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# MPs: Pay off ATCL debts in next budget

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

MEMBERS of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Budget have advised the government to set aside funds in the 2022/23 budget to pay off all outstanding debts owed by Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) before its re-

cent revival to clear the airline's financial books.

Presenting recommendations for the proposed National Development Plan 2022/23, committee chairman Daniel Baran Sillo (Babati Rural) said this is the only way the government would make ATCL strong as it embarks on a long term revival plan.

The committee found out that the government had no plan to rescue ATCL from effects of the Covid-19 pandemic as it has been done in other countries, he said, pointing out that the Tanzania Government Flight Agency (TGFA) has continued to charge \$1.5m monthly "even for flights that were grounded."

"ATCL owes the government 86.4percent of all the debts in its records despite the fact the state has already used 557.8bn/- in the first quarter of 2021/22 budget to support the transportation sector including ATCL," he said.

"The committee met the ATCL management and was briefed on the key challenges

hindering its operations and loss minimizing strategies, he stated, also querying the TGFA requirement that ATCL set aside 1.2bn/- guarantee fee monthly for maintenance "while the real maintenance is done

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Residents of Ipiho Namatunu village in Masasi District, Mtwara Region, wait for their turns to draw water shortly after a project implemented by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency project in the area began operations at the weekend. Sources said the village had faced erratic supply of the all-important liquid since 1961. Photo: Correspondent Hamisi Nansi

## Climate change resilience fund tops COP 26 agenda

By Special Correspondent,

Glasgow

SLOW progress on support for vulnerable countries to cope and recover from intensifying climate impacts is setting the scene for tough negotiations in the second week of the COP26 climate talks.

Diplomats worked through the night on Friday to make headway on some of the last unresolved issues on applicable rules to implement the Paris Agreement of the 2015 UN conference on climate change.

But there were still a wide range of options on the table

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carbon market, on whether climate plans should cover a five or 10 year timeframe and on the transparency process for reporting progress.

Ministers arrive in Glasgow for week two to broker a political deal. Their ability to reach consensus hinges on all countries feeling their concerns are taken seriously - and support for those on the frontline of climate impacts is a weak link.

COP26 president Alok Sharma said that over the last week, adaptation finance was raised with a

for the most contentious issues, including establishing common rules for a global

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## Ginger cash trapping key rain forest range

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Same

GINGER farmers around Chome natural forest reserve within the Pare Mountains are reportedly making a fortune from the spice, but at the expense of the protected area whose encroachment is now worrying agro-sector authorities.

Officials here say that villagers have already trespassed into parts of the forest reserve, locally known as Shengena Forest, to extend their ginger farms. But worse, they are chopping down trees in large numbers as the auburn crops don't thrive in shade, requiring clear open spaces.

Same District game warden Prisca Sima said at the weekend that ginger flourishes under low temperatures as found on the Chome Hills, but the crop also needs clear space, so trespassers clear the slopes and turn them into farms.

"Environmental destruction is mostly defined at Msindi and Mshewa wards," she said, noting that ten wards and 27 villages surround Shengena woodlands.

Between 2020 and 2021 demand for ginger shot up, as the crop was being

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sought to add defenses and even herbal preparations to reduce conditions tied up with mild infection of the coronavirus, she said.

Ginger grown in Same District is sold to as far as Ukraine after being packed in Arusha or Zanzibar, local sellers say, meanwhile as ginger farming worries more than 300,000 people in Kenya and Tanzania who rely on the water flowing from the Pare Mountains.

Ngereza Msaro of Kisiwani admits that water flowing from the highlands was decreasing, pushing farmers and livestock keepers downhill to fighting over the little resource.

"And it is also the major cause for human-wildlife conflicts as

water from the same sources feeds the adjacent Mkomazi National Park," the resident noted.

The woodland under threat is the largest forest block in the South Pare mountainous range. It is also rich in biodiversity and a major water tower in the region.

Shengena forest is also a reserve of transboundary importance as the main source of water and ecological stability for Same and Mwangi towns in the zone and parts of Taita/Taveta area across the border in Kenya.

The Chome mountain forest with patches of heath, montane grassland and moss-draped elfin woodland, feeds water to irrigation schemes in adjacent lowlands, but it is imperiled as gold and bauxite mining adds to farmland encroachment, wildfires and illegal logging.

Ginger cultivation is seen by activists as the last straw, with farmers stopping at nothing to ensure they benefit the most from the highly paying crop.

Chome forest reserve perched on the South Pare Mountains around the Shengena Peak in Kilimanjaro Region was established in 1951. The woodland is an important part of the eastern arc mountain range where forest covers around 14,283 hectares on a 67 kilometer stretch, the district official remarked.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi presents a certificate to NMB Bank Plc's acting Chief Internal Auditor, Benedicto Baragomwa, in Zanzibar at the weekend. It was a token of appreciation for the sponsorship the bank extended to the Zanzibar Blue Economy Half Marathon, held on Saturday as part of the commemoration of the first anniversary of his presidency. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt allots 4.5bn/- to cattle markets

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has allocated 4.5bn/- in the financial year 2021/22 to the construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure at 19 livestock auction markets close to the country's trading border posts.

The auction markets are those of Magena (Mara region), Igunga-(Tabora), Buhigwe (Kigoma), Iipuli (Tabora),

Wasso (Arusha), Gendi (Man-yara), Kileo (Kilimanjaro), Meserani (Arusha), Nyangunge and Nyamatata (Mwanza). Others are Pugu (Dar es Salaam), Mkiu (Coast), Mtukula (Kagera), Horohoro (Tanga), Ndelema (Tanga) and Malam-paka (Simiyu). Abdallah Ulega, the deputy minister for Livestock and Fisheries, made this observation in the National Assembly late last week, responding to

a question by Longido MP Dr Steven Kiruswa who wanted to know when the government will carry out the renovations on the auctions. The MP identified such infrastructure as including the construction of fences, levy and tolls collection offices, modern livestock yards and breeding areas, to which the

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by the airline and not by TGFA.”

The flight lease contract between TGFA and ATCL demands that the airline starts paying rental fees soon after being handed the planes even if it has not started operating, he said, urging that the government looks into the possibility of reviewing the flight rental fees “so that the company can start operating profitably.”

The move should go together with scrapping the rental fee for the two years of Covid-19 shortcomings, he said, noting further that the pace of renovating airports countrywide was slow compared to the speed of purchasing new planes. The government ought to quicken the pace of renovations and improvements, the committee emphasized.

The committee similarly lined up ten recommendations on how to improve the agriculture sector as it employs the majority of the population, so as to eradicate poverty.

Increasing the budget allocation from 294.1bn/- in 2021/22 to at least 450bn/- in the 2022/23 budget to add value to the sector was its principal recommendation.

Analysis shows that fast growing sectors such as construction (14.4 percent annual rate of growth) achieved this growth as a result of massive investments by the government in those sectors, the committee noted.

The committee report said that it was sad to note that agriculture which contrib-

utes 26.9 percent of GDP was growing at the rate of three to four percent only.

“It is evident that if the government invests heavily in agriculture including promoting irrigation, facilitating the timely availability of inputs at a friendly price, producing quality seeds and ‘strengthening investment routes into the sector’ then the sector will be the new gold,” he said.

The committee insisted that these steps will eradicate poverty as the sector employs 66.3 percent of Tanzanians, lining up other agro-sector proposals as removing levies and fees which lead to high prices of inputs and ensuring that irrigation is practiced in all-year farming season.

The government should also set aside specially cited water sources meant for agriculture, establish large farms for produce that is often imported, like wheat, edible oils and sugar, it said, furthering that employment of more extension officers backed by the necessary infrastructure including transport to conduct their job is equally vital.

“The government should subsidize fertilizer and other inputs but also take steps to control the increasing prices of the commodity to help farmers,” the report intoned, demanding that the country makes use of the wide available markets for horticulture produce.

The government should improve irrigation by establishing water dams and developing seed production centres especially for drought resilient crops, it added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured at Chamwino State House in Dodoma yesterday swearing in Pereira Ame Silima (R) as Tanzania's Ambassador to the Comoros. Photo: State House

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deputy minister said the project was kicking off this month and completed February next year.

“The government will continue to improve infrastructures at the various livestock auction markets in accordance with budgetary abilities,” he said.

In a supplementary question, the MP wanted to know measures the government was taking to ensure meat factories get access to enough raw materials needed for cattle fattening, saying Elia Foods factory faces a shortage in raw materials, hindering its operations. He said experts will

be contracted by the meat factories making the factories eligible for a reduction of various levies in accessing raw materials, with the deputy minister affirming that the government is prepared to deploy over 500 experts to help with cattle fattening countrywide.

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number of countries and the conference secretariat hoping that they will make progress in the coming week.

But Matthew McKinnon, a spokesperson for the Climate Vulnerable Forum, which draws support from 48 developing countries, told a conference newsletter that discussions on support for those on the frontline of the climate crisis were not progressing well enough.

Despite a flurry of pledges on phasing out coal and cutting emissions in the first week of the UN climate conference, announcements on helping developing countries adapt and respond to droughts, flooding, cyclones and sea level rise have been less forthcoming.

The UK presidency made adaptation, loss and damage the theme for discussions on Monday but it was unclear what wealthy nations will bring to the table. Unlike discussions dedicated to finance and energy, no major announcements have been trailed in advance, observers noted.

Jennifer Tollmann of ‘think tank’ E3G told the same newsletter that what happens on Monday would play a huge role in ensuring that the conference succeeds.

The US said last week it would dedicate \$3bn/- annually for adaptation finance by 2024 pending approval by its legislature. That alone won’t be enough to reassure vulnerable nations, which have grown increasingly frustrated with the lack of high-level attention adaptation received.

“They are calling for at least a doubling of adaptation funds to help them cope with climate impacts,” one expert stated, indicating that on top of adaptation finance, developing countries are calling for additional and dedicated funds.

Such funds would help them recover from loss and damages caused by climate impacts affecting them now, a proposal said to be following a precedent set by Scotland at the start of the talks.

Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, the Fiji minister for the economy and climate change, told reporters on Friday that the talks need to establish a financing mechanism for those that are losing the most.

“This needs to go beyond access to insurance and risk transfer arrangements to have the impact required,” he said, elaborating that “it must be additional and separate to the annual financing target.”

Frances Fuller of Antigua and

Barbuda, an advisor to the Alliance of Small Island States (Aosis), told the newsletter that littoral states will be facing strong challenges, citing push back from donor countries.

What wealthy nations deliver on at the start of the week in support for vulnerable ones will “set the tone for how things progress in the week,” she said, noting that finance is a critical part that has not made as much progress “and we’d like to see some more there.”

Wealthy nations arrived at the talks not expecting to meet a long-overdue commitment to mobilize \$100bn a year from 2020 or before 2023, thus putting finance discussions on a back foot.

In a submission to the conference on Friday, the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) called out donor countries that haven’t reported on their climate finance provisions to do so by early next year.

“It’s pretty clear that we are so far off the \$100bn projection,” he declared, underlining that the issue is important as “it is about the quality [of the finance] as well,” they said.

Developing countries have repeatedly called for a 50/50 split between adaptation and mitigation finance, with speakers underlining that in 2019, only a quarter of all finance went to help communities adapt to climate impacts.

“In 2021, we are a lot further behind than we need to be. The response to the challenges that small island developing states are facing is entirely inadequate,” Fuller said. Inside the negotiations, talks on a post-2025 climate finance goal and on defining a global goal on adaptation have been difficult.

Some donor countries are resisting a tighter definition of climate finance, including specific targets for grants as opposed to loans and sub-targets for adaptation or loss and damage.

This lack of predictability of long-term adaptation finance flows is holding hostage parts of the negotiations on carbon markets.

The African Group of Negotiators is demanding that a share of revenue from carbon trading deals between countries go to the adaptation fund but the US strongly opposes it, slamming the proposal as a tax.

“The whole world is suffering from climate impacts... it’s not just an African issue,” Mohamed Adow, director of NGO Power Shift Africa, told the newsletter. “It’s in our own interest to detoxify these negotiations and collectively build resilience,” he added.

## ‘Villagers benefit from savings, loans group’

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Pangani

MEMBERS of the Kipumbwi Beach Management Unit (BMU) in Pangani West, Tanga Region have expressed the importance of joining the village savings and loans (VSL) groups saying they have been able to build houses, expand their businesses and purchase fishing boats.

In an interview with The Guardian, group members, mostly fishermen said they have been able to secure loans for development activities as well as boosting their business capital.

Mwanaidi Mwinyi Hamisi said: “I had received 500,000/- loan which I used to improve my business. I am now earning enough for my family.”

She said her business capital had increased, and she is now supplying fish to clients in both Pangani and Handeni districts.

Ame Makame Juma, a fisherman at Pangani and members of BMU said that through VSL he has been able to purchase two fishing boats. He said the groups are important because most of them do not need to apply for loans from financial institutions and banks.

“We have been able to improve our businesses and transform our lives and income,” he added.

Before establishment of the VSL schemes, a total of 22 Community Based Trainers (CBT) from pilot districts were trained on how to establish and operate the groups. Trainings were conducted in Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions.

Currently, there a total of 174 VSL groups with a total of 4, 222

members. Of the number, 2,780 are female (66 percent) and 1,444 male (34.2 percent).

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is implementing a six-year project, the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth (SWIOFish) project, which is funded by the World Bank.

Commenced in 2015, the overall SWIOFish project development objective is to increase economic, social, and environmental benefits to coastal communities from sustainable marine fisheries.

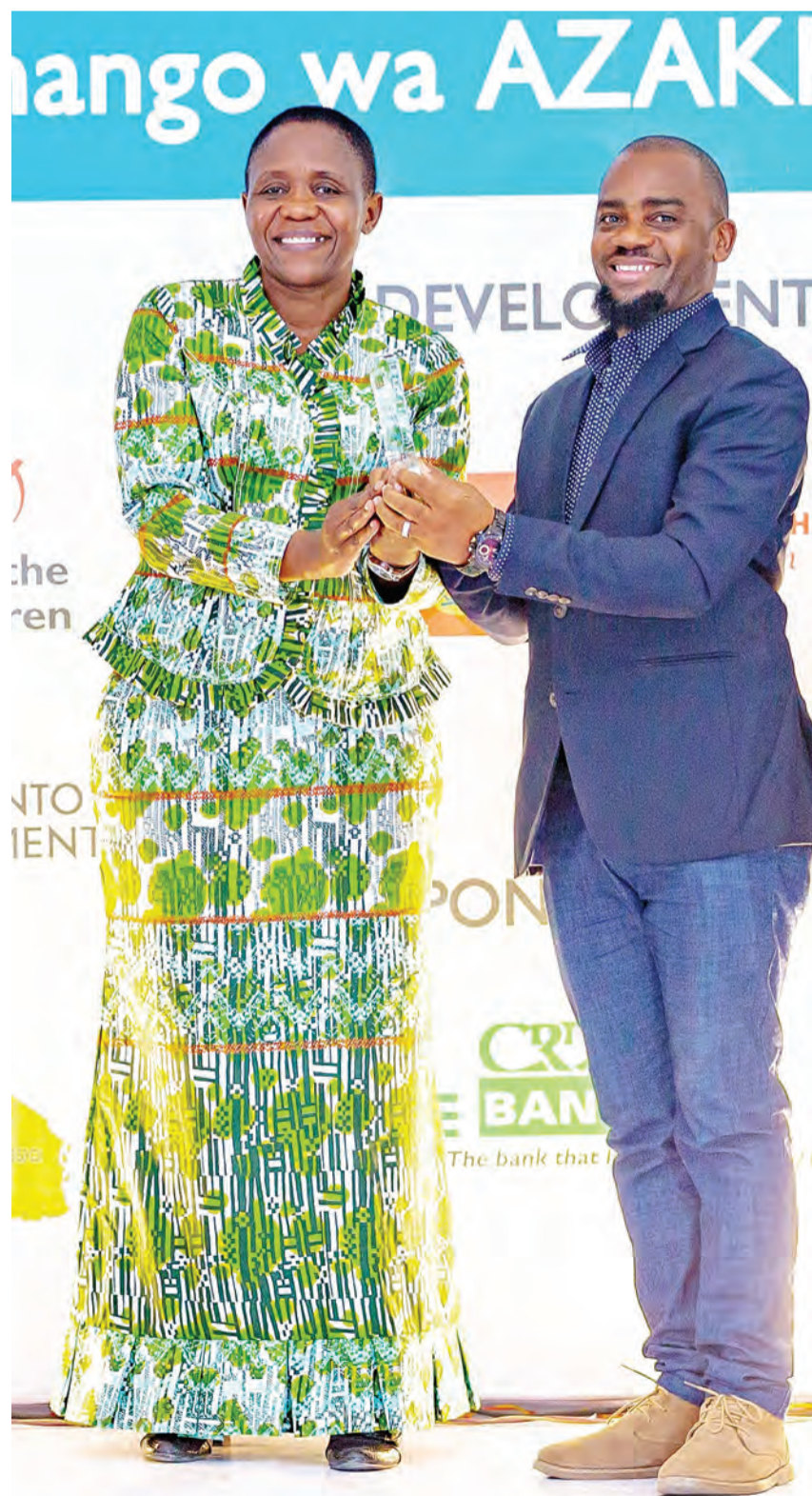
It is also geared to improve the management effectiveness of selected priority fisheries at regional, national and community level.

This being the case, the project complements implementation of the Tanzania National Five Year Development Program, Fisheries Sector Development Program (2010) and National Fisheries Policy (2015).

The main project beneficiaries are the artisanal fishing communities of the Tanzanian coastal zone, with women being mostly engaged in processing and marketing.

Women not only constitute about half of the workforce but also have an important role in managing household finances, credit and savings, shore collection of marine organisms and seaweed aquaculture.

To date, the project has enhanced coastal communities access to finance through establishing village savings and loans scheme, together with providing business and enterprise skills related training.



Dr Dorothy Gwajima (L), Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, presents an award to Vodacom Tanzania public relations manager Alex Bitekeye during the just-ended CSO Week celebrations held in Dodoma city. This was in recognition of the firm's outstanding contribution to social development in the country - as a private sector player. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



# With world coffee production rising, Mbeya RC calls for quality cultivation

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

KILIMANJARO Regional Commissioner Stephen Kagaigai has said reports from the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) show that world coffee production was increasing as compared to coffee drinking, and called on coffee farmers to produce quality coffee to withstand competition in the world market.

RC Kagaigai (pictured) made the remarks here yesterday read on his behalf by

the Moshi District Commissioner, Said Mtanda at the competition to get the best coffee from farmers - Tanzania Fine Coffee Competition organized by Tanzania Coffee Board (TCB).

He said due to production increase, buyers have been selective; hence it is important to produce high quality coffee.

"Our country depends on the foreign market for its coffee by more than 90 per cent and we do not hold big sway in the coffee market hence

every farmer has to ensure he produces quality coffee," he added.

He said according to ICO statistics, three billion cups of coffee are drunk every day in the world and Tanzania being one of the coffee producing countries, has the opportunity to win by producing high quality cup of coffee by increasing its quality.

He added that the aim of the contest is to see how to motivate farmers to compete among themselves to sample the coffee they produce.



"Both within and outside the country what was being contested for is coffee quality, hence this contest helps farmers to make sure their coffee can compete in the world market," RC Kagaigai added.

For his part, Acting TCB Director Francis Kajiru said in they received 65 coffee samples for the contest from

farmers in three coffee categories - Robusta, Arabica and Dr and semi Dry Arabica.

Kajiru said the contest known as Tanzania Fine Coffee Competition helps to bring up high quality coffee producers as well as advertising their talents in the market.

Announcing winners, Kajiru said in the Arabica Coffee category, the first winner was Amkeni Coffee Group from Kilimanjaro Region, followed by Itumpi Amcos Ltd and Shilanga Amcos Ltd, both

from Songwe Region.

In the Robusta coffee category, the winner was Karawe District Cooperative Union Ltd from Kagera Region, the second and third was Jad Kagera Farmers (T) Ltd also From Kagera Region.

In regard to the Dry and Semi Dry Arabica category, the winner were farmers from Mara Cooperative Union Ltd from Mara Region, second was Aviv (T) Ltd from Ruvuma Region and third Monduli Coffee Estate from Arusha Region.



Tanzania Distilleries Ltd sales manager Mwesige Mchuruza (3rd-L) briefs Agriculture minister Prof Adolf Mkenda (R) on wine processing. This was at the firm's pavilion at Dodoma Wine Festival held in Dodoma city at the weekend. Left is TDL oenologist (wine making expert) Erik Schlunz. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanzania capable of producing 138,000 tonnes of honey - TFS

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

DESPITE Tanzania's good environment for beekeeping with the capability to produce more than 138,000 tonnes of honey per year, still the level has not been attained, with the actual production being an average of 34,000 tonnes of honey.

In addition, despite the country capacity to produce an average of 92,000 tonnes of beeswax per year, but the current production is only at the average 1,843 tonnes.

This was revealed by Caroline Malundo, the Eastern Zone Manager of Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) in her greetings read on behalf of TFS Chief Executive Officer Commissioner Prof Dos Santos Silayo to the Malinyi District Commissioner Mathayo Masele, in Morogoro Region just before the latter launched a modern beekeeping project for the youth of both Malinyi and Ulanga districts in Morogoro Region.

