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Zanzibar Natural Resources and Antiquities minister Lela Mohamed Mussa (C, in white headdress) and visiting French Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness minister Franck Riester (to her left) cut the ribbon at Zanzibar's Abeid Amani Karume International Airport yesterday to launch Air France's Zanzibar tourism route. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Judge rejects Mbowe's objections, withdraws from ongoing case on account of new duties

By Guardian Reporter

THE Economic Crimes Division of the High Court of Tanzania yesterday rejected two objections by the defence in the terrorism case facing Freeman Mbowe, national Chairman of the opposition Chadema, and his three co-accused.

Principal Judge Mustapha Siyani meanwhile excused himself from continuing with the case, citing his new responsibilities after his recent appointment as Principal Judge of the High Court.

Judge Siyani is the second judge to have excused himself from the case after Elinaza Luvanda, who did so on September 6 this year following a request by Mbowe.

Judge Siyani made the decision in the Dar es Salaam court yesterday after going through testimonies given by three defence witnesses and submissions from both sides.

The defence was objecting to the acceptance of the statement by the second accused, Adamu Kasekwa, on claims that it was recorded too late and that before such recording the accused was subjected to torture in the hands of arresting police officers.

"Both objections lack credibility in that the statement was recorded within the four-hour time limit, and that the defence testimony contradicts its second objection in that Kasekwa recorded his statement at the Dar es Salaam Central Police Station on his own volition," said Judge Siyani.

He agreed with the legal requirement that the statement must be recorded within four hours from the time of the accuser's arrest.

He however further explained that, according to Sections 51 and 50(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) (Cap 20), extension of time can be allowed by the

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Tanzania plans cruise ship along country's coastline

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

WITH a coastline stretching over 1400 kilometers, Tanzania, a country which also extends its territory to a vast number of islands and islets within the Indian Ocean waters, plans investing in cruise tourism.

That was stated by the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Damas Ndumbaro during his special meeting with delegates from the European Union Business Group (EUPG) that discussed the future of Tanzania's tourism industry.

The minister invited investors in the sector to consider ventures in other areas of tourism, yet to be fully explored, despite their potential.

Luxury cruise ships was mentioned as one area which can attract new types of tourists in the country, taking into consideration that national parks like Saadan as well as historical sites like Kilwa ruins are all located along the coastline and

can be linked by cruise ships.

He mentioned areas such as beach tourism on the mainland, because at the moment the sun-and-sand type of leisure travel is mostly taking place in the Zanzibar isles.

"We are aiming to record at least 5 million international tourists arrivals by the year 2025 and this can only be realised through diversification of tourism products," stated Ndumbaro, adding that in four years' time the country was targeting to raise US \$6 million from tourism.

Before Covid-19 outbreak, Tanzania was experiencing steady climb of tourists traffic of 1.5 million arrivals per annum. The sector suffered a massive decline between 2019 and 2021 during the pandemic period.

The executive director of the European Union Business Group, Cikay Richard said they had organised the meeting in order to bring together investors in the Tanzanian tourism industry with the ministry and other government officials to chart revival of the country's leisure travel industry in the post corona pandemic era.

But for other participants, it is not just the global pandemic which hit the country's tourism industry; a myriad of taxes and high charges of the same,

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Rise in meat and chicken prices unlikely to ease soon - minister

By Correspondent James Kandoya

CONSUMERS across Tanzania will continue digging deep into their pockets to put beef and chicken on the table because the factors behind the ongoing scarcity and consequent price hikes are unlikely to disappear soon, according to official sources.

Livestock and Fisheries minister Mashimba Ndaki told The Guardian in an interview yesterday that meat prices have risen partly following an increase in demand induced by exportation to the Gulf states and implementation of various development projects in the country.

He attributed the shortage of chicken to low production locally and a decline in the importation of day-old chicks.

In Dar es Salaam a kilo of meat previously going for between 6,000/- and 6,500/- now



As a result, many local abattoirs and butcheries naturally end up with too few head of cattle for slaughter and too little meat for sale, respectively

costs between 8,000/- and 9,000/-, while broiler chickens have become a scarce commodity.

"We hope that the price of meat will go down by February next year," the minister said, adding: "As for chicken, we have issued importation permits to two big dealers who are expected to ship in 1,600,000 chicks in the middle of next month."

He noted that two companies, one with ready to import 700,000 chicks and the other 900,000 chicks, will increase the supply of chicks in the country.

He further explained that the second consignment of imported chicks is expected by roundabout mid-December, effectively cutting the operating costs poultry keepers currently commonly

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By Guardian Correspondent, Bujumbura

AGRICULTURE minister Prof Adolf Mkenda has held talks in Bujumbura with Burundian minister for Environment, Agriculture and

Fisheries, Dr Rurema Deo-Guide. The talks, among other matters discussed availability of Burundi's market for Tanzanian's maize.

During his two-day visit to the central African country, Prof Mkenda and his host

also discussed the possibility of exporting fertiliser to Burundi.

The two ministers also discussed the issue of other types cereals apart from maize.

They also discussed the implementation of subsidy in farm inputs and stressed the possibility of exporting 'fomi imbura' fertiliser to Tanzania.

"There is the need to establish maize market here in Burundi for the crop that we have in surplus in neighbouring Rukwa and Katavi regions," said Prof Mkenda.

The discussions also dwelt on the Tanzania-Burundi cooperation on crops research which is the foundation for farmers' achievements in the two countries.

Prof Mkenda also said his visit aimed at cementing ties between Tanzania and Burundi, the task which is being being

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Freeman Mbowe (L), national chairman of the opposition Chadema for months now in remand prison in connection with the economic sabotage and other charges he is facing in court, in a tête-à-tête with the party's Secretary General, John Mnyika in court in Dar es Salaam yesterday. This was shortly before Principal Judge Mustapha Siyani began reading the judgment on a case within a case against Mbowe and two other people charged with terrorism. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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DCI or following an application in a court of law.

The judge elaborated in his ruling: "According to the two sections, the four-hour time limit must be observed and, if not, the requirement in Section 50 of the CPC should be adhered to or else the statement recorded cannot be accepted in court as evidence..."

"There is no doubt that the accused, namely, Kasekwa and Mohammed Ling'wenya were with Moses Lijenje at Rau Madukani area in Moshi. The plan by ACP Ramadhani Kingai and Inspector Omary Mahita was to arrest three people, but they arrested only two and Kasekwa led them to look for the third, Lijenje."

The judge said it was his honest opinion that the claim by ACP Kingai that after missing Lijenje they had the task of locating his whereabouts suggested that Kasekwa was with the police during the search for Lijenje.

He said there was no argument that, after his arrest, Kasekwa was transported to Dar es Salaam and the State witness supported the concept relating to the time taken to look for Lijenje in Moshi and Arusha and the time taken to transport him was not supposed to be counted as part of the four-hour time limit.

He elaborated: "In my opinion, Section 51 of the CPC is supposed to be invoked from the time the accused's statement starts being recorded and when it is discovered that the time is short, it is possible to seek a time extension, and there was no evidence that there was any interrogation before July 7, 2020."

"The said section is not supposed to be invoked because Kasekwa had not started being interrogated, and my view is that there were reasons that showed compliance with the legal requirements."

"My conclusion is that in the first defence objection, the time taken to look for Lijenje and transporting is not to be counted as part of the four-hour provision."

Judge Siyani said that the second objection is about Kasekwa agreeing to have his statement recorded but not voluntarily.

"Witness Msemwa produced a record book as an exhibit used to record the suspects' arrival at the

police station, an exhibit that was not objected to, meaning that its contents were accepted.

"My opinion goes against the objection, as testimony by the State shows that Kasekwa was taken to the Dar es Salaam Police Station and interrogated by ACP Kingai. If Kingai had been asked to present the accused's statement recorded at the police station, the objection would have been that Kasekwa never recorded his statement at the Central Police Station."

"Saying that the accused made his statement but under torture means that he arrived at the police station and had his statement recorded, but testimony that he was never taken to the police station but to Mbweni is not in the court's records."

The judge said both objections lacked legal credibility, as the statement was recorded within the four-hour time limit whereas the defence testimony goes against the second objection.

He said the police acceptance of the testimony in the record book was not opposed, meaning that Kasekwa's statement was recorded voluntarily.

In his testimony in the minor trial, Kasekwa denied having led police officers in looking for Lijenje and having been taken to the Dar es Salaam Central Police Station on August 7, 2020.

He claimed that he was taken to Tazara Police Station and then Mbweni and that he was subjected to torture by his arrestors when he recorded his statement and signed it at Mbweni on August 9, 2020.

After the ruling, Judge Siyani excused himself for ten minutes for consultations with advocates. When he returned, he said the original case should continue to be heard and first State witness ACP Kingai should continue with his testimony.

He said that the hearing should be continuous and that he was excusing himself from the case for another judge to continue handling the case from where he had left.

The accused, Halfani Bwira, Adamu Kasekwa, Mohamed Ling'wenya and Freeman Mbowe, are facing six counts. One is conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism, including harming former Hai district commissioner Lengai ole Sabaya in August 2020.

Tanzania assures French companies of conducive investment environment

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA has assured French companies operating in the country that there conducive environment for investment, calling them to come and invest more.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam after a forum that brought together sectorial ministers, business communities and investors from France yesterday, Foreign Affairs and East Africa Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula said the government will continue to create good and friendlier environment including elimination of barriers facing them.

The ministers who attended included Dr Damas Ndumbo, the minister for Natural resources and Tourism, minister for Energy January Makamba and minister for Works and Transport Prof. Makame Mbarawa.

Others are Zanzibar's minister for Economy and Investment Mudrick Soraga, minister for Industry and Trade Prof. Kitila Mkumbo, minister of State in the President's Office, Investment Geoffrey Mwambe and the host minister Mulamula.

"The government intends to ensure that there is a good and friendlier business environment for all people who are interested in investing in the country," she said.

She said French businesspeople have good relations with Tanzanians and now they have interest to invest

in the country.

