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Indian Foreign minister arrives for official visit

By Guardian Reporter

INDIA'S External Affairs minister, Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (pictured), is in Tanzania for a three-day official visit - from yesterday.

A statement issued by the Indian High Commission in Dar es Salaam said the minister is first visiting Zanzibar today and tomorrow to view a water supply project benefiting from Indian credit, meet top leadership and then attend a reception onboard Indian naval ship Trishul, now visiting Tanzania.

In the visit aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries, the minister will be in Dar es Salaam on Friday before departing the next day, to co-chair the 10th India-Tanzania Joint Commission meeting, apart from meeting a section of top leadership, the statement indicated.

The visit shall similarly involve a meeting with the parliamentary friendship group with India, and inaugurating an India-Tanzania business meeting, it said.

He will also be addressing the Indian Diaspora and inaugurate a bust of Swami Vivekananda, a venerated religious figure,



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in Dar es Salaam.

India and Tanzania have a long-standing partnership, with trade between the two nations reaching \$6.4bn annually, by official Indian statistics, it affirmed, highlighting other events to further solidify bilateral ties.

The India-Tanzania joint defence cooperation committee (JDCC) convened in Arusha late last month where the two countries agreed on a five year roadmap for defence collaboration encompassing various initiatives, like capacity building and defense technology, it said.

The statement asserted that Tanzania and India have enjoyed traditionally close, friendly and co-operative relations as from the 1960s to the 1980s the political relationship involved shared commitments to anti-colonialism and non-alignment.

This phase transitioned into South-South Cooperation with extensive cooperation in international forums, given the proximity of views between founding president Julius Nyerere and Indian premier Indira Gandhi.

They both attended a US-G77 summit at the Cancun resort city in Mexico in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was president of the United States, observers noted.

Mwalimu Julius Nyerere was held in high

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Trade volumes colour US Independence gala

By Felister Peter

TRADE volumes between Tanzania and the United States are on an upward trend, a US Independence Day gala was told late on Tuesday.

Dr Samwel Shelukindo, the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation permanent secretary, said at a US embassy event to mark the July 4 1776 Declaration of Independence that the trade uplift was mutually beneficial.

Citing data stretching from 1997, he said US investments in Tanzania were valued at \$4.8bn, directed into various sectors, creating upwards of 54,000 jobs across the country.

The sixth phase government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan had taken deliberate measures to attract more investments, enabling Tanzanians to do more business with US firms, via a conducive business environment.

The veteran envoy extended an invitation to US firms, pointing at renewable energy, pharmaceuticals and the metals industry in particular.

Agriculture, livestock, fishing, aquaculture, mining, infrastructure and tourism were also on the list, where the foreign ministry executive reaffirmed the government's commitment to work closely with US authorities.

Affirming that the two countries



Geologist Erasto Kafyulilo (L) pictured yesterday at the Minerals ministry pavilion at the ongoing 47th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair briefing Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa on a Mamba Minerals Corporation project. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

Parliamentary secretariat sets out gender initiatives

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TOP legislators reaffirmed the country's commitment to human rights, good governance and gender equality in a presentation at the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) parliamentary forum here yesterday.

Reiterating in various principles, objectives and values in respect to the policy areas, the Speaker, Dr Tullia Ackson assured delegates at the 53rd plenary session of the forum that Tanzania respects democratic rule "while at the same time seeking to ensure sustainable development."

Selemani Jumanne Zedi (Bukene), the head of the Tanzanian delegation at the forum, said that the legislature has



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approved a number of laws in support of gender equality, women's advancement and youth development.

He referred to the Land Act and the Law of Marriage Act which protect women in relation to property ownership, the Land Disputes Tribunals Act which requires that in every sitting of the tribunal, the quorum must consist of three women in making rulings.

Similarly, the legislature had adopted an Education Act, protecting girls against marriage while in school, and demanding that girls attain legal maturity before marriage, he elaborated.

He pointed at the Local Government Finances Act which directs each local government authorities to set aside 10

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Fuel cap prices to dip in Dar, Tanga regions

By Guardian Reporter

FUEL prices will this month marginally decline in Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions compared to June, on the basis of the latest indicative prices set by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) taking effect yesterday.

Retail price for fuel sourced from the port of Dar es Salaam drop by 137/- per litre for petrol and 118/- per litre for diesel,



thus customers will buy a litre of petrol at 2,736/- from 2,873/- last month. A litre of diesel will fetch 2,544/-, a dip from 2,662/-, it said.

The altered cap prices reflect changes in world oil market prices, Bulk Procurement System (BPS) premiums and the value of the shilling against the US dollar, the regulator said in a statement.

Buyers in northern regions-Tanga, Kilimanjaro, Arusha, and Manyara will have the price of petrol decreased by 188/- per litre and diesel by 58/- per litre from June prices, it said.

Cap prices for Lindi, Mtwara and Ruvuma regions remain at June levels as no consignment of diesel was received at

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work together in promoting trade and investment cooperation, he emphasized current efforts to make Tanzania attractive for US investors and exporters.

Tanzanian exports to the US rose from \$9.7m in 2017 to \$49.5m as the country inched up its capacity to export textile products and other produce under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), put in place back in 2000.

Imports from the US inched up from \$201.8m in 2017 to \$215m last year, he said.

He said the government values US contribution to the country's development efforts via the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the AGOA facility, he said.

Observers noted that US contribution goes well beyond those institutional arrangements as the US holds a minimum of 25 per cent contribution in total resources of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The diplomat paid tribute to the early friendship between founding president Julius Nyerere and the US president at that time, John F Kennedy, noting that this friendship laid the basis for cooperation for the later decades.

In February 1968, Tanzania and the US signed an agreement for economic and technical cooperation, with a number of agreements and memorandums of understanding, he said.

US envoy Michael Battle said in his remarks that the US was committed to enabling youth to seize opportunities

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the future will bring, by increasing trade and investments.

Bolstering peace and security in the region and respecting the rule of law, democratic governance and observation of human rights are similarly crucial in this regard, he said.

He referred to the Peace Corps initiative, noting that Tanzania

joined the scheme in 1963, underlining that the US was working hard to strengthen relations, cognizant of the need for support for transition to "a more sustainable model of trade and investment."

As the US celebrates its 247th anniversary, it also recognizes the 62 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries, he added.

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percent of their revenue collections to loan to registered groups of women, youth and persons with disabilities, with no interest charges.

He similarly set out the special ministry handling gender matters as vital in supporting women empowerment and combating violence against women and children.

The government was implementing a five-year plan of action on the matter, he stated, explaining that committees have been formed from the regional level

to administrative wards, to check on instances of abuse and violence, he said.

The government has established a gender desk in police stations, he told the gathering, to which the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) supports small-scale traders.

It was building markets in large urban areas for use by small-scale traders, citing facilities in Dodoma, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro, while conducting entrepreneur training to support women and youth on how to run a business, he added.

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Mtwara port, it said.

Insufficient stock of petrol at Mtwara storage terminals require that fuel station operators in the southern regions will replenish their stocks with fuel offloaded at Dar port, making retail prices similar to Dar es Salaam Region, it said.

Kerosene was unavailable at Tanga and Mtwara storage terminals, thus operators in the northern and southern regions will source the product from Dar port, thus customers in Mtwara and Tanga regions will buy the products at Dar retail prices, it affirmed.

Noting that prices differ from one location to another due to differences in prices at loading ports and transport to respective regions, districts and towns, it saw its indicative prices as cap prices while inland regions may have to tune up to accommodate transport costs.

It urged oil marketing companies to set prices they want "provided that such price does not exceed the price cap," while not below the floor price for the relevant product. The basic price is set by petroleum

products prices setting conducted by the regulator, it said.

Petrol stations were asked to show petroleum product prices on clearly visible boards, showing the prices, discounts or any trade incentives on offer. It is an offence not to have prices published on boards located in clearly visible places in front of petrol stations, it said, cautioning that punitive measures will be taken against sellers violating the regulations.

Retailers must issue receipts printed from an electronic fiscal pump printer for all sales made, with consumers having to demand and keep the receipts. They will bear the name of the petrol station, the date on which such purchase was made as well as the type of fuel, price per litre for each purchase.

"The receipts can be exhibited in case of a complaint lodged if the selling price is above the cap price or in case the products sold do not meet the approved specifications," the regulator intoned, underlining that this "provides an assurance that appropriate government taxes on sales of petroleum products are fully accounted for recovery from the retailers."

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esteem in India, it said, noting that he was conferred the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1974, and the International Gandhi Peace Prize in 1995.

In the post-Cold War period, India and Tanzania initiated economic reform programmes alongside maintaining ties related to global economic issues, developing business linkages and foreign investment, it said.

"In recent years, India-Tanzania

ties have evolved into a modern and pragmatic relationship with sound political understanding, diversified economic engagement, people-to-people contacts in the field of education and healthcare," it said, also citing development partnership in capacity building training, concessional credit lines and project grants.

Diplomatic ties exist with India since independence, by a resident envoy, while India opened a consulate in Zanzibar later in October 1974, it added.

70 people dying from TB in Tanzania everyday - Ummu

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TANZANIA loses 70 people every day from Tuberculosis (TB) including chronic TB.

Ummu Mwalimu, Minister for Health has said the number means more than 25,800 people die from the disease every year.

Ummu made the remarks here yesterday when addressing Permanent secretaries and managers from TB Programme from 15 African countries.

"Out of every 100 people, 39 were discovered to have contracted TB in 2015 in Tanzania.

"So far, the government, through

the health Ministry has made significant strides in diagnosing TB patients by 65 per cent," she said.

She added: "We have increased efforts in TB diagnosis since 2015, whereby in every 100 patients, we discovered 39 patients. We have done that through health services providers at community level."

She said these experts visit beer clubs, street corners and house to house including traditional healers after they were given training on a person suffering from TB.

The meeting's participants are deliberating on how African countries can come up with new joint strategies against the disease.



Tanzania's newly appointed High Commissioner to Malawi, Agnes Richard Kayola, presents her letters of credence to President Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera in Lilongwe on Monday. Photo courtesy of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation ministry

Govt out to make airports operate 24 hrs a day - TAA

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Airports Authority (TAA) director Mussa Mbura says the government continues to boost performance of the country's airports and they are in strategies all of them to operate 24 hours a day to meet the growth of the aviation sector.

Addressing reporters on Tuesday at the authority's pavilion at the ongoing 47th Dar es Salaam

International Trade Fair (DITF) at Mwalimu Nyerere Fair Grounds in Dar es Salaam, he said nearly 60 per cent of investors coming to the country use the airports.

Mbura added that in recognition of this, the government continues to improve and build new airports including the one at Msalato, Dodoma.

"We have seen that it is better to participate in this Fair in order to provide the people with

opportunities available at our airports, including the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) which has opportunities for the construction of a modern hotel to cater for passengers, also we have plans to construct a huge area for business activities," he said, and added:

"In addition, we have projects going on at Mwanza Airport and JNIA Terminal II, and our expectation are that by 2025

refurbishments taking place will be completed, and in regard to Songwe International Airport (SIA), the structure being built has reached 95 per cent and will soon be inaugurated."

He explained that after President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched the Royal Tour film, they were now receiving tourists in great numbers for the Northern Tourism circuit, and that TAA has decided to improve services by constructing a terminal building that is in the last stages of completion.

He added that they will install landing lights at SIA in order to make sure planes land and take off day and night.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi pictured in Zanzibar yesterday officiating at the launch of the Islamic insurance service (Takaful) now available at the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation through its subsidiary - ZIC Takaful. He is with the Deputy Minister of State (Finance and Planning) in the Zanzibar President's Office, Ali Suleiman Ameir (2nd-L); ZIC chief executive officer Arafat Haji (R); and the Commissioner General of the Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA), Dr Baghayo Saqware. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzania, Botswana water experts meet in Morogoro to save Ruvu River from drying

By Guardian Correspondent,

Morogoro

WATER experts from Tanzania and Botswana yesterday met in Morogoro municipality to chart ways on how better to reduce human activity in the Ruvu River, the main source of water for people of Morogoro, Coast and Dar es Salaam regions.

The meeting is part of the government and stakeholders to save the river from extinction as well as cope with climate change.

Simon Nkanyemka, director of legal services in the Ministry of Water said Tanzanian water experts from the Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board met with their counterparts from Botswana to among other issues discuss and exchange experiences in water resource management issues.

Nkanyemka said that the

success has been achieved by the government in collaboration with the Global Water Partnership, with the main intention of reducing the damage to water sources by involving citizens in their areas.

"Tanzania has done well in this issue of dealing with climate change after the citizens were fully involved in projects to control the damage to water sources that are sent to their areas," said Nkanyemka

He said that in coping with climate change, the international institution global water partnership, through a joint project aimed at dealing with climate change, has continued to engage citizens and experts to design and implement various projects to help water sources remain safe.

He said that through the project implemented in the Wami Ruvu valley on the Morogoro side, they have been able to build livestock watering stations to help herdsmen

not to send their livestock to the rivers and cause damage.

Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board director Elibarik Mmassy said that for three years they have been collaborating with the global water partnership especially in the areas of management and maintenance of water sources and that despite going through various challenges of water access but the institution has been side by side to ensure the sources of water is maintained by exchanging capacity.

"In the period from 2022 and 2023, we have collaborated on the construction of a livestock watering trough capable of watering 4,000 livestock per day, digging a 120-meter well, and building a tank with a solar electricity system. The project has already been completed," said Eng. Massy.

He also stated that the office of water users and experts has been built in Mvuhwa and is nearing

completion where it will enable the movement of services to the people especially at the village level where more than six rivers that flow water will be safe and contribute eighty per cent of water to the Ruvu River.

Dr Victor Kongo, executive director of global water partnerships Tanzania said Botswana and Tanzania were selected for the implementation of the climate change project funded by the European Union through the Southern African Development Community (SADC), where Wami/Ruvu is a valley facing climate change.

He said the areas that need help are the Ruvu area in the bridge which has a lot of livestock, especially during the summer, so the herders bring livestock into the river to drink water and cause great damage to the banks of the river.

Dr Kongo said that the situation has become a big problem for the breeders due to their livestock being caught arbitrarily while the mothers who follow the water are affected by the crocodiles in the Ruvu River.



Public Service Social Security Fund director general Hosea Kashimba pictured yesterday having a chat with one of the members of the Fund who visited the joint PSSSF-NSSF pavilion at the ongoing 47th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

PSSSF members praise its operations services

By Guardian Correspondent

MEMBERS of the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) especially the retirees have expressed their satisfaction with the services they are currently getting from the Fund which in August, 2023 will mark five years since it was established after the government consolidated four social security funds of PSPF, PPF, LAPF AND GEFP. Speaking at different occasion when they visited at the PSSSF pavilion at the ongoing 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday said they are not facing the problems that existed a few years ago.

"When I was tracking my Benefits I was well served, this office has changed a lot I pray you continue the same, I congratulate you, I say this from my heart, I'm here for verification purposes what Incan say I have been attended well services were swiftly," said retired Abdallah Mandwanga.

Another retiree Amana Shomari, a member of PSSSF who is retired from Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) 10 years ago said for his part the services he is currently getting from PSSSF have been good and they are being provided quickly.

"As a pensioner, what brought me at this booth was to verify my information, I have used not more than 5 minutes to get service, surely I congratulate you so much, I call on my fellow pensioners, verification exercise is important because it eliminates the delay in pension payment" advise the pensioner.

Either Stanslaus Kagaruki who arrived at the PSSSF shed has encouraged fellow pensioners to see the importance of verifying their information because despite the fact that it is legal obligation but it is a short term service to be cleared.

"I have taken a short time, I didn't expect it to take me long, but it's just a thumb , just a second, therefore

I urge my colleagues to come for verification so that they continue receiving their pension without hindrances." said Mr. Kagaruki

Speaking on the current situation of the Fund, PSSSF's Director nGeneral, CPA. Hosea Kashimba said that the Fund has continued to perform its duties as stated in the Fund's law efficiently and with great care, where he mentioned that it is Registering Members, Collecting Contributions and Investing those Contributions and Paying Benefits as well.

"So far we have 780,000 members and we are collecting 1.65 trillion shillings a year, and paid 1.6 trillion shillings a year as pension," explained CPA Kashimba.

The Director General explained that at present there are a total of Beneficiaries of Monthly Pension reaching 160,000 who are paid a total of 65 billion shillings every month.

"Here you will see how the fund boosts the economy of the country because when our old men receive these benefits they go to buy services and their various needs and thus a lot of money reaches the citizens." He explained

CPA. Kashimba said, the success seen at present has been largely contributed to the massive efforts being taken by the Sixth Phase Government under the leadership of HE. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan for massive recruitment of civil servants.

"Taking to account PSSSF Members are all Public Servants from the Government and Local Government Authority and All from Corporate which the Government owned more than 305 of shares," Expalind the DG.

With this speed of the Sixth Phase Government under its leadership Hon. Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the Union Republic of Tanzania to increase employment in the country, the fund expects an increase in members and reach 40 thousand a year. "He explained it.

President Mwinyi launches ZIC's Islamic-based insurance service

By Guardian Reporter,

Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi has launched an insurance service based on Islamic principles (Takaful) offered by the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation (ZIC) through its subsidiary ZIC Takaful.

He emphasised the government's commitment to ensuring that insurance services reach all citizens while respecting their principles, beliefs, and preferences.

The Takaful service adheres to the principles and values of the Islamic religion, including the exclusion of interest and gambling, while opposing investments in businesses that contradict the principles.

Speaking at the brief inauguration ceremony held earlier yesterday in Zanzibar, attended by various stakeholders in the insurance industry, including government officials, religious leaders, insurance stakeholders, financial institutions, and citizens, President Mwinyi commended ZIC for its innovative service. He stated that this step would attract many citizens who had previously avoided insurance services due to religious beliefs.

"For a long time, Takaful services have been used in various countries in Africa, Europe, and Asia to provide opportunities for

businesses that follow Islamic principles. The introduction of this service in our country will also help attract various investors who believe in Islamic faith, which is crucial for ZIC development and the nation as a whole," he said.

He noted that the service is expected to be a vital link in the growth of Islamic finance services, as it provides an opportunity for banks that already operate on the principles to offer insurance services, which was not possible before the establishment of Takaful.

President Mwinyi emphasized that the government's goal is to ensure that all citizens, without compromising their religious beliefs, have access to various economic services provided by different institutions. He praised some organisations and institutions, including the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation, for effectively interpreting the government's intentions.

Deputy minister of State, President's Office, Finance and Planning Ali Suleiman Ameir stated that the introduction of Takaful product aligns with the government's efforts to strengthen the insurance sector and stimulate economic growth in the country, which greatly benefits the government, citizens, and the nation as a whole.

"In terms of the government, Takaful services will help increase government revenue through taxes and fees generated from insurance activities.

This will contribute to enhancing the government's capacity to provide essential services to citizens and implement development projects. We commend ZIC for this important step," he said.

He mentioned that the government is determined to ensure the efficient operation of Takaful services and has already established robust control and auditing systems to ensure transparency, accountability, and integrity in insurance activities, including Takaful services.

"We have also made efforts to ensure that this service reaches all citizens, especially those in rural areas and small entrepreneurs," he added.

The CEO of ZIC, Arafat Haji, stated that the step is a continuation of the organization's core strategy, aiming to ensure that its services reach people from various backgrounds, with the goal of improving access to insurance services for citizens and thus accelerating its own growth and that of the nation as a whole.

"We believe that Takaful services will enhance our reputation among all stakeholders, a belief that we think will further strengthen us commercially and guarantee our ability to protect the projects, businesses, and assets of our investors while also increasing employment opportunities for citizens," he said.

According to Arafat, the introduction of Takaful services will accelerate the pace and strength of growth and support various ongoing efforts by financial

institutions in the country that have been developing diverse services in line with the principles of Islamic faith.

The Commissioner of Insurance, Dr. Baghayo Saqware, stated that currently the insurance market in the country serves only 15 to 20 percent of the population. Therefore, innovative approaches aimed at increasing the use of insurance services are crucial, as it is the government's goal to have an inclusive system for the provision of this economically important service.

"The insurance sector is essential for the individual, institutional, and overall economic growth, and that is why we commend the Zanzibar Insurance Corporation for being the first in the country to offer Takaful services," he praised.



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Majaliwa urges enhancing economic diplomacy push

By Guardian Reporter

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has urged Turkish Ambassador to Tanzania Seif Idd Bakari to put emphasis on managing the implementation of foreign policy including maintaining economic diplomacy, encouraging investment and access to markets for local products.

"Through these relations, there are many opportunities that we need to get, especially economic ones, Tanzania is a country that produces and sells alone, we cannot afford it, that's why we cooperate with different countries through our ambassadors," Majaliwa told the envoy who made a courtesy call in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Majaliwa also asked Ambassador Seif to put in place strategies that will enable the country to benefit from its presence, including managing business relations.

"We welcome businessmen to our country, we need to find investors,

if they come to the country, we will benefit by getting new technology and increasing the number of jobs through their investment," he said.

The premier also urged Ambassador Seif to use the opportunity to advertise the tourism attractions in the country to increase the number of tourists visiting Tanzania. "President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan started the Royal Tour program which has attracted many countries, go to your country and measure how many people know Tanzania, use various platforms to promote our country"

In another development Majaliwa asked Ambassador Seif to find markets for various products from the country.

"Our production is large and the emphasis is still on through the Policy of our country and communities including EAC and SADC, we have had a production strategy so that we can sell and earn dollars."

Mkomazi National Park launches 4 special sites

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

MKOMAZI National Park has said it expects to launch four special tourism attractions including naming them as rhino naming in lifetime, rhino capture operation, rhino adoption and rhino tracking.

Park's chief conservator, Happiness Kiemi said yesterday when speaking at Natural Resources and Tourism pavilion at the ongoing 47th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) at Mwalimu Nyerere Fair Grounds in Dar es Salaam.

Kiemi said every kind of the special tourism is sponsored to contribute to conservation while citing Rhino naming in lifetime costing 5m/- while a foreign tourist has to part with USD 5,000.

She said the aim of these kinds of tourism is to increase the number of both domestic and foreign tourists and that in the past three years consecutively the number of foreign tourists has increased.

"We welcome tourists from within and outside the country to come and provide names to the rhinos. There are also rhinos who are orphans needing taking care of.

"In regard to the rhino capture operation, the cost is 1m/- for locals and USD 1,000 for foreigners, while rhino adoption the cost is 2m/- per year and USD 2,000 for foreigners," said Kiemi.

She said Mkomazi National Park has come up with the tourism strategy, especially for rhinos, for conservation in the park and that during the COVID-19 pandemic, the park implemented the project for refurbishing its infrastructure including tourists' entrances.

"Tourism in Mkomazi National Park, in the high especially tourists can see wildlife that are rarely seen in daytime.

"The black rhino is rarely seen and in extinction in the world, hence the government saw the need for establishing the special project for their conservation," she said.

She added: "if you visit other national parks including Serengeti, you will see rhinos at a distance, but these in Mkomazi you will see them close to one metre distance if you are in a tourist vehicle and you can even take a selfie it."



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Tanzania to drill 2,000 boreholes for food security in SADC region

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

TANZANIA is set to drill nearly 2,000 boreholes to ensure small-holder farmers have continuous flow of water.

The idea is to empower small-scale farmers with the capacity to produce more crops and be able to feed the Southern African Community Development Community (SADC) as well as creating jobs in the region.

According to an official report from the National Assembly in Dodoma which was tabled at the 53rd Plenary Assembly Session of the SADC Parliamentary Forum in Arusha, the programmer is known as 'A Bore Hole for the farmer.'

Through the programme, Tanzania intends to establish ten boreholes in each district across the country with 60million-plus population.

