the program



Sebastian Msola (R), a sorghum farmer at Kibaigwa in Dodoma Region, briefs officials from the TBL Plc-Farm to Market Alliance (FtMA)-World Food Programme project who toured his farm at the weekend for a post-season assessment. The three institutions jointly run the pilot sorghum project, which is meant chiefly to equip farmers with good agricultural practices including improving yield and quality of the crop as well as providing them with a guaranteed market for their produce. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

held in Dodoma last week, TBL Plc's Agriculture Manager, Joel Msechu, said that TBL Plc paid

smallholders farmers a total of 1.75bn/- for procuring 3,000 tonnes of sorghum produced

in Mpwapwa, Kongwa, Kondoa, Bahi and Chamwino districts in Dodoma, where each kilogram

of sorghum was bought for 550/- . "The project has had positive results and more over help im-

prove the livelihood of sorghum farmers" he added.

According to Msechu the company currently sources 74 per cent of its raw materials locally and is committed to increasing its local sourcing over the coming years.

TBL Plc is looking to contract 6,000 sorghum farmers for the 2020-2021 season to meet its demand of 10,000 tonnes of sorghum for the production of its fast-growing affordable brands - Eagle and BiaBingwa.

Speaking at one of the post assessment sessions, a representative from WFP, Lusajo Bukuku said that prior to the project farmers produced around 3 to 4 bags of sorghum per acre. However, through adapting Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), farmers now have improved yield and quality sorghum harvesting around 10 to 11 bags per acre.

Speaking on behalf of Farm Africa, William Mwakyami said that through the project, his organization has empowered a total of 846 farmers who are now able to earn more money through improved yields and a ready market.

The acting agricultural officer for Kongwa District, Ms. Aminasangi said that prior to the project, farmers were facing a

serious challenge when it came to market access. She urged farmers to aggressively grab the available market.

TBL Plc's local sourcing programs are one of the many ways in which the company makes a significant contribution which stands with the government's wider efforts towards enhancing Tanzania's economy.

In 2018, AbInBev publicly committed to skill, connect and financially empower their direct farmers by 2025.

To this end, TBL Plc has made significant investments in supporting smallholder farmers in Tanzania with the following products and services - KilimoUza: a bulk SMS and USSD platform to send farmers weather, market and agronomic information;

An input advance credit scheme, coupled with financial literacy training, for the procurement of quality inputs and services; Research trials in Tanzania for developing improved sorghum seed variety and research based crop management protocols tailored to the Tanzanian context; and agronomic training and support throughout the season, to inculcate sustainable agronomic practices.

Tanzanian farmers struggling to bring food to the table amid climate change

By Correspondent Zuena Shame

It is a struggle to bring food to the table and meet daily expenditure. The challenge is a result of changing weather patterns, as rains are unpredictable, it's not raining as it was in the past.

Sometimes, it doesn't rain the whole farming season, putting farmers, pastoralists and the entire community in a food security dilemma, taking into account that agriculture is the backbone of Tanzania's economy.

It provides a livelihood to more than three-quarters of the population, mostly small-scale farmers. It accounts for 15 percent of national exports and contributes 27.8 percent of Tanzania's Gross Domestic Product. But climate change is posing a huge threat to the sustainability of the sector.

Joram Mwangomole is a maize farmer in Kilosa District, eastern Tanzania's region of Morogoro, who says five years ago failed to get a single bag of maize—the main staple food in Tanzania and the rest of east and central African region.

"This was caused by limited rains in the area, something that affected my life as I depend on farming. I had nothing to feed my family and the income too," Mwangomole says, heaping his blame on climate change.

But, things were better three years ago after being trained on new agronomic practices such as adopting conservation agriculture—a farming system that promotes minimum soil disturbance (no-tillage), maintenance of a permanent soil cover, and diversification of plant species.

He also used hybrid maize seeds, which are drought and disease resistant.

"The result was very promising and it encouraged me to follow all the expert's instructions. I harvested 18 bags per acre, something which was unusual. This also encouraged my fellow farmers, who are also getting more yields," he says.

A father of six commends experts from Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI)-Ilonga for imparting knowledge and skills on new maize farming technology, which made him a breadwinner to his family. Through the new skills, he sends children to good schools and meets daily expenditure.

He describes conservation agriculture as friendly to the environment as the soil remains undisturbed, hence contribute to increased water and nutrient use efficiency and to improved and sustained crop production.

"It was not an easy life for a small-scale farmer like me to lose everything in my 20 acres of land, because of unreliable rainfall that leads into crop failure in this area," says Jumanne Kalanga, 56, from Nzega district, Tabora Region in western Tanzania.

Twenty years ago, Kalanga and other villagers used to get good harvests of different food crops and even cash crop (cotton), but now things turned to worse. "Five years ago, in my 20 acres of land, I couldn't harvest anything because of prolonged drought. It was hard for me to feed my family," says Kalanga, blaming rainfall pattern, which has been getting erratic with each passing season.

After struggling without any success, Kalanga took what he termed as a hard decision



by traveling to successful farmers in Kitelet village, Lumuma ward of eastern Tanzanian region of Morogoro where farmers are no longer talking of rain-fed farming as they are engaging rainwater harvesting

technology by digging their own water pans, where they harvest rainwater during the rainy season and use it for irrigation throughout the year.

The water pan is an excavated water storage structure that is used to impound and retain surface run-off from uncultivated grounds, roads or laggas.

Harvesting of this runoff and storage of the same into water pans make it available for domestic/livestock use and small-scale irrigation. "I borrowed the technology and take it home in Malolo village," Kalanga recounts, as he loads watermelons in a truck ready for market.

Karanga was one of the farmers who traveled to a semi-arid area of Eyata, located near Kenya's coastal town of Mombasa, in a trip organized by the World Vision Tanzania (WVT). "When we're in Eyata we came to realize that we had no reason to remain poor for those years as our colleagues in Eyata are in semi-arid, they can get rains five days in a year but, they make sure that they utilize the opportunity for their well-being," Mary Majule, Principal Agriculture Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries says that the government has embarked on a campaign to promote a new farming system dubbed; 'system of rice intensification (SRI)' in an effort to fight the impact of climate change as well as ensuring food security in the East African nation.

The government's decision came after realizing that traditional farming methods consume a large amount of water as a result of changing weather patterns, she says.

The new rice farming system, according to the expert, creates a triple-win situation for agriculture, climate security, and food security because it sustainably increases rice production and farmer incomes strengthen

crops' resilience to climate change and variability and reduces rice production's contribution to climate change.

"This is part of the government's initiative to adopt the climate-smart-agriculture system aimed at addressing the reckless use of water for rice production," Majule says, noting that SRI encourages limited use of water with high productivity as well as mitigating the impact of climate change.

With the new system, small-scale farmers in the irrigation schemes are encouraged to adopt SRI, so that they can reap more benefits that range from food security to climate change adaptation.

Studies have it that climate change is reducing the availability of water resources for crop production. In Tanzania, local farmers are feeling the greatest impacts. In Tanzania, data show that small-scale irrigation development through water harvesting technology supports local farmers like Karanga to improve agriculture productivity, ensuring food security and reducing poverty. Water harvesting technologies enable farmers to collect rainwater and utilize it in small-scale irrigation systems such as drip irrigation, where water is supplied slowly and directly to the roots of plants.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Programme for Technology and Research in Irrigation and Drainage (IPTRID) missions have found that lower-cost, more water-efficient irrigation technologies have the potential to greatly expand small-scale irrigation in East and Southern Africa and significantly improve food security and family incomes.

Worldwide, irrigation boosts crop production 3-4 times than that of rain-fed agriculture.

Former Minister of Agriculture, Japhet Hasunga admits that climate change needs practical actions, that's Tanzanian government has rolled out a plan to adopt and establish small scale irrigation systems to boost crop production for small-scale farmers in rural areas of the country.

It is estimated that Tanzania has 2,678 irrigation schemes and some of the schemes are not productive.

Hasunga says that the National Irrigation policy states that Tanzania needs to take advantage of utilising the identified irrigation potential area amounting to 294 million hectares for sustainable irrigation development.

The model irrigation schemes, he says will be developed across the country to show local farmers how they can adopt such technologies to improve their agricultural productivity.

The ministry's strategies include promoting small-scale irrigation through low-cost water harvesting technology irrigation plans.

The ministry is also reviewing the National Irrigation Commission (NIRC) to create a new system that will facilitate the management of irrigation schemes at the district level.

Senior Scientist at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Dr Fredy Bajjukya says: "We're encouraging small-holder farmers to employ Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) technologies and practices in their farming activities to cope with climate change, reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions, increase productivity, and income. According to him, CSA addresses climate change-related risks as well as helping farmers to build resilience to climate change.

So far, IITA has already come up with new technologies and practices that farmers can employ in their farming activities to cope with climate change-related risk, reduce Greenhouse Gase mission and other issues.

Some of CSA's technologies are rainwater harvesting and storage structures, cholo pits, Ridging, Tie Ridging, water retention/harvesting pits, Fanya juu and Fanya chini terraces, bench terraces, cover cropping, mulching, minimum/zero tillage, crop rotation, intercropping and crop residue management.

Other includes the use of most adapted crops such as drought tolerant seeds, flood-tolerant, and disease tolerant and as well as

drip/trickle irrigation, a system of rice intensification, and Irrigational canal lining.

According to him, in areas that are very drought right now farmers can begin to use Rainwater Harvesting and storage structures CSA practice/ technology for their farming activities while in other areas farmers can employ Fanya juu and Fanya chini terrace technology that is very good technology.

IITA has already begun to train farmers on those technologies in different regions through a three years project dubbed: "Building Capacity for Resilient Food Security Project (BCRFS) funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The project is geared towards building the country's capacity to effectively respond to the challenges faced by the agricultural sector due to Climate Change.

Fransis Modaha, a senior research officer at the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre also describes climate change as a challenge as in some cases, it encourages farmers to use more pesticides, which affect food crops at the end of the tunnel.

He suggests the need for farmers to switch to SRI as it largely eliminates some amount of methane produced by anaerobic decomposition in flooded paddies that alone contributes 10% of global GHGs annually.

Countries need to control the practice of the open field burning of agricultural wastes (rice straw, corn stalks), which annually contributes millions of tons of CO₂. Countries develop aggressive national programs to promote the transformation of field wastes to remove millions of tons of GHGs annually.

Agriculture Non-State Actors Forum (ANSAF), Executive Director, Audax Rukonge says: "As a private sector we've been working closely with the government through training farmers new farming techniques to address climate change-related challenges."

George Simbachawene, former Minister of State in the Vice President Office in-charge of Environment admits that "Tanzania has a National Adaptation Programme of Action, with the aim of identifying and promoting activities that address urgent and immediate needs for adapting to the adverse impacts of climate change.

The focus of the document has been on adaptation needs in the agriculture, water, energy, health, and forestry sectors.

"While we understand the importance of a comprehensive analysis covering all sectors, financial constraints have necessitated the restriction of this work to these sectors only."

He says: "As a country, we've agreed to assist coordination of enhancing proper coordination among actors on climate change, advocating for resource allocation for infrastructure, technology, and research on climate resilience and adaptation."

All these involve the private sector as well as strengthening fundraising strategy for national environmental basket fund, and promoting sustainable agriculture intensification and monitoring the implementation of the policies and strategies towards environmental management and climate change adaptation strengthening fundraising strategy for national environmental basket fund.

Food and agriculture both lie at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations in 2015, from ending poverty and hunger to responding to climate change and sustaining the Earth's natural resources.

Goal 2 (2.3) calls for the world to double the agricultural productivity and the incomes of small-scale food producers by 2030, particularly women, indigenous people, family farmers, pastoralists and fisher folk.

This should be done through "secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets, and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment."

The Tanzanian government has a critical role to play in creating an enabling environment for technology development and uptake of small-scale irrigation towards achieving the SDGs and sustaining the livelihoods of most of the population.

Double Eleven shopping festival brings in new features to offset pandemic impact

By Kou Jie

DESPITE the gloom of the COVID-19 pandemic and the winter cold, for Chinese netizens, November heralds the country's most enjoyable and exciting online event, the Single's Day shopping spree. It is a shopping festival popular among young Chinese citizens that celebrates their pride in being single. The date, November 11th, was chosen because the number "1" represents an individual. Thus, this online festival is also known as the Double Eleven Festival in China.

As the world's largest online shopping event, this year's Single's Day Festival has attracted global attention due to its new features brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Chinese buyers' enthusiasm for online shopping has never faded, as China is the only major economy expected to see positive growth this year due to its successful efforts to control COVID-19. In 2020, Alibaba, China's leading online shopping platform, sold goods worth 498.2 billion RMB (\$75.2 billion) from Nov.1 to Nov.11, attracting 800 million buyers, 25,000 brands and 5 million online shops worldwide to enjoy the online extravaganza, while its rival JD.com reached a sale volume of 271.5 million RMB (\$41 billion), a new record despite the dampened global economy.

As the online shopping festival has become an integral part of China's economy and internet culture, this year's event has added new features to offset

the impact of the ongoing pandemic. Follow us to learn what's new in this year's online shopping festival, and get ready to fill your shopping cart!

Unprecedented shopping feast
As the deteriorating pandemic situation continues to sweep the globe, most customers have turned to the internet to purchase their daily necessities, making it possible for online shopping platforms to extend the festival from its usual eight days to 11 days this year, with the new shopping window opening on November 1.

"Due to the pandemic, this year's Double Eleven has become a major channel for companies and brands to sell their products, while the longest shopping festival in history means customers now have more time to think about and make better choices," said a spokesperson from Alibaba.

In order to cope with the pressure on the express delivery industry caused by the extended shopping festival, China launched a high-speed rail freight train on November 1 for the first time. Currently, the "High Speed Rail Express" has opened 36 operating lines covering 21 large and medium-sized cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenyang, and Xi'an.