According to her, the statistics show that a total of 7000 French tourists come to the country every month challenging stakeholders in the sectors to grab the opportunities available in the country.

For his part, the France minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness Franck Riester said the government recognises efforts made by the Tanzania government to improve business investment which is also for his government.

"French government intends to further strengthen the bilateral collaboration with the Tanzania government as witnessed today (yesterday) we have launched direct flights from Paris to Zanzibar which had stopped since 1974," he said.

Riester added that he will lure French business communities and investors about the opportunities available in Tanzania including energy, tourism, industries and transport to come and invest for mutual benefits of the two countries. The companies attended included CMA-CGM, Bolloré, Airbus, Thales, Lagardère, Total, the association of French business persons -Tanzania, Engie and Maurel & Prom.

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Minister Ndaki also noted that relief in the severity of the Covid-19 pandemic has occasioned a rise in demand for meat from Gulf countries.

This, he said, has a big impact on the availability and prices of meat in Tanzania "but the government is working hard to turn things around".

Some butchery owners and attendants contacted for comment said that most herders now prefer selling their cattle to dealers exporting meat to the Gulf states to serving the domestic market owing to the huge difference in prices on offer.

"As a result, many local abattoirs and butcheries naturally end up with too few head of cattle for slaughter and too little meat for sale, respectively," one local dealer said, adding that was what chiefly explained the current shortage of meat and the rise in meat prices.

He ruled out the level of levies and taxes charged on the business as a reason for the rise in the prices of meat and chicken.

A committee formed recently

to evaluate the availability of chickens called on the government to extend a special import permit relating to the hatching of eggs and supply of day-old chicks for the next three months to ease the current scarcity.

This was among the committee's recommendations following the assessment, carried out across the entire poultry value chain in the country.

The committee reported that the

shortage of day-old chicks would persist across the country, with the Covid-19 pandemic having made major poultry farms fail to meet production targets.

There are fears that the supply of grandparent poultry stock and business in the hatching of eggs could soon collapse unless urgent remedial measures are taken.

The prevailing challenges are blamed for increases in running costs particularly for poultry.



Manyara regional commissioner Charles Makongoro Nyerere (C, gesturing) has a word with tanzanite dealers at Mirerani township yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

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discouraged both investments and visitors as made the destinations expensive.

They were of the view that, with limited direct flights from various parts of the world to Tanzania, traveling was already cumbersome and expensive for tourists coming to the country and therefore there was no need for the visitors to pay high taxes upon arrival in the country.

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undertaken by the heads of states of both nations.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan recently visited Burundi while Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango and Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa also visited the country at different times, and this shows we are maintaining cordial diplomatic relations aimed at strengthening the economies of both countries," said Prof. Mkenda.

Also during the the visit Prof. Mkenda was joined by Tanzania's acting ambassador to Burundi Salvatory Mbilinyi.

Prof. Mkenda was accompanied by the ministry's director of crops, Enock Nyasebwa, the director general of Tanzania fertilisers regulatory authority (TFRA), Dr Stephen Ngailo and the soil expert from the Mlingano Centre of Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Mlingano) in Tamga Region, Dr Catherine Senkoro who is also the centre's director.

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Paskazia Swenzari (C), chairperson of a CSO known as Iloganzala Women Against Poverty, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on an event scheduled to be held in the city on October 24 to mark International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The Day, normally observed each October 17 worldwide, highlights global poverty, violence and hunger. The focus is on finding ways to mitigate and eradicate poverty including by acknowledging the efforts and struggle of people living in poverty and giving them a chance to be heard. Photo: Guardian Photographer

Government pledges continued improvement of the investment and business climate nationally

By Felister Peter

THE government has pledged to continue improving the country's business and investment climate insisting to provide full support and protection to foreign investors, establishing businesses in the country.

Ministers for Industry and Trade, Prof Kitila Mkumbo and Prof Makame Mbarawa, Minister for Works and Transport said when addressing delegates at the official launch of the Paris-based company—Aelia Duty Free shop at Terminal 3 at Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam.

The Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) granted permit to Lagardère Travel Retail and a local partner—Bevco Limited to operate two duty free stores at the new Terminal 3 for five years, but with an option of adding another five years.

Speaking during the event which was attended by France minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness, Franck Reister who was in the country for one day official visit, Prof Mkumbo said the government's decision to support and protect foreign investors is beneficial to the country.

"We will continue to support investors because their contribution is also beneficial and vital to our country. The presence of this shop adds a lot of value to our airport especially when we market our country as business friendly and investment destination," said Prof Mkumbo, adding the presence of Aelia Duty Free in Dar es Salaam is a big plus in a list of companies that have invested in Tanzania.

Prof Mbarawa said: "The government will continue to respect and offer opportunities for investors generate revenues to the government, but also attract others."

He added: "Three years back I was the project manager for this airport, it wasn't easy but at the end of the

day we had a splendid airport with a number of great opportunities. We will continue to create conducive environment for investors to put up businesses at the new Terminal 3 at JNIA and other airports countrywide."

Earlier, the visiting French Minister, Franck Reister said the investment at JNIA is the beginning of even more partnerships in various areas including tourism.

Reister noted that for the country to enhance its tourism sector, it needs to have good airports and ports. He said the launch of the direct flights by Air France from Paris to Zanzibar demonstrates France's commitment to continue improving its trade relations as well as investments in both Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

Tanzania's recent economic reforms are a huge influencer and a serious growth driver for the region, he said.

Lagardère Travel Retail aims to support the airport company in setting new standards for retail at JNIAA featuring all core duty free categories, travel accessories, souvenirs and snacking, under the Aelia Duty Free brand.

Paul Rwegasha, director of JNIA said the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 affected the airport business due to low arrivals of international passengers by 90 per cent.

He said the situation has now improved, as the airport is now experiencing a gradual growth of passengers. "We have now reached 50 per cent of the passengers before the pandemic," said Rwegasha, noting they conducted an in-depth due diligence before granting the permit to the two companies.

"We found out that both companies have good records to deliver first class airport duty free services with long experiences of operating around the world," the director added.

By Henry Mwangonde

Muhas receives 100m/- to fund research on Covid-19 pandemic

MUHIMBILI University of Health and Allied Sciences (Muhas) has received 100m/- to fund research on COVID-19 pandemic from the family of Tanzania's ex-Prime Minister Dr Salim Ahmed Salim.

The Amne Salim Fund for COVID-19 research has been launched in memory of Dr Salim's wife, Amne Salim who died of the pandemic in October, last year.

Speaking at the launching ceremony yesterday Ahmed Salim who is the son of Dr Salim said the fund has been launched to save lives of many Tanzanians battling the pandemic.

"The pandemic is deadly, we have

decided to launch the fund to beef up research efforts being done here at Muhas but also boost the desire for other people to do so," he said.

According to him, her mother was a person who dedicated her life to serving people saying the fund is part of initiatives to honour her.

For his part, Muhas Vice Chancellor Prof Andrea Pembe said the fund has come at the right time when the higher learning institution was at advanced stages to conduct research on the pandemic.

Research will help Tanzania understand the corona virus hence facilitate the formulation of strategies to combat hence conquer it in the long run.

"Collective efforts in combating COVID-19 will help the country to come up with solutions which are locally generated hence find a better way to fight the disease which has so far claimed many millions of lives globally," he said.

Dr Salim is a Tanzanian politician and diplomat since the early 1960s.

He also served as Minister of Defence and National Service, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations and Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity.

Other diplomatic positions; at the continental level, he has since March 2002 been acting as African Water ambassador whose responsibilities include advocacy, sensitisation, and mobilisation of support on African water issues.



GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Job title : Procurement and Supply Chain Management (PSM)-Consultant
Location : Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Purpose : To support NACP in Health Sector HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan 2021-2026 (HSHSP V) development.
Duration : 20 Work days after signing the contract.

1. Background
In the Health Sector HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan IV (HSHSP IV) implementation 2017 - 2022; the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) through the National AIDS Control Program (NACP) intensified the collaborative approach in achieving the intended objectives. The Ministry of Health works closely with President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG), Medical Stores Department (MSD), Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices (TMDA), GPSA, GFATM, PEPFAR, implementing partners and Health Facilities to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential HIV commodities. Furthermore, the quality logistics information at all levels of the system in HIV response is key to attaining the 95, 95, 95 global goals by 2025 (95% PLHIV know their status; 95% of all people diagnosed with HIV enrolled on ART; and 95% of all people 95% of all people receiving ART attained sustainable viral suppression).

Among others, uninterrupted availability of HIV commodities requires quality data for forecasting and supply planning. Improved procurement, efficient distribution to the last mile, record keeping, reporting and ordering; rational use of medicines and laboratory commodities, resource mobilization and sustainability of HIV pharmaceutical and laboratory services.

As the HIV program expands due to increased numbers of clients on Care and Treatment, some challenges including stock outs, stock imbalances, expiry and wastage of HIV commodities are overarching issues that lead to suboptimal utilization of the meagre resources available to the program. In the context of COVID 19, this has obviously affected the supply chains which may affect the gains that have been made so far towards the target of achieving epidemic control. High workload is currently experienced by regional and district logistics staff (laboratory and pharmaceuticals) because of inadequate human resources and inadequate supply chain performance that is attributed to inadequate resource allocation targeting supply chain specific interventions.

2. Objectives
Provide technical assistance in the development of Health Sector HIV strategic plan V in reference to the previous health sector HIV strategic plan and in alignment with the health sector strategic plan V direction timeline (2021-2026) to ensure continuous availability and appropriate usage of HIV commodities.

