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President Kagame confirms plans to run for fourth term

KIGALI

RWANDAN President Paul Kagame (pictured) has said for the first time that he plans to run for a fourth term in elections due to be held next year.

"Yes, I am indeed a candidate," Kagame, who has ruled over the country for decades, told Jeune Afrique, a French-language news magazine.

The Rwandan government in March decided to synchronise the dates for its parliamentary and presidential elections, which are due to be held in August next year.

Kagame had previously not made his intentions clear, but presided over constitutional amendments in 2015 that allowed him to run for more terms and stay in power until 2034.

A former rebel chief, Kagame became president in April 2000 but has been regarded as the country's de facto leader since the end of the 1994 genocide.

He was returned to office - with more than 90 percent of the vote - in elections in 2003, 2010 and 2017.



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While Rwanda lays claim to being one of the most stable countries in Africa, rights groups accuse Kagame of ruling in a climate of fear, stifling dissent and free speech.

In 2021, "Hotel Rwanda" hero and outspoken Kagame critic Paul Rusesabagina was sentenced to 25 years in jail on terrorism charges, following his arrest the previous year when a plane he believed was bound for Burundi landed instead in Kigali in what his family called a kidnapping.

Freed from jail in March this year and flown to the United States following a presidential pardon, Rusesabagina released a video message in July, saying that Rwandans were "prisoners in their own country".

The country was ranked 131 out of 180 countries in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index compiled by Reporters Without Borders.

Asked in 2022 if he would seek re-election, Kagame said he would "consider running for another 20 years".

"Elections are about people choosing," he told the France 24 news channel in an interview.

Kagame was just 36 when his Rwandan Patriotic Front forced out Hutu extremists blamed for the genocide in which some 800,000 people, mainly Tutsi but also moderate Hutus, were murdered between April and July 1994.

PM: Renewable energy sources more reliable



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa opens two-day Fifth Tanzania Energy Congress in Dar es Salaam yesterday. This year the annual event focuses on key updates in Tanzania's energy sector spanning the LNG project negotiations, EACOP (East African Crude Oil Pipeline) project updates, upstream gas developments, and various renewable energy project proposals. Related photo on Page 5. Photo: PMO

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government is working on a strategy through which to invest heavily in renewable energy to reduce dependency on hydro-power, which is becoming increasingly unreliable owing to climate change.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa made this affirmation in Dar es Salaam yesterday at the 5th Tanzania Energy Congress, explaining that the government intends to diversify energy sources by venturing into solar and wind energy generation using available natural resources.

"We want to reduce dependency on hydro-energy, reduce dependence on water usage as rains are not enough due to climate change," he said, noting that the congress would bring up investment opportunities.

Seven strategic energy generation projects are being pursued in the country at present with many of them being hydro-based, thus being affected by climate change effects, he said.

Pointing out that Tanzania is endowed with natural resources suitable for energy production, he elaborated that the plan envisages making the country a major renewable energy producer in Africa, with considerable export capacity.

With energy being a sensitive matter in every sector, the country is not so behind in energy generation, he said, viewing the dialogue forum as an essential platform for key stakeholders to exchange views on the issues.

'Prepare succession plans for expatriates'

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has called upon investors to implement succession plans for local experts to reduce dependency on expatriates in the future.

Speaking at the launch of a state-of-the-art Sapphire float glass manufacturing factory at Mkiu in Mkuranga District during a working tour of Coast Region yesterday, she said that this is demanded in the Employment and Labour Relations Act, 2004.

Succession plans reduce operational costs as investors will no longer need to employ experts from outside, while building the capacity of locals, helping to develop local talent to replace



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expatriates in key positions, she said.

She directed that the Labour Department moves to properly supervise implementation of these requirements, underlining that the government has made major improvements in regulations, for a better business and investment climate.

The formulation of the Tanzania Investment Act, 2022 has helped to improve the investment environment, including the provision of incentives for strategic investors and empower local investors, she said.

Reviewing the Non-Citizens (Employment) Act has eased availability of work and residence permits for foreigners, she said, affirming that the government was working on developing regulatory systems to reduce bureaucracy and simplify investment procedures.

She said that early next week Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa will launch the Tanzania Investment Window—an electronic system that will specifically serve strategic investors.

It will be connected to 12 public institutions

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VP urges wider cooperation to attain Africa's water goals

By Guardian Correspondent, New York

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has declared that wide-ranging cooperation is needed to correctly implement the investment campaign for Africa's water sector.

He was speaking at the launching of the panel of top leaders on Africa's investment programme in the water sector, held on Tuesday on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly annual meeting.

So that the programmes being conducted succeed, cooperation is needed between the government, the private sector, development partners, domestic financial institutions, non-governmental organisations as well as



educational and research institutions, he said.

He called upon the international community to work together with African countries in raising financial resources to finalise investments in the water sector.

Citing the Tanzanian example, he said that already the government plans to raise about 43 per cent of the needed financial resources from internal sources, urging that other means be found to make up the difference.

He said Tanzania is among countries implementing the sustainable development goals relating to water access to all, and has an investment programme for the water sector slated for implementation from 2024 to 2030.

The goals set out for these expected investments include making sure of national water security, withstanding the effects of climate change and access to adequate water supply, he stated.

The investment campaign in the water

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The government has put in place policies enabling investments in the sector to promote private sector participation and local companies in particular, he said.

As the government is committed facilitating private sector participation in energy generation, it is setting up mechanisms for the participation of local firms in the energy sector value chain, he said.

He urged Tanzanian companies to use the platform to take up discussions with experienced and capital liquid companies for possible joint ventures.

Dr Doto Biteko, the Energy minister and deputy premier, said that broad sections of the global population have no access to clean energy for cooking. Upwards of 0.9bn people in sub-Saharan Africa have no access to clean energy while 7.8 percent of the local population has access to clean cooking energy, he asserted.

The meeting is expected to bring together stakeholders to discuss clean energy, liquefied natural gas prospects and various investment issues relating to the sector.

Felchesmi Mramba, the Energy permanent secretary, had earlier said the meeting comes at a time when the world is facing energy uncertainties, with sharpening advocacy to move from fossil fuels to renewable sources.



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sector launched in hear at the United Nations headquarters, will help to raise financial resources needed to implement Africa's water sector investments.

The VP said investments in the water sector need to be enhanced in

order to attain parts of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in regard to clean and safe water.

Senegalese President Macky Sall and former President Jakaya Kikwete, co-chaired the meeting, to foster adherence to the campaign launched to raise \$30bn with the slogan "Mind the Gap - Invest in Water."

'Prepare succession plans for expatriates'

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charged with facilitating investments, where company registration, issuance of land use permits, licences and other crucial services will be available on that window, she said.

She praised investment in a Sapphire float glass manufacturing plant as the first of its kind in the region, where investors have injected \$31bn (upwards of 745bn/-) with 1,650 job openings envisaged at optimal operational level.

The factory is largest in East and Central Africa and fourth in the African continent, expecting to export 75 percent of its products to nearby countries within the EAC, SADC and AfCFTA trade zones.

She said the country's industrial sectors were experiencing rapid growth, citing statistics that there are 1,525 factories in Coast Region. Data from the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) shows that until the start of this month 417 projects valued at \$539m (12bn/-) had been registered since January.

Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji had earlier said that the industrial sector was creating more jobs with the newly launched factory adding 750 jobs and 80 percent of

its raw materials sourced within the country.

They firm imports soda ash and iron, she said, noting that the country has enough stock of soda ash at its Engaruka basin, with efforts being done to ensure the minerals are extracted and used at the Mkuranga glass factory.

There are 55 newly constructed industries across the country that will be launched by the president at different periods, she told the gathering.

Chinese ambassador Chen Mingjian said the new factory is an illustration of strong traditional ties between China and Tanzania now in their sixth decade.

Works minister Innocent Bashungwa said road infrastructure work is being done with diligence, referring to a feasibility study to build a rapid transit bus route from Mbagala to Vikindu.

Rufiji MP Mohammed Mchengerwa, the Regional Administration and Local Governments state minister in the President's Office (PO-RALG) expressed gratitude at the disbursing of 75bn/- to build the 37km Nyamwage - Utete road to open up Coast Region to investments.

Soldiers killed in military helicopter crash in Lamu

LAMU

Several Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) soldiers aboard a Kenya Air Force Huey chopper have died in a crash within the terror-prone Boni Forest in Lamu County.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the Military Strategic Communications in charge Brigadier Zipporah Kioko said the crew and the other military personnel on board were part of an air surveillance for the ongoing multi-agency security, Operation Amani Boni (OAB).

The operation, which is being carried out in Lamu, Tana River, Garissa and Kilifi counties, is meant to flush out Al-Shabaab militants believed to be hiding inside the dense Boni Forest.

It was launched by the national government in September 2015, just a year after the Mpeketoni terrorist attack that left over 90 people dead and property worth millions of shillings destroyed on the night of June 15, 2014.

"A Kenya Air Force Huey Helicopter crashed last night while on night patrol in Lamu County. The crew and other military personnel on board were part of an air surveillance for the ongoing Operation Amani Boni. The leadership and entire KDF fraternity condole with the families of the crew," said Brigadier Kioko in a statement.

Asked about the reason behind the accident, Brigadier Kioko said a Board of Inquiry (BOI) had already been constituted and dispatched to the scene to establish the exact cause of the crash.

The chopper crashed at around 7.30pm on Monday and bodies of the occupants were flown to Nairobi yesterday morning.

The military chopper crash comes just three days after KDF soldiers undertaking Operation Amani Boni in Lamu's Boni Forest killed two Al-Shabaab militants in Bodhei area within the expansive forest.

Tens of other terrorists escaped with multiple gunshot wounds during the night raid on two hideouts within Bodhei.

The team was acting on an intelligence tip-off and raided the hideout believed to be one of the terror group's logistics camps, where militant IED teams were operating from.

Upon accessing the area, the Special Forces pounced upon the militants who were hiding in the bushes leading to a fierce and prolonged gunfight with the Special Forces.

Assorted weapons were captured, namely: AK 47 rifles, AK 47 magazines, Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG) launchers, warheads, and assorted AK 47 ammunition.

The soldiers had received intelligence reports that Al-Shabaab militants had been sighted in the general area of Bodhei in Lamu County before conducting the ambush and killing the two.

Bakari Yusuf said KDF and the security team at large have done a great duty in restoring peace and stability in Lamu County and other counties bordering the Kenya-Somalia border.

"We need our soldiers to be safe and alive always. It's unfortunate that we've lost some in the military chopper crash that occurred last night. We say pole (sorry) to the families affected. The soldiers are our heroes in Lamu. They have made great efforts to stabilise the security of this place. May Allah (God) protect them in their course of duty," said Yusuf.

The Boni Forest operation has for the last eight years undergone various transformations from Linda Boni, Boni Enclave campaign, Operation Fagia Msitu to now Operation Amani Boni (OAB) in efforts to stabilise Lamu and parts of Garissa, Tana River, and Kilifi counties, which border the expansive Boni forest towards the Kenya-Somalia border.

The operation is composed of KDF, National Police Service (NPS), Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), Kenya Forest Service (KFS), and National Government Administration officers (NGAO).

AGENCIES



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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango speaks at the launch of the High Level Panel Campaign on Water Investments for Africa at the United Nations headquarters in New York yesterday. The panel is led by Senegalese President Macky Sall, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, Namibian President Hage Geingob, and former Tanzanian president Jakaya Kikwete (R), all serving as co-chairs. Photo courtesy of VPO

Union of Zanzibar Port workers decries duties on imported foods

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

UNION of Zanzibar Port Workers has said there will be a huge price hike on imported foodstuffs, spices and fruits if the new duties will not be reviewed by French investors given a tender to operate Zanzibar's Malindi port.

The union's acting chairman, Masoud Haji Juma issued the caution as he addressed reporters at Malindi port following a strike by port workers since the inception of the new duties.

Juma said the levy was brought up abruptly without the involvement of stakeholders, saying the rates were

high and if applied will affect the development of imported foodstuff trade.

"When a child is born, the family sits together to recommend his name but this investor has come to invest in the operation of the port, and we as stakeholders have not been involved apart from being informed on the coming of AGL, a French firm to start operation beginning September 18, this year," he said.

Juma added that the inflation will affect all Zanzibaris especially considering that cereals, fruits and spices are essential commodities for the daily lives of the people of

Zanzibar.

"When President Hussein Ali Mwinyi was campaigning, he came to meet with ports' stakeholders and pledged that things will be alright for the people to run their businesses, but now now we are witnessing the rising of levies by 100 per cent to the point that we are failing to offload the goods, they remain inside dhows to perish," he said.

He added that business hiccups will even affect revenue collection by Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), hence he called on officials to sit together to find a solution on the issue. Juma further said what surprised

many before the coming of the French investor, goods trucks used to buy yearly licences, but that procedure has been revoked and instead all goods trucks are required to pay every time they enter and leave the port.

For his part, Omar Makame Mtumweni, among the Union senior officials said a joint meeting of members have decided to meet with the director of Zanzibar Ports Corporation (ZPC) after transporters refused to accept new levies announced by the new investor at the port.

"This issue is grave as it concerns the existence of businesses, hence we have decided to meet by the ZPC director because the French investors have quietly started operations without involving us while we are the main stakeholders in Zanzibar ports operations," he said.



Jenista Mhagama (C, in purple dress), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), joins self-help efforts in construction work at Lugagara Secondary School at Kilagano in Songea Rural District yesterday. Photo: PMO

IMF to grant \$1.3bn loan to quake-hit Morocco

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) will provide Morocco with a \$1.3 billion loan following the 8 September earthquake that killed thousands in the North African country.

The IMF concluded a staff-level agreement with Morocco to provide

\$1.3 billion in financing over the long term IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said in statement.

Georgieva said the loan will be used to back Morocco's efforts "in the face of climate-related risks".

She, however, said the loan will still need to be approved by the IMF board during its annual meetings in the

Moroccan city of Marrakech on 9-15 October.

Morocco was struck by a magnitude 7 earthquake on 8 September, killing nearly 3,000 people and injuring thousands, according to official figures.

Marrakech, 72km from the quake's epicentre, suffered some damage in

its ancient Madinah quarter from the earthquake, Morocco's strongest-ever in a century.

Georgieva said the IMF and the World Bank staff are working closely with the Moroccan authorities to "assess Marrakech's capacity to host the 2023 [IMF-World Bank] Annual Meetings."



Global Islamic Finance Awards chairman Prof Humayon Dar (L) presents the Best Upcoming Islamic Banking Window 2023 award to CRDB Bank's small and medium customers director, Bonaventure Paul (R), and Islamic Banking Department head Rashid Rashid. This was at the 13th edition of the occasion Global Islamic Finance Awards ceremony held recently in Dakar, Senegal. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Bahati Ndingo wins Mbarali parliamentary by-election seat

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBARALI constituency election supervisor, Missana Kwangura has announced Bahati Ndingo of Chama cha Mapinduzi (CCM) as the winner of the parliamentary seat in the by-election held on Tuesday receiving 56,095 votes cast in 490 polling centres. Ndingo defeated 12 other candidates in the election.

The election was highly competitive between Ndingo and her main opponent, Modestus Kilufi of ACT-Wazalendo who received 10,014 votes.

Announcing the results in Mbarali yesterday, Kwangura said there were 185,836 voters registered in the Permanent Voters Register for the constituency out of who 56,662 voted and added that there were 567 invalid votes.

Others contestants in the by-election and their votes in brackets were Halima Abdalah Magambo of AAFP (336), Oswald Joseph Mndeva of DP (130), Zavely Raurent Seleleka of UDP (158), Exavery Town Mwataga of CCK (118) and Morris Thomas Nkongolo of TLP 130 votes

Others are Mary Moses Daudi of UPDP (113), Fatuma Rashidi Ligania of

NLD (105), Bariki Oswald Mwanyalu of Demokrasia Makini (207), Hashim Abasi Mdemu of ADC (173), Mwajuma Noty Mirambo of UMD (113) and Huseni Hasani Lusewa of ADA-TADEA 155 votes.

The by-election for the Mbarali Constituency was conducted following the death of its former MP Francis Mtega that occurred on July 1 this year in a tractor accident.

In tandem with the Parliamentary by-election NEC also conducted Councillors by-elections in six wards in Tanzania Mainland and the results announced by respective polls supervisors showed that Helman Masila of CCM won in Nala ward in Dodoma Urban and Kayombo Christopher emerged winner in Mfaranyaki ward in Songea Municipality.

Other results showed that Ng'wanza Venance Mathias won the Mwaniko Ward seat in Misungwi district, Peter Dastan Massawe of CCM won the Kata ya Old Moshi west ward in Moshi district, Simon Rogath Massawe of CCM won the Marangu Kitowo Councillors seat in Rombo District, Diwani Twaibu Ngonyani of CCM won the Mtyangimbole Ward in Madaba District.

Tanzania reiterates commitment to people living with disabilities

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government has reiterated the commitment for inclusivity to people with disabilities in all aspects of development, calling on all public institutions to ensure there are sign language experts in their offices.

Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, (Labour, Youth, Employment, and Persons with Disability), made the statement here yesterday while briefing journalists on the preparations for the International Week of Deaf People 2023, to be marked at the national level in Mbeya.

This year's theme of "A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign

Anywhere!," according to the ministers, carries a strong message for the public to ensure that all public offices have sign language interpreters and capacity building on sign language to staff.

She said the government is making efforts to ensure those with disabilities are not left behind in all aspects of development, and that the weeklong event helps acknowledge efforts of the deaf in building strong economies in various countries.

"I therefore urge all public institutions that have not put in place mechanisms for sign language interpretations to do so as soon as possible" she said.

Prof Ndalichako noted that the government has taken various steps to

ensure development and prosperity of the deaf in the country.

She said the government has allocated a plot for the building of offices for all people with disabilities' associations as well as writing a digital braille dictionary through the ministry of Education, Science and Technology.

The minister also explained that the government continues to provide quality education in order to produce more special education experts, including sign language experts.

She named some other efforts as provision of fee free education to all children in the country, those with special needs inclusive and providing full loan to students with disabilities at

higher learning institutions.

"The government has put in place sustainable strategies to ensure deaf people in the country also participate fully in economic production for nation building", said the Prof.

One of the economic empowerment strategies, according to the minister, is the 10 percent of revenue at the district councils given as interest free loans to women, youth and the disabled, where the latter get two percent.

She also mentioned continued investment in the health sector, establishing and strengthening various departments for ear, nose and throat treatments at referral hospitals in all regions as well as district hospitals.

These have gone along with employing more experts on those areas.

The minister also added that through collaboration with other stakeholders, the government continues to invest in buying equipment for measuring hearing ability and hearing aids.

Speaking at the same meeting, Ernest Kimaya, Chairperson of SHIVYAWATA, appealed for members of the public to attend the weeklong event in Mbeya and see different activities of people with disabilities, especially the deaf.

He thanked the government for efforts to empower people with disabilities in the country and also appealed for the authority to help solve some existing challenges facing them.

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The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support implementation of the new USAID funded project, Tumaini Kupitia Vitendo (TKV) is currently seeking to recruit a suitably qualified and competent Tanzanian to fill the following vacant positions:

Job Position: Conservation Officer

Program: Tumaini Kupitia Vitendo (TKV)

Duty Station: Kigoma or Mpanda

Reporting Lead: Forest Management Lead

Job Summary:

The Conservation Officer will support a range of forest management and biodiversity conservation activities. The conservation officer will provide technical guidance, capacity building to Government and Village stakeholders, and support and facilitate "conservation action" in the landscape. The Conservation Officer will assist the TKV Lead Forest Management Officer in the execution of the following key responsibilities. The position will be based in Kigoma or Mpanda, Tanzania.

Key Responsibilities and duties:

Main responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Coordinate and facilitate and supervise natural resources law enforcement activities at village/community and district levels.
- Develop and support Joint Forest Management (JFM) in villages adjacent to local authority forest reserves – Tongwe east, Tongwe west as well as Masito.
- Facilitate establishment and management of "Community Based Natural Resource Management" (CBNRM) in formalized interim land use plans in both Katumba and Mishamo refugee settlements, Tanganyika districts (focus on forest management and biodiversity conservation).
- Facilitate and mentor district staff in implementation of the approved Forest Management Plans for Tongwe east, Tongwe west and Masito LAFRs.
- Work closely with districts in monitoring implementation of NRM financing Guidelines.
- Coordinate with districts in engagement of judiciary in strengthening judicial capacity to deal with Natural Resource crimes.
- Collaborate with Agronomist to support village based, private nurseries, woodlots, and mini plantations.
- Support the design and execution of ecological and biodiversity conservation survey and monitoring protocols to improve our knowledge base of conservation threats and their trends.

Minimum Job Qualifications and other Requirements:

- Master's degree in forestry or Biodiversity Conservation or related field (or commensurate undergraduate degree plus demonstrated experience). A combination of Forestry and Biodiversity Conservation expertise is a plus.
- Minimum of 3 years of relevant experience in Forest Management or Biodiversity Conservation.
- Excellent communication, training, and capacity-building skills.
- Experience in working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organizations, and local communities.
- Proficiency in survey design, data collection, analysis, and reporting related to biodiversity or forest ecology.
- Spoken and written (technical reports) English proficiency is required.

Job Position: CCR0s Officer

Program: Tumaini Kupitia Vitendo (TKV)

Duty Station: Kigoma or Mpanda

Reporting Line: CCR0s Lead

Job Summary:

The CCR0s Officer will provide technical and managerial support including general management, oversight, advice, and support efforts to develop and issue the Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCROs) in support of the biodiversity conservation objectives of the project. Along with strong training skills and familiarity with spatial analysis through GIS. Familiarity with the policies, guidelines, and legislation around land tenure in Tanzania is required. The CCR0s Officer is required to demonstrate a high level of ingenuity and creativity as a team player since will always work with the district council, program teams, or individual staff and the targeted communities.

Key Responsibilities and Duties:

Main responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Work with the Land Use Planning Officer, to participate in the development, review, and/or adoption of procedures to support communities to obtain land rights through CCR0s.
- Collaborate with the district and villages to facilitate the development of individual (as appropriate) and communal CCR0s.
- Collaborate with district and other land tenure service providers to design incentive mechanisms for CCR0s issuance.
- Ensures the use of the Mobile Application to Secure Tenure (MAST) and geographical information systems (GIS) in the development of CCR0s.
- Organize and build the capacity of the districts and villages using the MAST system for CCR0s Issuance.
- Provide technical and material support to the districts and communities on matters related to CCR0s Issuance using the MAST system.
- Facilitate the development of community land rights awareness and sensitization programs through campaigns, dialogues, and workshops to increase the understanding of pre- and post-CCR0s registration processes in the communities.
- Work with partners, local communities, district staff, and Monitoring and Evaluation Specialists in monitoring and following up on the land administration processes and issued CCR0s being used as allocated in the VLUPS.
- Work with the Land Use, IT, and GIS departments on the improved/updated tools, satellite images, maps, land data, and information systems and databases needed to support the successful development of the CCR0s.
- Ensure that villages follow government policy and guidelines in the development of the CCR0s.
- To Promote and mobilize Gender equity and social inclusion for CCR0s applications.
- Support land allocation and ownership conflict resolution within and between communities in the project area.
- Compile and share Land tenure Rights information with the relevant stakeholders including government and non-governmental authorities.
- Produces technical information, data, progress, quarterly and annual reports by highlighting achievements, success stories, challenges, and lessons learned.
- Provide support on land-related matters to other project staff.
- Ensure proper use and maintenance of the district MAST equipment including servers.
- Improvise self-financing CCR0 systems among communities while considering equity.
- Support the capacity of the district to sustainably issue CCR0s.
- Perform other tasks as assigned.