Even the number of online sellers this year has seen a remarkable increase, with more newcomers looking to dip their toes in the new waters. Many Chinese companies that used to deal mainly in exports, for instance, have set up online shops to attract local customers, as the current pandemic has resulted in



An aerial photo shows the construction site of an office building project at the Binjiang Avenue in Pudong, Shanghai. The project represents the largest commercial building complex along Binjiang Avenue. File photo

the loss of large numbers of orders from their overseas buyers.

"Our export orders have shrunk 10 million RMB this year. We have decided to open our online shop and sell our products during the Double Eleven. This is our first try, and I have strong confidence that we can make it," said Fang Hao, manager of Zexi Commodity Co., Ltd in Yiwu, east China's Zhejiang Province.

Outlets across China have also made an unprecedented move to join this year's online spree, which will provide Chinese buyers keen on foreign luxury brands the chance to get their favourite products without leaving the country.

To make the online festival more renowned internationally, many Chinese online shopping platforms have also set up on-

line festival galas to attract foreign customers. According to Tmall, Alibaba's major online shopping platform, an evening gala featuring music and talk shows will be aired on Single's Day, covering over 200 countries and regions. Despite the pandemic travel ban, many international stars have taken part in the event, including pop star Katy Perry.

"The Double Eleven is a barometer to observe China's economy. During the pandemic, this online shopping festival will not only serve as an incubator for business innovation, but will also boost the domestic consumer market," said Zhong Hongjun, a professor from the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. According to statistics, China's online retail sales in Q3 reached a year-on-year growth of 9.7 percent.

Poverty alleviation via Internet

With China expected to end absolute poverty by 2020, this year's online shopping festival also aims to help poverty-stricken regions and farmers get rid of the negative impact brought by the pandemic, creating an online channel to promote their products worldwide.

Online celebrities including Li Jiaqi, a household name among affluent young city dwellers, have used live-streaming sessions to help combat lacklustre sales of rural produce in the wake of the pandemic, while local officials have also taken to online live-streaming platforms to promote local agricultural products. China's Guizhou Province, a southwest inland area, has launched the "Guizhou Poverty Alleviation Package" for online buyers, offering them cheap trips and flights to the region's beautiful mountain areas, as well as local agricultural products such as blueberries, mushrooms and beef. Millions of coupons have also been distributed by local authorities nationwide to encourage buyers to buy local products.

According to China's Cyberspace Administration, China, which has been stepping up efforts related to internet-based poverty alleviation services since 2016, has basically completed the construction of an online information service system helping poor farmers to sell their products online, while fibre optic availability in the country's poor villages has risen to 98 percent.

BUSINESS

FORECAST

Mozambique all set for much bigger fish catches by next 4 yrs

MAPUTO

The Mozambican Ministry of the Sea, Inland Waters and Fisheries expects that the country's fisheries production will reach 683,000 tonnes by 2024.

The Minister of Fisheries, Augusta Maita, announced the target on Friday in Maputo at the opening ceremony of a workshop on fisheries and aquaculture to mark World Fisheries Day, 21 November, under the theme "Increase Production, Promoting Coastal and Fishery Resilience."

Over the years, Maita said, the volume of fisheries production has recorded a significant increase as it reached 420,000 tonnes in 2019, compared with 187,720 tonnes in 2015. If accurate, this would be an increase of 124 per cent in four years. More than mere statistics, said Maita, the figures also show meaningful improvements in the access to and consumption of fisheries produce, contributing to a healthy diet for Mozambican families.

"In 2019, for instance, the country's per capita consumption of fisheries produce reached 17 kilos, far above the World Health Organisation's recommended average, which is 12 kilos per person," she said. The government acknowledges that the prevailing challenge is to ensure access to a balanced diet, with top priority to fighting the malnutrition that still affects millions of Mozambicans, espe-

cially children.

"In this context, we have been mobilising partners and investment programmes to leverage sustainable fisheries production, respecting measures to ensure the recovery, maintenance, preservation and conservation of fishery resources and the coastal ecosystems," Maita added. As far as aquaculture is concerned, she said, the government's ultimate goal is ensuring a transition from an artisanal approach to a commercial and sustainable one.

Maita claimed there is a bright future for Mozambican aquaculture. "The government has approved the Strategy for Aquaculture Development 2020/30 which will revolutionise the area, making it even more prosperous," she declared. She also stressed the importance of improving the legislation so that aquaculture is conducted responsibly, taking into account all the biosecurity issues.

The sea and rivers remain the only source of income for 20 per cent of Mozambicans, but the activity is often conducted in an unsustainable way, resorting to harmful fishing gear. Maita said there has been gradual destruction of the mangrove forests to the detriment of the marine environment. There is also a proliferation of plastic waste which has a harmful impact on marine life and on human health. An and will be entering South Africa at some stage too," he said.



Mozambique's Fisheries minister Augusta Maita.

PLEA

CMSA chief urges brokers to reach rural investors, as DSE goes digital

By Francis Kajubi

As share trading at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange goes digital, stock brokers have been challenged to lure rural investors join listed companies' ownership.

Capital Markets and Securities Authority CEO, Nicodemus Mkama said in Dar es Salaam on Friday while launching DSE's 'Hisa kiganjani' online trading platform that technology now allows anyone from anywhere in the country buy and sell shares of listed companies.

"We do believe that the 'Hisa kiganjani' platform will attract many investors to buy and sell stocks through their mobile devices hence brokers should widen their scope to include rural based investors by sensitizing the public," Mkama said.

He said brokers and DSE should sensitize the public on the benefits of investing in listed companies saying digitized stock trading has meant that rural based people can also easily become investors.

According to him, there are potential investors in rural areas who have not been either exposed to knowledge on the op-



Capital Markets and Securities Authority CEO, Nicodemus Mkama.

portunities available at DSE or find it difficult to engage in the exercise because of the communication gap.

"The platform is safe and I would like to call upon Tanzanians to invest at the bourse," the CMSA chief argued noting

that not only does the new DSE platform allow people to invest but also make government payments. According to the latest Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority report, there are 30.59 million mobile money accounts

in the market which means that DSE's digitization of share trading will attract many people who already transact online. DSE CEO, Moremi Marwa said that during its 22 years of existence, there are only a few brokerage firms that have so

far invested at the bourse of which the majority are based in Dar es Salaam.

Marwa said only 550,000 Tanzanians own investors' accounts at the bourse which is translated to one percent of the whole population. The new platform will stimulate investors' awareness on key issues like stock prices, valuations of listed products hence boosting the value of investments at the bourse.

"Apart from broadening the investment base, the platform is connected to the national identification authority's system to provide accurate information of investors. However, investment payments on the platform are made through the Government electronic Payment Gateway to which it is connected. Payments can also be made via bank accounts," he noted.

Banks which are already enrolled on 'Hisa kiganjani' platform include NMB Bank Plc, National Bank of Commerce, Akiba Commercial Bank, Azania Bank Limited and CRDB Bank Plc which enable investors transact easily anytime.

INVESTMENT

Arusha RC salutes CRDB management on deployment of currency-converting ATMs

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank Plc's management has been applauded for deploying a foreign currency converting automated teller machine in the northern tourist hotbed in Arusha City.

Arusha Regional Commissioner, Iddi Kimanta said on Friday while inaugurating the first ever currency converting ATM machine in his region that CRDB's management deserves a pat at the back for investing in the latest innovation.

"Let me congratulate you for this timely investment which will allow the public to get covert currencies for 24 hours through this ATM," Kimanta said while noting that the deployment will help boost tourism earnings in Arusha while also boosting Treasury coffers through taxation.

The Arusha RC further urged residents of the tourist hotspot region to seize opportunities being presented by CRDB's latest innovative investment and avoid converting foreign currency in the black market.

Earlier when briefing the RC, CRDB's Chief Operating Officer, Bruce Mwile said decision to invest in the new ATM machines was based on market demand as customers need efficient mechanism to transact.

"Our decision was aimed at easing the trouble which clients face, so we have invested in appropriate technology to enable hassle free currency conversion in the market," Mwile said while stressing that in order to use the ATM, one needs to carry an official document such as a passport.

"To begin with these machines will only convert three foreign currencies, US dollars, British pound sterling and Europe's euro," he added adding that



Arusha regional commissioner, Iddi Kimanta reads a receipt dispensed by a special currency converting machine at its launch in Arusha on Friday. Looking on are Bank of Tanzania's director of banking supervision, Jerry Sabi (3rd L) and CRDB Bank's chief operating officer, Bruce Mwile. Photo courtesy of CRDB.

the bank is in talks with National Identification Authority to ensure that national identity cards are also accepted as official documents to allow one use the service.

Speaking at the same event, Bank of Tanzania's Director of Banking Supervi-

sion, Jerry Sabi said CRDB's latest investment is in line with the government's decision to direct banks exploit the foreign currency trading market after closure of hundreds of bureau de change shops which operated clandestinely.

"I know that you have capacity to

deploy these types of ATM machines countrywide, let me request you to do so as quickly as possible so that all parts of the country have such facilities," Sabi said saying BoT will accord all necessary support to banks investing in such technology.

RESPONSIBILITY

NMB manager: We will continue investing in community projects

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank Plc will continue investing heavily in community services especially in education, health and disaster relief as part of its corporate social responsibility.

The bank's Southern Zone Manager, Janeth Shango said in Kilwa District

of Lindi Region after presenting various medical and educational materials worth 12.5m/- in support of public institutions that the bank allocates one percent of net profit to invest in communities. "I noticed challenges facing the health centre at Masoko when I went for treatment. I advised the management to write the bank so that we can assist,"

Shango said after presenting the donation which included refurbished buildings of the health centre to Kilwa District Executive Director, Renatus Mchauru.

She said the bank's funding included changing the roofing materials, painting the buildings which constitute maternity, under-five and outpatient sections. "We also paid for drawings and artwork

to sensitize the public on various health issues," Shango noted.

The health centre's medical doctor-in-charge, John Nkuba thanked NMB management saying the renovation has improved the area to welcome patients as a safe place. "This health centre which on average caters for 50 patients per day, still needs beds, mattresses and

sheets, reliable source of energy and much more," Nkuba said.

Meanwhile Shango who also presented 100 desks at Kipindimbi Primary School, said the donation is aimed at easing the shortage caused by a surge in number of new pupils joining the school following the government's universal primary and secondary education poli-

cies. The school was also flooded by pupils who left Njinjo Primary School that was washed away by floods last year.

"Let me request parents to teach their children on the need to save money so that they can nurture the culture," she advised saying parents can open their toddlers bank accounts by as little as 10,000/-.

OPTIMISM

Nicol chair promises shareholders brighter future

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

SHAREHOLDERS of Nicol Investment Company Plc should expect to earn more dividend annually as the once struggling firm becomes profitable following several years of loss making.

The company's Board Chairman, Dr Gideon Kaunda said in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during a shareholders annual general meeting that a good strategic plan of profitable investments has been put in place by the current management.

Dr Kaunda told shareholders during the online AGM that management of the company has done a good job which has led to an increase in dividend payment from 6/- per share last year to 10/- this year hence more success will follow.

"Shareholders are confident of the management and they give us full support as evidenced by the passing of the resolutions that we have prepared, in every single reso-



Nicol Investment Plc chairman Dr Gideon Kaunda (C) speaks at a virtual annual general meeting held over at the weekend in Dar es Salaam. With him are the company's senior management officials and board members. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole.

lution the vote was over 90 percent that is because they trust us," he said.

The Nicol Chairman further added that things will continue to improve performance because they have invested heavily in profitable

companies and manufacturers such as Tanzania Breweries Limited, NMB Bank Plc, Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange, Vodacom Tanzania Plc, among many others.

He also commended Capital Markets and Securities

Authority and DSE for supporting Nicol through valuable advice given to management of how they can tackle different challenges facing the company's operations.

Nicol's Director of Finance, Erasto Ngamilaga backed Dr

Kaunda's arguments saying the company is in right footing while promising shareholders that the new management will strive to make sure they invest in profitable projects earn windfall profits. "We will be increasing

dividend payment annually to shareholders as per improved profits because we want our shareholders to be confident and proud of their investments," Ngamilaga said while noting that the blue chip firm will sustain profitability for many years to come.

During the virtual AGM which was attended by hundreds of shareholders, they discussed and authorized directors report and financial reports for the year ended 31 December 2019 plus approving the 10/- per share interim dividend for 2020.

Shareholders also received and authorized directors payments and authorized auditors of the financial year ending 31, 2020. The Dar es Salaam based company was established in 2001 by few shareholders who wanted to give Tanzanians a vehicle through which they can participate in their privatised state enterprises listed at DSE. Last year, the company also managed to pay an accumulated debt backlog in taxes worth 1.5bn/-.

ASSURANCE

Zambia's mining assets will not be taken over by bondholders - mines minister

LUSAKA

Zambia doesn't expect its mining assets to be taken away by bondholders and has no plans to sell its shares in mining companies despite defaulting on part of its debt last week. Mines Minister Richard Musukwa said on Thursday. Zambia hopes to "strike a win-win situation" with bondholders, Musukwa said after Africa's no.2 copper producer failed to pay the \$42.5 million coupon on its Eurobond debt last Friday.

Zambia's mining assets have been in the spotlight as the country's financial situation deteriorated this year and the pandemic prompted mining giant Glencore to shutter its Mopani Copper Mines operation, angering the government.

Musukwa said negotiations with Glencore on increasing the government's stake in Mopani - a result of the disagreement over temporarily shutting the mine - are nearing a conclusion. Reuters reported in August that Glencore had put its entire 73.1% stake in Mopani on the table in the talks with Zambia, whose mining investment arm ZCCM-IH holds 10% currently.

Zambia produced 646,111 tonnes of copper between January and September 2020, up from 590,321 tonnes in the same period last year, Musukwa said, attributing the 9.45% rise to increased mine output. Copper production for 2020 is expected to be 820,000 tonnes, Musukwa said.

Meanwhile a Zambian court on Friday ordered a stay on liquidation proceedings for Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) to allow owners Vedanta and ZCCM-IH to proceed to arbitration, the provisional liquidator said in a statement.

The ruling by the Court of Appeal represents a significant win for Vedanta, which is seeking the removal of the liquidator appointed by state mining investment firm ZCCM-IH - which owns 20% of KCM on the government's behalf - to run the company.