Tanzania mainland has 30 regions in which there are 284 districts and each of the latter stands to get ten such farm boreholes. The move intends to empower youth get interested into agriculture and venture into it and be able to know where to sell the produce in and SADC region which has 379.69 million

people.

The report from the Tanzania Delegation to the SADC-PF explains that the boreholes are meant to improve agriculture and increase food production and to implement this; the Government has planned to have at least ten boreholes in each district.

This intends to guarantee food security to feed Tanzania, Africa and the World. And the theme for the 53rd Plenary session of the SADC Parliamentary Forum is 'Modernizing Agriculture to Address Food Insecurity and the Youth Unemployment in the SADC Region,' and the Role of Regional Parliaments in that respect.

The Tanzanian government has also established agricultural blocks with installed irrigation systems for the local community.

Tanzania is on the other hand incubating 812 young people ready to introduce them into the agriculture sector through the newly hatched 'Build a Better Tomorrow,' program targeting mostly the youth and women.

Earlier this week, President Samia Suluhu Hassan explained that, through the BBT Programme, the youth will also be enabled to secure land for farming, financial support as well as market access upon harvesting their crops.



Manyara regional commissioner Queen Sendiga addresses residents of Mwada village in Magugu ward, Babati District, shortly after making an inspection visit to the newly inaugurated Melkiroy Primary School on Tuesday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Govt sets aside 154bn/- for fertiliser subsidy nationwide

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

THE government has said in 2023/24 FY has set aside 154bn/- towards fertiliser subsidy with the aim of reducing farmers costs to increase production.

The managing director of Tanzania Fertiliser Regulatory Authority (TFRA), Dr Stephen Ngairo said when speaking at the climax of World Cooperatives Day in Tabora.

Dr Ngairo said the fertiliser will be sold at indicative prices for farmers

to afford.

"Already, TFRA has issued the indicative price and after the fertiliser is provided it will continue to be sold at the same price in order to ensure every farmer in need gets it," he said.

Dr Ngairo said TFRA has in place strategies to use primary cooperatives to assist to distribute the fertiliser to farmers in their areas, and added that during last Financial year the fertiliser was sold at 70,000/- per 50kg bag.

"I like to assure farmers that from

July 1 this year you will all buy the farm input in your areas without any inconveniences," Dr Ngairo said.

For his part, the general manager of Tanzania Federation of Cooperatives (TFC), Samuel Mshote said the government, through the Ministry of Agriculture plans to revive the federation that failed to operate commercially in the last four years.

He explained that in 2022/23 FY the government provided more than 6bn/- to TFC to boost farmers

activities and that already they have entered into agreement with 20 cooperative unions and continue registering others, which are primary cooperatives.

He said Tabora Region has a warehouse able to hold 20,000 tonnes and through the cooperatives they can distribute fertiliser to reach farmers in time.

Closing the event, the Minister for Agriculture Hussein Bashe said that this farming season, the fertiliser will reach farmers in time as it has already been ordered.



Rukia Haidary (R, seated), a senior IT officer with the National Social Security Fund, pictured at the ongoing 47th edition of the Dares Salaam Trade Fair yesterday briefing James Bwana (2nd-L, foreground), Director of Diaspora Affairs in the Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation ministry, on how NSSF members can get information through the Fund's digital systems. Left-foreground is NSSF Public Relations and Education manager Lulu Mungele. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Diaspora called on to explore chances in projects being implemented by NSSF

By Guardian Reporter

THE diaspora has been called upon to explore opportunities in projects being implemented by the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) in the country to see how they can collaborate for further investment.

Ambassador James Bwana, Director of Diaspora Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation made the call when he visited the NSSF pavilion at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF).

"I call upon all the diaspora to invest in various NSSF projects,

including the houses in Toangoma, Kijichi, and Dungu in Dar es Salaam, as well as the plots in various areas that are being sold at a low cost," said Ambassador Bwana.

Ambassador Bwana used the opportunity to call on all Diaspora to respond to the call by taking advantage of investment opportunities by buying NSSF houses and plots which are guaranteed.

Ambassador Bwana said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation is an important stakeholder of NSSF, and they collaborate on various issues to ensure that the

services provided by NSSF reach all Tanzanians, including those living abroad 'Diaspora'.

"I take this opportunity to commend NSSF, they had this responsibility for a long time, they had various systems to provide Social Security services to the Diaspora and currently they are completing new systems that will increase the participation of Tanzanians abroad," said Ambassador Bwana.

He further said that the fund has been managing various investment projects and that they already have a close partnership with NSSF where they recently have

large investment and development projects taking place in Kenya to develop the investments of Tanzania but abroad.

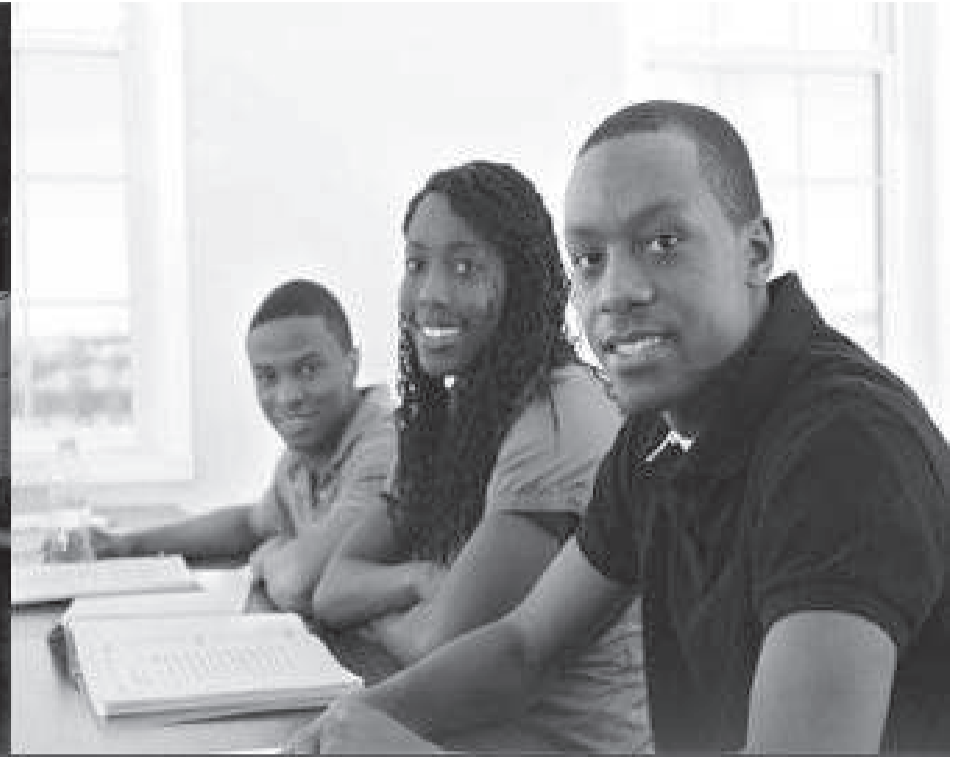
Ambassador Bwana said that NSSF investment does not end only at the local level but now they are crossing borders and going to other areas outside Tanzania to bring more profit for the benefit of NSSF members.

In addition, he congratulated the NSSF Management and Board for the good work and guidelines they have been providing to ensure the main objectives of the establishment of the Fund continue to be managed and implemented.

The objectives are to enrol members from the private sector and informal sector, collect contributions, investment and pay benefits.



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Malawi MPs fault high rates of child marriage

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

CHILD marriage rates in Malawi are considered to be among the highest in the world today.

A report tabled during the 53rd Plenary Assembly Session of the SADC Parliamentary Forum in Arusha, Tanzania indicates that over 47 per cent of women in Malawi get married before reaching the ripe age of 18 years.

"It is common knowledge currently that, child marriage endangers the physical and reproductive health of the girl child, with girls under the age of 18 at a much higher risk of pregnancy related injuries such as fistulas," pointed out Aisha Adams Mambo.

It was presented by the second Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Malawi, Aisha Adams Mambo.

They contribute to high fertility and intensify the problem of rapid population growth.

She added that the underage marriages in Malawi affect many of the development goals, such as achieving universal primary

education, maternal health and gender equality, amongst others.

The structure of the population of Malawi suggests that there are marginally more women than men and in terms of age the youth constitute the bigger portion of the population.

That, as it happens, is also true for various countries in the SADC region.

According to the report, the situation has for the last couple of years been calling for advocacy of increased budgetary allocations towards the budget lines for the youth initiatives as well as women (Ministry of Gender).

"The government of Malawi is however already working towards improving gender equality, violence prevention and policy framework in the country on violence against women and girls as well as harmful cultural practices."

"The initiative is supporting the review of five specific laws and policies including the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act; the Marriage Divorce and Family Relations Act; the Child Care, Protection and Justice Act; the

Gender Equality Act; and the Penal Code."

With support from the development and cooperating partners, Parliament of Malawi initiated discussions around child responsive budgets.

Just like the progress on gender responsive budgets, parliamentarians and different other players have been advocating for equitable distribution of resources towards the children as that guarantees their future and the future of the nation.

This again, is on-going as after every presentation of the National Budget, there are analyses and discussions on the line budgets for women and children, just like other line budgets of interest to various interest groups.

It is from such discussions that the parliamentarians are enriched with insights regarding the need to reconsider certain line budgets.

From such engagements, parliamentarians in Malawi continue to lobby for equitable allocation of resources as an effort to narrow the resource gap for gender and children.



GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd board chairman Mehboob Karmal (C) and XCMG Africa Region deputy general manager Zang Guodong (3rd-R) cheer at the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday alongside other GF senior executives and experts of the Chinese company XCMG at celebrations to mark the firm's 80th anniversary. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt orders speedy office construction

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

ALL ministries have been ordered to complete construction of their offices in Mtumba popularly known as the 'Magufuli City' by October 2023.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa issued the directives here, saying the government's target to see all public servants relocating to the country's capital by 2024 must be met.

The second phase on the construction of the 'Magufuli City' started in October 2021 and expected to be completed in October 2023.

The Premier also demanded all contractors implementing the projects at the famous 'Magufuli City' to ensure that they buy locally made industrial materials, in efforts to save foreign currency as well as increasing value chain in local investments.

Majaliwa issued the directives yesterday when he made a working tour to inspect the progress on the ongoing projects on the construction of the government town as well as the Mashujaa grounds in Dodoma, where he insisted that the objective of the government under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan is to see all public servants working from official buildings.

"The dream of our president is to see this project being executed as planned by observing all standards and value for money maintained."

"Just look at all possible technical measures to complete these buildings on time without affecting the required qualities including supervising the projects day and night because Tanzanians are eager to see the buildings being used as expected," he noted.

At the similar occasion, the Prime Minister reiterated the need for contractors undertaking the projects at the area to make sure that they bank on procuring construction materials locally.

"President Samia has always been enticing local and international investors to set up construction factories in the country including those producing tiles, therefore my plea is that we should capitalise on these instead of importing similar products from outside the country," he added.

Prior to welcoming the PM on the podium, the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Policy, Coordination and Parliamentary Affairs, Jester Mhagama said that apart from the ongoing projects for the construction of several ministries and government departments, the State was also putting up the Mashujaa Grounds that will have the unique tower which is one of its own in the African continent.

The towers, according to the minister will have a length of 110 metres.

The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Dr Jim Yonazi said that his ministry was well planned to ensure all the ongoing projects were being executed and completed on time.

The project will transform the outlook of Dodoma City and become one of the landmarks in the capital, it is also in line with the ruling party CCM Election Manifesto for 2020 to 2025.

It is also in line with the Third Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP III 2021/22 to 2025/26), which has placed top priority in developing the new capital. The document insists that key among the reasons for relocating the hub of government activities to Dodoma was the need to reposition public services closer to the people.

FYDP III for developing the new capital entailed the construction and strengthening of infrastructure for transport and travel, education, health, water, and government offices in response to increased demand from the increase in population.

According to the document, key interventions include constructing government town buildings and offices, strengthening infrastructure for sports, entertainment and arts, constructing and strengthening travel and transport infrastructure, sustain efforts aimed at environmental conservation and green urban development of Dodoma City.

Other interventions include constructing business investment centres, strengthening the infrastructure for education, technical and vocational training and consolidating improvements to health infrastructure.



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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit a Chief Procurement Officer to join Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited. This role is based at Dar es Salaam Country Office. The successful candidate will be part of Tembo Nickel Executive Team and will be responsible for developing the procurement and supply chain strategies that comply with International Procurement Standards as well as Tanzania Local Content regulations. This role will report to the Chief Executive Officer.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Manage the entire lifecycle of sourcing and procurement projects, from planning and bid preparation to budgeting/forecasting, negotiation, invoicing, and reporting.
- Develop product category strategies aligned with business needs, build a supply chain capable of delivering the desired service levels, at competitive cost and ensure suppliers are willing to invest in the strategy.
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- Develop collaborative long-term partnerships with suppliers, contractors, and outsourced service providers to reduce costs, to meet legislative requirements and to achieve high quality outcomes.
- Drive cost improvements across the supply chain through continuous review and revision.
- Develop a strategy with key stakeholders on inventory management and manage and control inventory levels within agreed parameters and maintain accurate stock levels.
- Responsible for regular forecasting demand to ensure timely supply. Monitor and evaluate supplier performance against metrics for price, quality, delivery, and customer service.
- Identify appropriate department KPI's and measure and monitor performance against these.
- Control and co-ordinate the site-based stores function to ensure adequate control of stock levels and cost efficiencies against budget.
- Ensure that procurement activity is compliant with all relevant regulatory and best practice frameworks.

Required Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Procurement, Supply Chain or Logistics Management.
- Membership of a Procurement Board is a MUST.

Experience Requirements:

- 15 Years of work experience in Procurement and Supply Chain Management.
- 10 years' experience in managing procurement for the construction of mining projects.

Skills and Knowledge

- Strong Analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent working and demonstrated knowledge of ERP/PRONTO systems and MRP.
- Business acumen and excellent work ethics.
- Proven and visible leadership capability, with the ability to use a variety of leadership approaches to achieve results.
- Diplomatic with excellent negotiating skills.
- Clear, logical thinker, able to present a compelling business case supported by data and analysis.

ENGINEERING ADVISOR

Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit an Engineering Advisor to join Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited. This role is based at Dar es Salaam Country Office. The successful candidate for this role will lead the Engineering Team to provide Tembo Nickel with professional support in their field of expertise in a cost-effective manner, ensuring that all operations are meeting legal requirements and Group standards and deliver the business budget. This role will report to the Chief Operating Officer.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide project management review, control, and approval over multiple areas of engineering, procurement, and construction work for all capital and assigned expense projects.
- Maintain and improve the standardized work process for effective project management, cost control, estimation and project scheduling to enable management of individual projects and overall portfolio performance.
- Lead and inspire the engineering team.
- Coach and mentor staff, including development of appropriate training programmes.
- Manage allocation of resources internally & externally to deliver projects as per business requests.
- Benchmark internal engineering deliveries to market best, in class service/cost.
- Ensure cost effective delivery of engineering services using fit-for-purpose standards, and practices.
- Lead the process for technical input to Supply & Distribution Investment Proposals and Post Investment Review.

Required Qualifications

- Degree in Civil/Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.
- ERB Registration is a Must.

Experience Requirements:

- 10 Years of work experience in leading Engineering teams preferably in Mega Projects.

Skills and Knowledge

- Strong Analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Good understanding of Project Management Cycle.
- Proven and visible leadership capability, with the ability to use a variety of leadership approaches to achieve results.
- Diplomatic with excellent negotiating skills.
- Clear, logical thinker, able to present a compelling business case supported by data and analysis.

CHIEF ADVISOR-RESETTLEMENT

Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit Chief Advisor-Resettlement to join Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited. This role is based at Kabanga site in Ngara. The successful candidate for this role will be responsible for the direction and project management of all aspects of the resettlement project and processes, ensuring compliance with local regulations, international standards, NGOs, and best practice. Work closely with various stakeholders, including local communities, government agencies and internal departments, to design and implement effective resettlement strategies that prioritize the well-being and empowerment of affected communities. This role will report to the Chief Operating Officer. The roster for this role is 6X3 period mark.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead and direct the strategic planning, project development, implementation, and execution of community resettlement for the Kabanga project.
- Collaborate with internal departments, including operations, legal, environmental and community relations, to ensure alignment of objectives and effective execution of resettlement plans.
- Evaluate and support comprehensive stakeholder mapping and engagement to identify and understand the needs, concerns, and aspirations of affected communities.
- Collaborate with community team on implementation of the community development program that promotes economic, social, and environmental sustainability in the resettlement process.
- Ensure compliance with local regulations, international standards, and best practices in all aspects of the resettlement process.
- Provide expert advice on social impact assessments, land acquisition, livelihood restoration and community consultation processes. Develop and maintain strong relationships with government agencies, NGOs, and other external stakeholders to facilitate effective collaboration and secure necessary approvals.
- Monitor and evaluate the progress and impact of resettlement initiatives, providing regular reports to senior management and stakeholders.
- Foster a culture of transparency, trust, and accountability within the resettlement team, promoting ethical conduct and adherence to company policies and guidelines.

Required Qualifications

A tertiary degree in a relevant field (social sciences, community development, civil engineering, project management) or equivalent experience. Fluency in English. Knowledge of Swahili or other local languages would be advantageous.

Experience Requirements:

Minimum 15-20 years' experience managing strategic development, implementation, and execution of multimillion dollar complex social and/or infrastructure projects. Proven track record in managing projects with a significant social component, where communities have been key stakeholders.

Skills and Knowledge

- Strong Analytical skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Good understanding of the Project Management Cycle.
- Proven and visible leadership capability, with the ability to use a variety of leadership approaches to achieve results.
- Diplomatic with excellent negotiating skills.
- Clear, logical thinker, able to present a compelling business case supported by data and analysis.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CSR (CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, IN GEITA REGION.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of obtaining contractors for CSR construction projects and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for this service as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01706	PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR CSR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN GEITA REGION

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	2%
List of Directors and Company Shareholding Structure	2%
Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01706)	65%
CRB Class Certificates (Requirement is Class I-V)-Buildings & Civil Works	10%
CV of Key Technical personnel's; Registered ERB Site Engineer (01), Registered Civil Technicians (03), Registered Electrical Technicians (02), Geo-Technician (01), Skilled Labour (Mason, Carpenters, Steel Fixers, Plumbers)	15%
Proof of Ownership of Tools and Equipments or the ability to hire or lease equipments;(Tipper Truck (02), Concrete Mixer (02), Mobile Concrete mixer truck (01), Plate Compactor (02), Foot Compactor (01), Concrete (Poker) Vibrator (02), Scaffold set (03), Generator /Welding machines (02), Dump Level machine (02), Water pump (01), Electrical portable tools sets, Jackhammer (01), Light vehicle (01)	10%
Clearance certificate from National Construction Council and Contractor Registration Board	5%
Five projects executed in recent 2-3 years and value of the projects (Proof of Contracts and Completion Certificates from the Clients). Provide also summary sheet for current contracts commitments/work in progress	15%
Production rates of key construction activities needed to meet the expected construction schedule (Provide target versus actual for previous contracts)	10%
Total	100%

III. Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01706)** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why GGML is of interest to work with, what you have to offer and how your skills and experience are valuable to the company.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from GGML. Submission should not be later than **8.30AM of 17th July 2023**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline") Without copying any individual from GGML. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CAPITAL PURCHASE ITEMS.

I. INTRODUCTION

Geita Greenfields Minerals Exploration Ltd ("the Company") will embark on a process of procuring 3 x Toyota Hilux Double Cabin 1GD Automatic 2.5L Diesel vehicles with fitted accessories and is therefore inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest (EOI) for the provision of the vehicles and accessories.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST. QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE COMPANY VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:	
EOI REFERENCE NUMBER:	GCLE00300
SERVICE DESCRIPTION	Supply and delivery of capital purchase items
LOCATION	The Company's business premises, located in the Dodoma, Tanzania.
REQUIREMENT	New Toyota Hilux Vehicles, 4 Wheel Drive Double Cabin Pickup 1GD Automatic 2.8L Diesel.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2022)	2.50%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position	2.50%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Health & Safety Programme	1.25%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.67%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.67%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.67%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1.00%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1.00%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1.00%
Grievance Procedure	1.00%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1.00%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	60%
Submission of Toyota Dealership/Branch authorization letter	10.00%
Certificate of conformity for supplied vehicles and accessories	10.00%
Warranty letters cover for vehicles and accessories	10.00%
Proof document of supplying brand new Toyota Hilux	10.00%
Submission of technical data sheet	10.00%
Provide current estimated lead time for the delivery of newly purchased vehicles	10.00%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the services they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to Geita Greenfields Mineral Exploration, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the Group Procurement office via e-mail at tendersgsc@anglogoldashanti.com not later than **17:00pm on 17 July 2023 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submission should not exceed 10MB per email, documents should be submitted in PDF format (documents should NOT be submitted via a link). In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email. In case the applicant does not comply with the EOI Submission Requirements, the Company shall not be liable for not considering the applications that have been compromised.

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Kiswahili gaining popularity globally; let this mean more

UN Swahili Language Day is observed annually on 7 July. This began when the United Nations declared 7 July as Kiswahili Language Day last year. On 7 July 1954, Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) leader Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, the eventual first President of Tanganyika, adopted the Kiswahili language as a unifying language for African independence struggles. Jomo Kenyatta, the first President of Kenya, followed suit and also used the Kiswahili language to mobilise and unify the people of Kenya in the struggle against colonialism through the use of the popular 'Harambee' slogan.

The Day marks the first United Nations designation of an African-originated language for an Official Language Day at the UN, the other language days were from the six (6) official languages of the United Nations which are Arabic, Mandarin Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish.

Kiswahili is within the Niger-Congo language group and originated as a trade language amongst the people of the eastern African coast and the northern coast of Madagascar. Sixteen to twenty per cent of the Kiswahili vocabulary are Arabic loanwords, including the name of the language 'sawahili' a plural adjectival form of an Arabic word meaning 'of the coast'.

The loanwords date from contact with Arabic-speaking traders with the Bantu inhabitants of the east coast of Africa from the 1500s to European colonisation. Kiswahili is currently a prominent language spoken in a variety of locations along the African Great Lakes region and is spoken by upwards of 200 million people as a second language.

As we have said earlier, Kiswahili is a Bantu language, though has borrowed a number of words from foreign languages, particularly Arabic and Persian, but also words

from Portuguese, English and German.

Around forty percent of Kiswahili vocabulary consists of Arabic loanwords. The loanwords date from the era of contact between Arab slave traders and the Bantu inhabitants of the east coast of Africa, which was also the time period when Kiswahili emerged as a lingua franca in the region. The number of Kiswahili speakers, be they native or second-language speakers, is estimated to be around 80 million.

Due to concerted efforts by the government of Tanzania, Kiswahili is one of three official languages (the others being English and French) of the East African Community (EAC) countries, namely Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. It is a lingua franca of other areas in the African Great Lakes region and East and Southern Africa, including some parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Malawi, Mozambique, the southern tip of Somalia, and Zambia. Swahili is also one of the working languages of the African Union and of the Southern African Development Community.

The East African Community created an institution called the East African Kiswahili Commission (EAKC) which began operations in 2015. The institution currently serves as the leading body for promoting the language in the East African region, as well as for coordinating its development and usage for regional integration and sustainable development.

In recent years South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Ethiopia, and South Sudan have begun offering Kiswahili as a subject in schools or have developed plans to do so.

Shikomor (or Comorian), an official language in Comoros and also spoken in Mayotte (Shimaore), is closely related to Kiswahili and is sometimes considered a dialect of Kiswahili, although other authorities consider it a distinct language.

