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## Motorcyclists' arrests: Lugola sets strict code

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

HOME Affairs minister Kangi Lugola yesterday reiterated his warning against police officers who without proper cause, arrest commercial motorcycle riders, 'boda boda.'

The minister told the National Assembly that there is an ongoing trend by some officers who arrest boda boda riders and take their motorcycles to police stations, only to end up losing some spare parts.

Lugola (pictured) was responding to a supplementary question by Special Seats MP Rehema Migilla (CUF) who said most motorcyclists get arrested and fake cases filed against them, this being forced to pay certain amounts of money rapidly. When they delay they find some parts of their motorcycles missing.

"Let the minister tell us here who steals parts of the motorcycles in police custody and if it is the police themselves, what is



**The motorcycles held at police stations are always registered and in cases where any part is missing, the person who arrested the person should be liable for the loss**

the government doing to end the vice?" she demanded.

While responding to the question, he said it is only motorcycles involved in criminal activities, accidents and those without owners which can be confiscated by the police.

He said those found guilty of other offences, including driving without helmet should not be taken to police stations but be fined, and the fine be paid within seven days.

"The motorcycles held at police stations are always registered and in cases where any part is missing, the person who arrested the person should be liable for the loss," said the minister.

He told MPs that in the past he used to wonder why vehicles in police custody always come out with some parts missing, noting that the trend is on motorbikes too.

Earlier, the deputy minister for Home Affairs, Hamad Yusuf Masauni, said the Road Safety Act section 168 reviewed in 2002 gives police officers the power to stop any motorist, inspect the vehicle, stop it or arrest the owner.

"In the event where such vessels are

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# IFAD sets aside 127.3bn/- for agro sector projects



Shinyanga Urban legislator Stephen Masele (L), a Pan African Parliament vice president, appears before the National Assembly's Rights, Ethics and Powers committee in Dodoma yesterday as summoned by House Speaker Job Ndugai in connection with charges relating to misconduct. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

## Masele meets House team, questioned for three hours

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President of the Pan African Parliament (PAP) Stephen Masele was yesterday grilled by the Parliamentary Privileges, Ethics and Powers Committee in response to a summons by National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai.

In his summons Ndugai said Masele had been acting in a manner that was in contempt of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania.



**This was despite Ndugai telling the House several times last week that Masele had refused to come back home**

Soon after coming out of the grilling room Masele told journalists that he came into the country from South Africa where he was attending PAP meetings to respond to the Speaker's call, insisting that he had been brought up in a good manner by his parents and party, CCM. He has never done any misconduct during his time as an MP, he said.

"I have been brought up by my parents and the party from the grassroots where I started. I have been a leader at its youth-wing UVCCM,

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## Pinda urges bees sub-sector modernisation

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FORMER Prime Minister Mizengo Pinda yesterday called on beekeepers to adopt modern and advanced beekeeping techniques to produce quality honey that can be sold internationally.

Pinda (pictured) made the call when addressing beekeepers and key players in the sub-sector, who



gathered here to showcase bee products as part of marking the World Bee Day, themed 'Save the Bees.'

The three-day event which was flagged off on Saturday was being held at the Nyerere Square grounds in capital.

Pinda called upon beekeepers and honey traders

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In his remarks President Magufuli thanked the international agency for the support and promised that the working relations existing since 1978 between Tanzania and the agency will continue for the country's benefit

By Guardian Reporter

THE International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has set aside 127.3bn/- for funding agriculture projects in the country for three years beginning January 2020.

A State House statement said that IFAD president Gilbert Fossoun Hounbo revealed this yesterday when he held talks with President John Magufuli.

Hounbo who is in the country for three-day official visit hailed President Magufuli's government for the strong efforts in implementing various development projects including those funded by IFAD.

He said after setting aside the funds aside, IFAD is now waiting for the Tanzania government to indicate key areas for the money to be allocated, noting that he hopes the projects will be implemented since Tanzania is a peaceful country, and given the way the government has shown its commitment.

In his remarks President Magufuli thanked



**Since 1978, the fund has financed 15 rural development programmes and projects in Tanzania for a total of USD839.59 million, with an IFAD investment of USD363.48 million, directly benefiting about four million rural households**

the international agency for the support and promised that the working relations existing since 1978 between Tanzania and the agency will continue for the country's benefit.

President Magufuli said the money will be used in key areas which are of interest to the agro-sector including the use of technology in production, seed production, solving market challenges and improving livestock keeping. He thanked IFAD for not attaching to it some terms and conditions.

The Head of State directed the Ministry of Agriculture to immediately list key areas for the funds to be allocated.

Hounbo landed in the country on Sunday to discuss with President Magufuli key issues on better ways to improve food and nutrition security, jobs for rural youth and poverty reduction.

The talks were also expected to dwell on the role of smallholder farmers in ensuring food security, the challenges posed by climate change, opportunities agriculture can offer to rural youth and the need for more investments to transform agriculture into a highly productive and competitive sector.

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A member of the Airtel staff (seated-L) re-verifies and re-registers the Airtel SIM-card used by Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro (R) under the biometric system, a requirement by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority. The deadline is this December 31. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# President Magufuli wants worshippers to religiously protect the country's unity

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT John Magufuli has called on all worshippers to continually protect the country's unity, assuring that the government is determined to work closely with all religions.

Magufuli made the remarks when speaking at the 20th Quran citation competition held at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam. The competition was organized by Al-Hikma Foundation and this year, the event attracted participants from 18 African countries.

"Through adherence to the teachings of the Holy Books, you will not only live life that pleases God but will also help in building the national unity," he said.

President Magufuli appreciated the critical role the religious institutions are playing as development partners in the country, saying the government will continue working with them.

He however warned traders bent on minting quick money by inflating prices of consumables during the Holy Month of Ramadhan.

"You can't get rich by inflating prices," the president derided the trend, directing the responsible authorities to closely follow up on the prevailing prices in the market and control

indiscriminate hiking.

Responding to Al-Hikma Foundation request for land to build a health centre in Temeke District, President Magufuli offered the land and directed the minister responsible for land to prepare the needed permits to allow construction of the health facility on the land that was earlier earmarked for recreation.

"It's better to give that land to the foundation, which wants to build the health facility to serve people's lives than just keep it as an open space," Dr Magufuli stated.

Tanzania's Mufti Chief Sheikh Abubakary Zubery bin Ali said the Quran citation duel aims at bringing up children in decent behaviour and in knowledge of their religion.

Mufti Zubeiry received 10m/- from President Magufuli as a gift for his commendable spiritual leadership in the country. Saudi Arabia's Minister Saleh bin Abdul Aziz Al-Asheikh also commended President Magufuli's attendance at the event, saying it signifies the country's peace.

He also hailed the cooperation that exists between Tanzania and Saudi Arabia, promising that his country will continue supporting Tanzania, economically.

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast,

## Government launches new market in Kyerwa district

Bukoba

AUTHORITIES in Kagera region has launched Tin mineral market in Kyerwa District in efforts to make the natural resource benefit locals in the area located on the western part of Lake Victoria.

Speaking recently at the official launch of the market, deputy minister for Minerals, Stanislaus Nyongo described Kyerwa tin market as one of the sixteen markets in the country.

He said that the launch of the market is one of the implementation of

President John Magufuli's directives on local government authorities to ensure that they create markets for minerals.

Nyongo said the move is also meant to curb smuggling of minerals as per laws governing the mining sector, which contribute heavily to the national coffers.

He further said that the newly established market in Kyerwa will also improve price of tin minerals, which in the past the price was low compared to the international market price.

According to the deputy minister,

poor price had a negative consequences to artisanal miners as they ended up getting very little, and making them to continue living in the vicious cycle of poverty.

The minister however issued one-month ultimatum for small-scale miners to ensure that their licences are valid, and are in use.

Kagera Regional Commissioner, Marco Gaguti said that there will be no room for mineral smuggling in the region and the government will take stern measures on people who would

be found operating illegally.

The RC pledged to support miners by ensuring that their working environment is improved and connected with electricity and financial institutions are close to them so that they are able to access loans to beef up their capital base.

Acting senior mineral officer in Kagera region, Lucas Mlekwa, said that until April this year, there were 248 Tin licences owned by Tanzanians, but only 29 were operating effectively, 124 were of default note, and 95 licences

are valid but hanging due to lack of capital to operate.

Mlekwa named two investors, African Top Minerals Ltd and Tantalus Mineral who have been accredited licences for smelting to add value to the minerals and get Tin ingot for export.

Kagera Region produced 92 tonnes in 2015/16 worth of Showing 1.2bn/- in 2016/17 the amount produced were 103 tonnes worth of 1.8bn/-, in 2017/18 11.06 tonnes were produced worth of 283,921,700/- and 114.8m/- was

collected from 7.21 tonnes produced.

The government royalties collected were as follows :in 2015/16 48,773,723/- (0.1 pc of each minerals collected),2016/17 75,494,770m/- (4.8 pc), 2017/18, 14,274,519/- (1.1 pc) and 2018/19, 9,199,002.61/- (0.3 pc) the percentage dropped due to prohibition of exporting unprocessed minerals.

Tin is a chemical element with a white silvery metal obtained chiefly from the mineral cassiterite to use on connecting steel and metal pumps, electricity circuits, mobile phones, tin plated steel containers, and other uses.



Embassy of the United States of America

### U.S. MISSION DAR ES SALAAM VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position below.

**Position Title: Information Management Assistant**

**Vacancy Number: TANZ-2019-018**

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required is available at:

<https://tz.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/>

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants **MUST** follow instructions in the notice on the website:

**Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application. Previous applicants do not need to reapply.**

**Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted only via email.**

**CLOSING DATE: May 28, 2019**

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## The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania

For Wildlife Research, Education & Conservation



### TRIBUTE TO DR. REGINALD ABRAHAM MENGI

The Board of Trustees of The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania on behalf of Dr. Jane Goodall, Management and Staff would like to pay tribute to our departed Board Patron Dr. Reginald Abraham Mengi who passed away on Thursday 2nd May, 2019 in Dubai UAE.

Dr. Mengi was a friend, our native funder and a Patron to the Jane Goodall Institute Board of Trustees. We wish we would have more time with him but his Creator's will have superseded our wish and we appreciate his life well lived.

Dr. Mengi will be highly remembered for his exceptional kindness towards helping the poor, the sick and the needy, his endless dedication to nature conservation, and his enviable passion of sharing his wisdom and revolutionary ideas to small entrepreneurs and many other community groups, truly; we have lost a hero at a time we needed him most. He demonstrated true love that went beyond human classes nonetheless of the rich and the poor, the educated and those not, religious and non-religious etc. The Jane Goodall Institute will sorrowful miss him in our Board of Trustees, we therefore join hands with thousands of mourners in passing our sincere condolences to the family, relatives, friends, employees for IPP group, the Government of Tanzania for the loss of a Citizen who made a great difference in making this country a better place.

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## PRE-QUALIFICATION TENDER FOR SUPPLY/ PROVISION OF GOODS, SERVICES AND WORKS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2019 & 2021

### Preface

Shortlisting is a pre-tender process that provides a shortlist of providers from which providers are obtained to bid. Shortlisting is used where requirements are of a routine nature or bidding is for a group of similar contracts. Shortlisting shall be open to all providers and providers shall be invited using a shortlist notice.

This is a shortlisting application solicitation document for potential providers for the years 2019 & 2021

The Application Form is divided into:

- Part I: General Part
- Part II: Instructions to Bidders
- Part III: Preparation of Applications
- Part IV: Submission of Applications
- Part V: Opening and Evaluation of Applications
- Part VI: Shortlisting

### PART I: GENERAL

#### 1.1 Scope of Application

1.1.1 PI TANZANIA invites applications for the shortlist of providers for the requirements described in ANNEX A.

#### 1.1.2 Through out this document:

- (a) The "Applicant" means the bidder submitting an application; and
- (b) "Application" means a bid or submission to be short-listed.

### PART II: INSTRUCTIONS TO PROVIDERS

#### 2.1 Introduction

PI TANZANIA will evaluate and shortlist all eligible companies for the provision of various requirements for the years 2019 and 2021. Once a firm has been shortlisted, it will automatically qualify to submit a bid(s) for the provision of some or all the requirements. Bidders are advised that at the discretion of PI TANZANIA, framework contracts may result from this process for some items. In such cases, firms shall be informed about the arrangement at the time of solicitation. PI TANZANIA reserves the right to add similar types of requirements to the list in this document.

#### 2.2 Objectives

PI TANZANIA invites sealed Applications from reputable providers for provision of various requirements for years 2019 and 2021 as mentioned in Annex A.

#### 2.3 Cost of Applying

The Applicant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Application and PI TANZANIA will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the shortlisting process. Application will be free of cost.

#### 2.4 Clarification of Application Forms

A prospective Applicant requiring any clarification of the Application Forms may notify PI TANZANIA by e-mail (highly recommended), telephone or through the client's address indicated below. PI TANZANIA will respond prior to the set deadline.

For clarification purposes, only, the Entity's address is:

To: Pathfinder International Tanzania  
Street Address: Chato Street, Plot No 260, Off New Bagamoyo Road, Regent Estate,  
Town/City: Dar es Salaam  
Postal Code/P. O. Box No: P.O.Box 77991, Dar es Salaam.  
Country: Tanzania  
E-mail: Procurement-TZ@pathfinder.org

#### 2.5 Amendment of Application Forms

- 2.5.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of applications, PI Tanzania may amend the Application Forms by issuing an addendum.
- 2.5.2 Any addendum issued shall be part of the Application Forms and shall be communicated electronically to all who have obtained the Application Forms from PI Tanzania.
- 2.5.3 To give prospective Applicants reasonable time to take an addendum into account in preparing their applications, PI Tanzania may at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of applications.

### PART III: PREPARATION OF APPLICATIONS

#### 3.1 Language of Application

The Application shall be written in English language.

#### 3.2 Documents Establishing Applicant's Eligibility and Qualifications

The Applicant shall provide as part of its Application, documentary evidence of the Applicant's legal status, financial, technical and production capability to provide the services if a contract is awarded in the format provided in the Application Submission Sheet. Failure to provide the required information may result in disqualification.

#### 3.3 Format and Signing of Applications

3.3.1 The Applicant is requested to submit its Application Forms in one envelope marked:

"Application for Supplier Prequalification [Insert Lot number] for supply/provision of (Description) Pathfinder International TANZANIA for the years 2019 & 2021."

In addition, Applicants should indicate on top of the envelope the category/area of procurement for which they are applying. The envelope shall contain one (1) original and no copies.

Where an applicant wishes to be shortlisted in more than one category, they shall provide different application forms for required categories and submit separate applications as above.

3.3.2 The Application shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Applicant or a person or persons duly authorized to sign the Application Forms. All pages of the Application shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the Application and each page numbered.