The India-based group has been locked in a dispute with the Zambian government since May last year, when Lusaka appointed the liquidator. Legal arguments over the case have been heard in both Zambia and South Africa.

Provisional liquidator Milingo Lungu said the court has not discharged him, and that he would continue to run the company. A spokesman for Vedanta did not immediately reply to a request for comment on the ruling.

Moody's and Fitch both cut SA further into junk on Covid-19 economic shock

JOHANNESBURG

Global rating agencies Fitch and Moody's both downgraded South Africa's sovereign credit rating further into junk on Friday evening, citing a combination of SA's weakening fiscal position, rising government debt and the economic shock triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. A majority of respondents to Bloomberg survey had expected both Fitch and Moody's to keep SA's credit ratings unchanged.

One slight piece of good news was that the third major global ratings agency, S&P, chose to keep SA's sovereign credit rating assessment unchanged. All three agencies already assessed SA's debt at below investment grade ahead of the announcements on Friday evening. But the further downgrades mean that SA's borrowing costs may rise.

In its announcement on Friday evening, Fitch said it had lowered the rating of SA's long-term foreign-currency debt to 'BB-' from 'BB', with a negative outlook. 'BB-' is the third rung of sub-investment grade or 'junk' according to Fitch's rating hierarchy. "The pandemic has severely hit South Africa's economic growth performance, and GDP is expected to remain below 2019 levels even in 2022," said Fitch in a statement.

"A particularly tight lockdown in the second quarter, combined with the broader global and domestic fall-out of the pandemic, led to a sharp fall in output, but GDP had already been contracting in quarter-on-quarter terms since 3Q19."

GENEROSITY

Bank donates cement to Ibosa Primary School in Bukoba

By Guardian Reporter, Bukoba

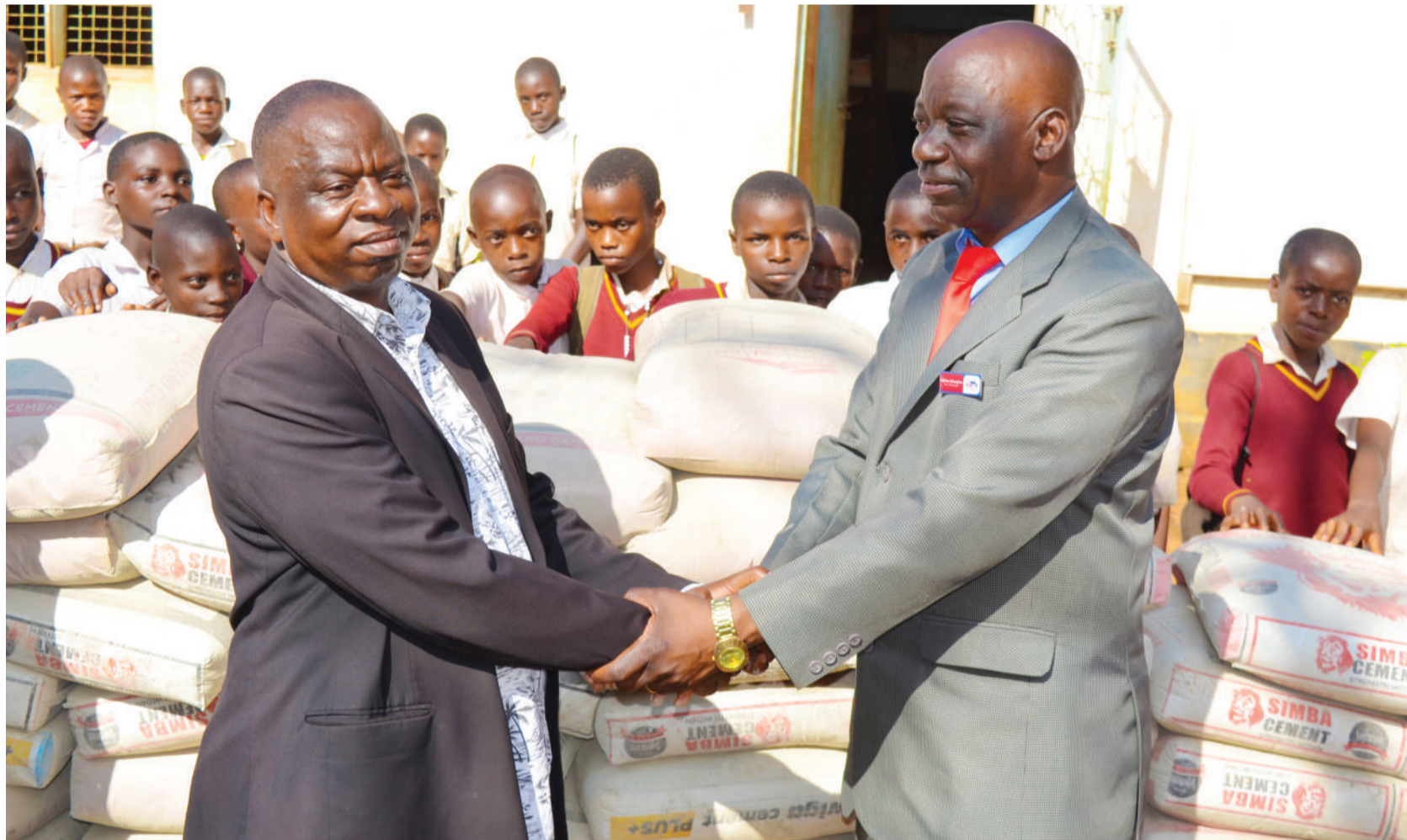
IN its quest to support quality education in the country, National Bank of Commerce has donated four metric tons of cement to Bukoba District to assist with construction of classroom at Ibosa Primary School.

Speaking during a handover ceremony on Friday, NBC Branch Manager for Bukoba, Mathias Muhangirwa said the donation is part of the bank's corporate social responsibility that aims at backing government efforts to construct more classrooms to accommodate growing numbers of pupil enrolment.

"As part of our corporate social responsibility, we decided to support the education sector by donating these four tons of cement that we believe will help in the construction of five new classrooms at this school to help ease the challenge of shortage of space," Muhangirwa said.

He pointed out that the contribution will provide a better learning environment for pupils joining the school whose numbers have dramatically increased due to the government's universal primary and secondary education policy.

He argued that for the success of the ongoing free education policy depends on co-operation from stakeholders including the banking sector, in supporting state efforts to



Bukoba acting district executive director, Babylus Mashauri (L), receives bags of cement donated by NBC from Bukoba branch manager, Mathias Muhangirwa, at a ceremony held in the district of Friday. Photo courtesy of NBC.

increase and improve classrooms in the country.

In a vote of thanks after receiving the donation, Bukoba acting District Executive Director, Babylus Mashauri said currently the public school is

facing shortage of at least five classrooms because its enrolment has surged to 789 pupils who, according to Ministry of Education standards, should be accommodated by 14 classrooms.

"Currently, the school has only nine classrooms which is forcing pupils to be overcrowded but with this support from NBC we will be able to construct five more rooms hence meet standards as per the Ministry's

directives," Mashauri said while commending NBC's management for generosity while calling on other private companies to borrow a leaf from the bank's good corporate citizenship.

EXPANSION

Zantel relocates Pemba shop to improve customer services

By Guardian Reporter

RESIDENTS of Zanzibar's second largest island of Pemba heaved a sigh of relief last week after Zantel relocated its maiden shop from Wete Sokoni to Four Ways to allow easy access to the company's services and products.

Zantel Head in Zanzibar, Mohamed Mussa said the new shop will ease many challenges which its customers were facing on the island while also improving supply of various communication products including mobile phones.

"Relocation and improvement of the shop is part of Zantel's company's plans to take our products

and services closer to the public," said Mussa who added that Pemba Four Ways is a busy areas accessed easily by many people on the island compared to Wete Sokoni.

He pointed out that the shop has an expanded and improved customer care call centre to handle and address challenges facing consumers in real time hence improving efficiency. "We hope that our customers will make full use of this shop so that they business and personal communications get better," he added.

The Zantel Head further noted that apart from offering communication services and products, the shop will also provide Ezye-

sa services, 4G enabled SIM cards and smartphones including a newly launched cheapest Smarta handset. Ezyepesa mobile money platform is jointly provided in collaboration with People's Bank of Zanzibar.

Zantel is one of Millicom's brands. Millicom is a leading telecom and media company dedicated to emerging markets in Latin America and Africa. Millicom Group employs more than 16,000 people and provides mobile services to over 62 million customers. Founded in 1990, Millicom International Cellular SA is headquartered in Luxembourg and listed on NASDAQ OMX Stockholm under the symbol MIC.



Zantel's Head in Zanzibar Mohamed Mussa, speaks at a past event.

DEADLOCKED

EU leaders urged to step up preparations for no-deal Brexit

PARIS

The leaders of France and Belgium urged the European Union to step up preparations for a no-deal Brexit at the end of the year in case negotiations with the UK fail to yield a last-minute breakthrough.

At a virtual summit of EU leaders Thursday, French President Emmanuel Macron and Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo both called on their colleagues to make contingency plans in case talks to sign a trade and security agreement fail, according to two people with knowledge of the discussion.

De Croo pointed out that the negotiations have already run long past their initial deadline and said the bloc can't go on hoping that the disagreements with Britain will resolve themselves, the people said.



French President Emmanuel Macron speaks during a videoconference with representatives of the sporting world at the Elysee Palace in Paris on November 17, 2020.

The warning came as the negotiations between the UK and EU were roiled by the disclosure that a member of the EU team had tested positive for coronavirus. Face-to-face negotiations have been now suspended, and Michel Barnier, the bloc's chief negotiator, is to go into quarantine, adding an additional complication to the discussions as time to reach a deal runs out.

If one isn't reached by year-end, businesses and consumers will face disruption and cost as tariffs and quotas return. In recent days, though, officials on both sides had privately voiced cautious optimism that a deal could be concluded as soon as next week, suggesting the comments by the two leaders may be an attempt to pressure the UK government to compromise.

Sticking points – After eight months of negotiations, the two sides still have work to do to get past long standing sticking points – ac-

cess to UK fishing waters, a level playing field for business, and how any agreement is enforced – and the time required for any deal to be ratified is running short. The post-Brexit transition period expires December 31.

Members of the British negotiating team, who haven't gone into quarantine, will return to London shortly, according to a person familiar with the talks. A government spokesperson said discussions with the EU will continue remotely until it is judged safe to resume them in person.

This isn't the first time the coronavirus has disrupted the negotiations. In March, Barnier, Frost and several members of their teams were forced into isolation after either testing positive for, or showing symptoms of, Covid. The two sides were also forced to suspend face-to-face discussions as Europe went into a continent-wide lockdown.

APPRECIATION

Copper surges to fresh two-year high on Covid-19 vaccine hopes

LONDON

Copper surged to a fresh two-year high on Friday, and is set for its longest run of weekly gains since September, as investors weighed concerns about rising coronavirus cases against promising news on vaccines that could hasten an economic recovery.

Base metals have climbed this month on signs of progress in developing a drug to combat Covid-19, which would help economies reopen and global growth recover. But there are still immediate fears that fresh lockdowns – especially in the US – could bring renewed pressure on economic activity. The Trump administration moved Thursday to end several emergency pandemic lending programs at the Federal Reserve.

Nevertheless, materials including metals are heading for a prolonged bull market driven by structural changes including a shift to more commodity-intensive economic growth, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. said in a note earlier this week.

The gains in industrial materials, from iron ore to copper, add to tailwinds from a recovery in China – copper's biggest consumer. The LME Index hit the highest since June 2018 on Thursday. The rises come despite a resurgence in virus infections in some key Western states, and a warning from the International Monetary Fund about the fragility of the rebound.

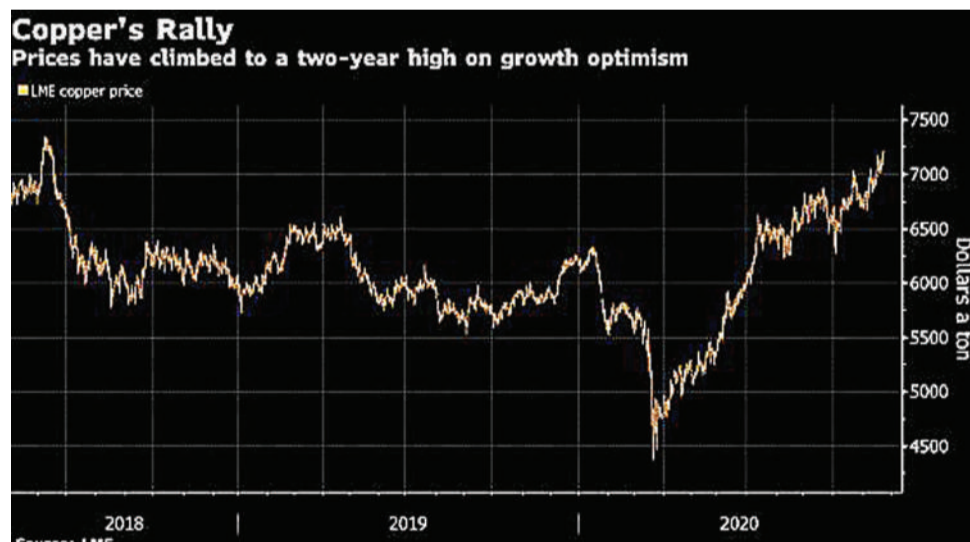
"Generally a strong week for industrial metals with vaccine news driving recov-

ery hopes outside China where demand is already robust," Ole Hansen, head of commodity strategy at Saxo Bank A/S, said by e-mail.

Copper surged as much as 1.6% to \$7,207.50 a metric ton Friday on the London Metal Exchange, to the highest since June 2018. The metal was up 1.6% to \$7,206.50 a metric ton at 10:48 a.m. and is on track for a 3.2% weekly advance. Zinc also rose 0.9%, to \$2,783 a ton. Aluminum advanced 0.3%.