3. Tasks/Activities

- Provide broad technical assistance and facilitation for the development of HSHSP V in relation to extensive literature review, progress in HSHSP IV with particular attention to relevant HIV/AIDS commodities interventions, strategic outcomes, alignment with Health Strategic Plan direction and timeline.
- Carry out extensive desk review of available literature and references related to HIV and Commodities interventions linked with HSHSP IV.
- Review the status of progress to date against the expected results and proposed interventions in your technical area/s as outlined in the HSHSP IV.
- Clearly identify quantitative and qualitative achievements made to date.
- Provide an analysis of what has facilitated or impeded progress to date.
- Provide knowledge and skills to identify, streamline and prioritize existing Public Health Supply Chain Indicators in HSHSP V to ensure efficient and effective HIV/ADS Commodities management responding to adopted programmatic interventions as per guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs).
- Provide support for timely completion of HSHSP V with focus on strategic outcomes, applicable innovations, pragmatic approach and recommendations to guide implementation of HIV Commodities

interventions of the HSHSP V in HIV Response towards elimination of HIV and AIDS by 2030.
• Any other relevant task that the Program and Ministry may assign to HSHSP V development in accordance with the established timeline.

4. Timeframe
• 20 working days after contract signing.

5. Deliverables
• Final version of HSHSP V document with well-articulated, clearly defined HIV commodities supply chain strategic objectives.

6. Place of Performance
Dar es Salaam

7. Travel schedule
N/A

8. Knowledge and Experience

- An advanced degree in the field of pharmacy or medical technology
- At least 10 years of experience particularly in the Health Sector covering service delivery points, national and international levels NB: Sub-Saharan Africa experience desirable and Tanzania experience preferred.
- Expertise in planning and provision of Health Commodities in the health sector
- Expertise in reviewing, evaluating and developing strategic plans in health sector programs including the HIV Program.
- Experience in producing written reports in the English language
- Equipped to work under pressure alongside efficient and effective communication skills
- Experience of working in a multidisciplinary team and different stakeholders in the health sector
- Experience of working in health sector-wide approaches and in decentralized systems

9. Proposal Submission and Timelines

- All submissions have to be sent to gshc.recruitment@gmail.com. Please indicate in subject line "PSM Consultant - HSHSP V 2021-2026".
- Bid submission have to be submitted by October 30th, 2021 17:00 EAT.
- All cost proposals should be broken down by daily rate
- The work is expected to start once the contract is signed by the contractor.
- We expect work to commence in November 2021.
- All proposals should be priced/quoted according to days and deliverables.
- All travel costs will be covered by the project and therefore does not have to be included in proposal response
- All proposals should include references and contacts of institutions for which the bidder performed a similar work.
- Examples of past work are required and should be shown when needed.
- Estimated LOE is 20 days
- Duration of activity is from November to December 2021

10. Selection Criteria

- Experience health commodity supply Chain procurement. Documentation of experience including sample of work and organization for which work was performed.
- References checks.
- Quality of proposal
- Pricing
- The lowest price technical acceptable proposal based on the above criteria will be selected.

11. Attachments
Health Sector HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan IV (HSHSP IV 2017 - 2022). Accessed at <http://www.nacp.go.tz/download/health-sector-hiv-and-aids-strategic-plan-2017-2022-hshsp-iv/>



Energy Specialist

Local Term Appointment (4 years, renewable), Location: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The World Bank's East Africa Energy Unit (IAEE3) seeks to recruit an Energy Specialist based in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania to support the unit's strategic, advisory, and operational work. Specifically, the incumbent will engage in analytical work and in investment operations in Tanzania - both mainland and Zanzibar (and possibly other countries covered by the unit)-, including supporting instruments targeted at expanding access to modern energy services.

The responsibilities of the selected candidate will include:

- As part of project teams, prepare, appraise, negotiate and supervise investment operations in the energy sector;
- Supporting teams on strategic energy issues and implementation of the sub-region's access agenda, including efforts to maximize finance for development, and increasing the participation of the private sector in energy;
- Working with project teams to design and implement off-grid modalities including innovative financing structures;
- Leading or contributing to analytical work related to the shift towards clean energy, development of strategies for increasing energy access in Eastern and Southern Africa in a sustainable manner;
- Actively participating in overseeing World Bank-supported energy country programs in the region with the aim to enhance quality and pro-poor focus and accelerate implementation;
- Contributing to business development in selected countries (predominantly in Tanzania);
- Developing and maintaining close relationships with local public and private stakeholders, support policy dialogue and keep abreast of developments in the energy sector.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The successful must be a team oriented professional with proven ability to carry out complex tasks as part of a multi-disciplinary team; Hold a Masters' level degree in engineering, energy planning, finance, economics, business administration or equivalent areas; Have at least five years of relevant experience in the energy sector with demonstrated ability to engage credibly on a range of issues in the energy sector in developing countries; Have operational experience as a technical specialist with demonstrated experience on working in investment operations; Experience in working in the energy sector in Tanzania would be an added advantage and a good understanding of rural and peri-urban electricity access expansion approaches and their implications on the upstream/backbone electricity network is highly desirable.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS: For the full position description, complete selection criteria and required competencies, candidates are requested to submit an online application at www.worldbank.org/jobs Under "Current Openings" - click [Apply Today](#) to access the new job Portal and Search the req13399 into the "Keyword or ReqID" search field. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

The deadline for applications is 28th October 2021

The World Bank is committed to achieving diversity of gender, race, nationality, culture, and educational background. Individuals with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.



**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –
PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLYING,
INSTALLING AND COMMISSIONING OF FACIAL RECOGNITION
SYSTEM TO ALL ENTRY ACCESS CONTROL UNITS TO GEITA
GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Facial recognition system to all entry access control units and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01338	SUPPLY, INSTALL AND COMMISSIONING OF FACIAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM TO ALL ENTRY ACCESS CONTROL UNITS

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01338)	60%
Evidence and proof of Office Location and must be certified by cathexis	15%
Proof of technical capabilities/competence in Facial recognition systems installation, commissioning, and training	20%
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**REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
PRESEDENT'S OFFICE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS AND SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.**

Bid No: SMZ/D01/G/ICB/2021-2022/15

For

**SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION AND TRAINING OF FACTORY
MACHINES AND IT'S EQUIPMENTS FOR FACTORIES**

Invitation for Bids

Date: 21th October 2021

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project, which appeared in **Zanzibar Leo Issue no. 6311 of 23 August 2021**.
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has set aside funds for the operation of the **President's Office Regional Administration Local Governments and Special Departments during the financial year 2021/2022** It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the **International Competitive Bidding**.
- The **President's Office Regional Administration Local Governments and Special Departments** now invites sealed bids from eligible suppliers for **supplying of Supply, Installation and training of Factory Machines and Its Equipment's and Installation of Network Equipment's**.
- Bidding will be conducted through the **International Competitive Bidding** procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Bid Data Sheet.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of **Procurement and Disposal Management Unit, President's Office Regional Administration Local Governments and Special Departments, P. O. Box 4220, Vuga Street, from 8:30 am up to 3:00 pm on Monday to Friday** inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Bidding Document(s) in **English language** and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of 200,000/-. Payment should be settled through the following Account details: **Peoples Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ), President's Office Regional Administration Local Governments and Special Departments Account. No. 0406421000**
- All Tenders must be accompanied by a Tender security in an acceptable form in the amount of 3% of the contract price (bank cheque)
- All Bids in **One original plus Two copies** properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address **Procurement and Disposal Management Unit, President's Office Regional Administration Local Governments and Special Departments, P. O. Box 4220, Vuga Street, before Tuesday 30th November, 2021 on 11:00 am** Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the **President's Office Regional Administration Local Governments and Special Departments P.O. Box 4220, Conference Room at Vuga street – Zanzibar**.
- Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, and bids not received, bids not opened and not read out in public at the bids opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

**ISSA M. HAJI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
PRESEDENT'S OFFICE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS AND SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS**



Kilimanjaro Cables director Mansoor Moiz (L) briefs Industry and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo (2nd-L) at Kurasini in Dar es Salaam last week on the production of electric cables, transformers and other items at the firm's factory. With them (foreground) are the company's co-directors, Aliasgar Ezzi and Yisuf Ezzi. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt embarks on plans to curb maternal mortality

By Guardian Correspondent, Moshi

THE government has begun implementing plans to control maternal mortality by improving health centres in urban and rural areas as well as investing in research to find out their health status.

The remarks were made yesterday by Dr Dorothy Gwajima, the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children at the launching of the Research Training on Maternal Health and Malaria Symptoms for 2021/22 held at Moshi Co-operative University.

She said the researches will be conducted countrywide in recognition of actual status of mothers and children in order to invest in a nation of healthier people for the country's economic growth.

"The health sector has been mentioned to be growing at 4.8 per cent and contribute 8.3 per cent to the national income, hence the ministry will make sure it invests in researches and end child deaths for the growth of the nation," she added.

The minister called on the households that would be visited by research officials on maternal health to provide the right information to assist the government in its

development plans. Dr Gwajima added that if the correct information is provided, the government would be able to have the correct statistics to spur development in the health sector.

For her part, the government's chief statistician, Dr Albina Chuwa said the research will also involve the collection of data on women and men subjected to violence in the community.

"Apart from the gender based violence, the researches will also show the state of malnutrition, especially in most affected regions.

Welcoming the minister in the region, Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Stephen Kagaigai said all those who will receive the training should use it carefully for the country's positive transformation.



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Ruvuma Region finishes first batch of Covid-19 vaccines

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

RUVUMA Region has finished the first batch of Covid-19 vaccines provided by the government that targeted to vaccinate 44,000 people.

This was revealed by Ruvuma Regional Medical Officer, who was represented by Dr Yona Mwakabumbe at Maulid prayers celebrations held at Songea District Mosque whose official guest was the Regional Commissioner Brig Gen Wilbert Ibuge.

He said the number is for the people vaccinated beginning August 4 to October 15 and that all the JJ vaccines provided to the region were used up.

He applauded Muslim followers for their huge cooperation during the vaccination exercise during which health experts were welcomed to provide education on the importance of vaccination.

"After the initial doses of the vaccines were finished, the government has provided the second batch - the Sinopharm, which is also safe and is to be administered twice, 28 days apart," he said.

Speaking before welcoming the official guest, Tanzania Muslim Council's (BAKWATA) Secretary in Ruvuma Region, Ustaadh Rajabu Mustapher Songambe, of Masjid Nur said the mosque has decided to invest in education and has allocated 80 acres to build a school that will provide education from elementary level to secondary.

