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Implement approved blueprint on reform, govt urged

By Felister Peter

PRIVATE sector stakeholders have raised concern over delayed implementation of regulatory reforms to improve the business environment in the country contained in a blueprint which was approved by the cabinet of ministers last year.

They were speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday during a discussion on sustainable Nordic business in Tanzania held at REPOA. The discussion themed 'Growing Nordic Business in Tanzania' was organized to mark the Nordic Week, 2019.

Speaking on behalf of Nordic ambassadors, Swedish Ambassador Anders Sjöberg (pictured) affirmed that a friendly business environment was key in attracting more foreign investments. Implementation of the blueprint reforms would largely help improve Tanzania's business climate, he stated.



The other Nordic ambassadors present at the occasion were Danish Ambassador Einar Jensen, Ambassador Pekka Hukka of Finland and Elisabeth Jacobsen of Norway

"We are looking for a real tax base system which we can all enjoy. Nordic countries have investments in Tanzania and they are good citizens because they respect the country's laws and pay taxes," the envoy asserted, noting the need for a predictable business climate "with clarity on what rules apply and how they are applied."

For Nordic countries, free trade has been and continues to be a cornerstone in the building of economies for both countries, he said, elaborating that imports from Nordic countries are rising and thus increasing exports to the Nordic states becomes important.

Ambassador Sjöberg noted ongoing government efforts to combat corruption will strengthen the business environment as well as creating a level playing field for all competitors. Creating a fair playing

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PM asks for 148.9bn/-, says TRA must change



Finance and Planning deputy minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (L) exchanges greetings with DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director Godfrey Ndalaha during yesterday's announcement in Dodoma of the results of the floating of the bank's rights issues as implemented from November 12, 2018 to January 31 this year. The bank declared having sold 36,635,435 shares against a targeted 33,913,948. Looking on is the bank's board chairman, Prof Lucian Msambichaka. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

"On the basis of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) 2018 World Investment Report, Tanzania attracted investments valued at \$1.18 billion (Sh2.7 trillion) followed by Uganda at \$0.7 billion (about Sh1.6 trillion)"

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa yesterday asked the legislature to approve Sh 148,886,523,581.00 for the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in the 2019/2020 financial year, while emphasizing that the country's investment climate was improving.

Out of this amount recurrent expenditure is expected to take up Sh 86,290,355,000.00 while development expenditure is allocated Sh 62,596,168,581.00.

He also requested MPs to approve Sh 124,182,537,600.00 for the Parliamentary Fund whereby Sh 116,573,026,000.00 is for recurrent needs and Sh 7,609,511,600.00 is development expenditure.

The premier told Parliament yesterday that government efforts to create a conducive environment to attract investors are paying off, as by February 2019 the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) had attracted 145 new projects worth US\$1.84 billion (4.2trillion/-).

While local and foreign investors were controlling 72 per cent and 26 per cent of the projects respectively, a small remaining share

'Parliament is weak' swallows another MP

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ARUSHA Urban MP Godbless Lema (Chadema) yesterday became the second casualty of the 'Parliament is weak' narrative after he was suspended for three consecutive meetings.

The House resolved to punish him for showing lack of respect to the National Assembly over remarks he made on Tuesday.

Announcing the verdict, Speaker of



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the National Assembly Job Ndugai said his suspension started yesterday at the ongoing 15th session and taking note of the legislative calendar, the MP will be back in the House next January.

He was found guilty of disrespecting the legislature by the Parliamentary Privileges, Ethics and Powers Committee which questioned him over what he stated in the debating chamber that Parliament is weak.

Tabling the committee's report and

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'Sanctions do concern Prof Assad, not NAOT'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

NATIONAL Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai yesterday clarified that Parliament has severed work relations with the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) Prof Mussa Assad (pictured) the person but will continue



doing business with the institution he heads the National Audit Office of Tanzania (NAOT).

Delivering this explanation in the House yesterday, Ndugai said: "Let it be known that Parliament resolved not to work with a person called Prof Mussa Assad as an individual and

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The African Investment Index 2018 ranked Tanzania at 13th position out of 54 African countries in attracting investors

falls under the joint venture category, he said. Around 15,491 jobs were created out of the new investments, he stated.

Presenting the 2018/19 Budget progress report and 2019/20 Budget estimates for his office and Parliament Fund, the premier said that taxpayers were crying foul about TRA, questioning the use of force and intimidation when it came to tax collection.

"Following various measures that the government has been taking to convince investors to consider Tanzania as the best destination for investment, several reports indicate that Tanzania stands at the top of East African countries in attracting investors," the premier emphasized.

On the basis of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) 2018 World Investment Report, Tanzania attracted investments valued at \$1.18 billion (Sh2.7 trillion) followed by Uganda at \$0.7 billion (about Sh1.6 trillion), said Majaliwa.

The African Investment Index 2018 ranked Tanzania at 13th position out of 54 African countries in attracting investors.

Furthermore, the 'Where to Invest in Africa' 2018 report positioned Tanzania at seventh place out of 52 countries which are more attractive in investments in Africa.

He said with the government's massive investments in infrastructures, Tanzanians should

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Tanzania Editors Forum acting chairman Deodatus Balile briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the ongoing visit to Tanzania by a delegation from the Vienna-based International Press Institute. He is flanked by Head of DW Academia Carsten von Nahmen (L) and IPI vice chairperson Khadija Patel. Photo: John Badi

Editors satisfied with pledge by govt on making of changes to media laws

By Henry Mwangonde

THE Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF) has expressed its gratitude following the government's gesture that it was open for dialogue with stakeholders to facilitate changes to various media laws.

TEF acting chairman Deodatus Balile made the remarks yesterday when introducing a delegation from the International Press Institute who are in the country on study tour.

During their stay in the country, IPI officials met various government officials including Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, Speaker of the

National Assembly Job Ndogai, Minister for Information Sports and Culture Dr Harrison Mwakymbe and the Director for Information Services Dr Hassan Abbas where they discussed various issues pertaining to press freedom in the country as well as the recent ruling by the East African Court of Justice (EACJ).

According to Balile, all the officials expressed their openness to dialogue on burning issues affecting the Media in Tanzania including reviewing media laws such as the Media Services Act, 2016. "TEF and IPI welcomes this idea, we believe that it will go a long way into cementing the deteriorating

relations between the media and the government," he said.

The IPI delegation is led by deputy chairperson Khadija Patel who is also Chief Editor for Mail and Guardian of South Africa. Carsten Von Nahmen the Director for DW academy as well as Scott Griffen the Deputy Director for IPI.

In her remarks, Patel said the willingness by the government was a great achievement and that it is time for stakeholders to make use of it.

Last week the EACJ ruled that the Media Services Act 2016 was against protocols of the EAC treaty.

The court said that the law with

restricted media freedom provisions went against the enjoyment of fundamental peoples' rights stipulated in the treaty.

The ruling was delivered by Judge Charles Nyachae in Arusha, handing a landmark victory to media practitioners and human rights organisations that went to the court to challenge the new law. The government has since shown its intention to appeal against the ruling. International Press Institute is a global organisation dedicated to the promotion and protection of press freedom and the improvement of journalism practices. Founded in 1950. It has members in 100 countries.

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grab abundant available opportunities by investing in production of goods and services.

"In the 2019/20 financial year, the government will continue to improve business and investment environments, to increase investors' confidence," said Majaliwa.

He noted that the government was so far progressing well in attracting

investors, directing the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to improve its relationship with businesses, to do away with the phobia that investors have towards the taxman.

"Taxpayers have in their mind that TRA is an enemy to them hence affecting revenue collection. It is high time you improved your relationships to attract more investors," the premier intoned.

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not NAOT as an institution," he said.

His statement responded to questions from many quarters arising from the move by the legislature not to work with the CAG, accusing him of showing a lack of respect to Parliament.

The CAG has frequently been mentioned in the current session of the legislature that began on Tuesday when the committee on Parliamentary Privileges, Ethics and Powers tabled resolutions on his controversial

remarks and what he said when he was questioned by the committee.

On Wednesday, Ndogai declared firmly that the legislature is not weak as some people are trying to portray it, underlining that those who peddle that stance will face its wrath.

Ndogai sent a strong warning that those who dare test the legislative arm of the state do so at their own peril since the institution is not ready to countenance disparaging epithets from anywhere.

Put more women in leadership and management, media houses urged

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WOMEN who currently occupy leadership positions within the media have been cited as an incentive for younger generations to seek and aspire to join the industry and take up senior roles.

This was the highlight of discussions between media practitioners and stakeholders at a breakfast meeting convened by the Aga Khan University Graduate School of Media and Communications (GSMC).

The meeting attended by editors, reporters and media students from different universities was held to deliberate on the status of women in media leadership in Kenya. It was noted that despite a rise in the number of women in media leadership, they are

still a minority in the profession.

"Gender imbalance in the newsroom has a historical and cultural foundation, but change is happening," said Joseph Odindo, a seasoned media practitioner, "currently, the digital revolution has favored women but they need to acquire the necessary skills to operate in the new landscape."

The panel session focused on the challenges women face in attaining leadership positions with calls for policies to support balanced gender representation across all levels.

Pamela Sitoni, Executive Editor at the Daily Nation said, "Media organisations need to make sure that every move they make is fair and they give the right people a chance. Many women are right for the job, let's give them a chance."

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field promotes business that leads to sustainable growth, he emphasized.

The other Nordic ambassadors present at the occasion were Danish Ambassador Elinar Jensen, Ambassador Pekka Hukka of Finland and Elisabeth Jacobsen of Norway.

Godfrey Simbeye, Executive Director of the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) was optimistic that the government will start implementing regulatory and policy reforms proposed by the private sector in the 'Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms to Improve the Business Environment' in the 2019/2020 financial year.

"The blueprint was approved by the cabinet in April last year. This sets the stage for a raft of amendments to laws and regulations governing the conduct of businesses in Tanzania. We had also suggested the reduction of taxes and regulations governing various economic sectors," he told the gathering.

Stakeholders conducted thorough researches and consultations and prepared a blueprint which will see the government initiate amendments of various laws including Value Added Tax (VAT) rates and regulatory mechanisms, he pointed out.

He said the business community faces a number of challenges including too many regulations and fees. There are about 57 regulations governing the agriculture sector alone, he remarked.

Simbeye asserted that it was important for the private sector to conduct regular dialogue on their ways of operating which will also help enhance government trust on the sector, as it is at present considered to be disorganized.

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arrangements are not working properly because the government does not trust the private sector, he observed.

"Not only do they not trust us, but the government does not believe that we can organize ourselves," the director quipped.

REPOA Executive Director Dr Donald Mmari underscored the need for cooperation between the government and the private sector. He said implementing the various policy and regulatory reforms will attract more foreign investors.

Dr Mmari noted that Tanzania stands a good change to have a good number of foreign investors due to its geographical location, but it needs the right policies and strong private public collaboration.

Nordic Business Representative, Tina Elder said the participation of the private sector in Tanzania's economy is still low. She however noted that the country's business climate is set to be better with the ongoing improvement of the railway infrastructure, ports and power services.

She cited the ongoing construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and the Stiegler's Gorge hydroelectric power project across the Rufiji River as buttressing optimism for the country's economy.



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President John Magufuli inspects a Chinese-owned Yalin Cashewnut Company Ltd factory in Mtwara Region yesterday. Photo: State House

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recommendations, the chairperson, Emmanuel Mwakasaka (Tabora Urban, CCM) told the House that the youthful lawmaker through his actions proved to the committee that he was not regretful of his action.

"When we told him at the committee that he was guilty of disrespecting Parliament, Honourable Lema said that he was not asking the team to pardon him or have mercy on him," he said.

He went further saying that the lawmaker even told the committee that what he said reflected the common position of the opposition camp in the legislature.

He said Lema contravened section 26(e) of the Parliamentary Immunities, Powers and Privileges Act, CAP, 296.

Ndogai on Wednesday ordered the committee to convene yesterday at 2pm to interrogate the lawmaker and the matter be ended by evening. "Let the committee meet in the afternoon,

question him and the resolutions be tabled in the House tomorrow where his fate shall be made known," he directed.

He went on to blame the Arusha Urban MP for misbehavior while parliamentary officials "have always tried to accommodate him."

Exhibiting visible anger, the speaker went quite personal revealing to the house that the MP has borrowed Sh 644 million since joined parliament and still has Sh 144 million unpaid.

Yesterday Ndogai repeated the

same sentiments, maintaining that Arusha MP was acting under frustration.

Following the decision, Chadema MPs walked out of the debating chamber and thereafter the Speaker ordered them to go straight outside Parliament grounds.

He even barred media from speaking to the opposition lawmakers, adding that any journalist who dare interview the lawmakers would have his or her the gate pass withdrawn and sent packing.



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan exchanges greetings with Pandu Ameir Kificho (L), who chaired the Second Symposium in remembrance of First Zanzibar President Abeid Amani Karume held in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: VPO

'TARI has boosted production of palm seeds'

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has started to produce enough palm seeds to boost cultivation and palm oil production in the country.

This is an implementation of the directive issued recently by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa when he visited the Kihinga Palm Research Centre, stakeholders and farmers in Kigoma.

In his directive, Majaliwa wanted researchers to invest their efforts in producing more quality palm seeds as well as enlightening farmers on the good virtues of growing palm trees for better produce.

The premier said that Tanzania should become among the major producers of palm oil as it is in Costa Rica and Malaysia saying that what is much needed is commitment and investment to ensure that farmers are well and timely supplied with the seeds.

Speaking during the tour to witness the seeds production progress, TARI director general Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo said the government has decided to revive the production of the crop as the country is implementing its ambition of becoming an industrial nation.

According to him, the move also aims to ensure that the country has enough supply of edible oil produced locally to rescue the 600bn/- spent annually in importing edible oil.

"Since the Prime Minister's directive, at least 13 new experts have been hired at the Kihinga Palm

Research Centre, given equipment such as cars and motor bicycles and machines to enable them work efficiently," he said.

Dr Mkamilo said that TARI had also adopted a new technology which would see one hectare of palm trees produce up to five tonnes of palm oil per hectare from the current 1.6 tonne of oil.

"We are working closely with stakeholders to ensure that more and quality palm seedlings are produced and supplied to farmers in all districts in Kigoma Region," he said.

Dr Filson Kagimbo, the head of the Kihinga Palm Research Centre said they will continue working closely with stakeholders to mobilize farmers to chip in the palm oil production for their development and country at large.

Experts say that Tanzania has all it takes to grow and produce enough palm oil to meet local demands, but inadequate investment is bogging the sector down.

Despite such a huge potential, the country relies on imported raw materials for producing edible oils and soaps. Tanzania has more-or-less similar weather conditions with Malaysia from where it imports most of its palm oil. Malaysia is the world's second largest producer of palm oil while Tanzania is not even on the list of palm oil producing countries.

Tanzania imports 55.5 per cent of its total edible oil requirements despite having a vast and promising production potential in palm oil and sunflower sub-sectors.

By Felister Peter

Kisarawe raises 915m/- for improvement of the district's education infrastructure

KISARAWA District has collected 915m/- out of 1.3bn/- during a fundraising function held in Dar es Salaam recently for improvement of education infrastructures.

Kisarawe District Commissioner, Jokate Mwegelo told journalists yesterday that the monies will among other matters be spent on improving schools' infrastructures to ensure students study in good teaching and learning environment, hence boost performance in the 113-year-old district.

"We have so far collected 80m/-

which have been deposited in our bank account. Doors are open for other stakeholders to continue contributing to facilitate implementation of our campaign—"Tokomeza Zero", said Mwegelo commending the association of women engineers who have volunteered to provide expertise during construction of classes and dormitories.

Mwegelo said some stakeholders

have promised to construct two dormitories, each with the capacity to accommodate 80 pupils.

She commended educations stakeholders, friends and Tanzanians who contributed funds for the "Tokomeza Zero" campaign which is aimed at empowering girls academically.

She said they are currently focusing on dormitories for girls since they

are the most vulnerable to a number challenges including teen pregnancy which hinders them from achieving their education dreams.

She said that teen pregnancy is a problem whereby only 66 students who graduated Ordinary Level secondary school education in between 2014 and 2017 out of 4,880 were able to go for advanced secondary school education.

"We will in future construct dormitories for boys", she said.

The DC added that Sao Hill Company Limited had volunteered to provide roofing materials worth 10m/-. She said the company will also provide carpentry trainings to 40 youth from Kisarawe District.

She said her office had also received 1,050 bags of cement and a consignment of tiles from stakeholders.

"We have also trained a total of 220 teachers. They were equipped with modern teaching skills to be able to cope with the global technological developments", said the DC adding that students in Kisarawe district were also taught on self employment.

Mwegelo noted that academic performance in the district is improving where the number of students who had scored Division One in Form Four national examinations had increased from seven to 37.

The numbers of students with Zero Division have decreased to 175 from 257 previously, she said.



CALL FOR A PROPOSAL TO CARRY OUT END - TERM PROJECT EVALUATION FOR MBOZI FARMERS LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT (MFLI) PROJECT

Heifer International Tanzania was registered in Tanzania with registration number SO. 8367 as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and has been working with resource limited families in Tanzania since 1974. Over the last 40 years, Heifer Tanzania has been implementing various livelihood-based development livestock enterprises including dairy cattle, dairy goats, camels, donkeys, pigs, fish farming and bee keeping, and organic farming as well as various Agro Ecological Initiatives for improving food security and nutrition and smallholder farming households.

Mbozi Farmers Livelihood Improvement (MFLI) is an ambitious five years project designed to help 5,000 smallholder coffee grower families in Mbozi district to achieve sustainably improved livelihood through a multi-faceted set of interventions that include income diversification through milk production, improved water and sanitation techniques, and alternative energy provision.

MFLI project is funded by a leading U.S.-based specialty coffee company and core-implemented by Heifer International Tanzania (HITZ), Southern Highlands Participatory Organization (SHIPO) and Mbozi District Council (MDC). MFLI is targeting coffee growers in Igamba and Isansa wards of Mbozi District. Within these two wards the project is implemented in ten (10) villages, with four (4) in Igamba and six (6) villages in Isansa.

Key Deliverables

- Prepare the methodology and develop appropriate tools for the study in consultation with Heifer International Tanzania;
- Submit and present an End-term evaluation inception report to Heifer International Tanzania;
- Conduct data collection, analysis and reporting with the approval of the project's partnership;
- Submit and present the End-term evaluation reports to Heifer International Tanzania;
- Organize logistics for the survey including recruitment, transport and training for enumerators, meetings with informants, secondary data gathering, data analysis tools and equipment.