Minimum Job Qualifications and other Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in planning/surveying/land Management or related field including Natural Resources Management, a master's degree will be an added advantage.
 - Knowledge of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) is a MUST.
 - Knowledge of the Mobile Application to Secure Tenure (MAST) system will be an added advantage.
 - At least 3 years of professional experience in land resource data and information systems, land use planning, and land resources mapping with remote sensing/GIS technologies.
 - Experience working in rural and remote areas of Tanzania.
 - Successful work experience related to Land Use Planning and land rights in support of a conservation and sustainable natural resources management project is desirable.
 - Ability to work under pressure, tight deadlines, and less supervision, self-motivated person, team player, reporting and presentation skills.
 - Good Communication skills - fluent in Swahili and English, both Oral and written.
- This position involves working with a wide range of people within the institution, local communities, and local and international partners, including technical and non-technical colleagues.

Application Procedure:

All applications should be submitted together with the most recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)/resume, copy of relevant academic certificates & transcripts, testimonials, three names of reputable referees, day-time telephone number or e-mail address, and should be sent to the following e-mail address: recruitment@janegoodall.or.tz

Only the shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the interview and provided with interview feedback.

Deadline: Wednesday, 27th September, 2023 before 5pm in the evening.

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Asma Mwinyi Foundation chairperson Asma Ali Hassan Mwinyi (2nd-R) and Exim Bank Tanzania marketing manager Kauthar D'Souza (2nd-L) pictured assist a resident of Tumbatu in Zanzibar in carrying a bucket of water. It was during yesterday's commissioning of a safe and clean water project financed by the bank and meant to benefit more than 5,000 households in the village. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Education ministry and US organisation sign agreement to train teachers' abroad

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has signed an agreement with GFP International to enable teachers form public technical colleges to attend higher training abroad, thus get international recognition.

Director of Technical Education in the Ministry, Dr Noel Mbonde signed the agreement on behalf of the government. GFP International was represented by the founder—Michael Vallez.

Dr Mbonde said the American organization which provides aid to the education sector will provide education to instructors from Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA). The teachers include those engaging in welding for them to obtain certificates that can be accepted internationally.

He said Tanzania has many construction projects such as the Mwalimu Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP), Standard Gauge Railways (SGR) and an oil pipeline from Uganda

to Tanga region that need high skilled labour in welding.

"When our colleagues come to execute big projects in Tanzania, they need local experts with certificates that are recognized internationally. GFP International will train our teachers in South Africa and the United States," he said.

He said some instructors will undergo the courses for nine months while others will be trained for a year. He said the first batch will include four teachers and the remaining eight will attend the courses in the second and third batch.

He said when this is done, the government will be preparing technical workshops for the instructors to meet international standards and obtain ISO certifications.

Dr Mbonde said the government is focusing on skills development that is why it has reviewed the education curriculum for primary, secondary and Advanced level. He said the aim is to ensure that children acquire necessary skills as they undergo studies at secondary school level.

Michael Vallez who is CEO and Founder of GFP said the program will help youth to easily find jobs to feed their families and to modernize the energy system in Tanzania.

"We hope this program will bring tremendous impact in Tanzania's economy and help the industrialization process as modern welding skills are crucial for modern industrial economies that require dedicated practice and training," he said.

He said upgrading welding training to world class standards will have a significant impact on human capital investment adding that a private study shows that hiring local skilled trades is 40 percent less expensive than hiring foreign workers for industrial projects.

Patrick Ngilo from VETA Mbeya who is expected to attend the course in the US said that through the project Tanzania will get many professionals and ultimately produce 5,000 welders.

He said upon completion of the courses, they will be assigned to train young welders at different places countrywide.



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Hamis Njapuka (R), a senior wholesale banking manager with NMB Bank's Energy Department, briefs Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on the level of the bank's preparedness with respect to developments in the country's energy sector. This was in the course of the two-day Fifth Tanzania Energy Congress which opened in Dar es Salaam yesterday. This year the congress focuses on key updates in Tanzania's energy sector spanning the LNG project negotiations, EACOP pipeline project updates, upstream gas developments, and various renewable energy project proposals. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Biteko directs REA management to spend more time in villages

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Energy minister Doto Biteko has instructed Rural Energy Agency (REA) management to spend more time in villages than in offices in order to supervise energy projects to attain desired goals.

Biteko issued the order on Tuesday in Dar es Salaam as he met and held discussions with REA management.

"I know you are doing a great job to prepare and coordinate the projects you are implementing but I advise you to go to villages to spend a lot of your time where the projects are being implemented in order to closely supervise them well for desired achievements," he stressed.

Deputy PM Biteko also commended REA for the good job it is doing in making sure people in rural areas get power just as those in urban areas, and stressed upon them to make sure every person in villages use the power.

Earlier, submitting his report on REA projects under implementation, REA director general, Eng. Hassan Saidu said achievements attained include the increase of the availability of power in

rural areas from 2 per cent the time REA was established to 69 per cent in 2020.

Eng. Saidu said other achievements is the availability of power at 26 District headquarters that had not been reached by energy as well as the establishment of the programme to connect power to all 12,318 villages of Tanzania Mainland.

"Up to August 31 this year, a total of 10,987 villages, or 89 per cent of all villages were connected to electricity and the remaining will be connected before June 2024," he explained.

Eng. Saidu also cited other achievements as including power connection to 4,234 homesteads in two years via various projects, the signing of six agreements to connect power to villages within last 12 months as well facilitating 121 small projects thereby connecting 178,401 customers to the national power grid in various areas of the country.

REA Director General also assured the Deputy PM and Energy Minister that REA will continue to work hard including utilizing innovation in speeding up the availability of energy in rural areas.

Scientists advocate for prioritising needs of vulnerable communities

By Special Correspondent

SCIENTISTS from across Africa have emphasized the need for placing vulnerable communities at the forefront when addressing the interconnecting challenges of climate change and health as they bear the brunt of the effects.

Speaking during a webinar on 'Prioritising Health in Climate Change Action in Africa' that was organised by the USAID-funded Building Capacity for Integrated Family Planning (FP) and Reproductive Health (RH) and Population, Environment, and Development (PED) Action (BUILD) project on Tuesday, Melvin Otieno environmental health scientist said there is an opportunity to strengthen the health systems in the communities to make them resilient to the impacts of climate change.

"When we talk about devastating floods, earthquakes, prolonged periods of droughts that are often seen in arid and semi-arid areas, we are looking at these vulnerable communities who don't link these effects to the kind of diseases and invasive species that may affect them," said Otieno.

Otieno added that there is a great opportunity for the communities to understand the linkages of climate change impacts and the health systems because, from one or two interviews they have conducted at the community level, they have observed that there is an inadequate understanding of how climate change and health interplay and the meaningful interventions that need to be in place.

Otieno who is also the founder of Planetary Health Eastern Africa Hub added that what the vulnerable communities understand is that when flooding happens, displacement is the only effect of climate change but forget about the effects of diseases that come along with flooding and malnutrition when there are prolonged droughts.

"There is a huge opportunity for us to put in place and implement policies around research in terms of climate change and health, we need to explain the scientific reports to the most affected people who really need this information," added Otieno.

She calls upon a joint funding mechanism that will help them see more projects and collaborations around climate change and health nexus in Africa.

"We need to leverage even indigenous knowledge that supports climate change and health interlinkages. These are aspects that can only be done when we are working with communities in our various initiatives that are jointly funded," she adds.

According to her, many people suffer the effects of climate unknowingly like the deteriorating air quality across African cities where she says that very few people are able to make that interlinkages.

In addition, Otieno called for the Global North to come up with funding mechanisms that reach to the community levels to bridge the knowledge and understanding gap by building the capacities of practitioners around this area.

"There is a need for resilient health systems, there is really limited understanding on how climate change and health can be included in mainstream national policies," she adds.

Otieno reiterated the importance of knowledge sharing which is a crucial need for knowledge transfer when talking about academics and researchers.

"We need to stop working in silos and have that interlinkage and connection that will enable us to present our cases in policy dialogues such as webinars," said Otieno.

The planetary health Eastern Africa hub aims to stimulate regional community building and also provide education for transformative action and influence policy in our greatest climate change scenario. She further says that the Planetary Health Alliance is working to bridge the political gap between climate change and health in Africa by developing an education toolbox for universities.

The toolbox will be launched soon and will be useful for institutions in East Africa and beyond who want to incorporate planetary health and climate change into their curriculum.

"We realized that there is a gap in knowledge especially among students at the university level, and there was a need for synergizing the One Health and planetary health concepts so that it can be embedded into the educational curriculum as a course or a unit," added Otieno.

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Bank, Foundation partner to expand access to clean, safe water in Zanzibar

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

EXIM Bank through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm dubbed "Exim Cares" has partnered with Asma Mwinyi Foundation to expand access to clean and safe water to residents of Tumbatu village in Unguja, as part of the bank's commitment to create a shared value for its stakeholders.

The water project that has been fully financed by the bank will benefit over 5000 households and aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 that aims to ensure access to safe water sources and sanitation for all.

Speaking during the handover ceremony held at Tumbatu, Kichakani Village in Zanzibar earlier this week, the Exim Bank Tanzania Marketing Manager Kauthar D'souza said the new water project is meant to respond to a dire need for water supplies in the area.

D'souza said the water project reaffirms Exim Care's sustainability commitments driven by innovation that seeks to boost the bank's social impact and sustainability in communities where the bank operates.

"Exim Bank is committed to building a more equitable, resilient and sustainable future for communities. We believe that water is life. We also believe that clean water is essential to good health that is why we did not have second thought when contacted to partner with Asma Mwinyi Foundation to ensure that people in Tumbatu have access to clean and safe water," D'souza said.

She noted that the water project financed by the bank showcases the bank's commitment to sustainable development noting that it would make a big difference to communities especially women who have in the past had no option but to travel long distances in search of the commodity.

"This project will be a big relief especially to women who travel long distances in search of water. They will now have more time to engage in more income generating activities since water is now readily available."

Kauthar said.

On his part the Tumbatu Village Sheikh Omar Haji Sheha during the event commended Exim Bank and Asma Mwinyi for coming up with the water project adding that his area was in dire need of safe and clean water was for the past years.

"I take this time to commend Exim Bank, the financiers of the project and Asma Mwinyi Foundation for initiating this project. In deed it has come timely as we have for years been facing the challenge of clean and safe water for drinking and home cores," he stressed.

He urged Tumbatu villagers to take good care of the project's infrastructure to ensure sustainability of the project for future generations.

The Asma Mwinyi Foundation Chairperson Asma Ali Hassan Mwinyi during the event expressed gratitude to Exim Bank for partnering with her organization in the implementation of the water project.

"Our mission to provide access to Tumbatu village residents has now materialized today after the launch of this water project. This would not have been possible without the support of our partners Exim Bank," she said.



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Dar es Salaam regional commissioner Albert Chalamila (2nd-L) presents a certificate of recognition to Aashim Wadhwa of LG Electronics after the firm's pavilion emerged the best at the Engineers Registration Board exhibition held in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. Photo: Correspondent

Energy firm to embark on natural gas drilling at Ruvu basin in Coast Region

By Felister Peter

ENERGY company—Dodsal Hydrocarbon (T) Limited is set to commence natural gas production at its Ruvu block in Coast Region, with a potential upside of over 5 trillion cubic feet.

The company which is a subsidiary of Dodsal Group—a 75 year old conglomerate implements the project in collaboration with the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC).

In an interview with 'The Guardian' in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Dr Rajen Kilachand, Chairman and owner of the Ruvu block said all is set to commence production, adding they are only waiting for the Ministry of Energy to provide them with a drilling

permit.

He said the company will proceed with tender announcement and commence operations as soon as it gets its licence, adding that the firm has so far invested over \$200 million and they are expecting to invest more when operations begin.

Dr Kilachand added that the firm discovered a potential lean gas of 3.1 to 3.9 trillion cubic feet over an area of 4,000 square kilometres in the Ruvu block. He said the exploration work was done by BGP from China and processed by Rose and Associates from US's Houston.

"Our activities started back in 2007; research was conducted by a local company—Africa Geophysical Services (AGS). Over 150 people have so far benefitted from our research and

exploration activities," he remarked.

"We will announce a tender for gas drilling as soon as the ministry grants us the licence. Our operations will benefit hundreds of people in the Coastal Region. We will provide jobs to more than 100 people," said Dr Kilachand.

He said a number of projects will be implemented under the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy. He said the company plans to construct water wells, roads as well as dispensaries.

Apart from exploration and production of oil and gas, the conglomerate engages in gold mining in Itigi, Singida Region.

He said the gold mine in Itigi has been assessed as having a potential of about 100,000 ounces, for which

production will start before the end of 2023.

In the engineering, procurement and construction in the energy sector, the firm has in the past 10 years, conducted various activities including pioneering carbon capture technology project for the first solar power station in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) which included design, engineering, installation and commissioning for Masdar in Abu Dhabi.

It also constructed 40 nuclear, thermal and gas power stations, 5 Liquefied natural gas (LNG) plants, 23,000 kilometres of cross-country pipelines for liquids and minerals such as iron ore, 100 kilometres of four-line highways, 80 kilometres of 75 meters wide cross country irrigation canals and waterways.

Dodsal Group is a business conglomerate operating in countries in the Middle East, North Africa, East Africa and India.

Chinese loans to Africa plummet to near two-decade low - study

JOHANNESBURG

CHINESE sovereign lending to Africa fell below \$1 billion last year - the lowest level in nearly two decades - underscoring Beijing's shift away from a decades-long big ticket infrastructure spree on the continent, data have shown.

The drop in lending reflected in data from Boston University's Global China Initiative comes as several African nations struggle with debt crises and China's own economy faces headwinds.

Africa has been a focus of President Xi Jinping's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), launched in 2013 to recreate the ancient Silk Road and extend China's geopolitical and economic influence through a global infrastructure development push.

Boston University's Chinese Loans to Africa Database estimates Chinese lenders provided \$170 billion to Africa from 2000 to 2022.

But lending has declined sharply since a 2016 peak. Just seven loans worth \$1.22 billion were signed in 2021. Nine loans totalling \$994 million were agreed last year, marking the lowest level of Chinese lending since 2004.

While those two years coincide with the COVID-19 pandemic, researcher Oyintarelado Moses told Reuters that there are other contributing factors.

"A lot of that really has to do with the level of risk exposure," said Moses, who manages the database and co-authored a report released on Tuesday.

Beijing will host its third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation next month to mark the 10th anniversary of the flagship initiative, with some 90 countries expected to attend.

While African governments largely welcomed Chinese lending and infrastructure projects, Western critics have accused Beijing of saddling poor nations with unsustainable debt.

Zambia - a major Chinese borrower - became the first African country to default during the COVID-19 pandemic in late 2020. Other governments, including Ghana, Kenya and Ethiopia, are also struggling.

China, meanwhile, is facing its own

problems at home as policymakers fight to revive growth amid persistent weakness in the crucial property industry, a faltering currency and flagging global demand for its manufactured goods.

"China's domestic economy is playing a huge role here," said Moses.

The China Development Bank and the Export-Import Bank of China - the two institutions behind most of the lending to Africa - have been redeployed to support the domestic economy, while much of the overseas lending that remains is going to markets closer to home.

The decline in loans does not necessarily mean an end to Chinese engagement in Africa, however.

The Boston University analysis found that certain trends - fewer loans over \$500 million and more focus on social and environmental impacts - appeared to reflect China's stated push towards a more high-quality, greener Belt and Road Initiative.

"This is such a huge part of the relationship, I think there's still going to be interest from Chinese lenders," Moses said. "It's just that it's going to look different."



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Winstone Odhiambo, CEO of fertiliser company Yara Tanzania, has a feel of activities at a cattle feed in Iringa on Tuesday when he visited an Asas Dairies farm in the municipality after launching seven varieties of animal feeds produced by the firm. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Financial tech firm drives toward business empowerment in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

FINANCIAL technology startup Ramani has said they are proud to be dedicated in stimulating growth for both internally and for its customers that has carved out a unique space in Tanzania's economic landscape.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Ramani's chief executive officer, Iain Usiri said since its launch in January 2021 the firm has continued to invest in system enhancements and employee training.

Usiri said by integrating the latest technologies and providing continuous learning opportunities, their firm ensures that it meets the

country's growing demand with agility and innovation.

"The blend of technology and human excellence has become Ramani's hallmark, creating a framework for consistent growth and success. In 2021, Ramani achieved a remarkable 32% Month on Month growth for 2.5 years. This significant growth has enabled countless businesses to streamline their operations, bringing efficiency and sustainability to Tanzania's business community," said Usiri.

He explained that by committing significant investment towards increasing capacity in its operations and fostering business growth, their firm has been able to empower

businesses through access to credit.

"Through embedded inventory financing, micro-distributors are now able to secure same day financing with no collateral requirement.

This approach not only fuels individual business success but also contributes to a vibrant and thriving business ecosystem that nurtures innovation," he said, adding that the impact of Ramani's proprietary technology is exemplified by its impressive growth trajectory.

"So far, we have successfully onboarded micro-distributors, each armed with the financial resources to expand their operations, diversify product offerings, and explore new

markets," he said.

According to Usiri, a noteworthy accomplishment of Ramani's collaboration with prominent brands.

"Partnerships with category leading brands such as Coca-Cola, Serengeti Breweries, Kilombero Sugar, and others have provided micro-distributors with a unique opportunity to tap into established supply chains and amplify their reach.

These partnerships have facilitated access to high-demand products, enhancing the distributors' competitive edge and enabling them to cater to a diverse consumer base," he said.

Government reaffirms commitment to strengthen collaboration with the SOS

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen the collaboration with the SOS Children's Village and other non government organizations to ensure the future of children who are at risk.

Dr Mwanaidi Ali Khamis, the Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special groups made the commitment yesterday in Dar es Salaam after holding talks with the President of the SOS Children's Village who is in the country for an official tour.

She said that SOS Children's Village has been a great partner to the government in implementing guidelines of improving systems and provision of services to children and families at risk in Arusha, Mwanza, Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

The deputy minister commended the SOS children's village for coming with projects that reflect the government systems of security and safety to children.

She named them as Alternative Care Programme, Family Strengthening Programme, Street Children Programme, Reintegration Programme, Advocacy Programme, Re-Innovation Programme and Children with Children Programme.

"It is our hope that SOS Children's Village will continue collaborating with the government in contributing expertise and financial resources in improving community services to our people through projects focusing on the Ministry's priorities," she said.

"the government promises to create an enabling and friendlier environment to the development stakeholders in and outside the country in order to ensure they offer quality services based on policy, laws, regulation and guidelines available in the country for the national interests," she said.

President of SOS Children's Village Dr Dereje Wordofa pledged to strengthen cooperation and partnership with the government and other stakeholders in ensuring safeguarding of children.

The president expressed the need

to advance efforts and mobilization of resources to reduce extreme poverty.

"We need to do our best to support children who have lost parental care to grow and become active citizens, deepen on technical issues by doing research bringing best practices in the world and Africa," he said.

"Our collaboration including political commitment and mobilization of financial resources is key to ensure children at risk get necessary services such as going to school and related services," he said.

Dr Wordofa said that financial resources are among major challenges facing most of the government to ensure the future of children who are at risk.

He commended the government for its strong leadership and collaboration with non-governmental organizations of assuring the future of children at risk in the country.

According to him, the collaboration among stakeholders is very important to ensure all children at risk are safeguarded.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Assignment Title: Outsourcing Management, Operation and Maintenance of the Zanzibar Water Authority (ZAWA).

Reference No: SMZ/A13/CS/ICB/2023/2024/08

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar (RGoZ), intend to outsource Firm or Company for management, Operation, Maintenance for services and supervision of Zanzibar Water Authority (ZAWA).

Objective

To engage qualified and capable Firm or Company that can invest, manage and maintain operations of ZAWA with technical and financial capacity to improve services, sustainability and accessibility to clean and safe water in Zanzibar (Unguja and Pemba).

Specific Objectives

- i. To improve water production, storage and supply.
- ii. To improve integrated water resource management system.
- iii. To construct new and maintain the existing water related infrastructures.
- iv. To improve quality, accessibility, reliability, affordability and sustainability of water supply in Zanzibar.
- v. To replace existing old pipes networks and extend coverage for water networks.
- vi. To improve customer connections and smart water meters installations.
- vii. To improve revenue collections.

Scope of Work

Given the strategic nature of this assignment, the firm or Company is expected to undertake the following activities:-

Task 1

To conduct assessment of ZAWA, identify gaps, provide mitigation measures and implementation strategies. The assessment shall include sources of water and production, transmission, distribution infrastructures, supply and means of optimizing revenue collections.

Note: RGoZ shall retain the ownership of all water resources, infrastructure and strategic decisions. The firm or company shall be responsible for rectifying all identified gaps upon the directives of RGoZ.

Task 2

The firm or company shall take over the responsibilities of managing, investing and operating all existing water related infrastructures (integrated water resource management system) ZAWA existing contracts and staffs but not limited to the following:

- i. To innovate, operate, develop and maintain water infrastructures and ensure reliable and sustainable water supply to consumers in Zanzibar.
- ii. To construct and lay (trench) infrastructure, replace, machinery and any work related to water services.
- iii. To enter into contracts with any international, local authority or any person for the purchase of goods and services for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of ZAWA or supply of water to consumer upon approval by the Ministry responsible for water.
- iv. To deploy at least six qualified supporting staff with competent areas related to water services who will work closely with the entirely ZAWA staff,
- v. To develop proper system for enhancing revenue collection generated from supply of water and other sources related services.
- vi. To strengthen capacity for available ZAWA staff through hands to hands experience and capacity building programs.
- vii. To improve and empower ZAWA District offices for easy facilitation of water services in Zanzibar.
- viii. To carry on all such other activities as it may appear to ZAWA to be requisite, advantageous or in connection with the exercise of its functions upon Government directives.

The assignment will be undertaken over a period of approximately **ten to fifteen (10-15)** years from the date of contract effectively.

The Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals now invites eligible Firm or Company to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested Firm or Company should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (**Firm or Company profile**). The

Firm or Company should possess at least the following proven qualifications and experience:

- At least 15 years' experience in water sub-sector,
- Proven experience in conducting at least three assignments with similar nature for the past 10 years,
- Information of the previous assignments to be provided should include name of the assignment, name and full contact address of the client, tasks performed by the firm or company under the assignment, assignment value (in equivalent US dollars), period (dates) of execution of assignment and certificates of completion,
- Expertise in the area of water engineering, institutional reforms, management, finance, business administration, economics and public policy,
- Experience in working with the Government in handling ministerial level data and information management. Experience in sub-Saharan countries or similar nature will be an added advantage,
- The firm or company shall provide evidence to demonstrate its current financial capacity to invest in the total project cost with at least 25% of its net-worthy,
- The firm or company should have experienced on managerial capability, technicians & engineering in water related works (Production, Distribution, Supplying and business experts).

The attention of interested Firm or Company intending to submit expression of interest should not have conflict of interests and unfair competitive advantage as per Zanzibar Public Procurement Act NO. 11 of 2016 and its Regulation.

Firm or Company may associate with other firms in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For firms participating in JV, each member of JV should independently meet the requirement of Eol criteria. For firm participating as association of lead and sub-consultant, only the experience and qualification of lead firm will be assessed as per Eol criteria.

A Firm or Company will be selected in accordance with the **Quality Based Selection method** set out in the per Zanzibar Public Procurement Act NO. 11 of 2016 and its Regulation.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted in both hard copy and soft copy in an USB drive to the address below in person before 04th October, 2023 at 11:00 East African Time, while the opening ceremony is 11:30 East African Time on the same day.

In case of any difference in information between hard copy and soft copy, only information presented in the hard copy will be used for shortlisting.

Any clarification(s) may be sent by using email: procurement@majismz.go.tz

**The Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Water Energy and Minerals
ZURA building 5th floor,
Procurement Unit, Room No. 502.
P.O. Box 1569,
Zanzibar - Tanzania.**



This is eight-year-old Nihaal Dipen Patel, a Grade 3A pupil at The Aga Khan Primary School in Dar es Salaam who has managed to fast for eight days running in what is widely known as Upvas. With the blessings of his religious leaders, young Patel has completed the period (Sept 12 to 19) without eating at all and having just boiled water. The boy is reported to be among the youngest individuals in the Jain Community in Dar es Salaam to have achieved the "challenging fasting milestone". Upvas (literally, meaning fasting) is a technique of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian alternative medical or traditional healthcare system widely practised for self-healing. It is described as much more than just skipping meals or not eating anything. Rather, it lies in the belief in karma: the force produced by a person's actions that influences what happens to her or him in his or her future life - and this entails distracting the mind from taste, sense and food. * Photo & caption by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Tanzania appeals to KOICA to boost Z'bar Health Basket Fund

By Guardian Correspondent, Seoul

TANZANIA has appealed to Korea International Corporation Agency (KOICA) to assist Zanzibar government's Health Basket Fund in order to boost health services to the people in 2024/25 FY.

The appeal was made by the deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Amina Khamis Shaaban when she met and held talks with KOICA director for East Africa Region, Gyong-shik in Seoul, South Korea.

She said the aim to boost the Basket Fund is to enable the people access better health services at low cost, build better health delivery system at health centres.

"In the period beginning 2018 to 2023 the Zanzibar Health Basket Fund contributed USD 7.1 million or 16.3bn/- to the health sector and much of the money was directed to the district level," said Amina.

For his part, KOICA director for EA region Chon Gyong-shik said he will make efforts to implement Zanzibar's request for assistance and both sides will work together to address the matter.

He explained that one received, the submission of the projects is normally worked upon within two years and when endorsed this year then it will materialize in 2026.

Health Basket Fund (HBF) is a pooled funding mechanism that contributes to government efforts to strengthen primary health care services.

Ireland has contributed about 10% of the Health Basket Fund since its inception 21 years ago, and in the last 5 years, has contributed over €34.5 million, which was used to implement the Health Sector Strategic Plan IV.

Ninety percent of the Health Basket Funds go to 184 Local Government Authorities (LGAs) to support the delivery of primary health services in more than 5,533 primary health facilities.

This includes local dispensaries, health centres and district hospitals. The remaining 10% goes to the regional secretariats; the central Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children and the President's Office for Regional Administration and Local Government for oversight, planning, quality improvement, monitoring and supervision.

that fertiliser destroys soil's fertility, instead we want them to use the input correctly to increase crop yields.

"Such beliefs have been delaying farmers to attain the desired achievements from farming activities, as in this century you cannot avoid using fertiliser, to begin with the soil is already exhausted, it needs more fertility through fertiliser," he said.

For his part, another TFRA fertiliser expert, Daniel Maarifa said that farmers are supposed to abandon traditional farming practices and engage in modern farming practices that use fertiliser as well as abiding by farming regulations from agricultural experts.

Maarifa added that modern farming that adhere to required regulations to a great extent contribute to an increase profits from crops production thereby bringing positive results to farmers.

For his part, Meshack Makenge, TARI-Ilonga research coordinator said other achievements from farming is for farmers to adhere to the correct choice of seeds and planting them more expertly.

"When we talk about commercial farming, the use of quality seeds becomes the basic issue, as the use of traditional seeds makes farmers apply great efforts in farming but harvesting very little," he said.

Lilian Mwangi, TARI-Ilonga coordinator of technology application said in assisting farmers, TARI has various modern technologies which enable farmers to speedily attain achievements through the farming sector.

For his part, Momba Member of Parliament, Condester Sichahe said farmers are required to use fertiliser in order to make progress from their farming activities.

TFRA sets camp in Momba to educate farmers on fertiliser

By Guardian Correspondent, Momba

TANZANIA Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA) in collaboration with with experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and cooperative unions has set a 14-day camp in Momba District, Songwe Region aimed at educating farmers on the correct use of fertiliser to ward off misleading belief among farmers that using fertiliser destroys soil's fertility.

TFRA has taken the step to assist farmers to engage in profitable farming in the coming farming season for their own and their families' economic wellbeing.

TFRA fertiliser expert Henerico Renatus revealed at a seminar on the correct use of fertiliser and better farming practices by farmers in Momba District.

Henerico said farmers are required to abandon such misleading beliefs

Higher livestock yields need wider local market

INNOVATIONS are being multiplied one after another to boost productivity in various crop and livestock keeping spheres, often at a high budgetary cost. While there is a primary motive of ensuring stable food supply for local and export markets, there are issues of welfare that come in, and often disturb the policy design in relation to expected results. Innovations boost yields, but without a land use pattern that absorbs credit, farm aid can be overwhelming.

There is hence a test in that direction in the wake of introducing innovation directed at higher livestock yields, with a major livestock feeds company introducing quality animal feed applicable for livestock, poultry and aquaculture. It is possible that users register plenty more produce in so doing, and since our usual mantra is production, this will initially seem to be a great achievement. But if internal markets don't expand, a boomerang will be due.

There was extensive good feeling as the new products were being unveiled in the southern highlands lately, as livestock keepers expect that with the new feeds, local animal products will be able to capture export markets. The Iringa RC even projected that the products will transform the country's livestock and fisheries sectors. With fisheries the potential hiccup is even greater due to narrow local markets, unable to absorb large quantities even with price decline.

One just needs to look at an assertion that higher nutrition animal feeds open a new chapter that empowers farmers by supplying a range of top-quality animal nutrition products revolutionising the animal feed sub sector. These products will be available in most parts of the country, with

expectation that this will help large numbers of livestock and poultry keepers, along with aquaculture farmers boost their profits in line with climate change. It can be so for a while.

Export oriented productivity was a successful strategy in the 1980s and 1990s where just a few countries were opening up, and large Western markets where most people were still at work could use cheap new produce from East Asia with relish. As the fourth industrial revolution gathered pace, and countries taking up export orientation with vigour, the threat of congestion was high.

Even now the AGOA arrangement may be in its last years, and Europe wants a reciprocal arrangement, not an 'everything but arms' zero tariffs situation. The lesson is that countries increasingly rely on local markets as it is traditionally the case, but they need to open up, absorb vast foreign capital, boost markets.

Elevating the livestock sector by bringing to the market helpful animal nutrition raising production levels for meat, milk and eggs needs to be tied to expanding local markets so as to be an exquisite success. If hemmed in by lack of markets and producers start demanding, rather vehemently, that the government should look for markets outside.

As a matter of fact such innovation, that is, improved fertiliser and animal nutrition products, is going on all over Africa at the moment, so the market is not limitless. Chances are that pressure will start coming up to protect the local market against precisely such imports, which obviates from regional arrangements like the EAC, SADC and now AfCFTA, meanwhile as other producers yearn for similar markets outside. Policy isn't just about raising production levels.

Expanding tax collections a mitigated success mirror

IF one had a choice of what to pick as the most salutary observation in the latest economic update on Tanzania, an assertion that inflation remains low compared to neighbouring countries was arguably the most salient. This does not all the same appear to have been the point of emphasis for the World Bank country director when presenting the report. He saw greater significance in the fact that the government has widened tax collections over the past decade in a regular manner, a viewpoint that tallies with official viewpoints, unsurprisingly.

The multilateral lender praised efforts towards expanding tax collection, while pointing at improved fiscal policy effectiveness, even when pointing at statistics showing that Tanzania still has a way to go even in this aspect of economic governance. The report says public spending increased from 12.6 percent of GDP to 18.2 percent of GDP with the tax-to-GDP ratio increasing from 10 percent in 2004/05 to 11.8 percent in 2022/2023. The figures appear to be symmetrical, moving in the same direction, while not being proportional.

Where the worry comes up is an observation that this considerable shift in public spending as a portion of GDP is still lower than the average for Sub-Saharan Africa, low-income countries, and lower-middle-income countries generally. Without getting into such details and just hearing the praise about expanding tax collections, one would be excused to think that we have really done very well. Yet by some other accounts the Tanzanian economy is among the fastest growing in the region, while its spending ratio is still mitigated, etc.

One discovers greater complexity of policy ideas coming up with a senior economist and co-author of the report, saying that Tanzania should strive for

greater expenditure predictability for increased physical and human capital investments. Translated into ordinary language, this suggests being more hawkish in tax policies, thus assuring 'expenditure predictability' in view of the demand for 'physical and human capital investments.' The World Bank has turned the word 'investments' to imply any socially beneficial expenditure with no link whatsoever with the profit motive, and even sustainability of such drive.

In that sense the government is being asked to amplify its welfare expenditure by expanding the tax base, without cautioning the public that higher taxes or levying taxes on start-ups, etc can easily stymie enterprise growth. Just the previous day the African Development Bank was insisting on even greater involvement of the private sector, and the World Bank roots for more intensive taxation, more predictable social expenditure. It doesn't take time to figure out that the policy directions aren't exactly harmonious as key elements may clash.

Noticeably, the 19th Tanzania Economic Update focused on efficiency and effectiveness of the country's fiscal policy, where the presentation centred on fiscal policy improvement in the direction of higher social expenditure as vital to address rising income and wealth inequalities. The bank sees the priority sectors such as education and health as they lead to "stronger human capital outcomes," instead of rooting for economic reform. This idea of inequality obviates from the fact that traditional structures are at the core of poverty, and there is little pressure from the bank or development partners to alter anything. The bank prefers ending inequalities by health and education spending, which harms efficiency if taxes are too high.

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Nigeria and cessation of tensions with UAE

By Special Correspondent

FRESH from his mission to honour the invitation to the G20 Summit in New Delhi India, President Bola Tinubu continued his economic charm offensive to the United Arab Emirates, UAE, where he met with the country's President, Mohamed bin Zayed al Nahyan, early last week.

There was a flurry of controversy surrounding the issue of whether the Middle Eastern country indeed lifted the indefinite travel ban it imposed on Nigeria in October 2022 over some diplomatic disputes.

The country's famous national carrier, the Emirates Airlines, also shut down its services to Nigeria over the estimated \$85 million the Central Bank

of Nigeria, CBN, failed to remit to it.

The Nigerian president's spokesman, Ajuri Ngelale, had claimed that UAE had lifted the travel ban in addition to other investment pledges.

However, the UAE's embassy in Nigeria in its statement about the meeting between the leaders of the two countries, failed to mention any lifting of the ban.

It only spoke in generalities about the determination to strengthen ties "in areas that serve both countries' sustainable economic growth, including economic, development, energy and climate actions fields".

Ngelale's faux pas should serve as a lesson to him to tone down the rush to hype every little action of his principal to avoid bigger future embarrassments.

President Tinubu's highly commendable effort to restore the dignity and esteem of the presidential office by keeping out attack dogs must be sustained henceforth. Nigerians do not need the hype. We want substance and truth delivered with maturity.

The sad aspect of this episode was the rejoicing it elicited among some sections of our society. Though Dubai, the famous UAE business hub, is a prime destination for a lot of Nigerian businesses, especially traders and job seekers, it has also come to symbolise a place where the overfed Nigerian ruling class go to enjoy themselves at the expense of the masses.

We hope the eventual restoration of full relationships will create a level playing ground for genuine mutual benefits.

One of the grounds for disagreement was that UAE's Emirates enjoyed the lion's share of flight slots while Nigeria's Air Peace was offered a pittance and made to land at Sharjah Airport to the great inconvenience of its customers.

It is high time we let countries like the UAE know that Nigeria has a whole lot more to offer than it had showcased before now.

Unlike UAE which is a dry desert country though super-fantastically developed, Nigeria has a broad sweep of weather delights, from equatorial to Sahelian, desert to temperate.

We must learn from the lessons that UAE uses Dubai and Abu Dhabi to teach the rest of the developing world.

If we do the right thing, the world will come here and lick oil off our fingers.

By Ali Regah

AFRICA'S dependence on foreign food supply has been exposed by the escalating Russia-Ukraine conflict, raising a pivotal question: Why is Africa unable to produce its own food? Such a question directs our attention to ground-level resources such as rainfall and river water availability, alongside determinants such as arable land and the state of irrigation across the continent. A key consideration is Ethiopia, commonly referred to as Africa's 'water tower', owing to its extensive network of rivers funneling water to neighboring nations.

Successful food production necessitates a number of elements: arable land, a robust workforce, commitment from communities for cultivation, and energy to pump water from existing rivers. For instance, the Somali Region has two primary rivers, the Genale and Shabelle. Over the past few years, there has been an upswing in investment in irrigation, with crops like onions from Kalafo beginning to find markets beyond regional boundaries. However, it seems that the scale of production remains limited.

The Gode and Shebelle basins, in particular, hold enormous potential to fulfill much of the food production requirements of the country and boost animal productivity. Yet, there are still sights of animals perishing near roads paralleling fertile land and running rivers. One major driver for this is the climbing fuel prices and challenging energy availability. Though Ethiopian hydropower electricity has played a pivotal role in propping up the town of Gode, its use is largely restricted to lighting, which, while essential, is certainly not adequate.

Foremost, a significant shift is required to modernize our irrigation systems. In fact, moving beyond individual farming towards large-scale,

Unearthing Somali region's food security: The buried treasure in Shabelle basin

expert-led agriculture could prove transformative. This change, paired with efforts to involve communities and ensure market opportunities, could dramatically elevate earnings and boost exports. Historical precedents like Somalia's banana exports using Shabelle river water way back in the 1970s demonstrate the real potential of the Somali region in Ethiopia for agricultural outputs such as banana and sesame.

The chance to evolve and prosper lies within Shabelle and Gode, as they can become nourishing powerhouses for Ethiopia and potentially for the whole of Africa."

Another facet to explore is the electrification of large tracts of arable land. With the installation of electric surface pumps operating alongside solar energy, these lands could significantly contribute to not just the local, but also national and regional food security. Realizing this vision, however, necessitates government commitment, community mobilization, and extensive investment. Creative strategies like profit sharing and public-private partnerships could prove beneficial in areas where salaried work is not culturally preferred.

The transformation could be profound - envision Gode growing into a major metropolitan hub, complete with direct exports of horticulture and livestock products from its airport. The employment opportunities generated through agricultural development in the Shabelle basin could also be substantial. Indeed, the Asian conflict serves as an impetus for Africa to take strides towards bolstering its own food security.

While climate change continues to

pose challenges for the horn of Africa, threatening traditional modes of sustained livelihoods like pastoralism, alternatives like large-scale animal fattening using regional resources also open up. Purchasing weak livestock from pastoralists at fair prices, reconditioning them with locally-produced fodder, and setting up slaughtering centers under veterinary supervision could lead to massive improvements in the quality of meat exports.

Shabelle basin has fertile land and a perennial river, but its community still depends on food aid and imported food for their survival. Irrigation development in this basin will not only increase food availability in the zone but also generate foreign currency from exporting surplus production. It only needs being serious to invest and avail easily accessible loans and technical support for the communities. The recent restriction of food aid after the aid diversion report had a very difficult impact on most vulnerable communities in Ethiopia. GERD electricity is flowing like the water in Shabelle, the soil is waiting to produce and the workforce is sitting idle.

In conclusion, the potential for change and growth is vast, awaiting initiative and action. The chance to evolve and prosper lies within Shabelle and Gode, as they can become nourishing powerhouses for Ethiopia and potentially for the whole of Africa. The call to action is significant: Don't wait, let's mobilize to create paradigm shifts in agriculture and unlock a self-sufficient future.

The government's commitment, strategic investment, and concerted efforts from various sectors are paramount."

The lion's share of this transformation can be traced back to the otherwise dusty agricultural lands of the Shabelle basin. Transforming these lands into flourishing farms entails meticulous energy management and strategic investment in agricultural development. At the helm of this transformation is the Ethiopian government, entrusted with the crucial task of coordinating resources and implementing policies that encourage financial institutions to support this endeavor.

One of the potential solutions to this challenge is establishing a semi-autonomous agricultural enterprise that could steer the development in the Shabelle basin. Large-scale mechanized agriculture should be prioritized over small-scale farming. While individual farming can generate income, it cannot match the productivity and income potential of large-scale operations.

The path towards this agricultural revolution is challenging but not unattainable. The government's commitment, strategic investment, and concerted efforts from various sectors are paramount. Indeed, the resources and the will exist, and the transformation of the Shabelle basin into a food-basket powerhouse is waiting for the silver bullet - strategic action.

In a nutshell, the key to Ethiopia's food security is likely buried just beneath the surface of the Shabelle basin, waiting to be unlocked by efficient energy use, robust policy implementation, and scaled-up agricultural practices. The efforts are present, and the potential is significant - a miracle just waiting to happen in the very heart of Ethiopia.

Form IV mock exam results expose public schools in Kagera Region

By Mutayoba Arbogast

THE secondary school mock examination results released recently in Kagera Region exposed teaching and learning weakness in public schools as they were outshone by the private institutions. For, the privately-owned schools clinched top five slots with grade C average pass, only two government schools recorded D grade and a total of 21 government schools posted F grade.

The results are part of formative assessments ahead of the form four national examinations early next month. As the name suggests, mock exams are not a big deal but cannot be ignored because in most cases, they reflect what is likely to happen in the real examinations.

Mock exams are said to be very helpful to learners as help them understand how much they understand the concepts and their ability to answer questions. Also, mock exams give learners an idea of how the real exam is likely to be hence a certain level of confidence. Both teachers and get the whole idea of how the final exam is going to be hence more revision where needed.

However, last year, the government through the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) discouraged the announcements of top schools alongside best performing



students in what said to be unfair to learners from underprivileged communities.

Missenyi District in particular seems to have a problem if the recent results are anything to go by because all the 21 schools that posted F are based in the district.

This correspondent contacted Maya Mbaraka, Missenyi District Secondary School Education Officer for a comment but he was not ready to clarify the circumstances that culminated in the massive failure in the mock examinations.

Stedius Kazinduki, the long-serving tutor at Katoko Teachers' Training College based in Muleba District here in Kagera Region, was recently quoted as saying that when the government snubs announcing best-performing schools and students, it risks escalating the poor performance of most of its mushrooming ward-level secondary schools.

The educator argued that poor learning environment that sees most pupils scramble for desks and books is mostly to blame for

poor performance in most public schools.

Kazinduki added that instead of discouraging private schools from advertising their business, the government should borrow a fresh leaf from them on how they manage their institutions by investing heavily in human resources, infrastructure and equipment.

He noted that at a time when the government sets aside only a paltry 1.76trn/- for education instead of the needed 8trn/-, infrastructural challenges will keep bedeviling

poor performance of many public schools.

"Mock exams are not compulsory since their marks are not part of the pupils' report cards but they help learners have a feel of how the final exams are likely to be," he said.

In the recently released 2022 form four national examination results, mathematics led in poor performance. Statistics released by the National Examination Council of Tanzania (NECTA) reminded us of a problem that has persisted in

our education system for decades.

Out of the 690 pupils in 10 government-owned secondary schools in Kagera Region where pupils attempted the 2022 form four national examinations, only 63 passed mathematics, scoring between C and D passes, equivalent to 9.13 percent. Out of the 690 candidates from the 10 secondary schools, only five scored division one, division two (55), division three (92), and division four (416) while 113 recorded 0.

Mathematics pass rate is still below 50 percent. It was the worst-performing subject. There are many reasons that make pupils fail mathematics, but the main one, especially in public schools, is shortage of qualified teachers, according to experts.

The recently released Kagera Regional Mock Examination Results 2023 saw over 89 percent of pupils score F in mathematics, leaving more questions than answers on whether the same results would feature in the next few months' anticipated national form four examinations.

Prof Faustin Kamuzora, a lecturer at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) was quoted recently explaining that a country that invests in an industrial economy needs skilled technicians and scientists to accelerate transformation.

He said the government and its academic stakeholders have long been investing a lot in the education sector while continuing to urge students to choose science subjects including mathematics with the aim of creating professionals and scholars in solving the many challenges facing our country.

While form four candidates are set to sit their final examinations in November this year, it's not business as usual. Most schools are a hive of activity with pupils and teachers prepare for mock exams which have become a common 'curtain raiser' before the main event.

Granted, mock exams are really useful. Both pupils and teachers use them not only to have a feel of what the final exams will be like but also to assess how far they have gone in their learning. Exams are all about preparedness, and everyone needs to know whether or not they are ready to go.

By Hisham Allam

THE population of Egypt increased from 104 million in November 2022 to 105 million in June 2023, according to the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS). This represents the growth rate for the country, where the poverty rate is 27.3 percent. The population increase means that every 245 days, it increases by one million, or 3 people per minute.

The population density in Egypt has also increased, from 100.1 people per square kilometer (km²) in 2020 to 104.2 people per km² in 2023. Cairo is the most populous Governorate in Egypt, with over 10 million residents, followed by Giza, with 9.5 million residents.

The fertility rate in Egypt has been declining in recent years, from 3.5 births per woman in 2014 to 2.85 births per woman in 2021. However, the annual birth rate is still high, at around 2.2 million.