LME zinc orders have doubled – a potential sign demand is rising – reaching the highest since July, London Metal Exchange data show. Cancelled warrants climbed the most since September on orders in Singapore. Aluminum has gained about 8% so far this month on the LME, joining a rally in copper and other materials that benefit from rising construction and manufacturing activity in China.

The metal "has benefited from an uptick in car manufacturing in China, and the State Council is urging cities to increase the number of license plates," Anna Stablum, a commodity analyst at Marex Spectron, wrote in a note on Friday. China is seen leading a global recovery in aluminum demand next year, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. Rusal, the world's largest aluminum producer outside China, sees the possibility of a balanced market next year and prices staying at about current levels, Chief of Sales Roman Andryushin said in an interview this week.



Copper price graph

CENSURE

Apple angry with several internet giants, but defends delay in new privacy feature

NEW YORK

Apple on Thursday slammed Facebook and other Internet giants for their ad targeting practices in response to a letter questioning a decision by the iPhone maker to delay a new privacy feature.

The Cupertino, California-based technology company criticised Facebook's approach to advertising and user tracking, according to a written reply sent to several human rights and privacy organisations, including

the Electronic Frontier Foundation and Human Rights Watch.

Apple's letter defended the company's decision to delay an iPhone feature that requires users to give explicit permission before letting apps track them for advertising purposes. The enhancement was added as part of the company's iOS 14 operating system in September, but a requirement that all apps use it was delayed until early 2021 after several developers, including Facebook, said the change would hurt their businesses.



ISIDINGO

MONDAY - FRIDAY
STARTING 7:30 PM



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MONDAY 23 Nov

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:30 HABARI
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
9:30 Isidingo
09:55 Habari za saa
10:00 Watoto wetu
10:55 Habari za saa
11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt
11:55 Habari za saa
12:00 Al Jazeera News
12:30 Mtego rpt
12:55 Habari za saa
13:00 Mjue Zaidi
13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt
13:55 Habari za saa
14:10 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

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15:00 Meza huru
16:30 Watoto Wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Aibu yako rpt
18:15 Mapishi
18:45 Kesho leo
19:00 Afya ya Jamii
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Dakika 45
22:15 Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
02:00 DWTV

TUESDAY 24 Nov

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
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11:00 Habari za saa
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16:30 Watoto wetu
17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:10 Yu wapi
18:15 Mapishi rpt
18:30 Uchumi na biashara
19:00 Jarida la wanawake
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Tanzania yetu
21:30 Chetu ni chetu

22:15 Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
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WEDNESDAY 25 Nov

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
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17:00 The Base
18:00 Jiji Letu
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19:00 Ijue Sheria
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco
21:30 Kipindi Maalum: Kesho leo
22:00 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 Al Jazeera
2:00 DWTV

THURSDAY 26 Nov

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
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8:00 Kumekucha Michezo
8:55 Habari za saa
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo
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19:00 Usafiri wako
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:00 Jukwaa la fikra
23:30 The Base
00:30 DWTV

FRIDAY 27 Nov

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17:30 Ibada ya kiislamu
18:00 Jiji Letu
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19:00 Shamba lulu
19:30 Isidingo
20:00 Habari
21:05 Kipima Joto
23:00 Habari
23:30 The Base
00:30 DWTV

SATURDAY 28 Nov

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
9:00 Watoto wetu
10:00 Shika Bamba 5
10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt
12:15 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang
13:45 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin
16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe
16:20 Igizo: Mtego
17:00 Shamsham za Pwani
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang
19:00 Jungu Kuu
19:30 Shika Bamba
20:00 Habari
21:00 Art and lifestyle
21:30 ITV TOP 10
22:10 Isidingo rpt
00:30 DWTV

SUNDAY 29 Nov

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi
6:00 HABARI
6:40 Kumekucha
7:00 Habari
8:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Watoto Wetu
10:00 Isidingo
11:00 Jukwaa la fikra
14:00 Tamasha la Michezo
15:30 Mwangaza
16:30 ITV Top 10
17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo
18:00 Jiji Letu
18:15 Mapishi
18:30 Matukio ya wiki
19:30 Igizo: Mtego
20:00 Habari
21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko
21:05 Mizengwe
21:25 Kipindi maalum: Cheza pesa
21:30 Mjue Zaidi

22:14 Bongo Movie: Chuntama
00:05 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin

CAPITAL

Mon 23 Nov

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Godwin
16:30 Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:00 Eco@Africa rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 The Décor rpt
19:30 Shamba lulu
20:00 Series: Ithoan
20:45 The Monday Agenda
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Kipima Joto
00:00 Al Jazeera

Tues 24 Nov

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Ithoan
16:30 Capchat rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Innovation
19:30 Jagina rpt
20:00 Series: Ithoan
20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
21:30 Capital Prime
22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt
22:30 Eco@Africa
23:00 Al Jazeera

Wed 25 Nov

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Ithoan
16:30 Culinary delight rpt
17:00 Innovation rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Sports Gazette
19:30 Chetu ni chetu
20:00 Series: Ithoan
20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Dakika 45:
22:45 The Décor
23:15 Al Jazeera

Thurs 26 Nov

06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Ithoan
16:30 Business edition rpt
17:00 In good shape
17:30 Meza huru

19:00 Turning the spotlight
19:30 Tanzania yetu
20:00 Series: Ithoan
20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Capchat rpt
23:00 Al Jazeera

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06:00 Al Jazeera
07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Series rpt: Ithoan
16:30 The Monday Agenda rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Rev
19:30 Eco@Africa
20:00 Aibu Yako
20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition
20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
21:30 Capital Prime News
22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt
00:00 Al Jazeera

Sat 28 Nov

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 Rev rpt
09:30 Turning the Spotlight rpt
10:00 Culinary delight rpt
10:30 Innovation rpt
11:00 Out n'about rpt
11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
12:00 Usafiri wako rpt
12:30 Eco@Africa rpt
13:00 Business edition rpt
13:30 Korean Drama rpt: The slingshot
14:30 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
17:15 Tanzania Yetu rpt
17:45 Bundesliga kick off
18:15 Capchat rpt
19:15 Mizengwe
19:30 The Décor
20:00 Korean Drama: The Slingshot
21:00 Out n' About
21:30 Movie: Deathproof
23:00 Series rpt: Godwin
01:00 Al Jazeera

Sun 29 Nov

08:00 Al Jazeera
09:00 In good shape
10:00 Capchat rpt
11:00 Sports Gazette rpt
11:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Slingshot
12:00 Jagina rpt
12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt
13:00 In good shape rpt
13:30 Series rpt: Ithoan
15:15 Aibu yako
15:30 Rev rpt
16:00 Dakika 45 rpt
16:45 Mizengwe rpt
17:00 The Décor rpt
17:30 Meza huru
19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt
19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights
20:00 Korean Drama: The Slingshot
21:00 Shift
21:15 Capchat live
22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
00:00 Al Jazeera

WORLD

Pennsylvania court loss sets back Trump bid to overturn poll

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump's desperate bid to overturn the US election was dealt a new setback on Saturday when a federal judge threw out his campaign's attempt to invalidate millions of votes in Pennsylvania.

US District Court Judge Matthew Brann ruled that the Trump campaign's efforts to stop Pennsylvania officials from certifying Democrat Joe Biden as the winner in the state was "unsupported by evidence".

"This Court has been presented with strained legal arguments without merit and speculative accusations," Brann wrote.

"In the United States of America, this cannot justify the disenfranchisement of a single voter, let alone all the voters of its sixth most populated state," he wrote.

The lawsuit sought to stop officials from certifying Biden's victory in the state, arguing that some counties wrongly allowed voters to fix errors on their mail ballots.

Republican Senator Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania said Trump had "exhausted all plausible legal options" to challenge the result in Pennsylvania.

He called on Trump to concede the election and congratulated Biden on his victory.

Few other Republicans in Congress have called on Trump to concede.

Trump's lawyers said they would appeal the ruling, with the hopes of quickly reaching the US Supreme Court.

"We are disappointed we did not at least get the opportunity to present our evidence at a hearing. Unfortunately the censorship continues," Rudy Giuliani and Jenna Ellis said in a statement.

For Trump to have any hope of overturning the election, he needs to reverse the outcome in Pennsylvania, which is scheduled to be certified by state officials on Monday.

Democrats said Saturday's scathing verdict was further proof that Trump's accusations of fraud are baseless.

"Our country will not tolerate Trump's attempt to reverse the results of an election that he decisively lost," Biden spokesman Michael Gwin said in a statement.

Giuliani, who made his first courtroom appearance in 30 years for a hearing in the case on Tuesday, has floated a variety of conspiracy theories



President Donald Trump

as the Trump team alleged that the election was marred by widespread voter fraud.

Trump did not directly address the ruling as he re-aired familiar grievances on Twitter. "Fake ballots, dead people voting, no Republican Poll Watchers allowed, & more!" he wrote.

Election officials across the country say there was no widespread fraud, and Trump's own administration has called the election "the most secure in American history."

Trump's campaign and its allies have filed dozens of lawsuits across the country challenging the results.

They have had little success so far, and time is running out to build a case as some states have started formalizing results.

In Pennsylvania, counties are due to file official results on Monday to the secretary of state, who will then certify the tallies. Biden was projected to be leading Trump by more than 81,000 votes in the state.

Benjamin Geffen of the Public Interest Law Center, who was involved in the case, said Saturday's ruling showed Trump will not be able to overturn Biden's Pennsylvania victory in court.

"As far as litigation goes I believe this is the end of the line for them," he said.

Unprecedented effort

Trump is seeking to invalidate or change the election results through recounts and direct pressure on lawmakers in several states. He would need to prevail in at least three states to prevent Biden from being sworn in as president on Jan 20 - an unprecedented action.

In Michigan, Republicans wrote to state authorities on Saturday asking them to wait 14 days to certify Biden's victory to allow for an audit of ballots in Wayne county, which includes the majority-Black city of Detroit. The letter cited allegations of "irregularities" that have not been substantiated.

ated. Biden was projected to have won 154,000 more votes than Trump in Michigan.

That effort faces long odds. A spokesperson for Michigan's top election authority said state law does not allow for audits before the vote is certified, which is due to take place on Monday. Allegations of widespread fraud have been found to be baseless, the spokesperson said.

Two leading Republican Michigan lawmakers who came to Washington at Trump's behest said after meeting him on Friday that they had no information that would change the outcome of the election in the state.

In Wisconsin, an official said poorly trained observers for the Trump campaign were slowing a partial recount by challenging every ballot and raising other objections.

"Observers are disruptive. They are asking question after question, telling the tabulators to stop, stop what they're doing and that is out of line, that's not acceptable," Milwaukee County Clerk George Christianson told reporters.

A manual recount and audit in Georgia confirmed Biden on Friday as the winner in the southern state, the first Democratic presidential candidate to win Georgia in nearly three decades.

The Trump campaign has two business days to request a recount in Georgia. Trump's legal team has also said it plans a lawsuit in the state, but has not provided specifics.

Trump's accusations have continued to inflame his hard-core Republican base.

Hundreds of supporters gathered at the statehouse in Atlanta on Saturday, with video posted online showing speakers denouncing the media for calling Biden the election winner, as well as state Republican leaders for certifying the results.

Police in riot gear were deployed to separate them from counterprotesters who gathered nearby.

Critics say Trump's refusal to concede have serious implications for national security and the fight against the coronavirus, which has killed nearly 255,000 Americans.

Afghans outraged by alleged war crimes by Australian soldiers

KABUL



THE alleged war crimes committed by Australian soldiers in Afghanistan during their military mission have drawn strong reaction from Afghans, who condemned the killings of innocent people.

"Killing of unarmed individuals, civilians and non-combatants are war crimes. It is not important who has committed war crimes but all perpetrators of war crimes in Afghanistan must be brought to justice," Eqbal Siddiqui, a private university student in Kabul, told Xinhua on Saturday.

Siddiqui strongly condemned the Australian troops' barages on Afghan civilians and asked for more investigations into the issue and the punishment of the perpetrators. He also asked for compensation from the Australian government to the Afghan victims' families.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison has vowed that allegations of war crimes committed by Australian soldiers in Afghanistan between 2005 and 2016 will be taken "very seriously." He said the allegations would be pursued until "justice is indeed served."

Morrison (pictured) had a phone conversation on Wednesday with Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani to discuss the issue.

"In this telephone call, the Prime Minister of Australia expressed his deepest sorrow over the misconduct by some Australian troops in Afghanistan and assured the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan of the investigations and to ensuring justice," Afghan Presidential Palace said in a statement posted on its website.

Hassan Samed, an Afghan shop owner, also denounced the killings, saying "the U.S. and the NATO-led coalition forces came into Afghanistan under the pretext of war against terrorism."

But they also conducted war crimes, killing and torturing innocent Afghans, under the pretext of fighting terror." In a letter to Afghan acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne "has extended apologies for the misconduct identified by the inquiry, by some Australian military personnel in Afghanistan," according to the Afghan presidential place.

Australian Minister for Defense Linda Reynolds and Chief of the Defense Force Gen. Angus Campbell are considering the inquiry's extensive findings and recommendations and will make public statements subsequently, the presidential palace statement quoted the letter as saying.

"We heard in media reports that the Australian government has itself released the war-violence of its troops in Afghanistan..." Said Naqib Haidari, an Afghan government worker, told Xinhua. "The incident should be investigated deeply to reveal more and more possible violence against the Afghans during their stay in the country," said Haidari.

Condemning the intentional killings, Haidari said the perpetrators should be punished accordingly. The Australian Defence Force have recently released the findings of a four-year inquiry that found "credible evidence" of the special forces soldiers' murdering of 39 prisoners, farmers and civilians during the war in Afghanistan. **Xinhua**

S. African president calls for inclusive economic recovery

JOHANNESBURG



SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa pleaded with Group of 20 (G20) leaders to ensure an inclusive global economic recovery when speaking at the virtual G20 Leaders' Summit on Saturday.