Qualification & Technical Competencies:

- Master's Degree in relevant field preferably in rural development studies, environment, Agricultural economics, social sciences, marketing or related field (lead consultant);
- At least 5 years of demonstrated experience in design, planning, marketing and implementation of quantitative and qualitative assessments;
- Familiarity with quantitative data analysis packages such as SPSS and qualitative data analysis methods;
- Experience in mobile data collection tools is an added advantage;
- Extensive knowledge on livestock management, WASH, Agricultural Value chain and research.
- Good knowledge and proven experience in survey design, implementation of surveys and statistical data analysis is required;
- Experience in the use of participatory appraisal techniques in data collection and analysis;
- Excellent communication skills in both Kiswahili and English;
- Prior working experience with Heifer/Starbucks, and strong knowledge of Tanzania culture are added advantages.

How to apply

Interested individuals/firms may obtain detailed Terms of reference (TOR) for this assignment by sending a request to the following e-mails: Rose.Marandu@heifer.org cc Castro.Asel@heifer.org with subject line "MFLI END-TERM EVALUATION PROPOSAL"

Deadline

Both Technical and Financial proposals should be submitted to the above-named e-mails on Monday 15th April 2019 before 1600hrs COB.



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Press Release

Approved by the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA)

Outcome of the DCB Commercial Bank Plc Rights Issue

04 April 2019

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DCB Commercial Bank Plc conducted a share Rights Issue from 12th November 2018 to 31st January 2019 which provided shareholders with the right to purchase one share for every two shares they owned at the date of closing the register, at the price of TZS 265 per share. The exercise also gave the opportunity to new shareholders to subscribe for lapsed shares at the same price. The total offer for subscription approved by the Capital Markets and Securities Authority was 33,913,948 shares, aiming to raise share capital of TZS 8,987,196,220.

DCB Commercial Bank Plc is delighted to announce that the Rights Issue has been completed in line with the bank's plan as approved by the Capital Markets and Securities Authority, receiving a subscription of 36,635,435 shares which is 108 percent of the target. The subscription level is above the planned amount by 2,721,487 shares which have subsequently been issued and allotted. Out of the subscribed shares, 23,681,321 shares were subscribed by existing shareholders and the remaining 12,954,114 shares by new shareholders, the total of which is expected to result in gross proceeds of TZS 9,708,390,270. Out of the proceeds, actual cash received is TZS 6,502,039,538 while commitments from anchor shareholders amount to TZS 3,206,350,732.

The CMSA has approved the shareholders' register reflecting these results, ready for crediting the allotted shares to the respective shareholders' Central Securities Depository (CSD) accounts.

This is another significant milestone that signifies the confidence that investors have on the bank and the capital markets in Tanzania. Through the rights issue, DCB Bank Plc share capital has increased by TZS9,708,390,270, from the current TZS 16,956,974,250 to TZS 26,665,364,520. Following accomplishment of the rights issue, the number of shares in DCB Bank Plc is now 104,441,011 shares.

The shares subscribed for are expected to start trading on the DSE on 02nd May 2019, after official listing of the new shares.

The Board and Management of DCB Bank Plc acknowledge the efforts made by all parties involved in making the rights issue a reality and successful. They include the Board and Management of Capital Markets and Securities Authority; CORE Capital Limited, the Lead Advisor; Mazars – Wiscon, the Reporting Accountant; and Excellent Attorneys (Advocates), the Legal Advisor.

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'10.7 million people in East African region are currently food insecure'

By Guardian Reporter

ABOUT 10.7 million people in the East African region are currently food insecure due to lower than average food production by key regional players, Uganda and Tanzania.

The low food production in the region could result into price increase and reduce access of poor households to basic food supplies.

A statement released yesterday by the Food Security and Nutrition Working Group (FSNWG), a regional platform, co-chaired by Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said the situation is currently worse in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Karamoja region in Uganda.

The current food shortage is attributed with the delay in the start of the March to June long rains, coupled with forecasted rainfall deficits in April that are building on dry conditions due to poor October-December rains over some parts of the Greater Horn of Africa. The poor performance of the past season's short rains already led to

below-average crop production and deteriorating pastures in some agro-pastoral and marginal mixed farming areas.

It said that north eastern Kenya, south and central Somalia and south and eastern Ethiopia would likely experience a rapid decline in pastoral conditions. "Dry conditions and high temperatures, between January and March, have already led to deteriorations in pastures and water availability in these areas, affecting livestock body conditions, reducing milk production, and leading to earlier-than-normal livestock migration".

Currently, despite poor agricultural and pastoral conditions, favorable market prices for key staple foods and livestock are facilitating food access for households. Cereal prices remain largely below average while livestock prices are similar to or above average across most markets. Exceptions, however, are conflict-affected areas of southern Ethiopia. The FSNW urges immediate and coordinated planning by governments, donors and all concerned stakeholders to respond

to the potentially deteriorating food security and nutrition situation.

The group suggests for the governments to ensure regular monitoring of developments using both remote sensing and joint field rapid assessments in worst-affected areas with particular emphasis on crop production levels and cereal supplies (regional and national), pasture, water, and livestock body conditions and atypical livestock movements and prices of key cereals and livestock.

In addition to monitoring, the FSNW suggests government to take actions such as activation of early actions focusing on strengthening rural agricultural livelihoods in worst-affected areas to mitigate the likely food security impacts of an upcoming prolonged and severe lean season.

Governments should also release drought-related contingency funding to enable timely early actions and response and map current and planned interventions to ensure a more coordinated response and strengthen the existing food security information systems and coordination.



Home Affairs minister Kangi Lugola (L, in black) has a word with Ethiopia's Ambassador to Tanzania, Yonas Yosef (R), and Immigration Commissioner General Anna Makakala (2nd-R) shortly after opening a meeting on how to deal with migration issues jointly and more effectively. It was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

GETTING a job placement in the formal sector in East Africa has grown to become an unattainable fete, this is according to regional economic outlook for 2019 by the African Development Bank (AfDB).

From the snail's-pace growth of formal employment, the informal sector has not only become the alternative for job seekers but also the only means to attaining a formidable livelihood.

"The job-issue is linked closely to the quality of growth where the nature of development in most East African countries is not tailored to

Landing a formal job in East Africa now a luxury, report reveals

generate decent jobs hence the high level of informality," said AfDB. Lead Economist Mercellin Ndong-Ntah.

According to the recently released report, East Africa's main stay in the export of primary commodities has re-appeared in its recent economic engagement with the East, informed by a deterioration of the terms of trade.

The situation has since left many of the countries exposed to trade volatility emerging from external shocks to result in an economic structure which hinders structural transformation.

The employment epidemic does

however exist in the wings of a strong economic growth era in East Africa estimated at an average of 5.7 percent across 2018- the highest on the continent to elevate inclusive growth concerns.

In spite of the existence of efforts to address poverty and inclusive growth, East Africa faces a severe inequality problem illustrated by earnings where on average, 48.4 percent of income goes to the richest 20 percent of income earners.

By contrast, only 6 percent of income goes to the poorest 20 percent even as

the income gap remains considerably varied across East African countries with the highest levels of inequality being reported in South Sudan, Comoros and Djibouti.

Inequality levels are meanwhile lowest in Burundi, Tanzania and Sudan.

The report denotes industrialization as the viable option to structural transformation identifying the need to raise productivity and output primarily through the promotion of agro-based industries.

This even as the lack of formal wage jobs forces young people into

searching for innovative employment in agriculture and informal household businesses. "Because the informal economy will remain part important in the provision of jobs to the youth, policy makers must therefore raise its productivity, support it and eventually formalize it," notes the report.

In Kenya, the government has already prioritized manufacturing under its integrated economic transformation pillar with the goal of creating up to 800,000 new jobs in addition to the modernization and development of new factories.

The outlook for the sector does however remain depressed going by the latest available government statistics.

Manufacturing as a share of GDP has for instance shrunk in recent years to 8.4 percent in 2017 from a 10 year high of 11.8 percent in 2011 to back a similar trend in the sector's year on year growth which closed at 0.2 percent in 2017 from a contribution of 2.7 percent in 2016.

The sector's non-performing loans have likewise deteriorated to expand by 62.8 percent in 12 months to June 2018 to top Ksh.51.6 billion according to data compiled by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK).



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Interested firms or individuals should submit their profiles indicating clearly qualified staff or qualification with their experience relevant to required services, list of similar engagements executed within last three (3) years along with their respective consideration and Certificate of registration for interested firms.

These electronic copies should be sent to Baylor-Tanzania at procurement@baylortanzania.or.tz with the subject "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PROCESS WORK PERMITS, RETENTION CERTIFICATES, AND MEDICAL LICENSES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH DOCTORS FOR BAYLOR - TANZANIA - REF: BCMF/MBY/PC/19/001". Detailed Terms of Reference or scope of or statement of work may be obtained through this link "<https://jobs.baylortanzania.or.tz>", request for clarification and other relevant information may be obtained from the same email address provided above. All e-mail correspondences should maintain the same subject.

Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is on April 15th, 2019 at 1200 Hrs. Applications beyond that time and date will not be considered.

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION RFQ 2019 - 04/01

Closing Date: Friday 19th April 2019, 2pm (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Pact Inc. is an international non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC. Pact serves communities challenged by poverty and marginalization because we envision a world where everyone owns their future. To do this, we build systemic solutions in partnership with local organizations, businesses and government. Our goal is thriving, resilient communities where those we serve are heard, capable, and vibrant.

Pact Tanzania now invites quotes from eligible, registered companies to supply start up kits to 2,158 out of school OVC age 15-19 in targeted councils. Below is list of start up kits to be supplied and distributed.

No	Type of Kit	# of kits needed
1	Plumbing kit	19
2	Aluminum kit	16
3	Carpentry and Joinery kit	19
4	Masonry and Brick layering kit	40
5	Small Color Compressor Machine kit	2
6	Hair dressing and Beauty	258
7	Tailoring and Dress making kit	940
8	Batik Making kit	3
9	Decorations (venue) kit	114
10	Embroidery kit	45
11	Knitting kit	8
12	Air condition kit	3
13	CCTV Camera kit	2
14	Baking and Decoration	9
15	Catering and Food production	136
16	Electronic installation tool box	266
17	Welding and Fabrication	106
18	Motor vehicle mechanic box	169
19	Boiler mechanic box	3

Interested vendors should request for the full Terms of Reference through email to procurementTZ@pactworld.org by Friday 12th April 2019.

Interested, eligible vendor should deliver their quotation to:

The Tender Committee
Pact Tanzania
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania
Or email procurementTZ@pactworld.org

All quotes must be in Tanzanian Shillings and enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The deadline is 2pm EAT Friday 19th April 2019.

Please note:

- Late or incomplete bids will not be accepted.
- The quote that complies with all the specifications/requirements and offers the lowest price, as well as all other evaluation criteria indicated in the TOR, shall be selected.
- Pact may cancel solicitation and not award.
- Pact may reject any or all responses received.
- Issuance of request for quotes does not constitute a contract commitment by Pact.
- Pact reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on offeror failure to follow the solicitation instructions.
- Pact reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
- Pact will be contacting all offerors to confirm contact person, address and that the proposal was submitted for this solicitation.



Dar es Salaam mayor Isaya Mwita (2nd-L) presents to the headmaster of Dar es Salaam's Minazi Mirefu Secondary School, Fulgence Daud, laptops donated by Tanzania Breweries Limited at a brief ceremony held in the city yesterday. Looking on are Dar es Salaam City Council ethics committee chairman Songoro Mnyonge (L) and TBL sustainability affairs manager Mutiganzi. In total, the company donated 20 laptops to three Dar es Salaam Region secondary schools. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

New initiative ups maize production per acre in Iringa

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Kilolo

SMALLHOLDER farmers in Iringa Region have increased maize production from three to 15 bags per acre due to proper use of modern agronomic practices.

Speaking in separate interviews farmers in the district lauded the initiatives made by One Acre Fund—a non-profit agriculture organization for assisting them with technical-know how as well as giving them farm inputs on credit.

Lukia Mlowoka is a resident of Luganga village in Kilolo district said that for years has been growing maize and ended to get three to four bags of the crop, “but now I’m one of the happiest farmers here because I harvest five times. I thank the One Acre Fund for what they have been doing to us.”

According to Mlowoka, since the arrival of the fund farmers were trained on modern farming skills including the application of agricultural inputs such as fertilizer and improved seeds.

“Right now, in an area where I used to get three bags, I am getting five times. To me this is a success story. This has improved my life.”

Apart from training and farm inputs, according to Mlowoka, farmers are regularly visited by agricultural officers.

Another smallholder farmer at Luganga Village, Edina Chavalla described One Acre Fund as an eye-opener as it has trained her on how to prepare a farm, plant seeds, and how to use fertilizer such as DAP, UREA and CAN for planting and top dressing respectively.

Chavalla said in the past it was

difficult for small-scale farmers like her to get access to improved seeds and fertilizer, but the One Acre Fund came up with the solution, whereby farmers are given agricultural inputs on loan basis, whereby the beneficiaries re-pay the loan after harvesting.

“We are getting enough maize, but lack of reliable market remains a challenge that needs to be addressed if we’re to get out of poverty,” she said.

She explained that she has some grandchildren to look after and taking them to school using maize for paying school fees and other things but without having reliable markets, the good job done by the fund is nothing.

“Modern farming is very beneficial as it gives me more yields in a smaller area, thanks One Acre Fund for coming into our village,” said Fraiko Chalale, another farmer in the area.

Dokas Tinga, communications officer of the One Acre Fund said the organisation has been supporting smallholder farmers financially while training them on better farming techniques to increase production and fight hunger and poverty.

“We provide a complete service bundle of seeds and fertilizer, financing, training, and market facilitation,” she said.

One Acre Fund Tanzania is currently serving more than 50,000 farmers in the regions of Iringa, Njombe, Mbeya, Songwe and Arusha.

It offers hybrid maize seeds and fertilizer, as well as add-on products including storage bags, solar lights, and funeral insurance. “We’re also exploring new ways to support the government in providing agricultural extension services.

Mozambique flood survivors mourn, with thousands still missing

MAPUTO

Sara Francisco survived the devastating Cyclone Idai by climbing onto a rooftop with her two young daughters in her rural village of Buzi after most surrounding buildings were swept away by flooding.

She was stuck on the rooftop for about 24 hours with no food, surviving only on rainwater while calling out for help with her children.

Help eventually came when a villager passed by in a small canoe, taking Francisco, 24, and her daughters to a camp for displaced persons in Beira, 50km northeast of Buzi.

But her problems are not over as she still cannot find her missing family members.

“I can’t find my husband, my mother and six siblings. We were together before the floods but since I arrived to the camp, I can’t locate them,” Francisco told Al Jazeera.

“I assumed they were rescued by the boats too but it doesn’t look like they survived. Every day I’m praying to God to find them,” she added. “I have made repeated calls to their phone numbers but got no response. Some of my relations have gone back to the village to look for them but no one has seen them. I am really, really concerned.”

Cyclone Idai was one of the worst storms on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere as a whole. The cyclone caused catastrophic damage in Zimbabwe and Malawi, but Mozambique was the hardest-hit, with

Beira, a coastal city of 500,000 residents, and surrounding areas bearing the brunt of the long-lived storm.

For days, rescue teams including government workers and aid agencies deployed boats and helicopters to the flooded areas in search of survivors.

Thousands were ferried to safety - mostly to Beira, which was partly destroyed by the cyclone. However, thousands remain missing.

Twenty-eight-year-old Eduardo received word that his ageing mother and two of his siblings were among the dead.

“I cried so hard when I was told they were swept away by the floods. The people around them were helpless in saving them,” Eduardo told Al Jazeera. “I’m inconsolable. I don’t know what to

do. I’m now an orphan,” he said.

The death toll from the cyclone in Mozambique has topped 500 but officials have warned the toll will rise significantly when the flood waters recede and more bodies will be found.

Mozambique’s President Filipe Nyusi last week called off rescue efforts while saluting the efforts of those searching for victims of the cyclone, which he described as the “worst humanitarian disaster in Mozambique”.

Meanwhile, some of the survivors in the rescue camps have demanded to return home. The Mozambique National Institute for Disaster Management is now leading efforts to return some of them back to their storm-stricken villages as the flood waters recede.

AGENCIES



IPANGEA MINERALS LIMITED

REQUESTS THE SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM QUALIFIED PARTIES WANTING TO PARTICIPATE IN TENDERING FOR THE PROVISION OF PROCESS PLANT CORROSION PROTECTION AND RELATED WORKS TO BUZWAGI GOLD MINE

Pangea Minerals Limited (PML), also known as Buzwagi Mine, is located in the Lake Victoria Goldfields of Northern Tanzania in the District of Kahama in the Region of Shinyanga. PML is a fully-owned subsidiary of Acacia Mining Plc. PML is intending to undertake corrosion protection and related works in the Process Plant. PML invites “Expressions of Interest” from reputable, experienced and certified Engineering companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in the tender process for the provision of Process Plant corrosion protection and related works to Buzwagi Gold Mine.

The contract is intended to be awarded through a competitive tender process in which a restricted number of suitable qualified and experienced contractors will be invited to receive tender documents. If your company would like to be considered for pre-qualification to receive the invitation to tender, please submit an “Expression of Interest” on your company’s letterhead together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Company profile(s);
- Company registration documents i.e. Certificate of incorporation, business licence, TIN, VRN, etc.;
- Summary of Court proceedings (pending and completed), Court Judgements and/or insolvency / bankruptcy proceedings, if any, during the last 3 years.
- Job and client reference for similar services rendered;
- With regard to the mining support activities, submission of documentation showing registration as a Tanzanian Contractor Specialized at least Category 6;
- Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OSHA) compliance certificate;
- Must be registered with the Tanzanian Worker’s Compensation Fund (Send Certificate of Registration)
- Must be registered with NSSF as an Employer (Send Certificate of Registration)
- With regard to aforementioned rehabilitation works, submission of documentation to show:
 - An extensive track record of experience in rehabilitation work using the long hole drilling technique utilised at the mine;
 - An exemplary Safety record working in similar environments to those encountered at Bulyanhulu Mine;
 - An established pool of key personnel familiar with underground rehabilitation techniques;
 - Proven in house systems and control procedures; and
 - An Accredited personnel training and mentorship capability.
- An extensive track record with regard to Corporate Social Responsibility Programme and an evidence of utilising and developing skills of the local community surrounding your previous projects.

Kindly send your response by email to buztenders@acaciaminging.com by latest close of business on the 19th April 2019. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote reference number “CO-BUZ-2019-0001” in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an “Expression of Interest” shall be at the sole discretion of Pangea Minerals Limited.