In another development, Songambe said apart from education, the Mosque also plans to build a health centre in the municipality.

Speaking at the event, Bri Gen. Ibuge hailed Muslims for their decision to build a school and a health centre and stressed that in so doing they were assisting the government to improve access to education and health services.

He said the Ruvuma regional government supports these projects and called for transparency on how the projects will be undertaken including funds received and expenditure thereof.

He also appealed to Muslims in general to value patriotism and our freedom as Tanzania has a unique

feature in unity and solidarity that makes it to be a peaceful country.

Speaking about the fight against Covid-19, the RC praised Muslims for adhering to

precautions against the disease saying they were doing well in regard to the use of running water for washing hands and face masks.



EASTERN ARC MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND (EAMCEF)

MFUKO WA UHIFADHI WA MILIMA YA TAO LA MASHARIKI

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION OFFICER

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF) is a Trust Fund that was established as a mechanism to provide sustainable financing for biodiversity conservation in the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania. The Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund was initially conceived as a joint initiative of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the Board of Trustees, the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The Fund aims at providing long-term and reliable funding support to conservation activities related to the promotion of biological diversity, improvement of ecological functions and sustainable use of natural resources in priority areas of the Eastern Arc Mountains. The Eastern Arc Mountains ecosystem forms a major portion of the Eastern Afromontane Region which is recognized globally as one of the 34 biodiversity hotspots characterized by high concentrations of endemic species now under serious threat. Major mountain blocks of the Eastern Arc spread over fifteen districts in five regions of Tanzania namely, Tanga (East and West Usambara and Nguu Mountains), Kilimanjaro (South and North Pare Mountains), Morogoro (Udzungwa, Ukaguru, Nguru, Rubeho, Malundwe, Mahenge and Uluguru Mountains), Iringa (Udzungwa Mountains) and Dodoma (Rubeho Mountains). Governed by a Board of Trustees, the Fund was officially registered in Tanzania in June 2001 under the Trustees' Incorporation Act (Cap. 318 R.E 2002) and it operates as a not-for-profit Conservation Finance Trust Organization with its day-to-day operations being run by the Endowment Fund Secretariat. The Fund's Executive Director is the Head of the Secretariat with the main administrative offices located in Morogoro Municipality.

The Eastern Arc Mountains forests are under considerable pressure due to various human activities as a result of increased population. Threats leading to biodiversity loss include expansion of human settlements, shifting cultivation, forest fires, extraction of wood for commercial and domestic uses, gold mining, dry season grazing, extraction of non-wood forest products including honey, fruits, medicines, natural ropes, resins, mushrooms and game hunting. Whereas requirements for financial resources necessary for effective conservation of the Eastern Arc Mountains are quite enormous, the financial position of EAMCEF is currently very modest. Thus, EAMCEF needs to mobilize more resources from all possible sources so as to increase its capital base as well as enhance its capacity to finance its operations and programme activities.

In order for the resource mobilization efforts to be plausibly effective, aggressive fundraising, promotion and marketing, engagement and visibility activities will need to concurrently be undertaken. This will be possible only if the now vacant position will be filled by a right candidate. EAMCEF is thus seeking for a suitably qualified Tanzanian to fill in the vacant position of Resource Mobilization Officer (RMO). The successful RMO will be based at the EAMCEF Head Office in Morogoro Municipality and will be expected to spend ample time traveling for fundraising and resource mobilization, visibility and engagement as well as promotion and marketing activities and operations.

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1. General Conditions

- Proven ability in writing and speaking both English and Kiswahili Languages.
- The position is equally available for both female and male Tanzanian applicants.
- Working experience in relevant fields of not less than five years with reputable projects/programmes/ organizations.

2.2 Terms and Conditions of Employment

A Contract of two years will be issued to the successful candidate upon satisfactory performance during the probationary period of the first three months. Depending on the ability to perform the assigned duties, the Contract may be renewed at the end of the second year. An attractive remuneration package will be offered to the selected candidate commensurate with professional qualifications and working experience.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

3.1 Duties and Responsibilities

Reporting and answerable to the Executive Director, the successful Resource Mobilization Officer (RMO) will be in-charge of and play a leading role in all resource mobilization, fundraising, marketing, promotion, engagement and visibility activities of EAMCEF. Her/His principal duties and responsibilities will include but be not limited to the following:

- Developing and implementing effective promotion, engagement, public relations and marketing strategies for awareness creation and attracting more support from all possible sources.
- Assisting to increase the visibility of the EAMCEF accomplishments and the EAMCEF in general through production and dissemination of communication materials fit for social media (Website, Twitter, You-Tube, Facebook, Instagram, etc) and other powerful forums and effective platforms.
- On an ongoing basis, review and provide professional advise for improvement of the EAMCEF website so developed and managed as a tool for marketing and resource mobilization purposes.
- Actively assist in collection, processing, storage and dissemination of useful information about the EAMCEF and its endeavours as well as the Eastern Arc Mountains in general.

3.2 Personal Attributes

- Help to build and maintain the necessary confidence and trust by donors and inculcate into them a culture of giving more to EAMCEF again and again.
- Effectively collaborating and working closely with the Programme Officer (Planning and Communication) and the Planning and Communication Assistant in planning and executing all activities and functions related to planning, reporting, communication, visibility and engagement aspects as appropriate.
- Assist, provide back-up support and appropriately gap-fill in the functions of the Programme Officer (Planning and Communication) as it may be required from time to time.
- Assist in timely planning, budgeting and progress reporting for all programme activities.
- Effectively developing, updating and operationalizing the Strategic Plan, Resource Mobilization Strategy, Business Plan, Engagement Plan and Promotion and Marketing Strategy documents of the EAMCEF.
- Assisting in improving the fundraising, resource mobilization and organizational capacity of EAMCEF and effectively assisting in the creation of conditions necessary for philanthropy.
- Participating in marketing, fundraising and resource mobilization activities for the EAMCEF targeting potential supporters and other EAMs stakeholders.
- Make effective research on existing and potential future donors (donor mapping), design and facilitate the implementation of appropriate approach mechanisms.
- Set-up and effectively operationalize plausible fundraising strategies to raise the required funds from traditional and new and untapped sources.
- Effectively writing fundraising proposals that are plausible and appealing to a variety of donors and pursuing the strategy as one of the principal means of soliciting funds from potential sources.
- Raise and attract funding for EAMCEF in actual amounts commensurate to EAMCEF targets of increasing its endowment and meeting its operational and programmatic obligations.
- Assist and advise the Executive Director in matters pertaining to management, technical and professional aspects as appropriate.
- Do any other relevant activity or assignment as it may be directed by the Executive Director from time to time.

4. MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested professionals should lodge their well written applications to the undersigned not later than 15th November, 2021. Application letters with detailed CVs, copies of relevant certificates, testimonials and names of three easily contactable referees should be timely made. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for one or more interviews within two months from the application deadline.

Applications should be addressed to:

The Executive Director
Eastern Arc Mountains Conservation Endowment Fund (EAMCEF)
 Plot No. 348, Forest Hill Area,
 Kingalu Road,
 P.O. Box 6053
 MOROGORO – TANZANIA

Telephone: +255 (0) 23 2934274
Cellphone: +255 (0) 755 330 558
Email: eamcef@easternarc.or.tz

TATCA celebrates International Day of Air Traffic Controller by holding special drills for journos

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Association of Air Traffic Controllers (TATCA) yesterday commemorated the International Day of the Air Traffic Controller by drilling journalists on various issues concerning the field.

Held at the association's office located at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA), the training brought together journalists from various media stations.

Every year on October 20, International Day of the Air Traffic Controller celebrates those who work hard to keep air travel safe. It's also a day to learn more about the profession of air traffic controller.

Speaking during the session, the association's president Shukuru Nziku said that the aim of the association is to be together, discuss challenges and achievements as well as encourage each other to continue working efficiently.

He said that to commemorate the day, members of the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association gather to discuss ways to improve air safety.

"We saw it better that as we commemorate the important day this year, to bring journalists, educate them on what we are doing so as to enable them to have correct information to communicate to the public about the field," he said.

According to him, previously the JNIA had capacity to receive 230 airplanes per day but due to Covid-19 pandemic, the number has fallen to 150 airplanes per day.

"There are also about 250 aircrafts passing in the Tanzania airspace daily with the majority of them coming from South Africa to Egypt or vice-versa," he added.

He noted that the job of air traffic controllers requires intense concentration by working day and night, including weekends and holidays, to keep pilots and passengers land safely.



**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –
PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLYING,
INSTALLING AND COMMISSIONING OF SECURITY
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES
TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Security surveillance systems and infrastructure facilities at Heavy machinery equipment's department (HME) and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01339	SUPPLY, INSTALL AND COMMISSIONING OF SECURITY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AT HEAVY MACHINERY EQUIPMENT'S DEPARTMENT (HME)

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01339)	60%
Evidence and proof of Office Location and must be certified by cathexis. Warranty terms and after sales services	10%
Proof of dealership agreement with security surveillance equipment's/infrastructures. Specifically, Axis and cathexis.	10%
Proof of availability of catalogue for surveillance equipment's including spare list, maintenance, and operation manuals	10%
Approved supplier and installer of Axis Surveillance systems. Proof of technical capabilities/competence in surveillance equipment systems including installation, commissioning, and training	10%
Proof of ClearVu fence supplier and installation of the same	10%
Proof of supplying experience for similar security surveillance systems and Proof of supplying experience for Facial recognition security systems	10%
Total	100%

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –
PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLYING,
INSTALLING AND COMMISSIONING OF MCHAURU
VILLAGE ACCESS CONTROL UPGRADE TO GEITA GOLD
MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Security access control systems for Mchauru Village and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01340	SUPPLY, INSTALL AND COMMISSIONING MCHAURU VILLAGE ACCESS CONTROLS SYSTEMS

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

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Kinondoni district commissioner Godwin Gondwe (R) presents 10m/- to Biko raffle winner Salma Said in Dar es Salaam yesterday, witnessed by Biko marketing manager Goodhope Heaven (L) and 'ambassador' Kajala Masanja. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

France to renovate Julius Nyerere International Airport Terminal II

By Correspondent James Kandoya

FRENCH government has vowed to renovate the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) 'terminal II', the largest and the busiest Airport, in Tanzania.