The project managed by Acla honey under the SET Programme and implemented by Swiss Development Corporation (CDC).

He said has 48.1 million hectares that is fit for honey production and nearly 90 per cent of beekeeping activities is done through traditional practices including making of beehives using tree barks thereby contributing to small honey production.

Prof Silayo added that the establishment of the project will assist in improving hives making, honey harvesting and that the company will assist them in accessing honey markets.

For his part Malinyi District Commissioner, Mathayo Masele in his speech to launch the project called

upon the youth to engage themselves with better and modern beekeeping business as they will be assured of markets, both within and outside the country.

He said many people have become rich through beekeeping and in that recognition they have enrolled youth from 14 to 24 years of age.

Morogoro region Administrative Secretary, Dr Rozalia rwegasira called on the youth to stop fleeing to towns to drive motor cycles (bodaboda) and instead they should remain in villages and engage themselves profitable activities of which they were plenty.

Earlier, submitting his report on the project's implementation, the representative of Acla Honey Company, Giovanni Nguvu said the company made up by graduates of the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SAUA) has farms in seven regions with 7,000 beehives producing 25,000 tonnes of honey per year with most of it exported.

He said the company has received sponsorship to implement the project that will involve Ulanga and Malinyi District in Morogoro Region and will reach over 1,500 youth of between 14 and 24 years of age.

## Ex-DED appears in court over abuse of office

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita


FORMER Geita District Executive Director Margaret Nakainga (60) has appeared in Geita District Court facing two counts of conspiracy to commit a crime and abuse of office.

The accused appeared in court on Friday before Senior District Magistrate Samuel Maweda, charged with awarding a tender for making animal fodder at Buhalahala area to Runazi General Supplies Ltd without the sanctions of the Tender Board and the District Planning Committee.

Earlier, Attorney from the Geita Region Preventive, and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) was alleged in court Kelvin Murusuri, assisted by Attorney Antidius Rutayuga claimed in court that on divers dates between January 7 and 26, 2015 in Geita Town, the accused, being the District Executive Director, deliberately conspired with two other officials to commit a crime and abused their office.

Rutayuga alleged that in the second count the accused abused office by providing the tender for preparation of animal fodder area to Runazi General Supplies Limited, without the permission of tender Board and the Financial Planning Committee which she knew, or ought reasonably to have known to be a crime.





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## NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Operationalisation of the National Financial Services Week is one of the strategies in the implementation of the Financial Sector Development Master Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30. Public education is a priority area in the implementation of the Master Plan. In the course of implementation of the Master Plan, The Ministry of Finance and Planning has prepared the Public Education Program 2021/22 - 2025/26. The Program sets out guidelines for improving financial education in the country including events and techniques that will be used in the provision of financial education to the public. One of the strategies is to conduct Financial Services Week every year in which financial education will be provided to the public through various channels.

In the process of implementation of this Program, the Ministry of Finance and Planning in collaboration with various stakeholders in the financial sector has prepared a Financial Education Teaching tool. The tool has identified key areas of consideration during the provision of financial education to the public. These areas include: personal finance management, saving, credit, investment, insurance, deposit insurance, taxes and bonds.

As a result of implementation of Financial Education Program, the Government intends that by 2025 approximately 80% of the population will be aware of financial matters. According to 2017 Tanzania Fin-Scope Survey, only 48.6 percent of the labour-force use formal financial services and therefore many Tanzanians do not benefit from these services leading to missing opportunities to improve their livelihood through various economic activities and ultimately contribute to GDP growth.

## 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

- Increasing public awareness on the usefulness of financial services to enhance economic growth and poverty reduction;
- Enhancing the effectiveness of financial markets through financial education;
- Increasing access and usage of financial services;
- Enhancing financial consumer protection;
- Enabling citizens to manage their financial resources;
- Enabling small entrepreneurs to boost their skills and proper use of financial services in growing their businesses;
- Strengthening saving, borrowing and debt repayment culture; and
- Increasing contribution of financial sector to economic growth;

## 3. TARGETED AUDIENCE OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

Financial Services Week aims to reach various stakeholders including: public servants; students; teachers; women, youth, people with special needs; small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs); non-government organizations; editors and journalists; financial service providers; children and general public at large.

## 4. PARTICIPANTS OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

The Ministry of Finance and Planning in coordinating the implementation of Financial Services Week will be participating in collaboration with other financial sector stakeholders. These stakeholders include: Ministries, Departments and Government Agencies of the United Republic of Tanzania as well as the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar; Financial Sector Regulators; Financial Institutions; Non-Governmental Organizations; Private Sector; Professional Boards; Trade Unions; Media; Education and Research Institutions; Development Partners; Financial Sector Apex bodies; Financial Service Providers; and Religious Institutions involved in the provision of financial services.

## 5. METHODS OF DELIVERY TO BE USED IN FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

Various methods will be used to provide financial education to the public such as publications (Flyers and posters), classroom seminars, exhibitions of financial products and services, digital platforms, social networks, various media (TV, Radio, Newspapers) and entertainment.

## 6. TIME AND PLACE OF THE EVENT

In the year 2021, the event is scheduled to take place at Mnazi Mmoja Grounds, Dar Es Salaam from **08<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

## 7. THEME

The theme to be used in the National Financial Services Week is: -  
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## 8. OUTCOME OF FINANCIAL SERVICES WEEK

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## Minister upbeat on high train services demand during coming festive season

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA Railway Corporation (TRC) has assured the upcountry passengers traveling to Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions that services will be available ahead of Christmas and New Year festive season.

TRC managing director Masanja Kadogosa said that over the weekend at Dar es Salaam station, when flag off the Moshi/Arusha train that the company is well prepared to offer services them good services.

Kadogosa said TRC may increase number of routes depending on the passenger's demand.

He however downplayed complaints from some of the people that the company had suspended

the northern route relaunched last year after 25 years of closure.

Kadogosa insisted that TRC had and will never suspended the operation of the northern route noting that it was very important for nation economy.

"The government has already allocated over 700bn/ to improve that rail infrastructure to increase carriage wagons,"he said.

Kadogosa said TRC was well prepared to transport passengers adding that it will add more coaches to carry more passengers if needed to so.

According to him,a total of 22 coaches will arrive in the country next noting that it will increase carriage capacity

The reviva of the passengers and freight operations to the northern regions on september last year, marked a major milestone of the government quest to increase efficiency and speed up the country's economic development.

The resumption of the passengers and freight railway services to the northern regions come after more than 30 years since when the operations were halted.

Due to the role it performs in growth and development process, reliable and efficient railway networks provide good physical connectivity to the urban and rural areas which are essential for economic growth.



Lucy Karage, a Masasi District representative of civil society organisation HakiElimu, addresses councillors on gender balance at a Budget preparation seminar held at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Hamisi Nasri

## We support Z'bar govt on blue economy drive - KCB

By Rahma Suleman, Zanzibar

KENYA Commercial Bank Director General, Cosmas Mario has said his bank is working together with the Zanzibar government to make sure the Blue Economy concept is implemented in deeds.

Mario made the remarks here at the weekend when speaking to reporters soon after the completion of "Zanzibar Blue Economy Half Marathon 2021" as part of celebrations to mark one year of President Hussein Ali Mwinyi's leadership.

He said in the last three years, KCB has facilitated projects valued at 60bn/- and continues doing so as already there is a foreign investment on the way worth 500bn/-.

"KCB is the biggest bank in the

East and Central Africa region and it established a branch in Zanzibar in 1986 when it was still called bank of India," he said.

He called on the people to visit the bank to sample the services being provided and work together in building up the Blue Economy for economic growth.

He further said the bank has been developing entrepreneurs through the "Tujijiri" (Let's employ ourselves) campaign which it gives supports to women and other small entrepreneurs by providing them with training and capital for their economic wellbeing.

Speaking at the launching of the marathon, Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi said that in order for the nation realize its economic development ambitions

in the second year of his leadership, it must continue to maintain peace as well as accountability from it officials.

Speaking about the marathon, the Chairman of "Zanzibar Blue Economy Half Marathon 2021" Abdalla Idrissa Majura said the race was designed to congratulate Dr Mwinyi's one year at the helms.

Majura said the race is in recognition of Dr Mwinyi's move to implement his pledges in deeds aimed at bringing development to Zanzibar. Majura further said the marathon also assist Zanzibar residents to keep fit aimed at fighting non-communicable diseases.

Many sponsors emerged to support the marathon, including KCB and winners thereof were presented with various prizes.

## E-commerce platform to help spice farmers connect with local markets

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Muheza

SPICE growers in four wards of Bombani, Magoroto, Bwembwera and Amani in Muheza District, Tanga Region have been challenged to effectively use their internet-connected hand set devices to search for local and international markets.

Through the mobile phones, farmers can also agree and set indicative prices for their products.

An expert in internet marketing, Yunus Abdallah gave the advice in an interview with this paper whereas he stressed that the only solution for spice farmers to graduate from poverty was to get a reliable market for their products.

According to him, markets are available within and outside the country, but it only requires farm-

er's efforts to look for them. He said the interment connected mobile phones are an opportunity for them to ensure all the spices produced are consumed.

"Muheza District is blessed with ample arable and fertile land; with smartphones, you should stay connected throughout and keep searching for markets," he said.

Yunus, a resident of Mkoani in Pemba Island said that he started engaging in international business through e-commerce platforms and was able to make a good profit.

Muheza District Council Agriculture and Cooperative Officer, Hoyange Mbwambo said agricultural products contribute about 70 percent of the district revenues.

He said last year, the sub-sector's contribution to the district revenue

was small due to the product's price drop.

Ali Shembilu who cultivates cardamom and black pepper at Kwamkoro village at Amani ward linked the price drop with the global COVID-19 pandemic outbreak whereas most of the countries closed their borders as part of prevention against the disease.

He said most of the international buyers came from neighbouring Kenya.

"Apart from the pandemic outbreak, there were some non-tariff barriers. Most of the products from Tanzania were barred from entering Kenya. We are glad that things are no getting better as we are seeing buyers from within and outside the country," he added.





## **DODSAL ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION GROUP SET TO EMERGE AS OIL & GAS AND MINING CONGLOMERATE**

### **Oil & Gas**

Dodsal Resources will shortly complete a 481 sq-km 3D programme on its Ruvu licence, one of the largest and potentially prolific licences in onshore Tanzania. The project is the first onshore 3D seismic project in Tanzania and was acquired with the latest wireless nodal recording system using a Compressive Seismic (CS) acquisition technique developed by In-Depth Geophysical. The first time this technology has been used in Tanzania.

To deliver the project Dodsal contracted BGP, who sourced 20000 advanced recording nodes, more than 30 drilling units and 20 GPS instruments to help complete the project before the year end. The performance of the project has broken several records including the highest daily recording production of all BGP overseas projects with explosive-seismic over the last 30 years.

Early results from the fast-track processing, using Houston's In-Depth Geophysical proprietary processing methods are already yielding promising results and Dodsal expects to be ready in December 2021 with its next set of drilling locations based on interpretation that will be provided by Houston based Rose and Associates.

The Ruvu licence covers some 4195 sq-km, including a 764 sq-km Appraisal Area over the 2015 Mambakofi-1 gas discovery. To date Dodsal have drilled 3 wells and acquired 2139 Lkm of 2D over the area, where Yet to Find estimates range up to 5 tcf of gas. Dodsal aims to start its next Exploration programme in early 2022 after the initial results from the 3D area are ready in December 2021.

### **Mining**

Exploration drilling on Dodsal's licenses in southwest Tanzania has revealed gold mineralization, and resources for the entire area are now estimated at up to 60,000 ounces. Mining and further exploration activities are planned to start in 2022.



## Agro-bank to enhance credit to grape value chain in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB)'s central and northern zonal manager Yodas Mwanakatwe has affirmed the bank's intention to scale financing to the grapes value chain in Tanzania.

Speaking during the Dodoma Wine Festivals held in Dodoma over the weekend, Mwanakatwe was explaining the bank's strategic plans to the press during the event which Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was a guest of honour.

"We understand that grapes have been established as one of the strategic crops by our government. Thus as the bank with the mandate in transforming the agricultural sector, it is in our mandate to catalyze transformation in the grape value chain," Mwanakatwe explained.

One of the challenges experienced by grape producers is the fact of lack of processors of grape concentrate. As identified, most farmers harvest together at once. This creates high demand for market for processors. However, many fail to sell the grape fruits and thus grape post-harvest loss.

"TADB is ready to support farmers by enhancing value addition of the grapes by financing grapes processors," Mwanakatwe emphasized. To date TADB has extended about 784m/- to grapes value chain and benefit directly about 186 producers. Hundreds more have benefited indirectly from

jobs created.

As the latest strategic crop declared by the government in August, among the challenges facing the grapes productivity, access to credit to small-medium enterprises (SMEs) has been identified.

"This brings TADB as an important stakeholder to ensure access to credit is achieved," commented Mwanakatwe.

While it is reported that Tanzania grape products like wine to fair well in the global market as it compete with world renowned wine producers like Italy and France. A report by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that Tanzania has the capacity to produce up to 150,000 tonnes yet currently producing an average of 16,000 tonnes only.

"With this in mind we want to support more producers, grape concentrate producers and wine producers. Our research institute TARI is already investing well in the seedling production. We want to ensure farmers and processors with this available opportunity," emphasized Mwanakatwe.

Tanzania's grapes production stood at 16,139 tonnes in 2018/19, compared to 7,527 tonnes in 2014/15, marking an increase of 114%, as reported by the Ministry of Agriculture. About 11,552 tonnes of the total production in 2018/19 were sold to local and foreign markets, 65% of which were sold to Tanzanian wine production factories, 19% were sold on the Tanzanian retail market, and the remaining 16% were exported to the neighboring country.



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Wave Mobile Money Limited	Application Services Licence	Drew Durbin (american) Wave Mobile Money Group (american)	1.0000000000 99.0000000000

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Only days after heeding a call to demolish their stalls and shift to alternative spots earmarked for them by the regional authorities, these small traders at Mbezi Mwisho in Dar es Salaam's Ubungo municipality all but appear to be playing for time by operating from the ground. Correspondent Sabato Kasika captured this scene yesterday.

## Avoid using advance payments for projects on high-priced goods, local contractors told

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Contractors Registration Board (CRB) has urged local contractors to avoid using advance payment for the construction project to buy luxurious things before they complete project when they win tenders.

The caution was made over the weekend by CRB Registrar Eng. Rhoben Nkori, when he was closing the three days training for southern local contractors on business skills in Iringa.

He said contractors must respect contract they sign with their clients by making sure that they complete the project within agreed time, standards and not otherwise.

"When you are trusted and awarded tender you must respect the contract because experience shows that some of us when we are given advance payment we use that money in some issues not concerning the project and eventually you fail to complete the project within agreed time and standard," he said

Eng. Nkori insisted that contractor is a very serious business which need proper management especially financial skills and the owner of the firm need to adhere to ethics so that he or she maintain the client trust for the future benefit. "You cannot get profit before the completion of the project, never. In order to get profit you must be straight to your working timetable and complete the project even before the agreed time in your contract to reduce operation cost in paying your manpower and machines you have hired," he insisted

One of the contractors who participated the training, Emmanuel Mshana of LABA construction said the training has come at a very right time and has helped many of them on how to handle their projects.

"We have learnt a lot from this three days example on how to prepare working plan, to read between the lines contractor we sign and how to use e-procurement system TANEPS" he said He said the three days training has opened their eyes in many areas including on how to put their records properly and maintaining their clients by making sure there are continuity of communications among them.

Another contractor, sward Kikoti commended CRB for regular training for local contractors which he said has help them in many ways on how to fill tenders properly and compete with foreign companies.

He said they are also taught on how to face different challenges they would face during the implementation of construction projects. "They have taught us on how to fill tenders using e procurement system TANEPS and for sure it has helped us a lot because we don't waste time anymore to rush for tender submission," he said

A three-day training involved over 70 local contractors from Iringa, Njombe, Dar es Salaam, Mbeya, Rukwa, Dodoma, Tanga, Morogoro, Mwanza and Ruvuma.

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TERRA PAYMENT SERVICES TANZANIA LIMITED	Application Services Licence	Mobile Money Transfer Services Limited (kenyan) Terra Payment Services Netherland BV (dutch)	1 99

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# NGO donates 100 canes to visually impaired people

By Correspondent Zuweni Shame

SATHYA Sai International Organisation of Tanzania (SSIOT) has donated 100 white canes to the visually-impaired people in the country as part of celebrating the National White Cane Safety Day.

Handing over the donation over the weekend in Kibaha District, Coast Region, institute's representative Jasson Kalemera said the association aims to help the community and the goal is to help people realize the divine principle in-

nate in every human being and this is achieved by doing self-transformation by practicing the five universal human values of truth, right conduct, peace, love and non-violence.

One of the participants in the celebrations from Dar es Salaam, Madelista Shoo said that the day has been important to them as they bring together blind people across the country, government and various stakeholders and are able to identify the challenges they face and strategize to solve

them. Deputy Minister Office of the Prime Minister, Policy, Parliament, Labor, Youth and the Disabled, Ummu Nderiananga urged communities with special needs, especially the visually impaired, to participate fully in the population and housing census to be held in the country next year, as it will help them obtain accurate statistics that are important sources in strategizing for their well-being.

Ummu said that there has been a challenge to know the full number of people with disabilities and thus the govern-

ment has to find challenges in strategic planning and various projects ranging from education, health and the economy.

She said that according to the 2012 population and housing census it was found that people with visual impairment accounted for approximately 3.8 percent of all persons with disabilities however that number is high and accurate statistics can be obtained by participating in the census next year. "I call on the whole community to ensure that people with disabilities, especially those who

are visually impaired to participate in the next census. The number of visually impaired people is big people, so the government in collaboration with stakeholders has put in place various strategies to prevent eye problems in the country including the introduction of eye projects in regional hospitals and referral," she said. She added that through next year's census the government will be able to identify the magnitude of the problem of blindness and thus enable the government in collaboration with stakeholders to

make effective plans to address the challenges facing blind people in the country. However, he said that eye problems can be prevented if early diagnosis is made and so the government has finalized the guidelines for early diagnosis and appropriate interventions for children with disabilities in the country, including those who are blind.

She added that the main purpose of the guide is to provide specific direction and information that will enable the whole community to identify early children with disabilities and

children at risk of disability so that they can receive appropriate care. Tanzania Blind Association (TLB) chairman Omar Mpondelwa also called on the government to encourage rapid changes in the copyright law in the country to facilitate access to information in the publication of access books for the visually impaired in the country as well as to provide awareness to communities especially drivers to recognize the white stick as a road mark and an important material for blind people in the country



Serengeti Breweries Ltd head of beer department Nandy Mwiombella (R) and DJ secretary Asanterabi Mtaki (L) present an award to Abdulaziz Juma alias DJ Dully Tz of Dodoma city, winner of DJ Compee's 'Take a Bite Out of Life' competition held in Arusha at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## CAG Kichere to grace the fourth annual Risk Management Summit in Morogoro next week

By Guardian Reporter

CONTROLLER and Auditor General Charles Kichere is next week expected to take part at the fourth Annual Risk Management Summit 2021 in Morogoro municipality.

Organised by the Institute of Risk Management Tanzania (IRMT), the two-day summit is themed: "Value creation in uncertain times and business continuity".

The summit will provide an opportunity for person carrying on Risk Management to fulfill their professional responsibility.

According to the organizers, the summit creates opportunity for both local and international acclaimed professionals on topical issues to share ideas with participants on emerging trends in government budget, cyber security resilience, business continuity planning, bank stress testing, public sector risk management, corporate governance, fraud risk management, information technology security and upcoming development in Risk Management such as ISO 31000 and COSO 2017 updates.

"This year marks the 4th Annual Risk Management summit, which is expected to gather professionals, academicians, practitioners, administrators, executives from central and local government, public and private institutions, banks, financial institutions, insurance companies and social security schemes," IRMT General Secretary, Fredrick Mgaya said in a statement.

He said: "The overall goal of the summit is to enable participants to exchange ideas and information as well as gaining insights and knowledge on risk management in local development perspectives as per current national and global dynamics creating increasing socio-political and socio-economic uncertainties."

Among the key issues to be discussed at the summit include regulatory regime in a new economic landscape: the role of central bank, the 4th Industrial Revolution: Risk Expert Perspectives, adaptive business resilience and recovery (Practicalities of smart Business Continuity Planning and Disaster Recovery Planning in public and financial sector), the Cyber War: Players, Risks and Impacts, Social Engineering and Fake News: Protecting Reputation Risk and Tanzania banking sector engagement—the Role and impact of banks and financial institutions in government mega-ambitions.

The summit will bring on board a number of experts such as executives or their representatives from public and private organization, risk management professionals and practitioners, accountants and auditors, Academicians and researchers.

Others include media personnel, planners and procurement personnel, middle-level managers and offic-

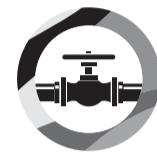


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Controller and Auditor General Charles Kichere

ers, Operational managers and officers, CT personnel, representatives from central and local government. It will also bring on board bankers, insurers and pension fund experts, lawyers, consultants, stock-brokers and other interested individuals and organizations.