Biological weapon against fall armyworm identified in Africa

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

SCIENTISTS have identified a biological weapon that could end the devastating effect of the fall armyworm in Sub-Saharan Africa.

According to the FAO, fall armyworm has already spread across Sub-Saharan Africa since its detection in the region in 2016, affecting millions of hectares of maize and sorghum. Fall armyworm threatens the food security of about 200 million people in Africa.

The biological weapon, known as *Telenomus remus*, is a parasitoid – an insect that completes its larval development within the body of another insect leading to the death of its host. It is being used to augment control of fall armyworm in the Americas, experts say.

“We hope that by using this parasitoid or other biological control agents, the quantity of synthetic insecticides used against fall armyworm will diminish,” says Marc Kenis, lead author of the study and head of risk analysis at the Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI).

T. remus has now been identified through DNA analysis in Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Niger and South Africa, according to a study published in the journal *Insects* last week.

“*T. remus* is a vital tool that can fight against the fall armyworm, a pest that has the ability to cause yield losses of up to 20.6 million tonnes per annum in 12 of Africa's maize-producing countries,” says Marc Kenis, lead author of the study and head of risk analysis at the Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI, the parent organisation of SciDev.Net).

Kenis tells SciDev.Net that at the moment, control methods include mainly the massive use of broad-spectrum insecticides, which has serious economic, environmental and health impacts.

The use of natural enemies to control a pest, an approach called biological control, is environmentally more sustainable and has no negative impact on

human health.

“Many teams in Africa are looking for natural enemies of fall armyworm in several African countries. Of particular interest are parasitoids,” says Kenis.

“Our discovery showed that the parasitoid is already in West, East and Southern Africa and can readily be used as biological control agent.”

But according to Kenis, biological control agents do not eradicate pests.

“They just lower their populations and impact below a tolerance threshold. We hope that by using this parasitoid or other biological control agents, the quantity of synthetic insecticides used against fall armyworm will diminish,” Kenis explains, adding that the main challenge will be to develop a production method specific for the African context that will be economically viable for farmers.

African policymakers should begin to facilitate the use of *T. remus* as biological control agent through facilitating its registration Kenis says.

Tony Wemton the director of Wemton Agricultural Development and Advisory Services in Nigeria, tells SciDev.Net that Nigerian farmers have been using insecticides to fight against fall armyworm, which can cause great harm to farmers and end users of their products.

“With this new biological weapon that can fight against fall armyworm, African governments can help local farmers by making funds available through grants or subsidies so that they can have access to it,” Wemton says.



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Vodacom Tanzania's Masasi zonal manager, Asjile Mwakisunga, delivers a Vodacom Tanzania Foundation speech earlier this week at the end of 'Hakuna Wasichoweza' programme targeting Lindi Region. The programme was established by T-MARC in 2012 and is sponsored by Vodacom Foundation, the idea being to help girl students in Mtwara and Lindi better manage their menstrual periods. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Kagera

EDUCATION stakeholders in Bukoba municipality have appealed for the government to increase the amount of grants issued to fund free education in primary schools, saying that the current amount was little to afford running the schools.

The stakeholders made the call during the forum organised by Kagera Community Development Foundation (KCDF) to table its report of Public Expenditure Tracking System (PETS) focusing on four wards of Hamugembe, Kagondo, Nshambya and Rwamishenye, among 14 wards.

KCDF formed four PETS committees which visited seven primary schools of Kashabo, Rwamishenye, Rwemishasha, Rwemishasha B, Kiteyagwa, Nshambya and Ihungo.

Education stakeholders in Bukoba appeal for more free govt funding

The survey findings detailed a number of challenges that schools faces including insufficient funds which pose hardship in running the schools and serving the children.

The project which commenced in 2018, also found there were inappropriate allocation of pupils allowance from one school to another.

It cited that Kashabo primary school which had 998 pupils, got 9,253,708/- which is an average of 9,272/- per pupil, while Kiteyagwa primary school with 1,213 pupils got 1,569,489/- an average of 13,000/- per pupil.

Speaking during the meeting, Amir

Bahati Abdallah, school committee chairman at Rwamishenye primary school said there is an urgent need for the government to increase the funding or else be ready to witness poor education performance of the schools.

“This amount of allowance of 10,000/- for a pupil is too little, I suggest that the government should come up with plan B to address the challenge, even making it compulsory for communities start contributing for their children's education,” he said.

For his part, Speratus Chuma, from Bukoba municipality education office, told the forum that the problem of

improper allocation allowances had already solved, and now all the pupils were getting their allowances equally.

Dr Baganda Epidius, Bukoba municipal Education Officer, who represented Bukoba municipality executive officer, Limbe Benard thanked KCDF for the finding, saying the government is doing all its efforts to uplift education standard, and that it needs everyone support to reach the economic industrialisation drive.

According to KCDF coordinator, Frederick Innocent, the project will cover all 14 wards if the pilot project proved successful.



Feza Schools director Ibrahim Yunus (L) bestows a medal upon student Yvonne Nandi of the Arusha-based Cornerstone Academy Secondary School for emerging runner-up in an African School Debate competition held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Be ambassadors in fight against substandard products, secondary school students are called upon

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

STUDENTS in secondary schools have been asked to be good ambassadors to ensure that they help the government in the fight against importation of substandard goods which has been affecting people's lives and economy of Tanzania.

Senior marketing officer of Tanzania Bureau of Standards, Gladness Kaseka, said during awareness campaign on standards issues for students from secondary schools in Kilombero District, Morogoro Region.

A total of 2,089 students from various secondary schools namely Kibaoni and Kwashungu, 78 teachers and over 200 entrepreneurs attended in the campaign at Ifakara town.

She said that education on importance of standards to students was crucial because they could help the country to avoid become a dumpsite of substandard goods.

“We are doing so to ensure that they would become good ambassadors to ensure that substandard goods are not sold in the country,” she added.

However the officer urged manufacturers to adhere to standards procedures adding that it is obligation of every Tanzanian to fight against substandard goods.

Speaking the head master of Kibaoni secondary school, Zakaria

Kalinga commended the standard body for introducing the idea adding that it would promote and increases understanding of matters related to standards.

He said the move would help to convey message within short time to a wider population because students are coming from different parts of the country.

He asked TBS to continue educating since it helps to create strong foundation for the coming generation in standards related matters.

Earlier, the senior quality assurance officer of TBS Amina Yasin urged entrepreneurs who attended in the campaign to follow all requirements to access quality standard marks free of charge.

Such entrepreneurs will have to forward their application through Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) which knows them much better.



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Acute food insecurity far too high, UN agency warns as 113 million go hungry

By Guardian Reporter

THE Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and EU “Global Report on Food Crises 2019”, shows that the number going chronically-hungry has remained well over 100 million over the past three years, with the number of countries affected, rising.

According to the report, nearly two-thirds of those facing acute hunger come from just eight countries: Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. And although there were 11 million fewer people believed to be in food crisis in 2018 compared with 2017, in 17 countries, acute hunger either remained the same or increased, the report indicates.

Moreover, an additional 143 million people in another 42 countries are just one step away from acute hunger. Climate and natural disasters pushed another 29 million people into acute food insecurity in 2018, says the report, and that number excludes 13

countries - including North Korea and Venezuela - because of data gaps.

“It is clear from the Global Report that despite a slight drop in 2018 in the number of people experiencing acute food insecurity - the most extreme form of hunger - the figure is still far too high”, said FAO Director-General, José Graziano da Silva, speaking at a two-day conference to discuss the findings, in Brussels.

“We must act at scale across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to build the resilience of affected

and vulnerable populations. To save lives, we also have to save livelihoods”, he added.

While critical to saving lives and alleviating human suffering, humanitarian assistance does not address the root causes of food crises, WFP Executive Director, David Beasley noted in Brussels, highlighted the importance of “attacking the root causes of hunger: conflict, instability, the impact of climate shocks”.

“Boys and girls need to be well-nourished and educated, women need to be truly empowered, rural

infrastructure must be strengthened in order to meet that Zero Hunger goal.

Programmes that make a community resilient and more stable will also reduce the number of hungry people. And one thing we need world leaders to do as well: step up to the plate and help solve these conflicts, right now”, Beasley added.

From 2014 to 2020, the EU will have provided nearly €9 billion for initiatives on food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture in over 60 countries.

“Food crises continue to be a global challenge, which requires our joint efforts. The EU continues to step up its humanitarian efforts. Over the last three years, the EU allocated the biggest humanitarian food and nutrition assistance budget ever, with nearly €2 billion overall. Food crises are becoming more acute and complex and we need innovative ways to tackle and prevent them from happening”, said Christos Stylianides, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management.

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PUBLICATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2018 (Amounts in million shillings)			CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018 (Amounts in million shillings)			CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2018 (Amounts in million shillings)							
	Current Year	Previous Year		Current Year	Previous Year	Share capital	Share premium	Retained profit	Regulatory reserve	General provision reserve	Others	Total	
	31.12.2018	31.12.2017		31.12.2018	31.12.2017	Capital	Capital	Capital	Capital				
A. ASSETS						Current Year (31.12.2018)							
1 Cash	7,419.76	5,377.90	1 Interest Income	44,283.26	41,740.25	Balance as at the beginning of the current year (01.01.2018)	2,792.00	17,995.75	33,038.80	-	2,520.86	217.70	56,565.11
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	35,003.53	31,234.91	2 Interest Expense	(18,928.19)	(17,875.55)	Profit for the year	-	-	6,197.72	-	-	-	6,197.72
3 Investments in Government securities	98,884.26	81,084.84	3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	25,355.08	23,864.70	Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Balances with other banks and financial institutions	8,923.32	1,842.51	4 Bad Debts Written-Off	730.71	190.98	Transactions with owners	13,410.00	94.48	-	-	-	-	13,504.48
5 Cheques and items for clearing	22.90	96.35	5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	5,185.47	4,399.03	Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Inter branch float items	-	-	6 Non Interest Income:	9,423.39	7,237.51	Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(4,558.86)	4,558.86	-	-	-
7 Bills negotiated	-	-	6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	3,007.31	2,032.96	General Provision Reserve	-	-	(206.89)	-	206.89	-	-
8 Customer liabilities for acceptances	-	-	6.2 Fees and Commissions	6,104.15	4,964.35	Others	-	-	(446.41)	-	-	-	(446.41)
9 Interbank Loans Receivables	-	-	6.3 Dividend Income	8.78	6.75	Balance as at the end of the current year (31.12.2018)	16,202.00	18,090.23	34,024.37	4,558.86	2,727.74	217.70	75,820.90
10 Investments in other securities	-	-	6.4 Other Operating Income	303.16	233.45	Previous Year (31.12.2017)							
11 Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances for probable losses)	345,398.23	312,257.04	7 Non Interest Expenses:	(19,850.54)	(19,544.53)	Balance as at the beginning of the previous year (01.01.2017)	2,792.00	17,995.75	28,781.30	-	2,703.95	-	52,273.00
12 Other assets	10,185.67	5,800.55	7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(9,438.34)	(9,098.02)	Profit for the year	-	-	4,875.71	-	-	-	4,875.71
13 Equity Investments	811.00	811.00	7.2 Fees and Commission	(1,363.61)	(1,579.63)	Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-	7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(9,048.59)	(8,866.88)	Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	4,378.43	4,950.26	8 Operating Income/(Loss)	9,011.75	6,967.67	Dividends Paid	-	-	(801.30)	-	-	-	(801.30)
16 TOTAL ASSETS	511,027.10	443,455.35	9 Income Tax Provision	(2,814.03)	(2,091.96)	Regulatory Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B. LIABILITIES			10 Net Income/(Loss) After Income Tax	6,197.72	4,875.71	General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	(183.09)	-	-	-
17 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	36,364.32	15,007.41	11 Other Comprehensive Income (itemize)	-	217.70	Others	-	-	-	-	217.70	217.70	-
18 Customer deposits	328,695.17	319,248.68	12 Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the quarter / year	6,197.72	5,093.41	Balance as at the end of the previous year (31.12.2017)	2,792.00	17,995.75	33,038.80	-	2,520.86	217.70	56,565.11
19 Cash letters of credit	-	-	SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS			In preparation of the yearly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements (if there were changes during the quarter, the changes be explained as per IAS 34 & IAS 8).							
20 Special deposits	372.00	353.45	(i) Return on Average Total Assets	1.30%	1.13%	Name and Title		Signature			Date		
21 Payment orders/transfers payable	-	-	(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	9.36%	8.96%	Baseer Mohammed (Chief Executive Officer)		(Signed)					28.03.2019
22 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	353.92	360.13	(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	56.77%	63.07%	Amulike Kamwela (Head of Finance)		(Signed)					28.03.2019
23 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	2,757.85	1,901.15	(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	5.75%	6.21%	Aimtonga Adolph (Chief Internal Auditor)		(Signed)					28.03.2019
24 Acceptances outstanding	-	-	CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018 (Amounts in million shillings)			We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.							
25 Interbranch float items	-	-				Name and Title							
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	2,444.82	2,122.63				Signature							
27 Other liabilities	174.11	736.40				Date							
28 Borrowings	64,044.02	47,160.39				Sarit Shah							
29 TOTAL LIABILITIES	435,206.20	386,890.25				(Signed)							
30 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	75,820.90	56,565.11				Pratul H. Shah							
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS						(Signed)							
31 Paid up share capital	16,202.00	2,792.00											
32 Share premium	18,090.23	17,995.75											
33 Capital reserves	217.70	217.70											
34 Retained earnings	27,826.65	28,163.09											
35 Profit (Loss) account	6,197.72	4,875.71											
36 Provision Reserve	7,286.60	2,520.86											
37 Minority Interest	-	-											
38 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	75,820.9	56,565.10											
39 Contingent liabilities	77,398.94	59,676.93											
40 Non performing loans & advances	47,838.38	27,507.22											
41 Allowances for probable losses	16,708.52	12,625.06											
42 Other non performing assets	-	-											
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS													
(i) Shareholders Funds to total assets	14.85%	12.76%											
(ii) Non performing loans to total gross loans	13.21%	8.47%											
(iii) Gross loans and advances to total deposits	99.09%	97.23%											
(iv) Loans and Advances to total assets	70.86%	73.26%											
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	90.66%	90.38%											
(vi) Deposits Growth	9.21%	7.33%											
(vii) Assets growth	15.24%	5.35%											

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Why water is vital for all known forms of life

WATER is a transparent, tasteless, odourless, and nearly colourless chemical substance, which is the main constituent of Earth's streams, lakes, and oceans, and the fluids of most living organisms. It is vital for all known forms of life, even though it provides no calories or organic nutrients. Its chemical formula is H₂O, meaning that each of its molecules contains one oxygen and two hydrogen atoms, connected by covalent bonds. Water is the name of the liquid state of H₂O at standard ambient temperature and pressure. It forms precipitation in the form of rain and aerosols in the form of fog. Clouds are formed from suspended droplets of water and ice, its solid state. When finely divided, crystalline ice may precipitate in the form of snow. The gaseous state of water is steam or water vapour. Water moves continually through the water cycle of evaporation, transpiration (evapotranspiration), condensation, precipitation, and runoff, usually reaching the sea.

Water covers 71 per cent of the Earth's surface, mostly in seas and oceans. Small portions of water occur as groundwater (1.7 per cent), in the glaciers and the ice caps of Antarctica and Greenland (1.7 per cent), and in the air as vapor, clouds (formed of ice and liquid water suspended in air), and precipitation (0.001 per cent).

Water plays an important role in the world economy. Approximately 70 per cent of the freshwater used by humans goes to agriculture. Fishing in salt and fresh water bodies is a major source of food for many parts of the world. Much of long-distance trade of commodities (such as oil and natural gas) and manufactured products is transported by boats through seas, rivers, lakes, and canals. Large quantities of water, ice, and steam are used for cooling and heating, in industry and homes. Water is an excellent solvent for a wide variety of chemical substances; as such it is widely used in industrial processes, and

in cooking and washing. Water is also central to many sports and other forms of entertainment, such as swimming, pleasure boating, boat racing, surfing, sport fishing, and diving.

With a consumption rate of 1,700 cubic metres per person annually, Tanzania is likely to become a water-stressed country by 2025 if water sources are not managed well, experts have warned.

The Wami/Ruvu River Basin Board chairman Hamza Sadick made this observation during a journalists' workshop over the weekend on aspects of water resources management held in Bagamoyo, Coast Region.

The workshop introduced an overview of Water Sector Reforms in the country, functions and roles of Basin Water Boards and the newly adopted Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).

He said Tanzania was endowed with relatively abundant freshwater sources but these were unevenly distributed and increasingly at risk.

On average, Tanzania's renewable freshwater per capita per year was estimated at about 1,952 cubic meter in 2014, but it is projected to drop to 1,500 cubic meters by 2025.

Furthermore, Sadick said that lack of water due to growing demand and climate change need to alert the nation to take action for protecting water sources threatened by human activities.

Currently, water resources are not well harnessed and many demands are unmet, he said, noting that uneven development in key sectors such as hydropower and irrigation has led to underutilisation of water resources for economic growth. At the same time, temporal and spatial demands are increasingly emerging as challenges as a result of population pressure in fragile catchment areas, he pointed out.

Managing of water resources sustainably was now recognised as an urgent priority by the different water-dependent sector, the board chairman emphasized.

New breast cancer treatment helps sufferers gain ground

BREAST cancer is cancer that develops from breast tissue. Signs of breast cancer may include a lump in the breast, a change in breast shape, dimpling of the skin, fluid coming from the nipple, a newly inverted nipple, or a red or scaly patch of skin. In those with distant spread of the disease, there may be bone pain, swollen lymph nodes, shortness of breath, or yellow skin.

Risk factors for developing breast cancer include being female, obesity, lack of physical exercise, drinking alcohol, hormone replacement therapy during menopause, ionizing radiation, early age at first menstruation, having children late or not at all, older age, prior history of breast cancer, and family history. About 5-10 per cent of cases are due to genes inherited from a person's parents, including BRCA1 and BRCA2 among others. Breast cancer most commonly develops in cells from the lining of milk ducts and the lobules that supply the ducts with milk. Cancers developing from the ducts are known as ductal carcinomas, while those developing from lobules are known as lobular carcinomas. In addition, there are more than 18 other sub-types of breast cancer. Some cancers, such as ductal carcinoma in situ, develop from pre-invasive lesions. The diagnosis of breast cancer is confirmed by taking a biopsy of the concerning lump. Once the diagnosis is made, further tests are done to determine if the cancer has spread beyond the breast and which treatments are most likely to be effective.