France minister for Foreign Trade and Economic attractiveness Franck Riester made the promise in Dar es Salaam when he met Tanzania Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Minister Liberata Mulamula soon after arriving in Dar es Salaam.

Statement from the ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation released on Tuesday this week said that their agreement was reached after holding talks on matters related to different issues.

Speaking after the meeting, Mulamula said the move comes as part of efforts to cement the bilateral relations noting that it should be known that the French government

built JNIA in early 80's as a plan to expand the aerodrome.

She said they have agreed to collaborate in strategic areas of energy, education, agriculture and infrastructure adding that France will start renovating the long serving airport-JNIA.

"French government is finalizing logistic procedures to start a project of renovating our JNIA 'Terminal II' to make it a state of art- modern airport," she said.

According to her, it will be one of the big projects that have been implemented by the French government and will be completed soon.

Minister Riester is in Tanzania for a one-day tour among others, to launch the French national carrier Air France route to Zanzibar.

On September 15 this year, France ambassador to Tanzania Nabil Hajlaoui said that his government national flag carrier would launch a

new direct route France - Zanzibar by October 19 this year.

In the early 80s plans to expand the aerodrome commenced and in October 1984 the airport was officially opened by the First Tanzania President - Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere.

The expansion involved the addition of infrastructure and facilities that increased its capacity to 1,500,000 passengers and 30,000 tonnes of cargo annually.

In another development, Ambassador Mulamula conveyed condolence greetings following the death of Colin Powell who was American statesman, diplomat, and four-star general who served as the 65th United States secretary of state from 2001 to 2005.

"Indeed, we have been shocked following his death. In his era, Powell developed the multilateral relation. We shall forever remember him," Mulamula said.

Over 900,000 Tanzanians have got Covid-19 jabs, government reveals

By Correspondent Wilhelm

Mulinda, Mwanza

OVER 900,000 people have been vaccinated, which is equal to 88.9 per cent of all 1,058,400 of the JJ vaccines initially brought in the country by October 15, this year.

Chief Government Spokesperson Gerson Msigwa unveiled this here recently when speaking to journalists on government performance for development.

"If that level is attained including other measures insisted by the government, COVID-19 will no longer be a challenge in the country," he affirmed.

He said that currently the country is using two types of vaccines to protect people against the pandemic namely: JJ or Janssen and Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine.

"Statistics show that as of 15th October this year 940,507 people had been vaccinated, which is equal to 88.9 per cent of all 1,058,400 of the JJ vaccines initially brought in the country," he stated.

Msigwa noted that the consignment of 1,065,000 doses of the covid-19 Sinopharm vaccines that were brought in the country last week from China have also started to be distributed in councils and all regions and vaccination exercises are going on.

He also urged people

to ensure that they complete doses of the vaccines to be at the safe side against the negative impact of the deadly pandemic.

"More people should come out and get vaccines to avoid the adverse impact of the pandemic that has brought havoc in the world," he insisted.


He noted that the government target

was to inoculate at least 60 per cent of the total population with the COVID-19 jabs.

"And I think, we're on the right track to meet this target," he said, encouraging Tanzanians to go for the vaccine.

"The government idea is to ensure people are protected against the infections of the Covid-19 pandemic, which is currently troubling the world."

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



**IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL
AT DAR ES SALAAM**

APPEAL NO. 08 OF 2021

BETWEEN

**TANZANIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY
COMPANY LIMITED APPELLANT**

AND

KUDRA PAMBIRE 1ST RESPONDENT

**ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES
REGULATORY AUTHORITY 2ND RESPONDENT**

(Notice pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012)

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) given on the 20th August, 2021 in which EWURA ordered the Appellant to cancel electricity bill amounting to TZS 5,064,744.78 which the Appellant failed to claim from the 1st Respondent in the year 2000 due to a lapse of 13 years in claiming the debt caused by the Appellant's failure to undertake its legal obligation to inspect and test meters at least once in every twenty-four months for some customers. EWURA also ordered the Appellant to refund any amount deducted towards payment of the debt.

The appeal is based on the ground that the decision was made in error of the law. Thus, the Appellant prays for orders to set aside the decision with costs.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Jamhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 21st October, 2021.

REGISTRAR

Equip school children with computer skills, govt urged

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya,

Iringa

THE government has been urged to invest heavily in empowering school children with basic computer skills to enable them to compete in the competitive job market.

The founder and president of Global Outreach Tanzania (GOT) Stan Muessle made the statement over the week when addressing students and ICT experts at the Iringa technology day (Iringa Tech Day).

"In the 21st century information technology plays a huge role in all aspects of life, we always turn to computers to access information, create and express ourselves, communicate and collaborate, and track the achievement of learning

outcomes," he explained.

"Twenty-four years ago, I founded the Global Outreach Tanzania (GOT) because people in the education industry approached me and told me how challenging it was to advance in the modern world without access to technology," he emphasized.

The CEO stated that he started by introducing computer technology in a pilot school called Pomerini Secondary School in Kilolo District, Iringa region so that other government schools can move along.

Muessle insisted that if we don't have computer skills in this 21st century we are not going to compete with the rest of the world.


"We introduced computer technology to schools in Iringa and some parts of the country and

you have seen today with all the presentations done by students dependent on computers," he said.

He elaborated that the country needs to focus on computer technology because everything we do today depends on the internet and things cannot be done without it in this 21st century.

Muessle also commended students who had shown a lot of talents on this day which, according to him, proves that computer technology has started growing amongst the students.

He noted that they introduced a Windows to Knowledge (W2K) programme to students which is an offline learning platform where all education materials are put on the computers to help students study for themselves.



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TENDER FOR INSURANCE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022

PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER ICAP/TZ/04/2021-2022

Introduction:

MSPH Tanzania LLC, known as ICAP, is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding mainly from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ICAP at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health is the recipient of a five-year PEPFAR-funded cooperative agreement beginning 29th September 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support comprehensive community- and facility-based HIV and VMMC services in Mwanza region.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP Intends to select reputable and registered suppliers on various insurance services for FIKIA Plus project under PEPFAR/CDC awarded funding.

MSPH Tanzania LLC - ICAP now invites reputable and registered suppliers to request the tender document for Insurance service for the period 2021 to 2022 for the following lots:

Lot No.	CATEGORY A: INSURANCE SERVICES
Lot 1	Provision of Medical Insurance; Provide quotation per person 1. Adult 248 2. Child 331 3. Senior 83
Lot 2	Provision of Property Insurance
Lot 3	Provision of Motor vehicle Insurance
Lot 4	Provision of Life Insurance for all ICAP 207 Staff

Note:

- Please clearly indicate lot numbers and title, failure to comply will disqualify your application.
- The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and Zoom Call Link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.
- Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address below upon request.
- Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- The tender validity period is 14 days.
- Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated/ acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
- MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- MSPH will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP Procurement Guidelines.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Eligible suppliers meeting all stated requirements are requested to:-

- Submit one application for each lot they are applying for. If a supplier is applying for two different lots, each lot should have a separate application document with supporting evidence specifically for that lot.
- Interested, eligible suppliers should email their electronic quote via email to procurement department at TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu

**The Tender Committee,
MSPH Tanzania LLC – ICAP,
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P.O Box 80214, Dar es salaam, Tanzania
All quotes must be in Tanzania Shillings**

**The deadline for the submission is 10:00am East Africa Time on 4th November 2021.
All tenders should be electronically submitted to TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu
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Taking A New Look
At The News
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We need to boost Africa's food production and food security

MORE than six out of every 10 people in sub-Saharan Africa work in the continent's agriculture sector. We may not realise that what grows from African soil may be connected to some of the world's most popular foods. Africa produces the world's largest supply of cocoa, used in chocolate bars and other products. Ethiopia and Uganda-grown coffee beans, which dominate Africa's coffee exports, valued at nearly \$2 billion last year.

The volume of African commodity exports is rising. At the same time, more Africans are facing food insecurity. Around 246 million Africans go to bed hungry every night. The pace of Africa's agricultural growth is not keeping up with Africa's population growth.

It is time for African and global leaders, as well as development organisations, to join the African Development Bank Group's call for increased investments in agricultural technologies that boost Africa's food production and food security in the face of climate change.

The continent has immense potential to feed itself and to become a breadbasket to the world: about 65 percent of Earth's remaining uncultivated, arable land is in Africa. However, that potential is threatened by erratic weather extremes. It is also stunted because a majority of African food growers are subsistence smallholder farmers. We need to scale up delivery of modern and climate-smart farming practices.

The African Development Bank Group's investments are helping

African farmers put more food in the mouths of more Africans. Since the Bank launched its Feed Africa Strategy in 2015, more than 74 million people are benefiting from access to improved agricultural technologies, resulting in higher food production.

Our flagship program, Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) has provided 11 million farmers across 29 African countries with proven agricultural technologies such as drought-resistant maize, heat-resistant wheat, higher-yielding seed varieties and seed treatments to protect against pests like the fall armyworm, which has been devastating African crops in waves of hungry, winged swarms.

Agriculture is by far the single most important economic activity in Africa. It provides employment for about two-thirds of the continent's working population and for each country contributes an average of 30 to 60 per cent of gross domestic product and about 30 per cent of the value of exports. Nonetheless, arable land and land under permanent crops occupy only about 6 per cent of Africa's total land area.

Except for countries with sizable populations of European descent—such as South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Kenya—agriculture has been largely confined to subsistence farming and has been considerably dependent on the inefficient system of shifting cultivation, in which land is temporarily cultivated with simple implements until its fertility decreases and then abandoned for a time to allow the soil to regenerate.