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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVISION MANUFACTURING, TESTING, SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF HDPE REFERENCE: 0010007214

TOTAL East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide Manufacturing, testing, supply & delivery of HDPE of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project. The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable manufacturer to provide services for manufacturing, testing, supply & delivery of large diameter HDPE structured wall pipes according to the standards and dimensions mentioned below:

#### STANDARDS:

The properties of the structured wall HDPE Pipes shall conform in all respect to EN 13476-2/ ISO 21138-2, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified.

#### DIMENSIONS:

- ID/DN1500 with an OD of 1630 ± 10mm approximate quantity of 400+ lineal meters delivered in 2.45-meter sections.
- ID/DN1800 with an OD of 1960 ± 10mm approximate quantity of 400+ lineal meters delivered in 2.45-meter sections.
- The COMPANY reserves the right to verify the manufacture of Structured wall HDPE pipes at the Manufacturer's premises according to the quality management system as per ISO 9001:2015.
- The Quality management system of the manufacturer shall be certified to ISO 9001:2015 by an Internationally accredited certification body.
- The raw material used to manufacture the Structured wall HDPE pipes and Fittings must correspond to EN13476-1/ISO 21138-1.
- The Structured wall HDPE Pipe quality requirements and their testing are to be satisfied according to EN13476-2/ISO 21138-2, with latest amendments thereof. The quality requirements of the fittings fabricated from the Structured wall HDPE pipes shall conform to EN 13476-2/ISO 21138-2, with latest amendments thereof.
- All the Structured wall HDPE Pipes supplied against this Tender shall be "marked" according to the applicable standard specifications.
- On request, the documentation of the quality of Products supplied is to be submitted by the manufacturer through working certifications according to applicable Standards. All the records of the test results shall be retained by the manufacturer for future references.
- Before and after awarding the tender to the Manufacturer, the COMPANY reserves the right to inspect the testing capability and witness the tests carried out at the Manufacturer's Laboratory facility to evaluate the product quality against the applicable standards.
- The COMPANY shall appoint a representative to witness all the tests conducted at the Manufacturer's laboratory facility and the representative shall submit all the test results to the contractor & COMPANY independently. The COMPANY reserves the right to approve the Products based on quality test reports before delivery to the site.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:

- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 15 years' experience / performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
- Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
- Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (not exceeding 20Mbs) on or before **17:00 hours** East African Time (EAT), on **9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**. Subject of the email should be 0010007214.

**Note:** The EACOP project will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

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## There is something we can learn from US diversity visas process

THERE was a low key notice in the past month that the United States embassy in Dar es Salaam had issued a statement informing the Tanzanian public that it would start receiving applications for diversity visas for year 2023 starting from early-October. The closure date was about a month later, specifically November 9, 2021 which basically implies that a portion of the public and especially relatively educated youth would already be in the know in relation to the programme. Wishing to shift to America and starting to figure out if one has the right qualifications for a diversity visa consideration isn't something one imagines at one moment and picks up the mouse to download applications forms or make inquiries.

Not much feedback has been aired since then, except perhaps in social media networks, as to how many prospective applicants made the move, and if any reactions had been received or aired by the embassy. The more notable point is how the US, perhaps among few other countries worldwide, has a specific programme to invite talented individuals from around the world, especially those pursuing higher learning in various colleges or already have such qualifications, when they don't have valid contracts with their sponsoring organizations, etc. The US issues 55,000 immigrant visas, intended for permanent stay on that basis, applying the maxim of recruiting from countries which habitually have had low numbers in the US.

It is not easy to say which other

countries have active diversity visas but the traditional ex-colonial states have specific arrangements with people having their roots in the former British or French Commonwealth to be part of the country if the need arises. Chroniclers for instance affirm that when Ugandan dictator Idi Amin tore up passports of Ugandan Asians and expelled them, a senior spiritual leader overseas, His Highness the Aga Khan, lifted the phone and raised the matter with then Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. What followed was that a majority of them soon landed in Canada, and some in Britain itself.

Things aren't that easy for those wishing to move from conflict ridden areas, as the United States was itself discovering the difficulties it faces trying to resettle Afghan civilians who mainly worked with the former government in Kabul or were linked with the US presence in one way or another. Experience with refugees for instance from the decade long atrocious Syrian civil war shows that at times migrants take with them the genes of the chaotic situations back home, and become a pain for those who give them sanctuary. So the US is being careful in diversity visas, so as to avoid blame for any incidents much later.

While the US actively pursues talent especially in technology, computer and other learning fields, the government can set up another avenue to diversity, not to seek places for youths outside but actively invite foreign investors at a certain threshold to be granted long residence permits. It works and is usable.

## Environmental destruction in conflicts a threat hovering above many people

ACTIVIST circles were towards the end of the week marking the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. It is observed annually on the 5th of November since the start of the past decade, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on November 5, 2001 while the legendary Ghanaian diplomat, the late Dr Kofi Annan was secretary-general. From his troubled experience as a deputy secretary general for peace keeping missions, he knew first hand what the pursuit of environmental destruction to win wars implies for civilian populations.

From a historical perspective, crushing environmental sustainability of the war effort on the other side was a cardinal instrument of conventional warfare, but as the world is gradually adopting humanistic ways even in the thick of conflict, progress has been made since the UN system was set up in 1945. Still the motion hasn't been rapid as humanistic concerns grew out of the carpet bombing especially of Germany and then the atom bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan to secure the surrender of the Emperor of Japan, in August 1945. But 20 years later at the start or acceleration of the Vietnam War, the use of napalm (poison) bombing of forests to get out guerrillas hidden in thick outgrowths became standard US war tactic, and the harrowing tales of impairment of skin and bodies added to global outrage.

That doesn't mean however that no moral standards were being observed in that war, as

scholars point out that the US did not destroy the North Vietnam irrigation (dykes) system to make it incapable of pursuing the war. At the same time, industrial installations processing natural products like oil refining or storage have retained their usual categorisation as strategic objects that can be legally hit during war operations, unlike poison bombing of forests or phosphorous bombing of populations, choking life in rivers, lakes etc. Surprisingly, it is in the peaceful activity of mining metals that water is poisoned, and less in warfare.

There is an element in the General Assembly resolution and on the basis of remarks by Secretary General Annan at that time. He said "we must use all of the tools at our disposal, from dialogue and mediation to preventive diplomacy to keep the unsustainable exploitation of natural resources from fueling and financing armed conflict and destabilizing the fragile foundations of peace." No control is possible on how warring parties use environment in war tactics, in the destruction of the human environment for instance the frequent bombing of hospitals and such care-giving in the Yemen war, to repeated protests.

Some progress has been made over the past two decades, since September 11, 2001 to control the flow of financial resources to terrorist organizations, or sympathetic to terrorist groups. But the use of displaced people or build environments as war shields in various spots is a point of concern; it won't end easily.

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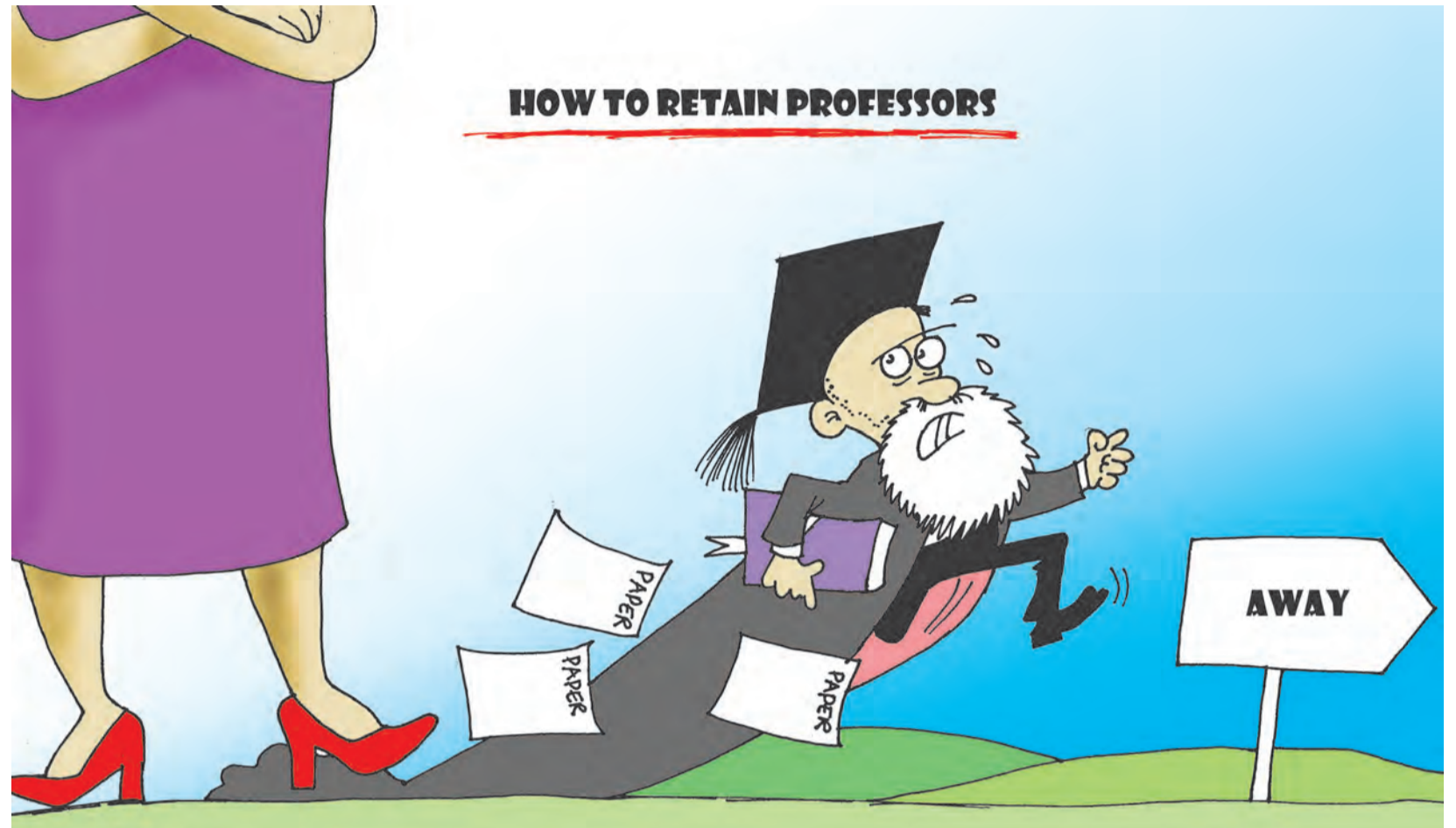
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## Population immunity behind vaccine mandate for civil servants in Nigeria

By Tajudeen Kareem

The quest for population immunity is the underlying reason for the vaccine mandate Nigeria rolled out on 13 October for federal civil servants to increase the number of persons immunised against Covid-19.

Secretary to the Government of the Federation and Chairman, Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19, Boss Mustapha announced the requirement for federal employees to vaccinate or ensure they bring negative vaccine tests from three-days-prior validity. It seemed like a tall order pointing in only one direction. The regulation would take effect from 1 December 2021, more than six weeks from now.

Mustapha's words stated: "With effect from 1st December 2021, Federal Government employees shall be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or present a negative COVID-19 PCR test result done within 72 hours, to gain access to their offices, in all locations within Nigeria and our Missions. An appropriate service wide advisory/circular will be issued to guide the process.

Officials explain that the vaccine mandate for civil servants is necessary owing to the nature of their job that requires constant interface with citizens from various walks of life. They are thus a priority for control efforts.

Dr Faisal Shuaib, Executive Director of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, NPHCDA, the agency in charge of vaccination, stated at a press briefing that the measure is not punitive but seeks the protection of the larger populace. Nigeria is following global best practice, aspiring to acquire herd immunity when 70 per cent of the population is vaccinated.

Dr Shuaib gave a clarification: In making a pronouncement that by 1st December, all federal government employees would have to show proof of vaccination or negative PCR test. We are clearly aware that we have to put in place all of the machinery, all of the processes and allow federal government employees access to get these vaccinations in locations that are nearest to them.

"You should also be mindful of the fact that a lot of these federal government employees have already gotten the vaccine anyway, but of course this is a small fraction, a minority of these employees that are not taking the vaccine, continue to pose a risk to other colleagues. These are the people that we need to be sure are negative before they have access to the institution. So, we have to emphasize the fact that there is an option for people to take.

"It is not that people are being forced to take the vaccine. You have the option of not taking the vaccine but actually showing negative PCR test so that you cannot be among the people that are infecting others."

Mustapha added an advisory and



caution as citizens prepare for large religious observances by both Muslims and Christians.

"The PSC wishes to put Nigerians on notice that two major religious festivities (Salah and Christmas) are approaching, and we shall be experiencing increased passenger traffic in and out of the country. Similarly, events of large gatherings are likely to hold. While the PSC prepares to escalate surveillance and other control activities, we urge the States and all Nigerians to also increase their vigilance and take measure to moderate activities", Mustapha cautioned.

Nigeria had by 13 October 2021 vaccinated four million citizens. Two million six hundred thousand (2,645,020) persons have received the first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine and 1,407,736 eligible persons got the first dose of Moderna vaccine.

Shuaib stated: "To end this pandemic, we must achieve enough level of population immunity when the virus essentially becomes a nuisance and no longer a threat. The only way to achieve this is if eligible persons come out for vaccination and observe the non-pharmaceutical interventions. The COVID-19 vaccines remain the most effective tool against this virus."

He noted that vaccine mandates have become a global practice. "With the increasing number of cases of COVID-19 globally, we are beginning to see countries instituting vaccine mandates. Some countries have begun asking workers to either present a proof of vaccination or provide weekly COVID-19 PCR negative re-

sults to be allowed into public offices", he stated.

The NPHCDA boss points to science and empirical data in support of the measure. "A recent study by the United States Centre for Disease Control which examined 600,000 COVID-19 cases, revealed that people who were unvaccinated were about four and a half times more likely to contract COVID-19. It further showed that those who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 were eleven times more likely to die of the disease and ten times more likely to be hospitalized with the disease. We should also be mindful of the long-term effects of COVID-19 infection, which is characterized by blood clotting disorders, lung, and kidney problems".

Federal health officials tread carefully in managing Covid-19. They are careful to dispel any doubts about the efficacy and necessity for vaccination against the backdrop that nature has spared Nigeria from a feared tsunami.

Shuaib emphasised the necessity for the vaccination. He also asked officials at all levels of the chain and citizens to be careful with the vaccines available. For one, do not mix the vaccines for the first and second doses. If you take AstraZeneca for the first dose, officials must ensure that the second dose is also AstraZeneca.

"Let me emphasize that all COVID-19 vaccines are safe and capable of protecting people against the disease. We do not promote preference of one vaccine brand over the other, and we strongly discourage mixing

of vaccine brand for first and second doses", said the NPHCDA boss.

The Federal Government urges states to take full control of the vaccine doses they receive and ensure compliance with regulations. Foremost is the fact that vaccination is free to all citizens. No state should charge for vaccination. States also need to ensure they do prevent situations where medical personnel circumvent procedures to sell vaccines or vaccine certificates.

Shuaib issued the Riot Act. "Any State found to be condoning acts of corruption will no longer be allocated vaccines. We have received reports of people trying to procure cards from health workers. These reports are being investigated and anyone found wanting would be prosecuted. It is important to emphasize that it is in the interest of public safety and collective well-being of Nigerians that the Federal Government has made available these vaccines free for all eligible persons".

The NPHCDA boss also informed Nigerians that corporate vaccination had been instituted to make it easier for workers who are too busy at their workplace to receive the vaccination at their office premises. He stated that the corporate vaccination for Ministries, Departments, Agencies, public and private corporate organizations will be provided free of charge. States and Local Governments are also reminded that no fees/levies should be demanded from the corporate bodies when teams are sent to provide these services.



# China-aided Africa CDC project running smoothly with 'full force,' says expert

ADDIS ABABA

CONSTRUCTION work on the China-aided future headquarters of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) is running "very smoothly with full force," a long-serving African Union (AU) expert has said.

Fantahun Hailemichael, coordinator of the Africa CDC headquarters project at the AU, told Xinhua in a recent interview that the construction of the landmark project is presently progressing smoothly and as planned.

Construction work started in December last year in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, as part of the ever-growing China-Africa cooperation in the public health sector.

"Currently, the project is running very smoothly with full force. The foundation has been almost finished, and the project is now coming up. Most of the technical ground work has already been finished," he said.

The project, covering an area of 90,000 square meters and with a total construction area of nearly 40,000 square meters, is expected to be completed within 25 months. It will be equipped with modern office buildings, high-end laboratories, and accessories.

"The project is the outcome of generous support from China to support Africa as a true and trusted

partner of African countries and the African Union," said the expert.

He noted that the project envisaged improving the public health service in Africa, particularly in terms of boosting Africa's capabilities in controlling and managing infectious diseases.

He said that African countries in particular and the continent in general do not have adequate capacity, which has been evident in the advent of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic that wreaked havoc on a global level.

"That's why the government of China came in as a good friend to support Africa to tackle 'corona-type' diseases, in which African countries do have serious challenges to protect their own citizens and to make necessary investigations, find necessary medications and vaccinations and provide the necessary medical care," he said.

China's support is "credible, achievable and very concrete," he said.

Recalling China's trustworthy partnership with Africa that saw the successful completion of the AU headquarters back in 2012, the veteran AU expert said the future Africa CDC headquarters project will be another manifestation of the ever-growing China-Africa ties.

Xinhua

## AMREF HEALTH AFRICA TANZANIA



Tender No: AMREF/2021/TCO/PQ/02

for

[Pre-qualification of Suppliers, Contractors and other Service Providers]

### Invitation for Pre-qualification

- Amref Health Africa Tanzania has set aside funds towards the cost of supplying various Goods, works and other services and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this funds towards payments under the respective contracts.
- Amref Health Africa Tanzania now intends to pre-qualify interested companies for the provision and supply of various Goods, Works and Services for a period of Two (2) years.
- Pre-qualification will be conducted through the procedures specified in the Amref Procurement Manual of April, 2021 and is open to all reputable companies specialized or dealing with the specific below lots.

Lot Number	Description of Procurement	Deadline for submission
Lot No. 1	Supply of various Office Stationeries and consumables for Computers, Copiers, printers and Faxes (T)	19 <sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 hrs local time
Lot No. 2	Supply and Printing of Book and IEC's materials (brochures, booklets, posters, flyers)	**
Lot No. 3	Supply and printing of various promotional materials T-shirts, Caps, wheel Covers and Banners).	**
Lot No. 4	Provision of Service and Maintenance of Motor vehicles	**
Lot No. 5	Provision of Hotel accommodation and Conference facilities	**
Lot No. 6	Provision of catering services (Tea/Coffee and Lunch)	**
Lot No. 7	Supply of Hospital, Laboratory equipment and Consumables	**
Lot No. 8	Supply of Pharmacies and medicines	**
Lot No. 9	Supply of various Office sundries (Tea, Coffee, Sugar, milk etc).	**
Lot No. 10	Supply of Office Equipment, Furniture's and Fittings	**
Lot No. 11	Provision of plumbing works including maintenance	22 <sup>nd</sup> November at 12.00 hrs local time
Lot No. 12	Supply, support and maintenance of reliable internet connectivity	**
Lot No. 13	Supply of ICT Equipment (Desktop Computers, laptops, UPS, Printers, Photocopiers, Scanners, LCD Projectors and other Peripherals).	**
Lot No. 14	Service and Maintenance of Computers, Laptops, printers, Photocopiers, LCD projectors and scanners	**
Lot No. 15	Provision of Security services to our offices	**
Lot No. 16	Provision of Clearing and Forwarding services	**
Lot No. 17	Provision of fuel and lubricant services	**
Lot No. 18	Provision of auction services	**
Lot No. 19	Service and maintenance of Standby generators	**
Lot No. 20	Electrical, Repair and Maintenance Works	**
Lot No. 21	Service and Maintenance of air conditioners	24 <sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 hrs local time
Lot No. 22	Provision of Car hire/Rental Services	**
Lot no. 23	Supply of Drinking water (20lts bottle)	**
Lot No. 24	Provision of Fumigation and Pest Control services	**
Lot No. 25	Supply of tires, tubes and vehicle batteries	**
Lot No. 26	Supply of bicycles and their accessories	**
Lot No. 27	Provision of Courier Services (Local/International)	**
Lot No. 28	Provision of Femine hygiene Solution and Air freshener	**
Lot No. 29	Provision of General cleaning services	**
Lot No. 30	Provision of garbage collection services	**
Lot No. 31	Construction and Building works including service and maintenance	**
Lot No. 32	Borehole drilling and Solar pumping/Electrical pump installation	**
Lot No. 33	Supply of various water pumps	**

- Interested applicants may obtain further information from and inspect the pre-qualification documents at Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P.O.Box 2773, Dar es Salaam from 08.00 am to 16.00 pm Monday to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of pre-qualification documents in English may be purchased by interested applicants upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tshs. 100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Only). The method of payment is cash, Bankers Draft or bankers Cheque, payable to our Account name: Amref Health Africa, account number: 011103000446 Bank name-National Bank of Commerce (NBC).
- All applications in one original plus a copy, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes marked [Tender No.Amref/2021/TCO/PQ/02 for Prequalification of Goods, works and other services indicating the specific Lot number applying for, must be delivered to the address [The secretary, Amref Health Africa Tanzania, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P.O. Box 2773, Dar es Salaam. Note: For multiple lot application, please submit a separate application envelope for each lot for easier sorting and evaluation process.
- The deadline for submission of applications is at 12.00 hrs local time on Friday 19th November, 2021 for Lot No. 1 to 10, Monday 22nd November 2021 for Lot No. 11 to 20 and Wednesday 24th November 2021 for Lot 21 to 33. Pre-qualifications will be opened promptly thereafter at the Amref health Africa Tanzania offices.
- Late application (s), electronic applications, and applications not received, not opened at the opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

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The voice of private sector in Tanzania

Africa Franchising Accelerator Project-(AFRAP)

## CALL FOR INDIGENOUS GROWTH-SEEKING BUSINESSES IN DAR, ARUSHA, ZANZIBAR, MBEYA, MWANZA AND DODOMA TO JOIN THE AFRAP FRANCHISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This call follows a press release on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 introducing the Africa Franchising Accelerator Project (AFRAP) whose main deliverable is to build at least 100 indigenous franchise brands in Tanzania by January 2025. This will be achieved through a carefully-executed franchise development program to develop growth-oriented indigenous businesses to build their brands into local franchises.