The balance of benefits versus harms of breast cancer screening is controversial. A 2013 Cochrane review stated that it is unclear if mammographic screening does more good or harm. In developing countries survival rates are poorer. Worldwide, breast cancer is

the leading type of cancer in women, accounting for 25 per cent of all cases. In 2012 it resulted in 1.68 million new cases and 522,000 deaths. It is more common in developed countries and is more than 100 times more common in women than in men.

Breast cancer patients in the country have a reason to smile following the start of a new operation procedure that eliminates the deadly cells without removing the infected organ as it was earlier.

The new advanced treatment is being hailed by experts as a milestone as the previous procedure that required the removal of the infected breast caused trauma to patients due to consequent changes in physical looks that came with the removal of the organ, as a crucial part of a woman's image.

Speaking during the opening of a breast cancer forum at the Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Mloganzila teaching hospital on the outskirts of the city of Dar es Salaam recently, MNH executive director Prof Lawrence Museru said the first four patients will be operated using the technology installed at Mloganzila.

The technology known as breast conserving surgery will henceforth be an alternative to mastectomy surgery, following the recent procurement of state-of-the-art cancer care and treatment machines at the Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI).

Breast cancer incidence rates are higher in high-income countries than in low- and middle-income countries but deaths are higher in low and middle income countries due to limited capacity for prevention, early detection and treatment programs, the don explained, noting that in Tanzania, breast cancer represents 14.4 per cent of new cancer cases among women, annually.

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Sustainable development and the SDGs



BY FOLAWIYO K. OLAJOKU

THE history of the concept of sustainable development could begin with the US government's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. This act came largely in response to the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, which had a devastating impact on wildlife and the natural environment in the area. But it was also the product of greater societal attention to the consequences of industrial pollution, awareness of which was promoted by the 1962 publication *Silent Spring* by Rachael Carson.

Around the same time, and as a result of the same push towards great concern for the environment, arrived the Clean Water Act, the Water Quality Act, the push to ban DDT, and the institution of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Shortly after the passage of NEPA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) opened its doors in 1970, promoting protection of the environment through research, standard-setting, and monitoring. The goals of the EPA concerned both human health as well as natural resource protection.

The next step in the growth of sustainable development as a mainstream concept and practice was the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, in Stockholm, Sweden. This conference "brought the industrialized and developing nations together to delineate the 'rights' of the human family to a healthy and productive environment. A series of such meetings followed, e.g. on the rights of people to adequate food, to sound housing, to safe water, to access to means of family

planning. The recognition to revitalize humanity's connection with nature, led to the creation of global institutions within the UN system.

The first time the term 'sustainable' was used "in the modern sense" was as part of the Club of Rome, in 1972. This came to the fore as a part of the publication of *Limits to Growth*, a report that described a particular state in which the global population would achieve balance or equilibrium. "Describing the desirable "state of global equilibrium", the authors used the word "sustainable": "We are searching for a model output that represents a world system that is: one, sustainable without sudden and uncontrolled collapse; and two, capable of satisfying the basic material requirements of all of its people.

About 15 years after the Club of Rome's publication came another large step forward in this movement, at least according to most mainstream sources. The World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED) was tasked by the Secretary General of the UN, in 1983, to "re-examine critical environmental and development problems around the world and formulate realistic proposals to address them." This culminated in the 1987 Brundtland Report's publication of "Our Common Future", which established a suggested path for sustainable development on a global level and served to bring the concept of sustainability into the foreground on an international level.

The concept of sustainable development formed the basis of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The summit marked the first international

attempt to draw up action plans and strategies for moving towards a more sustainable pattern of development. It was attended by over 100 Heads of State and representatives from 178 national governments. The summit was also attended by representatives from a range of other organisations representing civil society. Sustainable development was the solution to the problems of environmental degradation discussed by the Brundtland Commission in the 1987 report, *Our Common Future*.

The remit of the Brundtland Report was to investigate the numerous concerns that had been raised in previous decades, namely, that human activity was having severe and negative impacts on the planet, and that patterns of growth and development would be unsustainable if they continued unchecked.

Another notable international protocol designed to guide the international community towards sustainable development, in this case particularly environmental, was the Kyoto Climate Agreement in 1997. Its goal was to reduce the emissions of its signatories, with more emphasis placed on those developed countries which were responsible for most of the air pollution and its subsequent consequences.

It might be noted that the United States is the only developed country and one of the only two in general (the other being South Sudan) that has not ratified this protocol.

More recently, the World Summit on Sustainable Development was held in Johannesburg in 2002, attended by 191 national governments, UN agencies, multilateral financial institutions and other major groups to assess progress

since Rio.

The Johannesburg Summit delivered three key outcomes: a political declaration, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and a range of partnership initiatives. Key commitments included those on sustainable consumption and production, water and sanitation, and energy.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were born at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. The objective was to produce a set of universal goals that meet the urgent environmental, political and economic challenges facing our world.

The SDGs replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which started a global effort in 2000 to tackle the indignity of poverty. The MDGs established measurable, universally-agreed objectives for tackling extreme poverty and hunger, preventing deadly diseases, and expanding primary education to all children, among other development priorities.

The SDGs, otherwise known as the Global Goals, are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. They consist of 17 goals which are no poverty, zero hunger, good health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, reduced inequality, sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water, life on land, peace and justice strong institutions, and partnerships to achieve the goal.

Political empowerment of women leaders a basic necessity in developing countries

By MUHARRAM MACATTA

Women have the right to participate in political processes that affect them, their families, and their societies. Countries with increased women's participation and leadership in civil society and political parties tend to be more inclusive, responsive, egalitarian, and democratic.

When women meaningfully participate in peace processes, they can help to expand the scope of agreements and improve the prospects for durable peace.

Yet, women around the world are still largely absent from national and local decision-making bodies; struggle to have a voice in peace building transitions; and are excluded from political processes.

Despite representing half the global population, women comprise less than 20 percent of the world's legislators. From discrimination and violence to a lack of support and resource-



When women participate in civil society and politics, governments are more...

es, women face countless challenges to participation in the civic and political life of their countries.

Strengthening women's rights and addressing barriers to political participation are critical to achieving gender equality and female empowerment. That's why we're supporting women around the world by:

- Providing training for female members of political parties and parliaments and supporting the development of women's caucuses
- Providing skill building and leadership training for women civil society members, women's organizations, and female journalists
- Supporting women's participation in political and post-conflict transitions

• Improving women's access to justice and increasing women's participation and representation in the justice sector

• Supporting local efforts to advocate for legal rights that enable women to participate fully in the political and economic life of their societies

• Building capacity for civil society organizations to advocate for women's participation in political transitions and governance processes

Africa has a lot of talented women, but many of them have not been able to assume the highest position of president due to factors like sexism, inadequate support systems and mentorship as well as limited funding. Liberia's ex-president, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf overcame the obstacles and competed successfully against a gaggle of men.

She became the first elected female African president following the achievements of the former president of Malawi, Joyce Banda; and Mauritius's president, Ameenah Gurib-

Fakim who were appointed to their positions.

Women account for one-half of the potential human capital in any economy. More than "half a billion women have joined the world's work force over the past 30 years, and they make up 40 percent of the agriculture labour force". According to the World Bank, countries with greater gender equality are more prosperous and competitive.

An extra year of secondary school for girls can increase their future earnings by "10-20 percent". Girls with secondary schooling are up to 6 times less likely to marry as children than those with little or no education.

And countries that invest in girls' education have lower maternal and infant deaths, lower rates of HIV and AIDS, and better child nutrition.

When women participate in civil society and politics, governments are more open, democratic and responsive to citizens. When women are at the negotiat-



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ing table, peace agreements are more inclusive and durable.

And simply by empowering women farmers with the same access to land, new technologies and capital as men, we can increase crop yields by as much as '30 percent' helping to feed a growing population..

We believe that gender equality and women's empowerment isn't a part of development but the core of development. Progress cannot be delivered in a vacuum.

For societies to thrive, women and girls must have access to education, healthcare, and technology. They must have control of resources, lands, and markets. And they must have equal rights and equal

opportunities as breadwinners, peace-builders and leaders.

That's cementing our commitment to supporting women and girls. Building on this critical foundation and decades of experience, we're ensuring all strategies and programs are shaped by a gender analysis, and establish metrics that measure the gender impact of any suitable and appropriate programs.

It is observed that feminist scholars have been concerned about what constitutes politics, basically male have challenged the dominant hypothesis that politics is continued to be public sphere dominated by males and they maintain that traditional politics legitimate women exclusion

or absence from the power spheres and also devalue women's concerns.

Feminists therefore argue for a redefinition of politics. An important feature of their efforts have been to proclaim the political nature of private sphere and relation between sexes which has brought traditional political sciences into question and has forced the authorities to take account of problems hitherto regarded as belonging to private life.

Hence political participation of women has to be discussed and understood in this light. Since 1980s the policies and programs have been waiving towards inclusion of gender in development approach and the concept of women participation evolved in a big way.

Further it is argued that national development would be more effective with active share of men and women in all its activities. Here the issue is how to empower women?

During the first 50 years of post independence, the question of bringing women in the forefront to politics, through opportunities and capabilities was being considered time and again.

Therefore in depth studies by various social and economic scholars brought to the forefront that women's participation in political decision-making is important.

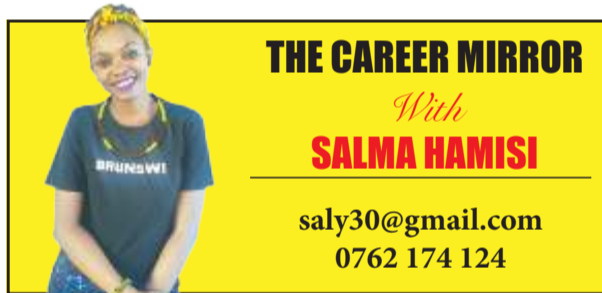
Only towards the end of the 20th century, planning strategies started talking about women leadership and their empowerment. Further, in terms of government policies and programmes that we have shift the focus from the concept of women development to women participation in the social and political sphere consequently towards women empowerment.

Women empowerment refers to the process by which women acquire due recognition on par with men to participate in the development process of the society through the political institutions as a partner with human dignity. It is a process of redistribution of resources in the society in such a way that women get equal access and control over resources.

As the continent gets ready for its major elections this year and in 2019, it is interesting to note that some eminently qualified women are waiting to run and stir affairs of their countries. Here are three potential female African presidents to watch out for in the next two years.

Four African countries engaged in presidential elections in 2017. Rwanda and Kenya had their incumbents retain their seats while Angola and Liberia had leadership changes made possible by the withdrawal of the incumbent presidents.

4 things every career woman should learn



In the society today, unlike in the past, the majority of women are working in the corporate world as men.

We complete college and go in search for jobs believing that it's exactly what a career entails but developing a professional career doesn't actually commence after graduating from higher learning.

We build our careers every single day and if you weren't so lucky to realize what you really wanted to engage in at a certain phase of life, then it's not unfortunate for you either because every one of us has been there too.

While some are lucky enough to realize that activity that sparks a lot of interest in them and actually go for it at an early age, through high school and even select courses that perfectly align with their interests but as for the majority of people the "try and error" method still works perfectly as the years pass by until we notice that which we love to do the most, that which fulfills us. Never the less, it's never too late to accomplish anything in your career.

This life gets so much complex with so much to accomplish and so little time, we need fulfillment in our careers, bills to pay and even vacations to go to several times a year.

Just like diets and fitness programs, career building is something you should put action into structuring today and not tomorrow. Set Goals (small achievable goals)

These goals must be realistic and attainable. You can set a goal as small as getting off social media 1 hour a day to work on learning

something new and as you approach the weekend you surely will smile at the little you achieved by doing so

Keep your goals clear and defined and right in front of your face, even though it might look intuitive as we chase our dreams but as women we tend to lose focus at times, wanting to do everything at the same time and in turn losing the initial track. Practise resilience too when things get tough.

Keep your mind agile (learn)

The world around you is evolving isn't it? With new systems being built, new ways of doing those activities you do daily are being invented too.

You see just how important you should invest in learning right?

Whether it's continuing your education, learning new skills in your career, a new language, an up to date office system just don't miss out on the opportunity to keep learning.

A lot of courses are offered on google from universities all over the world and majority of them are free and come with certificates.

The world today is indeed a village, take advantage of that. A career woman who wants nothing but success in her field never ceases to learn.

Get yourself a Mentor We all need someone whose being ahead of us in the field to walk us through, learn from their mistakes and do better. You should get someone you aspire to and have them show you the way. Surround yourself with people older than you or even younger who have much more experience in whatever career you are headed to pursue. The

span they've worked in that field should also be lengthy enough. Be coachable and always ready to learn and you also could make more than one mentor, don't limit yourself.

You can start right there right then, anywhere

It doesn't necessarily mean you have to already have a clear set career plan in order for you to put in the work nor a well-established financial plan to do so but you should start building your dream career right where you are at this very moment. It's never too early or too late to start building a career that would fulfill your life in the future, no matter your circumstances, you could still lay the ground work.

Remember everyone has to start somewhere and it's rarely at the top.

As a woman with the urge

for a stable career in this age, you should prepare to work for free too, getting your foot at the door is certainly more important for your future career than the cash literally!

When the cash starts to flow in, learn to save, save and save because if you going to follow an alternate career path, monthly pay may not be a guarantee sometimes. Another important tip is a palace to stay, you shouldn't be ashamed to love with your parents and you have attained some level of financial stability

However, it's never too late to accomplish anything in your career. I believe there's no specific calendar that everyone should follow as they go about life. Advancing in a career is still very possible if you put your mind and never ending effort to it.






REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCING LANDSCAPING RESEARCH IN EAST AFRICA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180644

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) and Financial Sector Deepening Africa (FSDA) would like to carry out landscaping research on supply chain finance markets in East Africa, Ethiopia and Somaliland. TMEA and FSDA wish to invite interested and qualified **reputable consultancy firms/consortiums** to participate in this tender. The supply chain finance research will focus on access to finance in selected, export and import-oriented supply chains.

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How agricultural biotechnologies can contribute to food security, address development challenges in Tanzania

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu, Igunga

From a distance, a perceived sound of competing pummel from the hand mill could be heard; small holder farmers of Igogo village in Igunga district, Tabora region were pounding Euphorbia tirucalli to obtain the plants' sap to be applied on maize pests.

Euphorbia tirucalli in Kiswahili is called Mnyaa. While in other areas, Euphorbia tirucalli is used as home fencing, in Igogo village small holder farmers have discovered that when crushed, the sap is used to spray on maize to kill the crop's devastating pests including the Fall army worms.

A small holder farmer from Igogo village, Emmanuel Minoja said the farmers have been using these herbs for the third year now since the invasion of the Fall army worms in the farmers fields.

"After crushing the Euphorbia tirucalli to get the pants' sap, you pour 15 drops of the sap into 5-litres of water and then you shake gently to get the solution which is sprayed on the maize to kill the Fall army worms. This strategy is temporary and useful for small plots only," he said.

According to Minoja, some farmers resorted to ashes as another strategy of preventing the pests but again, it could only paralyze them as after a short time the pests could resume and actively destroy the maize.

When invaded the maize, the Fall army worms are dangerous pests, only the farmers who planted in early rains have been able to get some maize compared to those who planted late.

"I personally planted four acres of maize. At least I will get something

from the three acres planted earlier on, but the one acre planted later on, has been devastated by the pests. Once they attack the maize, they feed on foliage and leaves. Some of them hide in the central delicate part of the maize," he narrated.

He further explained that generally, the entire devastation of FAW has reduced production from the previous 20 bags per acre to five bags or less than that and at times, the farmers get nothing at all.

The problem is that some small holder farmers are poor as such they don't have modern farm equipments. So they would wait to borrow from their neighbours to cultivate their farms, the late the cultivation the many the invasion of pests, he added.

Ally Ramadhani, cultivated 3 acres of maize but 2 acres have been affected by the FAW. His friend, Nasoro Udoya also said that he cultivated one acre but it was affected by both FAW and drought.

Nanga ward agro-extension officer, Ambele Mwangomo confirmed that the small holder farmers especially those who planted their maize late were facing very hard time due to multiplication of the FAW. They used several pesticides such as Duduba and Belt but all did not work out.

He said that only those who planted earlier during the first rains will harvest. Those who planted late were the main victims. They applied all sorts of traditional herbs and ashes but all strategies could not work out. Others went for pesticides but did not oust the FAW.

Commenting on maize production he said that generally, production has gone down in prone areas to the FAW. "We faced two problems here first

pests and second drought. These two have affected the farmers to a great extent and reduced crop production," he said.

Many fields have been affected by the pests due to lack of regular inspection by the farmers saying the farmers should build a culture of inspecting their fields regularly so that action can be taken.

Igunga district Agricultural, Irrigation and Cooperative Officer (DAICO) Erasto Konga explained this year the crops pests were not many compared to last year's agricultural season. In fact the situation was bad for the farmers as some farmers could not get anything.

"At least this year the pests including the infestation caused by FAW were little because last year it was very dangerous. The FAW affected many cereal crops such as maize. The pests also affected cotton,"

Citing an example he said that the FAW reduced production from an average of 1 to 1.2 down to 0.6 tonnes per hectare. "There are some fields were badly affected by the FAW such that some farmers ended up harvesting nothing, he added.

He said that this year, the agricultural department trained farmers in many villages on how to protect themselves from the dangerous pests.

The pest can survive all year round due to availability of host and favourable climatic condition. Favourable climatic condition availability of hosts throughout the year and ability to affect all stages of plant development makes the control of FAW difficult.

The pest feeds on more than 80 host plants and crops including cereals, pulses and horticultural crops that are important staple food and cash crops



This is impeccable proof of devastation recently caused by fall armyworms in a maize field at Hanihani in Igunga District, Tabora Region. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

It is reported to have spread in more than 15 regions including the major maize growing areas in the Southern highlands, Northern, Lake, Western and Eastern agricultural zones.

Contacted for comments on the FAW, a researcher in plant entomology, under the plant protection division of Tropical Pesticides Research Institute (TIPRI) Maneno Chidege said the fight against FAW is an endless battle as it is here to stay. Therefore, it is important for the farmers to control the pests at very early larva stages instead of waiting until it gets to late when the insect establishes itself and goes deep in the funnel.

He said Systematic insecticides with

the active ingredients emamectin benzoate is the best choice especially for late instars. But numerous active ingredients do very well against early instars, he added.