If current fertility rates remain stable, Egypt's population will reach 119 million in 2030 and 165 million in 2050. However, if fertility rates fall to 1.6 children per woman by 2042, the population will reach 117 million in 2030 and 139 million in 2050. Dr Najwa Samak, former head of the economics department at Cairo University, told IPS.

Samak stressed that the rapid population growth in Egypt is a burden on the national economy and a major challenge to the state's development efforts. She called for concerted efforts from all sectors of society, including civil society organizations, the media, and state agencies, to control the population growth rate.

She said that the human element is one of the most important factors in production for any country and that population growth can be a blessing if it is used to raise production rates and national income. However, in the case of Egypt, the rate of population growth is outpacing the rate of economic growth, putting a strain on the country's resources.

Samak said that family planning is crucial but that the Chinese model of one-child families is not the answer. She said that this model can lead to psychological damage for families and

Population increase in Egypt: A blessing that has become a curse



Egypt's population increase puts pressure on the economy and development efforts. Credit: Hisham Allam/IPS

children.

She said that the most important thing now is to invest in eliminating illiteracy and improving the standard of living for poor families. This will help to raise awareness of the challenges of population growth and make it possible for families to make informed choices about their reproductive health.

Dr Hussein Abdelaziz, a professor of statistics at Cairo University, said

that the Egyptian government aims to reduce the fertility rate from 2.8 to 1.6 children per woman in the coming years. He said that uncontrolled population growth is a major challenge to the state's development efforts and drains the country's resources.

Abdulaziz told IPS that the illiteracy of women is one of the main reasons for the high fertility rate in Egypt. He said that there are some villages in Egypt

where the illiteracy rate for girls is up to 50%. He called for the empowerment of women through education to address the problem of population growth.

Despite the challenges, Abdelaziz finds hope in a number of governorates that have achieved positive indicators of population growth. He cited Port Said and Alexandria, where the fertility rates are 1.8 and 2.1 children per woman, respectively. These rates are equivalent

to the reproductive rates in developed countries.

Abdulaziz said that the Egyptian government is working to reduce the fertility rate by providing family planning services, improving access to education, and raising awareness of the challenges of population growth.

IPS UN Bureau Report

UN still living in the 1940s, it's urgently in need of reforms

By Thalif Deen

POLITICALLY, the United Nations has largely been described as a monumental failure – with little or no progress in resolving some of the world's past and ongoing military conflicts and civil wars, including Palestine, Western Sahara, Kashmir, and more recently, Ukraine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan and Myanmar, among others.

Still, to give the devil its due, the UN has made some remarkable progress providing food, shelter and medical care to millions of people caught in military conflicts, including in Ukraine, Sudan, Syria, Libya and Somalia. Has the UN been gradually transformed into a humanitarian aid organization – diplomats without borders?

How fair are these characterizations?

Meanwhile, during the high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly beginning September 18, some of the world's political leaders, representing four of the five permanent members (P5) of the Security Council, were MIAs (missing in action): Prime Minister Rushi Sunak of UK, President Emmanuel Macron of France, President Vladimir Putin of Russia and President Xi Jinping of China.

The only P5 member present was US President Joe Biden. Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, a country described as one of the world's rising political and economic powers willing to lead the Global South, was also missing.

Is there a hidden message here for the UN? And is the UN beginning to outlive its usefulness politically?

Asked about the absence of four P-5 members of the Security Council, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was blunt when he told reporters: "I don't think it is because we have or we have not a leader of a country that the high-level week is more relevant or less relevant. What's important is the commitments that Governments are ready to make in relation to the SDGs, in relation to many other aspects of this week. So, this is not a vanity fair... What matters is not the presence of this or that leader. What matters is the commitment of the respective government in relation to the objectives of the summit."

Meanwhile, the reform of the UN – including the revitalization of the General Assembly, the increase in the number of permanent members of the Security Council and the lack of gender empowerment at the highest echelons of the UN hierarchy, with nine all-male Secretaries-General and only 4 women out of 78 presidents of the General Assembly – has been discussed for decades. But still these issues have never got off the ground. Or will they ever?

In an interview with IPS, Natalie Samarasinghe, Global Director, Advocacy, Open Society Foundations, said change is challenging at the UN. The organization is predicated on balancing principle with politics – and the former prevails only when it can be aligned with the latter. It has been subversive, supporting the fight against colonialism and apartheid, and helping the marginalized to advance their cause through development and human rights.

At the same time, it has helped to maintain the power structures of 1945. That is reflected in the UN's priorities,



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programming and personnel. And this formula seems weaker now, with the UN now seemingly peripheral in the peace and security realm, and struggling to coordinate global responses to the shocks of recent years.

This does not mean the organization cannot change. Today's UN would be unrecognisable to its founders: with its strong focus on sustainable development, nearly four times the number of member states, and bodies devoted to almost every dimension of human endeavour.

The UN's charter does not mention the iconic blue helmets or UNICEF – perhaps the organization's best-known 'brand', nor does it allude to the role of the Secretary-General as the world's top diplomat. The Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change and GAVI, the multistakeholder vaccine alliance – inconceivable seven decades ago – are further examples of the UN's ability to adapt to new realities.

Yet, other parts of the organization seem frozen in time, most obviously the Security Council. So, is change possible? It is depressing that the prospect of a female Secretary-General still feels remote, or that only four of the 78 presidents of the General Assembly have been women. This should not be our ceiling for reform but our floor.

We have regional rotation for positions. Why not gender rotation? This is surely as achievable a change as it is necessary.

The Security Council, meanwhile, is probably the least likely area of movement. But its gridlock – on substance and reform – has increased the appetite for the General Assembly to act as a counterweight to exclusive clubs.

The closest thing we have to a world parliament, the importance of the Assembly has grown as lower-income countries become increasingly frustrated at shouldering the brunt of global shocks without any real say in solutions.

This is part of a broader trend. At

the UN, it encompasses improvements to the Secretary-General selection process in 2016, Liechtenstein's success in ensuring that a Council veto automatically triggers a debate in the Assembly, and the Syria investigative mechanism.

But the real action is likely to be outside the New York. Leaders like Biden and Macron seem to have taken up the calls of Mottley, Akufo-Addo and others to reform the international financial architecture. The G20 in New Delhi echoed language in the Bridgetown Initiative and V20 Agenda on issues such as debt and access to capital.

All of this shows that we may have finally reached a point where smaller, more vulnerable countries can no longer tolerate the stater quo, and where larger, richer countries realise that interdependence is not just a concept.

Q: At a press conference last month, Barbara Woodward, Britain's ambassador to the UN, emphasized the "UK's ambition to drive forward reform of the multilateral system," saying, "We want to see expansion of the Council's permanent seats to include India, Brazil, Germany, Japan and African representation." But even if this proposal is adopted by the GA and the UNSC, it has to be followed up with an amendment to the UN charter. How arduous and long-drawn-out is the process of amending the charter?

A: Even in 1945, the composition of the Security Council was a compromise, with permanent membership and vetoes intended to encourage the five powers of the time to serve as guardians of the international order. That illusion was shattered before the ink had dried on the charter, as the Cold War cut short the organization's honeymoon.

Today, our multipolar and polarised world is better described as a hot mess. Longstanding conflicts such as Palestine and Kashmir re-

main intractable, while crises pile up: Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Haiti, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine.

Some commentators argue that Russia's wanton aggression is not the first time one of the five permanent members (P5) has invaded a country. Others adopt a reductionist view of the Council's role: preventing conflict between the P5 rather than maintaining peace and security. But after 18 months of genocidal acts, it's hard not to see it as emblematic of the UN's failures and constraints.

Even areas where the UN previously banked successes are flagging. Most people go back two decades to Liberia or Sierra Leone when asked to cite successful peace operations. Until its collapse, the Black Sea grain deal was a rare example of mediation gone right.

Invariably, debates on how to strengthen the UN's peace and security capacity focus on the Security Council. Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, states including the US have been more vocal on the need for change. Yet renewed interest has not made reform more likely.

Procedurally, reform requires amending the UN charter. This needs approval by two-thirds of the General Assembly's members and ratification by their legislatures, including the all of the P5. It has happened only once in relation to the Council (in 1965, when the number of members was raised from 11 to 15, and the voting threshold increased accordingly). Politically, one of the biggest hurdles is the lack of agreement within regions on who should get a seat.

Council reform is a prize worth pursuing – and one that merits more creativity, on the role of regional organisations, for instance. But it may be better to channel this energy into how to leverage the collective power of the UN system as a whole.

From sanctions to investigations, there is much more the Gen-

eral Assembly could do on peace and security, including by building on Liechtenstein's proposal. The Peacebuilding Commission, too, could become more central, for example by bringing in actors such as the international financial institutions. And it is worth looking at how mediation could be done differently, with more resources and a more diverse pool of negotiators.

Q: Civil society organizations (CSOs) have played a significant role in UN's mandate to provide international peace and security, protect human rights and deliver humanitarian aid. Has the UN given CSOs, their rightful place?

A: Over 200 civil society organizations were at the birth of the UN. Their presence helped to secure references in the Charter to human rights, gender equality and social justice.

Seventy-eight years on, thousands will come to New York for the opening of the General Assembly. Even more work with the UN every day, as its development and humanitarian activities have mushroomed. These areas now account for over 70 percent of its funds and roughly two-thirds of its staff.

But many CSOs engage from the sidelines. Only a fraction will be allowed into UN Headquarters, while those on the ground often face steep barriers to cooperation. For all the talk about partnerships, a similar situation exists for other actors, from local governments to business.

This ignores that perhaps the most profound transformation of the "international community" in recent decades has not been geopolitical realignment but the rise of non-state actors.

We live in a world where private sector profits eclipse GDP, where social movements can mobilise millions of people, and influencers can wipe out billions with a single post; and where a girl sitting

outside her school with a sign can change the global conversation. And yet the international system remains stubbornly state-centric.

Instead, partnerships should be the norm. CSOs are critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and addressing essential assistance in humanitarian crises and step into the breach in conflict zones. They stand up for those who are ignored and abused, serving both as the UN's partners and its conscience.

Their contributions should be valued and harnessed, through a high-level champion for civil society, greater resourcing of grassroots groups; and an overarching strategy for engagement. As concerns around legitimacy and power grow, this strategy should include a gradual transfer of the UN's development and humanitarian functions to local partners.

This would foster a greater sense of ownership, agency and accountability. It could also breathe new life into the SDGs. From the UN's vantage point, it would help to alleviate the unsustainable growth in its workload, free up limited resources and mitigate the incompatibility on the ground of various functions it is expected to perform – political, humanitarian, development and human rights.

Such a move is likely to meet with considerable resistance, including from inside the UN. It is easier to cite the number schools built or refugees rescued as evidence of success, especially when geopolitical tensions make advances in areas such as norm-setting and mediation more challenging.

But it is precisely in those areas where the UN is most needed: functions that cannot easily be fulfilled by others – even with two regional organisations on board, the G20 is not the G193; and where it is uniquely placed to make a difference – from emergency coordination to global solidarity.

That should be the guiding spirit leading up to next year's Summit of the Future: a realistic task list for the UN, greater responsibility for partners, and higher ambition for the world's people.

Natalie Samarasinghe has also served as CEO of the United Nations Association – UK, becoming the first woman appointed to that role; she was speechwriter to the 73rd President of the General Assembly; and chief of strategy for the UN's 75th-anniversary initiative.

A frequent commentator on UN issues, she has edited publications on sustainable development, climate change and conflict; written for Routledge and OUP on human rights; and co-edited the SAGE Major Work on the UN. She has also supported a number of civil society coalitions, including the 1 for 7 Billion campaign to improve the Secretary-General selection process, which she co-founded.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Chemonics International Inc, a U.S. based international development consulting firm, seeks a **Knowledge Management, Communications, and Digital Learning Specialist** for the USAID Tanzania Lische Mtambuka Activity, also known as the Regional Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Activity. The five-year project aims to strengthen health and food market systems that promote the adoption of optimal nutrition-related behaviors across a range of stakeholders in targeted regions in Tanzania. We are seeking individuals who have a passion for making a difference in the lives of people around the world. *This position will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.*

Responsibilities include:

- Implementing the project communications strategy, ensuring production of quality of project communications and marketing media, and providing editorial assistance and quality control assistance to the publication of all project reporting and communications.
- Working closely with MEL and technical team members to identify data, stories, and articles for communications materials. Compile and analyze relevant activity data from partners to demonstrate Lische Mtambuka progress for reports and presentations.
- Strategically plan and organize innovative methods to disseminate the project's accomplishments. This may include written, video, or internet methodologies.
- Engaging on the use of technology for digital learning, such as databases, websites, applications, GIS, etc.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in communications, knowledge management, international development or related field. Master's degree preferred.
- Minimum of five years of experience in a similar role, writing reports or technical articles and the creation of knowledge management and communication strategies for donor-funded projects; experience with USAID preferred.
- Experience in a similar role for a nutrition focused project or organization preferred.
- Experience with digital learning platforms integration and management, e-learning training modules / content design and development, teaching and mentoring preferred.
- Proven ability to organize, summarize, and rewrite technical information for non-expert audiences.
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills, with demonstrated diplomacy and the ability to communicate effectively in a cross-cultural environment.
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity.
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in English.

Application Instructions

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

USAID LISHE MTAMBUKA ACTIVITY MEL-CLA-MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Chemonics International Inc, a U.S. based international development consulting firm, seeks the following long-term positions for the USAID Tanzania Lische Mtambuka Activity, also known as the Regional Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Activity. The five-year project aims to strengthen health and food market systems that promote the adoption of optimal nutrition-related behaviors across a range of stakeholders in targeted regions in Tanzania. We are seeking individuals who have a passion for making a difference in the lives of people around the world.

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We are currently seeking qualified professionals for the following positions *to be based out of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*, unless otherwise noted.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)/Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) Manager, who will Support MEL and CLA across project activities, advise and supports regional MEL coordinators on data collection across regions and ensure best MEL and CLA systems and practices are utilized. The MEL/CLA Manager will assist with the design and implementation of the Lische Mtambuka Activity's knowledge and learning plan and Activity Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Plan (AMELP), create and organize the reporting and documentation required by the AMELP, develop appropriate methods for data collection, and ensure that youth- and gender-sensitive indicators and results are included. S/he will organize and implement data collection and tracking tools for survey data, results and progress information, conduct regular data quality assessments, integrate CLA principles throughout implementation, and collect lessons learned and successes during project implementation. Qualifications include:

- Bachelor's degree in statistics, quantitative/qualitative data analysis or management, program management, anthropology/social sciences, or related field
- Minimum of seven (7) years of experience in utilizing tools for data collection, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of donor-funded projects
- Experience with results frameworks, indicators, and targets for USAID-funded projects required
- Demonstrated knowledge of integrating CLA into project interventions to inform decision-making and incorporating CLA into capacity building for program monitoring requirements
- Demonstrated experience with quantitative and qualitative research methods, including developing surveys and holding focus groups and capacity building for CLA
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills, with demonstrated diplomacy and the ability to communicate effectively in a cross-cultural environment
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in English

Administrative Assistant, who will provide administrative, financial, logistical and operational support. The Administrative Assistant will work closely with all finance and operations team members to ensure that the Lische Mtambuka office runs smoothly. S/he will provide efficient and consistent support in areas such as meeting scheduling, management of project inventory, coordinating logistical needs for events, and other ad hoc requests. Qualifications include:

- o Bachelor's degree preferred
- o At least 2 years of relevant experience providing administrative support, program logistic or operations preferably to a USAID funded project/s or NGO
- o Strong ability to prioritize tasks, focus on details, and work independently or on a team
- o Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity
- o Written and spoken proficiency in English required



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

USAID LISHE MTAMBUKA ACTIVITY MULTIPLE REGIONAL ROLES

Chemonics International Inc, a U.S. based international development consulting firm, seeks the following long-term positions for the USAID Tanzania Lische Mtambuka Activity, also known as the Regional Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Activity. The five-year project aims to strengthen health and food market systems that promote the adoption of optimal nutrition-related behaviors across a range of stakeholders in targeted regions in Tanzania. We are seeking individuals who have a passion for making a difference in the lives of people around the world.

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We are currently seeking qualified professionals for the following positions: Chemonics International Inc. seeks five **Regional Extension Support Coordinators**, for the USAID Lische Mtambuka Activity in Tanzania. Chemonics is hiring five individuals for these long-term positions, one person will be based in each of the following five regions: **Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, Kigoma, and Katavi.**

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate region-level food safety activities and oversee Lische Mtambuka extension support officers
- Work with government actors to promote local ownership in activity implementation, such as in establishing integrated nutrition extension teams to direct engagement with smallholder farmers and farmers' groups
- Work with regional secretariats and extension officers to coordinate activities across councils: community-based extension support (and integrated nutrition extension teams), Social and Behavioral Change, and technology introduction and demonstrations
- Conduct risk assessments and work with regional secretariats to address risk-based food safety concerns at household and enterprise levels

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in nutrition, public health, or a related field
- Eight (8) years of experience in nutrition/public health, project/program management, and in working with Tanzanian government stakeholder in the areas of community-based extension support (and integrated nutrition extension teams) and Social and Behavioral Change
- Experience with a USAID-funded project preferred
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in English

Chemonics International Inc. seeks five **Regional MEL Coordinators** for the USAID Lische Mtambuka Activity in Tanzania. Chemonics is hiring five individuals for these long-term positions, one person will be based in each of the following five regions: **Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, Kigoma, and Katavi.**

Responsibilities include:

- Support data collection in the regions to capture activity performance results.
- Ensure MEL files are maintained and organized, and that data is entered into the activity MEL system
- Supports partners and other key stakeholders to review, interpret and formulate practical implications of data and evidence

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in economics, statistics, development studies, monitoring and evaluation, or relevant area
- Eight (8) years of experience in monitoring and evaluation at the local level, especially in the areas of nutrition and health/food systems, WASH, and nutrition governance
- Knowledge of M&E concepts and tools: knowledge of statistical software (SPSS, GIS Mapping, etc.) preferred
- Demonstrated knowledge of USAID MEL requirements and reporting protocols
- Experience in development and implementation of learning agendas, including knowledge management and documentation learning.
- Proficient in IT Skills
- Experience with a USAID-funded project preferred
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in English

Chemonics International Inc. seeks five **Regional Administrative Assistants/Bookkeepers** for the USAID Lische Mtambuka Activity in Tanzania. Chemonics is hiring five people for these long-term positions, one person will be based in each of the following five regions: **Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, Kigoma, and Katavi.**

Responsibilities include:

- Assist the Dar es Salaam-based Finance and Operations Unit in all aspects of project administration, accounting and financial management for tasks undertaken in the regional office
- Ensure traveling consultants/Lische Mtambuka staff from other offices are greeted upon arrival in the office and are allocated space and furnished with necessary resources upon arrival
- Arrange the travel of regional staff
- Manage the physical layout of the office, monitoring the office lease agreement, equipment service contracts, and other relationships with outside vendors, supervising the regional office drivers, and assisting regional recruitments
- Collecting quotations for routine office purchases and upholding Chemonics and USAID policies and procedures on procurements
- Responsible for completing data entry for accounting transactions, including reviewing payments for appropriate documentation and approvals, preparing monthly bank reconciliations, ensuring that all required documentation for VAT refunds is received by vendors prior to payment of invoices
- Ensure the maintenance of proper accounting files

Qualifications:

- Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination required; bachelor's degree in a relevant field preferred.
- Three (3) years of experience in an office administration role; additional bookkeeping/accounting experience required
- Experience with USAID rules and regulations regarding procurement and travel preferred
- Experience working with various types of vendors in negotiating SLAs for the provision of services required
- Knowledge and understanding of accounting principles, theories, practices, and terminology preferred
- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal skills, and should communicate satisfactorily in written and oral English
- Proficiency in Microsoft programs (i.e. Excel, Word, PowerPoint) and the ability to learn to use various commercially available accounting software programs
- Strong organizational and work prioritization skills, attention to detail
- Ability to work with integrity both independently and as part of a team
- Ability to work in a professional and cordial manner with staff, implementing and cooperating partners, and relevant NGOs and government agencies often under demanding/busy circumstances
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity

Chemonics International Inc. seeks five **Regional WASH Coordinators** for the USAID Lische Mtambuka Activity in Tanzania. Chemonics is hiring five people for these long-term positions, one person will be based in each of the following five regions: **Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, Kigoma, and Katavi.**

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate region-level water and sanitation activities
- Report to water and sanitation senior technical advisor and supervise Lische Mtambuka WASH officers
- Work with national-level stakeholders to identify and implement water projects, support new methods of operations and maintenance (including cost recovery and communications), and build local capacity (including WASH and gender training)
- Oversee WASH business and Social and Behavioral Change activities, coordinating with cooperating partners and stakeholders across the region

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in public health, water and sanitation, project/program management or related field
- Eight (8) years of experience in managing, coordinating and/or implementing WASH activities, especially those involving government stakeholders, in Tanzania
- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal skills, and should communicate satisfactorily in written and oral English
- Proficiency in Microsoft programs (i.e. Excel, Word, PowerPoint) and the ability to learn to use various commercially available accounting software programs
- Strong organizational and work prioritization skills, attention to detail
- Ability to work with integrity both independently and as part of a team
- Ability to work in a professional and cordial manner with staff, implementing and cooperating partners, and relevant NGOs and government agencies often under demanding/busy circumstances
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity

Chemonics International Inc. seeks five **Nutrition Governance Officers** for the USAID Lische Mtambuka Activity in Tanzania. Chemonics is hiring five people for these long-term positions, one person will be based in each of the following five regions: **Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, Kigoma, and Katavi.**

Responsibilities include:

- Oversee council-level activities pertaining to the use of data, planning, budgeting, and delivering high quality nutrition services
- Support the regional governance coordinators to liaise with Local Government Authorities (LGA), Ward Development Committees, and village councils to implement planning and accountability training and supportive supervision, annual planning and budgeting, train staff on the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Information System, and provide as-needed advocacy

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in nutrition, public health, or a related field
- Five (5) years of experience in nutrition/public health, project/program management, or a related field
- Experience with a USAID-funded project preferred
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in English

Chemonics International Inc. seeks five **WASH Officers** for the USAID Lische Mtambuka Activity in Tanzania. Chemonics is hiring five people for this long-term position, one person will be based in each of the following five regions: **Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, Kigoma, and Katavi.**

Responsibilities include:

- Oversee council-level WASH activities
- Support the regional WASH coordinators to liaise with national-level stakeholders to implement WASH social marketing and Social and Behavioral Change activities
- Coordinate support for WASH businesses and strengthen local water supply organizations' capacity to implement and maintain water projects
- Coordinate closely with cooperating partners to implement community-led total sanitation and SBC activities

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in public health, water and sanitation, project/program management or related field
- Five (5) years of experience in managing, coordinating and/or implementing WASH activities in Tanzania
- Experience with a USAID-funded project preferred
- Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in English

Shalane Yuen: The journey from US to SA with a mission

By Zukiswa Pikoli

South Africa always feels like it's on the brink of something great," says Trevor Noah Foundation (TNF) executive director Shalane Yuen.