Regulating grains ought to be for the better, by no means otherwise

NEW institutions are being considered for the agricultural sector, especially with the issue of grain exports on the one hand and local prices on the other. Plenty of sentiments are contesting for space and seeking to command the policy platform, while decision makers have an institutional orientation which usually comes to the fore.

How all this weaves into policy becomes a strategic issue as policy has to be in resonance with the sentiment of a wide section of the population.

That is precisely what is seen in the outline presented at an important agro-sector platform, where it was affirmed that grains and legumes will soon be placed under a regulatory agency. The media was told that the idea is to protect farmers and consumers from freelance dealers and crop racketeers. This explanation will satisfy a large part of the population on prices.

This outline can be interpreted literally or between the lines, for instance, what is its visible implication in, say, exports or for that matter local prices, as they are related.

The easier exports can be done, the higher local prices are likely to be, hence introducing a regulatory agency is likely to make exporting a more hesitant matter, as both the trader and quantity of maize or beans has to be approved. It means exports are likely to diminish, local prices diminishing too.

In that case there is a new strategy on how to handle the contention between the thrust of exports which is custom made for traders and farming investors, and this view isn't the most popular about grain.

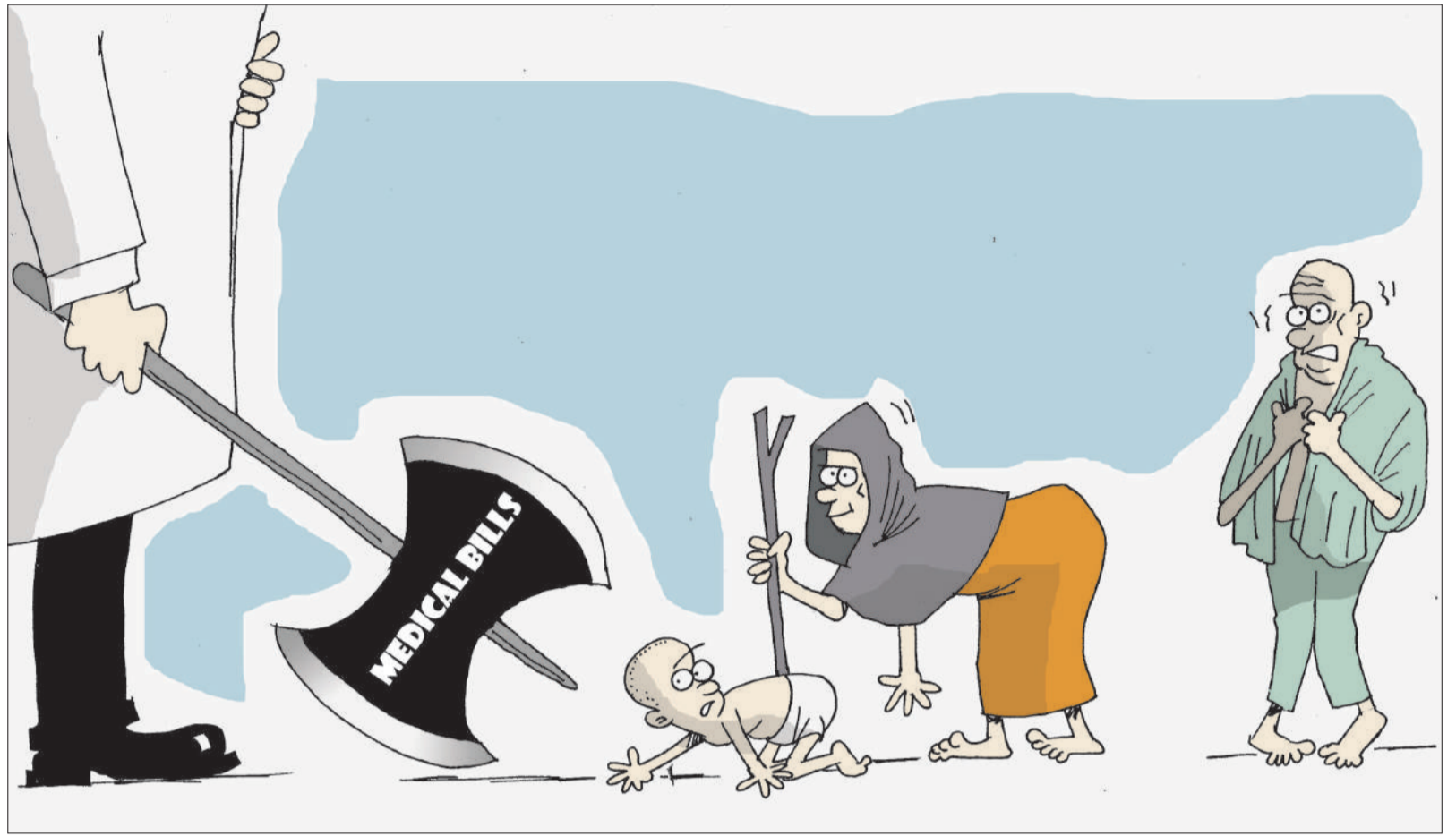
The way in which the new model of regulating grain is going to work will face some tests in the way it interacts with the two sides. With an effort it can be predicted that it is the investment part that is likely to decline somewhat and reduce the pressure for exporting.

The problem is that unlike what the platform position maintained, offering low prices isn't firstly the habit of free traders but of the purchasing agent, the grain reserve. Even when pushed to review its prices, the ministry announced that it will pay 80/- a kilo in regional centres and 60/- on the periphery. Assuming it will focus on district centres, it will pay 60/- while traders habitually pay 90/- a kilo and obtain a markup in retail sales or exports.

The sort of mixed signals in policy relating to maize purchasing can at times be confusing, for instance over the past month President Samia Suluhu Hassan cautioned farmers not to sell all the food they have as drought may still come.

For once the statement talked of not selling outside the country, which is done by traders rather than farmers. The wider view of this instruction was that exports have been curtailed. Eventually Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe said they were moving to regulate the market, to remove untaxed exportation.

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By Palitha Kohona

THERE is little doubt that human activity is accelerating climate change. Our activities are causing global warming and potentially disastrous climate change.

The vast majority of scientists agree. The IPCC has overwhelmingly endorsed this view. Many among civil society also agree.

Given this substantial consensus, we need to take action to contain climate change.

We need to take urgent action to limit human activity that results in global warming and climate change.

We have agreed on the need to contain global warming to 1.5c.

So, what is the problem? While there is broad agreement on the need to contain global warming for the sake of humanity, for the sake of future generations, and on what needs to be done, little of what needs to be done is being done.

At this stage it may be prudent to review what has been broadly agreed on what needs to be done and what remains to be done and why some things have not been done.

We may have to get involved in a discussion on why human beings are reluctant to give up what they have achieved from the prosperity resulting from industrialisation.

Industrialisation resulted in

THAT the present modern day African writer is battling between two worlds as far as his or her writings are concerned cannot be disputed or denied by any knowledgeable or authoritative cultural expert or literary critic.

This is so because modern African literature is comparatively young to Euro-American literature and also Asian literature.

The dawn of modern African literature occurred between the immediate period before and the end of the Second War in 1945.

Since the dawn of modern African literature, African writers have been behaving like a child of two worlds or a bat. He's neither in the European world nor the African world in the context of his or her writings.

This state of affairs with the modern African writer puts him or her in an awkward situation or dilemma; as he or she cannot espouse or articulate implicitly and explicitly the pertinent values and ideals that his indigenous African society upholds and extols for its survival, progress and development.

The modern African writer finds himself in a dilemma in his creative output because he has received literary education that is rooted in Europe or Alien orientation which is incompatible and inharmonious to African roots and cosmology.

Due to this unpleasant and

Climate change and development

unbelievable creature comforts, especially in developed countries. Now we are talking about reducing, perhaps even eliminating, some of those creature comforts.

This observation applies even to the late comers to prosperity. Some of whom are in our part of the world. This is where the problem lies.

Over the last three centuries some countries industrialised by using fossil fuels and by decimating their forests.

But the prosperity that resulted did not begin to seep down to the lowest levels until the last century. But it did seep down. Somewhat late in the day.

I must say that I will not get in to the blame game and pile up blame on certain countries, especially the countries that led the industrial revolution, which led the industrialization race, for being responsible for our ills in the first place.

Even in these countries, the vast majority of the poor began to enjoy the benefits of industrialisation only in the last century or so. They will be the ones who will require the most convincing and who will find it difficult to give up their recently acquired prosperity.

Now we need to talk about what can be done. We need this discussion

The dilemma of the modern African writer

awkward situation, the modern African writer finds himself much handicapped to express himself naturally to conform to his African environment and cosmology. He's therefore limited in a way to bring out all that is inherent in himself ideally as a creative person of African roots to relate to the African environment and cosmology.

In his professional career as writer, African writer can be aptly described as a bat. He's neither here (Africa) nor there (Europe) in the context of his writings. He cannot conveniently and expertly situate his writings in the African environment to reflect typically the African way of life. Conversely, he cannot write authoritatively to reflect the European way of life pertaining to the European environment and cosmology.

However, a few experienced modern African writers are making attempt to break new grounds by thrusting in to the typical African milieu and cosmology. This can be clearly seen in the area of drama, one of the main genres of literature.

They are what one can aptly describe as avant-garde playwrights.

In the pursuits of their endeavours, they have devised concepts such as "ogunism by Wole Soyinka", "Anansegoro by Efua Sutherland" and "Abibigoro by Mohammed Ben Abdallah" to espouse their ideas in an authentic African world view or

to be intensified multilaterally and domestically.

First our awareness raising needs to be more comprehensive. It's not only governments that need convincing. Ordinary people need convincing too. Ordinary people across the globe.

The ones who are dreaming of their first refrigerator. The first air conditioner. They need to accept the need for something to be done.

But they also need an alternative. What do we give them as an alternative to the refrigerator that they are dreaming of. Certainly not softly uttered words of consolation.

We need to provide an alternative that works on a renewable power source. An alternative that does not aggravate the current situation globally.

We have the commitments from Paris and before. We need to invest heavily in alternative and reliable power sources. We know what needs to be done. We know more or less how to do it. Now we need the resources, the funding.

Many countries in the South are endowed with alternative energy sources. Wind, solar, hydro, etc. But lack the resources to exploit them. They will have no alternative but to stay with cheap fossil fuel-based energy.

Some of these few avant-garde writers have gone further to write and express themselves in major African languages such as Swahili, Kikuyu, Hausa etc.

In my opinion, the three radical Bolekaja critics of Nigeria made up of Cheiweizu, Chemei, Madubuki who in their significant "Decolonisation of African Literature" advocates for authentic African literature and declares that African literature should not become an appendage of European literature are right in their radical stand; although some who are concerned with the development of African literature may differ a little from the views of the Bolekaja critics.

I think African literature is of age now; and there is a need for African literature to go under drastic transformation to reflect the typical African world view by all African writers in their writings; the content, the structure and the style. All these elements must be of African outlook.

I state categorically that mimicking and apeing the Europeans pattern by African writers must be a thing of the past now in this 21st century in the annals of African literature. To this end, African writers must change their orientation in the context of their works.

This will definitely go a long way to contribute significantly to the development of the African continent. This is because reading

We need a global multilateral funding agency to allocate funds for renewable power generation. Call it a green Bank if you will. Existing funding agencies may not fully meet the bill.

Such an entity will be funded by a variety of entities. States, charities, legacies, individuals depositing their reserves, etc. But its mandate will be to provide funding for green development.

Such an agency must operate in a transparent reliable manner. But we have the experience. There are other related funding needs. A dedicated and well resources Bank is likely to address our needs.

The transition to electric vehicles is a clear priority. China has recognised the need to transition to EVs as a key to reducing GHG emissions. China today is the leader in EV manufacture. China has also achieved amazing success with desert reclamation.

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and writing builds nations and for that matter continents. Writers are great asset who shape thoughts and ideas to incite progress and development of their societies or nations for that matter.

Europe and America are highly developed owing to the fact that their writers shape and situate their writings to suit the needs of Euro-American environments and cosmology.

I have the firm belief and opinion that if modern African writers will write and situate their writings well in the cosmology of the African environment to espouse African values and ideas, it will contribute significantly to awaken Africans from their ignorance which have become a formidable veil to hinder Africans from seeing their way clearly in their efforts to experience progress and development.

The Chinese has a proverb which says; a journey of a thousand miles begins with a step. And so if few Africans writers are writing and espousing the African ideal it is hopeful that this spirit will sooner or later engulf other African writers to follow suit in their writings.

Because African writers are great potential and asset to the progress and development of the African continent today, they must write to situate their writings in the environment, philosophy and cosmology of Africa.

Let's change the way we teach History to make the subject more useful

BRITISH novelist and former journalist Robert Harris quote famously wrote that "History is too important to be left to the historians." Yet, in school corridors it is not uncommon to hear some learners say how they loathe history.

I believe this is because this subject has not been accorded the respect it deserves. Instead, most teachers end up teaching simple stories and not history. If taught the right way, no pupil would dare skip a history class.

The truth is that some individuals who decide things on our behalf have failed to appreciate the academic value of the subject. They question, we learn history so what? The individuals who dislike the subject fail to connect the knowledge from the subject and socio-economic transformation or improvements attained.

The negative inclination on the subject by some individuals may root from the nature of the content of the subject. Most of history content lacks the aspect of way forward. The teaching of the subject does not provide justification for some historical events and what lessons can be taken from those events. History covers a lot of aspects such as slavery, colonialism and world wars among others. The basic question is why is it necessary to learn all these aspects?

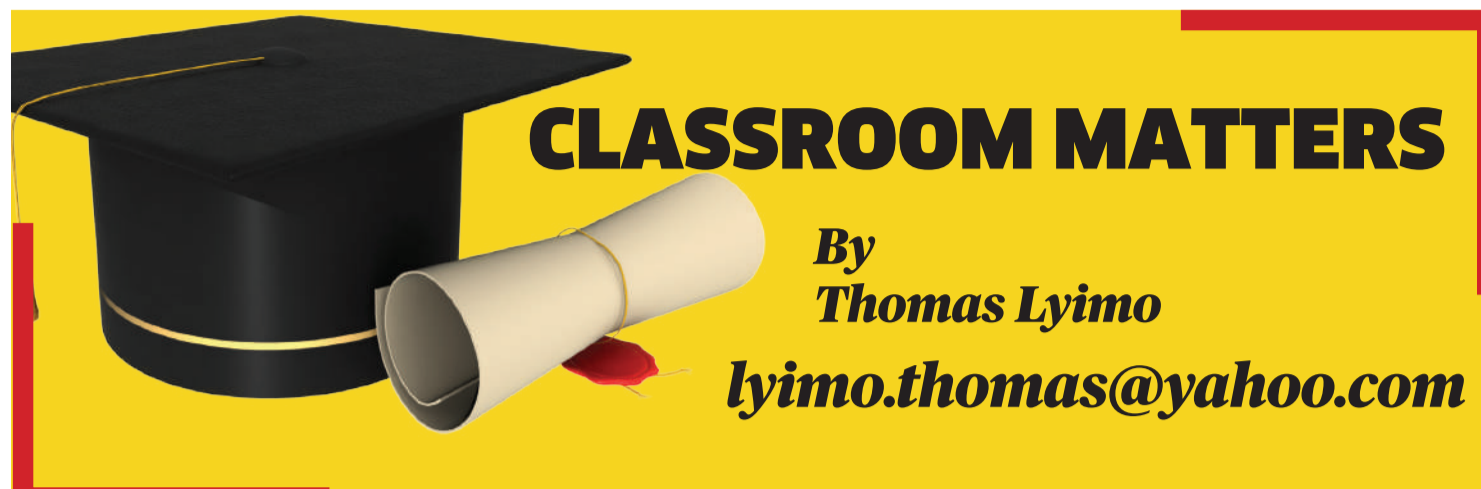
One may question: do we learn in praise of some

events and condemnation of others? Both cases may be correct. The challenge is what should we do after praising or condemning in relation to the present time as understanding of the past should enable us understand the present and predict the future.

What is important is what lessons we get from the study of history. When you ask Rwandans why each year they remember the genocide of 1994 which depicts historical animosity between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups, their answer is very clear: they want the present generation to know what happened in the past so that this sad history does not repeat itself.

When one peruses the contents of history subject from primary school to universities, it's discovered that the aspect of objectivism (reasons for study) is narrowed. Learners are enriched with historical information but without or with a narrow opportunity to establish strong economic, social or political views to stand on for their future development. According to Karl Marx, validity of history is on justification of the events not only cramming dates and events.

If we continue with the current model of teaching history as a subject it may be hard to convince students to study history as they may fail to distinguish it from other imaginary stories in books or social media platforms.



It is the proposed curriculum that may retain some hope if those preparing have already or will embrace this kind of thinking. It has been our culture to convince people by mere words instead of actions which always speak louder than words. Therefore we need to change the approach.

The change of approach in which we teach history is vital as failure to

do so may render us disadvantaged in the following ways: Hindering international cooperation and diplomacy. If history is not taught well, it may reduce the level of cooperation and peace between our country and other countries.

Development is attained when people are free to move and cooperate with others in different aspects of life. Failure to cooperate means

underdevelopment and stagnation. With underdevelopment and stagnation life becomes miserable and even if people continue to blame some hostile practices of the past, nothing can change because no one has succeeded to feed themselves complains but food.

Stimulating conflicts is another possibility. Conflicts always come as a result of misinterpretation of situ-

ations and practices due to failure to comprehend to a satisfactory extent what development path take. Teaching of history, if not well arranged and monitored, can create unnecessary grievances which can plunge countries into conflicts.

Boredom becomes a reality when someone is forced or made to learn something which they not like due to failure to anticipate the future benefits of that particular learning. Yes, learners may lose interest in the study of the subject.

If we allow students to lose interest in history by not making the value of the subject manifest, we are creating a society that won't have identity in the future. Without identity it is very difficult to compete in the race of development which is inevitable.

In that eventuality, we risk depriving students of analytical skills. When history is taught in connection to the present and anticipated future events, learners build analytical skills which help in making the right decisions. Without analytical skills, learners are not able to interpret situations in which success or development may dwell.

Although I agree that science subjects are of paramount importance, we should not forget that our past is equally important to enable us understand what to do and what not to do for a better future.

BY THOKO ELPHICK-POOLEY

We shouldn't lose the momentum against neglected tropical diseases

IT is a year since global leaders gathered in Rwanda, on the eve of the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), to commit to ending malaria and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) at the Kigali Summit on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases and to launch the Kigali Declaration on NTDs.

Hosted by President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, the Summit brought together Kings, Presidents, Prime Ministers, Founders, CEOs, singers, writers, and leaders of institutions, including industry, civil society and private philanthropy. It injected new energy in the fight against NTDs - diseases of poverty, affecting over one billion people that continue to be left behind.

In Kigali, speaker after speaker took the floor to commit to ending NTDs and to endorse the Kigali Declaration on NTDs - a high level political tool, designed to galvanise political will and mobilise resources to deliver the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) and WHO NTD road map 2030 goals. Over \$1.5 billion was mobilised and 19 billion worth of donated treatments committed by pharmaceutical companies. 62 entities, including 13 endemic countries, have endorsed the Kigali Declaration on NTDs.

These investments yield the greatest return of any investment in global health - estimated at \$26 for every \$1 dollar invested. They also deliver tangible, measurable, and verifiable impact for people and countries. Take progress in NTD elimination for example.

In 2022 alone, eight countries eliminated an NTD and Togo became the first country globally to eliminate four of these diseases. Just last month, Mali, Bangladesh and Benin eliminated trachoma, a leading cause of infectious blindness that mostly affects poor, rural areas. Now, 49 countries have eliminated an NTD.

However, despite these gains, the world remains off-track on the targets set out in the WHO NTD road map and in the SDGs, where the goal is to reduce by 90 percent, the number of people requiring an intervention against an NTD by 2030. That means a reduction from 1.65 billion people requiring an intervention against an NTD today, to just 200 million in 2030! With seven years



to go before 2030, we are only at 28 percent reduction.

Persistent under funding of NTDs, exacerbated by global shocks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, high inflation rates, and a catastrophic debt burden facing low and middle-income countries, threatens the delivery of the prom-

ises made to some of the most vulnerable people on our planet.

As world leaders deliberate on a new financing pact for the SDGs and climate, we call upon them to deliver tangible solutions that will transform the lives of people and planet to move beyond rhetoric to action.

We need new ways to finance our global goals. Our world has changed, and we need to rethink our approaches. The current global financial architecture is not fit for purpose, it is failing Africa and developing nations, and it will not achieve the SDGs. We need to create a system based on equity, fair-

ness, and better representation.

Equally, we need to explore novel ways to secure funding for health. We support calls to redesign the global health architecture, particularly given the multi-faceted and connected challenges that impact health including pandemic preparedness, climate change, and the quest for universal health coverage.

Whatever the future holds in terms of financing and structuring global health, we must ensure NTDs are part of it.

The case for action has never been stronger. Eliminating NTDs is a global public good with universal benefits, ranging from poverty reduction, sustainable development and economic prosperity. Investing in fighting ongoing epidemics - including NTDs, malaria, HIV, and TB - is also critical to strengthening the world's capacity to prevent and respond to future pandemics.

The scope and access of NTD programmes to some of the world's poorest communities are a gateway to achieving UHC and can be a tracer for equity. Investments in NTD programmes expand access to health services to hard-to-reach populations and frees up capacity to address other health issues.

Most importantly, ridding the world of these preventable and treatable diseases improves people's lives and it's the right thing to do. What a good day for humanity it will be, when we can break the cycle of poverty caused by preventable and treatable diseases. The momentum against NTDs must not be lost!

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About CRS

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS works to improve lives in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality. CRS' relief and development work are accomplished through programs of emergency response, HIV, health, agriculture, education, microfinance, and peacebuilding.

Background: CRS is preparing to implement a global project that will address critical nutrition needs of adolescent girls and young women, with an emphasis on a multi-regional perspective and incorporating a significant goods delivery component. This five-year program will be implemented across seven countries including: Guatemala, India, Liberia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Timor Leste, and Zambia. Activities in the seven countries will contribute to the achievement of global results, targets, and indicators under one global award managed by a central Senior Management Team.

Therefore CRS is advertising for various positions to be filled by suitable candidates.

Job Title: Project Manager	Reports to: Head of Programs
Department: Dar es salaam	Salary Grade: 9

Job Summary:

As the Tanzania Project Manager for Sustainable, Targeted, Responsive approach to Optimize Nutrition and Growth (STRONG) for Adolescent Girls and Young Women you will manage, coordinate, and monitor project activities and relationships with partners and other project stakeholders contributing to the achievement of STRONG project objectives and advancing Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work serving the poor and vulnerable. Your project management skills and knowledge of health and nutrition for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) will ensure the delivery of high-quality programming and advance work towards increasing the impact of this global project. This position reports to the Head of programs and the global Project Director through a matrixed relationship.

Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- You will lead STRONG Tanzania technical, budget management, monitoring, and reporting activities throughout the project cycle - start-up, implementation, and close-out - in line with CRS program quality principles and standards, donor requirements, and good practices.
- Effectively manage and supervise talent. Manage team dynamics and staff well-being. Provide coaching, strategically tailor individual development plans, contribute to the recruitment process of project staff, and complete performance management for direct reports.
- Ensure learning properly accompanies project activities throughout the project cycle. Support accountability through coordinating project evaluation activities following MEAL Policy. Proactively identify issues, report them to inform adjustments to specific health components and challenges faced by adolescent girls and young women, such as eating disorders, reproductive health, and bone health.
- Engage and strengthen partnerships relevant to STRONG, applying appropriate application of partnership concepts, tools, and approaches.
- Represent the project with donors, INGO working groups, UN, relevant local partners and relevant local government and community actors advancing nutrition for AGYW.
- Coordinate activities required for ensuring the financial, material, and human resources for the quality implementation of the project in Tanzania. Conduct periodic budget reviews and follow-up with partners on timely submission of financial reports to facilitate proper tracking of resource use.
- Identify staff capacity needs and technical assistance needs of partner organizations and contribute to capacity strengthening and required interventions to support quality project implementation.
- Assist with preparation of trends analysis reports and disseminate results. Review project documentation to ensure project files complete with all required documentation and is filed per agency and donor requirements.