Franchise development is a long-term business growth strategy used by businesses to achieve faster and leaner growth. It has also been used as a manufacturing and distribution strategy-to manufacture and distribute specific goods in wider geographies than is practically possible using other models. **Any business can be franchised, so long as it meets a basic franchisability criteria.** Businesses seeking to grow outside Tanzania eg into the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) stand a better chance through franchising rather than through other models.

**AFRAP's franchise development program is an intensive six-stage training, coaching and mentoring program.** Training covers: general issues around franchising, what it is, how it works, benefits to the country, franchisor and franchisee, conducting franchise-specific market research and developing franchise-specific strategic plans, protecting your Intellectual Property (IP), developing a strong support team at head office to support your franchise system, financing your franchise development scheme, prototyping, franchise systems development, testing and documenting into franchise operations, procedures and training manuals, protecting your franchise system through legal instruments-the non-disclosure document, the franchise disclosure document and the franchise agreement- franchise system marketing and selling and franchise system roll out. **Prominently, the program includes matching selected businesses with providers of cheap capital needed by the prospective franchisors to franchise their brands.**

The training is arranged in six phases of a minimum three days each, with the initial training leading to selection of the 100 businesses being an intensive 6-day Empretec Entrepreneurship Training Workshop (EETW), after which selected businesses proceed to the five-phase franchise development program, all spread over the next twelve months. After each training, AFRAP and AFRAP-trained subject-specific consultants, hand-hold each participating brand to build the structure of their desired franchise system, before finally rolling out their franchise systems. Brands which go through this program can expect to become big players in the market currently opening up under AfCFTA. Businesses that successfully finish the franchise development program shall be encouraged to join the Franchise Association of Tanzania (FATA) to help grow the sector.

TPSF now calls for **OWNERS (NOT MANAGERS)** of growth-seeking Tanzanian businesses **IN ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY**, to join AFRAP's Empretec Entrepreneurship Training Workshop (EETW) through which 100 businesses shall be selected to join the franchise development program. To join the program businesses would meet the following criteria i) provide audited accounts with profitability for at least the last three years ii) Show annual turnover of at least Tshs. 250,000,000.00 iii) have or be in the processes of opening, as a minimum, a second outlet iv) present a short statement of where they plan to be in the next 5 years v) pay a token fee of Tshs 250,000.00 for the EETW and upon selection Tshs 500,000.00 for the franchise development program vi) Demonstrate owners' commitment to take their brand through the twelve month franchise development program and vi) Be ready to work with AFRAP-trained franchise resource persons at nominal charges, together with mainstream AFRAP consultants {at no extra cost} to develop their franchise systems.

**EETW training dates and venues; Zanzibar (22-27 Nov 2021), Mbeya (29 Nov-4 Dec 2021), Mwanza (6-11 Dec 2021), Arusha (13-18 Dec 2021), Dodoma (3-8 Jan 2022) and Dar Es Salaam (10-15 Jan 2022). Application deadline for each venue is 4 days before the indicated starting date. For further information, bank details for payment and exact training centre in your city, please contact [max.rugaimukamu@tpsf.or.tz](mailto:max.rugaimukamu@tpsf.or.tz) with a copy to [wambugu.wagichohi@worldaheadafrica.com](mailto:wambugu.wagichohi@worldaheadafrica.com)**

### About Franchising

Franchising is a business arrangement where a business with a tried, tested and trusted brand (the franchisor) grants another independent party (the franchisee) the rights to market and sell the franchisor's specific goods or services over an agreed period using the franchisor's intellectual property, including its entire business systems. In consideration, the franchisee pays an initial fee to join the franchisor's system and ongoing royalties for the entire period of the agreement and receives ongoing support from the franchisor.

### About TPSF

TPSF is an umbrella organization representing 359 Private Sector Organizations (PSO)s. It was incorporated on 4th November 1998 as a non-for-profit organization under the Companies Act (Cap 212), a limited by guarantee entity. Its main objective is to promote private sector-led social and economic development in Tanzania and specifically aiming to carry out the following functions: 1) To serve as a focal point for the private sector in its advocacy of policies and to promote the long-term development of the private sector in Tanzania. 2) To coordinate and ensure sustainable dialogue between the government and the private sector. 3) To organize and mobilize resources locally and abroad to ensure financial suitability of the foundation and its members 4) To accumulate and provide data and act as the data center for the private sector. 4) To design educational and training programs for the development of the private sector. 5) To promote private sector corporate social responsibilities.

TPSF also works towards promoting the private sector's national, regional & global competitiveness in trade and investment through its fourteen economic clusters (i) agriculture, livestock, and fisheries, (ii) manufacturing, (iii) trade and commerce, (iv) natural resources and tourism, (v) financial services and banking, (vi) services (vii) construction and engineering, (viii) transport and logistics, (ix) oil and gas, (x) women in business, (xi) mining, (xii) Zanzibar entrepreneurs, (xiii) regional businesses and (xiv) large corporates.

### Signed

Francis Nanai, Executive Director





START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

'Fraud creeping back in local government projects' ...But how can they be halted?

JAMBO and greetings, for the first week of November, as I quietly sit and melt in the heat, working out how to get back to Britain before I do!

Well, a newspaper heading says it all, when Ummu Mwalimu, the Minister of State in the President's Office, recently stated that "there are too many dubious deals in development projects countrywide, and corruption is rampant in many government dealings."

But by this time in the UK, the sale of Christmas decorations and all manner of commercial things it relates to, will have started months ago, exploiting the fact that Jesus can almost be said to be 'hosting' the event.....thereby sanctioning its profiteering as the spiritual message is yearly diminishing.

Well, spiritual or otherwise, six years ago on November 5th 2015, there was an important message for Tanzania, when newly-elected President John Magufuli, at the swearing in ceremony in Dar es Salaam, made his promises to the people to tackle various issues, and especially those of corruption and wasteful spending.

You could say that Magufuli inherited big time his nation's own particular strain of the "big C", with the subject constantly in the media, along with public perception that it was everywhere, in state service sectors, with three out of five people surveyed, saying they'd been asked for bribes many times.

Then as always of course, there were opposing views...."petty corruption was going down"...though...

"graft" was increasing etc. and going up, and some time earlier, the prime minister had assured investors that the corruption fight was being won.

A week later, in a rare burst of honesty, the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs said the increased number of road accidents could be directly attributed to traffic police, "who though meant to be safeguarding the law, were compromised by bribes"..... what a delicate way for the Deputy to describe such shocking behaviour... .."compromised by bribes".....!

At the same time, a spokesman for the Zanzibar President's Office told a press conference that corruption was in .....hospitals, the judiciary, the police force, and many others in the civil service. ....though since this was well known; perhaps the revelations were possibly just an honest damage limitation exercise, to keep his policemen happy!

Well, Kenya also had an erratic record on the big "C", with many vowing to fight it, then reneging on the promise soon after. A Kenyan journalist tellingly wrote: "new terms have become part of the language, like 'private developer'...and 'millionaire businessman'.

The former is the fellow allocated land meant for the common good, such as playgrounds, forests, public parks, or beach areas, whilst the latter is so well connected, he can steal billions from state funds, and then cleverly legitimize the gains.

Similar to Tanzania, except in Kenya the worm in the apple of corruption almost consumed it, yet the core remained palatable to the western world, which seemed unaware of the rot. In fact, they appeared to go along with the myth (or even helped to create it) that here was an African nation that had 'got things right'.

This view could have been influenced by the shiny external indicators of development like luxury hotels, high rise blocks, and shopping malls etc which made westerners feel they were in trusted and familiar "wazungu land," home territory, and where even the Maasai (many of them genuinely fake!) adorned shop fronts and entertainment outlets, looking like film star stand-ins.



Ummu Mwalimu, Minister of State in the President's Office, recently said that financial misappropriation in many projects among local government authorities was becoming a major administrative problem. She said that corruption is rampant, and elements of fraud and other misdeeds that were invisible during the fifth phase government, are slowly creeping back, especially where development projects are being implemented. (file photo)

Television of course completed the picture with adverts of happy Kenyans applying blue band margarine to their plentiful daily bread. This was in houses copied from American real estate magazines, whilst the biggest slum settlement in Africa festered nearby.

Over time, Tanzania also 'progressed' complete with a Television Broadcasting Corporation, and its own well connected state sanctioned embezzlers who built mini palaces with tax payers' money.

As for the 'private developers', they could acquire if not whole chunks of the city, as some did in Nairobi, at least enough hastily declared 'unsound' buildings to demolish for profit.

.....Meanwhile in Tanzania, some wise men and thieves became one and the same thing, and with donor funded involvement, anti-corruption almost turned into an industry itself, attracting a small army of self interested lieutenants.

It might be correct to say that more money has been injected into the often politically motivated anti-graft drive than has ever been retrieved

from the guilty and returned to public coffers.

Well, I've often written these brief notes on the history on of the 'big C', but it's useful to remember the backdrop to it during that time.

It seems that Tanzania has gained ground in the battle, after a forum at the University of Dar es Salaam, a year or so ago, when it was learnt that in one area at least, the results had been impressive, and those damned ghostly spectres which have long haunted the civil service had been purged....or rather magnificently "Magufulied" along with their bogus brethren the fake certificate holders!

Speaking at the time, the President said that 'ghost workers' had cost the country 237 bn/-in salaries, and the bogus academics 189bn/- . I've been banging on about these 'unholy phantoms' for decades, so it is disturbing to realise how much their 'salaries' could have aided development, when added up over the period of failure to stop them.

Anyway, I think I'll remain fixated on the 'ghosts', and worrying about the baby ones.....undetected and growing up to claim their salaries and their nappies...!

But...we have to keep alert, because at that forum a year or so ago, the president also said there was a certain public official who was pocketing the salaries of 17 ghost workers every month. ....so this means we have to make sure that the past tense "WAS"...doesn't again become the present tense "IS". ....happy ghost hunting!

Move waste pickers from the streets;  
 Enable them to get sorting sites;  
 Ensure that they are part of the waste mainstream;  
 Register the waste pickers in the City of Johannesburg;  
 Provide them with protective clothing;  
 Provide them with training; and  
 Improve their living conditions so they don't rummage in bins.

Partnership launched to upskill Joburg's informal waste reclaimers

By Michelle Banda

INSURANCE quote comparison website Hippo.co.za, in collaboration with Urban Surfer, hosted an event in Johannesburg on Thursday to launch their partnership, which aims to improve and recognise the work by informal waste reclaimers in Johannesburg.

"From research, we know that between 80% to 90% of South Africa's paper packaging waste is recycled by informal reclaimers making a living from collecting, sorting and selling recyclable waste," said Bradley du Chenne, the CEO of Hippo.co.za.

"Informal reclaimers in South Africa have a 57% collection rate of recyclables... among the highest in the world. A special big thanks and well done to the waste pickers; you make a real difference in saving the planet and our country."

Hippo.co.za, with Urban Surfer - a team of specialists in informal recycling - welcomed 50 informal waste reclaimers to the event. Urban Surfer is teaching them recycling skills. All are from poor socioeconomic backgrounds and communities and survive by gathering and sorting waste like plastic, boxes, cans and glass to sell to recycling entities.

Palesa Mathibedi, director for pollution and waste management at the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said sup-

porting the initiatives of informal waste recyclers is one of the province's goals. However, they are limited by the availability of funds.

"As a province, we have a long-term 2030 goal to divert and clean at least 40% away from landfills and we cannot do that alone. As waste pickers, we know that currently you do the bulk of this recovery of recyclable material at no cost to the municipality or the government. You are saving us about R700 per tonne of waste that you collect. Your work is very important to us.

"To show that the work is very important to us we have projects set up to support yourselves, but the budget is very small and we do need collaborations, sponsorships and partnerships."

Mvuselelo Mathebula, the head of Johannesburg Waste Management and Regulation, said: "The city is currently left with four landfill sites that are left with a five-year lifespan.

"If we don't do anything, in no time we will not have landfills in the City of Johannesburg. We have started working with the waste pickers, including the South African Waste Pickers Association (Sawpa) and the African Reclaimers Organisation (ARO) to empower the waste pickers."

However, Wonderful Moyo of ARO denied being integrated into the City of Johannesburg waste management plan or working with the city.



Informal recyclers make their way to Soweto Industrial Recycling Depots on 22 May 2019 in Soweto, South Africa.

"At the present moment," he said, "I have never heard of the integration with the city. We continue to do the work on our own. The last time we were in touch with the city was when they encouraged us to register a waste management entity so they can help us, but so far nothing. Maybe one of these days they will remember us."

Sifiso Gumbi, a former informal reclaimer and now recycler relations

officer at Urban Surfer, said: "Often the public looks at us as dirty people; we are looked down upon and not allowed in certain spaces. Even more, the ongoing stigma that we are good for nothing and most probably hooked on drugs does not make things better."

"The public forgets that actually we are also trying to make a living, with most of us having families looking up to us for everything from food

to clothing and putting children through school."

Gumbi said the Hippo-Urban Surfer partnership was centred on making waste pickers visible to the general public so they can learn more about recycling and how they can contribute to it.

To ensure that waste pickers are recognised and their needs taken care of, Mathebula said the City of Johannesburg is going to:

Myaka said access to more places would enable them to make more money to take care of themselves and their families.

"Even though I enjoy my job I don't want to pick up waste for the rest of my life. Maybe in the long run, when I have enough funds, I will start my own waste picking company," said Myaka.

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## Relief as 25 children, adults with cleft lip, palate in Geita to undergo surgery and treatment this month

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

TWENTY-five children and adults with cleft lip and palate in Geita Region will this month undergo surgery and treatment at Sekou Toure Hospital in Mwanza, thanks to the sponsorship made by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) in partnership with Australian Rafiki Surgical Mission.

This support extends to almost a decade now since began in 2002 and has treated 1,717 children and adults.

A cleft lip is a global challenge and unfortunately it is the most common problem for children around Lake Victoria area, where Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) is located.

The source of the cleft lip is unknown but it is said to be the result of genetic and environmental factors.

Speaking about the sponsorship yesterday in Geita on behalf of GGML Director General, Senior Manager in charge of Health, Safety, Environment and Training, Dr. Kiva Mvungi said the mining firm offers the sponsorship to restore hope and a smile to children and adults.

He said the sponsorship would

cover medical, accommodation and transport throughout the treatment period at Sekou Toure Hospital in Mwanza.

"This is fully in line with our company's values and commitments. Health is a top priority when it comes to supporting the community around the mine," he said.

Dr. Mvungi added that in the 17 years that GGML has funded the treatment, all patients who underwent surgery found new hope and their lives have been completely different. Geita District Commissioner, Wilson Shimo said the donation of cleft lip and palate surgery treatment to patients by GGML in collaboration with Rafiki Surgical Mission is a continuation of GGML to support the health sector in the district and the public.

Shimo has congratulated the people who came out in public to bring their children for surgery and to abandon the misconceptions of hiding them in the house without taking them to treatment.

He urged the people to stop the practice of hiding the disabled inside, especially children, and instead come forward for treatment as the 25 people showed up and get medical funding from the GGML



GGML health, safety and environment manager Dr Kiva Mvungi carries baby Tabu Kulwa, who is expected to undergo cleft lip and palate surgery.

mine for a lip replacement.

GGML has been a major development partner in Geita region. In

collaboration with the Government

has successfully invested 50 billion Tanzanian shillings to implement

various development projects in

the areas of health, education and infrastructure.

GGML has also paid 3.9 trillion/-

in government taxes since its inception in 2000.

## Tanzania's renewable energy stands to benefit from highest standards of project management

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is one of Africa's fastest-growing economies, with an annual GDP growth of around 7 percent since 2000. Even though the Covid-19 pandemic may have slowed down the growth rate, the variation is insignificant.

Tanzania has in the last decade explored and discovered significant reserves of natural gas, this has shifted the country's trajectory and several mega projects have resulted from this. Both Tanzania's economic progress, and the country's efforts to achieve upper-middle income status by 2025, has relied on the private sector participation and public sector support in project implementation, of which significant growth is visible in the near future especially in the area of renewal energy and natural gas.

This was aired recently in Dar es Salaam by stakeholders in oil and gas sector at the conference organized to mark the International Project Man-

agement Day, that provided a platform for key players in the sector to extensively discuss on the best ways to make project management benefit the growing Natural Gas and renewable energy sector in Tanzania, by strategic partnering up-skilling and delivering the best project management standards.

The well-attended conference was made possible by the Project Management Institute (PMI), PMI Tanzania and HEBO Group Company Limited through its consulting and professional training arm HEBO Consult, which hosted an intriguing discussion regarding the impact of project management in the Natural Gas and renewable energy sector this was in partnership with ATOGS which oversees the service providers in the renewable energy sector.

During the forum, it became clear that as much as Tanzania is working on a number of projects, there are still not enough certified project managers available to

manage them all. This creates an opportunity to improve quality of project management which determines the project's success.

Bulla further said: "Project Management ensures adequately comprehensive planning, open communication, proper risk management, clear stakeholders' engagement across projects and strong execution and alignment."

PMI business development leader for Africa, George Asamani said: "With the high importance of Project Management, PMI has taken the initiative to assist project managers all around the world to get certified, especially within the African continent."

ATOGS chairman and founder Abdulsalman Abdulrahim described the oil and gas sector as key with diverse opportunities which are yet to be fully explored.

"It is important that local companies participate in the value chain of this sector and play their part in the growth

of the renewable economy."

He added: "I am happy to be part of this platform, because we want delivery in all projects and the quality of the people managing them needs to be set high for all our benefit, we are also working to empower the youth at various levels to make sure they also feel included and gain the necessary skills to help them fully and effectively participate." Abdulrahim indicated ATOGS is committed in raising standards of the local content component of all projects in the sector by supporting initiatives to build capacity within.

Project Management Institute (PMI) is the world's leading professional association for a growing community of millions of project professionals and change makers worldwide. As the world's leading authority on project management, PMI empowers people to make ideas a reality. Through global advocacy, networking, collaboration, research, and education, PMI

prepares organizations and individuals to work smarter in an ever-changing and dynamic world.

"We at local chapters work closely with key stakeholders and the global team, to ensure that we bring the organization closer to the ground, and our members benefit from various programs and activities PMI conducts," said Ella Naiman, President of PMI Tanzania chapter.

PMI and HEBO are working closely to promote professional PM standards in Tanzania. On June 2, 2021, the partnership embarked by PMI Tanzania Chapter and HEBO Consult intended to up-skill project management professionals in Tanzania. This is accomplished by providing them with the knowledge and skills they need to not only become better project managers, but also to qualify for globally recognized certifications such as the Project Management Professional (PMP), the most widely recognized credential for project man-

agers worldwide. As a result, HEBO is now the only authorized training partner for PMI in Tanzania.

Since project management skills can be applied across a wide range of industries, including construction, manufacturing, and many others, a discussion about how it may revolutionize Tanzania's economy has begun.

In connection to this Martin Hekeno, Director of Consulting at HEBO Consult added "HEBO Group Company Limited is authorized by the PMI to ensure that individuals get the knowledge and certification to conduct a project in any industry"

HEBO Consult is a project management firm providing consulting services and training programs within Project Management.

Bulla who is also HEBO Consult co-founder and director of Training Programmes said: "In Honor of International Project management day, we intend to offer the entry level Certified Associate in

Project Management (CAPM) certification at over 70% discount and support young professionals to start their journey in project management."

She added: "HEBO Consult; a local company providing PMI approved training courses as well as certification exam qualification hours, ensures candidates trained by HEBO Consult are using the right materials recognized by PMI and are best prepared to pass their PMI certification exams."

The PMI Tanzania Chapter exists to advance the practice, science, and profession of project management in Tanzania. We are dedicated to empowering our members and our nation to grow through the application of professional Project Management practices. The chapter aims to raise awareness and advocate for Project Management as a profession in Tanzania while creating opportunities to build the capabilities of our members, organizations and communities at large.