Integrity is an all-important element of good leadership

INTEGRITY is the practice of being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values. In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions. Integrity can stand in opposition to hypocrisy, in that judging with the standards of integrity involves regarding internal consistency as a virtue, and suggests that parties holding within themselves apparently conflicting values should account for the discrepancy or alter their beliefs. The word integrity evolved from the Latin adjective integer, meaning whole or complete. In this context, integrity is the inner sense of wholeness deriving from qualities such as honesty and consistency of character. As such, one may judge that others have integrity to the extent that they act according to the values, beliefs and principles they claim to hold.

In ethics when discussing behaviour and morality, an individual is said to possess the virtue of integrity if the individual's actions are based upon an internally consistent framework of principles. These principles should uniformly adhere to sound logical axioms or postulates. One can describe a person as having ethical integrity to the extent that the individual's actions, beliefs, methods, measures, and principles all derive from a single core group of values. An individual must, therefore, be flexible and willing to adjust these values to maintain consistency when these values are challenged—such as when an expected test result is not congruent with all observed outcomes. Because such flexibility is a form of accountability, it is regarded as a moral responsibility as well as a virtue.

The concept of integrity implies a wholeness, a comprehensive corpus of beliefs often referred to

as a worldview. This concept of wholeness emphasises honesty and authenticity, requiring that one act at all times in accordance with the individual's chosen worldview.

Integrity is important for politicians because they are chosen, appointed, or elected to serve society. To be able to serve, politicians are given power to make, execute, or control policy. They have the power to influence something or someone. There is, however, a risk that politicians will not use this power to serve because rulers have power they will be tempted to use it for personal gain. In order to serve society, it is important that politicians withstand this temptation. In the context of integrity, however, regardless of whether or not they act for the good of society, politicians have integrity, so long as they act consistently with their values.

In the book *The Servant of the People*, Muel Kaptein describes that integrity should start with politicians knowing what their position entails, because integrity is related to their position. Integrity also demands knowledge and compliance with both the letter and the spirit of the written and unwritten rules. Integrity is also acting consistently not only with what is generally accepted as moral, what others think, but primarily with what is ethical, what politicians should do based on reasonable arguments.

Furthermore, integrity is not just about why a politician acts in a certain way, but also about who the politician is. Questions about a person's integrity cast doubt not only on their intentions but also on the source of those intentions, the person's character. So integrity is about having the right ethical virtues that become visible in a pattern of behaviour. Important virtues of politicians are faithfulness, humility and accountability. Furthermore, they should be authentic and a role model.

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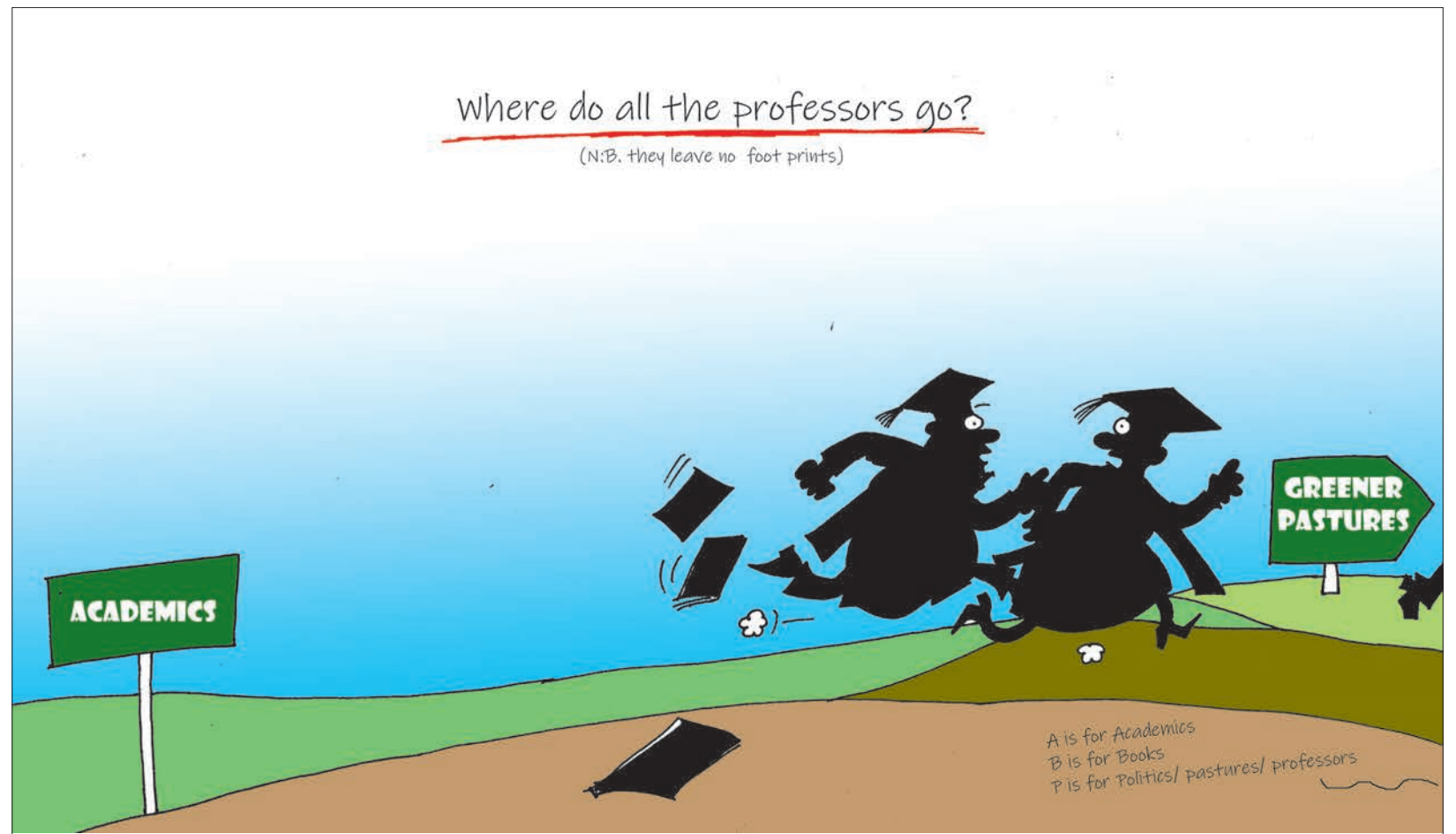
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The journalist as Nobel Peace Laureate

THE quest for peace often takes a journalist to theatres of conflict and violent discord. Sometimes, such sacrifices do get some recognition while the journalist in question is still alive. But only on rare occasions do journalists get credit for the risks they run in defence of democracy and freedom. This rare note has just been struck in this year's award of the Nobel Peace Prize to two journalists: Dmitry Muratov of Russia and Maria Ressa of the Philippines.

Ressa is the founder of Rappler, a digital media company founded in 2012 and devoted to investigative journalism. A former CNN regional correspondent, Ressa has been a very influential journalist in the Philippines for more than two decades. Her media organisation, Rappler, has been consistent in exposing the murderous excesses of the Duterte regime in its war against drug trafficking which has degenerated into targeted mass

killings and unprintable rights abuses. Rappler has methodically documented instances of killings that are so large as to resemble casualty figures in a real war. And for that, the Philippines government has consistently harassed Ressa through a barrage of censorious court cases and threats to life. She is currently appealing a jail sentence of 15 years in a suit instituted by the outgoing government of President Duterte.

In the case of Muratov, the newspaper, *Novaja Gazeta*, which he helped found in 1993 and has been editor-in-chief since 1995, consistently challenges the autocratic tendencies of the Vladimir Putin regime in Russia. The insistence of *Novaja* on sticking to the tradition of open, independent, and factual journalism is what has put them at cross purposes with the Putin autocracy. In the process, he has faced a series of brutal attacks in the hands of the Russian secret police which is suspected to have led to the violent death of at least six of

his colleagues in recent years.

In what appears a thematic departure from the predictable, the Nobel award committee indicated that the journalists were being honoured for their commitment to factual journalism and its use to counter the rampaging forces of fake news sponsored by a new breed of populist autocrats. This thematic shift is largely determined by the fact that we are in a realm where the flowering of the social media and the return of elected authoritarians has elevated falsehood and alternative truths to the status of competitive facts. Alternative truths have also become tools in the hands of rulers who use democracy to rise to power only to deploy the power of falsehood to subvert the ideals of democracy especially freedom of expression. The rise of leaders like Donald Trump in the United States, Vladimir Putin of Russia, Victor Orban in Hungary, and Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines has witnessed the most outrageous instances of the trend in

question.

In general terms, what is at issue is the ancient confrontation between freedom of expression and the forces of authoritarianism. What has complicated the picture is that the license of the social media is also available to determined autocrats who use it to propagate falsehood and elevate it to alternative truths. This is therefore a Nobel Prize devoted to the protection of universal freedom.

No other group in society is better situated to bear the burden of defending the freedom of expression than journalists. In their daily work, they carry the risk of factual reporting and informed editorialising on the challenges which every democracy faces when confronted by the forces of authoritarianism. At no other time is this challenge cast in bolder relief than now. That is the message being sent by awarding the 2021 Nobel Prize to two distinguished journalists.

Zimbabwe Herald

By Maximilliant Katjimune and Alpha

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Public trust in state institutions key if democracy, development to grow

IN 2017, Namibia acceded to become the 36th African Union member of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). The establishment of the APRM owed courtesy to the acknowledgement that the continent's failures can only be resolved by African countries through inclusive partnerships between governments, civil society formations and the private sector.

In a critical review released by the APRM in 2019, a recommendation was given in relation to the separation of power doctrine in Namibia. The report noted "the independence of checks and balances in institutions like the Ombudsman, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the Office of the Auditor General should be strengthened by introducing multi-stakeholder selection panels and public interviews when appointing heads of such bodies".

There lies a public trust deficit aimed at almost all our check and balances' institutions in Namibia. In 2019, the Afrobarometer survey results showed that 54.1% of the Namibian population believed corruption had increased 'a lot', rendering the work of institutions like the ACC, Ombudsman and the Prosecutor General (PG) as incapable of executing their mandates effectively in the public eye. This is concerning, because public trust in institutions of the state is a tenet that

every democracy ought to possess. In a paper published in 2016, Afrobarometer also notes that public trust in institutions of the state is key to good governance and effective development. Hence, for the state to facilitate holistic development across all spheres, it first and foremost has to earn the trust of its citizens in its own institutions.