Basic Qualifications

- Education:**
 - A bachelor's degree in nutrition, dietetics, or a related field. Specialization in adolescent nutrition or women's health is advantageous.
 - A master's degree in nutrition, public health, or a related discipline is highly beneficial and may be preferred.
- Knowledge and Expertise:**
 - In-depth knowledge of nutrition science, including macro and micronutrients, dietary guidelines, and nutritional requirements for adolescent girls and young women.
 - Understanding of growth and development stages during adolescence and how nutritional needs change.
 - Familiarity with specific health components and challenges faced by adolescent girls and young women, such as eating disorders, reproductive health, and bone health.
 - Knowledge of cultural, social, and environmental factors that influence nutrition and dietary patterns among this population.
- Experience:**
 - Several years of professional experience in the field of nutrition, with a focus on adolescent girls and young women.
 - Experience in designing and implementing nutrition programs or interventions targeting this population.
 - Practical experience in conducting nutritional assessments, developing personalized dietary plans, and evaluating their effectiveness.
 - Experience working in diverse settings, such as community health centers, schools, or research institutions.
- Research and Analytical Skills:**
 - Proficiency in conducting research, collecting, and analyzing data, and interpreting findings related to nutrition and growth in adolescent girls and young women.
 - Ability to critically evaluate scientific literature and stay up to date with emerging research and trends in the field.
 - Strong statistical skills to analyze and interpret data related to nutrition and growth patterns.
- Communication and Advocacy:**
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills to effectively convey complex nutritional concepts to diverse audiences, including policymakers, healthcare professionals, and the public.
 - Ability to develop educational materials, guidelines, and policies that promote healthy nutrition for adolescent girls and young women.
 - Experience in public speaking and delivering presentations at conferences or seminars.
- Leadership and Collaboration:**
 - Demonstrated leadership abilities to oversee nutrition programs, coordinate interdisciplinary teams, and mentor junior staff.
 - Collaborative skills to work with healthcare professionals, educators, community organizations, and government agencies to develop and implement nutrition initiatives.
- Professional Certifications:**
 - Obtaining certifications such as Registered Dietitian (RD), Certified Nutrition Specialist (CNS), or Certified Specialist in Pediatric Nutrition (CSP) can enhance your credibility and demonstrate expertise in the field.

Required Languages - English and Kiswahili will be preferred.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 50 %.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Analysis and problem-solving skills with ability to make sound judgment.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners.
- Proactive, results-oriented, and service-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy, and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with partners, participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Staff supervision experience a plus.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting relevant data.
- Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Job Title: Senior Project Officer- Agriculture & SILC	Reports to: Project Manager
Department: Mbeya	Salary Grade: 8

Job Summary:

As the team member for Sustainable, Targeted, Responsive approach to Optimize Nutrition and Growth (STRONG) for Adolescent Girls and Young Women you will support activities and relationships with partners and other project stakeholders contributing to the achievement of STRONG project objectives and advancing Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work serving the poor and vulnerable. Your project management skills and knowledge of health and nutrition for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) will ensure the delivery of high-quality programming and advance work towards increasing the impact of this global project. This position reports to the project manager.

Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Agricultural Development:**
 - Conduct assessments and surveys to identify agricultural needs, challenges, and opportunities in target communities.
 - Develop and implement strategies to enhance agricultural productivity, sustainable farming practices, and crop diversification.
 - Provide technical expertise and guidance to farmers on modern farming techniques, irrigation systems, pest management, and soil conservation.
 - Collaborate with local agricultural extension services and research institutions to disseminate relevant knowledge and best practices to farmers.
 - Support the establishment and management of farmer cooperatives or producer groups to promote collective marketing, bulk purchasing, and knowledge sharing.
- Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC):**
 - Design and implement SILC programs to promote financial inclusion and empower community members, particularly women, through access to savings and credit services.
 - Train and mentor community members on financial literacy, record-keeping, and savings mobilization techniques.
 - Facilitate the formation and strengthening of SILC groups, ensuring their adherence to established protocols and governance structures.
 - Monitor and evaluate SILC activities, including savings mobilization, lending practices, and loan repayment, to ensure compliance with regulations and objectives.
 - Collaborate with financial institutions and microfinance organizations to link SILC members with formal financial services and promote financial sustainability.
- Project Management and Reporting:**
 - Develop project plans, timelines, and budgets in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.
 - Coordinate project activities, including training workshops, community meetings, and field visits, ensuring effective implementation and monitoring.
 - Collect and analyze data on project outcomes and impact, preparing regular progress reports and presentations for internal and external stakeholders.
 - Identify challenges and propose innovative solutions to overcome barriers to project success.
 - Stay updated on emerging trends, technologies, and policies in agriculture and financial inclusion, incorporating relevant knowledge into project design and implementation.

Basic Qualifications

- Bachelor's or master's degree in agriculture, rural development, economics, or a related field.
- Proven experience in agricultural development, preferably in rural or developing country contexts.
- In-depth knowledge of sustainable farming practices, crop diversification, irrigation systems, and pest management.
- Familiarity with savings-led approaches and internal lending communities, including group dynamics and financial management.
- Experience in designing and implementing training programs and capacity-building initiatives.
- Staff supervision experience a plus.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to effectively engage with diverse stakeholders.
- Project management experience, including planning, budgeting, monitoring, and reporting.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team in a cross-cultural setting.
- Proficiency in relevant software applications and data analysis tools.
- Willingness to travel frequently to project sites and work in remote rural areas.

Required Languages - English and Kiswahili will be preferred.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 70 %.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Analysis and problem-solving skills with ability to make sound judgment.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners.
- Proactive, results-oriented, and service-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy, and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with partners, participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Staff supervision experience a plus.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting relevant data.
- Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Job Title: Senior Project Officer- NUTRITION	Reports to: Project Manager
Location: Kigoma	Salary Grade: 8

Job Summary:

As the team member for Sustainable, Targeted, Responsive approach to Optimize Nutrition and Growth (STRONG) for Adolescent Girls and Young Women you will support activities and relationships with partners and other project stakeholders contributing to the achievement of STRONG project objectives and advancing Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work serving the poor and vulnerable. Your project management skills and knowledge of health and nutrition for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) will ensure the delivery of high-quality programming and advance work towards increasing the impact of this global project. This position reports to the project manager.

Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Program Development:**
 - Design and develop evidence-based health and nutrition programs tailored to the specific needs and challenges faced by adolescent girls and young women.
 - Conduct thorough assessments and research to identify the key health and nutrition issues affecting this demographic group.
 - Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to integrate health and nutrition components into existing programs and initiatives.
- Counseling and Education:**
 - Provide individual and group counseling sessions to adolescent girls and young women, addressing their health and nutrition concerns.
 - Deliver educational workshops and seminars to raise awareness about healthy lifestyles, proper nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and other relevant topics.
 - Develop educational materials, resources, and tools to support health and nutrition promotion efforts.
- Intervention Design and Implementation:**
 - Design and implement innovative interventions to address health and nutrition challenges faced by adolescent girls and young women, such as nutrition education, physical activity programs, and mental health support.
 - Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions through data collection, analysis, and regular reporting.
 - Continuously update and improve interventions based on feedback, best practices, and emerging research in the field.
- Collaboration and Advocacy:**
 - Collaborate with healthcare providers, educators, community organizations, and government agencies to ensure a holistic approach to the health and well-being of adolescent girls and young women.
 - Advocate for the rights and needs of this demographic group, actively participating in relevant forums, conferences, and policy discussions.
 - Establish and maintain partnerships with local organizations to leverage resources and expand the reach of health and nutrition programs.

Basic Qualifications

- A bachelor's or master's degree in nutrition, public health, or a related field.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners.
- In-depth knowledge of the unique health and nutrition challenges faced by the AGYW group.
- Strong understanding of evidence-based interventions, behavior change strategies, and health promotion principles.
- Excellent counseling and communication skills, with the ability to engage and motivate adolescent girls and young women.
- Experience in program development, implementation, and evaluation.
- Proficiency in data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Familiarity with relevant laws, policies, and guidelines related to adolescent health and nutrition.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a multidisciplinary team and establish partnerships with external stakeholders.
- Cultural sensitivity and the ability to adapt interventions to diverse populations.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.

Required Languages - English and Kiswahili will be preferred.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 70%.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Analysis and problem-solving skills with ability to make sound judgment.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners.
- Proactive, results-oriented, and service-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy, and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with partners, participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Staff supervision experience a plus.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting relevant data.
- Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Job Title: Project Officer- Nutrition	Reports to: Project Manager
Location: Kigoma	Salary Grade: 7

Job Summary:

As the Project Officer- Nutrition for Sustainable, Targeted, Responsive approach to Optimize Nutrition and Growth (STRONG) for Adolescent Girls and Young Women you will support activities and relationships with partners and other project stakeholders contributing to the achievement of STRONG project objectives and advancing Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work serving the poor and vulnerable. Your project management skills and knowledge of health and nutrition for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) will ensure the delivery of high-quality programming and advance work towards increasing the impact of this global project. This position reports to the project manager.

Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Conducting assessments to identify the specific nutritional needs and deficiencies among adolescent girls and young women. This could include evaluating their dietary intake, measuring anthropometric data (such as height, weight, and body composition), and identifying any underlying health conditions that may impact nutrition.
- Developing and delivering nutrition education programs targeted specifically at adolescent girls and young women. This may involve creating educational materials, conducting workshops, and providing one-on-one counseling to raise awareness about the importance of a balanced diet, healthy eating habits, and the impact of nutrition on their overall health and development.
- Addressing micronutrient deficiencies that are common among adolescent girls and young women, such as iron, folic acid, and calcium deficiencies. Implementing programs that provide appropriate supplementation and fortification strategies to improve their nutrient intake and prevent deficiencies.
- Promoting access to diverse and nutritious food options for adolescent girls and young women, especially those from low-income communities or marginalized groups. This could involve advocating for policies that improve food security, supporting community-based agriculture programs, and educating individuals on the importance of a varied diet to meet their nutritional needs.
- Collaborating with healthcare professionals and other stakeholders to address the unique nutritional needs of adolescent girls and young women during key stages of development, such as puberty, pregnancy, and lactation. Providing guidance on nutrition during these critical periods to ensure proper growth, development, and overall well-being.
- Implementing systems to monitor and evaluate the impact of nutrition programs and interventions on the health and nutritional status of adolescent girls and young women. Collecting data, analyzing results, and making evidence-based recommendations to improve the effectiveness of interventions and make informed decisions.
- Working closely with other professionals, community leaders, NGOs, and government agencies to advocate for improved nutrition policies and programs for adolescent girls and young women. Collaborating with stakeholders to ensure a holistic and comprehensive approach to addressing nutrition-related issues and promoting positive health outcomes.

Basic Qualifications

- A bachelor's or master's degree in nutrition, public health, or a related field.
- Proven experience working with adolescent girls and young women in the field of health and nutrition.
- In-depth knowledge of the unique health and nutrition challenges faced by the AGYW group.
- Strong understanding of evidence-based interventions, behavior change strategies, and health promotion principles.
- Excellent counseling and communication skills, with the ability to engage and motivate adolescent girls and young women.
- Experience in program development, implementation, and evaluation.
- Proficiency in data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Familiarity with relevant laws, policies, and guidelines related to adolescent health and nutrition.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a multidisciplinary team and establish partnerships with external stakeholders.
- Cultural sensitivity and the ability to adapt interventions to diverse populations.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.

Required Languages - English and Kiswahili will be preferred.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 70%.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Analysis and problem-solving skills with ability to make sound judgment.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners.
- Proactive, results-oriented, and service-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy, and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with partners, participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Staff supervision experience a plus.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting relevant data.
- Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Job Title: Project Officer- Agriculture & SILC	Reports to: Project Manager
Location: Mbeya	Salary Grade: 7

Job Summary:

As the Project Officer- Agriculture & Savings and Internal Lending Communities for Sustainable, Targeted, Responsive approach to Optimize Nutrition and Growth (STRONG) for Adolescent Girls and Young Women you will support activities and relationships with partners and other project stakeholders contributing to the achievement of STRONG project objectives and advancing Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work serving the poor and vulnerable. Your project management skills and knowledge of health and nutrition for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) will ensure the delivery of high-quality programming and advance work towards increasing the impact of this global project. This position reports to the project manager.

Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Agriculture:**
 - Promoting sustainable agricultural practices: You would work with farmers and communities to encourage and implement sustainable agricultural techniques that optimize land use, conserve natural resources, and increase productivity.
 - Providing training and capacity-building: You may conduct workshops, training sessions, and demonstrations to educate farmers on modern farming practices, crop rotation, pest management, and irrigation methods.
 - Supporting access to resources: You might assist farmers in accessing agricultural inputs like seeds, fertilizers, and equipment. Facilitating access to credit or subsidies can be part of this process.
 - Monitoring and evaluation: Keeping track of the progress and impact of the implemented agricultural programs is crucial to assess their effectiveness and make necessary adjustments.
- Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILC):**
 - Establishing SILC groups: You would help form Savings and Internal Lending Communities, which are community-based financial systems designed to provide access to savings and credit for community members.
 - Financial literacy and training: Educating community members about financial management, saving practices, and responsible borrowing is a key component of your role.
 - Facilitating lending and repayment: As an officer, you would oversee lending processes, ensure adherence to rules, and help members manage their loans and repayments efficiently.
 - Promoting social and economic empowerment: SILC groups not only provide financial services but also empower individuals, especially women, by fostering a sense of community and self-reliance.

Basic Qualifications

- Bachelor's or master's degree in agriculture, rural development, economics, or a related field.
- Proven experience in agricultural development, preferably in rural or developing country contexts.
- In-depth knowledge of sustainable farming practices, crop diversification, irrigation systems, and pest management.
- Familiarity with savings-led approaches and internal lending communities, including group dynamics and financial management.
- Experience in designing and implementing training programs and capacity-building initiatives.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to adapt strategies to local contexts.

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to effectively engage with diverse stakeholders.
- Project management experience, including planning, budgeting, monitoring, and reporting.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team in a cross-cultural setting.
- Proficiency in relevant software applications and data analysis tools.
- Willingness to travel frequently to project sites and work in remote rural areas.

Required Languages - English and Kiswahili will be preferred.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 70 %.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Analysis and problem-solving skills with ability to make sound judgment.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners.
- Proactive, results-oriented, and service-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy, and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with partners, participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Staff supervision experience a plus.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting relevant data.
- Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Job Title: Project Officer (MEAL)	Reports to: MEAL Manager
Location: Mbeya	Salary Grade: 7

Job Summary

As a member of the STRONG project team, you will monitor and report on all project monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL) activities in support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work serving the poor and vulnerable. Your thorough and service-oriented approach will ensure that the project consistently applies best practices and constantly works towards improving the impact of its benefits to those we serve.

Roles and Key Responsibilities

- Support the coordination and implementation of all assigned project MEAL activities as outlined in the Detailed Implementation Plan in line with CRS program quality principles, standards and MEAL policies, procedures, and practices; donor MEAL requirements; and industry good practices.
- Monitor and report any MEAL-related challenges and gaps identified to inform adjustments to plans and implementation schedules. Assist partners in their efforts to reflect on project experiences.
- Lead the roll-out and implementation of the projects' feedback and response mechanism (FRM). Support actively seeking and responding to feedback from all members of targeted communities and other stakeholders as defined by the FRM.
- Support field-level project MEAL activities (including digital data collection) and assist partners in their efforts to collect and ensure timely analysis of project data per specified mechanisms and tools. Collaborate with local partners to prepare MEAL-related aspects of reports per established reporting schedule.
- Collect information on staff MEAL capacity needs and technical assistance needs of partner organizations and monitor MEAL capacity building and technical support activities to ensure effective impact.
- Complete project documentation for assigned MEAL activities. Assist with identifying information for case studies and reports on promising practices.
- Support program learning and decision making by posing thoughtful questions, engaging with project data, reflecting upon and sharing with project management the information gathered from community members and partners.

Basic Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in computer sciences, Social Sciences, Statistics, Health, Nutrition, or another related field is required.
- Minimum of 3 years of work experience in project support. Experience in the field of MEAL and for an NGO would be a plus.
- Additional experience may substitute for some education.
- Excellent writing and communication skills.
- Experience in generating data analysis and insights (dashboards) using standard data management and visualization tools such as (e.g., Commcare, Kobo Toolbox, ODK, PowerBI, Arch GIS, Tableau and other related tools)
- Excellent in complex data analytical skills using the common tools such as Excel, SPSS, and/or Stata.

Required Languages

Kiswahili and English

Travel

Must be willing and able to travel up to 40%.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Observation, active listening and analysis skills with ability to make sound judgment.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners and community members
- Attention to details, accuracy and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities.
- Proactive, results-oriented and service-oriented

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience in participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting relevant data preferred.

Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Job Title: Finance Officer	Reports to: Deputy Finance Manager
Location: Dar es salaam	Salary Grade: 8

Job Summary:

As the Finance officer for Sustainable, Targeted, Responsive approach to Optimize Nutrition and Growth (STRONG) for Adolescent Girls and Young Women you will support activities and relationships with partners and other project stakeholders contributing to the achievement of STRONG project objectives and advancing Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work serving the poor and vulnerable. Your project management skills and knowledge of health and nutrition for adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) will ensure the delivery of high-quality programming and advance work towards increasing the impact of this global project. This position reports to the project manager.

Roles and Key Responsibilities:

- Financial Management:**
 - Develop and manage financial systems, policies, and procedures to ensure effective and efficient financial operations.
 - Prepare and monitor budgets, ensuring adherence to financial guidelines and constraints.
 - Manage cash flow, including monitoring income, expenses, and expenditures.
 - Conduct financial analysis and provide reports to the senior management, highlighting financial performance, trends, and recommendations.
 - Assist in the preparation of financial statements, audits, and tax returns.
- Budgeting and Forecasting:**
 - Collaborate with finance team to develop and monitor annual budgets.
 - Prepare financial forecasts and projections to assist in decision-making and planning.
 - Monitor actual financial performance against budgeted targets and analyze variances.
- Financial Reporting:**
 - Prepare regular financial reports, including income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements.
 - Ensure accurate and timely submission of financial reports to regulatory authorities, donors, and other stakeholders.
 - Provide financial information and reports to support grant applications and funding proposals.
- Compliance and Risk Management:**
 - Ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and accounting standards.
 - Develop and implement internal controls to mitigate financial risks.
 - Monitor and report on compliance issues and recommend corrective actions.

Basic Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, or a related field. A professional certification (e.g., CPA, CMA) is advantageous.
- Proven experience in financial management, preferably in a nonprofit organization or similar environment.
- Strong knowledge of accounting principles, budgeting, financial analysis, and reporting.
- Proficient in financial software and systems, such as QuickBooks, SAP, or similar tools.
- Excellent analytical skills and attention to detail.
- Strong organizational and time management abilities.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team environment.
- Proficiency in MS Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Required Languages - English and Kiswahili will be preferred.

Travel - Must be willing and able to travel up to 30 %.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Analysis and problem-solving skills with ability to make sound judgment.
- Good relationship management skills and the ability to work closely with local partners.
- Proactive, results-oriented, and service-oriented
- Attention to details, accuracy, and timeliness in executing assigned responsibilities.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working with partners, participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Staff supervision experience a plus.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting relevant data.
- Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Agency REDI Competencies (for all CRS Staff):

Agency competencies clarify expected behaviors and attitudes for all staff. When demonstrated, they create an engaging workplace, help staff achieve their best, and help CRS achieve agency goals. These are rooted in the mission, values, and guiding principles of CRS and used by each staff member to fulfill his or her responsibilities and achieve the desired results.

- Personal Accountability** - Consistently takes responsibility for one's own actions.
- Acts with Integrity** - Consistently models values aligned with CRS Guiding Principles and mission. Is considered honest.
- Builds and Maintains Trust** - Shows consistency between words and actions.
- Collaborates with Others** - Works effectively in intercultural and diverse teams.
- Open to Learn** - Seeks out experiences that may change perspective or provide an opportunity to learn new things.

Agency Leadership Competencies:

- Lead Change** - Continually looks for ways to improve the agency through a culture of agility, openness, and innovation.
- Develops and Recognizes Others** - Builds the capacity of staff to reach their full potential and enhance team and agency performance.
- Strategic Mindset** - Understands role in translating, communicating, and implementing agency strategy and team priorities.

***Our Catholic identity is at the heart of our mission and operations. Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We welcome as a part of our staff people of all faiths and secular traditions who share our values and our commitment to serving those in need. CRS' processes and policies reflect our commitment to protecting children and vulnerable adults from abuse and exploitation.

Disclaimer: This job description is not an exhaustive list of the skill, effort, duties, and responsibilities associated with the position.

CRS' talent acquisition procedures reflect our commitment to protecting children and vulnerable adults from abuse and exploitation.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Interested qualified candidates should submit their letter of application together with their CV in PDF or Word format in a single attachment which outlines their experience and sustainability of the position applied to email address **TZ-HR@crs.org** not later than **19 July 2023**.
- The applicants should clearly state the Job Title applied for in the subject line of the email.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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Livestock and Fisheries minister Abdallah Ulega (gesturing) takes Morogoro regional commissioner Adam Malima (in cap) around infrastructure in Mkata Ranch during a recent inspection tour of Kilosa District. Photo: Mbaraka Kambona

UDSM designs a system to control aflatoxins in crops

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

FARMERS across the country have all reasons to smile after the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) revealed that it has designed a system to control aflatoxins on food crops stored in warehouses.

Amani Jacob of the College of Agriculture Science and Food Technology (COAF) at (UDSM) said when speaking at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DTIF).

The exhibition that started on June 28 is attended by business people from 16 countries, 112 companies from abroad and 1,188 local companies.

"With our system, if the tempera-

ture reaches 27 degrees, the fan will turn on in order to reduce the temperature in the warehouse and by doing so the fungus will not be able to live in there and this situation will save the crops from the damage," he said. He said they decided to come up with the project as part of saving the general public from aflatoxins that have been causing various diseases such as liver cancer.

According to Jacob, aflatoxins can also cause stunting in under-five children saying aflatoxin have been a challenge in the country as experts are still working on addressing them.

"Therefore, by using our system to control aflatoxins, we hope that we will be able to control liver diseases and others, as well as ensure that crops with aflatoxins are not

sold in our markets, so with this system we will help farmers," he said.

He said that at the moment they have not started using the system for individual farmers but they are doing it with farmers who store their crops in large quantities in co-operative warehouses.

"In this project, we have two phases, the first is this one, but the second will come where we will go to the warehouses and explain to the farmers about this system so that they understand how it works," he said.

"This system will greatly benefit farmers because those who will store their crops in warehouses with this system, their crops will be sold very quickly because their crops will be safe from aflatoxins," he said.



Residents of Potwe ward in Muheza District in Tanga region pictured yesterday going through the list of names of councillorship election candidates from various political parties as recently released by the National Electoral Commission. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Potato farmers seek govt assistance against overweight 'lumbesa' bags

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

POTATO farmers in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region have appealed for government's assistance to abolish overweight bags for potatoes popularly known as "lumbesa" saying they are defrauding them.

They say even though the central government banned the "lumbesa" bags, but traders continue using them while the local council treat the problem as a source of revenue through fines they impose on traders using them.