"The energy is always forward-moving and for some reason - whether it's poor leadership or systemic challenges - we get pushed back one or two steps. But I can feel the forward-moving energy and it is addictive in some ways. I wanna be a part of that."

Born to a Chinese native-Hawaiian father and a Japanese-American mother, Yuen says she identifies as an "Asian American Pacific Islander".

She says her mixed lineage and a broad educational outlook - going from a sociology and economics undergraduate degree at the University of California to postgraduate studies in Thailand, then back to the US for a master's degree in public administration in international nonprofit management and public policy at New York University (NYU) - shaped her passion for the practical, impact-driven work she does now.

Speaking of her time in Thailand, Yuen says she was fascinated by how the capital Bangkok had all the hallmarks of a modern, urbanised and thriving city hub, but also fringes that were rural and undeveloped. She felt that something was not quite right. And she would soon learn that South Africa was similar in many ways.

She says her studies helped her understand the "puzzle pieces" of the global economy and issues of development and access. This fuelled her interest in impact-based and sustainable work.

Yuen has always found herself in a "mediation" role, starting from childhood when her parents divorced and she often had to play the go-between.

She believes a natural curiosity has drawn her to the many implementation- and sustainability-focused projects she has tackled the world over.

Yuen fondly recalls how her grandfather, shortly before passing away, had saved up \$30,000 for her to go to university but at the time she did not know how much it was and felt that she would have to make some money of her own.

"I had my first job when I was a junior in high school; I worked at Starbucks. I'd always worked - for me it was fun."

Yuen says she only tapped into her grandfather's saved money when she decided to go to NYU, by which time it was



Shalane Yuen, executive director of the Trevor Noah Foundation. (Photo: Zukiswa Pikoli)

enough to pay for one year of study. She had to take out loans to pay for her second year.

She says her experience of NYU was that the institution was overwhelmingly white and wealthy and the entry-level jobs that would come from her course in public service were all unpaid.

Heavy financial burden

She specifically wanted to go to New York and live there to benefit from the opportunities of work in her sector - only to find the financial burden too much.

"I always find it strange that all those public sector jobs were unpaid and guess

who gets to fill them... At one point during my postgrad I was at school, working two internships and working as a waitress just to supplement tuition fees," says Yuen.

One of the strengths she developed during her time waitressing was a knack for reading people through their body language and non-verbal communication. It

helped her discern how best to tailor her service to people's needs.

No stranger to how costly education, particularly university, can be, Yuen says when she graduated and started working she had about 10 years' worth of student loans to repay. By working out how interest rates work, down to the granular day-to-day costs, and having the stringent frugal sensibilities of a student, she managed to pay off the loans within six years - ahead of the arrival of her baby daughter.

Yuen moved to South Africa in 2013 in an advisory role to the US Agency for International Development for a year, and then had an 18-month consultancy with FeverTree Consulting and the Namibian government. After that she worked with Seed Academy on entrepreneurship support and then set up her own consultancy.

The Trevor Noah Foundation opportunity came about in 2017. With her husband being a comedian himself and in Noah's circle of acquaintances, she was approached to help set up the foundation, which focuses on education, based on her wealth of experience in the public service sector and in management consulting.

"So I went out and did a needs assessment of the education value chain in South Africa, spoke to tons of people and then pitched a model for areas in the education ecosystem that we can influence. And that's how TNF started. I was initially an independent consultant, doing everything, for two years.

"I knew I wanted experience in different sectors, so I said yes to management consulting. But I don't care about consulting to help corporates become more profitable.

"Even now at TNF, in the way we design projects and solutions, this idea of cross-sector leadership and cross-sector partnership comes through in everything we do."

Yuen says the foundation has learnt a lot in the five years of its existence, particularly in defining its role in being an implementer and a partner with schools - as opposed to just providing grant funding.

She says the organisation has learnt to closely examine and understand power dynamics in partnerships, the significance of the language used and the level of participatory control of schools.

"In the 19 schools we work with in Gauteng, our relationship with the schools is at the forefront, and we get to build this environment where learners and teachers have access to digital skills and career guidance.

"Also, their infrastructure is being improved by the unemployed youth in the community and the leaders of the school are getting leadership support."

Energy is addictive

Yuen says that she loves to hear of pupils' first experiences, like the first time touching a computer or learning coding.

It's a combination of these small moments that change young people's mindsets about what is possible. She relates this to how Noah's access to good schooling and good teachers shifted his thoughts to what was possible to achieve through education.

Asked what South Africa means to her, Yuen says: "It really invigorates and excites me and I think, because South Africa gets a lot of bad rap in the media on the surface, it challenges me even more to want to change that narrative and be a part of people seeing South Africa for what it really is." DM



Comedian, author and philanthropist Trevor Noah. (Photo: David M Benett / Getty Images for Spotify)

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Foreign investors uptake 2.3bn/- by selling bank's stocks

By Guardian Reporter

Foreign investors recorded a total of 2.3bn/- net outflows during the first two days of this week on the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE), after selling CRDB Bank Plc shares under block trade pre arrangement board, signaling continuation of their exit from the emerging markets.

The DSE market reports show that all shares sold were bought by locals, which testifies strong absorption capacity in a time when foreigners are shifting from emerging equities markets to fixed incomes in developed markets, where interest rates are going up as well as strong US currency.

Market analysts say they are expecting continued trends of equities sellout among foreign investors, as many are also cautious about currencies fluctuations in emerging markets, due to shortages of US dollars.

The market report shows during Monday this week, foreign investors recorded net outflows amounting to



1.679bn/-, which was equivalent to 95.42 percent of total value of shares sold.

During the day, the top mover CRDB counter traded 3.97 million shares of which 3.5 million were

under block trade pre-arrangement market board and 471,110 shares under the normal trade, all valued 1.755bn/- at a price ranging from 450/- to 465/- per share in 57 deals.

The daily market report shows,

the market's total turnover for Monday amounted to 1.759bn/-, following the transactions of 3,984,216 shares traded in 75 deals.

The second top mover was DCB Bank counter which recorded a

transaction of 10,408 shares valued 1.457mn/- traded at a price of 140/- per share in two deals.

On Tuesday, the market report show, foreign investors recorded net outflows amounting to 649.9mn/-, which was 90.57 percent of total value of shares sold.

Again, CRDB counter transacted 1.5 million shares valued 670.6mn/- of which 1,045,454 were traded on the block trade pre-arrangement market board and 468,273 shares under normal trade, at the weighted average price of 450 per shares in 55 deals.

During the day, NMB counter recorded a turnover of 26mn/- following the transactions of 6,139 shares traded at a price ranging from 4,220/- to 4,420/- per shares in eight deals.

The DSE market report shows, since the start of the current quarter, foreign investors have so far sold shares valued 13.27bn/- against buy-out of 805mn/- which translates into 12.4bn/- net out flows.

The foreign investors' net outflow during the second quarter of this year,

according to DSE report, amounted to 319mn/-, and during the third quarter of last year, foreign investors recorded net inflows amounted to nearly 7bn/-.

Analysts expect this trend to persist in future, but will specifically depend on US inflation trend and monetary policy.

The US central bank was expected to maintain its key rate in the range of 5.25 percent-5.50 percent at 2 p.m. ET yesterday, but the focus will be on projections and Chair Jerome Powell's comments for clues on the outlook for rates and inflation.

Recent economic data has signaled an easing in core inflation, fuelling bets of a likely peak in interest rates, but surging oil prices have left a print on the headline inflation figures, paving the way for the Fed to project higher-for-longer rates.

"The Fed's updated projections are likely to show one more hike in 2023, higher growth in 2023/24 but with the aim to stabilize inflation," said Gabrielle Foà, Portfolio Manager at Algebris Investments told Reuters.

CRDB Bank gets Islamic banking quality award

By Guardian Correspondent, Dakar

Few days after issuing the first card for sharia compliant banking (Al Barakah) account, the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed CRDB Bank, has become the first bank in East African region to scoop quality award for Islamic banking award during the 13th Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA) ceremony held in Dakar, Senegal.

The award comes two years after the bank launched its sharia compliant banking window (CRDB Al Barakah).

Presenting an award, the Global Islamic Finance Award (GIFA) Chairman Professor Humayon Dar CRDB Bank has opened the door for East African financial institutions to serve Muslims, who prefer to be served in accordance with their faiths.

"CRDB is the first financial institution to scoop our award. I believe that you will be good ambassadors to promote this important financial window to serve Muslims in the region. We believe that we will continue to collaborate in opening more opportunities and investments to the people you are serving," Prof Dar said.

CRDB Bank's Al Barakah was launched two years ago by Zanzibar President Hussein Mwinyi, who also became the first customer to open an account. He was recently given an honour of recognition for being the first customer of Al Barakah, which has attracted more than 70,000 clients to date.

Through sharia compliant banking window, CRDB bank has so far issued credits amounting to 90bn/- with mo-

bilized total deposits amounting to 85bn/-.

On his part, Bonaventure Paul, director of retail banking said the international recognition the bank has been given is a motivation to their innovative journey towards meeting the expectations of the customers they serve. "We are the first bank to offer Islamic banking services in a wide network. Our services are accessed through a network of 260 branches countrywide. Our competitors are operating on few areas of the country, but we are covering all regions," he said after receiving an award.

Apart from Zanzibar and other regions with the largest number of Muslims including Tanga, Kigoma, Mtwara, Lindi and Tabora where CRDB Bank is currently concentrating, the director said Al Barakah is accessed in other regions with low number of Islamic believers.

Rashid Rashid, the head of Islamic banking unit, CRDB Bank he was impressed to see his bank being the first in Tanzania to get international recognition for offering quality sharia compliant banking services.

"This is the testimony that this sector is huge for economic development of Tanzania. For this award, I believe that our country into greater position to benefit from investment opportunities, specifically those targeting sharia compliant," Rashid said.

The Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA) which was launched in 2011, presented on the presence of Senegalese President Macky Sally and was attended by researchers, directors of international institutions from across the world. More than 700 awards have been won since its launch.



Claver Serumaga, Managing Director of NCBA Bank Tanzania stresses a point during the launch of the campaign in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo by Getrude Mbago

NCBA seeking to expand services in key economic areas

By Getrude Mbago

NCBA Bank Tanzania has launched a new campaign dubbed "Maisha ni Hesabu" with a focus of expanding its services to reach more players in key economic sectors, including construction, transportation, energy, tourism and manufacturing.

In an event to mark official launch of the initiative in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the bank's managing director and CEO Claver Serumaga said that NCBA is well positioned to offer banking services to large corporates and day-to-day running capital to small-scale enterprises (SMEs) to foster their growth and expansion.

"Today we embark on a journey of transformation guided by the principles of Maisha ni Hesabu-Numbers that Matter, this campaign is a promise to our valued corporate partners for their financial success," he said.

He said the sustainable campaign invites businesses to reimagine their financial landscape and explore untapped potential within their numbers and to elevate their enterprises to unprecedented heights by accessing services at the bank including loans.

He also said that the bank is dedicated to providing financial services to the unbanked population with low interest loans to support growth of businesses and project.

"We are committed to walking this journey with customers, supporting their aspirations,

and empowering them to achieve their financial goals. NCBA Tanzania aims to be a steadfast companion, providing stability, guidance, and expertise every step of the way.

He also recognized the bank's achievement of being voted the best digital bank in Tanzania, attributing it to the collective efforts that have spurred the industry's fintech consumption," he explained.

According to Serumaga, this accomplishment has enabled over 7 million people to gain access to small loans through M-Pawa, promoting financial inclusivity for the unbanked population.

"Through Mpawa service which we partnered with Vodacom Tanzania, a total of 7bn/- is issued every month in loan to customers through their mobile phones," he asserted.

Godson Biyengo, head of corporate banking at NCBA bank Tanzania said that the institution adheres to strategic principles and prudent financial management paints a promising future for stakeholders and clients alike.

"With each achievement, we continue to carve a path of prosperity, resolutely propelling toward growth and success, we are calling players in various sectors to join us so as to benefit from various services which will help boost their operations towards achieving set financial goals," he added.

ICT commission inviting Indian firms on e-payment

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon

THE Information and Communication Technology Commission (ICTC) invited Indian IT companies to help Tanzania to develop new digital applications or software system for digital payment in tourism and agriculture sectors.

Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga, ICTC's director general, made the call recently at the just ended one day Indian-Tanzania Business to Business (B2B) meeting on electronics and IT took place at the high Commission of India in Dar es Salaam.

"We need technology that will suit our business requirements, Tanzania is a good place where you can collaborate with start-ups companies and come up with new software or application for payment solutions in both sectors, we know what India contribute to ICT sector in the world," he said.

He said more than 300 start-ups are currently being registered by ICT commission.

"There are lots of opportunities in Tanzania, you can partner with Tanzanians and provides niche technology solutions that help both countries to grow together and promote business links," he said.

For his part, Ajinkya Kalantri, co-founder and chief executive officer of Syscort Global Services Private Limited, said the company has introduced new latest software technologies for Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (SMEs) in Tanzania to integrates and manages all business areas.

Also provides flexible and customizable open-source solutions, real-time insights and data-driven decision-making to SME businesses and provide businesses with customised solutions to manage their customer relationships more effectively.

He named new software systems suitable for SMEs in Tanzania as ERPNEXT and 3CX software, ERP software system, CRM solutions and enterprise mobility solutions.

The company provides a wide range of services such as digital transformation, product engineering, digital innovation, managed services and team augmentation.

"We are committed to helping businesses of all sizes and sectors leverage the latest technologies to improve operations, improve customer experience and drive growth," he said

Syscort is an IT services companies headquartered in Dubai, United Arab Emirates with a focus on providing niche technology solutions that help their clients create superior technology and business outcomes.

"We work closely with our clients to foster innovation, enhance collaboration and deliver value to their business, utilising flexible engagement models that suit their unique business requirements," he said.

"Syscort is committed to enabling their customers to innovate faster and achieve their goals, with a client-centric approach that puts customer needs first."

"We specialize in product design, development, testing, deployment and offer end-to-end product engineering services," he said.

Rajesh Rovanker, Electronics and computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC)'s regional chairman said that ESC is government-sponsored trade promotion organization that helps foreigners looking to do business with Indian companies.

Tanzanian local companies willing to do business with Indian companies, ESC can help foreigners find Indian companies that are good fit for their business needs.

It does this through its matching service which connects foreign companies with Indian companies that are interested in working together.

"We provide information on the Indian electronics and software industry, ESC has a wealth of information on the Indian electronics and software industry including market trends, potential partners, and government policies and this information can help foreigners make informed decisions about doing business in India," he said.

He also invites Tanzanians to participate at India Electronics Expo that will take place in New Delhi, January 17th to 19th 2024 that will covering entire verticals of Information Technology services and electronics under one roof.



Professor Humayon Dar

COMPANIES SHOULD PROCURE CASH MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY BANKS

By Kelvin Mkwawa

Today banks are primarily used as ways to carry out financial transactions. For retail banking, most transactions are through debit cards, mobile, agents banking (Wakalās), and few check transactions anywhere as technology made it possible. Unlike retail customers, most corporate customers, do most of their business transactions through cash, internet banking, and checks. As a business owner or Managing Director of a business, you have to deal with managing cash at all times. Cash is the lifeblood of any business. Customers who deal mostly with cash must work with their bank to deposit the cash into their accounts on time. There are different products and services banks offer to help companies manage their cash hence increasing liquidity (i.e. the availability of liquid assets to a company). For both large and small companies, cash management is key to a company's survival in today's highly competitive environment.

While cash management has always been a core function of the company, recent financial crises have revealed

that despite having adequate capital, companies still face financial struggles due to improper management of their cash. Therefore, corporate customers are beginning to realize that cash and liquidity management is no longer a luxury but a necessity for their survival. Corporate customers are expecting banks to offer solutions that improve the efficiency of their cash management. Banks need to support their corporate customers to manage cash effectively and enable them to derive maximum benefits at a minimal cost. One of the key components to enable corporates to manage cash and liquidity management more efficiently is through cash management services. Cash management is the most efficient way for the collection and disbursement of cash in any organization. In this article, I will share why I believe businesses should procure cash management services provided by banks.

Effective cash management recognizes the time value of money by minimizing the amount of cash on hand while ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet commitments as and when they fall due. Also, effective cash management enables

corporates to manage their payables and receivables with acceptable liquidity levels to manage their business effectively. Good cash management practice increases the efficiency of operations and reduces the overall cost of doing business. The cash management service provided by the banks should not only cater to the present needs of the company but also anticipate the company's future needs as this will help eliminate surprises. With available advanced technology, banks are now in a position to offer sophisticated cash management products that go beyond traditional cash management offerings.

For example, for many companies, the process of going to the bank to deposit checks received from customers as soon as possible is part of their routine. However, this process is not efficient as it takes so much time to physically stop by the bank just to deposit checks regularly. Banks offer a cash management product called remote deposit capture (or RDC) that enables customers to deposit checks at Automated Teller Machines (ATMs). Banks now can offer a cash management platform that helps companies connect digitally with their suppliers/vendors and help automate

the entire payment process (invoicing and outgoing payments). In addition, banks offer self-service cash management capabilities that enable corporates to manage their cash structure conveniently.

In summary, cash is the lifeblood of any business. Customers who deal mostly with cash must work with their bank to ensure their cash is managed efficiently. One of the key components to enable corporates to manage cash and liquidity more efficiently is cash management. Banks offer different cash management products such as the collection of cash, check deposit ATMs, online banking platforms for payable services, and cash deposit machines (CDM) seated at their company's premises. All these products help companies to manage their working capital which is essential to achieve a sustainable business model. Furthermore, cash management recognizes the time value of money by minimizing the amount of cash on hand while ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet commitments as and when they fall due.

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Over-reliance on interest rate hikes is inefficient and unjust

By Peter Sedgwick

Since the Bank of England achieved operational independence in 1997, it has been solely responsible for controlling inflation. The UK's financial sector management has faced two major tests since then. First was the 2008 financial crisis, followed by some larger banks being rescued by the Treasury, the start of quantitative easing and - eventually - the role of banking supervision being restored to the Bank of England. The second test is occurring now, following a surge in inflation. Changes should result from the painful lessons being learned.

The post-1997 arrangements make effective coordination of fiscal and monetary policy virtually impossible. This is particularly the case in circumstances where both fiscal and monetary adjustments are needed.

Applying lessons from the current crisis

Not only was the BoE's initial response to the current threat of rising inflation too little and too late, but the failure to embed an adequate framework for coordination of fiscal and monetary policy has hampered the response to the inflation crisis. As a result, far too much of the burden of reducing inflation is being borne by monetary policy. This means that actual and potential mortgage holders and the housing industry are suffering while other, mainly older, groups are relatively unaffected and may even gain from the rise in interest rates.

There is a stark choice that cannot be evaded in the UK. The first option is to make institutional changes to enable fiscal and monetary policy to be coordinated and spread the inflation-adjustment process fairly. The second is to leave the institutional arrangements as they are and concentrate the bulk of the pain as inflation is reduced on mortgage holders and those of working age.

The institutional change needed is for the main fiscal and monetary policy decisions to be taken together twice a year by the Treasury and the Bank of England, with the chancellor of the exchequer taking overall responsibility and being accountable to parliament for these decisions.

Rises in interest rates exacerbate intergenerational unfairness

The Bank's only active tool for monetary policy as it tries to reduce inflation has been to



raise short-term interest rates. The excessive reliance on interest rate hikes has spread the burden of adjustment unevenly through the economy in a way that is both inefficient and unjust. Even though higher interest rates affect the business sector, any policy to reduce inflation is bound to have its principal effect through curbing consumer spending, given its importance in gross domestic product.

Higher short-term interest rates eventually produce higher mortgage rates, though more slowly than in the past, given the increase in fixed-rate mortgages. This causes defensive behaviour by mortgage holders that restricts other spending. The disincentive process of rising short-term interest rates eventually reduces house-building, causes house prices to fall and, if only through the prevalence of buy-to-let properties, has effects in the private rental sector.

The effects on those without mortgages - specifically, older property owners that have paid off mortgages, have financial savings and have ceased work - are quite different. While they may be disadvantaged by the indirect effects of interest rate rises on the rest of the economy, the direct effect can be to raise their incomes. Therefore, when monetary policy is being tightened, it exacerbates intergenerational unfairness that is already a serious problem for the UK economy.

The uneven effects of raising interest rates could and should have been anticipated in 2021 and 2022 by looking at the les-

sons of policy tightening by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson in the late 1980s. His three decisive rises of one percentage point concentrated the effects of the monetary policy tightening on mortgage holders and the housing market. This resulted in particularly severe falls in house prices and the emergence of considerable negative equity.

A reformed system for coordinated fiscal and monetary policy

The chancellor's two principal macroeconomic statements to parliament each year should combine fiscal and monetary policy changes so that any required disinflationary pressure is applied as evenly as possible across the economy and does not disproportionately bear down on people in work with mortgages. This can only be achieved through changing fiscal policy instruments as well as interest rates. Between these two main macroeconomic announcements the BoE should be free to alter short-term interest rates as it considers necessary and market conditions dictate. At all stages the Bank's views should be fully publicised even if these differ from those of the chancellor.

There is a range of fiscal instruments that could help to manage demand. Short-term variations in public expenditure - particularly cuts - are difficult to achieve in practice. Rises in indirect taxes feed directly through to measured inflation, leading to increases in public expenditure through benefit uprating and higher

interest rates on indexed gilts. A temporary surcharge on income tax payments would have fewer disadvantages than other fiscal measures and would spread the burden of adjustment widely, particularly to those without mortgages.

It may be argued that informal consultation between the BoE and Treasury can and does occur and that there is no need to change current practice. Even if they occur, such informal consultations are no substitute for transparent arrangements for fiscal or monetary coordination.

Despite the strong case for a more balanced approach to inflation reduction, chancellors and their senior officials are likely to recoil in horror at curtailing central bank operational independence and the prospect of having to raise taxes as part of a counter-inflationary strategy. The point that central bank independence is the norm elsewhere has limited force given that constitutional structures in the US and European Union make the coordination of fiscal and monetary policy impossible - something that is not the case in the UK.

The UK macroeconomic framework needs major transformation so that any future effort to reduce inflation to its target level is achieved both more efficiently and equitably.

Peter Sedgwick was a senior UK Treasury official, Vice President of the European Investment Bank from 2000-06, Chair of 3i Infrastructure PLC from 2007-15 and Chair of the Guernsey Financial Stability Committee 2016-19.

Euro zone bond rate hold steady ahead of central bank decisions

LONDON

Euro zone bond yields were little changed on Wednesday as investors looked ahead to the Federal Reserve's interest rate decision later in the day.