He said the COVID-19 pandemic hit Africa hard. "Economic activity on the continent is expected to contract by 3.2 percent in 2020, with the region falling into a recession for the first time in 25 years." "In the middle of the pandemic - even as we battle rising global infections - we must look towards an inclusive economic recovery, where no country is left behind," the president said. "We call on the G20 member states to use all of their persuasive powers, individually and collectively, to convince all creditor countries, the multilateral development banks, the credit rating agencies and the private sector to continue to work with us to address the problem of burgeoning and unsustainable developing country debt," he added.

Ramaphosa, current chairperson of the African Union (AU), said the organization has proposed several measures to ease Africa's debt problem, which include debt relief in the form of interest-payment waivers and deferred payments. "In addition to the suspension of debt service payments, large financing needs remain necessary to both stave off a deep humanitarian crisis and stimulate economic rebirth." **Xinhua**

S. Arabia says confident Biden to pursue regional stability

RIYADH/BEIRUT

SAUDI Arabia's foreign minister said on Saturday he was confident that Democrat Joe Biden's incoming US administration would pursue policies that help regional stability and that any discussions with it would lead to strong cooperation.

Riyadh is bracing itself for a new US president who pledged on the election campaign trail to reassess ties with Saudi Arabia, a state he described as a "pariah" in 2019.

"I'm confident that a Biden administration would continue to pursue policies that are in the interest of regional stability," Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud (pictured) told Reuters in a virtual interview on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders Summit, which his country is hosting.

"Any discussions we will have with the future administration will lead to strong cooperation."

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman enjoyed close personal ties with President Donald Trump and their relationship provided a buffer against international criticism over Riyadh's rights record following the murder of Saudi journalist and US resident Jamal Khashoggi, Riyadh's role in Yemen's war and the detention of women's rights activists.

Those areas may now become points of friction between Biden and Saudi Arabia, a major oil exporter and buyer of US arms.

Prince Faisal emphasized the 75-year history of "strong defense cooperation" between the two countries and said he expected it to continue. He said it would be "entirely appropriate" for the United States to designate the Iran-aligned Houthi movement in Yemen as a foreign terrorist organization.



"We all know much of their weapons and a significant part of their ideology comes from Iran. So they are certainly a foreign-backed terrorist organization," he said.

Washington sees the group as an extension of Iranian influence in the region. Trump's administration has been threatening to blacklist the group, sources have told Reuters, as part of its "maximum pressure" campaign against Tehran. Iran denies that it gives financial and military support to the Houthis.

Saudi Arabia lobbied hard for the campaign against rival Iran, and at issue is how Biden will address Tehran's ballistic missiles and support for regional proxies in any talks to revive an international nuclear pact with Iran that Trump quit in 2018.

Prince Faisal also said the kingdom enjoyed "good, amicable" relations with Turkey, which has been at odds with the kingdom for some years over foreign policy and attitudes towards Islamist political groups. The murder of Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul sharply heightened tensions.

For more than a year, some Saudi and Turkish traders have speculated that Saudi Arabia was enforcing an informal boycott of imports from Turkey.

The minister said he hasn't seen any numbers that would support the existence of a boycott.

Commenting on the rift among Gulf countries with Qatar, Prince Faisal said Riyadh was seeking a way to end a dispute with Qatar. The dispute dates from 2017 when the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt imposed a boycott on Qatar, severing diplomatic and transport ties and accusing it of supporting terrorism. Qatar denies allegations of supporting terrorism.

In the lead-up to the G20, leading human rights groups and families of jailed activists called on G20 capitals to boycott the summit over Riyadh's rights record. **Agencies**

World Bank chief welcomes G20 progress on debt relief

WASHINGTON

WORLD Bank Group President David Malpass said Saturday that he is very pleased to see the progress the Group of 20 (G20) has made on debt transparency and debt relief.

"These are important, positive steps for development, and I've been glad to see constructive responses from major creditors," Malpass said during a G20 summit

hosted by Saudi Arabia via video-conference during Nov 21-22.

The G20 endorsed the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) in April to help the poorest countries in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The DSSI was extended in October by six more months.

Last week, G20 finance ministers and central bank governors pledged to commit to the DSSI in close coordination, saying that maximum support would be provided for DSSI-eligible countries.



Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday said that the country supports a G20 decision on the extension of the DSSI, and will continue to fully implement it along with other parties.

"President Xi's commitments and last week's announcements are helpful and welcome," Malpass said at the virtual summit.

"Debt reduction and transparency will enable productive investment, a key to achieving an earlier, stronger and more lasting recovery," said the World Bank chief, adding that "more needs to be done."

Malpass noted that the debt challenges were becoming more frequent, including in Chad, Angola, Ethiopia and Zambia where, in the absence of more permanent debt relief, "the poverty outlook remains bleak".

"We need to guard against doing too little now, and then suffering disorderly defaults and repeated debt restructurings as in the 1980s," he said. **Xinhua**

Double Eleven shopping festival brings in new features to offset pandemic impact

DESPITE The gloom of the COVID-19 pandemic and the winter cold, for Chinese netizens, November heralds the country's most enjoyable and exciting online event, the Single's Day shopping spree. It is a shopping festival popular among young Chinese citizens that celebrates their pride in being single. The date, November 11th, was chosen because the number "1" represents an individual. Thus, this online festival is also known as the Double Eleven Festival in China.

As the world's largest online shopping event, this year's Single's Day Festival has attracted global attention due to its new features brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Chinese buyers' enthusiasm for online shopping has never faded,

as China is the only major economy expected to see positive growth this year due to its successful efforts to control COVID-19. In 2020, Alibaba, China's leading online shopping platform, sold goods worth 498.2 billion RMB (\$75.2 billion) from Nov.1 to Nov.11, attracting 800 million buyers, 25,000 brands and 5 million online shops worldwide to enjoy the online extravaganza, while its rival JD.com reached a sale volume of 271.5 billion RMB (\$41 billion), a new record despite the dampened global economy.

As the online shopping festival has become an integral part of China's economy and internet culture, this year's event has added new features to offset the impact of the ongoing pandemic. Follow us to learn what's new in this year's online

shopping festival, and get ready to fill your shopping cart!

Unprecedented shopping feast

As the deteriorating pandemic situation continues to sweep the globe, most customers have turned to the internet to purchase their daily necessities, making it possible for online shopping platforms to extend the festival from its usual eight days to 11 days this year, with the new shopping window opening on November 1.

"Due to the pandemic, this year's Double Eleven has become a major channel for companies and brands to sell their products, while the longest shopping festival in history means customers now have more time to think about and make better choices," said a spokesperson

from Alibaba.

In order to cope with the pressure on the express delivery industry caused by the extended shopping festival, China launched a high-speed rail freight train on November 1 for the first time. Currently, the "High Speed Rail Express" has opened 36 operating lines covering 21 large and medium-sized cities including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenyang, and Xi'an.

Even the number of online sellers this year has seen a remarkable increase, with more newcomers looking to dip their toes in the new waters. Many Chinese companies that used to deal mainly in exports, for instance, have set up online shops to attract local customers, as the current pandemic has resulted in

the loss of large numbers of orders from their overseas buyers.

"Our export orders have shrunk 10 million RMB this year. We have decided to open our online shop and sell our products during the Double Eleven. This is our first try, and I have strong confidence that we can make it," said Fang Hao, manager of Zexi Commodity Co., Ltd in Yiwu, east China's Zhejiang Province.

Outlets across China have also made an unprecedented move to join this year's online spree, which will provide Chinese buyers keen on foreign luxury brands the chance to get their favourite products without leaving the country.

To make the online festival more renowned internationally, many Chinese

online shopping platforms have also set up online festival galas to attract foreign customers. According to Tmall, Alibaba's major online shopping platform, an evening gala featuring music and talk shows will be aired on Single's Day, covering over 200 countries and regions. Despite the pandemic travel ban, many international stars have taken part in the event, including pop star Katy Perry.

"The Double Eleven is a barometer to observe China's economy. During the pandemic, this online shopping festival will not only serve as an incubator for business innovation, but will also boost the domestic consumer market," said Zhong Hongjun, a professor from the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. **People's Daily**

Erdogan sees Turkey's future with EU despite sanction threat

ISTANBUL

PRESIDENT Recep Tayyip Erdogan called on the European Union to keep its promises to Turkey and avoid discrimination as the threat of EU sanctions looms over the country.

"We see ourselves in Europe, not anywhere else, and we want to build our future with Europe," Erdogan said Saturday in a video conference during his ruling Justice and Development Party's regular provincial congress. "We want to be in stronger cooperation with our friends and allies."

Earlier this week, the EU's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, said Turkey isn't sending "positive signals" and needs to change its attitude fundamentally regarding the hydrocarbon dispute with EU members Greece and Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea.

Turkish Cypriots and Cyprus have been at loggerheads over offshore gas reserves in disputed waters. Cyprus has been pushing other EU states to expand a blacklist against Turkey over its natural-gas exploration in the eastern Mediterranean. Other governments including Germany were wary of provoking Turkey.

"We believe that we don't have any problem with any country or institution that we cannot solve with diplomacy and dialogue," Erdogan said a week after a visit to northern Cyprus. "We have been keeping diplomatic channels open and we will continue



to do so."

European leaders will discuss the future of EU-Turkey relations at their summit in December, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Thursday. When asked by a reporter about recent tensions between Turkey and EU members, Merkel said they will watch for developments in the next couple of weeks before discussing any potential sanctions.

Meanwhile, Turkey said it was extending the seismic survey work of its Oruc Reis ship in a disputed area of the eastern Mediterranean until Nov 29, in a move that could add to tensions in the region.

The hydrocarbon dispute erupted in August when Turkey sent Oruc Reis into waters also claimed by Greece and Cyprus.

Along with two other ships, the Ataman and Cengiz Han, Oruc Reis will continue work in an area west of Cyprus, a Turkish naval maritime notice said on Saturday. **Agencies**

Lavrov rejects questioning of Nagorno-Karabakh ceasefire statement

TBILISI

VISITING Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov Saturday in Yerevan rejected doubts over a trilateral ceasefire statement centered around the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Lavrov (pictured) said during a briefing that issues related to the implementation of the ceasefire statement were fully discussed at the meeting with the Armenian leadership, including ensuring the operation of the Russian peacekeeping mission and conducting humanitarian actions.

"All accepted that this statement is the only means for the settlement of the situation, which was very tough several weeks ago. It was stated that all attempts both within the country and abroad at questioning that statement are unacceptable," Lavrov said, adding that Russia and Armenia had confirmed their determination to do everything to keep the statement in force.

The ceasefire statement was signed by Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Nov 9, in which the three sides agreed on a complete ceasefire in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone starting from Nov 10.

As agreed, Russia is now deploying to the region a peacekeeping contingent consisting of 1,960 servicemen with small arms, 90 armored personnel carriers and 380 vehicles.

Russian peacekeepers will set up 16 observation posts to monitor the ceasefire along the contact line in Nagorno-Karabakh and along the corridor connecting the region with Armenia. **Agencies**



Ethiopian army discloses capture of cities in Tigray region

ADDIS ABABA

THE Ethiopian government on Saturday announced the capture of cities from Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) fighters in different directions across the restive Tigray regional state.

"The Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) took full control of Axum, Adwa and the surrounding areas of Adigrat," the state of emergency task force established by the federal government to watch over the ongoing military operations against the TPLF, said in a statement.

"Our Defense Forces, who are advancing towards the hideouts of the TPLF militia, were confronted with a siege in Selehleha after conquering Shire," it said, adding that "the TPLF militia, which had taken refuge in Selehleha,

cut off roads with dozers and damaged the asphalt." "Nevertheless, the ENDF broke into their defenses and took full control of the city of Axum," the statement read. According to the Ethiopian government, on the way from Axum to Adwa, "the TPLF militia tried to defend itself in some areas, but was defeated by our defense forces who took full control of Adwa."

The ENDF is now advancing to Adigrat city after taking full control of its surroundings, it was noted. The Ethiopian government also disclosed that its forces are now on course to the regional capital, Mekelle, where many believe senior TPLF leaders are presently stationed. "Many of the TPLF militia have surrendered, including the ENDF soldiers that sided with the junta," the statement read. **Xinhua**

Together, let us fight COVID-19 and create better future

Remarks by H.E. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China at Session I of the 15th G20 Leaders' Summit Beijing, 21 November 2020

Your Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud,

Dear Colleagues,

I wish to begin by expressing heartfelt thanks to the Saudi Presidency and especially Your Majesty King Salman for the tremendous efforts in hosting this summit.

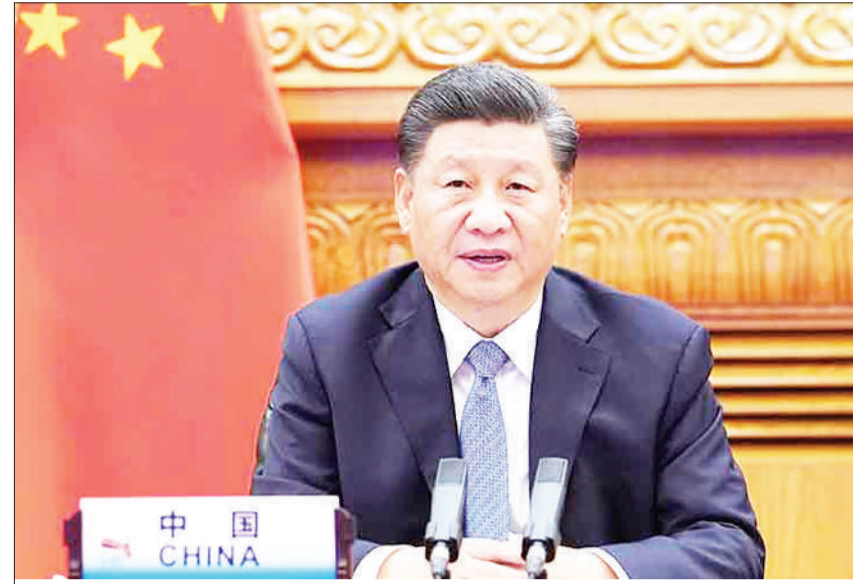
This outgoing year, humanity has experienced the most serious global pandemic in a century. Over one million people have lost their lives. The world economy is in recession. Societies and livelihoods are taking a big hit. The impact of COVID-19 is even worse than that of the 2008 global financial crisis.