The farmers claim that fining traders who use the bags defrauds them on claims that traders deliberately lower potato prices for reason that they have to pay the fines frequently imposed by the local council authorities.

Speaking to this paper, some of the farmers in Ndato Ward, which is among potato producing wards in Rungwe District said the problem has now become hard core.

One of the farmers, Asheri Ngomano said buyers of the potatoes refuse to buy the crop from farmers who refuse "lumbesa" bags, the situation that forces the farm-

ers consent in order to recoup their production cost.

He said when the buyers reach road blocks set by the local council, they are fined up to 300,000/- per truck for carrying potatoes in "lumbesa" bags, which makes the problem to go on and on.

Asheri said the fines collected from potato buyers are in effect paid by the farmers by through the forced lowering of the prices to buyers so that they can later pay the fines.

Farida Haruna, another farmer said another challenge facing potato farmers in the district is selling the crop through middlemen who are the ones lower the prices and force them to use "lumbesa" bags.

She said the problem has forced the lowering of the potatoes from 80,000/- to 30,000/- per bag and that the middlemen refuse to buy the potatoes from farmers unless they are in "lumbesa" bags.

She added that whenever the query about the low price, they are told they have to compensate for the fines they have to pay at road blocks mounted by the District Council.

"We are at a loss to understand why should the farmer be the one to pay for the fines imposed on the buyers, because the middlemen lower the price of our potatoes on reason that they have later to pay the fine," Farida added.

For his part, Sebastian Ngairo, another potato farmer says the apparent 'Catch 22' situation is contributed by farmers failing to repay the loans they took from financial institutions for the cultivation of the crop.

He said the fraud has also contributed to drop of potato harvests, saying a farm which a farmer is supposed to harvest 100 bags, they now get 70 bags or even less.

Commenting on the complaints, Rungwe District Executive Director, Renatus Mchau admitted that the problem exists and the fines being imposed on traders is in the implementation of the Council's by-laws.

He said in order to stamp out the problem collaboration is needed from the government, farmers and other farming stakeholders, else the problem will not cease.

THE INSTITUTE OF FINANCE MANAGEMENT



RECRUITMENT OF DEPUTY RECTOR – ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY; AND DEPUTY RECTOR – PLANNING, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Institute of Finance Management (IFM) was established in 1972 by the Act of Parliament No. 3, and stands as among the oldest higher learning financial institutions in Tanzania. It is regulated by the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) whose powers are derived from the Act of Parliament Cap. 129. The Institute is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and consultancy. The Governing Council now seeks to recruit visionary Deputy Rectors of the Institute for Academic, Research and Consultancy and another for Planning, Finance and Administration. The successful candidates will be responsible to assist the Rector of the Institute to provide vision, direction and leadership to the organization. They will work harmoniously with other members of the Institute's Management. This is to ensure that the Institute acquires and maintains a positive and solid image as a successful training institution of higher learning by formulating and implementing the right strategies and ensure efficient and effective use of resources.

1. RECRUITMENT OF DEPUTY RECTOR – ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY

(a) Reporting Relationship

Appointed by: The Governing Council

Reports to: Rector

(b) Minimum Entry Qualifications

Holder of PhD in one of the following fields: Accountancy, Finance, Banking and Finance, Procurement Management, Human Resource Management, Business Administration, Economics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems and Mathematics, Risk Management, Insurance, Insurance and Social Protection, Insurance and Actuarial Science or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions with a GPA of at least 3.5 at Undergraduate level or B+ average for non-classified degrees, and at least 3.8 at Master Degree or B+ average for non-classified degrees.

(c) Relevant Work Experience

Must have working experience of at least ten (10) years in a senior managerial position in a tertiary education institution or university at a Full Professor, Associate Professor or someone eligible for re-categorization to the rank of Associate Professor or above and eligible for registration as a technical teacher.

(d) Duties and Responsibilities

- To be responsible to the Rector in respect of such matters of education administration and delivery;
- To assist in development/review policies for Research and Consultancy
- To act as the Rector during Rector's absence from office;
- To facilitate learning of academic programmes in the Institute;
- To be responsible for smooth running and development of academics in the Institute;
- To advise on all matters pertaining to Academic Management, quality control and assurance;
- To evaluate current progress of academics in the Institute and recommending future programmes;
- To recommend appropriate budgets for the Academic directorates;
- To oversee research, publications and consultancy activities at the Institute;
- To coordinate the development and establishment of academic programmes and management of academic resources;
- To oversee admission and examination regulations; and
- To perform any other related duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

(e) Salary Scale: Academic Substantive Salary Scale

- Tenure of Office: Four (4) years term renewable consecutively for one more term of four (4) years.

2. RECRUITMENT OF DEPUTY RECTOR – PLANNING, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

(a) Reporting Relationship

Appointed by: The Governing Council

Reports to: Rector

(b) Minimum Entry Qualifications

Holder of PhD in one of the following fields: Accountancy, Finance, Banking and Finance, Procurement Management, Human Resource Management, Business Administration, Economics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Information Systems and Mathematics, Risk Management, Insurance, Insurance and Social Protection, Insurance and Actuarial Science or equivalent qualifications from recognized institutions with a GPA of at least 3.5 at Undergraduate level or B+ average for non-classified degrees, and at least 3.8 at Master Degree or B+ average for non-classified degrees.

(c) Relevant Work Experience

Must have working experience of at least ten (10) years in a senior managerial position in a tertiary education institution or university at a Full Professor, Associate Professor or someone eligible for re-categorization to the rank of Associate Professor or above and eligible for registration as a technical teacher.

(d) Duties and Responsibilities

- To be responsible for implementation of the Institute's strategic plan;
- To coordinate policy and planning issues at the Institute;
- To supervise and maintain acceptable standards of discipline of staff;
- To be the recorder to the Governing Council;
- To be responsible to Rector for the general administration and financial matters;
- To be responsible for formulating accounting policies and procedures of the Institute, submitting budgets, audited accounts;
- To safe custody and use of Institute's assets such as machines and vehicles;
- To be custodian of Institute's seal; and
- To perform any other related duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

(e) Salary Scale: Academic Substantive Salary Scale

- Tenure of Office: Four (4) years term renewable consecutively for one more term of four (4) years.

Mode of Application

Applications which are accompanied by signed up-to-date Curriculum Vitae, certificates and other relevant documents, names and addresses of three referees (including the last employer) should reach the Chairperson of the Search Committee via the following email:

deputies-rector-search@ifm.ac.tz, NOT later than Friday 21st July, 2023.

Applicants are further advised to ask their Referees to submit reference letters directly to the Search Committee. This should be done latest ONE week after the closing date for applications via the same email indicated hereinabove.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

**Chairperson of the Search Committee
The Institute of Finance Management
5 Shaaban Robert Street
P.O. Box 3918
11101 DAR ES SALAAM**

NB: Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Those who will not be contacted by 15th August, 2023 should consider themselves unsuccessful.

Greener pastures not so green for Zimbabweans in the Diaspora

BY JEFFREY MOYO

THEY have high-paying jobs, a high standard of living, and almost everything they need, but for Zimbabweans abroad, all that glitters is not gold.

Twenty-eight-year-old Gift Gonye, based in Germany, is one such Zimbabwean, and he is apparently not satisfied with his life abroad.

Homesickness is one disease that has hit Zimbabweans like Gonye, but despite this, they are afraid to wade back into the suffering in the southern African nation.

“On my behalf and the behalf of other Zimbabweans in the diaspora, yes, we miss home, but even then, there is nothing we can do about it because there is suffering back home. We can’t go back home to face poverty,” Gonye told IPS.

“You just find yourself with no choice except to endure the challenges here in the diaspora in order to survive.”

Based on the latest figures from the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (Zimstats) in the 2022 national housing and population, less than one million Zimbabweans have left the country since 2012, looking for greener pastures abroad.

Records from Zimstats have indicated that 908,914 left the southern African country in the last decade, with South Africa, Botswana and the United Kingdom being the preferred destinations for Zimbabweans.

South Africa has accounted for 773,246, Botswana 74,928, Britain 23,166 and the USA 8,565.

Gonye and several other Zimbabweans that have fled from the economic hardships in their African country have had to endure some difficulties in their stay abroad.

“The life we live here is expensive. We pay high taxes. The tough life back home in Zimbabwe complicates our lives in the diaspora, for we have to support the people back home because people there look forward to our help, and this results in us here in the diaspora not investing in terms of our future and for ourselves at old age,” Gonye said, referring to a system often referred to as “black tax” where wealthier and more successful people are expected to assist their families.

While many Zimbabweans back home have high regard for diaspora nations, many like Gonye see otherwise, thanks to the daily pressure migrants endure to survive.

“I want to let people back home know we have no social life here. It’s not easy living here. The money we earn is enough for rent and food and other basics, and it ends there. It is hard for us in the diaspora,” said Gonye.

“If you see someone sending you some bit of money back in Zimbabwe—some 30 dollars or seventy dollars, that person would have endured saving that amount.”

As a result, Zimbabweans abroad live under pressure from their kith and kin back home and meet their needs as well.

Despite official government figures about people that have relocated overseas, about 4 to 5 million Zimbabweans are said to be abroad, largely forced abroad by a fractured national economy since 2000 when authorities seized white-owned commercial farms.

Ellen Mazorodze, based in Australia, as elections loom in Zimbabwe on August 23 this year, migrants like herself would like to have a chance to change things in their



Even as they face their own challenges abroad, Zimbabweans living overseas say they can not consider heading back home to face the economic challenges - especially now with hyperinflation. Credit: Jeffrey Moyo/IPS



The month-on-month inflation rate in Zimbabwe for June 2023 was 74.5 percent, having gained 58.8 percentage points on the May 2023 rate of 15.7 percent, according to official statistics.

country. However, only those residents living in the country can vote, and she encouraged them to vote.

“If you want to choose a person to represent you, go and vote. Your vote will be counted. It will help you to have a person fulfilling your wishes get in office,” Mazorodze told IPS.

Privilege Kandira (30), living in Norway, says: “Diaspora life is a mixture of both good and bad.”

“On one side, I can testify that I have enjoyed the opportunity of coming to a better life here in the diaspora, but on the other side, let me hasten to say that I have met lots of challenges, amongst which is racial discrimination,” he told IPS.

Kandira is not alone in battling racial discrimination.

In the UK, many Zimbabweans, like 29-year-old Tariro Muungani, a professional social worker, have had to face racial discrimination.

“I will give an example of where I live here in England. It’s a place where there are few black people. When you walk the streets, white people look at you curiously. When you board a bus, for instance, and sit next to a white person, they may drift away from you because they don’t want to be in contact with you, which makes living in such areas painful,” she (Muungani) told IPS.

Like Gonye in Germany, Muungani said, “Zimbabweans back home look at us in the diaspora as people who have made it in life and think we have no problems, and they look forward to us with trust that diaspora people can help them.”

Muungani said most people back in her home country do not believe people abroad can sometimes lack money.

Yet other Zimbabweans overseas say they miss the social unity back in their country as they fight to earn a better living abroad.

“What comes to mind is the togetherness we had back home, the spirit of neighbourliness, which is not there here. Nobody really cares for the next person. Children live just anyhow with no strangers bothering to discipline them, unlike what happens back home culturally,” Sophia Tekwane, a Zimbabwean woman based in Sweden, told IPS.

But Tekwane also said with the suffering in Zimbabwe, many like herself have no choice except to endure being abroad.

“The suffering in Zimbabwe makes things tough for all of us in the diaspora because it forces us to work even harder to support the loved ones back home.”

“You end up having no choice. Sometimes you end up sacrificing - starving yourself to support the people back home. You end up working abnormally long hours,” added Tekwane.

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Having single African currency: Prospects, challenges

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's central bank chief said that adopting an African currency was a political project that was unlikely to succeed as it was difficult to attain "macroeconomic convergence".

Kganyago made the remarks on Tuesday evening during a wide-ranging interview with South Africa's Metro FM radio on Tuesday evening, Bloomberg News reported.

The governor said it would require similar levels of inflation, debt, consistent fiscal policies and banking rules among nations on the continent. "Absent those, it's impossible," he said.

"What do you need to have an African currency? You need to have macroeconomic convergence," he said. "Adopting a region-wide common currency was a political project that cannot work without macroeconomic convergence."

Kganyago also said plans by the leaders of the BRICS group of nations which comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to have a common currency would require a fiscal union such as the European Union.

"If the BRICS political leaders say that is where they are going... you'll have to get a fiscal union, you've got to get macro-economic convergence," Kganyago said. "And importantly, you need a disciplin-

ing mechanism for countries that fall out of line with it. And the euro project demonstrated just that."

In May this year, Kganyago said a currency issued by a bloc of countries that are in different geographical locations was difficult to attain "because currencies are national in nature."

Naledi Pandor, the foreign minister of South Africa, which is preparing to host a summit of the bloc's leaders in August, has said that the feasibility of introducing a common currency will be discussed at the meeting.

In June, the foreign ministers of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa met in Cape Town to prepare for the from August 22 to 24 summit in Johannesburg, and the use of alternative currencies was one of the major talking issues.

Senior officials in BRICS have floated the feasibility of introducing a common currency in response to the fallout from higher interest rates in the US, as well as the use of the dollar as a sanctions instrument by Washington.

Several countries have applied to join the BRICS ahead of the summit, including the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Egypt, Algeria, Indonesia, Bahrain, Iran, Nigeria, Mexico and Argentina.

However, in his abstract paper titled "A Single Currency for Africa: Challenges and Possibilities", published in August last year, the author Augustin Ntebe said African



economies are diverse compared to European economies and need a different path to achieve monetary integration.

He admits that a single currency in Africa will boost trade and economic cooperation among African Union members, thus stimulating growth and development.

The African Union strategy towards economic and monetary integration emphasizes on strengthening existing regional economic communities and creating new ones that will eventually merge into an African Economic Community, an African Central Bank, and a single currency.

"The proposed African monetary integration will have extensive political and economic implications," he cautioned.

"Not all African countries will

satisfy the stringent convergence requirements before the launching, but progressively, countries will get their macroeconomic policies and institutions up to the standards required to participate in the union successfully."

Secretary General of Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Wamkele Mene also recently said disparities in the economic conditions in many countries across the continent are posing a significant challenge to the vision of the African Union to grow into a full economic union with its member states having one common currency, a condition requisite for boosting trade and economic development.

After entering into force on May 30, 2019, the AfCFTA secretariat which is being hosted by Ghana

has championed initiatives targeted at effectively getting all actors involved to work together in creating the largest common market in the world bringing together the 55 countries of the African Union (AU) and eight (8) Regional Economic Communities (RECs) with a potential to have a combined GDP of more than \$3.4 trillion.

Africa has drawn much inspiration from the European single currency experience that accounts for much of the progress in economic and monetary integration among members of the Eurozone.

The Euro has proven to be an efficient means of conducting business transactions by participating countries, and the success is in part attributed to the high degree of convergence and homogeneity of the participating economies.

The arguments in favor of a single African currency were raised for the first time in 1960 within the OAU, and have gained momentum with the creation of the AACB (the Association of African Central Banks in 1965).

On June 8, this year, Kenya's President William Ruto called for the introduction of a single African currency to ease trade on the continent.

Delivering his maiden speech at the 22nd Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

heads of State and Government Summit in Lusaka, Zambia, Ruto said that regional integration meant that citizens would not have to worry about which currency to trade in.

"Our people cannot trade without worrying about which currency to use. This, among other non-tariff barriers, is something we must urgently address so that our people can begin to trade together and integrate," he said.

Speaking during the Lusaka event, Albert Muchanga, the AU commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals said the continental body was on course with its plans to introduce a single African currency.

He said leaders of member countries adopted the macroeconomic convergence criteria in 2021 as part of efforts toward having a single currency.

According to Muchanga criteria will be implemented by the African Monetary Institute whose headquarters will be in Nigeria.

He said the African Development Bank (AfDB) has since agreed to help the AU in mobilizing resources for the establishment of the African Monetary Institute.

According to him, once the African Monetary Institute starts operating, all AU member states will be expected to report on the implementation of the macroeconomic convergence.

South Korea allows entrance of foreign banks

SEOUL

South Korea will allow new entrants to the banking sector for the first time in 30 years to spur competition after the government criticised the big bonuses paid to banking employees as interest rates rise.

President Yoon Suk Yeol earlier this year accused the country's banks of enjoying a "feast" of bonuses, adding that the sector made "easy" profits at the public's expense through a rate gap between deposits and loans.

Government seeks to increase competition in sector dominated by five lenders

The government will allow more online banks, permit commercial banking licenses for existing financial companies and ease the loan-to-deposit rules for local branches of foreign banks, the Financial Services Commission said on Wednesday. The measures come into effect immediately.

"We will boost competition in various aspects as our banking industry has made easy money amid a lack of competition," said FSC chair Kim Joo-hyun. "The public perception is that the industry has not made enough effort to become global financial players suitable for the country's economic standing."

South Korea's banking sector has been dominated by five lenders. The country's banking sub-index fell 0.93 per cent on Wednesday afternoon on expectations of higher competition.

Daegu Bank, a regional banking unit of DGB Financial Group, is expected to become the first beneficiary of the new rules. It plans to apply for a licence to become a nationwide lender, according to the FSC.

"The banking sector's oligopoly has caused significant damage," Yoon told a meeting of economic ministers in February, calling on financial regulators to devise measures to force the country's banks to ease the cost of living pressure.

"The public is feeling immense pressure due to banks' high interest rates," Yoon told officials at a separate meeting this year.



The Bank of Korea raised its benchmark interest rate from 1 per cent to 3.25 per cent over the course of last year. The base rate is presently 3.5 per cent, with analysts expecting delinquency rates to increase in the second half of this year as the country's economy slows.

The combined net profits of South Korea's five largest financial groups – Shinhan Bank, Kookmin Bank, Hana Bank, Woori Bank and NongHyup Bank – was Won12.7tn (\$9.8bn) in 2022, up about 18 per cent from the previous year.

Critics said the lat-

est measures were not enough to increase competition in the sector.

"Blaming banks for generous bonus payments made legally with handsome profits is not reasonable," said Hwang Seiwon, a researcher at the Korea Capital Market Institute. "Too much verbal intervention like this only increases uncertainties in the business environment of the sector."

He added that new entrants would find it hard to become serious competitors to existing players.

"It is difficult to shake the current market dynamics without easing

regulations on the business areas divided between banks, brokerages and asset managers," said Hwang.

In South Korea, chaebol – family-controlled conglomerates such as Samsung and Hyundai – are banned from entering the banking sector on fears they could use their banking affiliates to illegally fund business expansion or enrich their major shareholders.

South Korean banks are not allowed to engage in investment banking and asset management, making them reliant on interest income.

China banks cut rates for corporate dollar deposits

HONG KONG

China's largest banks cut rates for the nation's \$453 billion corporate US dollar deposits for the second time in a matter of weeks, according to people familiar with the matter, as authorities intensify measures to shore up the struggling yuan.

At least nine banks, including the four big state lenders, removed the spread they previously offered over the US Secured Overnight Financing Rate for corporate clients, the people said, declining to be identified discussing private information.

Before the latest reduction, banks were offering 5.7 per cent for one-year deposits, down from 6 per cent about a month ago. The SOFR stands at 5.09 per cent.

Retail investors have seen even bigger reductions. State lenders this week slashed one-year rates on household deposits to about 2.8 per cent from 4.5 per cent-5 per cent earlier.

That compares to 1.65 per cent for similar period yuan deposits. Lower deposit rates may help support the yuan by making it less attractive for companies and consumers to convert their cash holdings into dollars.

The move to cut rates on corporate deposits "will help narrow the rate differential to some extent, but the gap is still quite large," said Xiaojia Zhi, head of research, Credit Agricole CIB Hong Kong Branch. "Many clients have some flexibility to move between onshore/offshore accounts for liquidity management."

Chinese authorities are stepping up efforts to stabilize the nation's currency after it dropped toward the lowest level in 15 years against the greenback amid concern about the strength of the economic recovery.

While other major economies have been raising benchmark interest rates, China cut policy interest rates last month for the first time in nearly a year, signaling looser monetary policy.

Banks have limited room to further lower the deposit rate for corporate clients due to the risk companies will shift

funds offshore to capture the better yield, the people said. The recent move was made under the guidance of the nation's forex market self-disciplinary mechanism, they said.

While China's capital controls prevent individuals from moving sizable funds outside of the mainland, including to Hong Kong, companies have more leeway to do so.

The China FX Market Self-Regulatory Framework didn't immediately reply to a Bloomberg fax seeking comment.

Chinese banks increased dollar deposit rates earlier this year to lure clients, as rising yields on the greenback boosted the appeal of dollar-denominated assets at the expense of yuan securities. Chinese firms held \$453 billion of foreign currency deposits at the end of May, according to central bank data, while households had \$125 billion.

The size of corporate deposits may be larger than official data shows. China's firms have around \$912 billion parked as US currency deposits in the country's banking system, up from \$758 billion at the end of 2019, according to a recent research note by Eurizon SLJ Capital Ltd.

The moves show the People's Bank of China will consider "multiple options" to rein in the pace of yuan depreciation, Zhi said.

The PBOC said last week it will adopt "comprehensive measures and stabilize expectations" about the currency.

The central bank will also "resolutely prevent risks of big fluctuations," it said in its quarterly monetary policy report. The yuan was last down 0.3% to about 7.24 per dollar after touching a low of 7.27 last week.



Role of central and commercial banks in promoting sustainable finance in Africa

By Olumide Lala & Darren Stone

Many African countries are important players in the global fossil fuel market and their economies are heavily dependent on revenue from the extraction and export of fossil fuels.

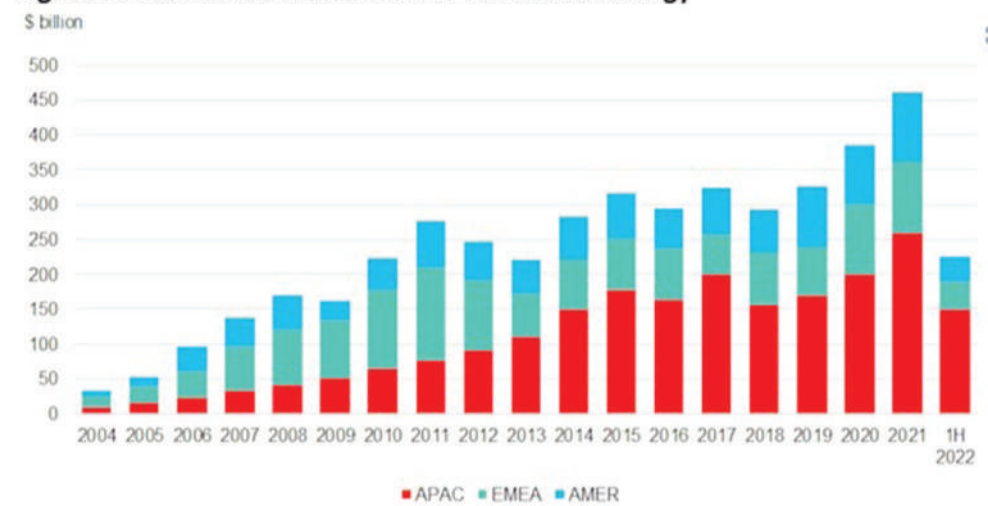
However, the increasing awareness of the negative environmental and social impacts of fossil fuel extraction, lead many countries to look for ways to diversify their economies and transition to renewable energy sources.

The situation is the same with banks. The African banking sector has a varied mix of sectoral investments with some countries historically been heavily reliant on fossil fuels, but as the world faces increasing climate change, there is growing pressure to transition towards sustainable finance. Banks supporting the fossil fuel industry are exposed to climate-related risks, including stranded assets and regulatory penalties.