Recently, a senior Agriculture research officer Juliana Payovela said that besides enhanced food security and income generation, the farmers would get an opportunity to utilize land effectively if they opted technologies as advised by agricultural officers.

"Currently, the farmers are confined in small areas because some don't see the benefits of agriculture because they use old methods and old technologies but if they use technologies, they

will like to expand their maize fields," she said.

She said that Chollima-Dakawa has been conducting research in maize and currently new maize varieties are being developed that will be suitable to low land and medium altitude areas of Tanzania.

"We are disseminating improved technologies to the farmers. We developed agronomical package for maize varieties, training of farmers on maize field management and provides advices to the farmers.

Farmers should always understand that developed technologies are useful to them and should be practiced so that they increase yield," she added.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

TENDER TITLE: SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ICT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TANZANIA MERCANTILE EXCHANGE PLC

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180757

Tanzania Mercantile Exchange Public Limited Company PLC (TMX) with support from TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) wishes to engage a reputable firm/consortium to supply and install their ICT infrastructure.

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TENDER TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY

TENDER NUMBER: PRQ20180714

TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an organisation funded by a range of development agencies to promote regional trade and economic integration in East Africa.

The Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Industry, Trade (MIT) with the support of TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is seeking proposals from qualified firms/consortium to provide consultancy services to develop National Export Strategy.

Terms of reference (ToR) for this consultancy and the Request for Proposals (RFP) document can be obtained at <http://www.trademarka.com/get-involved/procurement/>. All queries quoting the above Tender Title and The Reference Number should be emailed to procurement@trademarka.com. The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 3rd May 2019 at 11.00 am** (Tanzania Time).

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Tony Elumelu Foundation gets a new chief executive officer

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The Tony Elumelu Foundation has a new CEO: Ifeyinwa Ugochukwu, formerly its Director of Partnerships and Evaluation.

She assumed her new role on Monday - April 1, taking over from Parminder Vir - who now serves on the advisory board.

Ifeyinwa becomes the third TEF chief executive and the first African to hold the position, an appointment announced in December 2018.

In her role, Ugochukwu will focus on scaling up the impact of the ten-year \$100million Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme (TEEP) and strengthening relationships between the African entrepreneurship ecosystem and the global one.

This will be with a view to empowering African entrepreneurs to create jobs and wealth on the continent.

She will also take responsibility for positioning TEFConnect, the digital networking platform for African entrepreneurs, as a crucial hub for forging business relationships, sharing

experiences and distributing knowledge across Africa.

Ugochukwu boasts almost two decades of corporate experience and is expected to help shape how the TEF should position, partner and engage with the wider development ecosystem. This is widely seen as what the foundation needs as it enters its next stage of scale, expanded impact, monitoring and evaluation, and intelligent mining of its proprietary data on African entrepreneurship.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees, TEF founder Tony O.

Elumelu said: "We are confident that Ifeyinwa is the right person to launch the foundation into its new growth phase. Her appointment as CEO strengthens our resolve to scale the impact of our commitment and unlock opportunities in the entrepreneurship ecosystem across the continent."

"I have always said that no one but us will develop the African continent, and this is a further demonstration of this resolve," he noted.

TEF was established in 2010 as an African philanthropy championing Entrepreneurship and Entrepreneurs

across the continent. Its long-term investment in empowering African entrepreneurs is emblematic of its founder's philosophy of Africapitalism.

The philosophy positions Africa's private sector, and most importantly entrepreneurs, as the catalyst for the continent's social and economic development. In 2015, the foundation consolidated its programmes and initiatives and made investing in Africa's next generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders a priority.

The foundation's future centres on the provision of structured, robust and

multifaceted support to entrepreneurs around Africa through TEEP.

Its vision, meanwhile, is to unlock the obstacles Africa's entrepreneurs face as they grow their start-ups into small to medium enterprises (SMEs), their SMEs into national growth companies, and their national growth companies into African multinationals.

TEF has always expressed its commitment to continuing to support its growing numbers of programme alumni so that their success stories encourage up-and-coming entrepreneurs.

Ifeyinwa Ugochukwu



Qatar Airways extends its 'beyond business by airlines' corporate rewards programme to its global network

By Guardian Reporter

Qatar Airways has announced the expansion of its 'Beyond Business by Qatar Airways' corporate rewards programme to its entire network. The programme, which launched in Europe and the Americas in January 2019 and in Qatar last month, introduces a new currency, Qrewards, enabling business travellers to take advantage of a wide range of exclusive benefits.

With 'Beyond Business by Qatar Airways', small and medium-sized enterprises earn valuable Qrewards which can be redeemed on flights to any of Qatar Airways' 160+ destinations.

Unlike other programmes where redemptions are permitted only on select flights at select times, 'Beyond Business by Qatar Airways' enables businesses to redeem Qrewards on any flight with available seats. By progressing through three new reward tiers, Elevate, Accelerate and Ascent, customers can unlock faster earning and unique benefits, including fast track Qatar Airways Privilege Club Gold status, lounge access, and upgrades.

In celebration of the launch of the programme, Qatar Airways will offer 3,000 Qrewards for all new accounts created in Asia-Pacific, Middle East and

Pakistan and Africa until 3 May 2019. Bonus Qrewards will be credited to the account within a week of qualification.

Eligibility requirements can be found on the programme's website at www.qatarairways.com/beyond-business

Qatar Airways Chief Commercial Officer, Ehab Amin, said: "We are delighted to now be able to extend 'Beyond Business by Qatar Airways' to our global network. As a preferred carrier for business travellers, Qatar Airways recognises the importance of offering a premier corporate rewards programme. What makes this scheme truly unique

is that it enables small and medium-sized enterprises to be rewarded for their bookings and enjoy special benefits that make business travel even more rewarding. We invite all small and medium-sized companies to take advantage of this special programme."

A full-service account portal makes it easy for registered corporates to book flights, redeem their Qrewards, and access insightful reporting that will help manage their travel budget. Full information including FAQs on 'Beyond Business by Qatar Airways' can be found on the airline's website: www.qatarairways.com/beyondbusiness

IGAD warns of food crisis in eastern Africa

By Special Correspondent

THE Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), a regional bloc, on Wednesday warned of a looming food crisis in eastern Africa where 10.7 million people are food insecure.

IGAD said immediate action is needed following a foreseen high risk of worsening food insecurity in parts of Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia and Uganda if forecasted rainfall deficits materialize.

"There is need for immediate and coordinated planning by governments, donors and all concerned stakeholders to respond to the potentially deteriorating food security and nutrition situation," IGAD's Food Security and Nutrition Working Group said in a statement issued in Nairobi.

The bloc said the delay in the start of the March-June long rains, coupled with forecasted rainfall deficits in April, are building on already dry conditions due to poor October-December rains over some parts of eastern Africa.

It said the poor performance of the past season's short rains already led to below-average crop production and deteriorating pastures in some agro-pastoral and marginal mixed-farming areas.

"If the forecasted rainfall deficits materialize in April, this would lead to an atypical increase in food insecurity, likely to peak from June to October," it added.

IGAD warned that north-eastern Kenya, southern and central Somalia, and southern and eastern Ethiopia would likely experience a rapid decline in pastoral conditions.

The authority attributed the current dry conditions and high temperatures to deteriorations in pastures and water availability in these areas, affecting

livestock body conditions, reducing milk production and leading to earlier-than-normal livestock migration. "Crop production would also be below average in marginal agricultural areas of Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia."


"This, along with the potential of lower than average

production of key regional players such as Uganda and Tanzania, could cause price increases and reduce access of poor households to basic food supplies," it added.

IGAD called on member states to conduct regular monitoring using remote sensing and joint field rapid assessments in worst-affected

areas, with particular emphasis on performance of the 2019 long rains and crop production levels and cereal supplies.

"You should also monitor pasture, water, and livestock body conditions, prices of key cereals and livestock and food security outcomes," said IGAD.



Call for proposal from professional company to develop a 30 minutes Tv docudrama and 30 minutes radio docudrama for the Transforming Tanzania Charcoal Project.

With funding from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG) in partnership with the Tanzanian Community Forest Conservation Network (MJUMITA), and the Tanzania Traditional Energy and Development Organization (TaTEDO) is implementing the second 4-year phase of the Transforming Tanzania's Charcoal Sector. The second 4-year phase of the project began in December 2015 and will run through November 2019. The main goal is a pro-poor and climate resilient transformation of the economics and governance of charcoal and other forest product value chains. The current project activities are focused on 30 villages in Morogoro Region specifically Kilosa, Morogoro and Mvomero District Councils with advocacy and communication and capacity building work at regional and national level. The project partners managed to successfully develop and tested MJUMITA sustainable charcoal value chain that provides secure employment and increase incomes for women, men and youth in a well established rural industry, generates incentive to rural communities and private land owners to maintain areas of natural forest, increase tax revenue for village, district and central government; an incentive for improved governance at the village level and better quality charcoal for urban consumers.

MJUMITA invites professional companies to submit technical and financial proposal to develop a 30 minutes TV docudrama and 1 radio docudrama of 30 minutes demonstrating contributions and impact of Community based forest management and integration of sustainable forest based enterprises in improving people's livelihood, forest conservation and climate change adaptation. The terms of Reference for the company are available at: <http://www.mjumita.org> and <http://www.tfcg.org/tender.html>

Technical and financial proposals should be sent to mjumitaorg@mjumita.org indicating 'Proposal - Production of Docudrama for TTCS project' in the subject line and should be addressed to Executive Director, Tanzania Community Forest Conservation Network, P.O Box 21522, Dar es Salaam.

Proposals should include the CVs for the proposed Consultancy Team.
The closing time for receipt of applications is 19th April 2019 at 1700 local time in Tanzania.

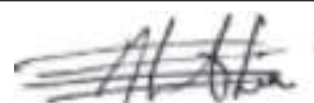
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	(a) Savings Account	30,000
	(b) Personal Account	50,000
	(c) Business Account	50,000
2	Account Management	5,900
3	Account Statements	5,000
4	Smart card Issuing	10,000
5	Smartcard Replacement	8,850
6	Account Closing	20,000
7	Dormant Account fee	10,000
8	Dormant Account Activation	15,000
9	Withdrawal at Teller	2,000
10	Balance Enquiry	1,000
11	ATM Card Issuing	12,000
12	ATM Card replacement	15,000
13	PIN replacement	5,000
14	ATM Withdrawal	1,300
15	ATM Balance Enquiry	300
16	ATM Mini statement	300
17	Standing Order (within)	5,000
18	Standing Order (External)	15,000
19	Transfer fee - Domestic	15,000
20	Transfer fee - SWIFT	USD 75
21	Search fee	30,000
22	Certificate of Balance	50,000
23	Recommendation letter	50,000
24	Salary processing	2,000
25	SMS Alert	120
26	Loan restructuring fee	120,000


Anyelwisye Mwakatobe
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Returnee migrants urged to join forces in the fight against irregular migration

Cotonou, Benin

Elhadj Mohamed Diallo wants to make sure that others won't experience what he has lived through. The former irregular migrant who has returned home to Guinea from a jail in North Africa is calling on his fellow returnee migrants to establish associations in their respective countries, which will serve as powerful platforms to combat irregular migration across the continent.

"If I had the resources, I would tour Africa to create awareness about irregular migration. But because I haven't got [those resources], I am urging all the African returnees wherever they are to take this fight into their hands and do something to stop the people who want to travel that route from experiencing what we went through," he tells IPS.

The resource-rich West African nation has a population of about 13 million, of which 60 percent are less than 25 years of age. But widespread corruption, poverty, the country's low score on the Human Development Index (Guinea ranks 175 out of 189 countries on the index), coupled with political unrest, has seen hundreds of young people attempt irregular migration with the hope of finding peace and stability in Europe.

The journey is a harsh one and Diallo's own experiences of irregular migration are traumatic. In Morocco he was attacked by five youth and seriously wounded in the face and back. It, however, didn't deter him from try-

“The terrible things that we saw and experienced during our ordeal in North Africa should serve as a catalyst for teaching the young generations about the dangers of irregular...”

ing to reach Europe through irregular means. And it was only after he had been held for the third time in a Libyan jail that he eventually returned home through the European Union (EU)-International Organisation of Migration (IOM) Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration.

The 31-year-old is one of the Guinea migrants assisted to return home by the IOM. A total of 12,609 Guinean migrants stranded in North Africa have been assisted by the EU-IOM initiative to return home from Niger, Libya, Mali and Morocco. According to IOM's recent figures, four percent of the returnees to Guinea are women, with six percent being minors.

Thirty returning migrants, including Diallo, were selected to become volunteers as part of IOM's Migrants as Messengers (MaM) campaign in Guinea, which kicked off in June 2018. MaM. It runs in Senegal, Guinea and Nigeria, and is a unique peer-to-peer "awareness-raising project about irregular migration which includes various campaigns targeting, among others,

parents, returning migrants and candidates to irregular migration."

"They are carried out by young migrants who returned from different North African countries with the support of IOM and its partners," Mariama Bobo Sy, the spokesperson for IOM in Guinea, tells IPS about the project.

As part of the awareness campaign, returnee migrants in Guinea have participated in events at football games, music shows and even universities.

"They also organised focus groups with young people in different neighbourhoods of Conakry and outside of the capital, particularly in Mamou, a crossroads town located 275 km of Conakry. Also, they were time to time in touch with the media to discuss the issue of irregular migration in a view of reaching more people, and get the message across to various sections of the population," Sy says.

The experience made Diablo realise there was a need for further action. He has gone on to found the Guinean Organisation for the Fight against Irregular Migration, known as Organisation Guinéenne pour la Lutte contre la Migration Irrégulière (OGLIM) in French.

Apart from its headquarters in the capital Conakry, OGLIM has five national branches, namely in Kindia, Mamou, Labe, Kankan and Nzerekore. The group has currently 550 members in Conakry and 250 outside the capital.

"The terrible things that we saw and experienced during our ordeal in North Africa should serve as a catalyst for teaching the young generations about the dangers of irregular migration," Diablo explains.



Journalists Codou Loum (Radio Oxyjeunes), Fathy Keba (Gabou FM) and Pape Kaïre (Radio Penc Mi) during the aware migrants training in Dakar Jean-Luc Mootosamy.

Free Stella Nyanzi, demand Ghana pan-African activists

ACCRA

On Saturday 9th March, a small group of activists from Ghana, concerned by the continued incarceration of Ugandan feminist activist Dr Stella Nyanzi, rallied by the symbolic national independence Square to raise awareness on the dangers of remaining quiet to injustice.

Despite living in an era of whistleblowers and pushing to hold our leaders accountable, there has been very little continental efforts to defend the freedom and liberty of activists and human rights defenders from other African countries.

Onlookers appeared puzzled by the "Free Stella! Free Uganda" and "People Power! Our Power" chanted throughout the 30-minute walk from the square to Ghana's National Theater. Ghanaian police officials who processing the police permit allowing us to march asked, "Why Stella Nyanzi? Don't you have problems here?"

For some of us with Ugandan ancestry, our relatives were not too sure how to process the Stella Nyanzi case. They are numbed and weary from the daily absurdities of living under Museveni's regime and disregard of human rights, but still congratulated us for taking a stand, lifting a bit of the cloak of hopelessness around Stella's release.

When Stella Nyanzi first got arrested in April 2017, legions of her fans, supporters and activists swung into action, demanding that the Ugandan government Free StellaNyanzi.

She had been arrested and charged with Cyber Harassment and Offensive Communications under sections 24 and 25 of Uganda's 2011 Computer Misuse Act. These so called offensive communications included describing Yoweri Museveni, the President of Uganda as a 'pair of buttocks'.

We recognise and appreciate the activism of Dr Stella Nyanzi. In spite of being personally vilified and professionally sidelined, she does

not give up, and stays firm to her values. She has declared that she is continuing her resistance from prison, the least we can do is amplify her struggle from our own locations.

In May 2017, Stella Nyanzi was granted bail. She didn't remain free for long. In November she was re-arrested under the same charges, appearing before a Magistrate Court on the 9th where she refused to apply for bail, demanding a speedy trial instead. That speedy trial has not happened, and this time round, there doesn't seem to be a similar groundswell of civil activism demanding she be freed. The reasons for this may be as complex as the case that Stella faces.

Stella Nyanzi is accused of disturbing the peace of President Museveni, and The First Lady of Uganda, Janet Kataaha Museveni, who also serves as the Minister of Education and Sports.

Clearly, offending the most powerful people in the land of Uganda has dire consequences, but should this be the case? We would argue not, but in repressive countries, speaking up and criticising powerful politicians and the elite is dangerous. Repressive governments ensure that their critics disappear.

Just think of Jamal Khashoggi and the numerous journalists, activists, and Women Human Rights Defenders around the world who have been murdered, made to disappear or are behind bars for speaking truth to power. For this is what Stella Nyanzi does. She speaks truth to power. She deliberately invokes rudeness, sarcasm and artistic creativity to point out the failures of the Museveni government. She is perceived as a threat by the regime because we recognise the truth in her words. We won't dare say what she says - we are too scared of the consequences - but she is fearless, and will not allow herself to be muzzled.

We too should not allow ourselves to be muzzled, and that is why in Ghana we marched demanding that all charges under Stella Nyanzi be dropped, and that she be freed. People should be able to criticize their governments. Governments should be able to listen to what their people say - whether that feedback be cloaked in insults or dressed up in pretty clothing. If we allow Stella Nyanzi to perish because of her cyber activism, we too could be next.

We have seen first hand how solidarity beyond bor-

ders can boost and nurture a culture of advocacy and global accountability of African leaders. Only a handful of us had marched in Accra to #FreeBobiWine, Ugandan musician and member of Parliament arrested, tortured and unjustly detained in August 2018 and eventually released on bail a month later - this came by after our first march inspired other global marches and outcry in bigger cities. We know that an African leader's greatest fears are when his people decide to regain their power by any means necessary and when foreign donors threaten to starve national coffers.

We recognise and appreciate the activism of Dr Stella Nyanzi. In spite of being personally vilified and professionally sidelined, she does not give up, and stays firm to her values. She has declared that she is continuing her resistance from prison, the least we can do is amplify her struggle from our own locations.

We urge African activists across the continent and Diaspora to also demand with us. Dr Stella Nyanzi is a Ugandan scholar and activist who perhaps provides the most immediate example of social media resistance to President Yoweri Museveni's 31 years (and counting) of misrule. Her arrest and 33 days in detention followed her public criticism of Museveni for appointing members of his family to key political positions, which sees Uganda in the grip of 'family rule'. Her protest catapulted her into the role of a global symbol of feminist political resistance.