The Bank of England then sets interest rates on Thursday, followed by the Bank of Japan on Friday. They come after the European Central Bank hiked rates by 25 basis points (bps) to 4 percent last week and signalled that it had probably finished tightening.

Germany's 10-year government bond yield was last down less than 1 bp to 2.732 percent on Wednesday. The yield, which moves inversely to the price, touched 2.751 percent on Tuesday, the highest since early March.

"I think the move this morning is primarily a breather or minor pre-Fed correction or adjustment

following the increase seen in yields over the past few days," said Jussi Hiljanen, head of European rates strategy at lender SEB.

The German 2-year bond yield, which is sensitive to changes in interest rate expectations, was also down 1 bp at 3.276 percent.

Data on Wednesday showed that German producer prices posted their biggest year-on-year decline in August since data collection began in 1949. They dropped 12.6 percent, in the latest sign of the malaise in the German economy.

Separate data showed British inflation unexpectedly cooled to 6.7 percent in August from 6.8 percent in July, casting some doubt on whether the Bank of England will raise borrowing costs on Thursday.

Later on Wednesday, investors expect the Federal

Reserve to keep rates on hold at 5.25 percent to 5.5 percent, but leave the door open for a future interest rate hike if needed. They will scrutinise the so-called dot plot of policymakers' rate expectations for hints about when interest rate cuts might be coming.

Italy's 10-year bond yield was last down 2 bps to 4.504 percent. That took the closely watched gap between German and Italian 10-year yields to 176 bps, roughly flat on the day but below Monday's more than three month high of 180.9 bps.

The ECB will next set interest rates in late October. Investors think there's a 90 percent chance that borrowing costs will stay at 4 percent and just a 10 percent chance they'll rise to 4.25 percent, according to pricing in derivatives markets on Wednesday.



PBOC says it has ample policy room as analysts bet on interest rate cuts

BEIJING

China's central bank said it has sufficient policy space to support the economy's recovery, adding to expectations there could be more easing to come, including interest rate cuts, after this month's pause.

The People's Bank of China has "ample policy room" to react to challenges, Zou Lan, head of the monetary policy department at the People's Bank of China, told reporters in Beijing on Wednesday. The central bank will step up counter-cyclical adjustment, he said, reiterating the PBOC's previous policy stance.

The comments came shortly after Chinese banks left their benchmark loan rates unchanged, in line with the PBOC's pause last week. Economists expect policymakers to add more stimulus, though, since the economy's recovery remains fragile despite showing some early signs of stabilizing.

"We see chance for further relaxation and stimulus measures in the month ahead," said Wee Khoon Chong, a senior market strategist at Bank of New York Mellon in Hong Kong. "We don't rule out a rate cut, but for choice, we see fiscal expansion to have greater impact than rate cut."

Chinese stocks retreated on Wednesday, with the mainland's benchmark CSI300 Index slipping 0.3% as of the mid-day break. The yield on 10-year government bonds was little changed at 2.68% and the onshore yuan was steady at 7.2985 per dollar as of 11:31 p.m. local time.

Officials from the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Finance also attended the briefing on Wednesday, pledging to improve local government finances and step up policy action to achieve economic goals this year.

The PBOC may be waiting to see



the economic effects of its previous easing measures, including policy interest rate cuts in August and a reduction in the reserve requirement ratio for banks last week.

Yuan Pressure Policymakers are also wary of putting further downward pressure on the yuan ahead of the US Federal Reserve's next rate decision, which is expected later Wednesday. The widening rate gap between China and the US has fueled capital outflows, driving the yuan down.

The PBOC's Zou warned against currency speculation, adding that the econ-

omy's recovery means the yuan will stabilize.

"We will firmly crack down on behaviors that disrupt the market order and firmly prevent risks of excessive adjustments in the yuan," Zou said.

"With the continued recovery of the Chinese economy, there is solid foundation for the yuan's exchange rate to stay basically stable at an equilibrium level," he said.

Chinese state media still see scope for more easing. The Shanghai Securities News cited analysts in a front-page report on Wednesday saying there's room for the PBOC to fur-

ther cut the RRR for banks and lower interest rates this year to shore up the country's economy.

The loan prime rates are based on the interest rates that 18 banks offer their best customers, and are published by the PBOC monthly. They are quoted as a spread over the central bank's one-year policy rate, or the medium-term lending facility rate, which was kept unchanged last week.

Chinese authorities say will focus on expanding domestic demand, boosting confidence and preventing risks to achieve its 2023 growth target, said Cong Liang, a vice chairman of

the National Development and Reform Commission. Beijing had set a relatively conservative growth target of around 5% for this year.

"There are quite much noises shorting China both within and outside the country," Cong said. "Such forecasts were never realized in the past and will not be materialized in future," he said, adding that macroeconomic policies introduced so far have been "effective."

China's consumer inflation rebounded above zero in August after falling into deflation territory in the previous month. Cong said prices are expected to continue recovering as demand and confidence pick up gradually and last year's comparison base comes down.

Interest rates increase set banks for profit windfall

NAIROBI

Commercial banks are set to gain from the rising interest rate environment as returns from both government securities and private sector lending continue to increase.

Yields from government securities are, for instance, expected to continue growing from the pass-through of a higher Central Bank Rate, deficit financing by the chequer and investor expectations on the direction of interest rates.

The expectations for higher interest rates have driven yields on short-dated interest rates upwards culminating in an inversion where returns on short-term papers such as Treasury bills are greater than long-dated bonds.

Commercial bank lending rates have meanwhile soared to multi-year highs, pushed in part by competition from government paper and the implementation of risk-based credit pricing.

The average commercial bank lending rate for instance rose to a 65-month high of 13.5 percent in July according to data from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK).

Combined, the rising yields are expected to drive up banks' interest income for the year to December 2023, setting up lenders for another period of record profitability.

Analysts expect the higher lending margins presented by the rising interest rates to spur growth in loan underwriting by banks.

"We expect the banking sector to report a comparatively faster loan book growth than in 2022 following implementation of risk-based lending which when combined with rising interest rates results in higher lending margins," analysts at Sterling Capital noted.

The analysts expect private sector lending to nevertheless ease slightly,



averaging between 10 and 12 percent for the year as high yields on government securities offer banks an attractive alternative to private sector lending.

An unprecedented increase in non-performing loans (NPLs) in the banking sector and a further spike in returns from government securities could, however, set the private sector credit growth trajectory lower.

Banking sector NPLs

have, however, been tipped to track growth in the loan book, resulting in a largely unchanged outcome in asset quality.

Additional data from the CBK shows banking sector profitability rose marginally to Sh120.2 billion in six months to the end of June from Sh119.7 billion a year earlier.

Gross loans over the same period meanwhile expanded by 13.9 percent to Sh3.98 tril-

lion from Sh3.49 trillion previously.

During the first half of 2023, banking sector liquidity slumped to 49.7 percent from 52.5 percent pointing in part to increased lending.

Asset quality in the sector has been largely unchanged with the NPLs ratio having fallen to 14.5 percent in June from 14.9 percent in May.

Manufacturing, transport and communication, trade and consumer durables sec-

tors have led in the demand for credit over the opening half of the year.

The number of loan applications and approvals has remained strong, reflecting resilience in economic activity.

Private sector credit growth eased to 12.1 percent in July from 12.2 percent in June and 13.2 percent in May. Nevertheless, the growth has remained in double digits since March 2022.

Indian growth attracts global investment banks

NEW DELHI

For an indication of how India has become a new hunting ground for international investment banks, look no further than Jefferies.

The US financial group previously had a minor presence in the world's most populous country and was better known for its research notes than dealmaking prowess. But today it is building on a run of transactions – including deals involving the Adani group – to poach senior bankers away from rivals and bulk up its office.

"In the past three years we've supplemented the core investment banking capabilities alongside capital markets, and that has made us far more successful," said Aashish Agarwal, Jefferies' India country head. "India as a market, Asia as a geography, is something we are deeply focused on."

Jefferies is still one of the smaller investment banks eyeing expansion on the subcontinent as they move to build a new centre of growth in Asia, with their once-lucrative investment banking business in China drying up.

Agarwal said it had done 50 transactions in the past three years. "Six to seven" were for Florida-based GQG Partners, including helping it buy large stakes in companies belonging to the Adani empire over the past year as it came under pressure from the short seller Hindenburg. He has recently hired two senior bankers from Barclays.

Robust economic growth, as well as tensions between the US and China, have made India a target for expansion for international companies, who can look to investment banks to help them make deals. "It's almost impossible for an international bank to ignore India," said Debasish Purohit, co-head of India investment banking at Bank of America.

In the case of Barclays, India's significance "gets more accentuated when you contrast that with slower activity to date in China", said Pramod Kumar, chief executive of the lender in India. "I would think most banks will show relatively greater risk appetite to exposure on India versus China."

For some, India is hardly new territory. HSBC now makes more than \$1bn in annual profits in the country. Jefferies tops the equity capital markets rankings compiled by Refinitiv this year, with a 14 per cent market share, followed by local broker IIFL and US investment bank JPMorgan. But others have found the transaction business to be tough. UBS closed its India investment banking business last year.

Financiers caution India is unlikely to replace China for global investment banks because the business in India is vastly different – and a lot less lucrative.

"I think our revenue base in India should be able to double or so, but that's still not going to compensate for what I think in the next couple of years is the reduction we're going to see in China," said Peter Guenthardt, Bank of America's head of Asia-Pacific corporate and investment banking, who is based in Hong Kong.

"India has traditionally been a market that has paid relatively lower fees," he added. "While we are seeing a slow but steady mindset shift in willingness to pay for advice, there is a long way to go."

"India has certain peculiarities," said Kumar at Barclays. "The economy is essentially to a large extent domestic-driven." In contrast, investment banking profits in China were driven by international deals, Kumar added.

"There was a lot of cross-border M&A, a lot of Chinese companies bought international companies. Many of them did US listings [...] and a very large number of bond offerings consistently over the past seven years," he said.

Compared with China, the "total size of the opportunity [in India] is relatively much smaller", said Peeyush Dalmia, who leads McKinsey's financial services practice in India. "Most of the very large deals actually don't pay you much or pay you incredibly marginal fees."

Data from Dealogic shows US, European and Australian banks earned \$342mn in investment banking revenues from Indian clients last year, compared with \$689mn from Chinese ones. In 2021, \$580mn was earned in India compared with \$2.2bn in China. Revenues from India were just 6 per cent of the \$5.7bn total investment banking fees that those international banks made in the Asia-Pacific region in 2022.

In India's inwardly focused market, international investment banks compete with local ones that are experts in the country's regulations and charge very low fees to arrange transactions for companies with whom they have longstanding banking relationships. Indian banks made investment banking revenues of \$267mn last year, according to Dealogic – 22 per cent less than their foreign competitors.



WORLD

Rwanda's veteran president Kagame to seek re-election

NAIROBI

RWANDA'S President Paul Kagame said he will stand for re-election next year, hoping to extend nearly a quarter of a century in power.

Kagame, who became president in 2000, is eligible to continue in office for another decade after a constitutional amendment in 2015 changed term limits that would have forced him to step down two years later.

He was asked in an interview with the

pan-African Jeune Afrique magazine published on Tuesday about his intentions for next year's election.

"I am happy with the confidence that the Rwandans have shown in me. I will always serve them, as much as I can. Yes, I am indeed a candidate," he said.

Kagame won the last election in August 2017 for a seven-year term with 98.63 percent of the vote, according to the electoral commission.

Kagame has won international acclaim for presiding over peace and economic



Rwanda's President Paul Kagame gestures as tributes are paid to mark CARICOM's 50th anniversary, in the framework of the 45th Caribbean Community's Heads of Government meeting in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on July 5, 2023. AFP

growth since the end of the 1994 genocide, in which an estimated 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed.

But he has faced mounting criticism for what human rights groups say are the suppression of political opposition and the muzzling of independent media.

Kagame has rejected these accusations.

The United States in 2015 criticised the constitutional change, saying Kagame

should step down when his term ended and allow a new generation of leaders to come through.

In the interview with Jeune Afrique, Kagame said he was not bothered by criticism from Western countries.

"People are supposed to be independent and should be allowed to organise themselves as they wish," he said.

Agencies

'China makes joint efforts into Global Development Initiative'

UNITED NATIONS

CHINA stands ready to work with all parties to push for a sound and steady advancement of the Global Development Initiative (GDI), Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng said here on Tuesday.

The Chinese side also looks forward to making joint efforts with all parties to gather strong strength for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for building a global community of shared development, Han said at the high-level meeting on Global Development Initiative Cooperation Outcomes, which was hosted by China on the sidelines of this year's session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

It is both the GDI's aspiration and the UN's goal that no country or person should be left behind on the path of development, he noted.

The GDI, proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 76th session of UNGA in 2021, is aimed at forging international consensus on promoting development, nurturing new momentum for global development, and advancing the common progress of all countries in the world, Han said.

Over the last two years, Han noted, countries endorsing the GDI have, through concerted efforts, "cast the yes vote" for development, enlarged the "circle of friends" for cooperation, enriched the "pool of resources" for development and built the "toolkit" for development.



Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng addresses the opening ceremony of the third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo in Changsha, central China's Hunan province, June 29, 2023. XINHUA

More than 70 countries have joined the Group of Friends of the GDI, and nearly 200 cooperation

projects have been included in the GDI project pool, Han said.

The Chinese side has estab-

lished a \$10 billion special fund for the purpose of implementing the GDI, he said. XINHUA

Chill out a bit: Australian PM tells reporter over question on PM Modi

CANBERRA

AUSTRALIA Prime Minister Anthony Albanese chided a reporter over a question on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked him to "chill out a bit", after being asked whether he regretted calling PM Modi "the boss," according to SBS News.

In a press conference on Tuesday, Albanese took aim at a reporter who asked whether "he regretted calling PM Modi the boss." "Seriously? You should chill out a bit," he said, according to SBS news.

SBS World News is the news service of the Special Broadcasting Service in Australia.

"We [were] at a venue where Bruce Springsteen played the last time I was there, and I made the point that the reception he got from the community, which was a very broad-based community, where they're from, the Indian diaspora welcomed him."

"I welcomed Prime Minister Modi to Australia, as I welcome other guests to Australia as well."

Notably, when introducing PM Modi to a crowded audience in Sydney in May, Albanese referred to him as "the boss"—a nod to



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed by India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj, Ambassador of India to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu and other dignitaries upon his arrival in New York on Tuesday. This is the first leg of his official State visit to the United States. ANI

Bruce Springsteen.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Albanese said, "I don't talk about Five Eyes intelligence at a

press conference," but he did not specify if he had joined Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, in bringing up the accusation with Modi at the G20.

Trudeau triggered a diplomatic storm on Monday by saying there was "credible evidence" India was responsible for the alleged assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Five Eyes is a network of five nations – Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the US who collaborated to better respond to increasing threats by North Korea and China.

The claims have "deeply concerned" Australia, according to a spokesperson for Penny Wong, the foreign minister of Australia.

"We are closely engaged with partners on develop-

ments. We have conveyed our concerns at senior levels to India," a statement shared with CNN said.

"We understand these reports will be particularly concerning to some Australian communities. The Indian diaspora is a valued and important contributor to our vibrant and resilient multicultural society, where all Australians can peacefully and safely express their views."

Meanwhile, the relations between India and Canada have grown tense after Justin Trudeau made allegations regarding the Indian government's involvement in the fatal shooting of Khalistan Tiger Force chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada.

Nijjar, who was wanted in India, was gunned down outside a Gurdwara, in a parking area in Canada's Surrey, British Columbia on June 18.

India rejected the allegations by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau earlier today, regarding the Indian government's involvement in the fatal shooting of Khalistan Tiger Force chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) termed the allegations 'absurd and motivated'.

"We have seen and rejected the statement of the Canadian Prime Minister in their Parliament, as also the statement by their Foreign Minister," said the MEA in an official statement.

"Allegations of the Indian government's 'involvement in any act of violence in Canada are absurd and motivated' the release added. ANI

Zelensky's UN GA speech proves that Kiev could have provoked nuclear disaster – diplomat

MOSCOW

UKRAINIAN President Vladimir Zelensky's address to the UN General Assembly proves that his government would have led the world to a nuclear disaster if his country had been left with nuclear weapons, a high-ranking Russian diplomat said.

"After Zelensky (pictured) mentioned nuclear weapons from the rostrum of the UN General Assembly, the world thanked our predecessors for timely depriving Ukraine of its nuclear weapons and quietly sighed with relief," said Rodion Miroshnik, the Russian Foreign Ministry's Ambassador-at-Large in charge of overseeing the Kiev regime's crimes.

In his words, the Ukrainian leader's speech left no doubts about his readiness to use nuclear weapons.

"Without the Budapest memorandum and Kiev's handover of nuclear weapons to Russia, the world would have found itself at the brink of a nuclear disaster or would have already had to face its consequences."

He described Zelensky's speech as "a set of false propaganda clichés, which have already been repeated many times and debunked many times."

The high-level week of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly kicks off in New York on September 19. The Russian delegation is led by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who is to arrive in New York later. Agencies



Brazilian President Lula da Silva calls for 'outrage' against global inequality at UNGA 2023

NEW YORK

BRAZIL'S left-wing president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, while delivering the first country address at the United Nations General Assembly 2023 called for "outrage" against global inequality amid war, climate change, debt, energy and food crises, poverty and famine, Al Jazeera reported.

"Inequalities need to inspire outrage - outrage over hunger, poverty, war and disrespect for human beings. Moved by the power of outrage, we may act willingly and unwaveringly in fighting inequality and effectively transforming the world around us," said Lula.

The first day of the high-level general debate is taking place at the 78th United Nations General Assembly. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva stresses that BRICS countries are coming together to protect their own interests and assert their independence in the face of the superpowers.

He said that "Brazil is back" adding that his country is embracing multilateralism as it pushes for a fair and sustainable future, Al Jazeera reported.

The Brazilian president also expressed concern about global income and wealth disparity, pushing for increased taxes on the wealthy.

Hailing a new push by countries in the Amazon region to protect the important rainforest, Lula da Silva said, "We want to arrive at COP28 in Dubai with a joint vision that reflects ... the priorities for preserving the Amazon."

Lula, who hosted the Amazon summit in Brazil last month, told the UNGA that his nation is returning to democracy and the international fold following the departure of his far-right predecessor Jair Bolsonaro, as reported by Al Jazeera.

"If today I returned in the honourable capacity as president of Brazil, it is thanks to the victory won by democracy in my country," he said, adding, "Democracy ensured that we overcame hate, misinformation and oppression."

Prior to the Brazilian President, UNGA President Dennis Francis, a diplomat from Trinidad and Tobago had addressed the summit.

He urged world leaders to use the summit's "unique and truly global platform" to address global issues. He appealed for global unity and "joint action" to improve the world's situation.

"Such a common, coordinated approach is needed now as much as at any point in our history," Francis said, adding, "War, climate change, debt, energy and food crises, poverty and famine - these crises are directly impacting the lives and well-being of billions of people around the world."

The 78th session of the ongoing United Nations General Assembly also saw the address of Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres.

ANI

Water is the lifeline of economic and social development. It is a fundamental natural resource and economic resource of strategic importance.

For a long time, Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region in northwest China has faced the problem of uneven spatial and temporal distribution of water resources, which led to a prominent structural water shortage.

In recent years, Xinjiang has been working to improve the management of water resources, shifting from a less efficient and unorganized approach to a more refined and science-based one. A unified, efficient, and systematic water resources management system has been formed.

As a result of the efficient allocation and rational use of water resources, Xinjiang has seen continuous improvements in its ecological environment

Xinjiang takes measures to strengthen sustainable use of water resources

with increasing momentum for high-quality economic and social development. People in the autonomous region now feel more content, joyful and secure.

On March 15, 2021, the Daheyan Reservoir in the northern mountainous area of Daheyan township, Turpan of Xinjiang, officially started supplying water to the downstream areas. The reservoir was built to store excess water in winter and summer and provide water to downstream areas during spring and winter irrigation periods. As a result, the rate of reliable irrigation water supply has increased from 75 percent to 90 percent.

The Hongliuhe horticultural farm is situated downstream of the Daheyan Reservoir. Local fruit farmer Li Xians-

hui told People's Daily that in the past, farmers struggled during the grape flowering period in May due to high water demand, which often led to inadequate irrigation. During the peak water flow period in July and August, farmers were unable to make use of the water for irrigation, and could only watch it flow away.

However, things have changed now. Whenever the agricultural water demand reaches its peak, farmers simply need to submit their water usage plans in advance, and the reservoir would provide ample irrigation water.

This has led to a significant improvement in grape production, with yields exceeding 3 tons per mu, or about 667 square meters.

As of the end of 2022, there were a

total of 671 reservoirs in Xinjiang, with a total storage capacity exceeding 12.13 billion cubic meters. These reservoirs have supplied a total of 54.27 billion cubic meters of water for agricultural use and 36.7 billion cubic meters for ecological replenishment.

This has successfully achieved the objectives of diversifying water diversion, increasing water supply, and enhancing water storage, and played a significant role in generating social, economic, and ecological benefits from water resources.

In the southern part of Korla, Bayingolin Mongolian autonomous prefecture of Xinjiang, there is a Dujan River wetland park, which covers an area of 5,400 mu. It has planted over 10,000 trees and shrubs, as well as a large num-

ber of aquatic plants, serving as a "green lung" for the city. To meet the substantial irrigation needs of this greening project, water is obtained from a wastewater treatment plant situated a few kilometers away. After undergoing rigorous treatment, the domestic sewage is purified to reach Class A standards.

The treated water is then channeled to the wetland park, ensuring a consistent daily supply of 30,000 to 50,000 cubic meters. This saves approximately 9 million to 15 million cubic meters of water each year.

"Currently, 22 percent of the city's irrigation water for greening comes from reclaimed water, with an annual usage of 15 million cubic meters. This not only reduces the cost of urban greening but also conserves surface water and

groundwater resources," said Guo Wei, deputy director of the gardening and greening affairs center of Korla.

Bosten Lake in Bayingolin Mongolian autonomous prefecture's Bohu county, the largest inland freshwater lake in China, once faced a series of challenges such as declining water levels, severe pollution, and biodiversity loss.

According to Liu Yi, an official with the local ecological department, significant measures have been taken to address these issues. A total of 29 direct or indirect sewage outlets into the lake have been permanently sealed off.

Since 2018, approximately 807 million cubic meters of water has been transferred from the Kaidu River in Bohu county to the Bosten Lake, promoting the great circulation of water bodies and water quality improvement in the lake. People's Daily

No interaction planned between Russia, US at UN General Assembly – senior Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

THE US has not contacted Russia about talking at the UN General Assembly in New York and Moscow does not see what benefit this would have anyway, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov told TASS.