The fossil fuel industry is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, which drive climate change. As the impacts of climate change become more severe, there is increasing regulatory and reputational risk associated with financing fossil fuel projects. Banks that continue to invest in fossil fuels may face the risk of severe losses.

Financial risks also arise from market volatility. The financial performance of the fossil fuel industry is becoming increasingly volatile as a result of changing market conditions and competition from renewable energy sources. Banks that are heavily invested in fossil fuels may face financial risk if the industry experiences a downturn. On the other hand, banks that shift their focus towards renewable energy financing and sustainability can benefit from the growing demand for renewable energy projects and sustainable investment even if it comes with some new risks and change. By supporting renewable energy projects, banks can contribute to sustainable development and position themselves for long-term

Figure 1: Global new investment in renewable energy



Source: BloomberNEF.

growth in the transition to a low-carbon economy. Commercial banks therefore must play a critical role in promoting sustainable finance in Africa.

Role of commercial banks

As the primary providers of finance to businesses and individuals, commercial banks have significant leverage over the economy and can help drive the transition towards a more sustainable future in many ways:

Financing renewable energy projects: provide financing to renewable energy projects, such as wind and solar power, which can help to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. By investing in these projects, banks can support the growth of the renewable energy sector and help to make it more competitive.

Green loans: provide loans to businesses and individuals who are investing in sustainable technologies, such as energy-efficient buildings and electric vehicles. These loans can help to promote sustainable development and reduce the demand for fossil fuels.

Risk management: manage the risks associated with climate change and the transition away from fossil fuels. By identifying and assessing climate related risks, banks can take steps to mitigate these risks and ensure the long-term sustainability of their lending and investment activities.

Innovation: develop new financial products and services that support the transition away from fossil fuels. For example, banks can develop green bonds and other financial instruments that are specifically designed to finance sustainable projects.

However, innovation and shift to sustainable finance does come with risks and uncertainty for commercial banks as mentioned above. These risks can impact negatively the performance of banks especially the Non-Performing Loan (NPL) ratios as it is a relatively new field. This is where central banks come in.

Central banks as enabler

Central banks can use several policy tools and initiatives to support sustainable finance and promote the transition away from fossil fuels:

Policy and regulatory frameworks: establish policy and regulatory frameworks that promote sustainable finance and incentivize banks to transition away from fossil fuels. For example, develop guidelines or standards for sustainable finance, such as the Principles for Responsible Banking developed by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).

Green bond markets: support the development of green bond markets, which can provide a source of financing for



sustainable projects. Central banks can issue green bonds themselves, or they can establish guidelines for the issuance of green bonds by other entities.

Risk management: integrate climate-related risks into their risk management frameworks, and encourage banks to do the same. This can help ensure that banks are adequately assessing and managing climate risks in their lending and investment activities.

Research and data collection: conduct research and collect data on the impact of climate change on the financial system and the economy, and use this information to inform policy and regulatory decisions. This will help central banks and other stakeholders better understand the risks and opportunities associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Capacity building: provide technical assistance and capacity building support to banks and other financial institutions to help them develop the skills and knowledge needed to transition towards sustainable finance.

In conclusion, promoting sustainable finance in Africa requires collaboration and innovation from both central and commercial banks. By promoting

dialogue, providing technical assistance, offering incentives, sharing best practices, and developing regulatory frameworks, central banks can help to support commercial banks in their transition towards sustainable finance while also promoting well-run financial institutions. By working together, they can manage risks, build capacity, and promote sustainable development in the region. This collaboration can involve partnerships with renewable energy companies and other green-focused institutions, as well as engagement with policy makers and international organizations to develop regional strategies and promote sustainable finance at a broader level.

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Digital payment system will help Africa's inclusive financial journey

By Djeinaba Kane

The COVID-19 pandemic showed the critical importance of digitization when travel and physical interactions were severely restricted.

As digital platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams became the new normal for work interactions, the increase in usage of e-commerce platforms enabled commercial activities to continue.

Consumers needed to rely on digital services to purchase goods and services and to receive government-to-person (G2P) payments.

In line with the Digital Financial Services Policy 2020 in Africa, Togo, for example, designed and launched an all-digital G2P payment program called Novissi, to relieve the financial disruptions its population was experiencing because of the pandemic.

The program processed government payments to hundreds of thousands of Togolese. The G2P social cash transfer payments reached the poorest and most vulnerable sections of the population, including rural populations, contributing to greater financial inclusion in the country.

The COVID-19 pandemic also spurred financial inclusion by driving broad adoption of digital payment services such as instant and inclusive payment systems. The Bank of Ghana, for instance, published measures aimed at promoting digital forms of payment that were retained for the duration of 2020.

These included simpler, minimum Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements for mobile money accounts and higher transaction limit.

Ghana is one of one of the five coun-

tries in Africa to be at the "Progressed" level of inclusivity through its combination of three national systems (the inclusion triangle) and an inclusive functionality, supporting the most-used channels and essential use-cases (person to person (P2P) and person to business (P2B)).

Approximately 41 percent of adults in Africa with transaction accounts made a digital payment in 2021, compared to 27 percent in 2017 (World Bank Findex, 2022).

The experience in these two examples shows Inclusivity in payment systems is a critical step in the journey to greater financial inclusion in Africa.

Inclusivity in payment systems entails providing access to financial services to all people regardless of location, socioeconomic status, or whether they have a bank account.

According to the 2022 State of Instant and Inclusive Payment Systems, "Instant and inclusive payment systems (IIPS) process retail transactions digitally in near real-time and are available for use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, or as close to that as possible.

They enable low-value, low-cost push transactions that are irrevocable and based on open-loop and multilateral interoperability arrangements.

Licensed payment providers have fair access to the scheme, and participants have equal input opportunities into the scheme. The central bank has a role in scheme governance.

End-users have access to a full range of use cases and channels, as well as transparent and fit-for-purpose recourse mechanisms."

The inclusivity level of Instant payment systems in Africa were classified



between Basic, Progressed and Matured level.

The SIIPS report states that 11 instant payment systems in Africa can be considered to meet basic levels of inclusivity, and 5 are moving toward mature status.

The Inclusivity aspiration is to have all IPS at a mature level and all use cases fully integrated at a low cost for consumers; however, financial services providers (FSPs) will first need to address some barriers before they can make their payment systems more Inclusive.

FSPs, including mobile network operators (MNOs), banks, and fintechs should be fully integrated, whether transaction volumes are small or large, which would give more digital payment use case options to end-users (G2P, P2P, P2B).

The reality on the ground is that most large banks and financial institutions are not motivated to integrate with smaller providers because of the limited value proposition and high cost.

In addition, infrastructure and digital constraints in most African countries combined with limited consumer literacy create a high-cost base that limits access and drives the cost of delivery to providers.

These cost drivers result in high transaction fees for end-users, which affect the level of end-user engagement. Complex regulatory frameworks also delay

competition and innovations in payment systems so that fewer use cases are available to consumers.

As governance structures and payment schemes cater more to large players in the financial services ecosystems and most of them do not allow non-banks to participate in decisions, fintech, and micro-savings and loan institutions have less access to push their services, given the regulatory restrictions. African countries need to acknowledge the contributions of non-banks in the overall digitalization journey. In Kenya, for instance, financial inclusion nearly quadrupled, from around 25 percent in 2006 to nearly 85 percent in 2021, through the increasing adoption of Kenya's M-Pesa and other payment solutions.

Also, in October 2021, Standard Bank, Africa's largest bank by assets, partnered with African unicorn Flutterwave to enhance the digital payments experience for its customers in eight African countries.

Collaboration between large financial institutions and fintech have proven to benefit end-users by offering them more payment solutions and wider reach that were previously unavailable.

For payment systems providers, collaboration will be the best way to address the inclusivity gap in instant payment systems in Africa.

Start-ups and incumbents should

further collaborate to enable more use cases and functionalities and to contribute to the development of governance structures of payment schemes with regulators that cover and protect different types of FSPs, no matter their size and revenue.

This will allow end-users to have different payment options based on their needs and will eventually be a replacement for cash transactions across the continent. Digitizing payments not only boosts transaction efficiency, it also reduces costs and drives financial inclusion.

A McKinsey analysis reveals that new technology-based solutions for everyday requirements such as buying airtime, transferring funds, and paying bills are available to lower-income households for up to 80 percent less than these services would cost with traditional banking players.

Through the adoption and acceptance of innovative solutions offered by non-banks such as fintech, Africa has the potential for greater adoption of digital payments, which in turn will help to close the financial inclusion gap on the continent.

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Customers commend bank's digital payment system

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

Corporate customers in Arusha region have commended the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) move to introduce 'NBC Connect', a new digital payment system that saves time and increases efficiency in transactions.

A cross-section of corporate customers invited to the launch event in Arusha said the new digital service will enable their organizations to make safe and reliable payments without physical movement to bank branches a move that saves time.

Joseph Buko from Rhotia valley said apart from serving time, the new digital payment will increase efficiency as it allows multiple payments at a time with maximum security and efficiency.

"We are grateful to NBC Bank for bringing us this useful service. Based on the presentation that the bank has made to us, I can confidently say that it will help us save time and most importantly, increase efficiency in our day-to-day transactions," he said.

Another customer who introduced himself as Yusuph Zege from the University of Arusha thanked NBC bank for coming up with such innovative service saying it was a clear indication of how the bank is working hard to make banking experience easier, fast, and secured.

Speaking during the launch, NBC's Head of Corporate and institutional banking, James Metairon said that the introduction of the new service is a continuation of the bank's efforts to provide its corporate customers with simplified, reliable, flexible, convenient, safe, and tailored banking services.

"Through this digital payment system, NBC corporate customers in Arusha can now enjoy a new innovative digital banking experience. The product provides our customers safe and convenient services anytime, anywhere through online banking," he said.

James said the service will enable



David Lyamongi, assistant Arusha regional administrative secretary

customers to use their phones or computers to conveniently perform various bulk transactions, including local, foreign and government payments flexibly and conveniently.

"NBC Connect has been designed with modern technology and high-level security features while prioritizing customer data privacy. Our customers will also be able to access their transaction information, anywhere, without having to visit our branches," he added.

Corporate customers in Arusha will also enjoy personal assistance as the bank has dedicated intensive training to its staff on the new developed innova-

tion and will be readily available to aid and guidance on how to use the NBC Connect platform efficiently.

The chief guest at the event was the assistant Arusha Regional Administrative Secretary David Lyamongi who expressed his appreciation to NBC for the great role that the bank is playing in the financial sector, especially by coming up with innovative services that save time and increase efficiency.

"We are confident that the arrival of NBC Connect will increase efficiency in companies and organizations using the facility here in Arusha. The new service will also ease transactions and reduce

the time that was spent visiting branches," he said.

He also commended the bank for its various contribution and investments in the society including education scholarships in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the NBC Dodoma Marathon that has impacted over 23,000 women across the nation, corporate social investment in the health sector to improve maternal health care in Zanzibar and across Tanzania.

He added that NBC Premier League sponsorship investment in sports that has aided the country's National league recognition as among the top 5 in Africa.

EIU now projects global economy to slowdown in 2023

By Guardian Reporter

The global GDP growth will slow in 2023 despite the brighter outlook, with 2.1 percent this year would still represent a slowdown, the global economic outlook 2023 published yesterday by the Economist Intelligence Unit has said.

The full-blown war in Ukraine is affecting the global economy via higher commodity prices, supply-chain disruptions and Russia's weaponisation of energy supplies.

"This situation will persist throughout 2023 (and probably beyond), as we expect the war to become a protracted conflict with no clear resolution," the report says.

"The economic impact of the war is being felt especially strongly in Germany and central Europe, where energy intensive industries will struggle to remain competitive."

In the US, EIU still expect annual growth to slow sharply this year, to only 1 percent, as the pace of consumer spending becomes unsustainable in the face of high inflation and a steep rise in interest rates.

In China, the initial rebound in consumer activity after the lifting of the government's zero-covid policy has been strong.

However, China's recovery has fallen short of expectations.

"Despite our forecast of full-year growth of 5.5 percent in 2023, that performance reflects a low base of comparison," it says.

Sources of stress relate to excess capacity in the manufacturing sector; an ephemeral recovery in the housing market; the deleveraging of the household sector; elevated youth unemployment; and strains in local public finances.

The full-blown war in Ukraine will keep a floor under commodity prices.

"We expect global commodity prices to continue easing from their 2022 peaks this year, but to remain well above pre-2021 levels," the report asserts.

However, China's reversal of its zero-covid policy has put upward pressure on oil prices, which is expected to remain above US\$75/barrel until 2025.

An EU ban on seaborne Russian oil imports (since late 2022), China's reopening (in early 2023) and the decision by OPEC+ members in April to cut production will all exacerbate market tightness. "We expect European gas prices to ease gradually in 2023-24 but to remain above 2019 levels, weighing on households and businesses," the outlook report says.

The possible tightening of Western sanctions (for instance if the G7 price cap on Russian oil exports were to be lowered) will fuel price volatility.

EIU says it expects the global inflation to ease slightly, from 9.2 percent in 2022 to 7.1 percent in 2023.

High global commodity prices, continued supply-chain disruptions stemming from the invasion in Ukraine and, in some parts of the world, the still-strong US dollar will keep annual inflation well above 2019 levels.

However, EIU expects inflation to lose some momentum as global demand softens and commodity prices start to ease back from their 2022 peaks.

"We expect central banks to maintain their aggressive policy stance in an effort to bring inflation under control, even as global growth slows. Interest rates in most major economies will peak by mid-2023, and in most cases will then stay on hold until 2024," it says.

Risks to the global economy abound several potential scenarios could derail the forecasts.

Indian state banks stay cautious in buying govt bonds

NEW DELHI

Indian state-run banks are likely to turn more cautious in their government bond purchases amid rising yields, but will continue to increase their exposure at a more gradual pace, treasury officials said.

"There was space in trading portfolios of state-run banks as they had booked huge profits for two months and with change in yield direction, there is replacement happening," a treasury head of a state-run bank said to Reuters.

These banks net bought bonds worth nearly 285 billion rupees (\$3.47 billion) in the 18 trading sessions from June 8 to July 4, data from Clearing Corp of India showed. They had net sold bonds worth 575 billion rupees from March to May.

Bond yields started rising after the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) June monetary policy decision pushed out hopes of a rate cut to February, with many participants expecting one only next financial year.

Since that decision, the benchmark 7.26 percent 2033 bond yield has jumped 14 basis points to 7.12 percent, including more than 10 bps in the last 10 sessions.



"The speed at which yields have risen recently has made traders cautious and state-run banks will be on buying side but not show enthusiasm to protect any particular level as they would want to enter at higher yields," said Vijay Sharma, senior executive vice president at PNB Gilts.

Most market participants expect bond yields to rise further. The Federal Reserve's policy decision in late July

and the RBI's in August could trigger volatility and provide attractive entry points.

There are high chances of the yield inching towards 7.20 percent. So, we may keep on entering at every upward move, a senior treasury official at another state-run lender said.

The official as well as two others requested anonymity as they are not authorised to speak to media.

Traders said most activity, apart from the benchmark, was in the liquid five-, seven- and 14-year papers.

"Even five- and seven-year papers are very attractive around 7.10 percent and we have decided to go long," a treasury head of another state-run lender said.

"Inflation projections hint a downward trajectory, and in the medium term, decent treasury profits can be booked."

BANKING & FINANCE

Four US largest banks pass stress tests

NEW YORK

The US financial sector has bounced back after facing turmoil in March as four large banks include JPMorgan, Bank of America, Citigroup, and Wells Fargo, recently passed their stress tests with flying colors.

Investors were understandably nervous ahead of one of the most controversial stress tests in recent years as volatility in the sector escalated since the collapse of Silicon Valley and Signature Bank in March.

According to InvestingPro, the headquartered in New York, JPMor-

gan, the largest bank in the United States has a fair value of \$138.07, its risk is low, and its financial health is good.

With an impressive track record, the bank has consistently increased its dividend for 12 consecutive years, offering shareholders a high return on stockholders' equity.

Additionally, industry analysts have expressed confidence in the bank's profitability for the current year, backed by its strong performance over the past decade.

Anticipation is building for JPMorgan's upcoming Q2 2023 earnings call

scheduled for July 14th.

Over the past 12 months, analysts have raised their earnings per share (EPS) expectations for this quarter by 14.1 percent, projecting an increase from \$3.29 to \$3.75 per share.

Bank of America, as assessed by InvestingPro, is reported to have a fair value of \$31.68. The evaluation suggests that the bank carries a low level of risk, and its financial health remains satisfactory.

Bank of America's notable strength, as highlighted by InvestingPro, is its consistent increase in dividends for nine consecutive years. However,

there are certain factors that warrant attention. Weak gross profit margins, a year-over-year increase in total debt, and downgrades in earnings forecasts by five analysts are among the areas to monitor.

InvestingPro reports that Citigroup holds a fair value of \$58.59, exhibits a medium level of risk, and demonstrates acceptable performance in terms of its financial health.

InvestingPro highlights some strengths of Citigroup, including its low earnings multiple and a track record of consistent dividend payments over 12 consecutive years.



WORLD

Israeli troops withdraw from West Bank's Jenin

JENIN, WEST BANK

ISRAELI forces withdrew from the Palestinian city of Jenin on Tuesday, Reuters witnesses said, after carrying out one of their biggest military operations in the occupied West Bank for years.

Two Reuters witnesses said they saw convoys of Israeli military vehicles leaving Jenin after dark in what appeared to signal an end to an Israeli operation that began early on Monday.

Twelve Palestinians, at least five of them fighters, and one Israeli soldier had been killed.

The operation, which the army said was aimed at destroying militant infrastructure and weapons in the Jenin refugee camp, was launched with a drone strike on Monday, and over 1,000 troops were deployed.

After they left, residents who had vacated the camp during the fighting began returning to its dark streets. Some surveyed the damage to the light of their mobile phones.

The densely populated refugee camp, where some 14,000 people live in less than half a square kilometre, has been one of the focal points of a wave of violence that has swept the West Bank for more than a year, drawing growing international alarm.

A few hours after the forces began withdrawing, Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip fired five rockets toward Israel, the military said. The rockets were intercepted and there were no immediate reports of casualties.

There was further escalation on Tuesday with a car-ramming and stabbing attack claimed by the Palestinian Hamas militant group in Israel's business hub Tel Aviv, in which eight people were hurt.

As Israeli troops were leaving Jenin, explosions could still be heard in the

northern West Bank city amid reports of a gunbattle near a Jenin hospital. Reuters could not immediately verify that report.

Doctors Without Borders said Israeli forces had fired tear gas at a hospital where its teams were working.

The Israeli military said it had no knowledge of its forces firing in the vicinity of a hospital but that it did carry out an air-strike at gunmen that had taken up positions in a cemetery and posed a threat to the withdrawing troops.

"At this moment we are completing the mission, and I can say that our extensive activity in Jenin is not a one-time operation," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at a checkpoint near the city.

500 families evacuated

Palestinian fighters from militant groups including Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Fatah had fortified the camp with obstacles and watching posts to counter regular army raids.

Power and water supplies remained cut off in the camp and in some areas of the city after bulldozers that ploughed up roads looking for improvised bombs cut cables and a main water pipe.

Israeli forces uncovered underground explosives caches, one concealed in a tunnel under a mosque, confiscated 1,000 weapons and arrested 30 suspects, the military said.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said it had evacuated 500 families from the camp, around 3,000 people.

Jihad Hassan, 63, who fled the camp after his son was wounded, said a drone strike had prompted him to leave.

"You don't hear a sound, you just see the explosion," he said, as he waited with his son at the Jenin Government



Israeli soldiers are seen in a staging area just outside the West Bank city of Jenin as seen from Israel, during an Israeli military raid on the militant stronghold of the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank, on Tuesday. AP

Hospital. "It is something, when a person is forced to leave their home."

Around 100 people have been injured, the Palestinian health ministry said, 20 of them seriously.

The Islamic Jihad claimed four of the 12 fatalities as its fighters. Hamas claimed a fifth. The status of the others was unclear. Israeli officials said as far as they were aware, no civilians had been killed.

The fighting underlined once more the lack of any sign of a political solution to the decades-long conflict and international reaction to the operation was mixed.

The United States said it respected Israel's right to defend itself but said it was imperative to avoid civilian casualties. The EU said it was gravely concerned by the escalation and UN bodies voiced alarm at the scale of the military action.

The UN Security Council said it will meet behind closed doors as requested by the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain condemned the operation.

Many businesses across the West Bank closed on Tuesday in response to calls for a general strike to protest the operation, which the Palestinian Authority has described as a "war crime".

Separately, the Arab League Council on Tuesday called on the United Nations and its Security Council to take tangible and effective measures to protect Palestinian civilians against Israeli "violations."

The council, which convened an extraordinary session at the permanent representatives level in Cairo, said in a statement that it decided to make high-level joint and bilateral visits to and contacts with the UN Security

Council, its members, and international decision-making centers.

The aim is to implement relevant international resolutions to end all forms of Israeli aggression against the Palestinian people and provide them with international protection, according to the statement.

If the Security Council is unable to perform its mandate and assume its responsibilities in maintaining international peace and security, the council said it will ask the UN General Assembly to hold a resumed session of the tenth Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly, which was convened for the first time in April 1997.

The session followed a series of Security Council and General Assembly meetings regarding the Israeli decision to build Har Homa, a 6,500-unit housing project, in the Jabal Abu Ghneim area of East Jerusalem.

It was last resumed on June 13, 2018 to consider a draft resolution entitled "Protection of the Palestinian civilian population."

The council also called for an intense Arab diplomatic action to express the Arab position on taking the necessary steps to end the Israeli occupation and all of its aggressive policies, practices, and measures against the Palestinian people.

At least 10 Palestinians have been killed in the Jenin refugee camp and thousands fled their homes as Israel pressed ahead on Tuesday with its largest military campaign in the occupied West Bank since 2002.

The Israeli army said in a statement that it launched an "extensive counterterrorism effort in the area of Jenin city and the Jenin Camp" and carried out airstrikes on "terrorist infrastructure."

Quran-burning 'raises concern about Sweden's NATO bid'

ANKARA

Sweden's failure to prevent provocations, including the recent burning of a Quran, raises concerns about Sweden's NATO bid, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said on Tuesday.

"Sweden's security system is not able to stop provocations. This is not bringing more strength, but more problems to NATO in terms of strategy and security at a time when Sweden's membership to NATO is being discussed," he said.

However, Fidan said Ankara would still approve Sweden's membership to NATO if Stockholm "completes its homework," referring to the fight against terror groups.

Sweden and Finland applied to join NATO last year but faced objections from Türkiye on the grounds that the two countries harbor members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the Gulen movement.

Türkiye eventually lifted its objection to Finland earlier this year after the Nordic country took "concrete steps" against such groups, and the country went on to become NATO's 31st member in April. But Ankara maintains its veto of Sweden.

The military alliance will hold a summit in Vilnius, Lithuania, on July 11-12, at which NATO wants to finalize Sweden's admission process.



A supporter of a religious group Jamaat-e-Islami holds a copy of Islam's holy book Quran as he with others take part in a rally in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Monday, against the desecration of Islam's holy book Quran that took place in Sweden. AP

Ten dead, 38 wounded in three US mass shootings

PHILADELPHIA

TEN people were killed and 38 wounded in mass shootings in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Fort Worth ahead of the Fourth of July holiday, officials said, prompting a fresh call from President Joe Biden to pass gun control legislation.

In Fort Worth, three people were killed and eight wounded in a mass shooting after a local festival to mark the U.S. Independence Day holiday, police said on Tuesday.

In a separate mass shooting in Philadelphia on Monday evening, five people were killed and two were wounded, including a 2-year-old boy and 13-year-old boy, both of whom were shot in the legs, when a suspect in body armor and armed with an AR-15 opened fire on strangers, according to local police.