3.3.3 Any alterations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid only if they are initialed by the person or persons signing the Application.

3.3.4 All Pages of the application MUST be numbered sequentially starting with page number one (1) being the cover page.  
PART IV: SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

#### 4.1 Sealing and Labelling of Applications

4.1.1 The Application Form shall be composed of one envelope marked as stated above.

4.1.2 For application submission purposes only, please address;

To: Pathfinder International Tanzania  
Street Address: Chato Street, Plot No 260, Off New Bagamoyo Road, Regent Estate,  
Town/City: Dar es Salaam  
Postal Code/P. O. Box No: P.O. Box P.O.Box 77991, Dar es Salaam  
Country: Tanzania  
E-mail: Procurement-TZ@pathfinder.org

Please deliver your application to Pathfinder International Tanzania reception desk.

The application start date is: May 21, 2019

4.1.4 Unsealed and not properly addressed envelopes will be rejected by Pathfinder international-Tanzania.  
Note: only sticker seals are accepted.

#### 4.2 Deadline for Submission of Applications

Applications must be received by Pathfinder International Tanzania at the address specified above not later than June 18, 2019 at 2.00pm.

#### 4.3 Late Applications

Any Application received after the deadline for submission will be rejected.

### PART V: OPENING AND EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

#### 5.1 Opening of Applications by Pathfinder International TANZANIA.

5.1.1 PI TANZANIA shall open the applications internally. The Applicants or the Applicants' representatives who submit applications shall sign a register as evidence for their submission.

5.2 Evaluation of Applications: PI TANZANIA will carry out the evaluation of proposals as referenced in annex B.

#### 5.3 Clarification of Applications

5.3.1 During evaluation of the Applications, PI TANZANIA may, at its discretion, ask the Applicant for clarification of its Application. A request for clarification shall be sent to a bidder by the evaluation committee and all requests for clarifications shall be noted in the evaluation report.

5.3.2 A bidder shall be instructed to reply for clarifications within a specified time, addressing their responses to the Procurement Committee/Departments through  
E-mail:Procurement-TZ@pathfinder.org.

5.3.3 Failure of a bidder to respond to a request for clarification may result in a rejection of its bid.

#### 5.4 Contacting PI TANZANIA

5.4.1 No Applicant shall contact PI TANZANIA on any matter relating to its Application from the time of Application opening to shortlisting of Applicants.

5.4.2 Any effort by the Applicant to influence PI TANZANIA in its decisions on the Application evaluation may result in rejection of its Application.

#### 5.5 Confidentiality

5.5.1 Information relating to the evaluation of applications and recommendation for shortlisting shall not be disclosed to Applicants or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until the notification of shortlisting is made to all Applicants.

5.5.2 From the deadline of submission of applications to the time of notification of the results of the shortlisting, any Applicant that wishes to contact PI TANZANIA on any matter related to the shortlisting process may do so but only by e-mail.

### PART VI: SHORTLISTING

#### 6.1 Notification to the Shortlisted Applicants

PI TANZANIA will notify all Applicants in writing via their registered e-mail addresses that they have been shortlisted to provide particular requirements for the Financial Years 2019 & 2021.

#### 6.2 Inspection

PI TANZANIA reserves the right to conduct a physical inspection of the premises of the Applicant at its own cost and discretion. If, after the inspection, it is deemed that the physical structure and quality of service equipment is unsatisfactory, then the Application will be rejected. PI TANZANIA reserves the right to verify all information submitted.

#### 6.3 Currency

All monetary/financial information furnished, must be quoted in Tanzania Shillings.

#### 6.4 Changes in Qualifications of Applicants

6.4.1 Applicants and those subsequently shortlisted or conditionally shortlisted shall inform PI TANZANIA of any material change of information that might affect their qualification status. Providers may be required to update key shortlisting information at the time of bidding.

6.4.2 Prior to contract award, the best evaluated bidder may be required to confirm its continued qualified status in a post-qualification review process.







# Reimagining utilities as a way to end energy poverty

By **Selestino Babungi**

If the world is to provide electricity to all by 2030, utilities and off-grid renewable energy providers must join forces.

For over a century, countries have struggled to find affordable and sustainable ways to ensure that all citizens have access to reliable electricity.

In sparsely populated regions in sub-Saharan Africa and developing Asia, utilities, in particular, have grappled with the challenge of finding a financially viable way to deliver affordable, reliable power to the unelectrified using centralized generation and transmission.

In fact, all but two utilities of 39 in sub-Saharan Africa are loss-making ventures. The majority of sub-Saharan Africa suffers grid inefficiencies that affect billions of people every day, including transmission and distribution losses as high as 50 percent, and service interruptions of over 500 hours per year in some countries.

At the same time, a reliance on the centralized utility model to deliver energy to rural and peri-urban areas has left nearly 1 billion people without access to energy.

Stepping into this market gap, hundreds of private-sector companies (focused on household solar and mini-grids) have emerged in the past decade to offer a different and decentralized approach. The companies have raised \$1.7 billion to help end energy poverty (70% of that since 2016) and provided improved electricity to as many as 360 million people.

Yet utilities and the private sector rarely communicate with each other or collaborate on electrification projects, either viewing each other as competition or worse, inconsequential to national electrification plans.

This is one reason why the total number of unelectrified people hasn't seen a significant shift. Clearly, working in silos is not creating the desired global development outcomes.

If the world is to succeed in ending energy poverty by 2030 (the aim of Sustainable Development Goal 7), utilities in low energy access countries and private sector companies must join forces to permanently "move the needle."

Developing countries have the unprecedented opportunity to create smarter grids, increase energy consumption and accel-



erate access, while cutting state losses and better serving consumers.

Advancing a future of energy that is digitized, decentralized and data-driven will enable grid and non-grid energy to better collaborate, in order to maximize connections and improve human lives. This is not a traditional utility-scale approach; this is

Utilities 2.0. Utilities 2.0, a framework for the future of energy in emerging markets, conceptualized by Power for All and a coalition of partners including Umeme, is seeking to accelerate the end of energy poverty.

Utilities 2.0 is rooted in the belief that energy markets can be designed today that combine centralized and decentralized

energy into an integrated, intelligent and interactive energy network that can deliver customer-centric, clean energy solutions at the lowest cost, in the fastest time.

Despite encouraging progress in recent years, we have not seen fundamental movement in absolute electrification levels since the 2012 launch of "Sustainable Energy for

All". It is time for a shift in strategy.

Decentralized solutions have much to offer centralized power providers, including a comprehensive access strategy for unelectrified rural populations. Indeed, as data accumulates about the value of technologies like mini-grids in accelerating connections, more low energy access countries are developing policies to speed decentralized connections in peri-urban and rural areas.

At the same time, utilities have a great deal of experience to offer decentralized companies, including how to deal with the challenges of scaling-up electricity infrastructure with low-consumption customers.

Accustomed to working with donors on large-scale, big-budget projects, incumbent utilities are savvy to the realities of regulatory oversight for energy infrastructure, and can help the private sector mature and prepare to expand to the level needed to achieve universal access.

Alone, neither centralized or decentralized energy is purpose-built to end energy poverty at scale. Together, however, innovative private companies and established utilities have the power to create a new frontier in the fight to end energy poverty.

In Uganda, Umeme and a handful of leading private companies not only believe in this vision - we are trying to make it a reality.

**Sir Muhammadu Sanusi I (1905-1990), the grandfather of the present Emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II reigned for only five years as Emir of Kano before he was forced to resign. He was said not to be in the good books of the authorities of the day due to his views which were considered offensive. He was perceived to be too independent minded by the political authorities and a web of intrigues were weaved around him in order to remove him as Emir. In the course of his reign, a panel was set up to investigate alleged misappropriation of the then Kano Native Authority's funds and the Emir alongside other members of the Native Authority were made to testify before the commission with D.J.M Muffet as sole commissioner.**

By **Abdulmumin Murtala**

WERE vetting Ganduje's bribe videos - Buhari

At the end of the inquiry, Muffet in his report advised the Regional Government that Sir Muhammadu Sanusi I should resign. He therefore tendered his resignation to the Governor of the Northern Region, Sir Kashim Ibrahim on 28th of March 1963.

It will appear that the present Emir, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi is facing same circumstances. He has made some salient points on the economy and some policies Governor Ganduje sees as offensive.

As a successful banker and risk manager with track records in the industry, Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, now Muhammadu Sanusi II, became the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria from where he later mounted the throne as the Emir of Kano after being suspended from office as CBN governor by the then Nigeria's President, Goodluck Jonathan when he alleged that \$20b was missing from the treasury.

The power elites in Kano state then, led by the Governor, Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso, who has now also turned into a political adversary of Governor Ganduje, despite public resistance by the public, were clearly instrumental in the selection of Sanusi II as the 14th Emir of Kano. He was turbaned on 8th of June 2014 after the death of his grand uncle and 13th Emir of Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero 1930-2014.

**Sanusi's 'sins'**

Sanusi II is known for his criticisms on matters of social and economic development in Kano and Nigeria at large, offering advice and suggestions even when they seem to be displeasing to the political powers especially on the Girl

Child Education and issues on family planning. His ordeals with the Kano state governor dated back to 2017.

In one of such bold reactions on government plans in April 2017 Sanusi II challenged the Kano state governor, Dr Abdullahi Ganduje while delivering a keynote address at a function in Kaduna, on the governor's plan to secure a loan of \$1.85b from a Chinese Development Bank that would fund 85% of a Light Rail project to be constructed by a Chinese company CR18G-CRECG. The project was for the construction of a 74 kilometer facility in the state with the intention of reducing traffic on the roads and to ease commercial activities.

Rubbing the plan, Sanusi II said that the plan to build the Light Rail project was built on a shaky foundation. He said, "we have governors, they go to China and spend one month on a tour and come back with MoU on debts.

"China will lend you \$1.8b to build light rail. This light rail will be done by workers from China, the trains will come from China, the engines will come from China, the labor will come from China while the driver is Chinese.

"At the end of the day, what do you benefit from them? Your citizens will ride on a train and when you ride on a train in northern Nigeria, in a state like Kano or Katsina, where are you going to? You are not going to industrial estate to work. You are not going to school. You are not going to the farm. You borrow money from China to invest in trains so that your citizens can ride on them to go for weddings and naming ceremonies."

This did not go down well with the political powers in the state and in a swift reaction, the State House of Assembly accused Sanusi

II of spreading false information against Governor Ganduje on his trip to China. He was also accused of spending the funds of the Emirate without the approval of the governor or the House of Assembly. As a result, a probe was established with a view to indicting him and subsequently dethroning him.

Also, Emir Sanusi II was accused of not supporting Ganduje but seen to have soft spot for the opposition candidate in the last general election that was declared inconclusive in Kano by the Independent National Electoral Commission INEC.

It was clear that Sanusi II was going to have problems with Governor Ganduje. On the day INEC declared Governor Ganduje winner of the inconclusive election, the APC supporters trooped to the Government House Kano to celebrate with the governor. In the course of the wild celebration they chanted songs calling for the removal of Sanusi II saying; "Tsohon gwamna sabon sarki" meaning "we support the incumbent governor and want a new Emir". They didn't stop there, they went to the Coronation House where the governor addressed them and they destroyed portraits and pictures of Emir Sanusi II.

However, Sanusi II managed to survive with the intervention of some dignitaries in the country among whom were Vice President Yemi Osinbajo, Sultan of Sokoto and former Presidents Ibrahim Babangida and Abubakar Abdulsalam. Following this intervention, the State Assembly as well as the Public Complaints and Anti-Graft Commission closed the case.

In a swift reaction, Sanusi II had no choice than to apologize to Governor Ganduje at a grand reception he organized in his honor at his palace asking him to be a forgiving leader.

**Creation of new Emirates**

Thereafter, the state government in a political move meant to cut Emir Sanusi II to size by creating four new Emirates of the same first class status as his as well as indict him for alleged misappropriation of funds in order to dethrone him. The State House of Assembly would, on one hand, ensure that the powerful Emirate was broken into five Emirates of the same status while, on the other hand, the State Public Complaints and Anti-Corruption Commission would reopen an earlier probe on the issue of the Emirates funds.

With this plan in place a petition by some legal practitioners in the state led by Mr Salisu Ibrahim called on the state Assembly to cre-

## Revealed: How Dangote saved Sanusi from being dethroned



ate four new Emirates by amending the Emirate law thereby cutting down the size of the Kano Emirate and revisiting history to upgrade some old chiefdoms. The assembly immediately consented and adopted it. Four additional first class Emirate Councils were then created by the Assembly within 48 hours in Karaye, Rano, Bichi and Gaya making Kano the fifth. Out of the former 43 local government areas under the Kano Emirate, only 10 are now under it in the new arrangement.

As the Assembly was deliberating on the Bill, the state governor revealed to newsmen that he would sign it to law as soon as it gets to his table. Subsequently the Assembly passed the amendment into law and the governor assented to it thereby making it the fastest law ever in this part of the country.

This action was however not without opposition from some concerned Kano citizens

A member of the royal house stated that Ganduje had erred by involving the institution of the Emirate arguing that the governor should have limited his action to Sanusi II by simply dethroning him and not breaking the Kano Emirate into five

Other concerned Kano citizens then went ahead to institute a suit against the move by the state Assembly. Ruling in an ex parte motion dated May 10, 2019, being Friday, and filed by Hon. Sule Gwarzo, Justice Nasiru Saminu restrained Governor Ganduje, Kano House of Assembly, the Speaker, Clerk of the Assem-

bly, the Attorney General and the state Printer from implementing the division of Kano into five Emirates.

In an order of interim injunction, the court directed all the parties in the suit to maintain the status quo pending the hearing and determination of the motion on notice.

It was not clear if this order was served on the parties concerned on Friday and Governor Ganduje went ahead to make appointments. He then issued staff of office to the newly appointed Emirs in the new Emirates at the weekend, while he received the court order on Tuesday, four days after.

Alhaji Ibrahim Abdulkadir was appointed as Emir of Gaya, Alhaji Tafida Abubakar II as Emir of Rano, Dr. Alhaji Ibrahim Abubakar II as Emir of Karaye while the son of the late Emir Ado Bayero, Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero was appointed as the Emir of Bichi.

On the other hand, the corruption charges were still on. The former Personal Secretary of Emir Sanusi II, Isah Bayero is among those to be quizzed by the panel even as he is now seen as a strong supporter of the moves by Governor Ganduje to unseat Emir Sanusi.

Isah was said to have evidence which would be used by investigators to prosecute the Emir who is charged with spending N6b without the consent of the state government or the Assembly. Some structures in palace were said to have been modernized by destroying the artifacts inherited from past Emirs.