However, Dr Nyanzi had already joined the growing list of African women intellectual protesters in April 2016, through her almost-mute demonstration against the administration of the Makerere Institute of Social Research, where she is employed. Before that, Nyanzi's place in the Ugandan national imagination was largely due to her erotic fiction, posted on her Facebook page.



Stella Nyanzi: Social Justice and Social Media Icon. At Police headquarters in March, this year.

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By Property Watch Reporter

Aarmac road across Serengeti National Park will still have negative impacts against wildebeests migration while an alternative scenario is that pressure on environment may ease because people may engage in non-farm business activities.

Researchers from University of Copenhagen in Denmark have said in a new report that although there is a possible positive side to the development, the situation is not guaranteed. One of the authors of the study, Dr Solomon Walegn, who is a post doctoral student said construction of the road could result in one of two contrasting outcomes.

"One possible outcome is that increased market integration will allow intensification of existing crop and livestock production, and the development of non-farm micro, small, and medium enterprises, both of which will reduce environmental resource extraction," Dr Walegn said.

"However, a contrasting outcome predicts that people will expand existing production, which will lead to land conversion and overgrazing and commercialization of hunting to meet urban market demands," he added.

Assuming that land was available, the study predicts an average increase of 1.54 acres of cultivated land and 1.43 cattle per household while stating that there is no evidence that local people would take up new wage-earning opportunities or engage in business development as travel time to markets went down.

The proposed road bisecting Serengeti National Park has sparked considerable debate over the years but the new research models on how it

DANISH UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS WARN AGAINST SERENGETI PARK ROAD BUT...



Tourists taking pictures of wildebeests in the Serengeti. File photo.

would affect the livelihoods of local people, is the latest but much fairer presentation of the pros and cons.

Opponents say that the road could disrupt the migration of approximately 1.5 million wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles be-

tween Serengeti National Park and Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya, and increase already high levels of poaching.

Proponents, on the other hand, argue that the road will facilitate national and local economic growth, which in turn will reduce

poverty and improve the local quality of life, which is expected to lower pressure on ecosystems.

Examination of these types of road projects rarely occurs before they're built—part of an explosion of road expansion projects currently underway in many

developing countries.

Researchers, however, have used hypothetical scenarios to measure the strength of preferences and trade-offs for local people regarding different livelihood options. The method, called a discrete choice experiment, is the

basis for their new paper in PLOS ONE.

"The effect of roads on livelihood activity choices can typically only be observed after the implementation, which prevents the design of timely mitigating policies and strategies. We used

the discrete choice experiment to see how people expect to change their livelihoods," said Professor Jette Jacobsen from University of Copenhagen.

Low-interest loans and extension services could help modify the preference for extra land, but only to a limited extent, the researchers find. The study also finds that people did not expect to increase effort hunting bushmeat, but they did not plan to reduce the number of household members engaged in bushmeat hunting either.

However, the clearest result was a strong preference for traditional livelihood activities, adding more agricultural land and more livestock, as road improvements reduced travel time to markets.

"The results indicate that if new roads are constructed or old ones upgraded, people will prefer to expand their traditional activities by converting more land to cropland and increasing the number of cattle in the region," said Professor Martin Nielsen, a leader of the AfricanBioServices project which funded the study.

"Together, these changes will likely increase illegal grazing pressure in the protected areas, which is already a major conservation concern in Serengeti National Park," Professor Nielsen added.

Standard Bank, Founders Factory Africa partner to grow businesses across Africa

JOHANNESBURG

Corporates can play a more significant role in working with small businesses to stimulate economic growth and job creation across the continent. Standard Bank has partnered with Founders Factory Africa to grow businesses across Africa.

Nadia Oshry is a Senior Manager at Standard Bank's Moonshots division which looks to launch new disruptive financial services businesses into the African market.

Speaking at the recent Business Day TV SME Summit in Johannesburg, Oshry said that a 2017 study on the financing challenges for SMEs revealed that 95% of South African entrepreneurs bootstrapped their businesses. Only 2% got the backing of angel investors, and a mere 2% were able to get bank loans. Funding is difficult to access, and small business growth is also constrained by the lack of access to markets and insufficient skills and expertise.

In October 2017, Standard Bank became the first corporate investor in Founders Factory Africa. "Founders Factory is a unique, corporate-backed incubator and accelerator model that was launched in 2016. In the UK, corporates such as L'Oréal, EasyJet, Marks & Spencer and Aviva have signed on and already benefitted from this model. Together, they have grown 96 start-ups across 20 countries and raised over GBP 117mil for the portfolio."

"Standard Bank with Founders Factory Africa will be launching and scaling 140 disruptive tech-enabled businesses across the continent within the next five years. It will also work towards enhancing the formal start-up culture in key African cities," said Oshry.

This development is in stark contrast to the current environment in which it is more common for Fintech start-ups and 'Big Tech' Corporates to act as competitors in the marketplace. In an environment where job creation is critical, bigger companies often trade off increased jobs with enhanced efficiency. Examples include Uber that has traditionally provided an alternate model for employing drivers, but is now focused on creating self-driving cars. Amazon is developing drone delivery to replace traditional courier models.

"Founders Factory is but one example of a new way of working that aligns incentives between Corporates and start-ups. With a change in mindset and through innovative new business models, large Corporates can contribute substantially to growing the small businesses in our continent and changing our economic landscape," said Oshry.

As an investor, Standard Bank has a vested interest in leveraging its African footprint across 20 countries and unique assets to help the businesses scale. "Start-ups dream of the distribution capabilities and scale of corporates, while corporates wish that they had the agility of startups. It is when these players stop competing and form strategic alliances that the real magic happens", said Oshry.

Founders Factory Africa is currently accepting applications for businesses across Africa - entrepreneurs can find out more on www.foundersfactoryafrica.com.



An illustration of Founders Factory Africa incubator for start-ups.



Dew Drop Limited Quality Assurance Manager (L) explaining to National Bank of Commerce Limited's Managing Director, Theobald Sabi (2nd L) on how water is treated and bottled during his visit to the plant in Sumbawanga municipality of Rukwa region. The visit was part of Sabi's business tour of the Southern Highlands recently. Photo courtesy of NBC.

Jiji to purchase OLX in Kenya, Ghana, Uganda and Tanzania

LAGOS

Nigerian online marketplace Jiji is to acquire the businesses of fellow classifieds platform OLX in Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, and Tanzania, and redirect OLX users in Nigeria to its own platform.

All users of OLX Nigeria, OLX Ghana, OLX Kenya, OLX Tanzania, and OLX Uganda's self-and-buy classifieds websites will be redirected to Jiji.

The agreement, which is pending certain regulatory approvals, means Jiji is now the leading classifieds marketplace in Africa, with the consolidated audiences of itself and OLX - a Naspers company - creating a single user base of just over eight million monthly unique users.

The transaction is supported by one of Jiji's principal investors, Digital Spring Ventures, and enables OLX users in these four new markets to benefit from Jiji products and services. The parties said OLX's reach combined with Jiji's own proprietary search and delivery algorithms would create a more streamlined experience for consumers.

"We extend the warmest welcome to OLX's users to Jiji and look forward to transforming the online retail experience in Africa as the region continues to transform itself economically and technologically. Jiji aims to provide its customers with the safest, most secure and enjoyable online shopping experience possible," said Anton Volynsky, chief executive officer and

co-founder of Jiji.

Vladimir Mnogoletniy, board director and co-founder of Jiji, said the partnership was pivotal to Jiji's future business model and success, as it paves the way for building the continent's largest Africa-based classifieds business, serving a market with a combined population of over 300 million in some of the world's fastest growing economies.

"We continue to act as a long-term investor in Africa and are excited by the exceptional opportunities, this young and dynamic continent has to offer. In the next two to three years we aim to be one of the top 10 classifieds businesses in the world by traffic," he said.

OLX general manager in Africa, Middle East and Asia Sjoerd Nikkelen said though the company was proud of its achievements in Africa, and the sustainable businesses it had built in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda, it was continually evaluating its portfolio of classifieds businesses to ensure a disciplined approach to how and where it allocated capital and management time.

"With our focus on accelerating the growth of other markets, now is an opportune time to sell our interests in these markets. We are pleased that Jiji will continue to provide the exceptional quality of products and services that the customers in these countries have come to know and enjoy from OLX," he said.

CHINA'S UNION PAY NAMES CRDB AS BEST IN AFRICA, REVIEWED WITHDRAWAL AMOUNTS SOON

By Property Watch Reporter

HAVING issued a record 100,000 China Union Pay's debit cards in the past five years, CRDB Bank Plc has been named the best bank in Africa for its record performance.

China Union Pay International's CEO, Cai Jianbo, presented a certificate of recognition to CRDB Bank's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela in Dar es Salaam earlier this week. He acknowledged the bank's impressive performance within a short period of time since the partnership started in 2013.

Jainbo said CUPi is impressed with CRDB's performance in leveraging good bilateral ties between China and Tanzania to facilitate trade and empower businesses. "It is encouraging to learn that in such a short period, CRDB Bank has managed to issue more than 100,000 Union Pay cards, a number that is highest in the whole of Africa," the CUPi CEO noted.

"We are determined to empower CRDB Bank to build robust digital banking solutions," Jainbo added. China Union Pay is the largest card issuance Company in the world with more than 3.5 billion subscribers. UnionPay services are available at over 23 million businesses and 1.64 million ATMs in 168 countries globally.

The Chinese company has since 2013, collaborated with the Dar es Salaam based bank to offer the first co-branded payment debit card dubbed 'TemboCard-China Union Pay,' which is backed by a special business channel known as 'China desk.'

Acknowledging the recognition, CRDB's Nsekela said his bank will continue to aggressively pursue the unique business opportunities presented by technological solutions such as China Union Pay. "We are committed to offering reliable solutions to our customers using our TemboCard-China Union Pay cards to empower Tanzanians doing business in China," Nsekela said.

He also announced plans to increase the limits available to local traders withdrawing money from the China Union Pay platform, saying the current limits have proven to be a challenge. "We have had complaints from our clients regarding the withdrawal limits, which hinders large business transactions. We have discussed at length on the best solution, and we will soon provide a permanent solution," the CEO added.



CRDB Bank's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela (L) receives a certificate of recognition from China Union Pay International's CEO Cai Jianbo for being the best issuer of Union Pay debit cards in Africa at an event held in Dar es Salaam this week. Photo: courtesy CRDB.

Egypt embarks on smart city development drive

CAIRO

As part of Egypt's Sustainable Development Strategy 2030, it is embarking on a slate of new fourth-generation smart cities. This includes exploring the drafting of a Smart Cities Code in order to shape the development of smart cities that integrate the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030, implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020/2025 priority areas.

Egypt's ambitious plan was announced at a recent conference organised by the UN-Habitat Egypt Office and co-organised with and the Egyptian Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities through the Housing and Building Research Council's (HBRC) Urban Training and Studies Institute, and under the auspices of the prime minister.

Smart cities need to be sustainable and inclusive - this was one of the key messages to emerge during a conference. The event brought together over 120 experts including Egypt's national-level experts, senior officials with international-level expertise from UN-Habitat's headquarters providing stimulating discussions on defining a smart city, the structure and building blocks of smart cities and methods to govern localising sustainable development at the city level.

The event, held over two days, included intensive discussions with specialised tracks covering smart urban infrastructure, smart economy, smart energy, smart mobility and smart urban governance.

Why Kenya must take control of sand harvesting off its coast

Kenyanys have taken to social media to protest against what they claim is illegal sand harvesting off Diani beach, one of the country's most popular coastal areas. The Conversation Africa's Moina Spooner spoke to David Obura about why this is an issue.

Is sand harvesting a problem on the Kenyan coast?

The harvesting of sand from Kenya's ocean beds has made headlines in recent years. It's a growing problem. The most publicised case was in 2016 when the China Road and Bridge Corporation started to collect sand off the Waa reef for construction of the standard gauge railway in Mombasa. This was done without a suitable Environmental Impact Assessment and eventually the National Environment Tribunal revoked their license, putting a stop to it.

The main problem is that mega-infrastructure projects - like the country's new standard gauge railway - are coming online and they need resources, like sand. Sand is crucial for construction and is used in the foundations of buildings, railways and port terminals. But the government has not identified where relevant sources are, the total anticipated demand, nor where sand should be extracted.

There needs to be a national strategic environmental assessment which focuses on sand for large scale construction. This would help inform where sand harvesting should be done and locations where

conflict with other sectors, like tourism and fisheries, could be avoided.

For individual projects, where harvesting is allowed, there then needs to be an environmental impact assessment which would highlight what mitigation measures need to be put in place to minimise damage. What has been missing from all assessment reports so far is real-time monitoring of sediment plumes, how they are affected by the wind, waves and tides, and what would trigger harvesting activities to be postponed or altered to avoid damage to nearby sensitive reefs.

These environmental studies are good for all concerned, as the constraints would be transparent and useful for planning and long term investments.

Who is harvesting sand and why?

Sand harvesting is being carried out for construction of the second phase of the container terminal in Mombasa's Port Reitz. It is being harvested off the Waa coral reefs off Diani beach in Kwale County, on Kenya's south coast. The harvesting is being carried out by the Dutch vessel Willem van Oranje, funded by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency. After the sand is harvested it is then deposited at the terminal.

What impact can this have?

Sand harvesting can have a huge impact on coral reef and seagrass ecosystems. The volumes of sand needed are immense. Removing this amount of sand will have a number of consequences. It will deepen

the seafloor at the base of the coral reefs and the sand balance between undersea sediments and shorelines will change. In addition, popular beaches of the Diani area may become eroded. Sand harvesting also creates large plumes of sediment, both on the seafloor and at the surface.

If carried to the reefs and seagrasses by tides, currents and wind, the sediments suffocate and kill corals. The sediment plumes can also suffocate invertebrates, algae and fish, killing the reef.

This activity is being opposed because the Kenyan government hasn't formally designated locations or guidelines for sand harvesting from the sea. Environmental impact assessment should have been prepared. In fact the current activity is based on reports and approvals that are over five years old.

A similar activity was stopped by the National Environment Tribunal in February 2016. At that time the environmental license was withdrawn on the grounds that the environmental impact assessment didn't adequately address potential impact to the reef and people dependent on it.

Since that decision no new environmental impact assessment or consultation has been undertaken. If it had been done then the opposition by various stakeholders - like the tourism and fisheries sectors, coastal residents, marine scientists and hotel managers - could have been taken on board and solutions found to avoid the current conflict.

SA taxpayers to foot unexpected R205bn bill annually owing to problem projects

JOHANNESBURG

While good infrastructure has significant benefits for the economy and peoples' quality of life, South Africa has a significant problem. According to Mace's new report, up to 80% of large infrastructure projects are delivered late and over-budget - and then under-deliver on benefits.

This has a substantial cost to taxpayers. Modelling done by Mace, the consultancy and construction company behind projects such as the Zeitz MOCAA in Cape Town and the London 2012 Olympics, shows that if major projects continue to experience issues at the rate they do now, taxpayers will be faced with an unexpected bill of R205bn every year by 2030.

The new Mace Insights report, A blueprint for modern infrastructure delivery, looks at the main reasons why so many large projects go wrong and what we can do to put it right. Nearly 40 senior executives from around the world were interviewed for the breakthrough report alongside a review of latest academic literature and new modelling.

Some of the main issues identified include: Lack of clarity of outcome when deciding on which schemes to take forward. Often decisions are driven by political pressure rather than rigorous cost and benefit analysis; The poor predictive abilities of project teams in their early stages, who are pressured into providing fixed point price estimates and programmes well before accurate predictions are possible or realistic; Procurements based on 'cheapest price' rather than 'value'. On large and complex projects, cheapest price procurement is a false economy and Drawn from the report, top solutions for addressing concerns with South African infrastructure are:

Create a department for growth
 In many countries around the world, the political responsibility for planning, business regulation, housing and transport are separate.



A construction site in Johannesburg.

This means that when a mega infrastructure project comes along, it cuts across multiple policy areas with a very wide range of stakeholders. Bringing the relevant elements together into a coherent single government department would improve decision-making and efficiency.

If your project or programme is large enough or you are a government agency with many large projects, you should create a panel of industry 'heavyweights' outside normal public sector structures to challenge the project scope, timescales and costs. Their sole role should be rigorous challenge.

This independent scrutiny panel needs to have the teeth

and executive support to get the information they need for proper challenge. The London 2012 Olympics and the Hong Kong Aviation Authority both took this approach. Governments may choose to use this panel to challenge their top 10, 20 or 50 projects at regular intervals.

Training academy for project 'sponsors' and leaders
 Many large infrastructure owners are public bodies who can struggle to attract the right calibre of people to work for them due to pay constraints. Hence it makes sense to provide high-quality practical training to current government employees to try and upskill them and enhance their skills. A particular

focus should be given to the understanding of probability and risk and what that means to a project alongside how to hone in on a clear outcome for a project to achieve.

Kelvin Byres, South Africa country manager, said: "The delivery of infrastructure in South Africa is key to continue to enable economic growth across the country. As population pressures on our urban centres grow, we must keep pace with our infrastructure programmes."

"The government rightly has ambitious plans for infrastructure investment across South Africa, but if we can't deliver them effectively, we risk huge costs for our taxpayers."

CONSTRUCTION

BEIJING

China's largest commercial developer is set to add to its portfolio of nearly 300 shopping malls after Dalian Wanda Commercial Management Group purchased a site in southern Shanghai for RMB 575 million (\$85.5 million).

Wanda Commercial, the development unit of Wang Jianlin's Dalian Wanda Group purchased the site in Minhang district's Maqiao town at a government auction, complete with planning approval to develop a shopping centre of up to 89,003 square metres (958,020 square feet) in size, on a 31,787 square metre site.

The site acquisition marks the second major commercial project that Wanda has taken on so far this year, as the developer which shook off debt concerns to raise \$300 million in new bonds last month focuses on its core retail development business.

Grabbing a new site in suburban Shanghai

Wanda's new acquisition was posted on a city government website on Tuesday after Wanda was the sole bidder for the property. At the purchase price Wanda is paying the equivalent of RMB 6458.19 per square metre for the site, which comes with 40-year land use rights.

The parcel, labeled as Block 201901902, is located near the G320 highway in Maqiao town, bordering Fu Yan Lu to the east, Fu Xue Lu to the west and Yin Xue Lu to the north. The site is nearly one hour's drive south and west of People's Square.

Under the planning conditions for the project, Wanda is not allowed to resell space in the Minhang project, and the finished facility must include a cinema of not less than

DALIAN WANDA BUYS MALL SITE IN SHANGHAI'S MINHANG DISTRICT



An artist's impression of a Dalian Wanda Group's new mall in Minhang district's Maqiao town.