The G20 has taken swift actions in the wake of COVID-19. At the Extraordinary Summit earlier this year, we agreed to step up cooperation to fight the pandemic. We agreed to advance the R&D of medicines and vaccines, maintain economic and financial stability, keep the industrial and supply chains open, and ease the debt burden of developing countries. These measures have given the world confidence and charted the course for international cooperation against the virus. In this global battle, the G20 has once again played an important and, indeed, irreplaceable role.

As we speak, the pandemic is still wreaking havoc across the world, and some countries face the threat of a second wave of infections. To contain the virus, stabilize the economy and protect livelihood remains a long and arduous journey for all countries. In the meantime, the international architecture is evolving at a faster pace. Rising unilateralism and protectionism are causing disruptions to global industrial and supply chains. While containing the virus on an ongoing basis, we must also stabilize and restore economic growth. For the G20, I believe more efforts are needed in the following areas:

First, build a global firewall against COVID-19. We must first put the disease under control at home and, on that basis, strengthen exchanges and cooperation to help countries in need. Several G20 members have made progress in vaccine R&D and production. We should speed up action and support the WHO in mobilizing and consolidating resources and distributing vaccines fairly and efficiently. China actively supports and participates in international cooperation on COVID-19 vaccines. We have joined the COVAX facility and stand ready to step up cooperation with other countries on the R&D, production and distribution of vaccines. We will honor our commitment of giving assistance and support to other developing countries, and work to make vaccines a global public good accessible and affordable to people around the world.

Second, ensure the smooth functioning of the global economy. While containing the virus, we need to restore the secure and smooth operation of global industrial and supply chains. We need to reduce tariffs and barriers, and explore the liberalization of trade of key medical supplies. We need to further harmonize policies and standards and establish "fast tracks" to facilitate the orderly flow of personnel. China has proposed a global mechanism on the mutual recognition of health certificates based on nucleic acid test results in the form of internationally accepted QR codes. We hope more countries will join this



Chinese President Xi Jinping addresses the 15th G20 Leaders' Summit via video link Beijing, November 21, 2020. (Photo/CGTN)

mechanism. We also support the G20 in carrying out institutionalized cooperation and building global cooperation networks to facilitate the flow of personnel and goods.

Third, harness the role of the digital economy. COVID-19 has fueled the boom of new technologies, new business forms and new platforms such as 5G, artificial intelligence (AI) and smart cities, and accelerated the development of a contact-free economy like online shopping, online education and telemedicine. All this opens new pathways for economic growth. We ought to adapt to change and turn crisis into opportunity. We may deepen structural reform and cultivate new growth drivers through scientific and technological innovation and digital transformation. We could foster an enabling environment for the development of the digital economy, enhance data security cooperation, strengthen the digital infrastructure, and level the playing field for high-tech companies from all countries. Meanwhile, we need to address the challenges posed by the digital economy to employment, taxation and vulnerable groups, and seek to bridge the digital divide.

Fourth, pursue more inclusive development. We should keep our support for developing countries and help them overcome the hardships caused by the pandemic. In spite of its own difficulties, China has fully implemented the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) and put off debt repayment totaling over US\$1.3 billion. China supports the decision on DSSI extension and will continue to work with other parties for its full implementation. Meanwhile, China will increase the level of debt suspension and relief for countries facing particular difficulties and encourage its financial institutions to provide new financing support on a voluntary basis and according to market principles. We should help women walk out of the shadow of the pandemic, address their special needs, and implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. China has proposed the convening of another Global Leaders' Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in 2025 to contribute to women's development in the post-COVID era. It is also vital that we take the challenge of food security seriously and support the UN in holding the Food Systems Summit next year. In this connection, China proposes the holding of an international conference on food loss and waste in due course, and welcomes the active participation of G20 members and relevant international organizations.

Colleagues,

The grave challenge of COVID-19 has exposed the deficiencies of global governance. The international community has a keen interest in the post-

COVID international order and global governance as well as the future role for the G20. In my view, the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits should guide our way forward. We should uphold multilateralism, pursue openness and inclusiveness, promote mutually beneficial cooperation and keep pace with the times. The G20 ought to play a bigger role in this process.

First, we need to strengthen the UN-centered international system. The UN is the core institution for addressing international affairs through cooperation. All countries should firmly support the UN's authority and standing, follow the purposes and principles of its Charter, and uphold the international order underpinned by international law. We support the UN in more effectively building global consensus, mobilizing global resources and coordinating global actions. We support a bigger role of the UN in promoting world peace and development.

Second, we need to improve the governance architecture for economic globalization. We should firmly safeguard the rules-based multilateral trading system that is transparent, nondiscriminatory, open and inclusive, and support the reform of the WTO to enhance its effectiveness and authority. We should promote free trade, oppose unilateralism and protectionism, uphold fair competition, and protect the development rights, interests and space of developing countries. We should continue the reform of the international financial system, conclude the IMF's 16th General Quota Review on schedule, expand the role of the Special Drawing Rights, buttress the global financial safety net, and raise the representation and voice of developing countries. We should also address the challenges to economic globalization head-on, and make it more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial to all.

Third, we need to promote the sound development of the digital economy. To address countries' concerns on data security, the digital divide, personal privacy and ethics, we should adopt people-centered and facts-based policies to encourage innovation and build trust. We should support the UN's leadership role in this field, and work together to foster an open, fair, just and nondiscriminatory environment for building the digital economy. Recently, China launched the Global Initiative on Data Security. We may work on that basis and join other parties for discussing and formulating rules on global digital governance. China supports increased dialogue on AI, and proposes a meeting on this in due course to advance the G20 AI Principles and set the course for the healthy development of AI globally. The G20 also needs to discuss

developing the standards and principles for central bank digital currencies with an open and accommodating attitude, and properly handle all types of risks and challenges while pushing collectively for the development of the international monetary system.

Fourth, we need to build up capacities for tackling global challenges. The most pressing task of the moment is to shore up the global public health system and contain COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. We need to enhance the role of the WHO, improve pandemic preparedness and response, forge a strong shield for human health and safety, and build a global community of health for all. We need to scale up international cooperation on ecology and environment to protect the planet Earth, our only homeland. We need to further curtail the production and use of non-essential, disposable plastic goods. COP26 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and COP15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, both to be held next year, may serve as opportunities for forging broader consensus and stronger synergy in building a clean and beautiful world where man and nature coexist in harmony. China calls for a complete ban on illegal trade of wildlife and for stronger exchanges and cooperation on the protection of wild fauna and flora.

Colleagues,

Building on its major strategic gains in fighting COVID-19, China has made steady strides in economic development. The recently concluded Fifth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee adopted recommendations for formulating China's 14th five-year plan. The plenum underscored that China will finish building a moderately prosperous society in all respects within the set time frame, and will embark on a new journey next year toward fully building a modern socialist country. Based on a scientific analysis of the new stage of China's development, we will stay committed to the new development philosophy, and actively foster a new development paradigm with domestic circulation as the mainstay and domestic and international circulations reinforcing each other.

This new development paradigm is by no means a closed-door policy. Instead, it urges efforts on both the supply and demand sides to ensure unimpeded flow in production, distribution, exchange and consumption. While making the Chinese economy more resilient and competitive, it also aims to build a new system of open economy of higher standards. This will create more opportunities for the world to benefit from China's high-quality development.

China will always be a builder of global peace, a contributor to global development and a defender of international order. On the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, China stands ready to pursue peaceful coexistence and common development with all countries. We may bridge differences through dialogue, resolve disputes through negotiation, and make a joint effort for world peace and development.

Colleagues,

As a Chinese poem reads, "Past a fallen ship, one thousand sail onward; for a sick tree, ten thousand thrive by spring." I believe that when COVID-19 is over, our world will rise from the pandemic and emerge even stronger. In that spirit, let us join hands to deliver a better life for our people and build a community with a shared future for mankind.

SCO to step up anti-epidemic cooperation, build community of common health for mankind

CHINA is calling on Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states to consolidate solidarity and mutual trust and deepen cooperation across the board for building a stronger community with a shared future, Chinese President Xi Jinping said.

"In the current circumstances, the SCO is required to carry forward the Shanghai Spirit and deepen solidarity and collaboration. Together, we will contribute more to the stability and development of countries in the region and take more steps toward building a community with a shared future for mankind," he said.

Based on his in-depth analysis of the international situation, Xi made the remarks when addressing the

20th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization via video link on Nov. 10. Xi's remarks have injected new impetus into the sustained, healthy and stable development of the SCO in the post-pandemic era.

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated shifts in the international landscape. The world is entering a period of turbulence and transformation. The international community now faces a major test with choices to be made between multilateralism and unilateralism, openness and seclusion, cooperation and confrontation.

Against such a background, the SCO summit is particularly of special significance, and has attracted worldwide

attention.

Since its founding in 2001, the SCO has maintained a sound and steady growth momentum and blazed a new path of cooperation and development for regional organizations. It has become a comprehensive regional cooperation organization covering the largest area and most population in the world.

The SCO's actions to further form synergies to beat the pandemic, safeguard security and stability, promote economic recovery, and defend international fairness and justice will concern the development and prosperity of regional countries and the wellbeing of all people, and hold global demonstration significance.

In the face of COVID-19, the SCO member states have backed each other up to tide over the difficulties together, vividly interpreting their good neighborly relations and effectively protecting the lives and health of the people in the region.

At the crucial moment in China's fight against the epidemic, other SCO member states have extended a helping hand to the country and expressed sympathy and support, leaving many heartwarming stories. The SCO issued a statement to express its support for China's anti-epidemic efforts.

Similarly, China has sympathized with fellow SCO member states hit by COVID-19 and provided assistance for them to the best of its ability. It has

held video conferences with experts to share its practices in epidemic prevention and control, sent medical expert teams and joint working teams, and provided badly-needed medical supplies. All this has strongly supported the response efforts of relevant countries.

Focusing on regular epidemic prevention and control, the SCO member states have also launched collective and coordinated response mechanisms in the border areas. While safeguarding public health security, they have ensured the smooth functioning of regional industrial and supply chains.

Vladimir Norov, secretary-general of the SCO, said the organization has

injected positive energy into global anti-pandemic cooperation and made important contributions to the building of a community of common health for mankind.

As a line in the Chinese classics goes, "Those who farm observe the shift of seasons, those who govern follow the change of the world."

China proposed the signing of the SCO leaders' statement on joint efforts against the threat of epidemics at the SCO Qingdao Summit in 2018. By building on the achievements and aiming at the long-term goals, the statement is of great practical significance. The implementation of the statement will guide anti-epidemic cooperation.

People's Daily

SPORT



Dar es Salaam's Lugalo Golf Club's Chairman, Michael Luwongo (C), displays a bottle of Johnnie Walker awarded to him by Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) Marketing Director, Mark Mugisha (R), after the SBL had recently announced its sponsorship for the 2020 Waitara Trophy tournament in Dar es Salaam. Standing (L) is the club's captain Japhet Masai.

Lugalo Golf Club set to host Waitara Trophy tournament next month

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

SOME terms like par, birdie, double eagle, Albatross, bogey, ace, tee, putt and dog licence, might either seem or sound alien to a casual layman, but, to a perennial golf player, these, among others, are common idioms in the game of golf.

But of course, the layman might be forgiven because golf, as people know it, is not just a common man's game.

In this parts of Africa, the game of golf is mainly associated with a certain class of people (the 'blue chip' folks) and well, there could be some truth in it because according to Quora (www.quora.com), 'the cost of golf is greater than any other type of sport in comparison to other sports'.

To further give credence to the assertion, Quora adds: "Due to (golf) course charges, equipment, membership and uniformity which requires expensive fees, golf is considered an elite and expensive sport".

Perhaps this could be the reason as to why most of people in Tanzania might not know much about the game of golf and why even the local media reports about the game only intermittently.

It is therefore, always sweet music to golf players and enthusiasts when Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), via Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky brand, accepts to sponsor local golf competitions for the sponsorship creates more awareness about the game as well as providing the players with the much-needed exposure in the local and regional sports scene.

Marketed and distributed by the SBL, the Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky brand has once again sponsored the General Waitara Trophy tournament, which is organized by Dar es Salaam's Lugalo Golf Club.

According to the organizers, led by the club's chairman Brigadier General (rtd) Michael Luwongo, the tournament that will take place at the club's course on December 5, 2020, will involve over 150 players from across the country.

Luwongo thanked SBL through Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky brand for sponsoring the event.

He noted: "We very are grateful for SBL's consistent support of golf and other sports in the country that include football. We are particularly happy to note that SBL has now become the biggest supporter of this tournament through the firm's product Johnnie Walker Blended Scotch Whisky."

He stated that SBL has been sponsoring the Lugalo Golf Club for a long time, noting that the company is a worthy partner in the growth of golf and indeed the development of the sports sector in the country.

Speaking of the sponsorship, SBL's Marketing Director, Mark Mugisha, said Johnnie Walker brand's support towards the competition gears towards promoting the development of the game of golf in the country.

Mugisha said: "SBL, through its world class-whisky Johnnie Walker, is proud to be the main sponsor of this year's Waitara Trophy tournament. Our support to this tournament demonstrates our solid commitment to supporting the developing of sports in the country."

According to Mugisha, this year's sponsorship has coincided with John Walker's 200-year anniversary, an additional rider to the brewers' keenness to partner with the Lugalo Golf Club so as to celebrate the whisky's bicentennial in style.

Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky brand came into existence when John Walker, an ordinary Scottish businessman, started his grocery business in Ayrshire and used varieties of single malts, blending them together to make his whisky tastier and eventually he found a new blended whisky which 200 years later is the number one Blended Scotch Whisky in the World.

The SBL has established itself as a genuine lover of sports in the country. The brewers are also the main sponsor of Tanzania's senior national men's soccer team, Taifa Stars, through the firm's multiple-award-winning beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lager.