Dangote's intervention saves Emir

Interestingly, there was no intervention from the Arewa Consultative Forum, the Sultan of Sokoto, other state governors or the Presidency on the matter. Sanusi II was therefore left to himself.

However, the business tycoon Aliko Dangote was said to have been the only one who, from the beginning pleaded with Governor Ganduje not to remove the Emir but Ganduje insisted.

Sources from government said the governor gave Dangote some conditions which must be met in order to save the Emir since the Emir would not stop criticising the government.

The source said "Governor Ganduje's response was that he told Dangote to go back and tell the Emir that he should choose from three alternatives: to resign on his own, to be removed from office or for the government to create additional Emirates in the state. Ganduje assured Dangote that one of the three options would be implemented by government since the Emir would not stop playing partisan politics. But for the quick intervention by Dangote, Ganduje would have dethroned the Emir", the source revealed.

In the meantime, Dangote Cement is Africa's leading cement producer with operations in 10 African countries, revenues in excess of US\$2.2 billion and 24,000 employees.

We are a fully integrated quarry-to-customer producer with production capacity of up to 45.6 million tonnes per annum (Mta) across Africa at the end of 2017.

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**Dangote Cement in Tanzania**

Our 3.0Mta plant in Mtwara - about 400km from Dar es Salaam - was commissioned in December 2015 and is the largest cement factory in Tanzania. With about 500 million tonnes of limestone reserves, enough for 149 years, the plant is capable of producing large amounts of high-quality 32.5 and 42.5 grade cements to meet local market needs at competitive prices, as well as surrounding export markets by sea.

With an estimated population of about 42 million, Tanzania's per-capita cement consumption of around 50kg per annum is well below the global average and low even for Africa. Tanzania's economy is expected to grow at an estimated 7.0% over the next five years, supported by the manufacturing, mining and tourism sectors. The improving performance of the economy has fueled strong growth in cement demand and the prospects remain favourable, given the linear relationship between economic growth and cement consumption.

# Diplomatic spat escalates over Philippines, Canada trash row

MANILA

**T**HE diplomatic spat between Manila and Ottawa has taken a turn for the worse after Canada failed to meet the May 15 deadline imposed by the Philippines to take back the tons of trash that the North American country illegally dumped in the Southeast Asian country from 2013 to 2014.

A day after the deadline lapsed on May 16, Philippine Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin tweeted that he ordered the Philippine ambassador and the consuls general to pull out of Canada.

On Friday, Philippine Ambassador to Canada Petronila Garcia landed in Manila, according to the Philippine media. "We shall maintain a diminished diplomatic presence in Canada until its garbage is ship bound there," Locsin added.

The "trigger," he said, was Canadian officials' failure to show up at a meeting with Philippine customs officials on May 15. "The fact alone that (Locsin) has recalled our diplomats there (Canada) shows that we are not only serious, but we're warning them that we're going to sever diplomatic relations with them," Philippine Presidential Spokesman Salvador Panelo said in a press briefing.

"Their refusal to bring back the garbage to their shores is disruptive to our diplomatic relations," he added.

Global Affairs Canada spokesperson Brittany Fletcher said on Friday that Canada is disappointed by the Philippines' decision to recall its top diplomats. However, she said in a statement that Canada will continue to closely engage with the Philippines to ensure a swift resolution of this important issue.

The garbage has been sitting in the Philippines for about six years. In 2013 and 2014, a private Canadian firm exported 103 shipping containers of garbage to the Philippines. Only 69 shipping containers are quarantined in two ports in Manila and Subic Freepport north of Manila.

Thirty-four of the containers were already disposed of. Even the ship-

ment was marked as recyclable scrap, the Philippine Bureau of Customs found the containers were consisting of household trash, plastic bottles and bags, newspapers, and used adult diapers.

From March 2014, the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines (DFA) has been appealing to the Canadian embassy in the Philippines to ship the garbage back to Canada.

After three months, then Canadian ambassador Neil Reeder responded to DFA that his government "has no domestic or international authority to compel the shipper to return the shipment to Canada."

However, he said Ottawa "would like to explore with the Philippines options for processing the rest of the shipment - in accordance with Philippine law - in the Philippines." Philippine environmental protection groups slammed Canada for its inaction.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, during his first visit to the Philippines to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in November 2015, assured the Philippine government that Canada was trying to come up with a solution to the issue but made no promise that the North American country can bring the trash back.

Two years later, when Trudeau visited Manila again to attend the ASEAN summit on November 2017, the Canadian prime minister said Canada amended its regulations in 2016 so that it was "theoretically possible" for Canada to bring back trash container in the Philippines.

However, he also said there were several obstacles like "who will pay for, where the financial responsibility is, where the consequence is."

This April, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte chastised Canada for failing to take action on the waste issue, threatening to forcibly ship the waste back to Canada and dump some at its embassy in Manila if the Canadian government continues to refuse to resolve the long-running issue.



Rodrigo Duterte: Philippines not a 'dump site' for Canadian waste

Duterte's tirade forced the Canadian government to issue a statement, saying it is committed to ship back the rotting garbage and that it will pay the full cost of shipping back the 69 shipping containers.

Later, Duterte set May 15 as the deadline for Canada to bring back the trash. The Department of Finance of the Philippines said in a statement on May 7 that Ottawa informed Manila there will be several weeks delayed because "bureaucratic red tape in the Canadian government has slowed down the process of re-exporting the trash

back to (Canada)."

As the Canadian government told its Philippine counterparts, the North American country missed the deadline and caused the recall of the Philippine diplomats.

Aaron Rabena, an associate research fellow from the Philippine Council for Foreign Relations said the Philippines has reason to be angry with Canada's longtime inaction. "Trash or garbage itself has an apparently negative connotation.

As the Philippine Senator Panfilo Lacson said, it has something to do

with national dignity. By sending trash to the Philippines, Philippine dignity and identity are being disregarded and debased," he told Xinhua in a written interview.

It's a long-existed issue that foreign countries, especially developed countries, keep exporting hazardous waste to the Philippines.

Environmental experts say importers of foreign garbage falsely declared by private firms as recyclable plastic scraps. Reynaldo San Juan, the deputy executive director of local environmental group Ban Toxics told Xinhua that "technical smuggling" of waste is "quite rampant" in the Philippines.

It is a widespread practice and is used as a common tool to bypass customs officials to allow contraband items, such as the Canadian trash," he said.

"This practice continues because of money. It is cheaper to dispose of the waste in developing countries like the Philippines, where labor is cheap, environmental and health regulations are difficult to enforce.

Thus, rich countries take advantage of their economic position to leverage poorer countries to accept the waste, in the guise of recycling," he said.

San Juan said "poorer countries need to provide jobs to its people, and they think recycling toxic waste or harmful garbage is a way to generate jobs. It is unfortunately a misguided policy that is pushed by countries like Canada."

The Philippines environmental group also accuse Canada of violating the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes, a 27-year-old international treaty designed to reduce and control the movement of hazardous wastes between countries.

It specifically prohibits the export of hazardous wastes from rich to developing countries, like the

Philippines. Both the Philippines and Canada are parties to the Basel Convention. "Canada is actually in violation of international law for the past six years.

Under the Basel Convention, Canada should have taken back their waste six years ago when the Philippines asked them to take it back," San Juan added. "For all its bluster as a good global citizen, Canada is a hypocrite when it comes to its observance of its Basel Convention obligations," he said.

The Chinese government has introduced a tightened ban on solid waste imports. Thirty-two types of solid waste have been banned from imports since the end of 2018.

According to the General Administration of Customs of China, imports of plastic, paper, and metal waste totaled 2.65 million tons in the first two months of 2019, down 22.9 percent from the same period last year.

San Juan said the Philippines should follow the China example, adding that "China has been a leader in protecting its borders from toxic waste." "We think the Philippines will be well served to follow China to ensure protection against toxic waste dumping, and also plastics import ban.

China and the Philippines should work together with other Asian countries to protect Asia from toxic waste dumping," San Juan said.

The Philippine government and its people hope the trash issue between Canada and the Philippines can be solved rapidly. Local experts agree that through this protracted bilateral dispute, more and more Filipinos start to notice and pay attention to the garbage importing issue. Rabena said he believed that in the future "there will be stricter laws and regulation" in the Philippines for the foreign company to export garbage to this country. **Xinhua**



Embassy of the United States of America

## U.S. MISSION DAR ES SALAAM VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Mission in Dar es Salaam is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the positions below.

- Position Title: Plumber**  
**Vacancy Number: TANZ-2019-019**
- Position Title: Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Mechanic**  
**Vacancy Number: TANZ-2019-020**

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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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Implementation of Child Protection and Child Right Governance community Interventions

Coverage: Songwe region (Mbozi district)

Expected start date: July 2019.

Save the children, International invites Tanzanian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with physical presence in Songwe Region to implement the Child Protection and Child Rights Governance project.

#### Background

In 2018, Save the Children Tanzania developed and launched a three-year strategic plan (2019-2021) aligned to the Save the Children's Ambition for Children 2030. The strategic plan spells out 15-year commitments to Save the Children strategic breakthroughs and more specific goals over the 2019- 2021 period specifically in the thematic areas of Child Protection and Child Rights Governance focusing on community-based activities in Mbozi district.

#### Programmatic Focus Areas

Under Child Protection, Save the Children Tanzania is focusing on following subthemes to ensure protection for children:

- Child Protection system strengthening
- Protection of children from violence

Under Child Rights Governance, Save the Children Tanzania is focusing on following subthemes to strengthen:

- Monitoring and demanding child rights with children
- Governance capacity to deliver child rights
- Advocacy on ending child marriage and increase of budget allocations for children

Implementation period: July 2019 – Dec 2021

If you are interested in submitting a proposal/bid, please refer the link below that has a detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and application form.

<https://tanzania.savethechildren.net/partnership-expression-interest>

Applicants should submit their documents in sealed envelopes (separating technical and financial) marked "Songwe CP/CRG Proposal" on the envelope or through email on [Tanzania.Tenders@savethechildren.org](mailto:Tanzania.Tenders@savethechildren.org) by 10th June 2019 on or before 4:00 p.m. Any proposal received after the indicated time shall be rejected.

#### Tender Committee

Save the children International – Tanzania  
Country Office, Plot No. 257 Kiko Avenue, Mwai Kibaki Road, Mikochei  
P.O. BOX 1041, Dar es Salaam - Tanzania

"Evaluation of the proposals will be done based on SCI procurement guidelines.  
Only successful applicant will be contacted."

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# African governments called upon to strengthen disaster risk governance

By Guardian Reporter, Geneva

AFRICAN governments have been urged to understand disaster risk, strengthen disaster risk governance, invest in resilience, and enhance disaster preparedness.

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Mami Mizutori made the call here during the ongoing sixth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting has been organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and hosted by the government

of Switzerland.

She said that to realize that governments should come up with better strategies to manage risks to human life and material property, ranging from air pollution and biological hazards, through to earthquakes, drought, and climate change.

The UN official said that there is an urgent need for governments to take practical action on the implementation of Sendai framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, which outlines seven clear targets and four priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks.

Mizutori said the Sendai framework set five targets and

seven indicators, and 192 agreed to implement for the betterment of their people and economic.

She noted that the UNDRR global assessment report on disaster risk reduction outlines major potential risks to human life and property, including climate change, air pollution, biological hazards and prolonged drought.

According to her, the report points out what should be done to reduce risk and having sustainable plans for infrastructures and urbanisation. And it also notify the new risks emerging, including where an extreme weather event realises, a hidden technological risk, causing disruption with cascading impacts on business continuity.

Mizutori said: "If the government do not adopt appropriate strategies to manage risk, then these threats could slow or even reverse progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)."

"The world faces new, emerging, and much larger threats than ever before, linked to climate change, environmental degradation, and the growing potential for one disaster to produce or exacerbate another."

"Extreme changes in planetary and socio-ecological systems are happening now; we no longer have the luxury of procrastination. If we continue living in this way, engaging with each other and the planet in the way we

do, then our very survival is in doubt," said Mizutori.

She also warned that unsustainable patterns of economic activity hide the build-up of systemic risks across sectors citing for example, dangerous over dependence on single crops in an age of accelerating global warming.

"We witness severe inequalities of burden sharing between low and high income countries, with the poorest bearing the highest toll and greatest costs of disasters. Human losses and asset losses relative to GDP tend to be higher in the countries with the least capacity to prepare, finance and respond to disasters and climate change, such as in small island developing States."

There is growing potential for one disaster to produce or exacerbate another as happens often in the case of heavy rains which trigger landslides and mudslides following wildfires or periods of long drought, she said.

"If governments do not adopt appropriate strategies to manage risk, then these threats could slow or even reverse progress towards the SDGs, notably eradicating poverty and hunger, and action on climate change," she added.

"The human race has never before faced such large and complex threats. The doubling of extreme weather events over the last twenty years is further evidence that we need a new approach to managing disaster risk

if we are to limit disaster losses. Economic losses are making it an uphill battle to hold on to development gains in low and middle income countries," said Mizutori.

"At the same time, the resilience gap between rich and poor is made worse by poorly-planned urbanisation, environmental degradation and population growth in disaster exposed areas which add to a complex cocktail of risk which drives internal displacement and migration in search of a better life."

Adopted by UN Member States in 2015, the Sendai Framework aims to reduce the impact of disasters in terms of mortality, numbers of people affected, and economic loss. It requires.

## Nutrition and agro-ecology project relieves villagers from poverty trap

By Beatrice Philemon

ASHA Ramadhani one of villagers in Ntondo village, Singida Rural District who have benefited from a three-year project known as Singida Nutrition and Agro-ecology Project (SNAP).

The project was established in the district to promote agro-ecology and gender equality involving women farmers, promote food security and enhance women's role at household and community level.

Implemented in 20 villages in Singida district, SNAP is coordinated by ActionAid Tanzania with support from US-based McKnight Foundation.

For Asha, who is a mother of four, SNAP is an eye-opener in her life. Through the project she is able to feed her family, pay school fees for her children, built modern house (by village standards).

After attending several training on the project, Asha is now able to train other villagers on agro-ecological farming, gender equality and nutrition issues. She also trains other women on how to cook nutritious foods for children from six months to 2 years to reduce stunting rates and malnutrition among children at home.

"I'm thankful for the SNAP project; right now, I can make a wide range of nutritious food including making Bajia snacks from cowpeas, soybeans, pigeon pea, and other crops and sell it in different schools within the village to raise income and help people improve their nutrition status something which wasn't the case in the past," a 34-year-old woman says, adding:

"The money I get from selling bajia snacks

and agro ecological farming activities, I used to build a modern house, four cows, ox plough for agro ecological farming and paying school fees for my children."

In her 6 acres of land, Asha grows bambara nuts, sorghum, maize, ground nuts, pigeon pea, and cowpeas for domestic and commercial use. Asha is among thousands of farmers in the district who are benefiting from the project, which provided room for villagers to engage in agro-ecology farming.