## Bunge committee, TCCIA team up for economic growth

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

DEPUTY Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson has assured the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, Business and Environment will work closely with the chamber in a bid to stimulate the growth of industries, business and agriculture in the country.

Speaking at an occasion to launch TCCIA's subsidiary office in Dodoma on behalf of the Speaker of the National Assembly, Job Ndogai, Dr. Tulia said the chamber has potentials and a huge contribution in economic growth adding that the committee will give utmost support.

"The Parliament through the Standing Committee on Industry, Business and Environment is willing to work in collaboration with TCCIA in speeding up economic growth in our country," she said in Dodoma over the weekend.

Dr. Tulia, who is also an MP for Mbeya Urban Constituency, took the opportunity to thank TCCIA for being in a front line in supporting efforts by the six phase government under the leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan including that of building an industrial economy.

"The launch of this office at the National's Headquarters is a sign that the private sector is committed in working in collaboration with the government. TCCIA is among the first private sector organisations to open an office here," she said.

She said the presence of an office in Dodoma would ease the chamber's direct involvement on various discussions with Parliamentary Committees leading to speedy growth of investments in the country.

Dr. Tulia said she has been impressed by the chamber's efforts especially in supporting Young Women Entrepreneurs (YWE) on best ways of boosting their businesses.



National Assembly deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson cuts ribbon at the weekend to launch a Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) office in the national capital, Dodoma. Others are TCCIA president Paul Koyi (R) and the chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Industry, Trade and Environment, David Kihenzile (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

On his part, the President of TCCIA, Mr Paul Koyi said the move to open an office in Dodoma aimed

at reducing costs to the customers who were earlier forced to travel all the way to Dar es Salaam in

seeking service.

"We have decided to expand by bringing closer services to persons who have invested in industries, businesses and agriculture and given its geographical location Dodoma will speed up service delivery to our members," he said.

He welcomed citizens to visit the offices in question for any inquiries on the investment in the mentioned sectors, adding that TCCIA officers will be more than pleased to serve such visitors.

"I would like to take this opportunity to invite residents of Dodoma, neighbouring regions and the entire central zone to visit this office for inquires and shun the hustles of traveling to Dar es Salaam for the same," he said adding that TCCIA has much trust in the Parliament and the six phase government.

The TCCIA Board Member, Dr. Said Mtemi Kingu said the chamber has distinguished itself as a committed entity in practically implementing the government vision of building an industrial economy by 2025.

"We have been in the front line in advising entrepreneurs, industry owners and farmers on the best ways of expanding their capitals in a bid to play a vital role in job creation and contribution in national income," he said.

TCCIA is among the few companies in Africa that have a national wide network, in 2007 TCCIA won an award for being a company in Africa with wide and strong network that spread all over the country.



# 'Nasty cocktail': Addis Ababa looks about to fall?

By Peter Fabricius

FOREIGN governments earlier this week urged their citizens not to travel to Ethiopia and to escape the country as soon as possible if they were there, as Tigrayan rebel forces advanced rapidly on the capital, Addis Ababa. Some countries began evacuating their diplomats.

Rumours intensified that the city could fall within days or even hours, bringing to a dramatic and possibly even deadlier close an already bloody civil war between the federal government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which has raged for just on a year as at 3 November.

Desperate but defiant, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed - ironically the winner of the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize - fobbed off peace envoys, declared a state of emergency and urged residents of the capital to arm themselves to repel the Tigrayan forces if they reached the city - an implicit acknowledgment that his own Ethiopian National Defence Force (ENDF) was not up to the challenge of defending the capital.

The US bluntly advised its nationals: "Do not travel to Ethiopia due to armed conflict..." and gave its non-emergency officials permission to leave. Its practical advice to those US citizens who opted to remain included "draft a will" and "leave DNA samples with your medical provider..." The UK and other governments also advised their nationals to get out or not to visit.

But Ethiopia's ambassador to South Africa, Shiferaw Menbacho, speaking from Addis Ababa, contemptuously dismissed the rumours of an imminent fall of the

capital. "The empty wish declares the final burial ceremony of the rebel group," he said.

The ENDF had marched triumphantly into Ethiopia's northern Tigray province in November last year and captured the provincial capital Mekelle from rebelling TPLF forces - with the important support of the invading Eritrean Defence Force. Abiy intended a brief war to restore federal authority. But the TPLF retreated to the mountains and fought back. And over the past few months, now allied with the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) from Abiy's own province, Oromia, it has dramatically turned the tide of war, driving the Ethiopians and Eritreans back and advancing to within 300km of Addis Ababa.

Diplomatic efforts to establish a ceasefire seem to be failing as both sides still seem to believe they can win the war. The African Union's special envoy, former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo, and US President Joe Biden's special envoy for the Horn of Africa, Jeffrey Feltman, are in Addis Ababa, urging peace. Obasanjo declined DMI68's request for comment on his progress.

This week Feltman told journalists in a phone briefing from Washington that: "Without question the situation is getting worse, and we're - frankly, alarmed by the situation... There has been insufficient access to Tigray since late June, early July." He said the UN estimated that only about 13% of humanitarian needs to the federal state of Tigray have been met. There were several reasons for that, including the fighting. "But it's mostly government restrictions ... that have prevented the type of humanitarian access from getting to the people of Tigray, and we see



A soldier from Ethiopian National Defence Forces (ENDF) gestures during a training session in the field of Dabat, 70 kilometers Northeast of the city of Gondar, Ethiopia, on September 15, 2021. (Photo by Amanuel Sileshi / AFP)

signs of famine and near-famine conditions.

"There are over five million people in conditions of food insecurity now whose needs could be addressed if the government would allow the assistance to flow. And at the same time, you see the TPLF ... has moved out of Tigray, south into Amhara, [has] taken strategic cities of Dessie and Kombolcha..."

"So we're calling on all parties to this conflict to find ways to de-escalate the situation, allow the humanitarian access to flow to those in need ... and move toward a negotiated ceasefire. The situation is dire, and as I said, it is getting worse..."

Will Davison, Ethiopia expert at the International Crisis Group (ICG), told DMI68 that he thought Addis Ababa was more likely to fall within a few weeks rather than a few days, as he believed the Tigray-

an forces would first try to capture the corridor from Addis Ababa to Djibouti, Ethiopia's vital access to the sea. "But who knows? Things are moving very fast these days," he added.

Davison emphasised that such chances as there were, at this late stage, of stopping the Tigrayan advance on Addis Ababa depended on Abiy's federal government making some concessions to the Tigrayans.

The most important concession would be to end the blockade on Tigray. "So the restoration of services, banking and telecommunications, electricity. And the facilitation of aid to alleviate humanitarian conditions. That would by no means solve all the problems. But it could be a way to get some initial cooperation by the Tigray leadership to stop their advance, particularly its

advance towards Addis Ababa."

But Davison suggested Feltman and Obasanjo faced an uphill struggle.

It wasn't helpful for the US simply to call on the Tigrayans to halt their advance, as Washington did last weekend. "That's not going to have any effect."

On the other hand, there were no signs that Abiy and his allies were ready to make the kind of concessions to the Tigrayans he believed were necessary to persuade them to stop their advance.

Abiy's call on Addis Ababa residents to take up arms could be very bloody for civilians - if the call was answered, which Davison was not sure would happen. Though there was clearly a lot of opposition to the TPLF and the OLA, it was not clear that it would translate into effective popular resistance in Addis

Ababa.

And even if it did, the Tigrayans had simply rolled over popular resistance before and kept on advancing.

"But there is a real concern about attacks on Tigrayan civilians in Addis and in other cities... There is also likely to be considerable rebellious activity in Amhara region should the Tigrayan forces and the OLA take control of Addis as well," said Davison.

Ironically, the Tigrayans "don't really want to be part of Ethiopia anymore, let alone governing Ethiopia", Davison thought.

They were aiming to capture Addis Ababa not essentially to run Ethiopia but to secure Tigray's interests as they saw them. This meant resuming the flow of trade, services and aid to Tigray and having a federal military that did not threaten them.

And the Tigrayans also needed to conduct a referendum on Tigray's independence.

"So their dilemma is how do they secure their interests without exerting considerable federal power in Addis. It's not really conceivable..."

The Tigrayans would need to avoid looking as though they were repeating Ethiopia's post-1991 politics which the TPLF dominated after its dominant role in the revolution which toppled the brutal regime of President Hailemariam Mengistu.

The victors put in place an ethnic-regional federation that kept the country together for over two decades. It was Abiy's efforts to unravel that ethnic-regional federation and centralise power that sparked the conflict with the TPLF.

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# CIIE to open new markets, create new opportunities

By Tian Hong, Ju Yunpeng

THE Chinese market is a huge magnet for foreign small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

At the ongoing 4th China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai, 1,200 businesses among the 3,000 joining the event come in delegations.

There are nearly 50 foreign delegations, and their members are from over 40 countries and regions who are mostly SMEs and are engaged in a wide range of industries.

Besides, more than 30 least developed countries have attended the event to exhibit their agricultural and consumer products.

An official with the CIIE Bureau told People's Daily that a number of enterprises from Belt and Road countries and regions, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as Africa joined this year's CIIE despite the impacts from COVID-19, which has further enlarged the "circle of friends" of the event and highlighted the event's nature as an international public good for the world to share.

Polish dairy company Vici Group entered the Chinese market in 2019 at the 2nd CIIE. According to statistics, the sales of Polish milk, powdered

milk and cheese products in China surged 70 percent in 2020, making China the fastest-growing market for Polish dairy exports.

The CIIE benefits the whole world, said Andrzej Juchniewicz, chief representative of the Polish Investment and Trade Agency in China who has encouraged some 30 Polish companies to join the 4th CIIE.

The Japan External Trade Organization established a trade delegation consisting of over 100 enterprises to the CIIE this year, and a Japanese commodity base opened to consumers earlier this month at the Hongqiao Import Commodity Exhibition and Trading Center in Shanghai, a permanent trading platform of the CIIE.

Among the 46 exhibitors that come to the 4th CIIE with the Singapore Business Federation, 18 are engaged in finance, logistics, infrastructure and education sectors.

The members of the delegation organized by the German Chambers of Commerce Abroad are mostly engaged in frontier sectors. Clas Neumann, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the German Chamber of Commerce in China, said that the CIIE is a platform where German enterprises can demonstrate their ability to make constant innovations to Chi-



The exterior of the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai), a main venue for the fourth China International Import Expo.

nese consumers.

The CIIE is also a fruitful event for purchasers, too. "Last year we purchased \$10 million worth of equipment at the CIIE, and our newly increased output value this year is expected to exceed 200 million yuan (\$31.26 million)," said Liu Zhongjie, a project manager of HISEMI Electronic

Technology in Chizhou, east China's Anhui province.

Liu said the CIIE is a timely information platform for enterprises that enables the latter to follow the trend of industries. "Before coming to the 4th CIIE, we have negotiated with several foreign enterprises, and we are planning to purchase over 100 million

yuan worth of equipment this time," Liu said.

"Enterprises have witnessed the development of industries and frontier technologies at the annual event, and learned advanced technologies and standards to make better commodities, technologies and brands of their own," said Wang Beilei, an official

with Xiangcheng district, Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu province.

She believes that to promote the upgrade and innovation of Chinese enterprises by applying new equipment, commodities and services in their development is an important part of the CIIE's spillover effect. This year, Xiangcheng district has organized a trade delegation of over 1,000 people to the CIIE, and its 230 participating enterprises are expected to reach deals totaling over \$60 million.

Yao Hai, an official with the Shanghai municipal government, noted that since the 1st CIIE, Shanghai and its districts, as well as their industrial parks and enterprises have been working together to turn exhibits into commodities, exhibitors into investors, and purchases into traders, and a series of major projects have been implemented in Shanghai, the Yangtze River Delta and even other larger areas.

This year, the cooperation and communication office of the municipal government of Shanghai has established a purchasing group, which is joined by over 300 enterprises, to make the spillover effect of the CIIE benefit more cities, enterprises and people, Yao said.

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Nick Barigye, CEO of Rwanda Finance.

## MOBILIZATION

## Kigali International Financial Centre establishes \$250m fund to invest in African startups

## KIGALI

The Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC) has announced the establishment of the Virunga Africa Fund I, a \$250 million fund that will invest in crucial sectors driving Africa's economic and social transformation.

The fund will support key sectors that will help Africa achieve economic and social transformation. The Kigali International Financial Centre is a financial centre that will transform Rwanda into an international financial destination for investors seeking opportunities across the African continent.

The top two anchor investors in Virunga Africa Fund which would be headquartered in Kigali are Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) and Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB). Admaius, an independent investment firm with a highly skilled pan-African investment team will manage the fund.

The fund seeks to make investments that will have a positive impact on Rwandans and others on the continent. This contributes to the development of a vibrant private sector in Africa that is self-reliant while reducing dependence on foreign imports.

Investment projects will expand access to essential services like education, healthcare, digital infrastructure, and financial services, while also guiding businesses through digital transformations that create long-term value while taking advantage of post-Covid opportunities, secular growth trends, and strong demographic tailwinds.

"For investors of such standing to choose the Kigali International Financial Centre to host their fund sends a great signal. It shows that the KIFC is a compliant and attractive jurisdiction for Pan-African investment," Nick Barigye, CEO of Rwanda Finance, the agency leading the development and promotion of the Kigali International Financial Centre, said.

"Investors see that Rwanda offers them strategic advantages; these include good governance, high levels of connectivity, efficiency, transparency, and an ease of doing business which has been internationally recognised. "KIFC looks forward to the success of the Virunga Africa Fund I and welcome more regional and international players who wish to transform the investment landscape of Africa."

## EMPOWERMENT

## TDL chief says committed to back smallholder grape farmers turned commercial producers

By Guardian Reporter

**I**N a bid to ensure that smallholder grape farmers who provide the raw material used in wine making, Tanzania Distilleries Limited will continue investing in the group improves on quality and yields.

TDL's General Manager, Timea Chogo said the Tanzania Breweries Limited's subsidiary is committed to ensure that the grape farmers who constitute its supply chain, are skilled, connected and financially empowered so that they can have better livelihoods whilst the distiller continues to have access to high-quality grapes.

Chogo made the remarks during a wine festival held in Dodoma last week where TDL sponsored the two days event that brought together grape farmers, winemakers, consumers and stakeholders forming the supply chain.

"Tanzania Distilleries Limited works in partnership with over 700 farmers who cultivate grapes that are processed into our various ranges of wines. A contract-farming pilot project was launched earlier this year which will hopefully lead to a scalable model that can be reproduced across Tanzania," Chogo said.



Agriculture minister, Prof Adolf Mkenda (R) listens to TDL's sales manager Mwesige Mchuruza when he visited the company's pavilion last week's Dodoma Wine Festival and Exhibition held in the new capital last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

She noted that the contracted farmers benefit from market-related off-take agreements, linkage with financial institutions, chemical and fertilizer suppliers but also receive training in good agriculture practices from South African experts.

She explained that in order to ensure that farmers are skilled, agronomic support is provided from TDL's viticulturist and agronomic team; grape research trials take place with AB InBev's R&D team and Tanzanian Agricultural

Research Institute.

"The whole process means that the farmers are also given grape cultivation guidelines through use of SMS which provides farmers access to agronomic and market information," the TDL chief executive noted.

During the wine festival participants and visitors learned about the history of winemaking in Dodoma, types of grapes and farming procedures. The country has more than 60 unique local wine brands. TDL's brands include

Dodoma Dry Red, Dodoma Dry White, Dodoma Natural Sweet and Dodoma Rosé. Under its fortified wines brand, Imagi, TDL has two brands, namely, Imagi Fortified Sweet Red and Imagi Fortified Sweet White.

TDL's vision for the Tanzanian wine industry is to support smallholder talented farmers to enable them become large scale commercial producers of the high-quality grapes that the distiller will use to produce internationally competitive wines.

## INCENTIVE

## State investments in aviation attracting more foreign private players into sector

By Francis Kajubi

**C**ONFIDENCE in the rapidly growing aviation industry led by state-owned Air Tanzania Company Limited and the easing of the coronavirus outbreak have convinced Celebi Tanzania Aviation Services Limited to invest in ground handling services at airports.

Celebi Tanzania, a subsidiary to Celebi Aviation, last week became the third ground handling company operating at Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam alongside rivals, Swissport Tanzania Plc and Nas-Dar Airco.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during a breakfast meeting with aviation stakeholders, Celebi Aviation's Executive Sales and Marketing President, Thomas Konietzko said investments being made by the state in the industry point to a bright future.

"We have been closely following initiatives taken by the government since the past five years in strengthening the growth of the aviation industry. We have seen much interest of the government in investing in the national carrier by purchasing new planes," Konietzko said.

He explained that the investment being made by the government is providing confidence to the private



Celebi Aviation's executive sales and marketing president, Thomas Konietzko.

sector to take part and play its role because the future is bright. According to Konietzko, his company has so far held negotiations with a number of airlines to handle their freight at JNIA.

The Celebi Aviation chief further said the company has an experience of handling a number of big airlines such as Ethiopian Airlines, Flydubai, Emirates, Qatar Airways and KLM in other counties where they operate and

had already won their trust. As of now Celebi has a presence in other five countries of Turkey, India, Hungary, Germany and Austria where it operates in 41 airports.

"We have so far invested about US\$2million in terms of ground equipment and personnel in the country. But we have also trained about 60 local personnel and we look forward to enhancing airport ground handling services in the country to reach world-class standards," Konietzko added.

In remarks at the event, Celebi Global Marketing and Communications Manager, Funda Eraslan affirmed that the company is not focused on competition, but rather what to deliver in the market. Eraslan pointed out that Celebi is well positioned to strike agreement with airline partners seeking quality ground handling services.

The government recently disclosed that it plans to procure five new passenger and cargo planes for the national carrier to increase the fleet to 16 for ATCL. In addition to two new Airbus A220-300s received this month, ATCL has two Boeing 787-8 Dreamliners, two Airbus A220-300s and five Bombardier Q-400/Dash 8-400s.

## Diageo to make whisky in China to woo premium drinkers

## BEIJING

Diageo Plc is investing \$75 million into building its first whisky distillery in China, aiming to turn more local drinkers into whisky lovers in a spirits market long dominated by baijiu makers like Kweichow Moutai Co.

The British alcohol giant will next year start construction on a 66,000-metre facility in Yunnan province, aiming for completion in 2023, it said in a statement Tuesday. The distillery will produce Diageo's first Chinese-origin, single malt whisky targeting the country's so-called "premium" drinkers, the statement said.

Premium alcohol – including

Moutai's prized baijiu and Budweiser Brewing's premium and super premium brews – has significantly outperformed China's overall liquor sales in the last few years, even as the pandemic kept consumers away from restaurants and bars.

"China continues to be an attractive market for us with the increased consumption occasions, the fast-growing middle class and the rising appreciation for whisky," Sam Fischer, president of Diageo Asia Pacific and Global Travel, told Bloomberg in an interview.

International retailers are upgrading their offerings to meet the demands of a growing Chinese mid-

dle class eager for more expensive products from luxury handbags and cosmetics to higher-end beer and imported steak. Global firms operating in China are increasingly looking toward future growth in the world's largest consumer market, as the pandemic – now fuelled by the delta variant – drags down sentiment in other areas of the world.

Fischer said some details of Diageo's new whisky – including pricing and launch information – hadn't been decided, as the liquor will need to mature for at least three years following the Yunnan distillery's completion, according to Diageo. Still, it will be priced "well above" a

whisky jointly produced by Diageo and Chinese baijiu distiller Jiangsu Yanghe Brewery Joint-Stock Co in 2019, which sells at about \$50 for a half-litre bottle.

Diageo's China ambitions are based on whisky's solid sales growth in the mainland over the last five years. The country's \$1.7 billion whisky market – though far smaller than the \$150 billion local spirits category mostly composed of baijiu – posted high-single digit growth annually from 2016 to 2019, with just a slight drop last year amid the pandemic, according to Euromonitor International.

Rival Pernod Ricard SA in 2019

also announced plans to debut a new made-in-China line of malt whisky by 2023 at the earliest and build its first malt whisky distillery in the country, in Sichuan province.

Diageo, the owner of Johnnie Walker and Singleton, faces a key challenge in China: making whisky a desirable option for group gatherings and gift-giving holidays where baijiu has long played a key role. "Specifically, there are cultural occasions in China such as Chinese New Year and Mid-Autumn festival," Fischer said. "Now our goal will be to make whisky more relevant to those occasions as well." The distillery will be carbon neutral and recycle the

water it uses, the company said, and will have a visitor centre for whisky fans.

Earlier this year, Diageo opened a new logistics centre in Shenzhen, and announced the construction of a Shanghai-based research and development centre it said would strengthen the ability to develop premium products catering to Chinese tastes.

"Our performance has been super on the back of that belief over the last three, four years in China," Fischer said. "We'll continue to invest to develop our brands so that we can play into that long-term growth potential."



## GENEROSITY

# Rotary Club in charitable fundraising walk for investment in social services



President of Rotary club of Arusha, Samantha Button, accompanied by girls during the charitable walk last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

By Guardian Reporter

**M**EMBERS of six Rotary Clubs in Arusha organised a charitable walk on World Polio Day to raise funds that will be invested in tree planting, economic empowerment of women and young girls in the region.