The SBL too made history in 2018 by becoming the first company ever to sponsor Mainland Tanzania Women Premier League, courtesy of the firm's Superbrand-winning light beer, Serengeti Premium Lite.

Azam FC must keep heads down

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

SITTING atop this season's Vodacom Premier League (VPL) table after 10 rounds, coach Aristica Cioaba and his Azam side have to feel good about the current state of affairs at the club.

But that does not mean that their campaign will not end with a whimper.

Recent performances suggest they are coming back to earth after a seven-match winning run was snapped away to Mtibwa Sugar on the eighth round of the season, the hosts won 1-0.

It was followed by an even

more frustrating home draw against an inconsistent JKT Tanzania side.

The 3-0 home comfortable win against a struggling newly promoted side, Dodoma Jiji FC, was a big relief just before the two-week international break.

It was assumed that Azam FC would use the break to recharge the batteries.

However, Azam who played a couple of friendlies during the international break, resumed their league campaign with another setback by going down 1-0 to city rivals, Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC, at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

Azam FC has won just four points out of the available 12 in the side's last four outings.

The KMC FC defeat does not mean that Azam are in crisis. It does not mean that Azam FC cannot win the league title.

It simply highlights a frailty. The KMC are a very good team this season as Yanga would tell you and they proved their worth against Azam FC.

The overall problem for Azam FC is hard to assess. Going forward they look incredible, even if they are not clinical enough.

They are averaging less than two goals per game while defending champions, Simba, are

hitting nearly three goals per game.

Azam FC's key players appear not as sharp as they were at the beginning of the campaign.

Prince Dube, the club's talisman and guiding light, leading with six goals and four assists, has not found the back of the net in the last five matches.

Fans, pundits and an army of social media trolls have been quick to take aim at the Zimbabwean striker who arrived from Highlanders in August for \$50,000 and scored his first goal against Coastal Union.

That is to be expected when a player has had such a bright start. In Azam FC's opening

six league games he formed a devastatingly attacking force alongside the club's last season top scorer, Obrey Chirwa. Six goals in six games set near impossible expectations for Dube.

Dube's goalless run in the league is being blown out of proportion to the point that it is bordering on being a crisis for the striker who netted for Zimbabwe against Algeria in the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers last week.

The forward's critics can continue taking shots. Ironically, they too are missing the target. In the middle of the park, the general vibe is a positive one shared amongst Azam FC sup-

porters. There is depth, raised performance and newcomers showing improvement week to week.

Ally Niyonzima and Awesu Awesu have added depth and competition for a starting place.

Injuries to Frank Domayo and Salum Abubakar are the only setback in that department which has more than enough cover.

Against KMC FC, Never Tigere was on the bench, something that highlighted the midfield depth.

One cannot ignore the disappointment of dropping eight

points in a tight title race but in reality, management, Cioaba and the squad should feel proud for the way they have handled this season so far.

Before the season kicked off, nobody was very optimistic Azam FC had improved enough to push the highly touted Simba SC and Yanga in the title race.

Something, though, has changed. Now, of course it is far too early to be talking about potential league winners but Azam have not done bad.

They just need to keep their heads down to remain humble in their hustle for a first league title since 2013/14.

Dar athletes impress in NBC Dodoma Marathon

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

THIS year's Dodoma Marathon, sponsored National Bank of Commerce (NBC), took place in the region yesterday with Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania athletes fighting for glory and supporting the fight against cervical cancer in Tanzania.

Organised by Athletics Tanzania (AT), the marathon, dubbed 'NBC Dodoma Marathon', attracted about 3,000 male and female runners who won cash prizes from the main sponsors.

Ugandan athlete Philip Kiplimo won the 42.2-kilometer race, clocking 02:17:26, to bag cash prize totaling 3.5m/-. Tanzanian Hamis Misai and Kenyan Stanley Kipchirchir settled for the second and third spots respectively.

Hamis posted 02:17:35 and raked in 2,500,000/-, Kipchirchir posted 02:19:13 and was presented with 1,500,000/-

In the marathon's women's category, Kenyan Nyawira Muriuki finished first after posting 02:40:14, whilst her compatriot, Isgah Cheruto, clocked 02:41:02 to take the second spot.

Tanzanian Natalia Elisante, came third with 02:49:26, they were presented with the same amount of cash prizes.

In the 21.1km race, Tanzanians dominated the men's category, winning all top three positions as Gabriel Geay finished first with at 01:04:28, Fabiano Sule came second with 01:04:49, followed by Mathayo Sombi, who took the third position, clocking at 01:04:59.

Ugandan Doreen Chemutai won the half marathon's women's category, posting at 01:13:45.

The half marathon's top three athletes in both men's and women's categories were presented with cash prize amounting to 2,500,000/-, 1,500,000/- and 1,000,000/-



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan (C) shares a light moment with National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Managing Director, Theobald Sabi (on her left side), while she was participating in the inaugural NBC Dodoma Marathon held in Dodoma yesterday. The marathon targeted to raise funds for fighting cervical cancer in the country. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

respectively.

Speaking before handing over medals and cash prizes to the winners, Vice-President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, who graced the race, hailed NBC Bank in collaboration with AT and other co-sponsors for organizing the first ever NBC Dodoma Marathon with the aim of raising funds for fighting cervical cancer in the country.

"You have done a good job, supporting the government's continued initiative to fight the deadly cancer," Samia said.

"Sports can be a good way for raising awareness in order to reduce the death rates of those who are suffering," she said.

The NBC, through the institution's Executive Director, Theobald Sabi, handed over a dummy cheque worth 100m/- to the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI)'s Executive Director, Julius Mwaeselage.

Julius said that the donation was highly recommendable considering the fact that the government has by 100 percent alone

been treating cancer cases in the country by having more than 649 cervical cancer centres.

Sabi said that NBC has decided to partner with AT with two aims of promoting athletics in the country as well as promoting women's health by supporting centres dealing with fighting cervical cancer, whose treatments cost a lot of money.

He stated: "We would like to thank our co-sponsors that include Jubilee Insurance, SGA Security, Pepsi, Coral Paints, G4S Security, Sanlam Insurance, JCDecaux, East Africa Radio, Mwananchi Communications Limited, Clouds Media, AI Outdoor and Sequa."

"We would like to see this partnership prosper by seeing more partners come and join our efforts," he said.

Samia further said cervical cancer trend in the country is alarming, insisting that is why she launched the national campaign against it in 2018 in order to vaccinate primary school girls as part of efforts to curb it.

She also hailed the organisers for organizing the NBC Marathon in Dodoma, urging them to use the race to promote local tourism.

She also challenged the NBC Dodoma Marathon organizers to improve the race so it can meet international standard and attract more foreign runners.

Speaking earlier at the same occasion, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Hassan Abbas, also hailed the idea of organizing the race annually to support those who need treatment.

Anthony Mtaka, AT president, who is also Simiyu Regional Commissioner, thanked NBC for responding to the association's idea that was dodged by other institutions when AT officials presented their papers.

He said he sees a bright future for the race's development since NBC has invested 300m/- in sponsorship to run the marathon annually in Dodoma for five years.



Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC forward, Hassan Kabunda (C), negotiates his way past Azam FC players in a Vodacom Premier League clash, held at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. KMC FC edged Azam FC 1-0. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Simeone praises Atletico spirit after beating Barca

MADRID

DIEGO Simeone could finally savour a league victory over Barcelona on Saturday in 10 seasons in charge of Atletico Madrid but refused to discuss whether the 1-0 win proved his side were capable of winning La Liga.

The Argentine had enjoyed success over Barca in the Champions League in 2014 and 2016 and this year's Spanish Super Cup but had never before taken three points off the Catalans since taking charge of Atleti in 2011.

"We have come very close to beating Barca before, we beat them in Saudi Arabia, we had drawn at their ground and lost by very little here before. Today it was our turn to win, but it won't change our objectives one bit," Simeone told reporters.

The coach dismissed comparisons between his current side and the squad which pipped Barca to the Spanish title in 2014 but he did praise his players for how they have kicked on since undergoing deep changes in the summer of 2019.

"The thing we value the most is how the players have grown from last season, they are much more capable of offering what the team needs," he said.

"The group is in very good shape, I've been saying that for a long time and it gives us the belief to keep working hard on what we are doing. Now we must maintain this energy and keep on competing."

Match winner Yannick Carrasco also shunned a question about Atletico's title credentials, saying his side were only focusing on Wednesday's Champions League game against Lokomotiv Moscow.

But captain Koke, the only surviving member of that title winning side, did not rule out the prospect entirely, pointing to the early season problems Barca and champions Real Madrid were having.

"The teams at the top are slipping up right now, so why shouldn't we dream about winning La Liga?" he said.

"But we're staying calm, because we haven't achieved anything yet."

Meanwhile, Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman was incredulous after his team lost 1-0 to Atletico Madrid in La Liga on Saturday,

fiercely criticising his players for switching off at the end of the first half and allowing Yannick Carrasco to score.

Carrasco made the most of several Barca players being caught out of position when Gerard Pique lost possession in Atletico's half, latching on to Angel Correa's pass and rounding keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen, who had come flying out of his area.

"We just cannot allow ourselves to concede a goal like that," Koeman told reporters.

"The goal was our mistake, you cannot afford to lose the ball like that and concede a goal so late in the half. It's always tough to create many chances against Atletico, but when you lose the ball against them you have to do better than that."

The Dutch coach has lost three of eight league games in charge of Barca and has been beaten by his side's two biggest rivals, having also lost 3-1 to Real Madrid.

The Catalans, who have won eight of the last 12 league titles, are 10th in the standings and nine points behind second-placed Atletico and leaders Real Sociedad.

"I'm not worried about our position in the table or the league title right now, we just need to focus on winning a series of games, that's what's most important right now," Koeman said.

"The coach is the number one person responsible for a team's results and I have to keep on believing in the players I have. But we have to improve things defensively and in attack."

Koeman also dismissed suggestions his players or the club's hierarchy could start to lose faith in him.

"Now is not the time to talk about that, we just have to work hard to improve our results," he said.

"The players did everything they could until the last second to equalise and we have to maintain that attitude in our next few games."

Koeman's problems deepened with news that Pique had sprained knee ligaments after clashing with Angel Correa while Sergi Roberto sustained a thigh injury.

Barca said Pique would undergo further tests with Spanish media reporting he could be sidelined for about six weeks.

REUTERS

Mourinho plays down title talk, Guardiola rues lack of goals

LONDON

TOTTENHAM Hotspur manager Jose Mourinho talked down his team's chances of being title contenders after a 2-0 win over Manchester City sent the North London club top of the Premier League on Saturday.

It is the first time since August, 2014 that Spurs end the day top of the table and the first time they have done so after at least nine top-flight games since 1985.

But Mourinho, always a manager wary of creating pressure, played down the significance of their two-point advantage over next week's opponents Chelsea.

"It feels good (to be top), but maybe tomorrow we are second again and honestly that would not be a problem for me, I am just happy with the evolution," he said in the knowledge that a Leicester City win at Liverpool on Sunday would send the Foxes above Spurs.

"People cannot expect us to come here and after one season we are fighting for the title. We are not fighting for the title, we are just fighting to win every match. But we are going to lose matches, we are going to draw matches," he said.

"Dinner tonight will be nice and relaxed and I will watch Atletico Madrid v Barcelona and sleep like an angel. But no problem if Leicester wins and we are second again," he said.

The Portuguese, however, couldn't hide his pride at an

accomplished performance from his side.

"Big team, big hearts, big solidarity, a proper team, a team that I believe makes Tottenham fans proud. Players going to the limits of their energy, sacrifice for the game plan, coping well with let's say a new pressure of 'If you win the match, you go top of the league for a 24 hours'. I'm very proud. They deserve big applause and lots of respect," he said.

City, who are 10th, have a negative goal difference after scoring only 10 goals in nine games, 17 less than at this stage last season.

"The stats speak for themselves," said manager Pep Guardiola.

"We were better in many departments but we didn't score. The team defended so deep and were waiting for a mistake. We found some moments but the reality is we are struggling to score goals this season. That can happen," he said.

Meanwhile, Manchester City midfielder Kevin De Bruyne said constant changes to the handball rule in recent years have left players on the pitch confused when decisions go against them.

City were frustrated after Aymeric Laporte's first half equaliser against Tottenham Hotspur in Saturday's 2-0 loss was disallowed after the pitch-side monitor showed a Gabriel Jesus handball in the buildup.

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Spurs show title credentials as the Mourinho-Guardiola rivalry finally ignites in England

BY JAMES OLLEY, SENIOR WRITER, ESPN FC

TOTTENHAM'S 2-0 win over Manchester City on Saturday hints that the Premier League might just get to witness a genuine rivalry between Jose Mourinho and Pep Guardiola after all.

When Mourinho returned to England to manage Manchester United in 2016, the script was written for the Portuguese to renew hostilities with perhaps his bitterest rival -- Arsene Wenger aside -- as Guardiola arrived across town at City in the same summer.

Although Mourinho hailed finishing second to Guardiola in the 2017-18 campaign as "one of his biggest achievements in the game," that was a comment framed in terms of the weaknesses in United's squad rather than the product of a close-fought contest. After all, City won the title by 19 points that year and retained the trophy a year later as Liverpool emerged as City's strongest challengers, while United faded, sacked Mourinho and appointed Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Mourinho was subsequently declared a "busted flush," outmoded by more stylish progressives like Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp. And so, in a week when Guardiola signed a contract extension to stay at City until 2023, Mourinho will have revelled in the timing of Spurs ascending to the top of the table with a win that represents a victory for the essence of his dogmatic, disciplined style over Guardiola's zeitgeist.

After taking the Spurs job, Mourinho argued he had changed as manager, using an 11-month hiatus



Jose Mourinho and Tottenham have been the surprise package in England and look to be genuine title contenders. (Agencies)

from management as a period of introspection to alter his perspective. There are signs he has softened in some ways, certainly if you take his Instagram account at face value, and the players often speak of a more approachable man than his reputation had suggested.