Apart from engaging in business, and farming, Asha has managed to set up a women's group that comprise 30 women at Ntondo village and train them on how to keep their environment clean and all issues related to nutrition.

"I have decided to train them on environmental issues after discovering that majority of women in the village were not cleaning their houses, something which contributed to diseases. To me, environment is everything and has a big contribution to children health," she says, lauding ActionAid Tanzania and other players for coming up with the project that has changed women's mindsets.

Abdi Juma, a 24-year-old farmer also expresses his satisfaction over the project, saying before the project, villagers were very difficult, people were eating one meal per day, stunting rate was very high, food was very few and low dietary diversity and farmers have a little knowledge, there was high levels of gender inequality and high workloads for women.

"Right now my life has changed, I can eat two-three meals per day," he says.

During the implementation of the project, farmers were trained on agro ecological



Efforts to boost safety in progress along a section of Dar es Salaam's Chang'ombe-Temeke Road, as captured at the weekend. Photo: John Badi

methods, gender equality and nutrition issues as well received assorted varieties of legumes seed to plant in their farms.

Main legume seed varieties which were offered to small scale farmers include pigeon peas, cowpeas, ground nuts, beans and soy beans.

ActionAid Tanzania, Livelihoods and Local Right Programme Manager, Elias Mtinda says currently about 1,200 households, 8,800 people in 20 villages in Singida district have been benefited from SNAP.

Under the SNAP project, the smallholder farmers were trained by experts from ActionAid Tanzania, Cornell University, Nelson Mandela University and Ilonga Agricultural Research Institute on agro-ecology methods, gender equal-

ity and nutrition issues.

So far the project has provided room for villagers to enhance food security at household level, improve soil fertility in their farms, improved their lives and nutrition status of children at Ntondo village including other villages has greatly improved due to the legumes which they eat than in the past years.

Farmers were trained on how to make traditional pesticides to control pests that destroy their crops in farms and utilize it, process flours from different legumes and utilize it at home, improve nutrition status and set up extra small businesses to raise their income.

Some of the beneficiaries managed to build modern houses, purchase traditional carts for

carrying water, food as additional business, raise food production and other issues.

Farmers are currently using a number of indigenous varieties of legumes seeds to plant in their farms and men are now acknowledging the contribution made by women after perceived the benefit of the SNAP project.

A total of 40 mentor farmers from 20 villages have received trainings on agro ecological methods, nutrition and gender issues through trainings and exposure visit which was held in Malawi.

Mentors carry out monthly home visit to teach their fellow farmers about healthy infant and young children feeding practices, agro ecological methods, and nutrition and gender equality issues.

## IFC case study: Tanzanian consumer goods company expands to Rwanda

By Christine Wambaa

IN East Africa, a region with some of the world's fastest-growing economies, six countries - Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda - are increasingly interconnected. Lower tariffs, freer movement of goods and people, and reduced bottlenecks such as restrictions on services, have helped many businesses expand operations.

In Kigali, Rwanda, for instance, business is booming for Bakhresa, a company that pro-

duces wheat flour. Originally founded in Tanzania 44 years ago, Bakhresa expanded its operations into Rwanda in 2010. Its entrance into the market lowered the price of wheat flour, making it an easily accessible commodity for all in Rwanda. The effects reverberated across the local economy as entrepreneurs prospered and jobs were created.

Hanifa Nyiragumuriza is a food vendor who lives in Kigali. Her workday begins shortly after sunset and ends only as the sun begins to rise over the lush hills of Rwanda's capital. Nyiragu-

muriza prepares steaming batches of chapatti and mandazi (doughnut-like pastries) throughout the early-morning hours to satisfy hungry workers finishing late-night shifts.

The baked goods are a treat for her customers. For Nyiragumuriza, 52, and her family, they're a steady source of income that's helping build a better future. "This business has helped me pay school fees for my 10 children," says Nyiragumuriza, serving customers in her dimly lit food stall.

Today, flour is a key ingredient in the foods

on Nyiragumuriza's daily menu. But for many years this basic commodity was too costly for her - and most other street cooks in Rwanda.

Until recently, one company only controlled Rwanda's flour production and it couldn't meet the country's demand for wheat. Because of the lack of choice and high prices, flour was simply unaffordable for many food vendors like Nyiragumuriza, who would sell mainly vegetable- and meat-based dishes. "I sold fried potatoes, cassava, and chicken for many years, but their popularity was gradually waning, and

I had to think of new ways to get my customers back."

Bakhresa noticed that wheat was in short supply - and saw an opportunity to enter the Rwandan market.

Timing was everything. In 2011 the government of Rwanda had set up a special economic zone (SEZ) to encourage new businesses, and Bakhresa Rwanda was one of the first to set up: It established a subsidiary, Bakhresa Rwanda, in Kigali's SEZ.

## UNIDO, Italy further strengthening cooperation with focus on Africa and innovative partnerships

ROMA

THE Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Li Yong, spoke at the opening ceremony of the 'International Cooperation Expo: job creation and innovation for sustainable development' (EXCO 2019), which was organized under the patronage of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, the European Commission and IFAD.

"I welcome the organization of the EXCO, as it is very clear that the ambitious goals of the 2030 Agenda cannot be achieved by one country or by one institution alone," said Li. "Our experience shows that a multilateral approach, and particularly working in partnerships, is key to addressing

these challenges."

The UNIDO Director General then opened the UNIDO International Award Ceremony, 'Innovative ideas and technology on agribusiness', as well as the 'EXCO 2019 Hackathon: solutions for sustainable development', with both also taking place in the Fiera di Roma. Organized by the UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) in Italy jointly with the Future Food Institute, the Award Ceremony invited submissions of the best technologies and the most innovative and sustainable worldwide solutions in the agriculture and agro-industry sectors.

"The role of UNIDO and in particular the interventions by our ITPO network to transfer new technologies and sustainable production models including investments are fundamental to overcome barriers and help

countries achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda," said the UNIDO Director General. "Indeed, this award aims to support developing countries with innovative models to increase production in a sustainable manner and to build a resilient agribusiness environment."

Li also met with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Emanuela Claudia Del Re, to discuss scaling-up interventions in the agribusiness sector, including with long-standing private sector partners such as Illy Caffè, also how to benefit from the important expertise and interest of the Italian private sector. During their meeting, the Director General and the Deputy Minister also discussed opportunities to diversify the ongoing cooperation to new sectors of mutual interest, such as energy and the environment.



Li Yong Director General of the UNIDO

# Eschewing politics of deception in Ethiopia

By Special Correspondent

HERE is a broad consensus that party politics in Ethiopia, which dates close to half a century, has by and large been the anti-thesis of democracy. From left-leaning parties responsible for Red Terror, one of the darkest chapters in modern Ethiopian history, to the parties existing today the vast majority are alien to the fundamental principles of democracy.

Parties that live up to their name are wellsprings of policy alternatives; they are institutions articulating the views and interests of the public and the birth place of future leaders; they enable individuals and groups to pursue different political goals in an organized manner; they serve as platforms for the unfettered expression of diverse ideas; they are forums guided by a certain school of thought and course of action which gain acceptance after critical discourse; and they epitomize transparency and accountability. Are present-day parties prepared to embody these attributes? Do they possess the capacity to eschew the politics of lies and deliver good governance. These and similar other questions demand an answer.

Though it's undeniable that political parties play a vital role in the process of democratization, the fact that over 100 registered parties are operating in Ethiopia has sparked an intense conversation. The merger of like-minded parties in recent weeks has given rise to hope that such consolidation will eventually result in the survival of a few strong parties and bodes well for the country and its people.

This said political parties of all stripes must first and foremost practice democracy internally. Preaching about democracy without living it first is the height of hypocrisy. It's an open secret that practically all parties are the personal properties of their founders or



leaders. Such a state of affairs needs to be fundamentally changed if they are to become democratic themselves and adopt a pragmatic program reflective of the reality on the ground. The journey to democracy cannot succeed with the usual politics of lies.

A party conversant with the tenets of democracy and is committed to their implementation continually strives to deepen the political consciousness of its members and keeps abreast of local and global developments to help it make the right decision; its door is always open to frank discussions so as to forge a unity of purpose and action among members; it institutes a transparent and accountable system which has no place for rumor-mongering, conniving and backbiting; it enlists professionals and researchers to generate policies and strategies that appeal to voters; and it engages in a deliberate effort to purge itself of outdated habits and takes up attitudes and action in keeping with the times.

This is instrumental in ensuring that

its members are informed, principled and set a positive example. Ethiopia has no need for ignorant parties that are intolerant of anyone who does not subscribe to their belief. An uninformed politician is akin to a rudderless ship. Sticking with the tired politics of deception is bound to rob one of credibility. A party lacking credibility can barely survive as a viable entity let alone accomplish its objectives.

These days the proponents of citizen politics and ethnic politics are engaged in animated discussions. It's sad and indeed a weakness to turn the differences between the two ideologies into an acrimonious battle. Isn't it possible to conduct a civilized dialogue among the advocates of both sides without name calling or labeling? Can't the divergence between them be accommodated democratically?

There is no reason why these

rival schools of thought need to become sources of intractable conflicts. As the public is the ultimate arbiter of which one it wants to go with the defenders of each camp ought to best the other with superior ideas.

It's impractical to engineer the hegemony of one of the ideologies but try wipe out the other. The objective conditions in Ethiopia now allow the free expression of all sorts of ideas.

Given the relatively broader political space prevailing in the country therefore resorting to bigotry is essentially not only undemocratic, but also irrational. Neither the public nor the nation has any use for parties which brandish democratic-sounding names but in practice reek of totalitarianism.

Ethiopia does not need a plethora of feeble political parties. The member parties of the ruling Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary

Democratic Front (EPRDF) and its allies are in preparations to form a single national party. Meanwhile, some seven parties merged last week to create a new national party and a further five parties did the same this week. The consolidation is expected to continue apace and in due course winnow down the number of parties to a few.

This goes a long way towards ridding Ethiopian politics of archaic attitudes and traditions and putting an end to the long-running politics of deception perpetrated at the hand of parties comprised of cheats and self-serving individuals with an axe to grind. What Ethiopia needs are a few strong parties committed to serving the public, not a horde of weaklings that thump their chests whenever elections come around and disappear when they are over. If Ethiopia is to steer on the right path which benefits its people the politics of deception must be eschewed.

Ethiopia officially the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia is a country in the Horn of Africa. It shares borders with Eritrea to the north, Djibouti to the north-east, Somalia to the east, Sudan and South Sudan to the west, and Kenya to the south. With over 102 million inhabitants, Ethiopia is the most populous landlocked country in the world and the second-most populous nation on the African continent. It occupies a total area of 1,100,000 square kilometres (420,000 sq mi), and its capital and largest city is Addis Ababa.

Some of the oldest skeletal evidence for anatomically modern humans has been found in Ethiopia. It is widely considered as the region from which modern humans first set out for the Middle East and places beyond. According to linguists, the first

Afroasiatic-speaking populations settled in the Horn region during the ensuing Neolithic era. Tracing its roots to the 2nd millennium BC, Ethiopia's governmental system was a monarchy for most of its history. In the first centuries AD, the Kingdom of Aksum maintained a unified civilization in the region, followed by the Ethiopian Empire circa 1137. During the late 19th-century Scramble for Africa, Ethiopia was one of two nations to retain its sovereignty from long-term colonialism by a European colonial power. Many newly-independent nations on the continent subsequently adopted its flag colours. The country was occupied by Italy in 1936 and became Italian Ethiopia (part of the Italian East Africa) until 1941. Ethiopia was also the first independent member from Africa of the 20th-century League of Nations and the United Nations. In 1974, the Ethiopian monarchy under Haile Selassie was overthrown by the Derg, a communist military government backed by the Soviet Union. In 1987, the Derg established the People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, but it was overthrown in 1991 by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, which has been the ruling political coalition since.

Ethiopia and Eritrea use the ancient Ge'ez script, which is one of the oldest alphabets still in use in the world. The Ethiopian calendar, which is approximately seven years and three months behind the Gregorian calendar, co-exists alongside the Borana calendar. A majority of the population adheres to Christianity (mainly the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church and Pent'ay), whereas around a third follows Islam (primarily Sunni). The country is the site of the Migration to Abyssinia and the oldest Muslim settlement in Africa at Negash.

## Gap between rich and poor 'keeps growing'

By Anthony Reuben

THE gap between the rich and the poor keeps widening, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) says.

In its 34 member states, the richest 10 per cent of the population earn 9.6 times the income of the poorest 10 per cent.

There is no standard measure of inequality, but most indicators suggest it slowed or fell during the financial crisis and is now growing again.

The OECD warns that such inequality is a threat to economic growth.

The report says this is partly because there is a wider gap in education in the most unequal countries, which leads to a less effective workforce.

OECD member states include most of the European Union as well as developed economies such as the US, Canada, Australia and Japan.

One of the factors that the OECD blames for growing inequality is the growth in what it calls non-standard work, which includes temporary contracts and self-employment.

The OECD says that since the mid-1990s more than half of all job creation in its member states has been in non-standard work. It says that households dependent on such work have higher poverty rates than other households and that this has led to greater inequality.

It also says that tax and benefit systems have become less effective at redistributing income.

On the other hand it says that one of the factors limiting the growth in inequality has been the increasing number of women working.

The report says that one of the few areas where inequality has not been growing in the last 30 years has been Latin America, although levels of inequality were much higher there to start with.

Analysis: Robert Peston, economics editor

The main theory the OECD puts forward for why inequality and growth are negatively correlated is that poorer people invest less in their own education and self-improvement - which is why its main anti-inequality prescriptions are government investment in skills and education, and a focus on a



promoting better quality jobs.

Strikingly it isn't saying that the best way to greater equality and faster growth is to soak the rich. Instead it wants activism focused on raising the living standards of the poorest, especially the poorest 40 per cent.

It calculates, therefore, that if living standards in the UK for poorer people were raised to the relative levels of France - that if so-called "bottom inequality" was reduced by half of a standard deviation (to use the jargon) - annual growth in national income or GDP would rise by 0.3 per cent every year for 25 years.

That's not to be sniffed at. It would represent increasing our current growth rate by around 13 per cent.

One of the best-known commentators on inequality is Prof Joe Stiglitz from Columbia Business School. He told BBC News that the problem was not just with lack of training and education.

"What we've seen, particularly in the last 15 years, is that even those who are college graduates have seen their incomes stagnate. The real problem is the rules of the game are stacked for the monopolists, the CEOs [chief ex-

ecutives] of corporations."

"CEOs today get pay that's roughly 300 times that of ordinary workers - it used to be 20 or 30 times. No increase in productivity justifies this change in relative compensation."

Behind the OECD averages there is a considerable range in the degrees of inequality in each country.