In a statement, Rotary Club Arusha said the charity walk was also aimed at raising awareness among members of the public on the need to continue washing hands frequently but also how to cross roads to avoid accidents.

"In Arusha our clubs are working to build toilets and hand-washing facilities at primary schools around the city, working in close collaboration with the traffic police and 'boda boda' association to improve safety in crossing the road for pupils," the statement said.

The statement further noted that the fundraising charitable walk which was led by President of Rotary

Club of Arusha, Samantha Button also targets to provide financial support to women and young girls through capacity building on economic empowerment.

"The funds will also be used to train young Tanzanians to help set them be employable in the future, rain-water harvesting projects, carrying out Internet installation in schools, clean up campaigns around the city and support to orphanages," the statement noted.

Through 'Watoto Bonanza' which brings together children from orphanages around Arusha region, the Rotary Club is a recreational day, facilitating an English distance learning program and drilling boreholes and installing solar pumps public schools.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary International has championed the fight to end polio since 1979, when it first embarked on a project to vaccinate children in the Philippines.

In the more than 40 years

that Rotary has worked to eradicate polio since, its members have contributed more than US\$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly three billion children in 122 countries from the paralyzing disease.

"We have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since then, and today polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. However, it is critical to keep working to keep all other countries polio free until polio is totally eradicated from our planet," said Button.

Rotary International is a global service organisation, where 1.4 million people around the world in 35,000 clubs, are committed to the ideal of 'service above self.' Rotary's projects fall into seven main areas of focus, namely: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation; Maternal and child health; Basic education and literacy; and Economic and community development and environment.



Godwin Emefiele, CBN-Governor.

## MILESTONE

## CBN finally gives "approval in principle" to Airtel and MTN to operate banks

ABUJA

The Central Bank of Nigeria has given an "approval in principle" to Airtel and MTN to operate Payment Service Banks (PSBs) in the country in its bid to increase financial inclusion in Nigeria.

This is coming about two years after the apex bank issued approval-in-principle to three Payment Service Banks (PSBs) - Hope PSB, Money Master PSB and 9PSB in 2019. The three PSBs got their final approvals in August 2020 and they have already started operations.

Corroborating the story, MTN issued a statement, signed by the company secretary Uto Ukpanah, saying: "MTN Nigeria Communications Plc (MTN Nigeria) as promoter, received an approval in principle (AIP) dated 4 November 2021 from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for a license application for the proposed MoMo Payment Service Bank Limited.

This is the first step in the process towards a final approval, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions as stipulated by the CBN. The decision to issue a final approval is firmly within the regulatory purview of the CBN and we respect their right and judgment in that regard.

MTN Nigeria affirms its commitment towards financial inclusion agenda of the CBN and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and continues to explore means whereby it can contribute to its fulfilment. While we look forward to the eventual grant of a final PSB licence, we will continue to communicate material information in accordance with regulator obligations and guidelines."

Airtel Africa's Simon O'Hara also said that his company had also been notified of the "approval in principle" received for its own PSB - Smartcash. According to Segun Ogunsanya on the development, "I am very pleased that Smartcash has been granted an approval in principle to operate a service bank business in Nigeria. We will now work closely with the Central Bank to meet all its conditions to receive the operating licence and commence operations."

"The final operating licence will enable us to expand our digital financial products and reach the millions of Nigerians that do not have access to traditional financial services. I am looking forward to working closely with the Government, the Central Bank and traditional financial institutions to expand financial inclusion and meet the evolving needs of our customers and the economy."

The PSB initiative was introduced by CBN in 2019 as a measure to increase financial inclusion in the country particularly in rural areas. According to the CBN, a major objective for the establishment of PSBs is to leverage mobile and digital platforms to enhance financial inclusion in rural areas, especially the underserved parts. This is expected to be achieved by increasing access to deposit products, payments and remittance services to small/micro businesses and low income households.

The Central Bank of Nigeria introduced the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS) in October 2012 to provide Payment Service Banks across Nigeria with the aim of breaking the traditional barrier preventing financial inclusion and promoting low cost, secure and convenient financial services across the country. The CBN's vision was for 80 per cent of Nigerian adults to be financially included by the year 2020.

The EFInA Access to Financial Services in Nigeria 2020 Survey shows that only 64% of Nigerian adults were financially included by the end of 2020. This means that 36% of Nigerian adults, or 38 million adults, remain completely financially excluded.

## APPOINTMENT

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE board of directors of Bankable Tanzania has appointed Abdulrahman Said as its new Managing Partner with effect from November 1 to spearhead the firm's overall management.

Said has extensive knowledge in the banking and finance sector backed by a Bachelor of Commerce in Business Management and Computer Science from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. He also holds Bachelor of Commerce in Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management from University of Cape Town.

"We are looking forward to this new chapter in our evolution as we continue with our core focus of supporting clients through origination, structuring and placement of tailored financial solutions that meet specific requirements," Bankable Tanzania said in a statement on Friday.

The statement added that Said will however continue to serve as in charge of Equity Advisory and Financial Markets. He replaces seasoned banker, Lawrence Mafuru who appointed Commissioner of Policy Analysis Division at Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning.

Prior to joining Bankable, Said

## Bankable Tanzania names new managing partner in the place of Mafuru

was the Head of Financial Markets at Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania and also a permanent member of the Executive Management Commit-

tee, Executive Risk Committee, Operational Risk Committee and Credit Risk Committee.

Bankable was established in 2017 with one

key principle in mind that the more clients and financiers know and understand about each other the more efficient financial intermediation

becomes. As dedicated and experienced bankers, Bankable plays a financial intermediary role that allows for effective dissemination of information,

knowledge and context that helps their clients to navigate the financial sector space more confidently and efficiently.



Abdulrahman Said, new Managing Partner at Bankable Tanzania.

## COMMOTION

## 60,000 apply for 560 Judiciary jobs

NAIROBI

The Judiciary is encouraging more jobs seekers to apply for positions, including drivers and court assistants, despite attracting 60,000 applications for the available 560 slots, highlighting the job crisis in the country.

Chief Justice Martha Koome said in a statement the application window would remain open for another five days, starting Monday. The CJ, who is the chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), said there was a possibility that potential candidates were not able to access the application portal due to high traffic and congestion in the system.

"Consequently, the Commission has resolved to extend the application window to mitigate against these challenges and to give every Kenyan a fair opportunity to be considered for these positions," said Justice Koome.

## CONCERN

## Mozambique all out to avoid debt restructuring in spite of gas delays

MAPUTO

Mozambique ruled out reworking its sole \$900 million Eurobond, even as delays in giant liquefied natural gas projects because of an Islamic State-linked insurgency cost it revenue, the Finance Ministry said.

TotalEnergies SE in April suspended work on its \$20 billion project, Africa's biggest private investment yet, due to an escalation of violence in the gas-rich northern Cabo Delgado province where it operates.

It is now targeting first production in 2026 - two years later than originally planned.

Mozambique has been counting on gas revenues to boost development and help pay down government debt that the International Monetary Fund sees reaching 133.6% of gross domestic product this year, the third-highest ratio in sub-Saharan Africa. The Eurobond coupon payments, which jump to 9% in March 2024, from 5% now, were structured in anticipation of TotalEnergies starting

gas production by 2024.

"The macro-fiscal assumptions that underpinned the renegotiation of Eurobonds with the creditors' committee remain unchanged," the ministry said in reply to emailed questions. "There are no reasons to anticipate the scenario" of having to restructure the dollar bonds, which have already been through two reworkings since 2016, it said.

Still, its debt continues to mount. The government projects the budget deficit at 13.5% of GDP in 2022,

a 4.4 percentage point increase from this year's target. While the biggest source of funding will come from grants, the government also plans to borrow 11.7 billion meticals (\$183 million) externally, and 53.1 billion meticals internally, according to the ministry.

The ministry didn't comment on whether the nation is considering asking the IMF for funding following so-called Article IV consultations from September 27 to October 15, the first such mission since 2019.







## WORLD

## Israeli PM against reopening of US consulate in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said Saturday that he was against the possible reopening of a US consulate for Palestinians in Jerusalem.

Bennett spoke at a press conference in Jerusalem a day after the Israeli parliament passed the annual budget for 2022.

"There is no room for another consulate in Jerusalem," the Israeli prime minister said he told the US administration.

US State Department Spokesman Ned Price said at a news briefing on Wednesday that the United States had "been very clear" about its intentions to reopen the consulate for Palestinians.

Up until 2018, the United States had two consulates in Jerusalem, one for Palesti-

ans and one for Israelis. After former US President Donald Trump "recognized the city as the capital of Israel," the two consulates were merged and housed in a new embassy.

Relations between the US and the Palestinians soured during the Trump administration.

After US President Joe Biden entered the White House, he made several moves to improve relations with the Palestinians. One of the steps was the decision to reopen the consulate in Jerusalem for Palestinians.

Jerusalem, which hosts sites holy to Judaism, Islam and Christianity, is the most explosive subject in the decades-old Palestinian-Israeli conflict.



Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett speaks to reporters following a session at the Knesset (Israeli parliament), in Jerusalem on Nov 4, 2021. AFP

## Xi congratulates Xinhua News Agency on its 90th founding anniversary

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping has sent a letter congratulating Xinhua News Agency on the 90th anniversary of its founding, urging it to sustain revolutionary legacy,

keep its best practices while making innovations to strive for a new type of leading global all-media institution.

Xi (pictured), also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, extended warm greetings on behalf of the CPC Central Committee to all the members of the news agency.

Xi also extended festive greetings to journalists across the country ahead of China's Journalists' Day, which falls on Nov. 8.

In his letter, Xi pointed out that over the past 90 years Xinhua has unwaveringly followed the Party, disseminated the Party's propositions, reflected people's will, recorded the spirit of the times, and spread China's voice.

"Xinhua has played important roles in the historical stages of revolution, construction and reform," he said.

On the new journey toward building a modern socialist country in all respects, Xinhua should, under the leadership of the CPC, keep its correct political orientation, stand firm in ideals and convictions, maintain close ties with the people, sustain revolutionary legacy, and keep its best practices while making innovations, Xi said.

He also called on Xinhua to speed up media's integrated development and strengthen overseas communication, in its efforts to build a new type of leading global all-media institution.

Xi urged the news agency to make greater contributions to realizing the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation and promoting the building of a community with a shared future for humanity.

Xi's letter was read at a ceremony celebrating Xinhua's anniversary held in Beijing on Saturday.

Huang Kunming, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, attended the ceremony.

Huang urged Xinhua to earnestly study and implement the spirit of Xi's important instructions, fully and thoroughly disseminate the Party's new theories, work to make the Party's propositions known to the wider public, and speak for the people, so as to better fulfill its duties and make new achievements.

Xinhua News Agency started as the Red China News Agency in Ruijin on Nov. 7, 1931. The agency changed its name to the current Xinhua News Agency in January 1937 when it was in the revolutionary base of Yan'an.

Xinhua now operates over 200 branches both at home and abroad, with its news services offered to 8,000 media institutional subscribers worldwide in 15 languages and covering more than half of the world population. **Xinhua**

## Iraqi PM survives assassination attempt by drone bomb

BAGHDAD

IRAQI Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi was unharmed in an assassination attempt carried out by a drone targeting his official residence yesterday, the Iraqi military said. The media office of the Iraqi Joint Operations Command said in a statement that an unknown drone bomb hit al-Kadhimi's residency at dawn in the heavily fortified Green Zone in the center of the capital, but the prime minister escaped the attack unhurt.

"The prime minister did not suffer any harm and he is in good health," the media office said.

Iraqi security forces are taking all necessary measures toward the assassination attempt, the statement said without giving further details.

In a tweet on his official page, al-Kadhimi said he was "fine" and called for "calm and restraint from everyone for the sake of Iraq." "The rockets of treason will not shake the steadfastness and determination of our heroic security forces to preserve the security of the people and enforce the law," al-Kadhimi said.

The attempted assassination followed protests against the results of last month's elections. Friday's protests turned into a clash later with the security forces outside the Green Zone, which houses some of the main government offices and foreign embassies.

The clash left two protesters killed and dozens of protesters and security members wounded, according to official figures. In the parliamentary elections on Oct. 10, the Sadrist Movement, led by prominent Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, took the lead with more than 70 seats, while the al-Fatah (Conquest) Coalition garnered 17 seats compared with 47 in the 2018 elections.

## Practicing true multilateralism, China speeds opening-up toward high level

SHANGHAI

DESPITE the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of global exhibitors at the ongoing China International Import Expo (CIIE) exceeded that of the previous edition -- a vote of confidence for the Chinese market and a message of business opportunities in it.

The annual global import-themed trade fair, the first of its kind worldwide, is an emblem of China's high-level opening-up and concrete practice of maintaining true multilateralism. It has become a major platform for enterprises from either developed, developing, or underdeveloped countries to boost exports to the market with a population of over 1.4 billion.

The fair attracted nearly 3,000 companies from 127 countries and regions this year, including 33 least developed countries. The number of U.S. companies attending this year's CIIE reached a record high compared with their presence at the previous three editions.

In his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the fourth CIIE on Thursday, Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed that China will firmly safeguard true multilateralism. It will also firmly share market opportunities with

the rest of the world, promote high-standard opening-up, and uphold the common interests of the world.

Chinese have traditionally valued the quality of honesty and integrity in interpersonal relationships and business. China also honors its words with actions, delivering on its commitments to expanding overall opening-up through legislation, policies and measures.

In the past decade, through the establishment of free trade zones and the Hainan free trade port, the relaxation of restrictions on foreign investment, the hosting of the CIIE since 2018 and the first China International Consumer Products Expo in May, as well as the domestic ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, China has accelerated its overall opening-up, bringing real and remarkable benefits to people and enterprises both at home and abroad.

In the first three quarters of 2021, China's imports totaled nearly two trillion U.S. dollars, up 32.6 percent year on year and a record high. According to the latest World Trade Organization (WTO) data, in the first half of the year, China's international market share of imports increased by 0.7 percentage points year on year



Photo taken on Nov. 5, 2021 shows a view of the Intelligent Industry & Information Technology Exhibition Area during the 4th China International Import Expo in east China's Shanghai. Xinhua

to 12 percent, contributing 15 percent of the global import increment.

The Belt and Road Initiative, for win-win results amid economic globalization, has also become a popular international public good that enhances connectivity, creates hundreds of thousands of jobs in participating countries and pushes common development.

Since its accession to the WTO 20 years ago, China has been promoting, defending and leading international cooperation. The country itself is a beneficiary of economic globalization, achieving historic progress such as elimi-

nating absolute poverty.

Yet, the downturn trend of global openness deserves close attention. The World Openness Report issued at the CIIE showed an overall decline of the World Openness Index over the past decade, especially the openness of certain developed countries.

Global consensus on opening up needs to be strengthened and widened to pull the global economy out of a sluggish recovery as soon as possible. Collective wisdom and actions are urgently needed to steer economic globalization toward a more open, inclusive, balanced and beneficial direction for all to

tackle the development deficit worldwide. And the "countercurrents" of protectionism, unilateralism, economic hegemony and bullying, must be firmly rejected.

The global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic has made the concept of a community with a shared future for humanity increasingly recognized. China will continue to firmly advance its opening-up and strive for the common prosperity of humankind. And all nations should stand on the right path of history and jointly build an open world economy for a better future.

Xinhua

## Russia, US work on strategic stability – foreign ministry spokeswoman

MOSCOW

RUSSIA and the United States realize the need to create two working groups to develop the strategic stability dialogue between the two nations, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told the Soloviev Live YouTube channel on Saturday.

"There are huge disagree-

ments [with the United States], but there is also understanding of the need to create two themed working groups. The [strategic stability] dialogue should develop <...> within their framework. That is why we are working, the work is under way," she said.

"In the past few years, the United States has done a lot to bring strategic stability into the state of instability," she



added.

The diplomat went on to say that two events of the outgoing year give a glimpse of hope for Russian-US relations, namely, the extension of the New START treaty and the Russian-US summit in Geneva. "In the wake of the summit, both sides <...> started to implement a <...> comprehensive dialogue on all parameters of strategic stability," she said.

"The main task is to lay foundations for the future arms control framework, which would be all-encompassing."

At their meeting in Geneva in June, Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia and Joe Biden of the United States agreed to resume strategic stability consultations. Two rounds of consultations took place on July 28 and September 30.

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## IMF official China has been an important contributor to the recovery of global trade

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently projected that the global economy recovery continues but momentum has weakened in its latest World Economic Outlook. However, "China's share of the world economy has risen increasingly and the country's economic recovery has supported global growth directly," Krishna Srinivasan, Deputy Director of Asia-Pacific Department at IMF told People's Daily in a recent written interview.

According to the latest statistics from the General Administration of Customs of China (GAC), China's foreign trade in goods registered

a total value of 28.33 trillion yuan (\$4.4 trillion) during the first three quarters of 2021, up 22.7 percent year on year. The global market shares of China's total foreign trade, exports as well as imports have increased, and China remained the world's largest trading nation in goods.

"China has been an important contributor to the recovery of global trade," Srinivasan commented that China's import and export performed well this year and the higher growth in China's trade has strong spillover effects on the global economy.

"Upholding the policy of reform

and opening up and rebalancing its economy towards a more sustainable growth model, China will continuously contribute to the global economic growth."

Last September, China announced a concrete long-term target of peaking carbon emissions before 2030 and reaching carbon neutrality in 2060 at the UN General Assembly.

Srinivasan thought highly of China's important role played in the global fight against climate change in the interview.

This year, China's national carbon market has started online trading. From his point of view,

China's continuously promoting high-quality development, shifting away from investment-led to consumption-led growth and supporting the expansion of services and high-tech sectors, are all conducive to lowering carbon emissions.

According to IMF's newly released Asia & Pacific Regional Economic Outlook, China's experience with e-CNY (its digital currency) could hold useful lessons for those considering issuing central bank digital currencies, as long as these are backed by prudential safeguards.

Srinivasan praised on China's significant efforts made in devel-

oping its own central bank digital currency in recent years. China's e-CNY has started large-scale tests in a number of cities and regions.

He stressed that China's e-CNY has the potential to promote financial inclusion and improve payment efficiency, and it can expand the coverage of payment services to unbanked households and lower transaction costs for households and small firms.

"China's e-CNY can also provide targeted fiscal support and improve transparency in public finances."

Srinivasan firmly held the view that the global economy would

benefit from a more open, stable, and transparent rules-based international trading system.

Speaking of the U.S. and China, he said that finding ways to resolve trade disputes and modernize the multilateral trading system can benefit all countries in the world. From his perspective, the two countries are not just large economies - they are also major hubs for global value chains. "By working together, the U.S. and China can perform well in addressing the most pressing global challenges—from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to the fight against climate change."

People's Daily



## NATO in no hurry to decide who will represent alliance in Moscow - Russian diplomat

MOSCOW

NATO countries are in no hurry to decide who will represent the alliance in Moscow, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told TASS on Saturday.

"Belgium's embassy in Moscow used to deal with these matters but it doesn't mean anything, they can decide differently. Since there are no relations and no dialogue, they seem to be in no hurry. We are okay with that, we don't care about not being aware of it. Once they make up their mind, we will hear from them," he said.

According to Ryabkov, the Russian Foreign Ministry has made it clear

that NATO needs to decide which of its member states will represent the alliance and inform Moscow of its decision.

On October 6, NATO decided to cut the size of Russia's mission to the alliance from 20 to 10 people, revoking the accreditation of eight diplomats and eliminating two vacancies.

NATO gave the Russian envoys time until late October to leave Brussels. In response, on October 18, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov announced that Moscow would suspend the work of its permanent mission to NATO starting in early November, while the operations of the NATO Military Liaison Mission Moscow and the NATO Information Office in Moscow would be frozen.

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## Probe underway after stampede claims 8 lives at music festival in US Houston

HOUSTON

THE investigation into the stampede leaving at least eight people dead and many others injured on Friday night at the Astroworld Festival in Houston, U.S. state Texas, has been underway, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said on Saturday afternoon.

"This incident is being thoroughly investigated and reviewed thoroughly. It is important for us to ascertain from last night what took place, what happened, where missteps may have occurred," Turner said at a press conference.

Seven of the eight dead aged from 14 to 27 years old, said the mayor. The eighth's age is not yet available at that time. No one has been reported missing from the concert.

Up to 25 people had been transported to the hospital following the incident, and 13 of them were still being hospitalized, including five people under the age of 18, according to the mayor.

The patients also included a 10-year-old child who was in critical condition, according to media reports. "Organizers held the event to bring people together for music, but it sadly ended in tragedy," the mayor said on Twitter.

Investigators will review video from the scene and look at how the venue was laid out and whether it had enough exit points so as to explore "what caused, one, the issue of the crowd surge, and two, what prevented people from being able to escape that situation," said Chief of the Houston Fire

Department Samuel Pena.

"The crowd began to compress towards the front of the stage and that caused some panic and it started causing some injuries," Pena told a press briefing early Saturday morning.

The tragedy occurred just after 9 p.m. CT as rapper Travis Scott was on stage at the sold-out outdoor music festival with about 50,000 attendees on Friday night.

Video from the event showed Scott paused and looked on in confusion during the performance as an ambulance with flashing lights moved into the densely packed crowd.