But in the big games that matter most, Mourinho reverts to type just like this: defensive, disciplined, combative and aiming to be clinical on the counter-attack. Spurs might not be changing Mourinho, but he is changing Spurs.

The surprise is not any indication Mourinho's methods have radically shifted. It is that his so-called old-school tactics might yet still be effective for a long enough period to challenge for the Premier League title.

The sterilised environment necessary for

football to continue amid the coronavirus pandemic arguably helps any team set up like this. Imagine, for example, the Newcastle fans' anger if 55,000 of them packed into St. James' Park watching them barely try to attack earlier on Saturday.

And here, at 0-0 and even at 1-0 up, while the fans would have undoubtedly bought into the spirit and commitment Spurs showed, the atmosphere would inevitably have been laced with a mixture of apprehension and frustration at the sight of the home team camped on the edge of their own box for long periods. As it was, the only sound reverberating around this wondrous arena was two sets of players, staff and entourages contesting every decision referee Mike Dean made, starting at a level of extreme apoplexy

Nigeria's poor performances have put Rohr's job on the line

By Colin Udoh, Special to ESPN

A MERE haul of two points out of an expected six from back-to-back games against Sierra Leone have left Gernot Rohr's job as Nigeria coach hanging in the balance.

Within hours of the second leg in Freetown, Nigeria Sports Minister Sunday Dare, whose office oversees Rohr's employers, the Nigeria Football Federation, posted an ominous tweet that doesn't bode well for the German.

"The performance of the Super Eagles from their last two matches calls to question the suitability and competences of Technical Adviser, Rohr. Nigerian football deserves better. The needful will be done. Apologies to all football lovers."

It came as no surprise.

Almost as soon as the final whistle went in that game against Sierra Leone in Benin, Rohr's future as Nigeria coach was already up for debate.

His Super Eagles had raced to a commanding 4-0 lead in the opening half hour of the first Africa Cup of Nations qualifier, and looked like running riot all over the then hapless Leone Stars.

But they imploded in the second half, allowing the visitors to claw their way back to an unbelievable 4-4 draw. It was a result that left fans, media and NFF officials numb.

Even Rohr himself admitted that it was a vexing situation to be in.

"If they (fans) say they are vexed about the match and the results, they are right," Rohr said the day after the game.

"We cannot accept such a result when you lead 4-0 and you lead 4-1 at halftime. What happened in the second half?"

He blamed the collapse on the poor preparations leading up to the game. According to Rohr, late player arrivals did not allow enough time for the team to prepare properly, both on a mental and physical level.

He said: "For me the facts are that we had a very bad preparation. The players arrived very late, even the day before the match, we had only one quality training together."

"Physically and mentally they lost energy in the second half. And the collapse came. And then came this injury to our main striker."

"I think mentally, especially our



Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr came under fire after his side drew both their Afcon qualifiers against Sierra Leone in November 2020. (Agencies)

young players are not strong enough for these kind of games. But I think at half-time the players believed it was finished."

Rohr was not alone in pointing to poor preparation. Prior to the game, Philip Shuaibu, the deputy governor of Edo State, where the game was played, came to train WITH the team. Both NFF President Amaju Pinnick and Sports Minister Dare did the same.

Fans were not amused and took to Twitter to voice their displeasure, stating that not only would their presence be distracting for the team, but it also devalued the national team.

Which is not to say that Rohr escaped criticism for allowing the VIPs to train with his team either, and as his squad departed to Sierra Leone for the return leg, sources at the NFF told ESPN that a loss could well

spell the end of his time with the Super Eagles.

It was something the German himself seemed to acknowledge, as he told ESPN his team would be going for a win, saying: "I am sure they will react because I know my team, I know what they can do. They showed it in the first half. If they can maintain it in the second half, we can do it."

They could not do it. They did show some spark, but were hampered by an eyesore of a pitch and failed to win.

Rohr's team did not lose, although they did come close to winning. Kelechi Iheanacho saw his headed goal scratched for an unclear offside, and the Leicester man was also denied what looked like a stone-cold penalty when he was awkwardly clattered into by the goalkeeper.

But the play was dire, on a field that was more potato patch than football pitch, and the hosts also had one late chance to nick a late win.

That grim play, and Rohr's selection decisions, cemented the lack of confidence in him.

In particular, his decision to play Kevin Akpoguma, who is unfamiliar with the vagaries of African

football, on a difficult ground and dropping left back Zaidu Sanusi, who has more familiarity with bad patches than Ola Aina.

Plus, on a day when route one football could have been more effective, leaving Paul Onuachu on the bench for all 90 minutes was arguably a mistake.

Nigeria legend Segun Odegbami, a known critic of the German, was withering.

"My belief is that anybody who will coach the Super Eagles now and make us a world class team capable of winning the World Cup must be a world class coach," he told ESPN.

"Rohr definitely cannot deliver that. He is not the world class coach that we are looking for, without question. We have seen him work, for four years now and what we saw at two critical moments, in Russia and in Egypt convinced me that he is not the one to lead Nigeria to El Dorado."

But Pinnick says there is no need to panic. At least not yet.

"It was a good game," he told the media. "It was not the result we expected considering the very horrible turf and the kind of pitches our players play on."

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Simeone praises Atletico spirit after beating Barca

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Azam FC lost to better opponents, says official

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

VODACOM Premier League giants, Azam FC, have admitted Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC was a better side as compared to their team in the last Saturday's league game, which took place at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Azam FC went down 1-0 to KMC FC. Azam FC's Chief Executive Officer, Abdulkarim Amin, and the outfit's information officer, Thabit Zacharia, said their team did not play well and they deserved the defeat.

They said Azam FC has accepted the results and now the outfit is looking forward to the coming games.

"It is football, we were not at our best, KMC FC was much better than us," Amin said in his brief response. Zacharia said most of his team's players did not tick as KMC FC contained them, noting Azam FC did not underestimate their opponents.

The Saturday defeat is second to Azam FC, which has 25 points from 11 games.

"I must admit, we did not play well, our opponents were better than us, in football sometimes it happens that you play well and lose the game, but yesterday the defeat was justifiable as we did not play well," he said.

The KMC FC scored the only goal of the clash through Reliants Lusajo on the 57th minute of the game.

Azam FC which on Saturday missed some of its first team players including Frank Domayo, Ally Niyonzima, Daniel Amoah and Abubakar Salum due to injuries, faces a daunting task on Wednesday when the club meet giants Yanga at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam.

Zacharia conceded that the game against Yanga will be extremely tough for them, but he was adamant they will prepare well ahead of the encounter.

He said Yanga are the only premier league side which has not lost any game this season and they, at the same time, have conceded a few goals.

The official disclosed that during the Yanga encounter, Azam FC's focus will be playing their usual beautiful football, not results, as the results are the end product of any game.

"Yanga are a big team with good players, they are the only side which has not lost any premier league clash this season and they have conceded only three goals from 10 matches played, in all duels they have played, they have scored a goal, apart from the game against Gwambina FC which ended in a goalless draw, this speaks volumes on their virtuosity," Zakaria noted.

"But we will prepare well for them and I'm sure some of our injured players will be fit for the game, we will play our game and hopefully we will record the needed points," he said.

Vandenbroeck pleased with dominant Simba SC



Sven Vandenbroeck

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC head coach Sven Vandenbroeck says he has been pleased with his side's dominant performance

in their 7-0 win away to Coastal Union in a 2020/21 Vodacom Premier League (VPL) clash at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha on Saturday.

The VPL defending champions, alias 'Msimbazi Reds', registered their biggest victory of the sea-

son so far after thrashing Coastal Union.

Captain John Bocco's hat-trick, Clatous Chama's brace and goals from Hassan Dilunga and Bernard Morrison handed Simba SC a morale boosting victory.

Fielding an ambitious, attacking

4-3-3, Vandenbroeck saw his squad shine, creating a number of excellent chances in the final third and keeping things solid at the back.

Speaking after the game, Vandenbroeck lauded his side's 'dominant football', turning the focus away from Bocco's hat-trick to hail a team effort.

He noted: "When the boys came back from the national teams on Thursday, the training was not that good so that we could focus everyone for yesterday's training and especially today's game."

"Right from the start everyone was motivated to leave a good image before we leave the country to play in the CAF Champions League next week."

"If you talk about the game today, you would see how many crosses, passes we delivered. That was the plan. Many right or left changes that created a lot of danger. I think we dominated, we were dominant, 7-0, the score line is quite clear. We were dominating every phase

of the game."

"Of course, in the second half the tempo goes down, you play more ball possession because the score line is already 5-0. In the back of your head you know you are travelling for a tough game."

Simba will be back in action at the end of this week, when they travel to Nigeria to face Plateau United in the 2020/21 CAF Champions League preliminary round match. The return leg will be played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on December 6, 2020.

The aggregate winners between the two sides will then play against either Mozambique's Costa do Sol or Zimbabwe's Platinum for a place in the group stage of the 2020/21 CAF Champions League.

Last season, Simba SC failed to go past the preliminary stage of the CAF Champions League after they were eliminated by unfancied UD Songo of Mozambique on away goals' rule.

Company gears for 2021 Kili Marathon

By Guardian Reporter

THE 19th edition of the prestigious Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon, slated for next year, is almost here as the official launch took place in Dar es Salaam, barely three and half months to the event.

The good news is that Kilimanjaro Premium Lager brand is still the race's main sponsor and this is for a record 19 years, which makes it one of the biggest and longest sponsorships in any sporting event in Tanzania.

The commitment and consistency portrayed by Kilimanjaro Premium Lager brand is something to commend the main sponsor for because not so many sponsors can maintain their support for sporting events for 19 years in a row.

The government has also from time to time cited this as an example of a successful sponsorship and partnership.

The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager, Irene Mutiganzi, said they have been consistent because of the magnitude of the marathon and also to promote national heritage through sports tourism.

"All these compliments from the government and organizers' efforts aim at promoting sports tourism which is currently one of the biggest items on the country's agenda," she stated, adding that they will continue working closely with the government in promoting sports tourism.

She disclosed that the organizers have also been consistent and seen the growth of the marathon from involving barely 500 social runners to now bringing together over



Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Brand Manager, Irene Mutiganzi (L), speaks during the launch of the 19th edition of the Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon in Dar es Salaam recently. The marathon will take place in Kilimanjaro next year. Looking on are officials from Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Athletics Tanzania (AT) and Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC). PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

11,000 participants from over 50 countries worldwide.

Irene lauded the government for the way it has dealt with the Covid-19 pandemic, which has resulted in the 2021 Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon and other events confirming to proceed as usual.

"This will be the first Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon since the pandemic broke out early this year and the organizers have assured us that all necessary precautions will be adhered to in order to ensure safety of all runners and participants," she stated.

The runners will be keen on knowing how much Kilimanjaro Premium Lager is offering to winners of the 2021 Marathon especially the 42km race which is the main event.

She pointed out clearly that they have set aside 25m/- as prizes for the winners, in which the top winners in the men's and women's races will each walk away with 4m/-.

According to Irene, it does not just end there, they have an incentive for the first male and female Tanzanian athlete in the 42km race as the runners will each receive 1.5m/-.

She called on participants to prepare well so that most of these prizes can remain home.

She had, during the launch, urged participants to ensure they register on time to avoid last minute rush as the numbers are limited and the organizers will close once the limit is reached.

"This is in order to allow the participants to prepare the essentials like water, T-shirts and first aid," she noted, calling on the participants to ensure they give the organizers enough time to prepare.

She stated those who want to register can do so through www.kilimanjoramarathon.com and ensure they pay and others can also use Tigo Pesa by dialling *149*20# and then follow the instructions.

According to Irene, some of the sponsors' staff will

take part in the Corporate Challenge, hence, they are currently training hard so they can do better than the way they performed in this year's race.

She called on other corporates' employees that will feature in the race to also train hard in order to make the event more exciting and competitive.

Irene acknowledged the role played by other sponsors including, Tigo- 21km, Absa Tanzania, Unilever, TPC Sugar, Simba Cement, Kilimanjaro Water and the race's official suppliers GardaWorld Security, Keys Hotel, Kibo Palace Hotel and CMC Automobiles.

She noted that each of the sponsors has their role to play hence making the marathon bigger and bigger year after year.

Next year's event will be held at the Moshi Cooperative University (MOCU) venue on February 28, with Kilimanjaro Premium Lager brand again being the race's main sponsor.

Coastal Union coach laments 'embarrassing' loss to Simba SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

COASTAL Union head coach Juma Mgunda has slammed his side's performance during the 7-0 loss to Simba SC in a Vodacom Premier League (VPL) clash, which took place in Arusha on Saturday.

An out-of-sorts Coastal Union lost the plot. The 1988 Mainland Tanzania Premier League champions were left reeling as a rampant Simba SC tore through them, with John Bocco scoring a first-half hat-trick.

Simba SC fired five goals past Coastal Union's backline in the first half, continuously beating the latter, nicknamed 'Wagosi wa Kaya', through 45 minutes before adding another two goals just a few minutes into the second half.

The embarrassing results sees Coastal Union slip to 13th in the VPL, while Simba are back to the third place in the log after playing 11 matches.

Mgunda, former Tanzania's senior national team 'Taifa Stars' forward, said much as Coastal Union faced a very good side, they have contributed a lot to their own downfall. He insisted that they were made to pay for their carelessness.

He said: "We have accepted the results, we were sloppy and careless, we have conceded a lot of goals due to sloppiness. I accept the results."

"Every coach has his own system, and each has his own style and philosophy. Given our players we have played in a style that suits us, did you want me to lose 14-0?" he queried.

"I have said from the beginning, I accept the results but if you look at the number of goals, it is due to our carelessness. It is our doing. We were not outplayed but too careless, my own players were too sloppy and committed repeated mistakes in the danger zone."

"Now if you tell me, opening football or pressing does not mean anything, the important thing was to at least reduce the number of mistakes we committed especially in the second half. We have been punished for repeated silly mistakes."

Coastal Union are next in action tomorrow, going up against bottom-placed Ifhefu FC that managed to force Polisi Tanzania to a barren draw at Azam Complex in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