Household wealth The Gini coefficient is a figure showing how well income is distributed across a country. A coefficient of zero would mean everybody was paid the same amount, while one would mean all the money was earned by one person.

The average across the OECD was 0.32. Chile had the highest at 0.50, indicating that income distribution there was the most unequal, while Denmark was the lowest at 0.25, making it the most equal.

The UK and US were both near the top of the rankings with coefficients of 0.35 and 0.40 respectively.

One of the report's authors,

Mark Pearson from the OECD, told BBC News: "It's not just income that we're seeing being very concentrated - you look at wealth and you find that the bottom 40 per cent of the population in rich countries have only 3 per cent of household wealth whereas the top 10 per cent have over half of household wealth."

"So that combination of both wealth and income being very concentrated, it means there is no equality of opportunity in many societies and that undermines our growth."

Research from the Institute for Policy Studies found that in 2014, bonuses paid to Wall Street employees had been double the total annual pay earned by all Americans who worked full-time at the federal minimum wage.

I crunched the numbers and it turned out that the same was true for the UK.

But is this actually a good measure of inequality? If a load of people earning minimum wage suddenly received a pay rise then bonuses would become an even

greater multiple of minimum wage salaries.

One of the most commonly used measures of inequality is the Gini Coefficient, which gives countries a score between zero and one. A score of zero would mean that everybody in the country earned the same amount while one would indicate that all of the country's income was earned by one person. It can also be used to measure wealth inequality.

The Gini Coefficient is more than 100 years old now, and attention in inequality has been turning recently to measures that concentrate more on comparing extremes in the population - for example, looking at what proportion of wealth is held by the richest 1 per cent of the population and what proportion is held by the bottom 50 per cent.

Earlier in the year, Oxfam predicted that the combined wealth of the richest 1 per cent would overtake that of the other 99 per cent of people next year. There were problems with the way the charity extrapolated that conclu-

sion from previous years' figures, but the conclusion was not implausible.

The figures were based on some research by Credit Suisse, which estimated the distribution of wealth across global populations. A third way to think about inequality is in terms of poverty measured by relative incomes.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) had figures out on Wednesday based on the definition that people were in poverty if their income was below 60 per cent of the median level (to find the median income, line up all the people in the country in order of income and take the middle one).

It found that almost a third of the UK population had experienced poverty in at least one of the years between 2010 and 2013, which is very high by European standards.

The OECD sets out a summary of what has happened to examples of all three of these measures. Across its 34 member countries, the Gini Coefficient rose gradually from 1996, fell slightly for the financial crisis and then resumed its upward path.

Relative-income poverty grew steadily over the period and a comparison of the top 10 per cent and bottom 10 per cent showed growing inequality that paused briefly for the financial crisis before accelerating.

So while there are a number of different ways of calculating inequality, each of which have their own strengths and weaknesses, they seem to agree that inequality has been growing in recent years.

But these measures tell us little about other inequalities such as health, education or opportunities.

A student at university would be expected to have a low income and indeed negative wealth because of student debt, but would not necessarily be in poverty.

In health, the ONS found a gap of 18 or 19 years in the life expectancy of people in the most and least deprived areas.



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## Uber not disclosing amount paid as drivers, appreciation rewards following listing in US

By Francis Kajubi

CASH payments given to Uber subscribed drivers in the country following the ride hailing company's listing in the US will not be disclosed due to contract privacy restrictions.

Nairobi based Uber Communications Manager for West and Sub Sahara Africa, Francesca Uriri said in a written emailed response that although some local drivers received the bonus payments, contracts signed between the parties restrict disclosure.

"Due to global data privacy and protection laws, we are unable to share specifics of the driver appreciation rewards in Tanzania," Uriri said in the statement while responding to Smart Money's questions relating to the subject.

"We fully remain committed to impacting the lives of driver-partners and riders in Tanzania," she added in her brief statement which also did not give numbers of drivers who have benefitted from the payments locally.

Soon after listing at New York Stock Exchange last month, Uber drivers globally received some cash payments as a result of the ride hailing company's share appreciation after listing with some \$300 million shared among them globally.

Uber member drivers in the US, Europe and South Africa received up to \$40,000 each in compensation after the listing. Some local

Uber drivers however said that they received payments

However, Uber South Africa has disclosed the figures of the money remitted in this way.

The Uber based company had said in a statement in April that it would pay around \$300 million to its more than a million drivers worldwide.

"To acknowledge drivers who have participated in our success, we are paying a one-time cash driver appreciation reward to qualifying drivers in jurisdictions where we operate through owned operations," Uber South Africa said in a statement published late this April.

Uber drivers in the US received one of six different cash rewards based on the number of trips they have completed. Drivers received \$100 if they completed 2,500 trips by April 7th this year, up to \$40,000 for 40,000 trips. One of Uber's drivers in Dar es Salaam Abdallah Hafidhi (48) said he received 37,000/- through his mobile phone accompanied by a message that indicated that the money was sent by his employer as an appreciation of his contribution to the company.

Shaban Juma (35) also said he received 54,000/- also through his mobile phone.

"I have worked for almost a year and without expecting, I received 54,000/- as a reward for working with Uber," Juma said. Uber Tanzania officials also rejected to give details of the payments.



An Uber rickshaw on the road in Dar es Salaam. File photo.

## Halotel, Visa ink deal to allow Halopesa subscribers transact internationally

By Beatrice Philemon

HALOPESA subscribers can now use their mobile handsets to transact internationally using Visa International cards thanks to a five year strategic partnership signed between the two parties.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam this week after the signing ceremony, Halotel Tanzania Limited's Deputy Managing Director, Nguyen Tien Dung and Visa Country Manager in Tanzania, Olive Njoroge, said the partnership dubbed, HaloPesa Visa on Mobile, will allow subscribers use both platforms to transact globally.

Dug said Halotel is pleased to partners with the US based card payment system giant in enabling its local subscribers access to global services through their mobile hand-

sets. "Visa on mobile enables consumers to access their funds directly from their bank accounts via their mobile banking applications to pay merchants, send money to individuals at no transaction fee as well as deposit or withdraw cash at any Visa agent," Dung noted.

He said the main goal is to connect more Tanzanians to Visa's global payment system, bringing secure and convenient mobile commerce for consumers and merchants in the local market.

"Also through the partnership, HaloPesa will offer consumers the option to pay a merchant with interoperable Visa QR Codes that are being rolled out as part of Visa on Mobile expansion in the market," he added. Halotel becomes the first mobile phone services company in the country to join Visa International's

global payment system. HaloPesa which is one of the fastest growing mobile money platform in the market, saw its subscribers rise by a 71.76 percent in 2018, to 1.3 million from 780,000 in 2017.

Visa Country Manager Njoroge said her company made an initial announcement of their intent to partner with Halotel in October last year. "Today, we are happy to announce that at least one million registered wallet holders can now use Visa on Mobile on Halotel's mobile wallet, HaloPesa to securely make merchant payments and conduct cash deposits and withdrawals at Visa agents," she said.

Njoroge further noted that the partnership with Halotel will ensure many Tanzanians be able to transact globally using Visa on Mobile from over 40,000 new retailers that will

expand financial inclusion in the country.

"Digital and traditional modes of payments are converging to provide various customers with an array of financial solutions to fit their needs, from mobile banking platforms, instant mobile money loans and mobile wallets that allow them access their cash from anywhere and at any time using various digital devices," the Visa Tanzania Country Manager added.

In addition, through the partnership, 40,000 new mobile money agents have also been enabled to offer the service. Through HaloPesa, consumers have the option to pay a merchant with interoperable Visa QR Codes that have been rolled out as part of Visa on mobile expansion in the market.

Enrolled merchants have been

issued with a unique QR Code with a till number that customers can scan using a smartphone or enter key using a feature phone respectively to make payments.



Halotel deputy managing director Nguyen Ten Dung (R) exchanges MoU with Visa Country manager Tanzania Olive Njoroge (L) under which Halopesa subscribers will have the chance to make payments and conduct cash deposits and withdrawals at Visa agents. The agreement was signed in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

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Universal Communication Services Access Fund CEO Peter Ulanga (L) signs an agreement on rural communication services with Airtel Tanzania's Director of Corporate Communications, Beatrice Singano some years back. File photo.

## UCSAF salutes Airtel for good pace of extending communication to rural areas

By Smart Money Reporter

**A**IRTEL Tanzania Limited has been commended for speeding up the pace of extending communications services to rural areas of the country as the government targets universal communication.

Universal Communication Services Access Fund (UCSAF) Chief Operating Officer, Engineer Albert Richard said in Mwanza last week after visiting Sengerema district's Airtel implementation of extending mobile communication services to rural areas that Airtel is doing a commendable job.

Eng Richard said that the government has been in the forefront in making sure that telecommunication companies extend their services to most part of the country and especially in rural areas.

"Government has been using a lot of efforts to make sure that most parts of our country and priority being rural areas are covered by communication services. I'm happy that Airtel Tanzania has been very supportive and this communication tower we have visited here today is an example of that," Eng Richard said.

"I have learned that the communication tower can serve the entire district of Sengerema through Airtel network," the UCSAF COO who was accompanied by some board members to inaugurate the new tower, added.

The government through UCSAF has been working with some mobile phone service companies including Airtel to extend their communication towers to rural areas which have been sidelined for many years.

"When the public are assured of affordable communication services gives them time to perform other economic activities freely. I understand that most of you here are farmers, from now it is easy to get the market of your produce through your mobile phones as you are assured of affordable network," he pointed out.

Eng Richard further noted that for Sengerema residents, sending and receiving money through Airtel Money is now possible but also that with access to mobile phone services, the farmers will also get the price of their commodities through their mobile handsets.

Briefing the UCSAF board members, Airtel Tanzania's Manager for Lake Zone James Moilo said construction of the tower was one of the company's initiatives in implementing government through UCSAF's

plans to provide communication services to all Tanzanians and especially those living in rural areas.

"Our vision is to continue expanding our network by launching more communication towers aimed at making sure we cover most parts of the country. Airtel has been in forefront in making sure that quality communication services are available in remote areas and by doing so we believe we will be supporting Tanzanians living within the areas to improve their daily economic activities including agriculture, fishing and business," said Moilo.

"We do this putting in mind that economic activities like agriculture, fishing, mining and business are the main economic activities within the areas hence by connecting them through Airtel network we enable them improve their living

## Kenya borrows Sh210bn in third Eurobond loan

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KENYA has finally floated its planned third Eurobond issue, raising Sh210 billion (\$2.1 billion) in two tranches of seven and 12 years.

Treasury CS Henry Rotich said in a notice on Thursday that Kenya will pay interest at seven percent for the seven-year tranche and eight percent for the 12-year paper, although he did not disclose the split of the debt between the two tenors.

The bond was arranged by JPMorgan and Standard Chartered, and will be listed on the London Stock Exchange. A significant part of the money raised will go towards refinancing maturing debt, he said, with the rest meant to fill part of the budget deficit of Sh635.5 billion for the 2018/19 fiscal year.

"The proceeds from this issuance will be used to finance some of the development infrastructure projects, the general budgetary expenditure (in accordance with the applicable legal requirements) and to refinance part or all of the obligations outstanding under the \$750 million (Sh 75 billion-2014 Eurobond) due on June 24, 2019 and potentially part of the other debt obligations," said Mr Rotich in the notice.

External borrowing

Kenya's budget sets out external borrowing for the current fiscal year at Sh321 billion, part of which had already been met before Wednesday's Eurobond sale through bilateral loans and syndicated debt.

This is Kenya's third Eurobond. The country sold its debut \$2.75 billion (Sh275 billion) bond in June 2014 that



Kenya's Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich.

was made in two tranches of five years (Sh75 billion) and 10-years (Sh2billion).

In February last year, The Treasury floated its second bond, raising \$2 billion (Sh200 billion) in two equal tranches of Sh100 billion in 10 and 30-year tenors.

The latest sale is however likely to raise afresh the debate about Kenya's ballooning public debt and

the cost of servicing the repayment obligations.

Interest payments on both domestic and external debt stand at Sh386 billion in the current fiscal year, rising to Sh426.2 billion in 2019/20.

The country has also to raise in excess of Sh1 trillion to roll over maturities both domestically and for external loans.

## MTN Nigeria stock jumps after listing

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MTN Nigeria made a big splash yesterday, when it finally listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange.

It took just 16 minutes for the group's stock to jump 10% to 99 naira, from the listing price of 90 naira, which is the maximum possible move under Nigerian Stock Exchange rules, according to Bloomberg.

That values the telco at about two trillion naira (\$5.6 billion), making MTN Nigeria the second-biggest company on the NSE, after Dangote Cement and pushing Nestle Nigeria into third place.

The company's stock only traded for a short time on the bourse because a lengthy ceremony and speeches reportedly delayed the start of trade to 2:14pm local time, leaving only a brief window before the market closed for the day at 2:30pm.

The telco's stock on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) ticked up 1.14% yesterday on the back of the Nigeria listing, closing trade at R100.65 per share.

The listing of MTN Nigeria Communications Plc also helped the Nigerian All-Share index to close on a slight gain yesterday. Nigerian stocks have been struggling lately and are down 9.5% this year, according to Bloomberg data. They were on track for their ninth straight day of losses until MTN Nigeria's shares began trading and the All-Share closed up 0.5%, its best performance in almost a month.

The MTN group owns almost 79% of the Nigerian business and has been planning to list the Nigerian operation on the Lagos stock exchange for almost three years. It is now doing so in two parts, the first of which took place yesterday to allow existing Nigerian investors, who previously traded over-the-counter, to now trade publicly on the NSE.

At a still unknown future date, MTN will also sell more shares to the public, as it reportedly looks to increase local ownership of MTN Nigeria from just over 19% currently, to around 35%.

However, first the company needs to sort out a \$2 billion tax row with Nigeria's attorney general, which according to Reuters, is delaying a further sale of shares and a public offering. A court case between MTN and the attorney general over the matter was first scheduled for 8 November 2018 but has since been postponed a number of times and is now set for 26 June.

The Central Bank of Nigeria in August 2018 demanded MTN repatriate \$8.1 billion to Nigeria, which the bank said the company had sent abroad in breach of foreign exchange regulations, which MTN denied. In December 2018, MTN agreed to make an almost \$53 million payment to resolve the dispute, without admission of liability.

MTN Nigeria accounts for a third of the Johannesburg-based group's core profit and the telco had 60.3 million subscribers in Nigeria at the end of March 2019. The telco recently announced its earnings for the first quarter of 2019, recording 13.4% growth in service revenue in Nigeria and a 32.4% increase in data revenue.