5,500 square metres, a supermarket of at least 7,000 square metres and a children's playground of 4,000 square metres or more.

Going asset light

Contacted by Mingtiandi concerning its Shanghai acquisition sources at Wanda declined to comment, however, the company has previously laid out an "asset-light" strategy.

At an internal meeting in January of this year Wang proclaimed that it would no longer act as a traditional developer, and would become an asset manager developing new projects on behalf of investors.

In 2018, Wanda Commercial ranked first among developers in mainland China by operating revenue, pulling in more than double

the amount of its closest competitor, Red Star Macalline Group, according to data from real estate information provider CRIC. The group's operating revenue from office leasing, retail operations and hotel management amounted to RMB 32.74 billion last year, according to CRIC's figures.

Of the 59 Wanda Plazas currently being developed, only nine assets are owned by Wanda, and Wang has said that the company will apply its asset-light strategy to more than half of the Wanda Plazas to be opened this year. In addition to this week's Shanghai project, in January Wanda won a 170,600 square metre mixed-use plot in Wuhan for RMB 976 million, and at the end of last year, there were 282 Wanda Plazas open nationwide.

Focusing on core competencies Beijing-based Wanda, which has long been China's biggest commercial property developer, last month sold 37 department stores to Chinese retailer Suning as it continues to sell off non-core businesses. Wanda took in an amount estimated to be less than RMB 8 billion from the disposal of its retail store management division.

Wanda has attempted to shed over \$9 billion worth of assets over the past year in a campaign to ease financial strains following an overseas acquisition binge, and after being singled out for its debt levels in China's deleveraging campaign. Wanda's hotel arm sold its pair of Australian projects in Sydney and the Gold Coast for A\$315 million (\$247 million) in January 2018.

Today, Dalian Wanda Group's website touts the conglomerate's core businesses as commercial property management, cultural industries, real estate and finance.

Illegal subletters could face Dh1 million fine under new Abu Dhabi housing crackdown

ABU DHABI

UAE President Sheikh Khalifa has approved a new law aimed at tackling illegal subletting and overcrowding in residential buildings in Abu Dhabi.

Offenders who breach housing regulations - including both tenants and landlords - could be hit with a fine of up to Dh1 million under the legislation. The law has been issued in a bid to toughen up regulations surrounding the shared occupancy of residential properties in the emirate.

Fines for housing violations previously ranged from Dh10,000 to Dh100,000, rising to Dh200,000 for repeat offenders. Last June, Abu Dhabi Judicial Department said more than 800 people had been prosecuted for living in apartments or villas shared with others in a period of 30 months.

The owner of a property is also deemed liable if it is proved that a tenant has subleased the home, according to the law. Properties marked for a full or partial demolition should also not be occupied, leased or used, the law states.

Ben Crompton, managing partner of Crompton Partners Estate Agents in Abu Dhabi, said the new law means landlords must be vigilant about the actions of their tenants. "The law seems to make the owner of the property a partner in the crime if the property is leased to mul-

iple people in violation of current laws," said Mr Crompton.

"In the past there has been a problem in Abu Dhabi where the owner leases out his villa, for example, to an investor and that investor then subdivides it and rents it out to other people illegally then when the municipality close it down they try to bring a case against the investor who often skips town or can't be found and the owner is not a party to that violation.

"This law seems to change that to make the owner party to a violation where if multiple people are renting his property, he is also liable." The dangers of illegal subletting were put in the spotlight after a blaze ripped through an overcrowded property in Sharjah in November.

A woman and her son died in a house fire in the emirate that injured 64 others, including her elderly parents. The Pakistani woman, 43, and her seven-year-old son died after suffering from severe burns and smoke inhalation when the fire tore through the property in the crowded Maysaloon area.

Overcrowding raises the risk of fire, not least due to faulty wiring in things like extension cords that are added to maximise the use of space. The old house had been partitioned to create nearly 60 rooms sub-let to as many as 66 people.



New apartments in UAE capital Abu Dhabi.

Labour-starved Japanese contractors spared overtime cap

TOKYO

A new law came into force in Japan today capping workers' overtime in a bid to curb a culture of overwork that has been blamed for suicides and illness. But sectors suffering severe labour shortages, including construction, are exempt for five years.

The legislation follows the death in 2017 of a young worker on Tokyo's Olympic stadium who killed himself after he logged more than 200 hours of overtime in the month before he died. His parents asked the government to recognise the suicide as "karoshi", the Japanese term for death by overwork.

The cap, which applies only to large companies initially, limits overtime work to 45 hours a month and 360 hours a year in principle, reports Kyodo news agency. The monthly cap can be stretched in busy periods for up to six months a year, but an ultimate overtime cap of 100 hours a month and 720 hours a year is set. Companies that break the law face a fine of around \$2,700.

A five year exemption has been granted to construction workers, taxi and truck drivers, as well as doctors. Skilled professionals with high wages such as consultants and financial traders will also be exempted, said Kyodo.

In 2017, Japan had 190 deaths from overwork, including suicides, according to government data. To address its ageing, shrinking workforce in construction and other sectors, Japan has been loosening its strict immigration controls to attract foreign workers.

Property Finder becomes largest shareholder in Turkish real estate portal

ISTANBUL

Property Finder increased its stake in Turkish property marketing website Zingat to almost 40 per cent from 17 per cent, as it looks to expand its operations in the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey (Menat). "The partnership with Zingat has proved hugely successful, and has reinforced our confidence in the Turkish market and its

economy," said Michael Lahyani, chief executive and founder of real estate portal Property Finder.

The stake increase "aligns with our vision of expanding market share in Menat", Mr Lahyani added, and makes Property Finder the largest shareholder in Zingat, Turkey's fastest growing property platform. The value of the deal was not disclosed.

The deal is Property Finder's first since the close of its \$120

million investment round in November, led by US private equity company General Atlantic. As part of the Zingat transaction, General Atlantic's vice president Tom Hussey will join Zingat's board as a director.

Zingat was founded in 2015 by Ahmet Kayhan and Mehmet Erkek - the entrepreneurs who also set up Dubai real estate data provider Reidin - alongside Turkish conglomerate Dogu Group.

Property Finder's latest investment is intended to facilitate co-operation between the two property portals, Property Finder said. Zingat will invest the funding into the development of new products and resources to improve the real estate marketing and sales experience for consumers, agents and property developers.

"In the coming years we will invest most of the new funds into extending and improving our

business, products and services to help our clients find the right properties more easily, and real estate professionals work more efficiently," said Zingat's co-founder and chief executive Mr Kayhan.

Property Finder operates in seven markets across Mena, including the UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco and Qatar, in addition to the significant stake in Zingat.



Nipsey Hussle

After death, Nipsey Hussle's sales and streams soar

NEW YORK

AS the world mourns the death of rapper Nipsey Hussle, more people are listening to his music: His sales and streams have increased since he died Sunday.

Nielsen Music told The Associated Press that 2,000 copies of his albums were purchased the day he died, followed by 9,000 copies on Monday and 4,000 copies on Tuesday. That's in contrast to last Friday and Saturday when he sold just a few albums – an amount Nielsen Music said is too small to report.

Typically following a death, a musician's albums sales will jump greatly.

On Wednesday, Hussle's major-label debut album, 2018's "Victory Lap," was No. 1 on the iTunes albums chart, while his 2013 mixtape, "Crenshaw," was No. 5. Several of Hussle's songs, including "Racks In the Middle," "Double Up" and "Grinding All My Life," have landed on the Spotify and iTunes charts. By mid-afternoon on Wednesday, 10 of the Top 50 songs on Apple Music belonged to Hussle.

Sales for Hussle's songs jumped from 1,000 to 14,000 on Sunday, Nielsen Music said. The next two days he sold 58,000 and 36,000 singles.

Hussle averaged close to 2 million audio streams before his death, but on Sunday he earned 10 million audio streams and 57 million on Monday. His video streams jumped from 900,000 to 9.7 million on the day he died.

Hussle was just 33 when he was shot and killed in front of his South Los Angeles clothing store Sunday, not far from where the rapper grew up. After a nearly 48-hour manhunt, police arrested a

man they say gunned down Hussle.

The proud West Coast rapper began his career in the mixtape circuit, selling his albums from the trunk of his car in Crenshaw. They were a success and helped him create a buzz and gain respect from rap purists and his peers. In 2010, he placed on hip-hop magazine XXL's "Freshman Class of 2010" – a coveted list for up-and-coming hip-hop acts – alongside J. Cole, Big Sean, Wiz Khalifa and others.

Jay-Z even bought 100 copies of Hussle's "Crenshaw" for \$100 each in 2013, and sent him a \$10,000 check.

But Hussle, once signed to Sony's Epic Records, hit a new peak with "Victory Lap," his critically acclaimed major-label debut album on Atlantic Records that made several best-of lists last year, from Billboard magazine to Complex.

At this year's Grammy Awards, "Victory Lap" was one of five nominees for best rap album in a year that saw hip-hop dominate the pop charts and streaming services, and debates ensued about which rap albums would get nominated since a number of top stars released projects, including Drake, Eminem, Kanye West, Nas, J. Cole, Nicki Minaj, Lil Wayne, Migos and DJ Khaled. Cardi B's "Invasion of Privacy" won the honor in February, while the other nominees alongside Hussle were Travis Scott, Pusha T and Mac Miller.

"Victory Lap" has sold 328,000 units based on sales and streams since its February 2018 release. It debuted at No. 4 on Billboard's 200 albums charts and featured collaborations with Kendrick Lamar, Diddy, Ceelo Green and more.

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Souvenirs and secrets as 'Game of Thrones' cast walk last red carpet

NEW YORK

THE cast and creators of "Game of Thrones" walked their last red carpet together on Wednesday, recalling memories of their years working on the international hit television series.

Dozens of actors, many of whom were unknown before the medieval fantasy series

began in 2011, flew to New York ahead of the eighth and final season of the show, which arrives on HBO on April 14.

Sophie Turner, who was just 14 when she began her role as Sansa Stark, said she would miss the months of filming outdoors in freezing weather in Northern Ireland.

"Some of the fondest memories I have are of all of

us snuggled up in warm coats trying to get warm," she said.

"That camaraderie that we've built from just being so like cold and so wet... they were the most exciting times because it was how we really bonded as a cast."

Turner said she had kept one of her character's corsets as a souvenir. Pilou Asbaek (Euron Greyjoy) and Conleth

Hill (Varys) said they kept some rings, while Richard Dormer held on to Beric Dondarrion's trademark eye patch.

"Game of Thrones" has won multiple Emmy awards and is HBO's biggest hit ever with some 30 million viewers in the United States and an army of devoted fans worldwide.

The series, set among warring families in the fictional

kingdom of Westeros, is based on novels by George R.R. Martin in a series called "A Song of Ice and Fire."

Plot details of the final season have been kept strictly secret although filming started in October 2017.

"This has been a year and a half we've been having to hide these. I can remember when I read the script I was like, you know, I wish I didn't have this information in my head," said Isaac Hempstead-Wright, who plays the visionary Bran Stark.

Season 7, which was broadcast in 2017, saw the characters head towards a great battle over the Iron Throne while a zombie army of White Walkers, led by the undead Night King, march south and threaten mankind's destruction.

"I can tell you something. I'm probably the only guy with a happy end," Asbaek said.

The show has become known for killing off beloved characters, but many of the actors playing them, including Jason Momoa (Khal Drogo), Natalie Dormer (Margaery Tyrell) and Sean Bean (Ned Stark) turned up for Wednesday's red carpet.

"This is the last mile, the last carpet, the last premiere, this is the end," said Kristofer Hivju, who plays raider Tormund Giantsbane. "I think everything has an end and this is the perfect way to end it."

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Denver Nuggets rout Spurs 113-85; Popovich ejected after 63 seconds

DENVER

THE Denver Nuggets ran San Antonio right off the court. Long before, the officials ran Gregg Popovich.

Nikola Jokic scored 20 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and dished out nine of Denver's season-high 41 assists as the Nuggets routed San Antonio 113-85 on Wednesday night in a game in which the Spurs coach was ejected after just 63 seconds.

Jamal Murray added 14 points and 11 assists for a Nuggets team that's currently holding down the No. 2 seed in the West with four games remaining. The squad rebounded from a 116-102 loss to top-seeded Golden State a night earlier.

"We played," Murray said, "the way we want to play."

Denver steadily built a commanding lead against the Spurs before emptying the bench with about 5 minutes remaining. Popovich was long gone and didn't have to endure his team's implosion.

Popovich appeared livid over a non-foul call and called time out to argue with the officials. After two technicals, he was sent to the locker room at 10:57 of the opening quarter. The last time a coach was ejected within the first two minutes

of a game was Washington's Flip Saunders on Jan. 2, 2012, at Boston, according to research by the Elias Sports Bureau. Saunders was ejected 1:46 into that game.

Following the game, Popovich didn't have much to say.

"You'll have to ask the officials," he said.

Soon after, Popovich joined the scrum where Nuggets coach Michael Malone was conducting his postgame interviews. The exchange between the coaches was nearly as long as Popovich's appearance in the contest.

Malone: "We were just talking about an NBA record that was set tonight."

Popovich: "What was the record? What happened?"

Malone: "Somebody got thrown out in 63 seconds."

Popovich: "Are you serious? That person must have hit somebody. Somebody get hit tonight? Somebody get cursed at or anything?"

And just like that, Popovich was off for the exit.

"That's one of a kind right there," Malone said. "I don't know what to



Denver Nuggets guard Gary Harris, left, defends as San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan drives the lane in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in Denver. (AP Photo)

say after that."

LaMarcus Aldridge and Lonnie Walker IV each had 16 points for the Spurs, who slipped into the eighth spot with the loss.

"You've got to give them credit. They played well," said DeMar DeRozan, who had 11 points. "It's tough coming into this place, especially on a back-to-back. They use their advantages coming here. They played well. They beat us. We couldn't make shots. We never got anything going."

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, the NBA playoffs are still days away. Tell that to the Houston Rockets, who have their postseason mentality locked in.

James Harden scored 31 points, Chris Paul added 29, and the Rockets routed the Los Angeles Clippers 135-103 on Wednesday night in a potential playoff preview.

(Chris) is dialed in, and James, too," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "When they play like that, it's pretty tough to lose. We played

unbelievably."

Clint Capela had 24 points and 15 rebounds to help the Rockets win their fourth in a row. They showed little fatigue in cruising past the NBA's hottest team while playing their last back-to-back of the season.

"It's the best we've played and it's the right time," Harden said. The Rockets currently own the third seed in the Western Conference and the Clippers are sixth, which would pair them in the first round.

"It'd be a tough series," Paul said. "They're very disciplined."

Asked how the Clippers would match up, coach Doc Rivers said, "If we go by tonight, not very well. But we're a much better team than we showed."

Paul stunned the crowd by hitting a deep 3-pointer that beat the buzzer to end the third, in which the Rockets outscored the Clippers 34-20.

Rookie Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led the Clippers with 20 points

and Danilo Gallinari added 16. They had won an NBA-best 13 of 15 coming in, but lost for the first time in three meetings with Houston this season.

"Every once in a while, you get the (expletive) kicked out of you," said Lou Williams, who had 14 points off the bench. "We hadn't had one of these in three, four months, so we were due."

The Rockets set the tone early, shooting 64% in the first quarter. Houston stretched its lead to 22 in the second before the Clippers closed on a 9-2 run to trail 68-53 at halftime.

Harden and Paul dominated the third. First, Paul ran off six straight points and later Harden scored eight in a row. Paul's back-to-back 3-pointers sent the Rockets into the final quarter leading 102-73.

"We only got, what, three more games now? Four? To get ready for the great grind of the playoffs," Paul said. "Everybody's just trying to get going."

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International Cricket Council

FILE PHOTO: The International Cricket Council (ICC) logo at the ICC headquarters in Dubai, October 31, 2010. REUTERS

ICC now to join hands with Interpol to tackle corruption

LYON

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) will work more closely with Interpol as part of ongoing efforts to combat corruption in the sport, the governing body said on Wednesday.

Alex Marshall, ICC's general manager of its anti-corruption unit, met Interpol officials in Lyon last week to seek closer working relations, it added.

"The ICC has an excellent relationship with law enforcement agencies in a number of countries but working with Interpol means we are connecting with their 194 members," Marshall said in a statement.

"Our focus is on education of players and prevention and disruption of corruptors. Where our enquiries reveal criminal offences have been committed, we will refer this to the relevant law enforcement organisations and this

makes Interpol an important partner for us."

Cricket has suffered a series of corruption cases in recent years.

In 2011, Pakistan's Salman Butt, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Amir were found guilty of taking bribes to fix part of a test match against England in a case that prosecutors said revealed rampant corruption at the heart of international cricket.

Earlier this year, the ICC had granted Sri Lankan cricketers a 15-day amnesty to report previously undisclosed information relating to corruption in the sport.

It was followed by former captain and chairman of selectors Sanath Jayasuriya being handed a two-year ban for refusing to cooperate with any investigation conducted by its anti-corruption unit.

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Kit Harington and Rose Leslie arrive for the premiere of the final season of "Game of Thrones" at Radio City Music Hall in New York, U.S., on Wednesday. REUTERS

Players futures not on the line, says Zidane

VALENCIA

ZINEDINE Zidane said his players were not playing for their futures at Real Madrid and leapt to the defence of struggling veteran Marcelo after his side succumbed to a 2-1 defeat away to a resurgent Valencia side on Wednesday.

Real fell 13 points behind La Liga leaders Barcelona after their ninth league loss of the campaign – the first since Zidane’s return – and are expected to shake up their squad significantly at the end of what has been a torrid season.

The 33-times Spanish champions are 10 points clear of fourth-placed Getafe in the league and Zidane said performances in their last eight games would have no bearing on who stayed and who departed.

“This final stretch of games is no exam, we have to deal with bad moments like this but it is not going to change a thing,” Zidane told a news conference.

“We were playing against a very good Valencia side who had a lot at stake, and perhaps that was the difference.”

Brazilian Marcelo has come in for heavy criticism this season, losing his place in the side to Sergio Reguilon before being brought back in by Zidane when the Frenchman took charge for his second spell as

coach in March.

The 30-year-old defender produced another shaky display against Valencia but Zidane spoke up for a player who played a key role in his trophy-laden first tenure.

“Marcelo is Marcelo and I like the way he plays,” he said.

“I think he is doing well, he is training hard and he is committed. He is not the only one who has had a difficult season.”