"The crowd was squishing me so much that I felt like I couldn't breathe," Emily Munguia, 22, told CNN. "I started screaming for help ... I felt so scared, like I was going to die." "I'm absolutely devastated by what took place last night.

My prayers go out to the families and all those impacted by what happened at Astroworld Festival," Scott tweeted on Saturday. More than 300 people were treated at a field hospital set up near the festival, Pena said earlier on Saturday.

The causes of deaths are pending the medical examiner's determination, according to city officials. The second night of the concert was canceled in the wake of the incident.

The Astroworld music festival began in 2018 and was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Houston, the most populous city in the U.S. state of Texas, is also the principal city of the Greater Houston metropolitan area.

## CIIE great opportunity for global firms amid COVID-19 - Vietnamese exporter

HANOI

THE China International Import Expo (CIIE), with its fourth edition currently taking place in China's economic hub of Shanghai, is a precious opportunity for global manufacturers and exporters offered by China, a Vietnamese participant said.

"Thanks to the expo, we can both maintain our relationship with old customers in China and find many potential ones regardless of COVID-19 restrictions," Ta Ngoc Hung, chief executive officer (CEO) at the Vietnamese agricultural manufacturer and exporter Vinapro told Xinhua.

Having been participating CIIE since 2019, the company specializing in exporting goods such as high-quality coffee, pepper, cinnamon, dried ginger and cashew nuts will also take part in the online exhibition this year with thorough preparation, the CEO said.

The company had its sampling goods successfully delivered to Shanghai in October and has completed arranging them at the exhibition site. As a three-term veteran, Vinapro is now very experienced in taking advantage of the event and "has set a goal of reaching more potential clients" than ever, the company's representative said confidently.

"From our observation, China is a market with tremendous potential for agricultural products, especially cashew nuts, pepper and cinnamon. These are also our key exporting items to the market," Hung told Xinhua.

According to the CEO, the business opportunities brought by CIIE are even more precious given the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has hindered trade activities across the world.

"It embodies China's willingness to open to the world in the role of an active promoter of international trade co-



Visitors are seen at the Trade in Services exhibition area during the third China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai, east China, Nov. 5, 2020. (Xinhua/Zhang Haofu)

operation," Hung said, adding that "as a foreign exporter, we really appreciate the precious opportunities, especially during pandemic time, and will take part in CIIE annually."

Since its debut in 2018, CIIE has acted as a significant platform for international procurement, investment promotion, cultural exchange, and open cooperation.

This year, nearly 3,000 businesses from 127 countries and regions are attending the global trade gala in Shanghai. From a more collective view, the grand expo is of great importance to foreign exporters globally, especially Vietnamese ones, a representative from Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade commented.

"As they (the manufacturers and exporters) cannot go anywhere to promote their products during the pandemic, the expo is a wide-open door for them to connect with the world," Luong Minh Thang, a senior coordina-

tor at the Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency under the ministry told Xinhua.

Despite having to join the expo online due to COVID-19 developments recently, "several participants gave their feedbacks that they have found many potential customers and therefore expanded their exports," said Thang, who has supported hundreds of Vietnamese firms joining CIIE over the years.

China's move to stimulate domestic consumption by importing more from overseas is benefiting its trade partners, Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade said in a press release sent to Xinhua recently.

Via CIIE, it can promote exports of key items including agricultural and fishery goods, which Vietnam has production competitiveness to provide at a reason-

able price and with high quality. Meanwhile these goods are in high demand in China, according to the ministry. Vietnam will also benefit from being the import-export gateway between China and ASEAN, the ministry noted.

According to the Chinese Embassy in Vietnam, trade value between China and the Southeast Asian country surged nearly 35 percent on year during January-August, reaching nearly 150 billion U.S. dollar despite the severe impact of the pandemic. China continued to be the largest trade partner and the largest import market of Vietnam in the mentioned period.

Xinhua

## AI trainer - a brand new profession in China that sees bright prospects

AI (artificial intelligence) trainer is a new job that comes with the wide application of AI technology. The duty of the job is to make AI perform better in understanding and serving humans.

Data analysis and annotation, algorithm selection and optimization, model training, and project design are all within the scope of work of AI trainers.

It took only four years for the job to have developed into a profession from a notion. At present, China is home to over 200,000 AI trainers, and the number is expected to hit five million globally in 2022.

Wei Zimu is an AI trainer and engineer from Haizhi Technology, a Beijing-based data company. According to her, the company's AI training system is generally deployed on the private cloud networks of its customers.

"Recently, together with the financial project team of the company, I'm using AI technology to evaluate and predict user behaviors, so as to help banks assess anti-fraud, anti-money laundering, and post-loan risks," Wei told People's Daily while simulating how AI is trained on a demo system.

She said the systems of the banks always come with a large amount of data, so it needs all-rounded investigation into the features of the banks' users and how data should be exploited. That's why Wei must have, apart from AI technology,



AI trainer Wei Zimu works in her office. (Photo by Liu Shiyao/People's Daily Online)

profound understanding of the actual demands of financial businesses.

"The selection of a proper algorithm is the most important task in data analysis," she said, explaining that algorithms are like formulas, and the more they comply with the laws of the data, the more precise prediction they would make.

After selecting a proper algo-

rithm, Wei inputted data into it and started training models, which was a huge task. She told People's Daily that the process of AI computing is like the growth of a tree. At first, the tree only has a trunk and then it grows branches that go toward different directions. After twigs are grown on the branches, the tree becomes lush.

Based on the algorithm, com-

puting go automatically according to mathematical principles, which finally form a set of decisions that demonstrate probabilities and predictions.

AI trainers can decide how tall the tree should grow and when it should stop growing, she introduced, adding that the algorithm makes decisions according to the setting of the trainers.

"In other words, even if I and another trainer are using the same data and algorithm, our analysis results could be different because we might apply different parameters during the training due to our different understanding of the business," she said. This is related to the technical capability of the engineers, as well as an enterprise's core technologies and its understanding of the industries it serves, she added.

Finally, the demo system gave a scorecard that showed the risks of borrowers being delinquent and what should the banks do to respond. What AI technology can do for the financial industry is to prevent financial risks, spot frauds, refine financial services and lower the cost.

Wei, 26, majored in math at university and got a master's degree last year. She's always ready to learn. "If you want to become an outstanding AI trainer, you have to keep your knowledge updated apart from having solid math and computer capabilities," she told People's Daily.

People's Daily

## Bosnia expected to eradicate statelessness by end of 2022

SARAJEVO

BOSNIA and Herzegovina (BiH) could eradicate statelessness by 2022, two years earlier than planned, said Lucie Gagne, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representative in BiH on Saturday.

According to the United Nations (UN), stateless persons are those who are not recognized as nationals by any state under its law, which prevents them from equally participating in social life and enjoying a series of human rights such as health care, education, or marriage.

UNHCR started a global Ibelong Campaign in 2014, planning to eradicate statelessness by 2024. To date, the problem has been solved for more than 800,000 people around the world, explained Gagne in her interview to the state owned news agency FENA on Saturday.

She said that 1,795 people in BiH solved their problem of statelessness since the start of the campaign and the country has some 150 more people in this category.

She explained that the majority of them are Roma, especially those born abroad by Bosnian parents but without relevant documents to prove it.

The second large group are refugees who arrived from Croatia during the war in 1990s and still live in a legal limbo, unable to solve their legal status in BiH.

She hoped that by the end of 2024 world nations will solve this issue affecting over 10 million people across the globe.

In February this year, BiH created the necessary legal framework that will help people born abroad by Bosnian nationals, but do not have relevant documents about the exact place and time of their birth, she added.

Xinhua

## Virus: Pfizer results open door to new chapter for treatments

By Bloomberg

THE world needs an easy-to-take COVID-19 treatment. Pfizer Inc's and Merck & Co Inc's COVID-19 pills may be just that. But questions remain about how well they will work in the real world, how safe they are and whether they will need to be taken in drug cocktails rather than alone.

Pfizer's COVID-19 pill results were hailed as remarkable Friday, the drug reduced the risk of hospitalization or death by 89 percent in pa-

tients. It follows a successful COVID-19 pill trial from rival Merck in October and both drugmakers are now working to get regulatory authorization. That's left even the most skeptical doctors and scientists cheering the moment as a feat for drug development and a possible turning point in the pandemic.

"Just stunning," Ashish Jha, dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, said in a tweet about the results. He added that the "implications of effective therapeutics for ending the pandemic

are very, very large."

Successful development of the Pfizer and Merck pills, drugs known as antivirals, wasn't a given. Viruses use human cells to replicate, creating a challenge for scientists who aim to destroy a virus without harming the cells. While antivirals have been developed for conditions like Hepatitis C and HIV, respiratory viruses have proven more elusive.

The new COVID-19 drugs are intended for patients who are early on in their illness and not yet in the hos-

pital. They work by stopping enzymes involved in the coronavirus' process of replicating and spreading. (Molnupiravir is being developed by Merck in partnership with Ridgeback Biotherapeutics LP. It was shown in a late-stage study to cut the risk of hospitalization or death by around 50 percent in high-risk patients.)

If the drugs are authorized by regulators, they are likely to overtake currently-available antibody treatments because it's much easier to take a pill than to get an infusion,

experts said.

"We have an overwhelming toolbox right now to combat COVID-19. And this is a phenomenal result. This exceeded any reasonable expectation," said Scott Gottlieb, a former US Food and Drug Administration commissioner and a Pfizer board member, speaking about Pfizer's results on CNBC. He said the end of the US pandemic is "in sight right now."

Yet only limited data on the drugs have so far been shared from trials, and through press releases, not

from the more in-depth journal publications that scientists and doctors typically rely on to vet treatment options. That leaves some questions about drug safety that will need to be addressed in the regulatory review process. Additional research on combining antivirals will likely be needed so doctors know how to best deploy the treatments.

This undated image provided by Merck & Co shows their new antiviral medication. (MERCK & CO VIA AP)

One pill may be preferred

over another for certain patients, or two antivirals might be combined in certain scenarios such as for high-risk, very ill patients, said Amesh Adalja, an infectious disease doctor and senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. Doctors may also end up combining an antiviral with an antibody treatment for some patients, he said.

"What we'll need to see is a lot of clinical guidance, and a lot of clinical data," he said.

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Former Namungo FC forward, Adam Salamba.

## Adam Salamba aims high in Algerian Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

AFTER signing a three-year contract with Algerian Premier League side JS Saoura, Tanzanian striker, Adam Salamba, has got his journey to success underway, as the footballer pursues a successful career.

After the signing, Salamba recalled when he was young, he committed to football to wipe away his tears and live well.

The footballer disclosed: "My parents passed away when I was young, I started playing street matches when I was 10 years old, where whatever I was given I would send to my late mother's sister who is my mother's twin."

"The hardships of life made me commit to God that when I grow up I need football to give me money, I started my journey at Stand United, Lipuli FC of Iringa, and then I began to enjoy success at Simba which paved the way for me so far," the soccer player revealed.

Salamba added JS Saoura Club Chairman had been following him since he was playing for Al Jahra of Kuwait and if it had not been for the COVID-19 outbreak intervention he would not have returned to Tanzania in 2019.

"When I was playing in Kuwait the chairman used to follow me and asked me to play for their team, but at that time the COVID-19 disease was at its peak and that was the reason for breaking my contract with Al Jahra," he revealed.

He says while in Namungo FC, the JS Saoura leader sought him out again to work with him but the Algerian registration window was closed.

"After the last season of the league they looked for me again and I told my agent to talk to them. They told me to go for a two-week trial, I did and passed and then I signed a three-year contract," the soccer player pointed out.

Salamba issues advice to other local players, who have been challenged abroad and then returned home not to give up and continue to seek team connections from different countries.

After Salamba pulled a long shot while playing for Al Jahra of Kuwait, the player is currently earning more money at the JS Saoura side.

He disclosed that for a year he is paid 16m/-, also within his contract when they win one match they earn 500 Euros (approximately 1.3m/-) and

sometimes they get up to 600 Euros (approximately 1.6m/-) as a bonus.

"I felt comforted after getting approval in front of my teammates and I already made good friends so I'm not as lonely as I used to be in Kuwait," he disclosed.

The former Simba striker revealed the food challenge is the same as it was in Kuwait where they eat chapati, pasta, chicken, and meat, while access to familiar delicacies like rice is difficult.

"Since I came here I have never encountered porridge or rice and the environment here is compatible with Kuwait," Salamba, who has so far been in the North Africa country for three weeks, revealed.

Salamba pointed out language is also another challenge for him in the country.

He stated: "They speak French and Arabic which I know a little bit, so it doesn't bother me much to get along with people."

He spoke well of the Algerian side noting that he continues to study their culture day by day to keep up with them.

"I am currently staying at a five-star hotel while I wait for my leaders' process to find me a place to live," he pointed out.

He revealed after terminating his contract with Al Jahra of Kuwait and deciding to return to Tanzania, he experienced challenges he did not expect so he promises that he does not expect to lose the opportunity he once had.

"When I returned home, many teams needed me, but many things happened and I decided to join Namungo FC which I am thankful they stayed with me for believing in me even though I did not have a very good season," he disclosed.

He pointed out he learned to distinguish between home football and foreign football, a situation which will give him guidance in his responsibilities with his new club, JS Saoura.

"Such players are working hard abroad like my brothers Mbwana Samatta and Simon Msuva they deserve respect for what they are doing."

"After playing outside and discovering how foreign national teams value their players when I returned to Tanzania I realized that the opportunity I had now was very huge and I had to fight so that I could achieve my goals," Salamba pointed out.

## Zanzibar Blue Economy Half Marathon supports Isles market

By Guardian Reporter

FUMBA Fish Market will be the first beneficiary of this year's Zanzibar Blue Economy Half Marathon held last Saturday in Zanzibar, with competitors participating in 10km and 21km events, and other short distance races.

The half marathon, which was flagged off by the eighth-term President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar Hussein Ali Mwinyi, was part of the celebration to mark one year since he was elected to the top post.

The President, accompanied by his wife, Mariam Mwinyi, Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla, and other senior officials of the government, security forces, and citizens, participated in the four-kilometer walk from Mapinduzi Square at Kisongwe to Amaan Stadium.

According to the Zanzibar Blue Economy Half Marathon organizing committee's chairman, Abdallah Idrissa Majura, the race will be held annually and next year, if possible, will be staged in Pemba.

Majura said the proceeds from the event, which involved athletes from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar, will be used in the construction of the Fumba Fish



Zanzibar President, Hussein Ali Mwinyi, presents medals to this year's Zanzibar Blue Economy Half Marathon winners during the race's presentation ceremony in Zanzibar last weekend. PHOTO: Steven William

Market while 3m/- will be handed over to the Zanzibar Athletics Association.

The 21 km event was sponsored by NBM Bank, and the race's men event was won by Francis Damian Damas from Nyuki that posted 1:03.01, followed by Nelson Claver Mbuya from JKU (1:03.54) and Yohani Sule from Prison (1:04.11).

The women's 21 km race was won by Natalia Elisante Sule from KMKM who clocked 1:20.12 followed by Tunu

Andrea Raphael from Mfunzo (1:23.40), whereas Mary Naali Exwal from Arusha (1:26.32) ended third.

John Mwandu Jilala from Dar es Salaam emerged the winner of the 10km race, sponsored by KCB Bank after clocking 40:35.02 minutes, followed by Mundhahir Mussa Omar from Bubwisuni (40:35.52) and Muslih Kheir Suleiman from Magharibi 'B' (40:42.02)

The women's race was won by Marcelina Issa Mbuwa from TPDF who

spent 34:42.13 minutes followed by Valentina Michael Lazaro from Arusha and Agnes Protas Mwhui from Mafunzo.

The first winners of the 21km race in both categories (male and female) were awarded 1.2m/- each while the second winners took home 800,000/- each and the third winners received 300,000/- each.

Athletes who finished fourth to 10th were awarded 100,000/- each.

The event also involved 100m race for retired athletes, athletes with disabilities, and 200m for athletes selected by the Zanzibar Athletics Association.

Other sponsors for the race were the Tanzania Ports Authority, Zanzibar People's Bank, Mohamed Raza through ZAT, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Bumaco Insurance, Tanzania Postal Bank, World of Sports, Kikwajuni Zanzibar, PSSSF Zanzibar, Azam Media, TTCL, and Sea Cliff Zanzibar.

## Serengeti Lite DJ competition winners get prizes

By Guardian Reporter

PRODUCERS of the iconic beer in Tanzania, Serengeti Lite, have recently wrapped up their well-known Disc Jockey (DJ) competition, dubbed 'Take a Bite Out of Life', by awarding youthful DJs with awards worth millions of shillings at the Triple-A arena Arusha.

The competition's seven contestants went on spins against each other before the judges to be in the final three.

This final competition ended the three-month campaign by getting the three lucky DJs, who each bagged DJ kits worth 7m/-.

Abdulaziz Juma, nicknamed 'DO Dully Tz' from Dodoma, Dar es Salaam's Steven Jonathan, alias 'DJ Stegio', and Kilimanjaro's Mussa Shaban, nicknamed 'DJ Son', were the event winners.

The trio also got golden opportunities to be the official DJs of the 'Lite with a Bite' by spearheading future brand promo-

tions and activation activities for Serengeti Lite.

Speaking during the closing ceremony, SBL Head of Beer Portfolio, Nandy Mwiombella, said: "It is an exciting time for SBL and its iconic beer, Serengeti Lite, which leveraged the competition to expand its position in the market by helping youth showcase their talent."

"Serengeti Lite has a passion for the youngsters who are more vibrant, stylish, and trendy, this is why the 'Take a Bite out of Life' campaign has targeted them, providing them with a get-away that aims at enabling them to enjoy every moment at its fullest whilst savouring the alluring fuller taste of Serengeti Lite beer, the only lite Tanzanian beer, made for Tanzanians by Tanzanians."

Arusha Youth Officer, Japhet Kurwa, officiated the ceremony on behalf of the Regional Commissioner, John Mongella, who also awarded the three lucky winners.

Kurwa applauded SBL's efforts to stimulate the labour market by incentivizing youth in the entertainment sector.

He said: "I am overwhelmed by excitement to witness how youth pursue their dreams with vigour and passion. I applaud SBL to make their dreams a reality."

"It is a beautiful day for these three winners, their lives won't be the same again because you have just added new employment opportunities, as I know, some of you (especially winners) will be invited to events as DJs and open music studios in the long run."

Kurwa added: "The event itself has sparked attention in the city. I am confident that this attention has stirred more conversation with youth living in Arusha."

"I hope they use this example to step up in life and grab every opportunity to reach their goals, especially when our government is working hard to boost employment in the country."

The 'Take a Bite Out of Life' campaign accompanied thrilling entertainment activities of local DJs competing all over the districts, regions, and country.

The competition amassed over 5,200 contestants above 18 years with aspirations to build their careers as music entertainers.

On each occasion, lucky participants walked away with merchandise and, on top of that, got an opportunity to showcase their talent before prominent judges such as Lawrence Daniel 'DJ Zero', and the public.

This is not the first time SBL has ambitiously invested in such projects via the brand. The iconic brand has also invested in the sports sector by sponsoring the senior national team, Taifa Stars, Women's Premier League, and other significant golf tournaments.



National Arts Council of Tanzania (BASATA) Acting Executive Secretary, Matiko Mniko (C), applauds after presiding over the launch of the Serengeti Lite campaign, dubbed 'Take a Bite Out of Life', geared towards discovering Disk Jockey (DJ) talents. Standing (R) is SBL's Senior Brand Manager, Wankyo Marando, and (L) one of the judges, Lawrence Daniel 'DJ Zero' from Clouds FM. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



## Solskjaer: Man City defeat 'a big step backwards'

MANCHESTER

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer has said Manchester United have taken "a big step backwards" after their demoralising defeat to Manchester City.

United had more shots at their own goalkeeper than at City's during a comprehensive 2-0 defeat at Old Trafford on Saturday, and Solskjaer was left to accept that the November international break has come at a good time for his team following a run of just four wins from their past 12 games.

"It is very disappointing, and it feels like after last week we have made a step or two forward results-wise and then a big step backwards," Solskjaer said after the game.

"It is a way of losing that we don't like. When you lose a game against a good team, you want to see a better Man United team than that."

Asked whether he is still confident he can turn things around after a poor run of form, Solskjaer was bullish, responding: "Yes, definitely."

United don't play again until Nov. 20, when they face Watford at Vicarage Road, and Solskjaer wasted no time in issuing a challenge to his players to respond to the set-back against City.

"We are human beings, and when you lose a game of football, there is no better feeling than winning a game," he said.

"Hopefully, the ones that go away do that, and for us it is all about Watford.

"We have to come out against Watford like a proper hurt animal. The short answer is it has come at a good time for us. As a group, we have had a difficult spell. We have come through it, but this was a big step backwards."

It was a thoroughly dominant display from City, who had 16 shots to United's five, while Ederson made only one save of note from Cristiano Ronaldo in the first half.

Asked afterward why he didn't make any substitutions in any effort to score more goals, City manager Pep Guardiola said pointedly that he believed his team were already in total control.

"I am so demanding, we are so demanding for ourselves, but I am very pleased. This is the game we needed," he said.

"They [Manchester United] are so dangerous. That is why we had a game with a lot of control.