Back in 2016, the mobile giant promised to make a secondary listing on the NSE as soon as it was commercially and legally possible as part of a 330 billion naira fine settlement arrangement with the Federal Government of Nigeria. The settlement came after MTN was slapped with a 1.04 trillion naira fine by the Nigerian Communication Commission in October 2015 for failing to meet a deadline to disconnect 5.1 million unregistered SIM cards in Nigeria.

MTN's primary listing is in South Africa on the JSE, and in May 2018 it also floated a 35% stake in its Ghanaian business on the Ghana Stock Exchange.



L-R: Former President, Nigerian Stock Exchange, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede; Chief Executive Officer, Nigerian Stock Exchange, Oscar Onyema; Chief Executive Officer, MTN Nigeria Communications Plc, Ferdi Moolman; Chairman, MTN Nigeria Communications Plc, Pascal Dozie; First Vice President, Nigerian Stock Exchange, Abubakar Mahmoud SAN and Non-Executive Director, MTN Nigeria Communications Plc, Gbenga Oyebo during the closing gong ceremony marking MTN Nigeria Communications Plc's listing on the Nigerian Stock Exchange in Lagos.

## Alliance formed to connect off-grid villages in Africa

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AFRICA Mobile Networks (AMN) and MNO-focused IT equipment supplier Vanu, Inc. have entered into an agreement to deliver mobile communication services to off-grid communities in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Under the agreement Vanu will supply mobile network infrastructure (including low TCO cell sites, mapping tools and network planning tools - as well as monitoring, optimisation and support services) to support AMN's mission to serve the region's rural communities.

Vanu and AMN aim to provide MNOs with a capital expenditure-free path to a fully-connected Africa and have already collaborated to provide coverage for approximately 1.1 million previously unserved people.

"While mobile network operators have significantly increased coverage in recent years, off-grid markets present unique challenges that have left 1.2 billion people without coverage," said Andrew Beard, chief executive officer of Vanu, Inc. AMN said it aims to build mobile network base stations serving rural communities which have no existing service.

Michael Darcy, AMN chief executive officer added: "The locations we operate are very challenging and we need solutions that reflect the unique requirements of our market. Using Vanu equipment and working together with Vanu's team, AMN has been able to create cost-effective solutions that (it) uses to increase subscribers, revenue and profit for our MNO customers."

## Gorongosa National Park makes first large coffee shipment to the US

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GORONGOSA National Park (PNG) in the central province of Sofala has just dispatched its first sizeable shipment of coffee to the United States of America.

'O Autarca' reports that this is the first large shipment ever

exported from Gorongosa - an initial 240 kg of high quality coffee destined for roasting in Idaho Falls. "We are very proud of the local farmers and the many people this first big shipment represents; people who work hard to get a cup of Gorongosa Tropical Forest Coffee in your

hands," a source at Gorongosa National Park said.

The PNG Gorongosa coffee project aims to start sustainable coffee production in the park to mitigate the effects of deforestation and climate change pressure, promote agribusiness and increase the income and

food security of rural households in the region.

The planting of the first nurseries began in 2013, and already about eighty local family farmers in the Gorongosa mountain range are involved in the cultivation of Arabica coffee, over an area of about 30

hectares. The project included the construction of a processing unit in the village headquarter of Gorongosa district, which is already fully operational.

The new "Gorongosa" brand, produced in Mozambique under environmentally friendly conditions and taking into

account its purpose of protecting the flora, is also associated with local tourist operations, including promotion to PNG tourists and guests.

But the increase in production is expected to scale up other marketing leads, including Mozambique's cities and the

international market, where placement is already guaranteed. Government authorities in Sofala have already expressed their enthusiasm for the initiative, which combines environmental protection with improving the lives of local people.

# Stay ahead of the curve: Agile business solutions to align with evolving business environment



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By Arjun Dhillon

IS your company seeking to align with the evolving digital innovations in the business world? If the answer is YES, then the digital pursuit is vital to stay ahead of the curve as digitisation has disrupted the status quo and transformed the way business is conducted at an astonishing rate.

Today, three things are fundamental to the success of a business; innovation, agility and real time solutions. Globally, the mobile device has become a solution provider for an array of services ranging from transport to food delivery.

Companies that fail to incorporate innovation and creativity in their business strategies are sure to become irrelevant in their industries; sooner, rather than later. In order to ensure the survival of companies, the global shift towards digital innovation calls for business solutions that cut across companies of all sizes.

Agile businesses that have adopted digital innovations and tapped into the opportunities have disrupted the industries in which they operate. The innovations vary depending on the prerequisites of the companies; larger corporates such as banks are continuously innovating to improve their performance.

They seek solutions that will add value and convenience to their clients and customers while simplifying their operations - keeping them competitive and positioned as digital champions. Banking, for example, has evolved remarkably and today, these transactions are performed by customers on the go via a mobile device, or online in the comfort of their homes or offices.

Mid-sized businesses, such as transportation companies, NGOs, and research organisations are equally keen for solutions that will enhance their competitive edge, efficiency and connectivity without diverting attention from their core business while, small sized enterprises and small home offices (SoHo) endeavour to manage their operations in the

smartest, most innovative yet cost effective ways possible.

Telco companies currently wear multiple hats using their core business, mobile network, to launch innovative solutions that enable businesses to remain relevant. Vodacom Tanzania's business unit recently rolled out innovative digital solutions that will allow companies to embed technology into every facet of their business.

These solutions include Internet of Things (IoT) which provides companies with around the clock connectivity to physical devices and everyday objects. Vodacom's network boasts the strongest and fastest 4G+ internet covering the vast Tanzania landscape so businesses, especially large corporates such as banks and transport companies are sure to simplify their operations, keep them competitive and have asset security.

Customer feedback is a vital component of a company's lifeline, as it allows for improvements to be made on products and service delivery. Through the Toll Free and Bulk SMS solutions, Vodacom's offering to companies helps them safeguard their future by collecting feedback, building a database, engage with customers and improve their day to day operations.

Businesses also need to stay connected at all times and from any location to maintain productivity without compromising on service

delivery. Tourism companies and NGOs frequently travel to remote areas which require mobility solutions such as, Internet, M-PESA, SIM manager as well as IoT Solutions to ensure that there is no disruption to the business activities.

There has been a need for technological evolution in the agriculture sector in order to meet the rising demands of produce. Telecom companies have developed platforms that provide digital services to agricultural sector such that businesses, agricultural input suppliers, corporate societies and other stakeholder be able to register farmers, input suppliers and all related information about farming, into a digital database that is accessible easily at your palm.

Tanzania has seen a mushrooming of small and mid-sized businesses that require technology to take their businesses to the next level. These companies are keen on security and cost saving solutions as well as connectivity, relevance in the market and improved operations.

Cloud computing, Sim manager, connected car are just a snapshot of agile business products designed to cater for these businesses. As consumers' demand for real time and innovative solutions increases, only companies that invest in improving their business operations will remain relevant.

Wednesday, rival Tencent posted earnings that topped estimates even as revenue growth slowed to the lowest since its 2004 initial public offering.

Alibaba's full-year revenue rose 51% to 376.8 billion yuan, toward the bottom of its forecast range of 375-383 billion yuan. The core commerce business posted revenue of 78.9 billion yuan, a jump of 54%.

Alibaba's main shopping app Taobao started testing an ad product known as "super recommendations" in April,

VIEW FROM THE TOP

# Resilience in the workplace

## CORPORATE WELLNESS



By Bhakti Shah, MPH

THE World Health Organization describes stress as the "global health epidemic of the 21st century". Many of us now work in the constantly connected, always on, highly demanding work cultures where stress and risk of burnout are widespread. Employers and policy makers are increasingly taking the stress, anxiety and depressions affecting employees much more seriously.

Every year, an estimated 17 million work days are lost to stress, anxiety and depression, according to Mental Health Foundation. Employers are increasingly recognizing the damage that stress can do in the workplace, including:

- Lost productivity due to staff absence;
- Increased workloads for workers who have to cover their colleagues work;
- Higher staff turnover.

### What is resilience?

Resilience is the ability of a person to:
 

- Adjust to adversity;
- Maintain their equilibrium;
- Hold on to some sense of control over their environment;
- Move forward in a positive manner.

Some people cope with stressful situations better than others, mainly due to being more resilient. These people thrive whilst others around them crumble under the pressure. But the good news is that resilience is not a fixed entity and isn't something that a person is blessed with, or not. It can be taught and the workplace is an ideal place for people to learn to build their resilience.

What threatens resilience and mental health in the workplace?

Workplaces can present many challenges including some negative situations:

- Excessive workload;
- Lack of autonomy;
- Bullying;
- Organizational restructuring;
- Lack of managerial support or team-work.

Workplaces are changing rapidly due to globalization, and these can also bring stress due to:

- International customers and part-

ner organizations in different time zones - an end to fixed working hours and down time;

- Decline of the "Job for life" - millennials are becoming more selective about the jobs and environments they work in;
- New technologies that demand constantly updated skills and expertise.

### How employers can help boost resilience

There are a number of things employers can do to help build resilience amongst staff.

- Encourage physical wellbeing;
- Promote a healthy psychological environment;
- Provide specialist support to help maintain good physical and mental health;
- Promote open communication and strong social networks

### How employees can help themselves

- Building and maintaining good friendships and family relationships;
- Being positive and optimistic;
- Keeping perspective - not turning a drama into crisis;
- Nurturing a positive self-perception;
- Taking time to recharge - take regular breaks, leaving work on time, taking holidays;
- Practicing mindfulness and meditation as a tool for confronting and managing stress.

More than five decades of research point to the fact that resilience is built by attitudes, behaviors and social supports that can be adopted and cultivated by anyone. Factors that lead to resilience include optimism; the ability to stay balanced and manage strong or difficult emotions; a sense of safety and a strong social support system. The good news is that because there is a concrete set of behaviors and skills associated with resilience, you can learn to be more resilient. Since the pace and intensity of this work culture are not likely to change, it is more important than ever to build resilience skills to effectively navigate your work-life.

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# Alibaba beats estimates as recommendations boost sales

BEIJING

ALIBABA posted quarterly revenue and earnings that topped analyst estimates as personalised recommendations drive consumer spending across its shopping sites.

Revenue at China's biggest e-commerce company rose 51% to 93.5 billion yuan (\$13.6 billion) in the three months ended in March, above the 91.7 billion-yuan average of analysts' estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

Adjusted earnings-per-share was 8.57 yuan, topping projections for

6.5 yuan. The Hangzhou-based company predicted revenue in the current financial year of more than 500 billion yuan, short of projections for 509 billion yuan.

Recommendations to users based on their preferences are now driving more sales than traditional search, boosting Alibaba's ability to provide targeted advertising for merchants on its main Taobao platform. That's helping the e-commerce operator generate more revenue at a time escalating US-Chinese tensions threaten to dampen the world's No.2 economy.

The "testing of new recommendation-based advertising indicates monetisation will kick in soon, supporting faster earnings recovery," Binnie Wong, a Hong Kong-based analyst with HSBC, said in a report ahead of the results. The new features could help improve the conversion rate for merchants, Wong wrote.

Shares of Alibaba rose as much as 4% in pre-market trading in New York. The stock had gained 28% this year through Tuesday's close compared with an 13% gain for the S&P 500 Index. Earlier on

Wednesday, rival Tencent posted earnings that topped estimates even as revenue growth slowed to the lowest since its 2004 initial public offering.

Alibaba's full-year revenue rose 51% to 376.8 billion yuan, toward the bottom of its forecast range of 375-383 billion yuan. The core commerce business posted revenue of 78.9 billion yuan, a jump of 54%.

Alibaba's main shopping app Taobao started testing an ad product known as "super recommendations" in April,

according to an April 18 HSBC report. The feature allows merchants to use text, graphics and short videos to market their wares on a number of new personalised recommendation feeds including "guess you like it," a product display based on users' browsing and purchase history; "good stuff here," a shopping guide; and live-streaming showrooms.

All of the ad space from these feeds will be integrated to a single back-end system so that merchants can manage their marketing strategy and review performance,

HSBC said. Revenue from Alibaba's cloud unit surged 76% to 7.7 billion yuan, the company said. The business is becoming a key pillar of growth, with more than half the market in China.

The cloud business could post growth of 46% per year through 2022, according to Bernstein estimates.

In Asia, Gartner forecast that Alibaba last year accounted for 19.6% of the Asian market for infrastructure as a service and infrastructure utility services, two of the most popular forms of cloud

business. That means its regional market share rose by nearly a third from 2017, while Amazon's fell slightly to 11%.

"Our cloud and data technology and tremendous traction in New Retail have enabled us to continuously transform the way businesses operate in China and other emerging markets, which will contribute to our long-term growth," Chief Executive Officer Daniel Zhang said in the statement. Sales from the digital media entertainment unit rose 8% to 5.7 billion yuan.







WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

## Sweden requests detention order for WikiLeaks' Assange

COPENHAGEN

SWEDISH authorities yesterday issued a request for a detention order against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who is now jailed in Britain, a Swedish prosecutor said.

Prosecutor Eva-Marie Persson says if the Swedish court decided to detain Assange "on probable cause suspected for rape ... I will issue a European Arrest Warrant."

The development sets up a possible future tug-of-war between Sweden and the United States over any extradition of Assange from Britain.

Assange was evicted last month from the Ecuadorian Embassy where he had been holed up with political asylum since 2012. He was then immediately arrested by British police on April 11 and is currently serving a 50-week sentence in Britain for jumping bail in 2012.

The Australian secret-spiller also faces a US extradition warrant for allegedly conspiring to hack into a Pentagon computer.

Persson said yesterday that British authorities will decide any conflict between a European arrest warrant and US extradition request for Assange.

On May 13, Swedish prosecutors reopened a preliminary investigation against Assange, who visited Sweden in 2010, after two Swedish women said they were the victims of sex crimes committed by Assange.

While a case of alleged sexual misconduct against Assange in Sweden was dropped in 2017 when the statute of limitations expired, a rape allegation remains. Swedish authorities have had to shelf it because Assange was living at the embassy at the time

and there was no prospect of bringing him to Sweden.

The statute of limitations in the rape case expires in August next year. Assange has denied wrongdoing, asserting that the allegations were politically motivated and that the sex was consensual.

According to the request for a detention order obtained by The Associated Press, Assange is wanted for "intentionally having carried out an intercourse" with an unnamed woman "by unduly exploiting that she was in a helpless state because of sleep."

The request added there was "an aggravating circumstance" because Assange didn't use a condom.

The 47-year-old Australian met the two Swedish women in connection with a lecture in August 2010 in Stockholm. One was involved in organizing an event for Sweden's center-left Social Democratic Party and offered to host Assange at her apartment. The other was in the audience.

A police officer who heard the women's accounts decided there was reason to suspect they were victims of sex crimes and handed the case to a prosecutor. Neither of the alleged victims has been named publicly.

Assange faces a maximum of four years in prison in Sweden if he is convicted of the rape.