The Monday night shootings came a day after two people were shot dead and 28 others injured, about half of them children, in a hail of gunfire at a neighborhood block party in Baltimore.

The motives in all three recent shootings remained unclear.

The United States is struggling with a large number of mass shootings and incidents of gun violence.

There have been over 340 mass shootings in the country so far in 2023, according to data collected by the Gun Violence Archive, which defines a mass shooting as an incident in which at least four people are shot, excluding the shooter.

Biden condemned the violence on Tuesday and renewed his calls to tighten America's gun laws.

"Our nation has once again endured a wave of tragic and senseless shootings," Biden said in a statement, calling on Republican lawmakers "to come to the table on meaningful, commonsense reforms."

Citing constitutional protections for gun ownership, Republicans in Congress have generally blocked attempts to significantly reform gun safety laws and oppose Biden's push to reinstate a ban on assault weapons.

'Begging' for action

Philadelphia officials pleaded with state and federal lawmakers to act.

"We are begging Congress to protect lives and do something about America's gun problem," Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, a Democrat, told a news conference on Tuesday.

The city's district attorney, Larry Krasner, asked Philadelphia state lawmakers for "reasonable legislation" of the type found in neighboring New Jersey and Delaware. **Agencies**

New Delhi Declaration issued at SCO summit

BEIJING

THE member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on Tuesday signed and issued the New Delhi Declaration at the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the grouping, which was held via video conference.

The world is undergoing unprecedented transformations and is entering a new era of rapid technological development that requires an increase in the effectiveness of global institutions, according to the declaration, according to the declaration.

The member states reaffirm their commitment to formation of a more representative, just, democratic and multipolar world order based on the universally recognized principles of international law, multilateralism, equal, joint, indivisible, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, cultural and civilizational diversity, mutually beneficial and equal cooperation of states with



Chinese President Xi Jinping (center) addresses the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) via video conference from Beijing, capital of China, on Tuesday. XINHUA

a central coordinating role of the UN, it read.

The member states pursue a policy that excludes bloc, ideological and confrontational approaches to address the problems of international and regional development.

Considering Central Asia as the SCO's "core region," the member

states said in the declaration that they support efforts of regional countries to ensure peace and prosperity, achieve sustainable development, and build a space of good-neighborliness and mutual trust.

The member states pointed out that interference in the internal affairs of other countries

under the pretext of combating terrorism and extremism is not allowed.

They said they believe that it is important to ensure that all members enjoy equal rights in the management of the Internet and have network sovereignty.

They reaffirmed in the declaration that the unilateral and un-

restricted strengthening of global anti-missile systems by several countries or groups of countries would jeopardize international security and stability.

The member states vowed to support the prevention of weaponization of outer space, and said they believe that an early settlement of the Afghan issue is one of the most important factors in maintaining and consolidating security and stability in the SCO region.

In the declaration, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan reiterated their support for the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by the People's Republic of China.

Member States emphasized the historic significance of the entry of the Islamic Republic of Iran into the SCO as a full member state.

Xinhua

TEHRAN

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said on Tuesday that the recent talks with the European parties on the revival of a 2015 nuclear deal were "explicit and constructive".

Amir-Abdollahian (pictured) made the remarks in a phone call with the European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, when commenting on the talks to salvage the nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), according to a statement released by the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

He highlighted the importance of continuing dialogue between Iran and Europe with the aim of achieving a

Iran: Recent nuke talks with Europe 'explicit, constructive'



common understanding, saying Borrell and the EU deputy foreign policy chief Enrique Mora have played "constructive" roles in the nuclear talks while the new EU special representative for the Gulf region Luigi Di Maio has "constructive" relations with Iran.

Speaking of the possible solutions to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, Amir-Abdollahian said Iran has always supported global peace and stability and maintains that stopping the conflict is only possible through political initiatives.

Borrell, for his part, said the ongoing cooperation and negotiations between Iran and the International

Atomic Energy Agency will be "fruitful and positive."

Iran signed the JCPOA with world powers in July 2015, agreeing to put some curbs on its nuclear program in return for the removal of the sanctions on the country. The United States, however, pulled out of the deal in May 2018 and reimposed its unilateral sanctions on Tehran, prompting the latter to drop some of its nuclear commitments under the deal.

The negotiations for the revival of the JCPOA commenced in April 2021 in Austria's capital Vienna. Despite several rounds of talks, no significant breakthrough has been achieved

since the end of the last round in August 2022.

In June, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri Kani held separate meetings with Mora, as well as French, German, and British representatives on the JCPOA's revival.



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US judge limits Biden officials' contact with social media firms

WASHINGTON

A US federal judge on Tuesday restricted some agencies and officials of the administration of President Joe Biden from meeting and communicating with social media companies to moderate their content, according to a court filing.

The injunction came in response to a lawsuit brought by Republican attorneys general in Louisiana and Missouri, who alleged that US government officials went too far in efforts to encourage social media companies to address posts they worried could contribute to vaccine hesitancy during the COVID-19 pandemic or up-end elections.

The ruling said government agencies like the Department of Health and Human Services and the FBI could not talk to social media companies for "the purpose of urging, encouraging, pressuring, or inducing in any manner the removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech" under the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

A White House official said the Justice Department was reviewing the order and will evaluate its options.

The litigation was originally filed by former Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt and Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry. Schmitt, who was elected to the US Senate in November, used Twitter to welcome the injunction and called it a win for free speech.

The order also mentioned by name officials including Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and Jen Easterly, who heads the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, in its restrictions.

Judge Terry Doughty, in an order filed with the US District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, made some exceptions for communications between government officials and the companies, including to warn about risks to national security and about criminal activity.

The injunction was first reported by the Washington Post.

Tuesday's order marks a win for Republicans who had sued the Biden administration, saying it was using the coronavirus health crisis and the threat of misinformation as an excuse to curb views that disagreed with the government.

US officials have said they were aiming to tamp down misinformation about COVID vaccines to curb preventable deaths.

Facebook and Instagram parent Meta Platforms, Twitter, and Alphabet's YouTube did not respond to requests for comment.

Agencies

Secret Service: Cocaine found in West Wing of White House

WASHINGTON

THE Secret Service has identified a substance found at the White House as cocaine, according to various media reports and police and fire radio communications.

The White House was briefly evacuated Sunday evening while President Joe Biden was at Camp David in Maryland after the Secret Service discovered a suspicious powder in a common area of the West Wing. A preliminary test showed the substance to be cocaine, two law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

The power was found in a small bag, NBC News reported.

The West Wing is an area attached to the executive mansion where the president lives and includes the Oval Office, cabinet room and press area, along with offices and workspace for the president's advisers and staff. Hundreds of people work there or pass through the West Wing regularly.

A senior law enforcement official said that the substance was found in a storage facility in a cubby used by White House staff and guests to store cellphones, according to CBS News.

Secret Service agents were doing routine checks around 6 pm Sunday when they found the white powder in an area accessible to tour groups, not in any particular West Wing office, the officials said.

The Washington Post said that a firefighter with the DC department's hazardous materials team "radioed the results of a test" of the item, citing an online database of emergency responder communications. The radio dispatch said, "We have a yellow bar saying cocaine hydrochloride."

The broadcast from the fire department is logged on a website called openmh.com, which allows people to listen to live and archived radio transmissions from police and fire departments, the Post reported.

The complex was evacuated at about 8:45 pm Sunday as fire and emergency crews were brought in to do a rapid test, which preliminarily identified cocaine. The White House was soon reopened as the substance was sent for testing.

"On Sunday evening, the White House complex went into a precautionary closure as officers from the Secret Service Uniformed Division investigated an unknown item found inside a work area," said Anthony Guglielmi, a spokesman for the Secret Service. "The item was sent for further evaluation, and an investigation into the cause and manner of how it entered the White House is pending."

"The DC Fire Department was called to evaluate and quickly determined the item to be non-hazardous," the Secret Service added. There was "an investigation into the cause and manner" of how the substance entered the White House, the spokesperson said.

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China and Africa youths meet in Hunan

CHANGSHA

THE China-Africa Youth Forum on Innovation & Entrepreneurship held in Changsha

The promising future of China-Africa cooperation cannot be accomplished without the innovation and creativity of youth. Themed "Stimulate Enterprising Spirit for Innovative Development", the China-Africa Youth Forum on Innovation & Entrepreneurship was held at the Changsha International Conference Center on June 30.

Xu Xiao, Vice President of All-China Youth Federation, Amakobe Sande, Representative of UNICEF China, Zhou Haibing, Vice Governor of Hunan Provincial People's Government and Acting Mayor of Municipal People's Government, Rahamtalla M.Osman, Permanent Representative of the African Union Office China, and Nizar Ben Néji, Minister of Communication Technology of Tunisia attended the forum and delivered speeches.

Dong Xia, Deputy Secretary-General of All-China Youth Federation, Wang Guishu, Secretary of the Party Group and Executive Vice Chairman of the Hunan Provincial Science and Technology Association, Tan Yong, Secretary of the Party Working Committee of Hunan Xiangjiang New Area (Changsha High-tech Zone), Secretary of CPC Yuelu District Committee, Li Zhichao, Secretary of the Communist Youth League of Hunan Provincial Committee, and He Zhaohui, Director of the Administrative Committee of Hunan Xiangjiang New Area (Changsha High-tech Zone), Chief of Yuelu District People's Government, attended the event. The China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo was attended by about 200 guest and



youth representatives from China and Africa.

Xu Xiao points out in his speech that innovation and entrepreneurship are key areas of China-Africa cooperation, whose promising future is inseparable from the innovation and creativity of young people.

The All-China Youth Federation will work with youth organizations in Africa to build China-Africa youth innovation and entrepreneurship projects under the "Belt and Road" initiative, establish partnership, as well as give top priority to youth development, so that Chinese and African youth can invigorate global development and progress.

Amakobe Sande, in her speech, notes that youth are the main drivers of entrepreneurship and innovation, and promoting youth innovation and entrepreneurship has never been more important.

She hopes that taking this forum as an opportunity, China and Africa can hold more dialogues to unleash the potential of young people in China and Africa and serve as an important engine of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Zhou Haibing states that Hunan is building a youth-development-friendly cities in full swing, making the city more friendly to youth, youth more productive in the city, and al-

lowing more intelligent resources and innovative elements to gather in Hunan.

People from all walks of life, including young people from China and Africa, are welcomed to invest and start business in Hunan. Hunan will provide the most favorable policies, the best services and environment, so that more young people from China and Africa who aspire to innovate and start business can build their dreams in Hunan, and contribute to the in-depth China-Africa economic and trade cooperation.

Rahamtalla Osman says in his speech that China has committed to continuing China-Africa youth ex-

change programs, promoting youth employment and capacity building, and sharing its experience in poverty alleviation in both the Beijing Action Plan and the Dakar Action Plan of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation. As a long-standing partner of the African Union and its member states, China plays a key role in empowering African youth development.

Nizar Ben Néji states in his speech that China's entrepreneurial dynamism and advanced technology have won worldwide recognition. Tunisia can draw much useful experience from China and looks forward to building a strong and stable partnership with China, which will be conducive to achieving a common vision of mutual benefit and win-win results.

The "Youth Stories in China-Africa Innovation and Entrepreneurship" was released in the forum. The Hunan Youth Federation and the China-Africa Youth Federation signed a cooperation agreement, and representatives of Hunan Xiangjiang New Area and the Communist Youth League of Hunan Provincial Committee inaugurated the Xiangjiang New Area China-Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Base.

The Forum is one of series events of the Third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo. Sponsored by All-China Youth Federation, the forum is organized by Changsha Municipal People's Government, Administrative Committee of Hunan Xiangjiang New Area and Hunan Youth Federation, and co-organized by Commerce Bureau of Changsha City, Commerce and Market Supervision Bureau of Administrative Committee of Hunan Xiangjiang New Area, and Changsha Youth Federation.

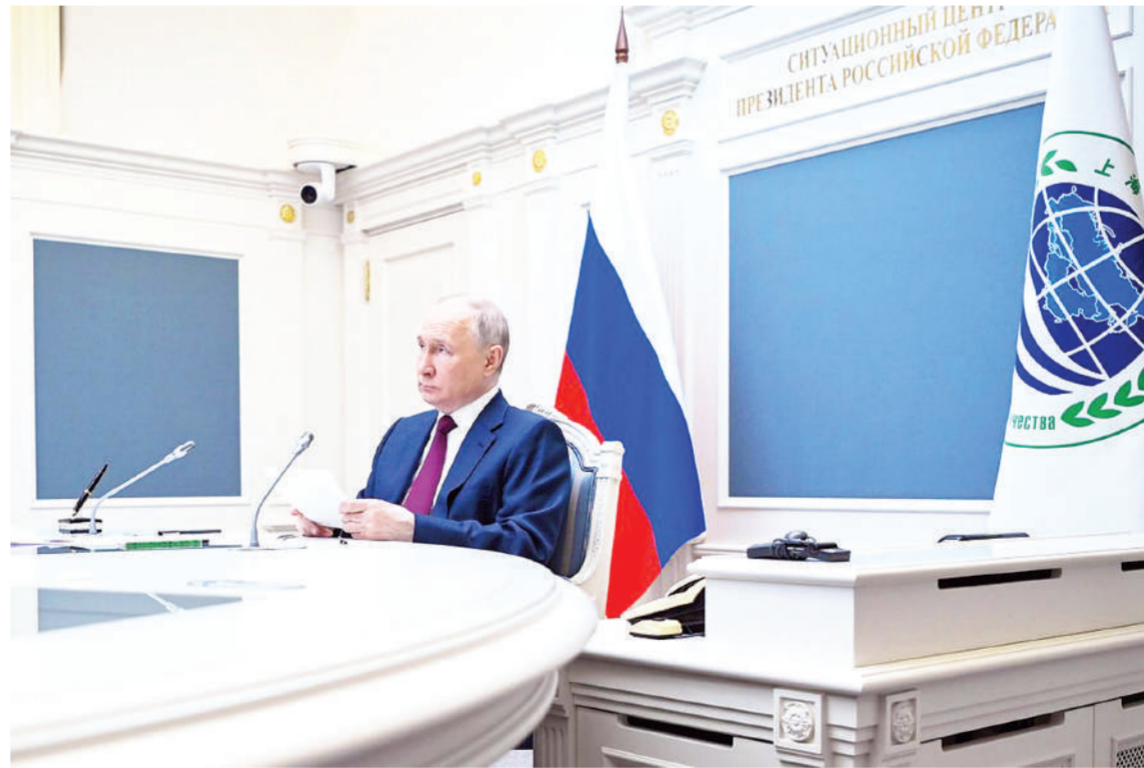
Putin thanks PM Modi for organising SCO summit

MOSCOW

ADDRESSING the Council of Heads of States summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) virtually, Russian President Vladimir Putin today thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for organising this Summit and lauded the work India has done under its presidency.

He said, "I would like to thank PM Modi for organising this Summit. The implementation of a lot of documents and the decisions that were prepared for this Summit is going to enhance the strategic partnership with India," adding that Russia supports the New Delhi declaration which gives a consolidated approach to international issues. "Russia supports the New Delhi declaration which gives a consolidated approach to international issues. We will continue to strengthen ties with SCO member states," Putin said.

Speaking further, Putin also mentioned Ukraine



Russian President Vladimir Putin with World Leaders attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit via video conference, in Moscow, Russia on Tuesday. ANI

and noted that, for quite a while, external forces had been carrying out a project aimed at transforming Ukraine into "a hostile state; the anti-Russia."

"In fact, there is a hybrid war being waged against us, which involves illegal sanctions on Russia that are unprecedented in scale. I would like to point

out that Russia has been and will continue to confidently counter external pressure, sanctions and provocative incitements," the Russian head of state emphasized.

He added that, for quite a while, external forces had been carrying out a project aimed at transform-

ing Ukraine into "a hostile state; the anti-Russia," President Vladimir Putin said at the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), according to the Russian news agency, TASS.

"For eight years, they pumped it [Ukraine] full of weapons, condoned aggression against the peaceful population of Donbas, and turned a blind eye to the enforced propagation of neo-Nazi ideas. And all of this was being done to put the security of Russia under threat and put a check on the development of our country," Putin pointed out during the Summit.

He also added by saying, "Another focus of the SCO is the current situation in Afghanistan. The situation that regrettably is not becoming better. The SCO's priority must be counter-terrorism, counter radicalism, extremism and to counter drug trafficking."

The SCO summit, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, concluded with the virtual participation of the heads of state from all SCO nations.

India assumed the rotating chairmanship of the SCO at the Samarkand Summit of SCO on September 16 last year. The theme of India's Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is "SECURE-SCO". Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and China's President Xi Jinping were among others who participated in the summit.

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British politicians urged to stop interfering in HK affairs

LONDON

A SPOKESPERSON for the Chinese Embassy in Britain on Tuesday urged relevant British politicians to stop interfering in China's internal affairs and Hong Kong affairs.

Responding to a question concerning the accusations made on social media on Monday by Britain's Foreign Secretary James Cleverly and other British politicians against the Hong Kong SAR police

for issuing arrest warrants for eight anti-China, destabilizing persons who have fled overseas, the spokesperson urged relevant British politicians to stop using these anti-China disruptors to jeopardize China's sovereignty and security.

"The determination of the Chinese people to oppose foreign interference and safeguard our interests is rock-firm and unshakable," the spokesperson said.

The British politicians spoke publicly for the wanted persons, grossly interfer-

ing in Hong Kong's rule of law and China's internal affairs, the spokesperson said. "China strongly deplores and firmly opposes this."

The wanted persons are a small group of anti-China forces bent on destabilizing Hong Kong, the spokesperson said, noting after stoking the disturbance over proposed legislative amendments in Hong Kong, they fled overseas, but continue to incite secession and engage in activities that aim to disrupt Hong Kong, causing

huge public outrage.

The Hong Kong SAR government has issued the arrest warrants in accordance with the national security law and relevant local laws, the spokesperson said.

"This is constitutional and legal, and conforms to people's will. It is a just move to maintain the rule of law in Hong Kong and a necessary action to safeguard China's national sovereignty and security," the spokesperson added.

Xinhua



Simba SC's newly signed Cameroonian central defender, Che Malone Fondoh.

Raiding regional clubs shows that city giants could do better in CAF contests

By Correspondent John Kimbute

MOVES are underway for the two city giants, Young Africans SC (Yanga) and Simba SC, to go around in the region to look for players they can manage to bring over, to stand a better chance of remaining in top form for the Africa circus of club tournaments in the coming season.

Being in top form is a relative term that depends on where a club stands and wishes to achieve, and how this aspiration is articulated is vastly different between the two sides. And 'vast' is not overstated.

For one thing, it is the Msimbazi Street-based Simba SC that is showing a more acute hunger for player search and recruitment, with a clear view if not vision of improving team performance.

The Jangwani Street-based Yanga is on the other hand more preoccupied with either retaining or letting go of superstar Fiston Mayele, having accepted the departure of super coach Nasreddine Nabi.

Trying to relive the past season - the domestic double and the CAF Confederation Cup final - what they dream of.

There is no question that it is going to prove a bit difficult this time round, especially as it is unclear if there is a proper player-hunting strategy as different from picking a good West African club like ASEC Mimosas to do the fishing.

Instead of picking players from somewhere, it is more convincing to list players that the club can manage to purchase, or simply pay if they are out of contract, but this is not what is being heard. There is a recruitment trap in waiting.

Their rivals have, on the contrary, actually produced a list of players they are looking for, including from troubled top Sudanese side Al Hilal, which faces the daunting prospect of playing from exile as a Sudanese team, with scarcely a home ground and public unless the fighting dies down soon enough, and it is hard to tell if this is likely to happen.

Battle objectives are hardening and taking control of land as assets are pursued at a brisk pace. Football can only be sidelined or shifted.

Some of the best successes of the two sides came from obtaining players in nearby Zambia, DR Congo, as well as Uganda, with some further afield pickings like Ivory Coast and Senegal, though it all depends on the club they were appearing if it is either domestic or next door premier league sides.

It is a situation that is unlikely to change as local clubs can't raid far beyond the sub-Saharan region, despite distant pickings from either Brazil or Serbia in the past. Their acclimation level was not enviable.

In that case, focusing on the near-

by region is the best, the flaw is in a group mentality of player identification, as if there is not enough time to look into the preliminary round of the CAF Champions League, for a start.

Having seen a really exciting player, one could then make a point of checking the player's consistency in the domestic league, or in tackling superior opposition in the later stages of either the CAF Champions League or CAF Confederation Cup.

There is no room for seeking a specific club from which one can obtain dependable players, as it is rather easy.

Why this difference in approach is being noticed at two levels, there is more satisfaction with the club at Jangwani Street as they have greater satisfaction with last season's results than their next street rivals.

Surprisingly the clincher to that sentiment is the final of the CAF Confederation Cup, which ought to be the Premier League title as well as winning the Azam Sports Federation Cup.

This idea of taking it as given that their final appearance was a higher level of the game than the quarter-final exit for Msimbazi Street hard hitting side is somewhat unfortunate, but it has durably held.

How far this satisfaction is going to inform- or rather eat into - team rebuilding of improvement strategy is unclear, as it is hard to see the push from the rank and file at the moment.

Meanwhile the same is unavoidable in virtually any conversation involving the Msimbazi Street outfit's fans and pundits, which implies that there will be some laxity in the team revamping, a sort of satisfaction with the squad.

The leadership might know better but leaders are moulded by the fans, so they will toe the line, if only because at their end there is a usual wish to reserve the cash for other things.

One can thus figure out some sort of collective self-deception that could cost the side in replenishing the squad this season, as they have never discussed why they failed at the preliminary stages of the CAF Champions League.

Since that failure has since been turned into a massive CAF Confederation Cup final match defeat by a technicality that outside push that convinces a leadership to aggressively look for good players lacks in Yanga this time around.

It could be picked up later by the sheer determination of the club leader, as there is still plenty of time for that to happen.

But his strategy could be simpler, to exit the CAF top-tier and gun for a repeat of the second-tier garland climb up to the final match, and hopefully win this time!

NBC Premier League players who need a transfer before pre-season

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MAINLAND Tanzania's NBC Premier League clubs have started returning for pre-season training, and most will be back and starting their preparations for next season by the end of next week.

While there have been several big transfer moves - and a few more on the cusp of happening, like Nickson Kibabage's move to Young Africans SC (Yanga) and Simba SC's signing of Cameroonian defender Che Malone Fondoh - there will still be players returning who either have an eye on a switch elsewhere or are without a club at the time of writing.

Some will want to move on because they want to move up the league, whereas others will want out because they are surplus to requirements and want to play as much football as possible.

We have taken a look at the NBC Premier League players who need a switch elsewhere - and when they need to move on to either avoid a return to pre-season training at their current clubs or having no club to play for.

*Peter Banda

Whether Simba SC looks to move on Peter Banda, to help free up his wages and bring in some money to lighten the financial fair play load remains to be seen.

If he can get himself fit - and stay fit - he may still have a part to play, but what is clear is that he needs football now after a tough season.

The Malawian playmaker made just nine league appearances last season, managing a single assist in the process.

He is reportedly clamouring for a move away from Msimbazi Street but, with one year on his contract, it is up to the club to decide.

Simba SC's players are due to return for pre-season on July 10, and it remains to be seen if Banda will still be at the club as he pushes for a move to South



Former Yanga's Ghanaian winger, Bernard Morrison. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Africa where it is believed he has a suitor lining up for his services.

*Jonas Mkude

The veteran midfielder is one of the collateral damage in Simba SC's squad overhaul. Having spent more than 10 years at Msimbazi Street, Mkude is one of the nine players who have been released by the club so far.

He is linked with a move to either age-old rivals Yanga or Singida Fountain Gate FC.