"The schedule of [Russian Foreign] Minister [Sergey Lavrov] is extremely intensive. Bilateral interaction with the US side is not planned and, considering the policy adopted by Washington, we do not see any added value in it. Especially because we have not received any requests on the matter," he added.

According to Ryabkov, the Biden administration is more preoccupied with promoting Ukrainian politics and head of the Kiev regime Vladimir Zelensky from the UN rostrum keeping in mind the upcoming US presidential election next year.

The high-level week of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly kicks off in New York on September 19. The Russian delegation is led by Lavrov.



UN chief says world needs effective multilateral institutions

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Tuesday called for effective multilateral institutions to tackle global challenges.

"The world has changed. Our institutions have not. We cannot effectively address problems as they are if institutions do not reflect the world as it is. Instead of solving problems, they risk becoming part of the problem," he said.

In his "state-of-the-world" report right before the opening of this year's General Debate of the UN General Assembly, Guterres warned that the world is becoming "unhinged."

"Geopolitical tensions are rising. Global challenges are mounting. And we seem incapable of coming together to respond," he said.

The world confronts a host of existential threats, from the climate crisis to disruptive technologies, and the world is undergoing a chaotic transition, he noted.

For much of the Cold War, international relations were largely seen through the prism of two superpowers. Then came a short period of unipolarity. Now the world is rapidly moving toward a multipolar world. This is, in many ways, positive. It brings new opportunities for justice and balance in international rela-



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres speaks at the opening of the General Debate of the 78th session of the UN General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, on Tuesday. XINHUA

tions. But multipolarity alone cannot guarantee peace, he said.

At the beginning of the 20th century, Europe was truly multipolar as it had numerous powers. But it lacked robust multilateral institutions and the result was World War I, he said.

A multipolar world needs strong and effective multilateral institutions. Yet global governance is stuck in time, he warned.

The UN Security Council and the Bretton Woods system reflect the political and economic realities of 1945, when many countries in today's UN General Assembly were still under colonial domination.

He warned that divides are deepening - divides among economic and military powers, divides between North and South, East and West.

"We are inching ever closer to a Great Fracture in economic and financial systems and trade relations; one that threatens a single, open internet; with diverging strategies on technology and artificial intelligence; and potentially clashing security frameworks," he said. "It is high time to renew multilateral institutions based on 21st century economic and political realities, rooted in equity, solidarity and universality and anchored in the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law."

That means reforming the Security Council in line with the world of today. It means redesigning the international financial architecture so that it becomes truly universal and serves as a global safety net for developing countries in trouble, he said.

"I have no illusions. Reforms are a question of power. I know there are many competing interests and agendas. But the alternative to reform is

not the status quo. The alternative to reform is further fragmentation," he said. "It's reform or rupture."

Guterres called for compromise.

"Our world needs statesmanship, not gamesmanship and gridlock. As I told the G20 (Group of 20), it is time for a global compromise. Politics is compromise. Diplomacy is compromise. Effective leadership is compromise. Leaders have a special responsibility to achieve compromise in building a common future of peace and prosperity for our common good," he said.

Multilateral action has produced results over the past year, with important new agreements on safeguarding biodiversity, on protecting the high seas, on climate loss and damage, and on the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, he noted. "We have all the tools and resources to solve our shared challenges. What we need is determination." He called for determination to uphold the UN Charter's pledge for peace.

The world is witnessing a surge of conflicts, coups and chaos. If every country fulfilled its obligations under the UN Charter, the right to peace would be guaranteed. When countries break those pledges, they create a world of insecurity for everyone, he said.

"Nuclear threats put us all at risk. Ignoring global treaties and conventions makes us all less safe. And the poisoning of global diplomacy obstructs progress across the board," said Guterres. "We must not relent in working for peace - a just peace in line with the UN Charter and international law."

Peace is inextricably linked to sustainable development, he said. "We see a familiar pattern around the world: the closer a country is to conflict, the farther it is from the Sustainable Development Goals."

Guterres called for reform of the international financial institutions. The international financial architecture is dysfunctional, outdated and unjust. The deep reforms that are needed will not happen overnight, he said. "But we can take determined steps now to help countries weather crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic have dramatically impacted." Xinhua

Erdogan, Netanyahu meet for first time as relations thaw

NEW YORK

TURKISH President Tayyip Erdogan and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met for the first time in person on Tuesday, marking a major milestone as the two countries have been slowly improving their ties.

Once close regional allies, relations between Israel and Türkiye were strained for more than a decade, with Ankara having expelled Israel's ambassador following a 2010 Israeli raid on a ship that led a flotilla carrying aid to Gaza, which killed 10 Turkish citizens.

Diplomatic relations were restored in 2016, but two years later Türkiye recalled its diplomats from Israel and expelled Israeli envoys when Israeli forces killed a number of Palestinians who had taken part in protests in the Gaza Strip.

A visit to Türkiye by Israeli President Isaac Herzog in March 2022, followed by visits by both foreign ministers, helped warm relations after more than a decade of tensions.

The two leaders discussed political, economic and regional topics as well as the Israeli-Palestinian issue, the Turkish Presidency said in a post on social media platform X about their meeting during the annual high-level United Nations General Assembly.

Erdogan told Netanyahu that the two countries can cooperate on energy, technology, innovation, artificial intelligence as well as cyber security, the presidency said.

Energy has emerged as a main area for potential cooperation.

"In the meeting, opportunities for energy cooperation primarily in areas like natural gas exploration, production and trade were discussed," said Türkiye's Energy Minister Alparslan Bayraktar, who participated.

Türkiye also began a charm offensive in 2020 to repair ties with estranged rivals, making overtures to Egypt, the UAE, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

'We won't save the planet by bankrupting British people'

LONDON

BRITAIN'S interior minister said on Wednesday the country needed to take a pragmatic approach to reach net zero because it could not "save the planet by bankrupting the British people".

The comment by Suella Braverman comes ahead of a speech by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak this week where he is expected to delay some of the government policies which underpin Britain's long-term plan to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

"We have to adopt a pragmatic approach, a proportionate approach, and one that also serves our goals, and we're not going to save the planet by bankrupting the British people," Braverman told Times Radio.

Britain was the first major economy to create a legally binding target to bring greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050 and it was quick to build up its renewable energy capacity in earlier years.

But Sunak's government has recently appeared to waver on some of the measures needed to hit that target as the cost of decarbonizing everything from travel to the heating of homes has crystallized during a prolonged cost-of-living crisis.

With a parliamentary election looming next year, Sunak sees scaling back some green policies as a way to win over swing

voters - a striking reversal for a country that until recently was a self-proclaimed leader in climate policy.

Delayed targets?

One area of speculation is that the government could delay the introduction of a ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars to 2035 from the current target of 2030.

That would put Britain in line with the European Union which has also adopted a 2035 target, but such a move could dismay the car industry which is looking for certainty as it spends heavily to switch to the production of electric vehicles.

With speculation swirling, Sunak released a statement late on Tuesday saying Britain needed to move towards its net zero goals in a "more proportionate way" and that he would set out an "important long-term decision" this week.

Chris Skidmore, a former energy minister who signed Britain's 2050 net zero commitment into law in 2019 but has since left government and recently led a review into the country's progress towards its targets, said any delay would hit future jobs and investment.

"It will potentially destabilize business confidence that could have created thousands of jobs. Instead, they will go elsewhere," he said on messaging platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

China-Laos cooperation bears fruits in Vientiane Saysettha Development Zone

ABOUT a 30-minute drive northeast of downtown Vientiane, the capital of Laos, there lies the Vientiane Saysettha Development Zone (SDZ), with factories neatly arranged.

It is the only state-level overseas economic and trade cooperation zone established by China in Laos, as well as Lao's national-level special economic zone.

As an early fruit of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the SDZ plays an important role in promoting Laos' industrialization and fostering China-Laos economic cooperation.

Chinese garment enterprise Best Garment Group has a 20,000-square-meter factory in the SDZ. In the factory workshop, local workers were busy on production lines to make garments for export to Europe.

"We have introduced advanced automated cutting machines and computerized sewing equipment, carried out training, and adopted lean production management and production execution systems. We are committed to building a first-class clothing factory in Laos," said the general manager of the factory Sun Linhua.

Headquartered in east China's Jiangsu province, Best Garment Group established its Lao branch in the development zone two years ago. The factory has 40 production lines and hires 2,000 employees, with a designed annual production capacity of 20 million sets of various knitted garments sold to European, American and Japanese markets.

So far, the SDZ has attracted 131 companies from China, Japan, Singapore, Thailand and other countries and regions, with a total investment of over \$1.5 billion, creating 6,000 jobs. After all the companies currently stationed in the zone come into operation, the SDZ is expected to generate a total output value exceeding \$1.8 billion each year and create more than 10,000 jobs.

"The SDZ has introduced many well-known enterprises, bridging the gap in a number of manufacturing sectors in Laos such as electronics manufacturing, biomedicines, agricultural product processing and textiles. This has played a significant role in promoting the overall industrial development of the country," said the director of the investment service center of the SDZ.

Blue new energy vehicles, white new energy buses and trucks are always seen running on the roads in the development zone, where solar-powered smart streetlights are lined on both sides of the road. These 3,000 sets of streetlights were all manufactured in China.

The Saysettha Low-Carbon Demonstration Zone is a cooperation project jointly launched by China and Laos in the SDZ to address climate change in the framework of South-South coopera-



Lao workers are manufacturing garments in a factory of Best Garment Group in the Vientiane Saysettha Development Zone in Laos. File photo

tion. It is one of the 10 low-carbon demonstration zones built by China in other developing countries.

According to a memorandum of understanding signed between China and Laos, the two sides will launch a series of cooperation, including promoting a low-carbon lifestyle through low-carbon transportation and improving green infrastructure construction through low-carbon lighting.

"We hope that the Saysettha Low-Carbon Demonstration Zone can gain valuable experience in green development for other parts of Laos," said Bounkham Vorachit, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Laos. The demonstration zone plays an important role in helping Laos achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2050, and will strongly promote the sustainable economic and social development of Laos, she added.

The Vientiane South Station of China-Laos Railway, ten kilometers away from the SDZ, showed a busy scene. Lao agricultural products and manufacturing goods were on their way to China along the railway.

Since the opening of the China-Laos Railway in December 2021, the SDZ has embraced better development. It is reported that the development zone has a customs service center, where goods manufactured

by enterprises in the zone can be exported to China through various transportation methods after completing customs clearance procedures.

With more convenient logistics and significantly lowered costs, the advantages have become more prominent in the SDZ, and many enterprises there were planning to expand their production.

With the implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) in January 2022, foreign-invested enterprises in the SDZ can enjoy more favorable policies.

The head of Laos Alliance Pharmaceutical Group said that the implementation of the RCEP has reduced the company's production and sales costs, and it is more convenient for enterprises in the SDZ to process and export products.

Somdam Pholsena, vice president of the Lao National Assembly, said he hoped the SDZ would be built into a model for Laos' special economic zones, and expected Laos and China to continue strengthening relevant cooperation and drive the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, so as to assist Laos in industrial upgrading and benefit more Lao people.

People's Daily

We must adopt differential approach to reduce maternal, new-born, child deaths -WHO

COLOMBO

THE health officials and experts, began deliberating strategies and interventions on Tuesday, to address gaps in quality and equitable health services and further accelerate the reduction of maternal, new-born and child deaths in the WHO South-East Asia Region.

"The Region has made significant gains in mortality reduction but progress within countries has been uneven. We must adopt a differential approach to further reduce maternal, newborn, and child mortality based on their contextual priorities, available resources and new WHO guidelines and standards," said Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia.

At the four-day Regional meeting on 'Sustain, Accelerate and Innovate strategies' for reducing maternal, new-born, and child mortality, national and subnational programme managers, experts, WHO collaborat-

ing centres, partner agencies and WHO officials, besides reviewing the situation, will also contribute to the regional strategy being developed for improving newborn and child health, informed a press release by WHO SEA.

While the regional averages for evidence-based high-impact interventions across the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) life course have increased over the past decade; they are yet to reach the universal coverage levels of 90 per cent or more.

Also, some indicators have not changed over time, such as 65 per cent of women accessing post-natal contact with a health care provider within two days after birth and less than half of newborns getting breastfed within the first hours of birth.

According to the release, there is little data on the implementation of essential new-born care practices such as skin-to-skin contact in the first hour of birth, while the coverage

of life-saving oral rehydration salts for children with diarrhoea continues to be low (55 per cent), and only 64 per cent of children with suspected pneumonia are taken to a health care provider.

Additionally, the high burden of diseases and deaths in children due to birth defects, disabilities, climate change, pandemics, etc. poses further challenges.

"It is important that while we sustain gains made in achieving high coverage of intervention packages such as skilled birth attendants and immunization, we must also explore innovative solutions to accelerate actions aimed at improving service delivery gaps and the quality and coverage of interventions such as intrapartum care, breastfeeding, care of preterm and low birth weight infants, and birth defect prevention," said Dr Khetrapal Singh.

Since 2014, the region has been focusing efforts to reduce maternal, newborn and child deaths, as a flag-

ship priority, by implementing evidence-based strategies and actions.

As a result, the Region experienced a steep drop in death rates. The maternal mortality (MMR) in the Region fell by 41 per cent compared to 12 per cent globally between 2010 and 2020. Seven countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, DPR Korea, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Thailand) achieved the target of below 140 per 1,00,000 live births while four countries (Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, and Timor-Leste) are likely to achieve national-level targets of a two-thirds reduction in MMR from 2010 value, the release added.

Under-5 mortality (U5MR) reduced by 45 per cent between 2010 and 2021, compared to a 26 per cent global reduction with five countries (DPR Korea, Indonesia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Thailand) achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of as low as 25 per 1000 live births, another four countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal) are on track for this. ANI



Britain's interior minister Suella Braverman arrives for a visit to Kent Police headquarters in Maidstone, Kent, Britain on Tuesday. AP



Cricketers making GP Pak Stars are pictured jubilating shortly after securing a win in a past tournament hosted by Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) in the city. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GP PAK STARS

GP wallops Sandy's Super Strikers in 2023 DC 20 Overs Cup tourney

By Guardian Reporter

HUMAYUN Taj shined with the bat as GP tightened its grip on first place in Group B of the 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 20 Overs Cup tournament, having defeated Sandy's Super Strikers by 45 runs last weekend.

It happened to be the third victory for GP in three outings, underlining its determination to emerge as one of the competent challengers for the showdown's top honour.

The tie, played at Leaders Club ground, had GP taking the crease first and going on to amass 171/3 in the scheduled 20 overs.

The top-order performers were in great form when the side went in to bat, as opener, Taj, was two runs short of a half-century, stepping up after the fellow opener Noman Ishaq had made his way back with 19 runs.

Shehryar Ali who was deployed at number three continued to pile runs for GP given the cricketer recorded 28 runs.

Captain Muzamil Hussain teamed up with Dharminder Singh to successfully propel their club to the triple digits, whilst boasting of an unbeaten stint at the crease.

Hussain ended eight runs short of a half-century which consisted of four fours and a sixer, and Singh chipped in with 26 runs not out clearing the boundary on three occasions.

Tejas Patel was by far the only Sandy's Super Strikers' cricketer with a meaningful contribution during the squad's turn with the ball, having taken two wickets for 24 runs.

Chasing 172 runs to come out victorious turned out to be a daunting task for Sandy's Super Strikers, they ended up scoring 126/7 in 20 overs.

Wasif Ali turned out to be the only player with a significant showing at the crease, surpassing the half-century mark to make his way back with

53 runs.

The opener Omary Hilali and skipper Abhishek Rathod were also the cricketers with two digits, as Hilali scored 17 runs and Rathod chipped in with 16 runs.

Caravans B is sitting second in Group B boasting victory in two outings the squad has honoured, recording four points.

The second-placed squad has scored 243 runs and leaked 143 runs which has seen it record a 4.2218 net run rate.

Third-placed Sandy's Super Strikers, which has taken part in three encounters, posted victory in one duel, loss in two outings to record a -1.4226 net run rate.

Unisoft Rising Stars and Gupta Upanga SC-B are sitting fourth and fifth respectively in Group B based on having an inferior net run rate.

Fourth-placed Unisoft Rising Stars has also recorded one win and two losses to end with a -2.3207 net run rate.

Bottom-placed Gupta Upanga SC-B lost all three ties the squad has participated in, managing a -0.6815 net run rate from the three duels.

Participating teams in the 2023 DC 20 Overs Cup tournament have been put in four groups, with Group A consisting of Estim A, Estim B, Aces B, Gymkhana B, and Lions B.

Clubs constituting Group B are GP, Caravans B, Gupta Upanga SC-B, Sandy's Super Strikers, and Unisoft Rising Stars.

Union Sports Club, Caravans C, Specialized K&P A, Annadil Burhani, and Patel Brotherhood A are featured in Group C.

Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Centre (SKLPSC) B, Tamil Nadu Sports Club, Annadil Seifee, Aga Khan SC B, and Karibu Tanzanite DCC are the competitors making Group D.

Robertinho under pressure as Gamondi takes winning streak across our borders

By Correspondent John Kimbuta

SIMBA SC head coach Roberto Oliveira has come under considerable pressure on account of the club's next street rivals, Yanga, taking their recent winning streak across the border, with a 2-0 win over a fairly depleted Sudan's Al Merrikh.

The match outcomes and, indeed, the patterns of play, left the much-fancied veteran quarterfinalists of the CAF Champions League, Simba SC, in an unenviable underdog position, not firstly in the competition itself but more so in its local translation.

Yanga was on cloud nine, by contrast, as Simba SC fans searched for answers for an underwhelming performance.

The confidence at the Jangwani Street outfit was so high that, after the two results were known and interviews started with key officials, Yanga's major-domo Ali Kamwe dared to appeal 'to whom it may concern' on what to do if one has a weak team.

He should, on no account, think of sending buses with large numbers of fans to support the team if it plays across the border, as there is a risk of heart attack incidence and things like that.

In other words, Yanga was assured it had a winning side and thus dared fill dozens of buses to Kigali, so that the rivals forget it.

A few pundits were available to remind readers that the Al Merrikh side that Yanga played in Kigali was not the same as the side we usually hear of in Sudan, owing to the sad events



Simba SC head coach, Roberto Oliveira. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBASC

going on in that country.

Chronicles say the side has lost the entire batch of international players except for a South Sudanese national and a Colombian journeyman, in which case it could, by and large, be compared to Vipers SC in Uganda which has few international players.

In other words, if the Jangwani Street side had played the same Al Merrikh, and in the same fervour of a city stadium in Khartoum, chances of a 2-0 victory would be next to nil.

The surprising aspect about the local outfits' weekend results in CAF inter-club competitions, at least for the city rivals, was

that the outcomes were the opposite of what was being billed for.

No one had any results in the pocket so to speak, but it was easy to expect that it would be the number nine club in Africa, or something of the sort, which was going to have it easy, while pundits were more eagerly and, in a concerned way, weighing up Yanga's chances in its away match.

Contrary to expectations, with the busloads of fans and an unexpected turnout of Kigali fans of the local giants, it was the home team. Add the match to their winning streak, and it worked.

Analysts were thus left to focus on the pluses and minuses of the two coaches,

the pluses piled on the tactics of Yanga's Miguel Angel Gamondi and the minuses heaped on Roberto Oliveira, alias Robertinho.

As the two coaches come from acutely rival nations at the level of soccer, Argentina and Brazil respectively, it may have dawned at least on themselves that it was a carry-over of an ancient contest, but this was not reflected in local FM radio stations' discussion or the streets.

Coaching is individual and scarcely does one hear that either this or that coach used say either Dutch tactics or England tactics as it was in the 1970s and a while later. At that time countries had traditions.

While the big impression was that Yanga was tactically playing cohesively and with great determination, while Simba SC played as individuals and without much zest, the reason was to find out why.

Some of the reasons being offered were outwardly convincing but so much at loggerheads with intuition that one had to scurry around for a reason to accept such explanations.

One was that Simba SC had made a great effort to retain players, giving them a sense of being assured of belonging to the club.

That amounted to affirming that rough tactics like those applied to wage-raising demanders like Feisal Salum and perhaps Juma Shabani were especially

laudable from an administrative point of view.

It means that no player should feel special or indispensable, and must always strive to please the club and the coach, come what may, a sort of wisdom that before the 2-0 win over the Sudanese side would have looked strictly out of place.

They say in English that 'winner takes all', thus the Jangwani Street side at present has advantages in players, coaching, and leadership.

The Msimbazi Street side was unconvinced by their performance and plenty of the blame was being laid on relative newcomer Jean Baleke and, on the third day, the fans were being told that he had promised a basketful of goals in the return match.

That means the chances he is blamed for having wasted will this time be turned to goals, apparently because this is what the fans are demanding, despite that the coach would arguably be more reticent to hammer on the table that the scoring chances be converted into goals.

It, though, must finally be admitted that the Msimbazi Street side left Dar es Salaam on the back of ninth position in Africa, and it almost came unstuck, having to come from behind to level the score, twice.

Still, it is clear that this vendetta will not be laid to rest till the next round, if all goes well for both.

Shane braces to defend Diplomatic Golf tourney trophy next week

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

SHANE Pandit, the young golfer who secured the runner-up position in the Division C category of the Tanzania Ladies Open tournament, is preparing to tee off in the fifth round of the Diplomatic Golf tournament coming up in Arusha next weekend.

The 14-year-old Shane emerged as the overall winner of the previous fourth installment of the annual Diplomatic Golf which was also held in Arusha around this time, in 2022, he was then aged 13.

This time, he will be taking the course again to defend the crown in the 2023 Diplomatic Golf tournament, to be played at the Kilimanjaro Golf and Wildlife Estate.

Last year, young Shane was awarded an Executive Golf Putter, Floating Trophy, and stay for two nights at the Gran Melia Hotel, Bed and Breakfast for two in a room with a view of Mount Meru.

Shane was also the winner of the junior category of the Diplomatic Golf tournament in 2021, during the third round of the event.

For this year's event, however, Shane is scaling up his game again and is set to play in the Division C

category of the 2023 Diplomatic Golf tournament.

Shane said while the previous events were challenging, he is already aiming for victory in the 2023 Diplomatic Golf tournament. He said he plans to play professional golf.

His father, Sanjay Pandit, said he has been supporting Shane since the young golfer was only aged six and confident enough to play against adults, just as he is set to compete against professionals in the forthcoming event.

During last year's Diplomatic Golf tournament, Hans Bruins was the Division A winner with 74 points, while Owen Maganga was the Division B winner having also recorded 74 points, and Meloncelli Luigi topped Division C having notched 78 points.

Indombella Sikwatta- who recorded 81 points- was the winner in the Ladies' category.

Avtar Singh Neote garnered 72 points to triumph in the Senior Golfers' category.

Staged at the Kilimanjaro Golf (Kiligolf) course at the Usa-River Hills in Meru District, the fourth Diplomatic Golf tourney has been organized by the Songea Mississippi Foundation (SOMI) in partnership with Kiligolf.