Persson said the day and time for the detention hearing regarding Assange at the Uppsala District Court north of Stockholm that will make the decision has not yet been decided.

"However, in my view, the Swedish case can proceed concurrently with the proceedings in the UK," Persson said in a statement.

Agencies

## Russian embassy in US ready to organise briefing on arms control for US congressmen

WASHINGTON

RUSSIA'S embassy in the United States has said that it is ready to organize a briefing for US lawmakers on issues of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The statement came as a response to the criticism voiced by US Senator Robert Menendez of Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Andrea Thompson's speech at a Senate committee hearing.

"You'll have to ask Russia," is a pretty incredible response from a Senior State Department official about the Trump Administration's views on Rus-

sia's nuclear capabilities.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee needs answers so we can make informed policy decisions," Menendez wrote on his official Twitter account on Wednesday.

"Senator Menendez, we are ready to organize a background briefing on Arms Control, Non-Proliferation, Disarmament, INF (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces) Treaty and New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) for the US senators, congresswomen, congressmen, staffers.

Russia and the US have special responsibility for strategic stability and security," the Russian embassy wrote on its official Twitter account.

## China backs Huawei as tech giant says security updates to continue

BEIJING

CHINA'S Foreign Ministry yesterday voiced support for Chinese enterprises to defend their legitimate rights following Google's partial suspension of Huawei services, while Huawei Technologies Co said all its existing products will still get security updates and support.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lu Kang said: "We have read reports and noted that Google has suspended business with Huawei requiring the transfer of hardware, software and technical services and suspended the provision of relevant services to Huawei."

"We will formally confirm this matter and follow the development of the situation. At the same time, China supports Chinese enterprises to take up legal arms to defend their legitimate rights," Lu added.

In a statement, Huawei said that it will continue to provide security updates and after-sales services to all its existing Huawei and Honor brand smartphone and tablet products, covering those that have been sold and that are still in stock globally.

Alphabet Inc's Google confirmed on Monday that it has restricted Huawei's access to updates of its Android operating system and some mobile services as it complies with the US

ban on Huawei.

Huawei said it has made substantial contributions to the development and growth of Android around the world.

"As one of Android's key global partners, we have worked closely with their open-source platform to develop an ecosystem that has benefited both users and the industry," Huawei said in a statement.

"We will continue to build a safe and sustainable software ecosystem, in order to provide the best experience for all users globally," the Chinese technology giant said in a statement.

Xinhua

## As US-Iran tension simmers, rocket fired near Iraq's US Embassy

BAGHDAD

A ROCKET was fired into the Iraqi capital Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, which houses government buildings and diplomatic missions, on Sunday night, falling near the US Embassy but causing no casualties, the Iraqi military said.

The attack came two weeks after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo warned Iraqi leaders during a surprise visit to Baghdad that if they failed to keep in check Iran-backed militias, which are expanding their power in Iraq and now form part of its security apparatus, the United States would respond with force.

His visit came after U.S. intelligence showed Iran-backed Shi'ite militias positioning rockets near bases housing U.S. forces, according to two Iraqi security sources.

A U.S. State Department official noted that there had so far been no claim of responsibility, and that no U.S.-inhabited facility was impacted.

"But, we take this incident very seriously," the official said. "We will hold Iran responsible if any such attacks are conducted by its proxy militia forces or elements of such forces, and will respond to Iran accordingly."

The Iraq military said the Katyusha rocket fell in the middle of the Green Zone, near the Monument of the Unknown Soldier.

The monument lies in open ground about half a kilometer (a third of a mile) north of the sprawling, riverside U.S. Embassy compound. The blast was heard across central Baghdad, according to Reuters witnesses and residents. The embassy in Baghdad and U.S. consulate in the Iraqi Kurdish regional capital Erbil has already evacuated non-emergency staff, out of apparent



Iraqi security forces gather at a checkpoint into the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq December 10, 2018. (File photo)

concern about perceived threats from Iran. Iran's Iraqi allies rushed to condemn the attack and stressed that a war between Tehran and Washington would be bad for Baghdad and the whole region.

Militia leader and politician Hadi al-Ameri, whose electoral block holds the second largest number of seats in Iraq's parliament, urged Iraqis in a statement overnight "not to be the fire that fuels this war" that would "burn everyone".

His sentiment was echoed by Qais al-Khazali, another prominent Iran-backed militia leader, who tweeted that a war would be neither in Washington's nor in Tehran's interests.

### IRAN-US TENSION

Tensions between Washington and its Gulf Arab allies on one side and Tehran and its proxies in the region on the other, have been flaring for weeks.

On Sunday, U.S. President Donald Trump threatened Iran in a tweet, raising concerns about a potential U.S.-Iran conflict.

Agencies

## Superstitions lead to killing of 11 tigers in India's central state since 2018

NEW DELHI

THE police in India's central state of Madhya Pradesh are learnt to have found out that people belonging to the tribal community allegedly killed as many as 11 tigers over the past year for superstitious reasons, an English daily reported yesterday.

The police arrested as many as 19 tribals who during interrogation revealed that they offered body parts of big cats to their deities under the superstition that the practice would ward off the evils from their homes and lives, and bring in good fortune.

"Body parts of the big cats, like claws, teeth and whiskers, were being offered to local deities in the superstitious belief that they would help ward off the evil eye, improve health and bring prosperity," the English daily Hindustan Times quoted the officials of the Wildlife Department as saying.

Such practices have been blamed



for the killing of at least 11 tigers, besides several leopards since January 2018 in Madhya Pradesh alone, the daily newspaper said.

The forest department officials reportedly found that most of the big cats whose parts were used in the rituals were killed by laying traps rigged with electric wires, or by poisoning

them in the buffer zones of tiger habitats with the help of informers paid for the job.

"Most often, after getting information about tiger movements, they would lay electric wire traps near water sources," he said. As soon as tigers would get electrocuted, the poachers would remove the paws, claws, whisk-



Deputy head of the military council, Gen Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo

## Sudan's military council resumes talks with protesters

KHARTOUM

SUDAN'S ruling military council resumed meetings with protesters on Sunday to discuss the country's political transition after talks were halted for three days while roads were cleared outside the main sit-in in the capital, Khartoum.

The two sides have held several rounds of talks since the military overthrew President Omar al-Bashir last month, ending his 30-year reign after four months of mass protests and sit-ins, which are still underway.

The deputy head of the military council, Gen Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo, better known as Hemedti, meanwhile said late Saturday that security forces have arrested those behind an attack on the protesters last week that killed at least five people, including an army officer. Both the military and the protesters had blamed the attack on al-Bashir loyalists.

"The assailants who opened fire (on protesters) have been caught. Their confessions will be broadcast on TV," said Dagalo, who heads the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

He hailed the Forces for the Declaration of Freedom and Change, which represents the protesters, for their role in al-Bashir's military overthrow on April 11.

"We want the democracy they are talking about. We want a real democracy, fair and free elections. Whoever the Sudanese choose will rule," he said.

The military council had called for the roads outside the sit-in in front of the military's headquarters in Khartoum to be opened.

The protesters appear to have agreed to the demand, as the roads were cleared without incident on Thursday.

The protesters also agreed to open the railway that crosses the area of the sit-in for five hours a day.

The generals and the protesters remain divided on what role the military should have in the transition to civilian rule.

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## Major pan-African institutions crafting guideline on land-ethnicity-conflict nexus in Africa

ADDIS ABABA

THE African Union (AU), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), and the African Development Bank (AfDB) are jointly crafting guidelines addressing the nexus between land, ethnicity and conflict in Africa.

The three major pan-African institutions recently brought together African land-policy experts to develop the guidelines under the leadership of the Afri-

can Land Policy Center (ALPC), a tripartite consortium composed of the three continental organizations, the ECA said in a statement on Sunday.

"It is expected that the guidelines will offer insights into land policy reforms by addressing ethnic dimensions to land, the different types of conflicts, how to mitigate them and the best ways of securing land rights in order to build peaceful and cohesive communities," the statement said.

According to the ECA, the guidelines "will be used by governments, land policy reform institutions, peace builders, researchers, and ordinary citizens" to address ethnic dimensions to land as well as the compounding different forms of conflicts.

African experts, who were recently in Kenya's capital Nairobi, developed guidelines on land and ethnicity conflict in the African continent, the statement said.

"The guidelines are expected to support the implementation of inclusive land policies and land governance practices as key factors in conflict prevention, peace building and sustainable development," it said.

Joan Kagwanja, coordinator of the AU-ECA-AfDB joint initiative, commended "the commitment of African professionals to develop homegrown guidelines to prevent and address land-related conflicts in Africa," the statement said.

"Violent land-related conflicts in Africa are often caused by competition over access to and use of land and other natural resources," Kagwanja noted. "Once the guidelines are endorsed by the African Union, they will serve the needs of many stakeholders who are engaged in developing policies and implementing land reforms at continental, regional, national and sub-national levels," she said.

The 55-member AU, in its 50-

year continental development Agenda 2063, regarded "good land governance" as "critical" to achieving the ambitious target, particularly toward the realization of goals related to quality of life and well-being (AU Goal 1), agriculture (AU Goal 5), environment (AU goal 7), peace and security (AU Goal 13), and gender equality (AU Goal 17).

Endorsing the AU Declaration on Land back in 2009, African leaders resolved to take ownership and leadership of land

reform processes by strengthening institutions "for effective land governance and allocating adequate budgetary resources for policy development, implementation and tracking of progress."

The African Land Policy Center, as a secretariat of the tripartite consortium composed of the AU, ECA and AfDB, was given the mandate of facilitating the implementation of the African Union's Declaration on Land in Africa. Xinhua

Xinhua

## SPORT



Liverpool FC forward, Sadio Mané

## English clubs sitting pretty atop European football

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

WHAT AN absolutely extraordinary football season it has been for English clubs in European football!

Indeed, such was the breathtakingly epic scale of the dominance enjoyed by English outfits over the two foremost tournaments on the European football patch: the money-spinning UEFA Champions League and its lesser cousin the Europa League that it has doubtlessly set tongues a-wagging in earnest right around the globe.

In case you are just awakening from a pleasantly lengthy slumber like a certain famous fictional character in Rip van Winkle, perhaps a brief recap of what I have been alluding to thus far is in order.

A few weeks ago, four high-flying sides from England's top flight rewrote the history books in the Champions League and Europa League.

The first two English clubs to soar to hitherto unexplored heights were Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspurs.

Indeed, after coming through decidedly tricky and arduous semi-finals unscathed, both Liverpool and Spurs advanced to the final of the UEFA Champions League, which, as is well known, is arguably the most cherished and lucrative football championship in global football.

This admirable football feat achieved by both the Reds (Liverpool's nickname) and Spurs marked the very first time since 2008 when there would be an all-English final in the much coveted UEFA Champions League.

However, the aristocratic outfits of English football were not done yet with their impeccable exertions on the European football scene.

Just as English fans were preparing to launch themselves into unconstrained revelry, Chelsea and Arsenal soon gave them many more reasons to engage in merry-making with abandon.

Indeed, in what seemed like a scene straight out of a blockbuster movie in which the underdog triumphs somehow against impossible odds.

Both Chelsea and Arsenal overcame their respective semi-final opponents to progress to the Europa League final.

Brilliantly, it marked the first time in history that there would be an all-English final in the Europa League, which despite being admittedly the second tier championship of European football, has nevertheless still seen its stock rise higher and higher with each passing season.

Needless to say, the blazing of the glory trail by these four EPL heavyweights: Spurs, Arsenal, Liverpool, and Chelsea has left millions of football fans globally scratching their heads in complete befuddlement.

Indeed, with a who's who of respected and prominent football commentators both inside and beyond the country scrambling frantically to find answers, which can help to

explain this fantastically rewarding.

European football campaign for the much-touted sides of the EPL whose exceptional exploits are the heart of this commentary, I, myself, would like to hold court on this issue as well.

Looking back, I recall a particular time during the EPL's ascension to the very top of the popularity stakes when there was such a loud outcry from EPL stakeholders about the fact that only precious few English youngsters were being given the opportunity to rise up through the ranks at the really mammoth-sized outfits of the EPL such as the Arsenal, Manchester United and Spurs et al.

No action was taken at all until this outcry had reached such a crescendo, which is when the Football Association (FA) of England felt compelled to act.

Following somber deliberations upon this weighty issue, the FA created a law, which mandated that each club in the EPL should have a certain number of English youngsters training at their academies.

This specific rule would prove to be especially significant later on as we shall soon see.

However, at the time that the rule was created, stakeholders were pleased that it would provide talented English youngsters with the golden opportunity to break into the first team of all EPL sides.

Zooming forward to the present-day, we can already see that the rich fruits of this FA policy change are being reaped at both the youth and senior levels of English football.

You might ask, Dear Reader, why on earth would I mention English youth football in connection with the main theme of this discussion.

Well, merely two years ago, England's U-17 national team triumphed at the FIFA U-17 World Cup and hot on the heels of that historic victory, the England U-20 national team also carted home the trophy at the FIFA U-20 World Cup!

Indeed, yet more evidence of the positive move taken by the FA a long time ago came last year during the World Cup in Russia when the England national team were able to progress to the semifinals of the tournament for the first time since 1990.

Strikingly too, the senior England team that featured so quintessentially at last year's World Cup benefited from the valuable contributions of young talents such as Raheem Sterling, Ross Barclay and defender Chris Smalling among others.

This all brings me to the present-day when four English clubs have succeeded in wowing the global football fraternity.

Granted, it may be difficult to determine the exact impact of that FA policy change so long ago.

Nonetheless, I reckon that the FA's ruling in question must have helped in some ways to usher in these last three years of arguably unprecedented success for English clubs and for the England's senior national team.

## Kagere's milestones in first 50 matches at Simba

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MEDDIE Kagere reached another milestone in Simba SC's Sunday 2-0 victory over Ndanda in the 2018/19 Mainland Premier League in Dar es Salaam.

The Rwandan forward made his 50th competitive appearance since he joined the club last year.

Kagere struck twice in the first half to help Simba Sports Club to a 28th league victory of the season, and pushed the leaders to within two points of retaining their title.

And here, we have highlighted the key dates and the numbers behind his remarkable debut season.

### June 26 2018: Signs for Simba

On June 26, 2018, Simba announced the signing of Meddie Kagere from Gor Mahia. He was officially unveiled as a Simba player two days later having completed his reported \$60,000 transfer as a free agent.

### July 2 2018: Simba debut goal

He scored on his debut against APR of Rwanda in a 2-1 victory on July 2. Two days later, Kagere scored his second goal for Simba in the same tournament, the 2018 CECAFA Kagame Cup. He scored two more goals to finish as first runner-up for the tournament's top scorer award.