*Fiston Mayele

The Congolese striker will be into the final 12 months of his deal when the squad returns for pre-season camp.

He is understood to be unwilling to sign an extension, meaning the chance of Yanga's most valuable player leaving is very real.

Mayele scored 35 goals in all competitions for Yanga last season, thus attracting interest from elites and Middle Eastern clubs.

This has put Yanga under immense pressure to improve his deal but the player is believed to have his sights elsewhere for a fresh challenge.

After achieving everything he can with Yanga, it could be time to move on. South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns had looked like strong favourites but things hang in the balance at the time of writing.

*Yannick Bangala

There have been whispers about Yannick Bangala wanting a new challenge since last season and this transfer window interest appears to be hotting up.

Although he remains one of Yanga's trusted lieutenants, the

DR Congo international's form dipped slightly in the just-ended season.

*Joash Onyango

With Simba SC head coach Robert Oliveira 'Robertinho' aiming to sign at least one center-back, Joash Onyango will likely struggle for minutes, and may also see this as the right to move elsewhere.

Cameroonian international Che Malone Fondoh, who has agreed terms with Simba SC, is understood to be an upgrade on Onyango.

However, the Simba SC board is reportedly split on whether to let go of Onyango or not, as he enters the last year of his contract.

The Kenyan international is agitating for a move away from Simba SC despite being a mainstay in the defense alongside Henock Inonga Baka the last two seasons. However, he has come under heavy criticism from a section of Simba SC fans and the media for high-profile blunders in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

There is still no resolution on his future in Msimbazi Street. Robertinho still views Onyango as a reliable cover and is fighting for the central defender's stay while several other board members want him out of the club that he joined from Kenya's Gor Mahia in 2020.

*Ayoub Lyanga

Ayoub Lyanga can be the solution for several clubs which are facing goal-scoring issues.

Singida Fountain Gate FC could make a loan move for the Azam FC winger, with an option to buy to sweeten the deal.

The 25-year-old had four goals and nine assists in 26 outings for Azam FC in the just-ended NBC Premier League.

With the signing of Gambian winger Gibril Sillah competition for the width roles at Azam FC is going to be fierce.

Lyanga could drop down the pecking order with Abdulhamis Suleiman 'Sopu', Iddy Selemani, Tepsie Evance, and Kipre Junior all vying for the same roles.

Simba SC, Azam FC pull out of race for Gor Mahia striker's signature

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC and Azam FC have reportedly pulled out of the race to sign Kenyan forward, Benson Omala, from Gor Mahia.

Interest in Omala is expected to intensify in this transfer window given the performance he showcased in the just-concluded Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Premier League season was extremely impressive.

The Kisumu Day Secondary School alumnus scored 26 goals for the FKF Premier League champion, Gor Mahia.

The goal-getter, however, lost the Golden Boot to Kenya Police FC's Elvis Rupia by a small margin.

Omala has been linked with several clubs, including Simba SC's age-old rival, Yanga, and South Africa's DStv Premiership side, Orlando Pirates.

Simba SC and the side's Chamazi-based counterpart, Azam FC, have pulled out of the race to sign Omala because of the amount of money that Gor Mahia is reportedly asking for.

The Kenyan champion is said to be willing to let the 22-year-old leave only if suitors will pay a transfer fee of Ksh20 million, (344,543,190.40/-).

Simba SC's interest in Omala is understood given that they are in the rebuilding process after failing to lift titles in the last two

seasons.

Yanga has lately dominated the Mainland Tanzania football arena after defending both the Premier League and the domestic cup titles.

The Jangwani Street outfit was particularly powered to success by the lethal Congolese attacker Fiston Mayele, who ended the season as the league's top goal scorer.

On the attacking front, Simba SC was blunt and the club's head coach Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho' is expected to prioritize the signing of an attacker.

Veteran John Bocco has not been a reliable striker for the club given that he has had to deal with injuries, especially in the last two seasons.

Since Meddie Kagere left and signed for Singida Big Stars, now Singida Fountain Gate FC, Simba SC has struggled to find an equally capable replacement.

Azam FC is also in the rebuilding process after failing to record success in recent seasons.

The ice cream makers last lifted the league title in 2016, and the squad's aim of breaking the Simba SC and Yanga dominance will force the former to sign high-profile players, Omala is one of them.

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CAF boss Motsepe intervenes in S. Africa women's team dispute

JOHANNESBURG

AFRICA football boss Patrice Motsepe has intervened to resolve a dispute between the South African women's 2023 World Cup squad and the national association, a source told AFP on Tuesday.

The 61-year-old Confederation of African Football (CAF) president hails from South Africa and was expected to reveal details of his mediation in Johannesburg later yesterday.

"This dispute involving the women's team was a major embarrassment not just for South Africa, but all of Africa," said a CAF source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Something had to be done, and quickly, with some South African players scheduled to leave for New Zealand tomorrow (Wednesday)."

Insufficient business-class seats means the squad, coaches and officials will travel to New Zealand in two groups on Wednesday and Thursday.

Australia and New Zealand are co-hosting the World Cup and African champions South Africa, Morocco, Nigeria and Zambia are representing the continent.

Motsepe helped resolve issues surrounding contracts, which squad members said did not include the \$30,000 (27,500 euros) appearance fee promised by FIFA to each of the 23 players.

This resulted in the team not playing a send-off match against Botswana near Johannesburg last Sunday, and a hastily assembled team of South African lower league players lost 5-0.

Banyana Banyana, The Girls in isiZulu and the popular name of the national team, were also unhappy with the venue, saying they risked injuries on what was considered a sub-standard pitch.

There was also disappointment at the choice of Botswana -- a team ranked 96 places below South Africa -- with the squad wanting stronger opponents.

Before the farewell match debacle, South Africa beat Uzbekistan, drew with Slovenia and lost to Brazil (twice), Australia and Serbia in warm-ups.

"Safa might feel they have done enough, but I have a different opinion," forward Jermaine Seoposenwe told the public broadcaster SABC.

"But at the end of the day I am a player and my job is to come here, play and then leave," added the star from Mexican club CF Monterrey.

Ranked 54th in the world, South Africa are outsiders in Group G, which includes former runners-up Sweden (3), Italy (16) and Argentina (28).

South Africa will play fellow qualifiers Costa Rica in a warm-up match on July 15 before beginning their World Cup campaign eight days later against the Swedes in Wellington.

AFP

Ancelotti to coach Brazil from 2024 Copa America: source

RIO DE JANEIRO

REAL Madrid's Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti will take over as head coach of Brazil's national team for the 2024 Copa America, a source at the Brazilian Football Federation told AFP on Tuesday.

The federation had announced earlier that Fluminense's Fernando Diniz would take charge of the team in the interim period.

Ancelotti has a season remaining on his contract with Real and will take over Brazil in time for the Copa America which will be held in the United States from June 2024.

The former AC Milan and Chelsea coach will become the first foreigner to coach Brazil in almost sixty years.

The last foreign coach of Brazil was Argentine Filpo Nunez who was in charge for one game in 1965.

Among his many successes, the 64-year-old Ancelotti has won the Champions League twice with both AC Milan and Real Madrid.

He has also won domestic league titles in England with Chelsea, Germany with Bayern Munich and France with Paris Saint-Germain as well as with Real and Milan.

Brazil were coached by Tite at last year's World Cup, but he stood down from the role after their elimination at the quarter-final stage to Croatia.

Ramon Menezes has been in charge of the team since on a caretaker basis.

The CBF had earlier issued a statement saying that Diniz would be in charge of the team for the coming year.

"Fernando Diniz will lead the Brazilian team for a year, and I'm sure he will do it with great competence, as always during his professional career," said CBF president Ednaldo Rodrigues in a video statement.

"It is a dream, an honor and a huge pride to serve the national team," Diniz said.

The 49-year-old will be in charge of the six South American qualifying games for the 2026 World Cup that will be played this year, including the clashes with Argentina and Uruguay.

Brazil will start their qualifying campaign in September at home against Bolivia and then away against Peru.

AFP

The world's most expensive defender? Why Man City want Josko Gvardiol

By Ben McAleer

THERE'S a sea of change sweeping over the Etihad Stadium this summer. Ilkay Gundogan has departed for Barcelona, while Aymeric Laporte is another set to leave for pastures new. Manchester City have a knack for selling players at the right time, so fans shouldn't be too concerned at the departure of a clutch midfielder and a centre-back who was previously considered the best at Pep Guardiola's disposal.

Nevertheless, to remain competitive even the best need to evolve and City are no exception. Mateo Kovacic has joined from Chelsea to cover Gundogan's exit, while the Champions League holders are eyeing up another Croat to bolster at the back. City are closing in on the signing of RB Leipzig's Josko Gvardiol in a deal that will make the 21-year-old the most expensive defender in history.

The vultures have been circling the Red Bull Arena for the versatile defender for the best part of 12 months now, with Tottenham and Chelsea both credited with an interest in the youngster last summer. However, as Gvardiol's profile rose, so too did RB Leipzig's asking price with City blowing the pair out of the water in the race to land the Croatia international.

It's the versatility to Gvardiol's game that would undoubtedly have appealed to Guardiola. In 14 Premier League matches last season, Guardiola used a three-man backline, with the idea being to supplement Erling Haaland with as many attacking players in support as possible, this largely stemming from the 2-1 loss at Manchester United back in January. The Spaniard, therefore, needed flexible performers at the back to operate in a four-man or a three-man defence where required in-game.

John Stones is perhaps the best example of this interchangeability, the 'Barnsley Beckenbauer' routinely shining at right-back, centre-back or central midfield, more often than not in the same game. This meant the left-sided centre-back needed to either drift wide or tuck in where required, duties Nathan Ake and Manuel Akanji both carried out well. That being said, Gvardiol is arguably a level above the pair, thus explaining City's interest in the RB Leipzig man.

In any Guardiola system, distribution is key. City build attacks from the back with goalkeeper Ederson and the defenders vital at setting the champions on the front foot. Gvardiol fits the bill perfectly having finished the 2022/23 Bundesliga campaign fifth for passes per game (71.3) and with the ninth-best pass success rate (89.3%) to his name. In addition, the ability to pick a pass from distance will help City quickly transition from defence to attack, with the youngster returning a long ball pass success rate of 59.7% last season, that ranking 12th of the 112 Bundesliga players to have attempted 100 or more long balls.



Josko Gvardiol

For a City side that ranked second for counter-attacking

goals (7) behind rivals Manchester United (9) in the Premier League last season, Gvardiol's ability to go direct where required will aid the former when they seek to break forward at speed, with Haaland, in particular, likely to benefit. This is particularly pertinent in that City ranked second for accurate long balls per 90 (28.4) in England's top tier last term, so a defender to help place high for this metric will aid the Cityzens should they seek to go direct, as was evidenced during the 4-1 win over Arsenal back in April.

In addition to distributing the ball well, Gvardiol is also a composed figure in defence, ensuring that any opponent who does seek to pressure the defender is unlikely to be successful in their quest. Indeed,

of the 217 players to attempt 15 or more dribbles, none had a better dribble success rate than Gvardiol (88.9%) in the Bundesliga last season, so he's calm under pressure and able to bring the ball forward where needed to help work the angles and fully maximise his vision.

So, all in all, the perfect defender, right? Well... not quite. For all of Gvardiol's qualities, opponents have proven to be able to get the better of the incoming centre-back in the air on more than one occasion. In fact, Gvardiol won just 55.8% of the aerial duels he contested in the Bundesliga last season, and teams will feel as though they can exploit this shortcoming as a means to get the better of City next season.

That being said, City won the fewest aerial duels per 90 (11.6) in the 2022/23 Premier League campaign, and that hardly impacted their successful title defence, so it's a weakness to Gvardiol's game that is unlikely to be routinely capitalised upon, such is City's dominance.

The pros, then, far outweigh the cons and given his tender years, there is plenty more to come from Gvardiol, who should go on to become a mainstay in the City backline. After all, it's difficult to find a defender better suited to Guardiola's game plan.

THE INDEPENDENT

Arsenal believe Declan Rice can be their new Patrick Vieira

By Sam Dean

ARSENAL and West Ham United have reached a full agreement over the £105 million transfer of Declan Rice, with the midfielder set to undergo a medical in the coming days.

After weeks of negotiations over the size of the fee and then the structure of the payments, Arsenal have now produced an offer which West Ham consider to be acceptable in its entirety.

Arsenal will pay a guaranteed £100 million for Rice, with a further £5 million to be paid in add-ons if certain clauses are met. The deal will smash the club's transfer record, which is currently the £72 million they paid for Nicolas Pepe in the summer of 2019.

The guaranteed portion of the fee is expected to be paid in three instalments over a period of 24 months, after West Ham insisted that it could not be spread over a longer timeframe.

Including add-ons, Rice will become the second most expensive British player in history, behind his England team-mate Jude Bellingham, who recently joined Real Madrid from Borussia Dortmund in a deal that could ultimately be worth £115 million.

Within West Ham United, they have known for some time what Declan Rice is capable of producing. David Moyes has known it, and so too have the midfielder's team-mates at the London Stadium. All of these observers are convinced there is so much more to come from Rice, and the player himself shares that opinion.

That is why there was no surprise at the club when Rice scored arguably the finest goal of



Declan Rice

his career last season. Picking up the ball in his own half in West Ham's Europa Conference League quarter-final against Gent, he surged beyond two defenders before smashing the ball into the corner of the net with his weaker left foot.

It was not the sort of moment that Rice has regularly produced in a West Ham shirt. Some observers and pundits would not have thought it was the sort of goal that he was even able to score. After all, he has often been sneered at for being too defensive, too sideways. "He needs to do a lot more," said Roy Keane, for example, earlier this year.

But from West Ham's perspective, that goal against Gent was just a brief glimpse of Rice's true potential. "If anybody did not think he could do that then they are completely naive," said Moyes that night in April. "And they don't watch closely enough."

The perception of Rice as a combative defensive midfielder player is a reasonable one, given his performances for West

but, let me tell you, it is there."

In an interview in 2021, Rice said he has taken inspiration from the likes of Yaya Toure and Patrick Vieira as he has developed his style. Toure and Vieira are two of the great Premier League midfield players, both of them all-conquering titans in the heart of the pitch, and that is what Rice hopes to become.

Evidently, based on the size of their planned investment in Rice, Arsenal believe he is capable of doing so. A club does not offer more than £100 million for a player unless they are convinced by his talent and his place within their project. The fee is the ultimate proof of how much Mikel Arteta wants him, and how much Arsenal need him now.

Arsenal's move for Rice must be viewed in two ways: on the pitch, and off it. In terms of his on-field impact, the 24-year-old arrives as a candidate to play in the holding midfield role, instead of Thomas Partey, or as a box-to-box player, filling the shoes of Germany-bound Granit Xhaka. Arteta last year found a way to evolve Xhaka's game and make him a genuine goal threat. Few saw it coming and, if Arteta can do that with Xhaka, Arsenal fans will be wildly excited about what he might do with a player of Rice's gifts.

Rice offers a level of athleticism and physicality that Arsenal were sometimes missing last season. This was especially the case against Manchester City in their 4-1 defeat in April, when Arsenal

were bullied by a more powerful side. With Rice charging around their midfield and flying into tackles, Arsenal will be a far more imposing team.

The England international can also play at centre-back, should that be required of him. There is a fluidity and flexibility to his skill-set that will allow Arteta to evolve his side further, if this deal can be completed as is now expected. The Arsenal manager said in May that he has tactical ideas which he has not yet been able to implement at the club -- players like Rice will help him to make those visions a reality.

Off the pitch, too, Rice ticks all of Arsenal's boxes: young, ambitious and with strong leadership qualities. There is a reason that Rice was handed the captain's armband at West Ham and he would be expected to immediately become one of the senior players at Arsenal. The imminent departure of Xhaka will create a void in that regard, and Rice seems well-placed to fill it.

In Rice, Arsenal are hoping to sign not only a player who can take the team another step closer to trophy-winning glory. They are also hoping to sign a person who can represent the future of the club, and who can grow alongside the likes of Bukayo Saka, Martin Odegaard, Gabriel Martinelli and William Saliba. Arsenal have built a new core and they are convinced that Rice is capable of further strengthening those foundations.

THE TELEGRAPH

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Arusha Regional Athletics Association to conduct trials

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Arusha Regional Athletics Association (ARAA) technical panel will on Saturday embark on a regional talent identification exercise to scout for athletes set to represent the region in various competitions.

Anthony Mwingereza, ARAA Chairman, said the exercise will be held at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium and they expect more than 200 athletes to take part in the event.

He said the trials will involve athletes in all categories as the aim is to have a database of the best athletes in each category.

The ARAA official noted: "We want to give a chance to all athletes across our region, that's why we are organizing the trials."

"Apart from having a database of all our athletes, the trials will also help our athletes to have a feel of competition as we expect many top Arusha-based athletes to attend," Mwingereza noted.

"When the dates for this year's National Athletics Championships are announced it will be easy for our association to assemble the athletes," he said.

The Saturday trials are the second program conducted by the association this year, the first was held at the same venue last month.

Meanwhile, Mwingereza said the region is geared to maintain its status as the center of athletics in the country by producing top athletes that will represent the country well in international events.

Yanga assess Ugandan duo

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE Ugandan duo of striker Shariph Kimbowa and midfielder Moses Aliro have started training with NBC Premier League Champion, Young Africans (Yanga), with the hope of winning contracts.

The duo is part of the Yanga squad that is in Malawi to mark the country's 59th independence anniversary celebrations.

Yanga will play against local champions Nyasa Big Bullets FC in the independence celebrations that will also be graced by Tanzania's President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, who is on a three-day state visit to Malawi from yesterday to Friday.

Kimbowa and Aliro are integral members of Uganda Premier League side, Wakiso Giants.

Striker Kimbowa scored nine goals in 19 league games this season for Wakiso Giants. He is still contracted to the outfit having signed a three-year deal in 2021 after leaving Busoga United.

Apart from Wakiso Giants and Busoga United, the 21-year-old Kimbowa has also in the past played for Lunguja Galaxy and Synergy FC.

Early this year he travelled to Dubai, United Arab Emirates for trials at UAE Division One side Hatta FC.

Aliro, whose two-year contract with Wakiso Giants expired last month is a versatile player as he can operate as an attacking midfielder, a winger, and as a supporting striker.

He joined Wakiso Giants from KCCA FC at the start of 2022/23 and has since been a mainstay in the team.

Over the past two seasons, Aliro has featured 52 times in the Uganda Premier League, scoring 12 goals in the process.

The midfielder has his work cut out to impress newly appointed Yanga head coach Miguel Angel Gamondi to be roped in for next season's campaign.

Yanga is in the quest of strengthening the squad's ranks having already parted ways with Bernard Morrison, Tuisila Kisinda, Dickson Ambundo, Eric Johola, and defender Abdallah Shaibu.

Fullback Nickson Kibabage has already been added to the Jangwani Street squad having joined from Singida Fountain Gate FC on a two-year deal.

The signing was confirmed on Wednesday and the 23-year-old is Yanga's first acquisition of the main transfer window.

At the moment Yanga has eight foreign performers on the squad's books this season, Djigui Diarra, Djuma Shaban, Joyce Lomalisa, Yannick Bangala, Khalid Aucho, Jesus Moloko, Fiston Mayele, and Stephane Aziz Ki.

This means they still have space for adding four more foreigners to their squad.

Yanga, Simba SC seal deals, reveal signings for 2023/24 season



Simba SC attacker, Willy Essomba Onana.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AFTER weeks of transfer speculations, NBC Premier League champion, Young Africans, and the age-old rival Simba SC have confirmed their first signings for the 2023/24 season.

Former Mtibwa Sugar left full-back cum winger Nickson Kibabage became the first player to join Young Africans, popularly known as Yanga, in the current transfer window.

He has joined Yanga on a two-year deal from Singida

Fountain Gate FC. He joined the re-branded Singida Fountain Gate FC mid-season from Mtibwa Sugar.

Kibabage's signing was announced on Wednesday morning and will be part of the Yanga squad that is set to grace Malawi's 59th independence anniversary celebration.

Yanga is set to play an international friendly against

announced the signing of Cameroonian forward Willy Essomba Onana on a two-year deal.

Onana has had a successful two-year stint with Rwandan Premier League side Rayon Sports, finishing the 2022/23 season as the league's top goal scorer.

"The management has reached an agreement to sign attacking midfielder Willy Essomba Onana, 22 years old, on a two-year contract," read a statement from Simba SC.

Onana joined Rayon Sports in 2021 from Ending Sport FC a club in Cameroon known for grooming quality young talents and where the versatile player had made a considerable name in his home country.

In his first season with Rayon Sports, the 22-year-old forward scored 10 league goals but his stellar performance in the 2022/23 season saw his goal tally improve significantly, banging in 16 league goals and eight Rwanda Peace Cup strikes.

His goals were crucial to Rayon Sports' first Peace Cup triumph in seven years

besides finishing third in the league having posted 61 points, two behind champions APR FC.

Simba SC is preparing for the 2023/24 campaign by rebuilding the squad. Last season, they finished in second place, five points behind the champion, Yanga. The Msimbazi Street club's pre-season preparations include a training camp in Turkey.

The squad under head coach Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho' has seen several players and technical bench members released as a result. Nine players have been shown the exit door.

Augustine Okrah, Victor Akpan, Mohamed Ouattara, Nelson Okwa, Erasto Nyoni, Jonas Mkude, Beno Kakolanya, and Gadiel Michael's departures were confirmed before Ismael Sawadogo's addition to the list on Sunday.

More players are expected to be released as the club tries to rebuild the squad for the CAF Super League and other tournaments under coach Robertinho.

Congolese midfielder closes in on joining Simba SC

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE DR Congo midfielder Fabrice Ngoma is set to join Mainland Tanzania Premier League club, Simba SC, through a free transfer after terminating his contract with Sudan's Al Hilal SC.

The highly-rated midfielder joined the Sudanese football giants after being enticed by the project laid out by his compatriot Florent Ibenge, Al Hilal's head coach, after having a stint in the UAE Pro League.

And while the Sudanese soccer big gun impressed in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League, the outfit ultimately fell short on goal difference as finalists Al Ahly and Mamelodi Sundowns ended in the top two places in Group B and qualified for the last eight.

Ngoma impressed throughout this season, in his three-year stint with Raja Club Athletic, an outfit he won the Botola Pro League silverware and CAF Confederation Cup's top honour with.

Recent instability brewing in Sudan that has, among other calamities, halted professional football has though now seen several players flee the country.

The midfielder and club have reached an agreement to part ways with immediate effect for the player to continue his career elsewhere, walking away from a lucrative three-year deal.

"I can confirm we are leaving Al Hilal. The club has been great and all management (did) not even (uttered)



Congolese midfielder, Fabrice Ngoma.

one bad word," his representative, Faustino Mukandila of BSM Foot, said.

"Unfortunately, the war is making it impossible for Fabrice to continue in such conditions. We want to thank the Sudanese people for their hospitality and wish them a better future," the representative revealed.

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future," the official disclosed.

The 29-year-old midfielder who joined Al Hilal during the January transfer window is now eligible to join Simba SC as a free agent after he was expected to be short of suitors.

Ngoma was under a long-term contract with Al Hilal Omdurman. However, due to instability in Sudan, the club decided to release foreign players, and

Ngoma is as a result now a free agent.

The Guardian confirms that there were no talks between Yanga and Ngoma's camp.

Ngoma is already in Dar es Salaam and will soon be revealed as Simba SC's new defensive midfielder despite yesterday (today) being accused by his former team, Al Hilal, of terminating his contract without reaching an agreement with the club.



Dar Raptors Cricket Club's Rahim Othman (R) bats during a training session at Kawe grounds in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Flexibles by David Chikoko