Swimmers making Bluefins Club are pictured ahead of their participation in the 2023 Tanzania National Open Championships slated for the end of this week in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Bluefins Club announces 32 swimmers for National Open Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

A famous Dar es Salaam swimming club, Bluefins, will field 32 swimmers in the upcoming Tanzania National Open Championships slated for Saturday and Sunday at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) pool, Masaki in the city.

Bluefins, one of the leading swimming clubs in the country, has been constantly participating in various swimming championships in and outside the country while allowing young and aspiring swimmers to compete at the highest level.

The club's founder Rahim Alidina, also serving as the outfit's head coach, said that they have selected the talented swimmers ahead of the event to feature more than 10 clubs.

"We have selected a good mixture of experienced swimmers and some young swimmers for these championships. Some young swimmers will be competing for the first time in the national showdown, although they have previously taken part in various other invitational swimming meets to gain valuable experiences,"

Alidina noted.

He added: "It is an ongoing process whereby we identify young, talented swimmers to take part in invitational swimming galas before drafting them into major swimming meets like the National Championships."

"For this event, we have 22 male swimmers and 10 female swimmers, including our national team swimmers, namely Muskan Gaikwad, Aliyana Kachra, and Aminaz Kachra, who have been studying and training outside the country," he said.

Alidina also said that they

will field swimmers in all the age categories, such as 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and above.

The founder revealed: "Our panel of coaches have been training and preparing our swimmers for this event with a special training program, and we expect them to do well and create many PB's (Personal Best times) in this event."

The female swimmers set to represent the club are Sakina Abdulali, Zahra Alibhai, Aliyana Kachra, Muskan Gaikwad, Imaan Kimario, Zainab Moosajee, Amatullah Mustansir, Rania Noorani, Aaliya Takim, and Aminaz

Kachra, who will compete in girls' category.

Male swimmers making the outfit are Burhanuddin Huzeifa, Hassan Harunani, Abbas Abdulali, Burhanuddin Jivajee, Jay Badiani, Uzair Harunani, Shuneal Bhawanani, Burhanuddin Jafferjee, Adnan Hassanali, Mohammad Hussein Imran, and Sahil Jaffer.

The list also includes Kay-san Kachra, Moiz Kaderbhai, Qais Kanji, Kabeer Lakhani, Avinav Mahapatra, Saalih Gaikwad, Hussein Abbas, Burhanuddin Mustansir, Adam Patwa, Zaem Somji, Sahal Harunani.

Most Spanish women footballers rejoin squad after deal

MADRID

MOST of Spain's international footballers have agreed to rejoin the squad, the government said yesterday, following a strike by the World Cup winners over the disgraced former president of the federation forcibly kissing a player.

The announcement followed hours of negotiations over player demands for further changes at the Spanish football federation (RFEF) after ex-president Luis Rubiales resigned.

"We have arrived at a series of agreements which will be drawn up and signed tomorrow" between the RFEF and the Spanish government, Victor Francos, secretary of state for sports, told reporters, adding that two of the 23 called-up players did not wish to continue with the squad.

A total of 19 players from new coach Montse Tome's squad had been on strike over changes they want made to the RFEF, sparking concerns they would not play in upcoming Nations League games.

In the hours before the deal was announced, internationals selected by Tome gathered for training despite declaring themselves unavailable, some expressing fear of facing sanctions if they refused to play.

"We have been forced to come. But if they want to sanction us, then we have to come," Barcelona defender Mapi Leon said.

Asked by a reporter on her arrival for training if she was happy to be included in the squad, goalkeeper Misa Rodriguez replied "no".

Two-time Ballon d'Or winner Alexia Putellas was asked at Barcelona airport how she felt. "Well, bad," the Barca player replied.

The striking players issued a statement Monday in which they had reiterated their wish not to be called up, while acknowledging the potential for legal consequences may force them to attend.

They had faced possible fines of between 3,000 and 30,000 euros (\$3,200 and \$32,100), while they could also have lost their licences to play for up to five years.

Secretary of state for sport Francos, who is also the president of Spain's High Council for Sports (CSD), said the two women who decided not to play would not face sanctions.

- Outrage -

The scandal erupted just moments after Spain won the World Cup on August 20, when then president Rubiales forcibly kissed midfielder Jenni Hermoso on the lips as the team received the trophy.

He eventually resigned three weeks after the incident and controversial coach Jorge Vilda was sacked, but many players demanded more wide-ranging improvements and structural changes.

Hermoso was not named in the squad in order to "protect" her, the new coach Tome, Vilda's former assistant, said Monday.

That decision too proved controversial.

"Protect me from what? And from whom?" Hermoso posted on X on Tuesday.

She accused the RFEF of seeking to "intimidate and threaten" the world champions by calling them up against their will for the upcoming matches.

Francos initially said he would have to apply the country's sports law against any player who snubbed the call.

However, he later made a U-turn on those comments and met with the players on Tuesday night to ask them to play and offer them government help.

"You go (to play) and we commit ourselves so that what you are asking for can be possible," Francos told Spanish public television.

"If any player is not comfortable and does not want to play, I think the most normal thing is that they are not called up and another one is called up," he added.

Spain face Sweden on September 22 and Switzerland on September 26 in the Nations League.

The eventual finalists of the Nations League will qualify for the 2024 Olympic Games.

- 'We support them' -

Spanish players were offered support by their Swedish counterparts.

"They need to feel the support around them, that other countries support them in the decisions they make," said Sweden midfielder Filipa Angel Dahl.

"If they feel they have to boycott to make something happen, it's clear that we support them."

Goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl wrote on X: "I don't want to be part of encouraging people to chase a football dream if the game will not protect them while doing so."

Spain plan to fly to Sweden today morning before their match in Gothenburg tomorrow.

AFP

Alvarez saves Man City blushes after Champions League first night scare

LONDON

MANCHESTER City overcame an early scare to get their Champions League defence off to a solid start on Tuesday but nine-man Celtic endured a rough night in Rotterdam.

Barcelona cruised past Antwerp and Kylian Mbappe helped Paris-Saint Germain to an opening win on a breathless beginning to the group stage of Europe's top club competition.

Newcastle returned to the high table of European football for the first time in two decades with a battling goalless draw against AC Milan at the San Siro and Lazio grabbed an equaliser deep in injury time to hold Atletico Madrid.

In Manchester, Pep Guardiola's City were stunned when Red Star's Osman Bukari opened the scoring in first half stoppage time.

But Julian Alvarez continued his sparkling early season form by levelling just two minutes after the break.

The Argentine then got some help from Red Star goalkeeper Omri Glazer as he flapped at Alvarez's free-kick to allow the ball to fly into the far corner.



Manchester City's Julian Alvarez scores against Red Star. Agencies

Rodri rounded off a 3-1 win with a composed finish 17 minutes from time.

"If we scored two goals early in the beginning it would've been completely different," said Guardiola, who was frustrated at his side's finishing.

"Having 22 (first-half) shots on goal means you are playing really good. It has to be the responsibility of the people in front to score the goals."

City are next away to RB Leipzig, who share top place in Group E after a 3-1 win at Swiss champions Young Boys.

Mohamed Simaken

earned the distinction of scoring the first goal of the group stages with the 2023/24 competition only three minutes old.

The French-born defender's header put Leipzig into a lightning lead in Bern but Elia levelled for the Swiss hosts before Xaver Schlager and Benjamin Sesko wrapped up the win for the Austrian visitors.

In Catalonia Joao Felix struck twice as Barcelona flexed their muscles with a crushing 5-0 win over Royal Antwerp to show their determination to be considered among Europe's elite once again.

After consecutive humiliating group stage eliminations Barcelona are desperate to go deep in this season's competition, last winning it eight years ago.

Felix shone for the Spanish champions on a stroll on a warm night in the Catalan capital, helped on their way by an own goal, with Robert Lewandowski and Gavi also scoring.

That lifted them top of Group H from Porto, 3-1 winners over Shakhtar Donetsk.

Barca's victory followed a 5-0 thrashing of Real Betis on Saturday, leading coach Xavi Hernandez to

say: "I think these last two games are the best level we have shown with me as coach -- it's the path to follow."

- 'Almost perfect' -

At Parc des Princes, PSG may have lost Neymar and Lionel Messi over the summer but they held on to Mbappe who set them up for a 2-0 victory over Borussia Dortmund.

The French champions went ahead four minutes after the break when Mbappe scored a spot-kick awarded for a Niklas Sule handball.

Achraf Hakimi added a memorable second, and PSG could have won the Group F encounter by a far more handsome margin in the end.

"It was an almost perfect evening," purred new coach Luis Enrique.

PSG's next date is at Newcastle, whose manager Eddie Howe was proud of his side's dogged return to the competition against seven-time European kings AC Milan.

Howe was the happier of the two managers after taking a point from the clash at the San Siro as his team were mostly on the back foot against last season's losing semi-finalists.

"Definitely pride in result and the performance

and the mentality shown," Howe told reporters.

Over in Rotterdam a "bitterly disappointed" Celtic manager Brendan Rodgers was left to rue the "inexperience" of two players sent off in their 2-0 loss to Feyenoord but said the Scottish champions had proved they could be competitive.

Midway through the second half defender Gustaf Lagerbielke was shown a second yellow card after pulling back Brazilian striker Igor Paixao in the box. He was barely down the tunnel when substitute Odin Thiago Holm also saw red for a studs up late challenge.

"Unfortunately for us, we got the two players sent off and it's a difficult level 11 v 11, but 11 v 11 is really difficult," said Rodgers who was heartened by the "spirit and mentality" of the nine men left on the pitch.

On Wednesday, record 14-time winners Real Madrid host German debutants Union Berlin, and Bayern Munich with Harry Kane welcome Manchester United who are seeking solace in Europe after a troubling start to the Premier League season.

AFP

Pep Guardiola rues injuries but Man City's European juggernaut powers on

By Mike McGrath

MANCHESTER City ended up easing to victory in their first Champions League match since winning their European crown, although the win came at a cost, with Bernardo Silva adding to the injury concerns Pep Guardiola currently faces.

Guardiola's team ended the match with Stefan Ortega, Scott Carson (his reserve goalkeepers) and Josko Gvardiol as his unused substitutes, such is his injury list at the moment. Bernardo picked up a muscle problem just before the break and will miss the game against Nottingham Forest at the weekend.

He joins Kevin De Bruyne, John Stones, Mateo Kovacic and Jack Grealish in the treatment room, although City's winning machine shows no sign of stopping. Like they did against West Ham at the weekend, Guardiola's team fell behind but turned the match around in the second half.

Julian Alvarez scored twice and Rodri added another after Red Star had scented a famous victory, scoring just after Bernardo hobbled off. Guardiola has mounting injury concerns but his squad, however short on numbers, find a way to win.

"We are in trouble but it is what it is," said Guardiola. "When we have five important players - really really important players - injured, to sustain that for a long time will be difficult."

"But we cannot have the salaries, the budgets, the transfers for having 55 players. It would be chaos for the clubs and would be bankrupt. Sometimes



Rodri is stepping up for the European champions. Agencies

it happens. It's a long time for Kevin, John still didn't play, needs a bit longer.

"Maybe Kova [Kovacic] is coming back, Jack maybe one week, 10 days will be there but after needs to make the conditions. I prefer to have everyone, but for the players we have we go for it, we have this mentality to go there which it's good."

There were 101 days between winning the Treble and returning to action in the competition they craved so much, and it was their 37 shots on goal that saw them through against Red Star. Omri Glazer, the Red Star keeper, was equal to many of them but eventually sliced a punch into his own net for Alvarez's second goal.

Alvarez had cancelled out Osman Bukari's opener when Red Star had sprung the offside trap and took a shock lead. The calls for Var to award the goal were led by the boisterous club analysts in the press box, who were told to calm

down but could not contain their delight taking the lead against the European champions.

Despite the goal, there was a sense that City's time would come and eventually it did. Riyad Mahrez and Ilkay Gundogan have gone but the winning continues. "The show goes on," as Kyle Walker said when he signed a new deal last week. Their incredible run

at the Etihad now stands at 27 unbeaten in Champions League games, most of those being wins.

City's formidable record at home in the Champions League meant the odds were stacked against Red Star. That last defeat at the Etihad in Europe's top competition came five years ago to the day, when they were defeated by a Lyon team contain-

ing Maxwel Cornet and Memphis Depay.

"At the end, going in at half-time 1-0 down after what we've done, that's nice, after winning the Treble we need to be the type of champions who prove ourselves that we are able to make a comeback," said Guardiola.

"In this situation it's nice to prove it, both games we played incredible and immediately at the start of the second half. We have things to improve in general but that's really, really good."

Guardiola's goalscorers have thrived recently. Alvarez has taken up the position of Gundogan on the field, getting himself close to Erling Haaland in the No 10 role and adding striker-type goals. Many said he and Haaland would never play together but they have formed an effective partnership.

Rodri, meanwhile, has become one of the leaders in Guardiola's squad after his winner in the Champions League final against Inter Milan.

"Julian is the same player, like [he] was last sea-

son. He won the World Cup with Argentina but that doesn't mean you have to play all the time," said Guardiola. "Last season we had Gundogan in that position, he was in incredible form. He is no longer here and Kevin is injured and we need players to be close to Erling, so we don't put all the responsibility on the shoulders of Erling to score goals."

When asked about Rodri, Guardiola added: "He is the best. Hopefully he can be better, have a good mentality but he is an extraordinary holding midfielder, we are lucky the club signed him."

"He makes an extraordinary amount of games and now is one of the captains of the team. Defensively, offensively, the composure, reading the spaces, he is close to the box and is so dangerous. He loves to arrive in the final third."

Next is Forest, who Guardiola joked have more European Cups than City. Even without their injured players, the show goes on and is likely to continue at the weekend.

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Lake Manyara Half Marathon participants to rake in 6m/-

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

FINALLY, the tentative prizes for winners of the forthcoming Lake Manyara Half Marathon have been announced, with winners set to pocket over 5.5m/- in cash prizes among other awards.

The main 21km race will feature only male athletes with the first winner set to be awarded 1m/- in cash, the second athlete to finish the race gets 500,000/- while the third-placed winner pockets 400,000/-.

The fourth-placed runner will get 250,000/-, the runner taking fifth place will garner 200,000/-, and then from the sixth to eighth-placed winners each of them gets 100,000/- in cash.

In the 10-kilometer race, bringing together both male and female runners, the top prize will be 500,000/- for both categories, totaling 1m/-.

The second runner will walk away with 350,000/- again for both categories, totaling 700,000/- while participants taking third place are to get 200,000/- each.

The fourth-place athletes are to be presented with 150,000/- while athletes ending fifth get 100,000/- and, from the sixth to the eighth-placed participants, runners will pocket 50,000/- in cash.

Kenyan gold medalist and world's top runner, Moses Kiptanui, is among the top athletes who will be attending the Lake Manyara Half Marathon which will take place at Mto wa Mbu in Arusha on October 29, 2023.

Tanzanian athlete, Emmanuel Giniki, who has been appointed the goodwill ambassador of the race, is also among the Lake Manyara Half Marathon participants.

On the other hand, representatives from Posso International Promotions, the leading sports management agency, will be some of the top delegations from overseas expected to attend the forthcoming Lake Manyara Half Marathon.

"They are coming to recruit new potential international athletes," the Lake Manyara Half Marathon organizer, Morris Leonard Okinda, noted.

The official disclosed that the marathon wants to come up with athletes who will be representing the country at international events.

Posso International Sports Management usually handles big international sportsmen and women and, in Tanzania, the outfit manages athletes such as Alphonse Simbu, Gabriel Geay, and Emmanuel Giniki, already big names in sports.

"The race, which covers mostly cultural and attractive sites, will double as an active tourism event, cultural sampling fair and talent identifying platform," Okinda, also the Director of GreenLeaf Mohar, noted.

More than 3000 athletes will be racing along with wildlife in the forthcoming Lake Manyara Half Marathon to be held at Mto wa Mbu in Monduli District, Arusha, adjacent to the Manyara National Park.

The race comes in three categories, the main 21km event, a 10-kilometer Executive Race, and 5 5-kilometer Fun Run all taking place in the Mto wa Mbu area, in Monduli District adjacent to both Lake Manyara and its corresponding National Park.

"Racing in the Country of Flamingo", is the guiding theme, and indeed, all participants will be given special 'Flamingo' T-shirts, in honour of the pink-coloured trademark species of Manyara.

The race will be flagged off from the Lake Manyara National Park entry gate and climaxes at the Barafu grounds of Mto wa Mbu.

GreenLeaf Mohar is the firm behind the organization of the maiden Lake Manyara Half Marathon, taking place this year, and other editions to be held later.

Okinda added that they have chosen the area because most residents of Mto wa Mbu have always played the role of tour and safari guides to foreign visitors.

"Mto wa Mbu is also a spectacular tourist destination in its own right, starting from being located next to Lake Manyara National Park as well featuring cultural offerings such as traditional food, cultural ornaments, banana plantations, and paddy farms," he added.

Mto wa Mbu happens to be a cultural melting point for both locals and foreigners.

The small but very active township is perched below the Great Rift Valley wall and serves as a gateway to Karatu, Ngorongoro Crater, and Serengeti National Park.

And now the Lake Manyara Half Marathon is being added into the mix to spur things up through the hybrid sports and tourism offering.

Of all the categories, the Fun Run which covers five kilometers is the event that has attracted the most participants, with 1500 showing interest.

The Executive Race of 10 kilometers has attracted 1000 participants, while the main toiling event of 21 kilometers will witness 500 athletes battling it out.

Bonite Bottlers Limited of Moshi, through its Kilimanjaro Natural Spring Water product, is among the race sponsors, teaming up with Jungle Pearl Lodge, Tanzania Cultural Tourism, and the Scorpion Tour Company.

Simba SC bids to continue stellar run in 2023/24 Premier League



Simba SC defender, Mohamed Hussein (R), negotiates his way past Coastal Union's midfielder, Victor Akpan, as the outfits took on each other in a previous season's NBC Premier League clash at Mkwakwani Stadium in Tanga in April 2022. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

SIMBA SC will be aiming to make it three wins from their opening three matches of the 2023-24 NBC Premier League campaign when they welcome Coastal Union to Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam this afternoon.

The Msimbazi Street-based outfit, popularly known as 'Msimbazi Reds', opened their season with a 4-2 victory over Mtibwa Sugar in Morogoro before running out 2-0 winners over Dodoma Jiji FC to maintain a perfect record.

Additionally, their track record against Coastal Union remains impressive, bolstering their confidence even further.

The hosts have been the dominant force in the recent history of this match-up. They

are on a 15-match unbeaten streak against Coastal Union.

It is also worth noting that Coastal Union carries a struggling

away record into this fixture, further tipping the scales in

Simba SC's favour. The past three matches have all resulted in Simba SC wins.

Simba SC head coach, Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho', acknowledged the importance of the league in the title race despite being early days in the campaign.

"It is a good opportunity to try again for my group of players because we have an important objective. It is an important league game," Robertinho said in his pre-match interview.

In team news, keeper Aishi Manula and winger Aubin Kramo are in the latter stages of their recoveries from the issues that have kept them out early in the season, and the pair will also miss this mid-week clash.

It has been a baptism of fire for Moroccan goalkeeper, Ayoub Lakred, at the start of his Simba SC career.

Despite conceding a soft goal he is likely to be trusted to, again, stay between the sticks in today's tie.

There are fewer rotational options for Robertinho in central defense, so Henock Inonga and Che Malone are likely to

continue putting up a shift though it is the kind of game in which they could be offered a rest.

With Clatous Chama and Willy Onana being expected to distribute, Jean Baleke will be the primary receptor of Simba SC's attempts to break in behind Coastal Union's defense.

On the flip side, Coastal Union is still without a win this season. After two rounds of matches, they have one point and find themselves in the relegation zone where they spent the majority of last season.

Coastal Union's success this season is not going to depend on their results against the big sides, especially away from home, but they will be hoping to take advantage of Simba SC's tight schedule that saw them.

They can also take some comfort from their last away match, settling for a 1-1 draw with Mtibwa Sugar in August.

If they can produce a performance of similar grit, Coastal Union could well provide a problem or two for their illustrious hosts.

Azam FC looks to maintain strong home record in Premier League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC will be banking on the squad's strong home record in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League when the side hosts Singida Fountain Gate FC at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam in the evening, with kick-off slated for 7 p.m.

The ice cream makers boast a 100 percent record at home this season, having won all two of their matches.

They defeated newly-promoted Tabora United 4-0 before edging out Tanzania Prisons 2-1 to make it two out of two.

Azam FC head coach Youssouf Dabo hopes the familiar environment of Chamazi will see his team maintain top form as they bid to mount a credible title challenge.

The club was 19 points behind Premier League champions, Yanga, last season, but it is difficult to imagine that being the case this term.

Moreover, Azam FC has an excellent head-to-head record at this venue in the recent history of this matchup. They won 3-0 last season though they lost the reverse tie at Liti Stadium in Singida.

Dabo is unlikely to make too many changes, if any, to his attack with Iddy Selemani, Djibril Sillah, and Feisal Salum all set to provide support for central striker Prince Dube.

The Senegalese gaffer will be forced into a change in de-



Azam FC goal-getter, Prince Dube (R), races past Singida Fountain Gate FC defender, Gadiel Michael, in this season's Community Shield mini-competition third-place playoff that took place in Tanga in August. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

fense, as central defender, Abdallah Kheri, is sidelined for three months with a cartilage injury.

On the other hand, the away side will be making

the journey to Chamazi still in search of their first three points of the 2023/24 NBC Premier League season.

Singida Fountain Gate FC opened the season with

a 0-0 draw with Tanzania Prisons, the former was held to another goalless home draw against Tabora United in their second match of the campaign.

The Singida-based side managed to bounce back last time out, recording a 1-0 victory over Egypt's Future FC on Sunday in the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup's Second Preliminary Round.

Newly-signed Kenyan forward Elvis Rupia's second-half goal proved to be the difference between the two sides.

However, their team camp was thrown into disarray following the unceremonious resignation of head coach Ernst Middendorp on Monday. The German coach decided to step down after just 18 days in charge.

Middendorp is said to have left the team hotel on Monday after management questioned some of his decisions.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Middendorp claims to have had his decision-making process interfered with by Singida Fountain Gate management.

South African coach, Thabo Senong, who is part of the technical bench, is expected to take charge of the team against Azam FC.

In his pre-match interview, Senong said they had not had enough time to study their opponents and, instead, their focus was on their team recovery and understanding his squad.

"We are playing a very tough match because if you look at Azam FC...they have started very well in the league," Senong revealed.

The coach pointed out: "They look like a team that is strong offensively. We have been working hard with the players and so far the mood in our camp is good."

The South African stated: "We just played our last game on Sunday, having not enough time to recover. We have just been working on managing the physical freshness of the players, focus has been on our team."

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