### August 18 2018: Community Shield title

Simba won the Community Shield in 2018 by beating Mtibwa Sugar 2-1 at the CCM Kirusaba Stadium in Mwanza, with goals from Hassan Dilunga and Kagere.

### August 22 2018: League debut goal

Kagere continued his good scoring form by scoring on his Tanzania Mainland Premier League debut in a 1-0 victory over Prisons.

He has scored 22 goals so far in the league and is a clear favourite to win the golden boot award at the end of the season. His closest challengers in the race have six less goals with only two matches to play.

### November 28 2018: CAF Champions League debut goal

Debut goals are clearly Kagere's thing as he scored on his Simba's 2018/19 CAF Champions League debut in a 4-1 win over Eswatini's Mbabane Swallows.

He ended the tournament with six goals, one shy of the top scorer as he helped Simba to a historic CAF Champions League quarterfinal ticket.

### May 8 2019: First hat trick



He scored his first and only hat-trick for Simba in a 8-1 win against Coastal Union in a Tanzania Premier League match played at the refurbished Uhuru Stadium.

### May 19, 2019: Most goals in a season

Those two goals against Ndanda saw Kagere break the record for the most goals in a Tanzania Premier season since the switch to the August-May calendar in 2008.

With a total of 22 goals so far he surpassed Amissi Tambwe's record of 21 goals set in

2015/16 season.

The Uganda-born striker who opted to play for Rwanda has scored a total of 33 goals in 50 competitive appearances, which includes the League, CAF Champions League, Community Shield and the CECAFA Kagame Cup.

He also scored in non-competitive matches in SportPesa tournament, Mapinduzi Cup and other friendlies, which would take his beyond 33 for those who do not care about the importance of distinguishing official appearances.

## CSKA Moscow claims 8th Turkish Airlines Euroleague title

VITORIA

RUSSIA'S CSKA Moscow claimed its eighth Turkish Airlines Euroleague title on Sunday after defeating Turkey's Anadolu Efes 91-83 in the final match.

The Russian club became Turkish Airlines EuroLeague champion in the EuroLeague Final Four held in the Spanish city of Vitoria-Gasteiz. This was Anadolu Efes' first EuroLeague final in its history.

In Europe's premier club basketball competition final, Russia's Will Clyburn and Cory Higgins scored 20 points each while Anadolu Efes' Shane Larkin was the top scorer of the match with 29 points. Earlier Sunday evening, Real Madrid beat Fenerbahçe Beko 94-75 in the third-place game of the Turkish Airlines EuroLeague basketball Final Four tournament.

The leader of the regular season, Fenerbahçe was defeated by reigning champs Real Madrid and took the fourth place in the final four being held in the Spanish city of Vitoria-Gasteiz. Both teams were the finalists in the last year's tournament and they were both defeated in EuroLeague Final Four semifinals.

On Friday, for the first time in history, two Turkish clubs met in a Turkish Airlines EuroLeague Final Four match which saw Anadolu Efes beating Fenerbahçe Beko 92-73 to advance to the final. CSKA Moscow defeated Real Madrid 95-90 on Friday night to advance to the Turkish Airlines EuroLeague final.

This year was the first time ever that two Turkish clubs have advanced to the Final Four, making Turkey the fifth country to accomplish the feat since 1988 after Spain, Italy, Greece and



CSKA Moscow's Sergio Rodriguez celebrates his team's title victory.

Russia. The tournament which started on Friday and ended on Sunday at the historical Fernando Buesa Arena was watched by some 15,000 spectators. A range of promotions and surprises around the city and airport from a giant and impressive Turkish Airlines logo welcomed airline passengers to the Fernando Buesa Arena.

Turkey's national flag carrier is dedicated to some of the world's best athletes and sports teams and competitions, drawing parallels to its own values of passion, ambition, determination and sportsmanship.

As the proud title sponsor of the Turkish Airlines EuroLeague and the Final Four tournament since 2010, Turkish Airlines is also committed to

many other prestigious global sporting events having sponsored the Super Bowl since 2016, UEFA EURO 2016, Rugby's Challenge Cup, the European Rugby Champions Cup, and Chio Aachen World Equestrian Festival.

The world of golf has been supported at the Turkish Airlines Open since 2013, and the airline organises its own World Golf Cup.

Iker Ayçi, Turkish Airlines' Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee, said: "The excitement and energy from Basketball fans is palpable throughout the lovely streets of Vitoria-Gasteiz. We are thrilled to be here as title sponsor of the Turkish Airlines EuroLeague Final Four, a culmination of months of training and energetic

qualifying games to compete for the prestigious title."

"As Turkish Airlines, if we stand for a leading airline today that is due to having all these qualities, which we strive for their permanence," Ayçi said.

Jordi Bertomeu, Euroleague Basketball President and CEO noted: "One more year we have worked very hard to bring an unforgettable experience to all our fans, which wouldn't be possible without the support of our partners and specially Turkish Airlines. Our title partner will be present during the whole event adding value to the overall experience as they have always done during the last 9 years of our formidable partnership." (AGENCIES)

## Chippy Koepka getting harder to ignore after fourth major win

FARMINGDALE, N.Y.

BROOKS Koepka has gone from being an afterthought to the most dominant player in golf over the last two years, the quiet assassin who speaks softly but carries a big stick.

In a sport where players often blather niceties about how tough their competition is, Koepka is refreshing in that he does not mind acknowledging that his physical and psychological attributes are a cut above most of his peers.

The 29-year-old American told a press conference on Tuesday ahead of the PGA Championship at Bethpage Black that he could not think of any reason why would not win at least 10 majors by the end of his career.

"I think sometimes the majors are the easiest ones to win," said Koepka.

"Half the people shoot themselves out of it, and mentally I know I can

beat most of them, and then from there it's those guys left, who's going to play good and who can win.

"I don't see any reason I can't get to double digits."

Koepka is nearly halfway there after his two-shot victory over fellow American Dustin Johnson on Sunday, when he recovered from four consecutive bogeys to limp across the line thankful he had started the day with a seven-shot buffer.

It was Johnson's fourth major victory in his last eight starts – two U.S. Opens and two PGA Championships – and nobody had previously gone from zero to four in such a short time.

He now has the same number of major titles as the perennially-hyped Rory McIlroy, who, for all his preternatural talent, has been stuck on four since 2014.

Among still active players, only Tiger Woods (15) and Phil Mickelson

(five) have clocked up more.

"Phenomenal," said Koepka. "It's been a hell of a run. I'm trying not to let it stop. I mean, four of eight, I like the way that sounds."

While Koepka is back in the spotlight after his latest feat, he feels his performances over the past two years have not received the accolades they deserved.

"I get Tiger was back, so it's a little bit different," he said, referring to Woods' Masters victory in April that ended a decade-long major drought.

"It was just at a point where I'd felt like if other players had done that, it would have been a way bigger deal.

"But I think you've got to find a chip (on your shoulder) or you've got to find something to motivate yourself and give you that extra little something going into a tournament or going into an event, whatever it might be, to really want to push you over that

line.

"There's always a chip. I think every great athlete always has a chip ... It works for me. Why would I stray from that?"

Meanwhile, Dustin Johnson narrowly missed out on winning his second career major at the PGA Championship on Sunday but in doing so he joined some very select company by completing the career runner-up grand slam.

Johnson, who finished two shots behind Brooks Koepka at Bethpage Black, has now claimed a runner-up finish in each major after finishing second at last month's Masters, the 2015 U.S. Open and 2011 British Open.

But despite the latest near-miss, the former U.S. Open winner walked away from the massive Bethpage Black layout, where he was the only person in the 156-player field, to break par in all four rounds. (REUTERS)



# SPORT

Inside Man City's stunning season: How Pep Guardiola & Co. won the treble

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## TAVA in need of 65m/- for All Africa Games, World Junior Volleyball Championship preps

Correspondent Renatha Msungu

TANZANIA Volleyball Association (TAVA) is in need of 65m/- for meeting expenses for the national junior and senior teams, which are preparing for international competitions slated for later this year.

The national junior volleyball team, as disclosed by TAVA secretary general, Selengia, will feature in this year's World U-21 Beach Volleyball Championship slated for next month in Thailand.

The senior team, he pointed out, will feature in the All Africa Games that will take place in Morocco.

Selengia noted the national volleyball governing body appeals to sports stakeholders to help it send the squads to the mentioned competitions.

The official noted the cash would meet costs for the squads' camps and other expenses during the teams' participation in the events.

He noted the national junior team is expected to head for Thailand on June 16 to compete in the showdown.

Selengia the national volleyball governing body is keen on seeing to it domestic sides take part in international events.

He pointed out the country got the opportunity to take part in the World U-21 Championship showpiece after hosting a number of beach volleyball tournaments at the domestic level.

Selengia disclosed the national squads are currently taking part in training sessions, given his association believes they will access sports enthusiasts' backing.

The official was adamant TAVA is keen on ensuring the national teams compete in the events with a view to promoting Tanzania.

He insisted the association is confident the national junior squad will excel in the World U-21 Championship.

## Karia mourns Fereji

By Guardian Reporter



years," he said.

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) president, Wallace Karia, has sent condolences to family, friends and the Zanzibar Football Association (ZFA) following the death of the association's former president, Ali Tamimu Fereji.

In the condolence, Karia has described the late Tamimu as one of sportsmen who offered immense contribution to soccer development domestically, particularly in the Isles.

"It is obvious that Tamimu has offered immense contribution to the sport's development particularly in Zanzibar, where he had been the sport's official for several

"I send condolences to Tamimu's family, relatives, friends and ZFA, a body he had served at the top position."

He noted TFF joins sports persons in the country and the family of the departed in this difficult moment.

Tamimu (pictured) had, in his life, served as an official of the Council of East and Central Africa Football Associations (CECAFA) in various committees. He was buried at Mwanakwerekwe cemetery in Zanzibar yesterday evening.

## Moshi tennis club gets support

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MOSHI-based tennis club, Rafiki Foundation, has hailed Dekker Bruins Chrysanthemum Company for providing financial support to the former's five junior players to enable them to travel to Kenya to compete at the coming Confederation of African Tennis (CAT) 14 & Under tournament that will take place.

Charles Laizer, a volunteer coach for the team, said they are happy with the financial support they got from Dekker Bruins Chrysanthemum and described it as timely and most welcome. The five players from Rafiki Foundation who will travel to Kenya under the company's sponsorship are Naitoti Singo, Aurelia Mushi, Rachael Swai, Isaka Ndossi and Emmanuel Minja.

The foundation, according to



Rafiki Foundation tennis team's coach, Charles Laizer (R) poses for picture with some of his players before a training session in Kilimanjaro recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF RAFIKI FOUNDATION

Laizer, banks on financial and material support from well-wishers to operate the project.

He said they are always open for any support especially on meeting participation costs for tennis tournaments and others.

"As a volunteer coach for Rafiki Foundation, I am very happy with the support which Dekker Bruins Chrysanthemum has given us," he said. "This is very welcome and we ask others to emulate as our aim is to see many children compete at international events."

"I also thank the International School of Moshi, which allowed us to use their courts."

Rafiki Foundation has more than 20 junior tennis players and it has recently produced top players who have done well in both local and international events.

## Sevilla FC to play Simba SC in Dar



Sevilla FC

By Guardian Reporter

SPAIN'S La Liga big guns Sevilla FC is set to jet into Tanzania today where they will play the country's soccer giants, Simba Sports Club, in an international friendly match at the National Stadium in Dares Salaam two days later.

The game will go in history as Sevilla FC's first match in Tanzania.

A press statement issued in Dar es Salaam said the Spanish club's players are set to jet in today evening at the Mwalimu Nyerere International Airport.

According to the statement, Sevilla FC tour will as well involve a number of social and sports responsibility events including conducting clinics and trainings.

"As a global competition, it meets La Liga's commitment to be close to its fans. The fact that our Tanzanian fans can get a close-up look at a great club like Sevilla FC means it's a great opportunity for everyone," Oscar Mayo, La Liga's Director of International Development, said.

SportPesa Tanzania Director of Administration and Compliance Tarimba Abbas said the firm has been collaborating with some of the most prestigious football institutions in the world and saw the need to bring an ex-

perience of this magnitude to Tanzania.

"To be able to enjoy seeing one of the most emblematic football clubs in Europe - Sevilla FC - through our agreement with La Liga, the best league in the world, we will be able to showcase the talent in our country and improve the level of local football", he said.

Tarimba disclosed: "They will oversee training that will involve a junior team, Bom Bom FC, at the Uhuru Stadium in the city."

"They will as well hold a seminar that will involve officials from local outfits, Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) and the rest of the sport's stakeholders so they can boost the latter's knowledge in the sport and understand ways through which outfits can boost their income."

The national soccer governing body's Competitions Director, Salum Madadi, noted domestic referee, Herry Sasi, would oversee the game pitting the Spanish outfit against Simba.

Sasi will be assisted by Mohammed Mkono from Tanga and Dar es Salaam-based Soud Lila. Jonesia Rukyya from Kagera will be the duel's fourth official.

"The officials that will oversee the game are recognized by FIFA. The clash

will promote domestic soccer officials, players and the country," he noted.

Simba Sports Club information officer, Haji Manara, noted: "We still express our sincere regards to SportPesa for seeing to it Sevilla tour the country. It is an opportunity every outfit in Africa would like to have."

"The preparations for the match are still going on smoothly. Simba has headed to Singida to face Singida United in the Mainland Premier League duel slated for May 21."

"We know the magnitude of the match against Sevilla and we promise Simba fans and the rest of Tanzanians we will make the most of the opportunity to promote our club internationally, it will also be a platform for our players to put their skills to show."

He noted his squad appeals to soccer enthusiasts to attend the match in bog number, as the lowest gate fee is 5,000/-.

The game is part of the 'La Liga World Challenge' project, which aims to project the image of Spanish football internationally, spreading the 'Marca España' policy that aims at bringing followers of La Liga closer to the action and promoting the clubs outside our country.

Through its 'La Liga World' brand, La Liga organises friendly matches between La Liga clubs and the most popular local teams around the world.

This is the second European club to visit the African country - Everton FC played a match against Gor Mahia of Kenya in 2017.

It is, nevertheless, not the first time that Sevilla has visited the African continent, in 2015 the club travelled to Morocco to play a post-season La Liga World match against Morocco outfit, Hassania Union Sport d'Agadir.

La Liga World Challenge is a programme created in 2014 by La Liga with the support of the Government of Spain, the National Sports Council (CSD) and the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade (ICEX).

It is an initiative to bring professional football clubs from all over the world together to project the image of Spanish football internationally, to spread the values of the 'Marca España' policy and generate new opportunities for all parties involved through cultural, public relations and business events.

Tickets for the game are on sale at Puma petrol stations in the city and Selcom centre

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

WHAT'S THE USE OF BEING USED OR USE LESS?



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