There remains a need to renew and strengthen the relevant legislation that involves the appointment of heads of key checks and balances' institutions. For example, the Director General and Deputy Director General of the ACC are 'appointed' by the National Assembly, on recommendation of the head of state in terms of Article 94A (5) of the Namibian Constitution. The Ombudsman and the Prosecutor General are appointed by the head of state on the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission in terms of Articles 90 (1) and 88 (1), respectively. The modus operandi for the appointment of the Auditor General is similar to that of the Ombudsman and PG in terms of Article 127 (1). This means that parliament has no meaningful say in the appointment of key institutions of state. Hence, it can be argued that all these key figures are all appointed by the executive realm of government.

It is because of this status quo

that both public and political trust in these institutions has eroded. For example in 2017, PDM parliamentarian Nico Smit accused the ACC of being an institution that only targets "small fish", whereas those politically connected remain under investigation.

The recent appointment of Basilius Dyakugha as Ombudsman saw public outrage on social media, with the leader of the official opposition McHenry Venaani stating that Dyakugha's appointment demonstrates that "... merit is disregarded" in terms of the appointment of heads of these key institutions. This elucidates that it is imperative that when making the recommendation for the appointment of these institutions to the head of state, the process should be inclusive and allow for democratised recommendations at all material times.

Although arguable that public interviews are now in practice, there lies ignorance in the absence of multi-stakeholder selection panels, which can therefore be said to undermine the inclusive process in appointing heads of these bodies.

Be that as it may, the work of institutions such as the ACC, Ombudsman and the PG should always be held in the highest regard, primarily because they deal with checks and balances that uphold

the essence of our democracy. It is, therefore, important to amend articles 88 (1) 94A (5), 90 (1) and 127 (1) in order to allow parliament, through a standing public office appointment committee, to holistically participate in the process of selecting candidates for heads of key institutions such as the ACC, Ombudsman, PG and Auditor General, rather than being used as a rubber-stamp instrument.

We learn from Malawi that the establishment of a public office appointment committee is a necessary catalyst in ensuring participatory and inclusive democracy.

It can further be aided by the participation of the relevant commissions such as the Public Service Commission and the Judicial Service Commission. This would then be followed by a collective recommendation by parliament to the President for the appointment. Through this modus operandi, we should be able to boost public confidence in our institutions, which will then translate to tangible development across the board.

**Alpha Zuzera is the chairperson of the PDMYL Khomas region. Maximilliant Katjimune is the national spokesperson of the PDMYL. They are scholars of political science and sociology.*



**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –
PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF
LABOUR: MAJOR AND MINOR BUILDING AND CIVIL WORKS TO
GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring labour service for Major and Minor civil building and civil works and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of the service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01275	PROVISION OF LABOUR: MAJOR AND MINOR BUILDING AND CIVIL WORKS

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
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Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
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Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
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OTHER POLICIES	5%
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PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01275)	60%
Proof of previous experience in civil/building construction works in mining or related heavy industry such as Cement, Oil and Gas or Petroleum.	20%
Plants and Equipment availability related to civil/building construction works with proof of ownership	20%
Technical personnel availability and experience with CV's and related personnel's certificates (CV's Must be stamped by the Tenderer)	20%
Total	100%

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –
PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLYING,
DELIVERING AND COMMISSIONING OF BULLION (ARMOURED)
VEHICLE TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring Bullion (Armoured) vehicle and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01341	SUPPLY, DELIVER AND COMMISSIONING OF BULLION (ARMOURED) VEHICLE

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At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01341)	60%
Warranty terms and after sales services	15%
Proof of supply of similar Riot (Armored) vehicle to any other industries	10%
Proof of availability of catalogue for Riot (Armored) vehicle including spare list, maintenance, and operation manuals	10%
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Proof of supplying experience for similar Riot (Armored) vehicle to other customers	15%
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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF ADVERTISING SERVICES ON TELEVISIONS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring advertising services on televisions and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of this service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01327	PROVISION OF ADVERTISING SERVICES ON TELEVISIONS

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Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01327)	60%
Unbiasedness and credibility of TV station	20%
Accessibility of TV station on other platforms, i.e. online	20%
High audience reach countrywide	20%
Total	100%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LAPTOP BAGS TARGUS CN 600 AND TSB56 GL WITH EMBROIDERY WORDING TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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The Company is in the process of procuring laptop bags TARGUS CN 600 and TSB56 GL with embroidery and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this equipment as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01321	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LAPTOP BAGS TARGUS CN 600 AND TSB56 GL WITH EMBROIDERY WORDING TO GGML

1. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Audited & certified financial statements (2019-2020)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01321)	60%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR TARGUS CN 600:	
Works With	15.6" Laptops
Colour	Black
Product Material	Polyester
Laptop Compartment	38.7 x 2.5 x 26.5 cm
Capacity	32 Litres
Dimensions	31 x 17.5 x 47 cm
Weight	0.88 kg
Removable padded notebook compartment for screens up to 15.6"	
Hard wearing nylon exterior with large zippers	
Adjustable fasteners on each side of the backpack ensuring improved comfort	
Internal divider for work papers for your day out of the office	
Side mesh pockets	
TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR TSB56 GL:	
Works With	15.6" Laptops
Colour	Black
Product Material	Polyester
Laptop Compartment	38.7 x 2.5 x 26.5 cm
Capacity	27 Litres
Dimensions	35 x 46 x 17 cm
Weight	1.20 kg
External USB power pass-thru port for on-the-go charging (battery and charging cable not included)	
Multi-fit cradle – fits laptops with screen sizes from 11.6" to 15.6"	
Ergonomic design with hinged shoulder straps for comfortable carrying	
Air mesh back panel with hidden lumbar pocket and air flow design helps keep you cool	
Trolley strap to attach to your rolling luggage for easy carrying around train stations and airports	
2 large compartments accommodate your gadgets and gear	
Reinforced carry handles with a comfortable grip	
Weather-resistant base guards against dampness	
Tip-resistant, stand-up design provides convenience and good looks	
Total	100%

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST –
PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF
ADVERTISING SERVICES ON NEWSPAPERS TO GEITA GOLD
MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring advertising services on newspapers and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of this service as detailed below.

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Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01328	PROVISION OF ADVERTISING SERVICES ON NEWSPAPERS

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TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01328)	60%
Unbiasedness and credibility of newspaper	20%
High circulation volumes of units of newspaper countrywide	20%
Accessible digital platforms of the newspaper	20%
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LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

I. INTRODUCTION

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TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01326)	60%
High audience reach countrywide	20%
Unbiasedness and credibility of radio station	20%
Accessibility of radio online	20%
Total	100%

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Forests & climate: We need to do much, much more

NEW JERSEY

Governments agree that saving the climate means saving forests - but ambition and action fall short of what's required.

First the good news: one of the forest goals agreed by governments, businesses and civil society organizations has been met.

In 2014, the New York Declaration on Forests

(NYDF) set out 10 goals for protecting and restoring the world's forest. Its latest progress assessment focuses on Goal 7 - on making sure that reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and forest degradation are part of a global climate agreement.

It's one of the few goals that we can unequivocally say has been achieved. The Paris Agreement in 2015 enshrined the importance of forests in the international climate agenda. It also incorpo-

rated a mechanism to provide forest countries with financial incentives for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, supporting sustainable forest management and enhancing forest carbon stocks (REDD+).

So far, so good. But agreements are one thing - what counts is how they're put into practice. And on that front, the news isn't so good.

When it comes to forests, emissions trends

are heading in the wrong direction, with deforestation and forest degradation continuing on a massive scale. And we're already seeing the devastating impacts of climate change with ever more extreme forest fires, from the Amazon to Siberia to the Mediterranean - fires which themselves release vast quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

As the NYDF progress assessment shows, we need to do far more to



Marisela Silva Parra, local community leader and 'environmental promoter' conducts an environmental survey of the forest. In the municipality of Calamar, Guaviare Department, WWF-Colombia is working with a group of local community leaders (known as 'environmental promoters') with the aim of stopping deforestation, protecting and restoring remaining forest, and helping provide alternative livelihoods to local people. Credit: Luis Barreto / WWF-UK

harness forests' huge potential to help us mitigate and adapt to climate change. Encouragingly, most countries now recognize the potential of forests in their latest official climate action plans, known as nationally determined contributions (NDCs). But many don't yet include quantified targets - and when they do, they are rarely ambitious enough.

Many tropical forest countries' targets are conditional on receiving international climate finance - yet this isn't happening on anything like the scale required. Although tropical forest countries have made strides in developing REDD+ programmes, payments for results have yet to materialize. Domestically and internationally, governments have committed about US\$2.4 billion per year towards forest-related climate mitigation, which is around 0.5-5% of what's needed - and is dwarfed by the subsidies that continue to flow into activities that cause deforestation.

A growing number of NDCs recognize the role of Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) as forest custodians, which is a sign of progress. But at least half of IPLCs' customary lands worldwide aren't yet legally recognized - and where IPLC rights are legally recognized, they are often not enforced.

In fact, this is true of forest governance more generally. Many countries now

have policies that look good on paper, but they aren't implemented or enforced strongly enough. At least 69% of deforestation driven by agriculture in recent years was illegal - but happened anyway.

So how do we turn things around? The arguments for conserving and restoring forests are well known, with the COVID-19 pandemic only reinforcing the link between the health of humankind and the health of the planet. We know the solutions too.

We need greater cooperation across landscapes, sectors and supply chains. Businesses need to eliminate deforestation and habitat conversion from their supply chains. Governments need to implement supportive legislation and incentives - both in forest countries, and in countries that consume products that drive deforestation. The finance sector has to redirect financial flows from activities that drive deforestation and into forest-friendly enterprises. The rights of IPLCs must be recognized and upheld, while smallholders and communities should receive support to build sustainable livelihoods.