"We played the game we needed today. You have to play quick to move the ball and do the touches every player need but also try to put the ball in the pocket.

"The game was 2-0 and everything was comfortable."

ESPN

## Barca welcome Xavi with three-goal collapse, Real Madrid edge Rayo

MADRID

BARCELONA threw away a three-goal half-time lead on the day Xavi Hernandez was appointed coach as Celta Vigo scored in the 96th minute to complete a stunning comeback in La Liga on Saturday.

Real Madrid then held off Rayo Vallecano's revival to win 2-1 and return to the top of the table, two points clear of Real Sociedad, who face Osasuna on Sunday. Radamel Falcao gave Rayo hope late on.

"We had a lot of chances to finish the game and when they scored, we suffered," said Ancelotti. "But I'm happy. Until their goal it was our best performance of the season."

Another deflating result for Barca was made worse by another injury for Ansu Fati, who put his team in front and then had to go off with a hamstring problem.

Goals from Sergio Busquets and Memphis Depay had Barcelona 3-0 ahead after 34 minutes at Balaidos but Celta stormed back, Iago Aspas scoring twice either side of a Nolito header to seal a 3-3 draw.

"We forgot how to play in the second half," said Barcelona midfielder Frenkie de Jong. "We lacked personality."

Aspas' equaliser, with a brilliant shot from the edge of the area, came with 95 minutes and 34 seconds on the clock and left the Barcelona players crumpled on the floor.

It is now Xavi's job to pick them up, with the team's new coach watching from Barcelona, where he had landed around three hours before kick-off.

The 41-year-old had flown from Doha following confirmation of his sensational return to the club in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Barcelona's chaotic defending and inability to manage a game when they looked in charge, will have come as little surprise to Xavi.

However, Fati's hamstring injury will be a concern, especially with a crunch Champions League game against Benfica to come on November 23, shortly after the international break.

Eric Garcia was also forced off with a calf strain while Nico Gonzalez appeared to be in discomfort when he was substituted before the hour.

"It's not an excuse but the injuries meant we had to change the whole strategy of the game and the players," said Sergi Barjuan after his last match in interim charge.

AFP

# Man United's drift will continue as long as Solskjaer's in charge

MANCHESTER, England

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer is growing accustomed to being humiliated on the touchline at Old Trafford. Two weeks after being mocked by Liverpool fans during a 5-0 home defeat against Liverpool, the Manchester United manager was once again subjected to merciless ridicule by Manchester City supporters as his team slid to a comprehensive 2-0 defeat Saturday against their local rivals.

Solskjaer is a decent man, someone who earned the affection of United supporters during his playing days at the club, and it's becoming painful to watch him suffer the ignominy of opposition fans taunting him with chants of "Five more years" and "Ole, give us a wave!" But unless the Glazer family, United's owners, and executive vice chairman Ed Woodward turn ruthless during the forthcoming international break by calling time on Solskjaer's 35-month reign as manager, the 48-year-old will limp on and experience more days like this, when his players fail to deliver against top-class opponents and his tactical shortcomings are exposed by elite coaches such as Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp.

United and Solskjaer were utterly outclassed

by City and Guardiola on Saturday. The final score may have been 2-0, but it could have been another 5-0 if not for the heroics of goalkeeper David de Gea. One senior figure at City told ESPN before the game that "I used to feel sick with nerves coming here, but that only happens at Anfield now." They had no need to worry this time either.

Since losing to Liverpool, United have won at Tottenham, drawn away to Atalanta in the Champions League (thanks to a last-minute Cristiano Ronaldo equaliser) and been taken back to school in defeat to City. If beating Spurs but losing to Liverpool and City is good enough for the Glazers and Woodward, that gives you an indication of where the bar is now set at Old Trafford. Yet the reality is that the past two years have been no different, and the club's decision to hand Solskjaer a new three-year contract in July was borne of the diminished standards that have now taken root.

"We are more confident than ever that, under Ole's leadership, we are heading in the right direction," Woodward said on the day that Solskjaer signed his new deal.

Solskjaer had not delivered a trophy for United or come close to challenging for the Premier League title when he signed his contract, yet



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, left, was outclassed by Manchester City on Saturday, marking yet another home humiliation that has fans wondering how much longer he can remain in charge. (Agencies)

it was enough for Woodward and the owners. But what progress has Solskjaer made, and are they really any closer to challenging for success? Results this season suggest not, but it's a well-established pattern.

Since Jan. 1, 2020, United have lost 10 Premier League games at Old Trafford, collecting 56 points at home during that period. It is, by some distance, the worst home record of the so-called Big Six clubs. Before Saturday's games, City had collected 76 points at home during that time, with Liverpool and Chelsea both amassing 67 points on home turf. Spurs and Arsenal, meanwhile, have both won 61 points in front of their own fans.

Had United not embarked on an incredible 29-game unbeaten run

away from home, which only ended at Leicester City last month, their home results would surely have placed Solskjaer under greater scrutiny.

Their home record against the Big Six is another indicator of Solskjaer's shortcomings as a winning coach. Since Jan. 1, 2020, they've taken just five points from a possible 27 against their Big Six rivals at Old Trafford. They sit bottom of the Big Six table -- four points behind Chelsea -- with City, Spurs and Arsenal all claiming 16 points in home games between each other.

Incredibly, 21% of United's home defeats in the Premier League era have come under Solskjaer's management. And they haven't kept a clean sheet at home in 14 games in all competi-

tions -- the second-worst home run in the club's history. Those statistics are damning of Solskjaer's credentials, but the United hierarchy continue to suggest that he is the best man for the job.

With no trophies, dismal form at home and their title hopes gone for another season, it's difficult to know how the Glazers can justify their patience with the manager. ESPN reported after the Liverpool defeat that several members of Solskjaer's squad are unconvinced by the manager's tactical ability, and results since have done little to suggest that the Norwegian has won over the skeptics.

United's performance against City was so passive, it was as though they knew they had little chance of winning. And

once they went behind in the seventh minute, when Eric Bailly flicked Joao Cancelo's cross into his own net, it was obvious United wouldn't win. Bernardo Silva's goal on the stroke of half-time, when Luke Shaw and Harry Maguire allowed a deep cross to reach the Portugal international for an easy tap-in at the far post, simply confirmed City's victory.

Guardiola's team had 68% of possession over 90 minutes. United managed just one shot on target; in fact, they ended up testing de Gea more than Ederson, with Victor Lindelof almost joining Bailly in the own goals with a miskick that was saved by de Gea.

It was a mess, one that grew when Solskjaer threw on substitute Jadon Sancho at half-time and deployed the right-winger out of position on the left, but that is United under Solskjaer. No discernible plan, no sense of direction, and when it comes up against a top team and top coach, it all falls apart.

The owners and Woodward may already realise this, but there is no sign yet of a change being made. The drift will continue until the top four begins to disappear over the horizon, but by then, it will be too late and another season will pass by with United treading water.

ESPN

## 'It's our fault': Chelsea frustrated in Burnley draw

LONDON

THOMAS Tuchel admitted Chelsea had only themselves to blame as the Premier League leaders were held to a surprise 1-1 draw by struggling Burnley on Saturday.

Tuchel's side led through Kai Havertz's first half header and were 11 minutes away from moving five points clear at the top before Matej Vydra stunned Stamford Bridge into silence.

It was a brutal blow to Chelsea given their territorial dominance, but they had no response as their four-match winning run in the league came to an end.

The Blues sit three points clear of second placed Manchester City, who won at Manchester United earlier on Saturday.

Third placed Liverpool can move within one point of Chelsea if they beat West Ham on Sunday.

Although Chelsea are unbeaten in eight matches in all competitions, this setback underlined their lack of cutting edge without injured strikers Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner.

Burnley should have been dead and buried before Vydra's late invention.

But a fine display from Burnley keeper Nick Pope and some wasteful Chelsea finishing allowed the visitors to escape with a point.

It was just the second goal Chelsea had con-



Thomas Tuchel

ceded in their last seven games in all competitions.

"It's our fault. We should have scored more. We created so many chances," Tuchel said.

"Of course I'm disappointed. If we played this game 100 times, we'd win 99 times.

"You have the opponent where you want to have them. But we let them believe it was possible to steal a point by pure luck and that's what happened."

Tuchel will hope both Lukaku and Werner are available soon after the forthcoming international break.

"We are in a good place. It was a fantastic 90 minutes. We deserved more. On another game we maybe get lucky and steal some points," Tuchel added.

Chelsea's failure to take three points overshadowed a fine display from Ross Barkley.



Barkley, who spent last season in exile on loan at Aston Villa, has never looked at home with Chelsea since his move from Everton in 2018.

But, with Mason Mount only available from a bench after a tooth infection, the midfielder produced one of his most influential performances in a Chelsea shirt. The 27-year-old,

deployed in a 'false nine' role, surged towards the Burnley area and teed up Callum Hudson-Odoi for a shot that was saved by Pope before the winger fired the rebound wide.

That was the signal for a period of sustained Chelsea pressure, with Andreas Christensen glancing a header just wide.

- Touchline spat -

Jorginho threatened with a header that Pope pushed away at full-stretch, while Barkley curled narrowly wide from the edge of the area.

Barkley's crunching foot-up challenge on Ben Mee sparked a spat between Tuchel and Sean Dyche, with the Chelsea boss jumping from his seat in a finger-pointing fury that brought an angry response from the Burnley boss before they were kept apart.

The Blues' dominance paid dividends in the 33rd minute.

Just moments earlier, Havertz needed treatment after tumbling over an advertising board into the Matthew Harding Stand, but the German forward was clearly unfazed by that painful landing.

N'Golo Kante picked out James down the right and the defender's pin-point cross reached the unmarked Havertz, who thumped a clinical

header past Pope for his fourth goal this season.

With Chelsea pressing for the knockout blow, Thiago Silva headed against a post from another precise James cross early in the second half.

Hudson-Odoi's low strike was repelled by Pope and Barkley smashed over from a good position before departing to a standing ovation when he was substituted.

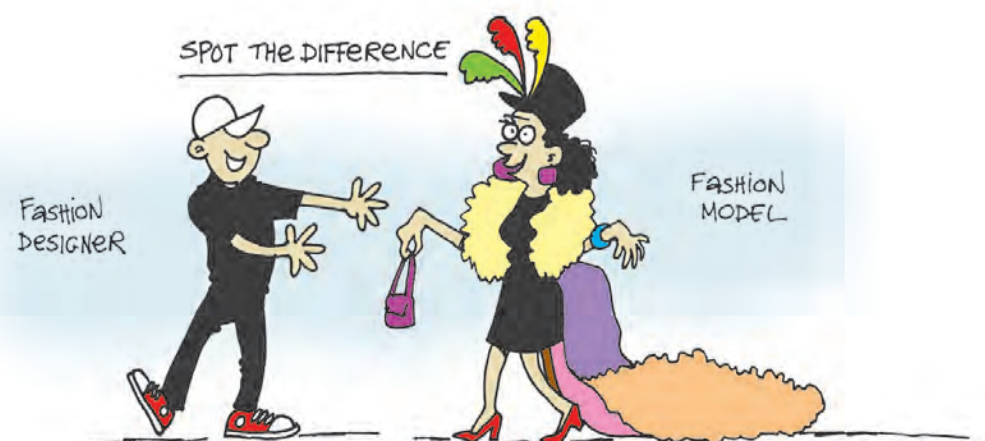
It was a curious decision by Tuchel given Barkley's influence and Burnley took advantage to snatch an equaliser completely against the run of play in the 79th minute.

Matthew Lowton chested the ball down for Ashley Westwood and his cross caught the Chelsea defence napping.

Jay Rodriguez headed it back across goal for Vydra to stab home from close-range.

AFP

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Tanzania's senior national cricket team's Kassim Nassoro appreciates his teammates when he posted a half-century during the side's ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers tie against Cameroon, which took place in Kigali yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TCA

## Dar cricketers maintain winning ways in ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers

By Guardian Reporter

A solid batting showing by Kassim Nassoro propelled Tanzania's senior national cricket team to an impressive 178-run victory over Cameroon in this year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers match which took place at the Gahanga Stadium in Kigali last weekend.

Tanzania's cricketers have for that matter kept on staying within reach of securing progression to ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Regional Final, having garnered victory in three outings.

In the last weekend fixture, Tanzania's cricketers, once again showed their batting prowess against the spirited Cameroon team by posting 240 runs on the board, losing five wickets in 20 overs, when they went in to bat first.

Kassim Nassoro proved his worth at the crease, notching 59 runs not out which were instrumental in the senior national cricketers' search for an imposing score.

There were further solid showing that dependable cricketers, openers Abhik Patwa and Ivan Ismail, Jitin Singh, Jatinkumar Darji, and Arshaan Jasani put to show.

The openers Ismail and Patwa saw to it they command a good start, cracking solid shots and ending with impressive figures.

Ismail notched 31 runs which included three boundaries and two sixes, the experienced Patwa ended with 36 runs which included five fours.

Jatinkumar, who was put at number three, chipped in with 16 runs, his efforts to keep on flexing his muscles were ended by Maxwell Fru of Cameroon.

Singh and Jasani deployed fourth and fifth respectively boosted their squad's score with double-digit figures, posting 29 runs and 36 runs respectively.

The impressive Nassoro took the crease and proved to be a threat to Cameroon, registering 59 runs not out which included six boundaries and three sixes.

The West African opponents' cricketers, Fru, had an impressive three wickets, giving away 42 runs in four overs and fellow bowler, Bruno Toube, notched two wickets conceding 34 runs in four overs.

The duo's tenacity nevertheless did not manage to keep Tanzania's cricketers in check.

Keeping things tight for the net run rate, the senior national cricketers made sure to dismiss Cameroon within 17 overs by conceding 62 runs.

It was, ultimately, the batters' show on the day, and Nassoro was in great form with the blistering half-century to be crowned the Man of the Match.

In the previous two outings, senior national cricketers made short work of Sierra Leone and Mozambique.

## NBC Dodoma Marathon raises over 200m/- to support fight against cancer



Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa (3rd L), presents a cash prize to NBC Dodoma Marathon's men's 21km champion, Alphonse Simbu (2nd L), after the race that was held in Dodoma yesterday. Looking on are Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports' Permanent Secretary, Hassan Abbas (L), NBC Bank CEO, Theobald Sabi (3rd R), Director of Sports Development Department, Yusuph Singo (2nd R), and Athletics Tanzania (AT) president, Silas Isangi. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Correspondent

THE international charity race, organized by the National Bank of Commerce (NBC), known as the 'NBC Dodoma Marathon', has raised more than 200m/- to support the fight against cervical cancer afflicting women.

Tanzanian athletes also performed well in the marathon, emerging victorious in both 42km and 21km races.

In the race held in Dodoma yesterday, and graced by Minister for Culture, Arts and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, Tanzanian runner, Tumaini Habie, beat the rest of the pack to emerge as champion in men's 42km race after posting 02:17:15, followed by Kenyan, Eyanae Paul, who clocked 02:18:31.

Tanzanian, Abraham Too, finished in third place with a time of 02:19:04

In the women's 42km race,

Kenyan runner Cheruto Isgah clocked 02:45:03 to end as the category's champion, followed by Tanzanians Jackline Sakilu and Sara Ramadhan, who clocked 02:45:46 and 02:46:13 to come second and third respectively.

Prominent domestic athlete, Alphonse Simbu, was the 21km race champion after clocking 01:03:46, followed by compatriots, Joseph Panga and Daniel Giniki, who registered 01:04:18 and 01:05:37 to take second and third places respectively.

In women's 21km race, Tanzanian Failuna Abdi emerged as champion after clocking 01:14:50, followed by Kenyans, Lelei Jekembai, and Tanui Euliter, who clocked 01:15:18 and 01:17:21 respectively.

The 42km race champions in both men and women categories were presented with 5.5m/- apiece, whilst

21km race winners in both categories received 3.5m/- apiece.

In 10km, male and female champions were presented with 1.5m/- apiece, the 5km event's winners walked away with 1m/- apiece.

Minister Bashungwa commended the bank for organizing the race well shortly after handing over the donation check worth 200m/- to the Executive Director of Ocean Road Cancer Institute (ORCI), Julius Mwaiselage, and cash prizes to the races' winners.

Bashungwa disclosed: "This is the second season since the race's launch, the government has been at the forefront of supporting them due to its central role in helping mothers against cervical cancer."

"We are grateful to see that initiative achieved success and now we are going to save the lives of thousands of

mothers through sports efforts," he said.

The NBC Bank Chief Executive Officer, Theobald Sabi, thanked the race's participants and sponsors for achieving the main goal of the race, namely contributing to health care at Ocean Road Hospital, especially the treatment of cervical cancer, which is the leading cause of cervical cancer-related deaths in the country.

He said through the race last year they were able to raise 100m/- to address the challenge and this year the aim was to collect 200m/- earned through athletes' registration for the race, as well as various donations from sponsors of the race.

The NBC Bank boss noted: "That is why despite all this we use this opportunity to congratulate all of us including the organizers, participants and our sponsors for achieving this important goal."

"Although we have won the race, every contestant is still a winner because he/she has managed to save the lives of our mothers," he said.

The ORCI Executive Director, Mwaiselage, thanked the bank for the efforts, noting that the aid was going to support the fight in various areas, especially in the regions.

According to Mwaiselage, the funds are set to back treatment for patients who have been arriving at the hospital in the final stages of the disease.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) president, Silas Isangi, pointed out Tanzanian athletes' impressive showing in various races in the country is due to good preparations made by the athletes.

Isangi revealed this is just the beginning as the Tanzanian runners are set to keep on recording good results in international events.

## Soccer enthusiasts hail Serengeti Lager's campaign

By Guardian Correspondent

SCORES of football fans who are the diehard supporters of Tanzania men's national soccer team, Taifa Stars have expressed their excitement and gratitude to Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL), through its popular beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lager, for launching the now-celebrated 'Nje ya Ndimba na Stars' campaign.

The campaign, among other activities, seeks to bring the fans closer to their favorite football players.

Launched recently in Dar es Salaam, the 'Nje ya Ndimba na Stars' campaign is a unique, one-of-a-kind entertainment invention by SBL's flagship brand with the main aim being to give soccer fans a rare opportunity of intermingling with Taifa Stars players outside of their usual pitches and stadia where they ply their trade and physically present them to their admirers in an exceptional face-to-face encounter for friendly, relaxed, humorous and light touch interactions.

This is paper interviewed some of the fans who were at the launch of the campaign to hear experiences concerning their interaction with Taifa Stars players.

Among the lucky fans is Mohammed Salum, alias 'Mudi', from Dar es Salaam who, after interacting with the players during the campaign's launch, disclosed: "It was a pleasant shock when I met the players during the launch, this was the first time that I was seeing most of the players in a stress-free atmosphere away from their playgrounds where they spend most of their time! I thank Serengeti Lager beer for organizing such a delightful campaign and I



Taifa Stars' fans take memorable selfies with some of the team's players at the launch of a campaign, dubbed 'Nje ya Ndimba na Stars', in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

request the sponsor to organize such events more often."

Another fan, Agnes Manka, was equally delighted with her encounter with the players. She noted: "It's not every time that one gets physically close to the national team's players to chat with them."

Agnes stated: "They are always busy and are rarely allowed to talk to people, so it was sweet music to me when I was accorded a chance to meet them and interact freely with them in a serene atmosphere, thanks to Serengeti Premium Lager for thinking of such a lovely initiative."

The same sentiments are echoed by Adam John who noted that in his entire life as a soccer fanatic and especially as an ardent supporter of

Taifa Stars, he has never seen such a grand ingenuity from a football team's sponsor unless when a team has won a big tournament and even then, players seldom interact with fans at closer levels.

"I, therefore, thank Serengeti Premium Lager for this innovation and urge it to come up with more innovatively exciting activities", John pointed out.

SBL's Senior Brand Manager, Mainstream Beer, Wankyo Marando, spoke of the 'Nje ya Ndimba na Stars' campaign, stating: "Serengeti Premium Lager is undeniably the biggest fan and lover of Taifa Stars and the team's main sponsor. SBL's multiple-award-winning beer brand is, therefore, happy to launch 'Nje ya Ndimba

na Stars' campaign, which seeks to bring soccer fans closer to their favourite players both physically and emotionally.

"Taifa Stars fans indeed know quite a lot about their preferred players, but they rarely meet them outside the pitch; this campaign, therefore, accords them a rare opportunity of physically interacting with them."

Wankyo noted that the country-wide campaign would involve Taifa Stars players visiting regions such as Mbeya, Mwanza, and Arusha, where they will have an opportunity to meet and interact directly with the fans through monthly parties and Nje ya Ndimba parties.

In these engagements, fans and Serengeti Lager consumers will have opportunities to win various prizes and also get great offers on Serengeti Lager beer.

"The players will come to your favorite bar, and while enjoying your Serengeti Premium Lager, a 100 percent malt beer with no added sugar, you will have an opportunity to interact with them by asking questions, taking photos, and get their signatures," she added.

SBL has for years been a reliable partner in the development of sports in the country. Besides supporting various sports such as athletics, golf, and others, the beer-maker, through Serengeti Premium Lager, is the main sponsor of Taifa Stars, which it has been supporting since 2017 since then to date, the beer brand has supported the national team with a total of 5.1bn/- in sponsorship kitty.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