Real’s hopes of winning a trophy this season were extinguished last month when they went out of the Champions League at the hands of Ajax Amsterdam and suffered successive defeats to Barcelona in the league and the Copa del Rey.

Zidane conceded it was difficult for the players to remain focused for the remainder of the campaign but urged them to get back on track for Saturday’s game at home to Eibar.

“We are at a very difficult moment in what has been a very difficult season, we are losing concentration and it’s tough for everyone,” Zidane added.

“Right now all I can say is I’m right behind my players and they’re going to keep fighting until the end. A lot will be said in these next two months but we’re going to finish well and look forward to next season.”

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Pele hospitalised in Paris with urinary infection - friend

PARIS

BRAZILIAN football great Pele was hospitalised in Paris with a strong fever but his condition is not life-threatening and he should be released “within a couple of days,” one of his long-time friends said on Wednesday.

The 78-year-old was suffering from a urinary infection and being treated with antibiotics, his friend and spokesman Pepito Fornos, who was with Pele at the hospital, said.

“Everything is under control. Everything’s fine.”

Pele was admitted late on Tuesday as a precaution after attending an event in the French capital with France’s World Cup winning youngster Kylian Mbappe.

He was still in hospital on Wednesday evening, though in a possible sign he was making a recovery, he said on Twitter: “I met Kylian Mbappe and his parents last night in Paris at @Hublot event. We talked goals, World Cups and watches. Great company!”

Earlier, Mbappe had written on social media: “I had the chance this evening to spend a once-in-a-lifetime moment with the living legend @Pele.”

Pele, revered by many as football’s

greatest player ever, is alone in winning the World Cup three times, first lifting the trophy aged 17. The Brazilian was swift to praise Mbappe after he set last year’s World Cup in Russia alight with his electric speed and goalscoring.

Mbappe became the youngest player (19) to score two goals in a World Cup game since Pele in 1958. He also became the first teenager since Pele to score in a World Cup final.

“If Kylian keeps equalling my records like this I may have to dust my boots off again,” Pele tweeted at the time.

Mbappe replied: “The King will always remain King.”

The Paris St Germain forward told Tuesday’s event he would never match the Brazil great’s scoring tally during his career. Pele says he has scored 1,025 goals.

“Even with the goals in playgrounds, goals on the PlayStation, I could never equal (that),” the 20-year-old said at the sponsors’ event.

Mbappe and Pele had been scheduled to meet late last year but had to postpone, again because of Pele’s health, French media said.

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Man Utd plan summer squad shake-up - sources

LONDON

MANCHESTER United are preparing for a summer overhaul that could see five players leave Old Trafford, sources have told ESPN FC.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, appointed permanent manager on a three-year deal, is set to shake-up his squad regardless of whether or not his team finish in the top four.

Club captain Antonio Valencia, 33, will depart on a free transfer after 10 seasons while Matteo Darmian, who has not started a Premier League game since December, is keen to return to Italy. Juventus and Inter Milan are among the clubs interested in signing the defender.

There are also growing concerns that both Ander Herrera and Juan Mata could leave for nothing when their contracts expire in the summer.

United are still in negotiations with both players but have so far refused to meet their demands and if the stand-off continues, they will become free agents on June 30.

There are also doubts about the futures of defenders Marcos Rojo

and Eric Bailly while Solskjaer will be given the final say about whether or not to listen to offers for Alexis Sanchez, who has struggled since his move from Arsenal in January 2018.

Sources have told ESPN FC that Paul Pogba is not for sale at any price. United’s usual approach to the summer transfer window is to work on bringing in three new players but sources have told ESPN FC they are willing to change their plans if there is an exodus from Old Trafford at the end of the season and more new faces are required.

It means the squad could go through its most extensive overhaul since Louis van Gaal signed six players and sold eight in 2015.

Solskjaer has already held discussions with executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward about his summer targets. Further meetings are planned with the recruitment team to narrow down the list of potential signings before May with a right-back, centre-back, right winger and two midfielders all on the agenda.

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Bonucci comment on Kean a ‘disgrace’ - Toure

LONDON

YAYA Toure has said Juventus defender Leonardo Bonucci and manager Massimiliano Allegri are “a disgrace” for their criticism of forward Moise Kean’s celebration in the face of racist abuse from Cagliari fans.

Kean celebrated his 85th-minute goal in Tuesday’s Serie A match at Sardegna Arena by standing in front of Cagliari supporters with his arms outstretched, having earlier endured monkey chants from the stands.

He was criticised by teammate Bonucci and manager Allegri after the game and Toure, speaking during a panel discussion at UEFA’s Equal Game conference on Wednesday, said: “For me it’s a disgrace. You can’t do that.

“It was unbelievable. A teammate, a manager saying: ‘You shouldn’t have done that’ to one of your own players.

“I think it’s the worst scenario you can have in football. Your teammate attacking you, saying things like that, is just unbelievable. I can’t imagine how hurt he was when he saw that.”

Bonucci appeared to shove Kean back towards the centre circle after the goal and following the 2-0 win, was critical of the fans’ chanting and Kean’s reaction to it. Allegri, after condemning “one or two idiots” in the Cagliari crowd, added that Kean should “avoid certain gestures.”

Toure, who has suffered racist abuse at various points during his career, began his address on Wednesday by asking: “I want to know if the Italian FA is here today?”

When it was confirmed that Italian FA representatives were present, he added: “I want to see what the Italian FA is going to do about that. It’s really important because this is what we’re fighting for. I want to see what the response is.”

Asked whether players should walk



Moise Kean

Leonardo Bonucci

Yaya Toure

off the pitch following racist abuse, Toure added: “Yes definitely. When this kind of thing happens we need to send a message, not only to the fans but the people at the top as well.

“Something has to be done, because we’re tired of always coming back to this same problem. As long as those people in the stands, the people in government and at the top don’t decide anything, it’s still going to happen. What are we going to do? Continue to come here and talk, and talk, with nothing being done?”

“I hope something’s going to be done properly as soon as possible.”

Bonucci’s comments were roundly condemned on social media and throughout the football world, with England international Raheem Sterling posting on Instagram: “All you can do now is laugh.”

Sterling was the subject of racist abuse from Montenegro fans during England’s Euro 2020 qualifier in Podgorica, which has led to a charge

by UEFA.

Later on Wednesday, Bonucci posted an Instagram story which included a picture of himself and Kean with the comment: “Regardless of everything, in any case ... No to racism.”

He then later sought to further clarify his stance, again on Instagram, saying: “After 24 hours I want to clarify my feelings. Yesterday I was interviewed right at the end of the game, and my words have been clearly misunderstood, probably because I was too hasty in the way I expressed my thoughts.

“Hours and years wouldn’t be enough to talk about this topic. I firmly condemn all forms of racism and discrimination. The abuses are not acceptable at all and this must not be misunderstood.”

Immediately after the match, Kean posted a picture of his celebration on Instagram, with the caption: “The best way to respond to racism.”

And Marseille striker Mario Balotelli, a teammate of Bonucci’s with Italy, replied to the picture and said: “And tell Bonucci he’s lucky I wasn’t there. Instead of defending you he does this? I’m in shock, I swear. I love you bro.”

A representative of the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) stood up to address the panel at Wembley after feeling compelled to respond to the Kean incident.

Clarifying that FIGC president Michele Uva could not make it to the conference due to a federal board meeting in Rome, the spokeswoman said: “Of course we are very sorry for what happened last night. Unfortunately our CEO is not here but we are doing the best to tackle this issue.”

ESPN FC has contacted Juventus, Kean and Bonucci for comment.

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Proud Pochettino challenges team to match new stadium

LONDON

TOTTENHAM Hotspur manager Mauricio Pochettino described the official opening of the club’s new stadium as one of the most memorable days of his life on Wednesday before challenging himself and his team to be worthy of such a stage.

The spectacular 62,062-seater arena, which looks like a spaceship landed in one of London’s grittier neighbourhoods, cost around one billion pounds (\$1.32 billion) and is expected to be the catalyst to take the club to the next level.

Pochettino, who has earned plaudits for his sterling work at Tottenham during his five-year reign, knows the project on the pitch will be equally as challenging as the vast construction venture that delivered London’s biggest club stadium.

So far Tottenham, on a minimal transfer budget compared to the rest of the Premier League’s top six, have kept on an upward trajectory, even if they have not won a trophy since 2008.

Now the pressure will be on to deliver some silverware into the brand new trophy room.

“Now we are World Cup winners in terms of facilities. I think we have the best stadium in the world,” the Argentine told reporters on an historic night for the club.

“The team play in the Champions League and now the stadium is here we need to be at the same level on the pitch.”

A 2-0 win over Crystal Palace to move back above Arsenal into third place was a solid, if unspectacular, start.

With six games remaining, Tottenham are in a fight with their north London rivals, Chelsea and Manchester United to seal a place in the top four and in next season’s Champions League.

“We have to start to think it’s a new chapter and that Tottenham can be a real contender for big things,” Pochettino told reporters in the plush auditorium.

“We have to start to behave like a big club. I think it’s going to be a major project.”

While the challenge ahead is a



Crystal Palace’s Vicente Guaita in action as Tottenham’s Harry Kane and Ben Davies look on during their Premier League match at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, Britain on Wednesday. REUTERS

daunting one, Pochettino, and the fans who flocked to the new stadium were happy to savour a memorable opening night against Palace in which goals by Son Heung-min and Christian Eriksen sealed the points.

“It was very emotional like the last game at (the old) White Hart Lane. A very special day,” Pochettino said.

“This type of moment you are going to keep in your mind, your memories, your heart. It’s one of the best moments of my life. We started to feel that it’s home, that this is going to be such an important place for the future.”

Fans had arrived early to enjoy the incredible array of eating and drinking

facilities in the stadium – including the Goal Line Bar which at 65 metres is the longest bar in Europe, according to the club.

Other state-of-the-art features include a retractable turf pitch which conceals a permanent artificial surface housed beneath which will be used to stage NFL games.

There are many pointers to the past too, with one wall dedicated to Bill Nicholson, the last manager to lead Tottenham to the English league title in 1961.

Pochettino’s task now is to try to deliver new glory.

“Today we touched the glory. Now we

need to touch the glory of lifting trophies,” he said. “Now is the start of a chapter.”

Meanwhile, Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola expects Phil Foden to play a key role in the side over the next decade and says the 18-year-old will be more involved in the first team next season.

The Stockport-born teenager, who has been with the club since the age of eight, made his first Premier League start in City’s 2-0 win over Cardiff City on Wednesday.

“I’m happy with the way he plays. He could have scored two goals, he’s exceptional,” Guardiola told reporters.

Several highly-rated teenagers, frustrated at limited involvement, have moved on in search of regular first-team football but Foden signed a new City contract until 2024 in December and Guardiola said the midfielder would get his chance.

“It’s not easy for him with (David) Silva, Bernardo (Silva), (Ilkay) Gundogan, (Kevin) De Bruyne, but he wants to be here, he’s delighted to be here,” he added.

“I assure you next year he will play more minutes. That’s the process. For the next decade he will be important.” (\$1 = 0.7592 pounds)

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DAR ES SALAAM

TP Mazembe brace for Simba



TP Mazembe

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

DEMOCRATIC Republic of Congo (DRC) soccer giants, TP Mazembe, are in Tanzania for the first leg of the 2018/19 CAF Champions League quarterfinal match against hosts, Simba SC, slated for tomorrow at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The team arrived in the city on a private airplane from Songwe International Airport in Mbeya where they first landed before connecting to the commercial city.

The match on Saturday is expected to be extremely tough, competitive, emotion and entertaining as both teams have already started playing mind games with the visitors mainly believing in super powers.

Upon arrival on Wednesday evening, TP Mazembe refused to board a bus, which was prepared for them by their hosts. The team, instead, used their own bus to head to a hotel where they are residing.

This is due to the visitors' belief that Simba may have sprayed some toxins which can weaken them and eventually lead to the visitors' defeat in the match.

When TP Mazembe were on their way to the hotel, there were some people seen cheering the team clad in the black and white colours of the Lubumbashi-based side.

On the other hand, Simba have put much of their trust in supporters who have in all of the outfit's past CAF games played at the National Stadium been creating an intimidating atmosphere to all visiting teams.

Supporters for the hosts have, in the previous games, been making deafening noise with music instruments such as drums, trombones and trumpets which have seen them turn the National Stadium into a cacophony of noise.

This is the noise which saw giants of African football, Al

Ahly of Egypt, going out of the National Stadium heads down after conceding 1-0 loss to Simba.

AS Vita of DRC and JS Saoura of Algeria have also been the victims of the heavy noise and jeers by the Msimbazi-based side supporters, as the two lost 2-1 and 3-0 respectively to the hosts at the same venue.

Knowing well the importance of winning the Saturday match, Simba announced gate fees which are reasonable to many with the minimum being 4000/- for open stands, while maximum fees is 100,000/- for VIP A stand.

Simba information officer Haji Manara said his team is ready for the encounter and they will enter the stadium with the same motto of 'Yes We Can' which has proved motivational during difficult matches.

He said the team is banking on the supporters to come in big number and cheer their team and at the same time jeer

the visitors.

"The team is ready for the Saturday encounter, we are asking all football lovers to come in big number to cheer Simba and jeer the visitors, we are confident of winning the match," he said.

The country's only representatives in the CAF tournament arrived in the city on Wednesday night after their Mainland Premier League game against JKT Tanzania, which was set to be played at the Jamhuri Stadium in Morogoro, was postponed due to heavy downpour.

Simba SC head coach Patrick Aussems has stated that the team's training is centered much on attacking and defending.

"We need goals during these games. In addition to that, we don't need to concede if we are to triumph," he said.

The biggest challenge for Simba in their campaign in the tournament is that they do well at home and concede many

goals away, however coach Aussems told www.cafonline.com that the team is to change approach.

He said he has been changing approach according to the stage which his team is in.

"If you can see before the group stage we played well against Mbabane and won it away, also against Nkana though we lost. But when we reached the group stage, we changed the approach and focused much on home game. We understand that this time we need to play well at home and away, we are working on that," he told the website.

The Belgian tactician has, however, admitted that facing TP Mazembe would be a difficult task.

It is the first time for Simba to reach this stage of the competition, while TP Mazembe boast of five continental titles.

"This is very tough. We are talking of the team that has won several African cups in the past five years. TP Mazembe is a big team and we expect a tough game on Saturday. Even though this Mazembe may not be as strong as that of past few years still they are the best comparing to Simba," Aussems added.

The coach also told the publication that he is banking on the experience and confidence which his team has after beating DRC giants, AS Vita Club.

"These two teams come from same country and you shall expect similarities though not 100 percent. Their style of play is somehow similar but we need to agree that Vita is now history and we need to prepare for another tough game," he continued.

TP Mazembe head coach, David Mwakasu, is reported in the media to have said they have come to the country with the sole aim of winning the game as they aim at sailing through to the semi-finals of the tournament.

Free-falling Royal Challengers seek turnaround against Knight Riders

BENGALURU

AT six weeks, the IPL can seem like a short tournament. But if you get on a losing run - the kind Royal Challengers Bangalore are in right now - even six weeks can seem like an eternity.

But not all is lost for Virat Kohli and Royal Challengers. In the past, teams have come back from five losses to reach the playoffs, and even redeemed themselves from 0-5 behind to win the tournament. So a win and the momentum it brings could turn things for Royal Challengers.

There are too many questions surrounding Royal Challengers. Does their bowling make opponents fear?

Probably not, and we saw that in their game against Sunrisers Hyderabad, where two world-class openers made maximum use of a below-par attack.

As for their batting, Royal Challengers have not fielded an unchanged opening combination so far, and their overseas options have not yet fired.

Shimron Hetmyer, who has fallen three times to the ball turning away this season, may be the first name out of the XI for their match against Kolkata Knight Riders.

Knight Riders normally bowl 12 overs of spin and one of Royal Challengers' domestic batsmen could be a better choice than Hetmyer.

Not only are Royal Challengers trying to avoid a fifth-straight loss in the season, they're also looking to stop Knight Riders from winning a fifth straight match against them. Knight Riders have lost just one game so far and that, too, was close. Nitish Rana has collected two Man-of-the-Match awards.

Andre Russell has been good with the ball, and destructive with the bat. Robin Uthappa has found form, and Kuldeep Yadav has shown he can help Knight Riders defend nearly anything.

Knight Riders enter the game as massive favourites, but they'll know that as long as Kohli leads Royal Challengers, the team will never raise a white flag.

Nathan Coulter-Nile has not yet linked up with Royal Challengers. He was supposed to join the side with Marcus Stoinis from the UAE, but is expected to join on 13th. Sunil Narine, who missed out on Knight Riders' last game, has been declared fully fit and should be back in the XI.

Last season, Knight Riders chased down scores of 176 and 177 as they complete the double against Royal Challengers. Knight Riders' opening batsmen, Chris Lynn and Sunil Narine, were the Players of the Match on both occasions.

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Stars move up in FIFA ranking



Taifa Stars

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

AFTER qualifying for the 2019 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals, to be held in Egypt, Tanzania's football has improved on the latest FIFA ranking released yesterday.

Tanzania's senior national soccer, Taifa Stars, is now placed 131st with 1105 points from previous 1087 points.

Despite dropping two places to 108, Kenya is still a country in the East Africa Region, which is in a rather good spot in the ranking, while Uganda is now placed 79th, having dropped two places.

Taifa Stars' improvement in the latest ranking is the result of recent good performance, registered by the squad in the 2019 AFCON qualifiers.

Stars, in particular, improved tremendously after beating Uganda 3-0 in the qualifiers and earn qualification for the AFCON finals missing out on the show-piece for 39 years.

Taifa Stars cruised to the resounding win over Uganda in a match, which

took place at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam, courtesy of goals by Simon Msuva, Aggrey Morris and Erasto Nyoni.

For the first time in the modern history of AFCON finals, East Africa will have four representatives at the Egypt tournament. They are Taifa Stars, Uganda's Cranes, Kenya and Burundi's Intamba m' Urugamba.

The rest of East Africa countries, Sudan, Burundi, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Djibouti, are now placed 130th, 136th, 150th and 197th respectively.

There is a one place improvement for neighbours, Eritrea and Somalia, who share a 203th position with 868 points.

Senegal is the best rated country in Africa, taking 23rd position with 1515 points.

Belgium and France share the joint number one position aloft the 211 FIFA member countries with 1737 points apiece.

Brazil, England, Croatia, Uruguay, Portugal, Switzerland, Spain and Denmark complete the top 10 footballing nations.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