The growing climate crisis adds urgency to all these imperatives. Back in 2015, WWF and others campaigned hard to ensure that the role of forests was recognized in the Paris Agreement. Achieving that goal was a big win. But now we

need to go further.

The upcoming COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow is the most important since Paris. It will set the agenda for the coming make-or-break decade. Governments at COP26 must commit to more ambitious action on forests. They must increase the level of forest climate finance by an order of magnitude. Most of all, they must turn words into deeds.

Fran Raymond Price has spent her career working to protect forests and improve forestry around the globe. She joined WWF in June 2020 after 18 years at The Nature Conservancy (TNC), where she helped guide the organization's adoption and promotion of responsible forest management and certification. She holds a master's degree in forestry from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and a B.A. in History and Government from Cornell University. She began her forestry career as a Peace Corps community forestry volunteer in the Dominican Republic.

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1961 that works in the field of wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment. It was formerly named the World Wildlife Fund, which remains its official name in Canada and the United States.

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Railway Children
Fighting for street children

EXPRESS OF INTEREST

PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDED FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS AND PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES AT RAILWAY CHILDREN AFRICA

Railway Children Africa is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) registered in Tanzania working to support Children and Youth Working and Living in the Street (CYWLS). In Tanzania we have offices in Mwanza and Dar es Salaam

Railway Children Africa invites interested, competent, registered, and reputable Service providers (Including current services providers and suppliers) to submit their EOI for the following services and supply of goods

Category A: Supply of Goods or services

Reference	Descriptions
Lot 1	Supply of primary school uniforms (full list available on request) and delivery is Mwanza and Dar es Salaam.
Lot 2	Supply of general stationary, toners and cartridge for Mwanza and Dar Office (full list available on request)
Lot 3	Supply of Scholastic materials for children in primary school which includes pens, pencils, exercise books and school bags (full list is available on request). Delivery is Mwanza and Dar es salaam.
Lot 4	Supply of smart phones and laptops (list available on request) - Mwanza and Dar es salaam
Lot 5	Supply of food items (list to be provided) - Mwanza and Dar es salaam
Lot 6	Supply of beddings materials, centre supplies, safe water facilities and handwashing materials (list available on request).
Lot 7	Provision of maintenance and servicing of computers and photocopy machines and other IT services - Dar es Salaam
Lot 8	Provision of catering services - Lunch & tea snacks. Delivery is Mwanza and Dar es Salaam (full list available)
Lot 9	Printing services for items like T-shirts, booklets and other printable documents
Lot 10	Air ticketing services (no list available) provide general quote and interests.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Interested bidders should obtain a full list of items to include in quote by emailing their interest to jobs.mwanza@railwaychildren.or.tz or collect them from our offices located at Alfa House, First Floor, Bagamoyo Rd, Dar es salaam or from Mwanza Office located at Capri-point after Nyamagana Primary School from 8.30 am to 17:00 pm on Monday to Friday except on public holidays. Deadline to show interest and collect relevant forms/list of items is before 1700hrs on 25th Oct 2021 and deadline to submit full application is before 1700hrs on 28th Oct 2021.
- Interested bidders may bid for any lot, a combination of lots or all lots.
- This is not an open tender but rather a solicitation of pre-qualified vendors who will be contracted to offer services to Railway Children Africa. Railway Children Africa reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and is not bound to give reasons for its decision.
- Late bidders, portion of bids, and bids not received on time shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- Railway Children Africa is committed to instilling a strong anti-corruption culture and upholding its values and all laws relevant to countering bribery and corruption. If any of our staff, ask for kickback and or commission please report the incident by writing to complaints@railwaychildren.or.tz.

The Procurement Team,
Railway Children Africa,
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania

RADIO ONE

RATIBA YA VIPINDI

JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME	TIME PROGRAMME
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Dar bank spearheaded Letshego Group's profitability in 1H 2021

By The Banker Reporter

LETSHEGO Group's deposit portfolio doubled during the first half of this year thanks to digitized payment capabilities of its subsidiaries in Ghana, Mozambique, Namibia and Tanzania.

Despite the challenging economic environment, Letshego achieved double digit growth for the period, with profit before tax up 23 percent to P544 million, accounting for an increase of 28 percent net profit.

Deposits which grew from P499 million in 2020 to P989 million as a result of digitalization also contributed to profit increase with Letshego Tanzania Limited being one of the markets where LetsGo digital platform was launched during the period.

"Our first half results are strong, with profit growth above 20 percent in a challenging environment. We have made significant strides in enhancing our execution capabilities, enabling us to go live with our LetsGo digital platform across 10 countries well ahead of plan," said Letshego Group CEO, Andrew Okai.

Okai added, "We are set to improve more lives with digital and social impact solutions within our #LetsGoNation." The report further noted that deposit customer numbers also grew by 19 percent to 694,000 compared to 586,000 during the corresponding period last year, with more than half of the new customers signing up through digital channels.

The cost of deposits decreased by two percent to 13 percent through deposit



Letshego Group CEO Andrew Okai.

base diversification compared to 15.06 percent last year. The report further indicated that liquidity is stable with half year cash and cash equivalents over P1 billion with the funding pipeline from regional banks and development financial institutions

remains strong.

Seconding Okai's observation, Letshego Group Chairman, Enos Banda who said following the transformation strategy announced last year, investment in digitalization has been increased. "The strategy entailed

our positive shift towards digitalisation, embedding an agile culture, and enhancing enterprise risk frameworks," Banda said.

He added that although the strides that the banking group has made so far are impressive, the journey is far from conclu-

sion. "Letshego is still on the march and, on track to achieve its 2025 targets, which are, delivering a marked change in sustainable growth, impact and value for both our customers and shareholders," Banda added.

The report stated that with the onset of a 'third wave' in many sub-Saharan markets, Letshego continues to maintain a proactive stance in adjusting and evolving its pandemic response plans and risk mitigation strategies to meet ever-changing economic environments.

"Letshego's Plan 2 horizon will see increased investment into digital and strategic partnerships towards year end and into 2022, supporting further system and product enhancements," the report noted.

By the end of 2022 the group will see further expansion of its vision to develop a foundation for eco-systems expanded multi-tier partnerships and digital hubs, all while upskilling and empowering employees and customers with world-class, digital skills that supports sustainable financial inclusion and digital-savvy economies, the Letshego Group report stated.



FirstRand chief executive Alan Pullinger.

SA banks say they can't cut off funding for coal just yet

ADDIS ABABA

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South African banks say they have to keep funding at least some coal projects for now because an immediate halt would put huge political and economic strains on a nation that relies on the most-polluting of fossil fuels.

The top four banks have started to withdraw financing, with Nedbank and FirstRand setting deadlines of 2025 and 2026 respectively to end funding for new thermal coal mines. Both have stopped lending to new coal-fired power plants. But the banks still finance existing coal mines and power stations. Absa and Standard Bank, South Africa's other two leading lenders, have left the door open to funding some new coal mining or power projects.

Although coal-related lending makes up a small portion of their loan portfolios, the financing is vital for keeping the lights on and tens of thousands of people employed in Africa's most industrialised economy. The state-run power company Eskom relies mainly on ailing coal-fired power stations to supply 90% of South Africa's electricity. More than 90,000 people were employed in coal mines in 2020.

"The profits we make on fossil fuels are minuscule," FirstRand chief executive Alan Pullinger told Reuters. "The easiest thing would be to say 'we're out'," he said, but he added that such a step would force the already heavily indebted government to step in to prop up the sector.

Ending funding for coal is in the spotlight ahead of a UN climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland in November. The fuel is a major driver of climate-warming emissions, but also a relatively cheap form of power generation relied upon by many emerging economies.

Local context

South African banks say local conditions demand they still support the industry but they face growing pressure from international investors in the push to cut emissions and fewer insurers are now ready to share the risks linked to coal assets. South Africa was the 12th largest emitter of climate-warming gases globally in 2019, with Eskom accounting for more than 40%.

"We are dependent on Eskom, so we can't stop funding Eskom, because we'll shut down our entire economy," an executive at one of South Africa's top lenders said. Eskom's largest coal supplier is miner Exxaro. As a result, the executive said: "Right now, from an economic perspective, we can't shut off Exxaro." Nedbank said efforts to address climate change had to consider the local context. Absa said coal finance would be reduced but it had to balance macro-economic and social issues with climate needs.

Wendy Dobson, head of group corporate citizenship at Standard Bank, said the bank planned to set boundaries for its exposure to climate risk, which would lead to limits on the amount of lending for coal and other fossil fuels.

IRA mulls capping insurance premiums for the elderly

NAIROBI

Senior citizens' medical premiums will be capped at a maximum of 200 percent higher than what younger customers pay if the regulator adopts proposals aimed at sustaining more people in health cover.

South Africa-based i3 Actuaries and Consultants hired by Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) over a year ago to guide in the development of medical insurance framework says insurers currently charge old people up to 600 percent more than young customers.

The consultant says the difference in premiums – mainly on account that old people are more prone to sickness and, therefore, spend more on health – is making many senior citizens drop off from medical insurance.

"To allow for cross-subsidisation between younger and older lives it is proposed that a maximum difference between the highest and lowest premium rates between lives on the same product should be introduced," says the consultant in a proposal to IRA. "The main

aim of this regulation is to prohibit exorbitantly high premium increases for older individuals such that they are forced to lapse medical insurance coverage."

IRA has now subjected the draft report to public review in what promises to pose a delicate balancing act between sustaining more old people in insurance covers and shielding underwriters from losses.

The consultant says the cap is expected to prompt insurers to create products with more affordable premiums for older age individuals instead of just pricing them highly. "If insurers are allowed to price these individuals out, it will be unfair for individuals to contribute throughout their life only to be priced out of affording insurance when they reach the age when they need it most," says the report.

Other recommendations in the draft report include publishing insurance rates per company to discourage price undercutting and capping the period between paying the first premium and starting to enjoy the cover at not more than three months.



Insurance Regulatory Authority CEO Godfrey Kiptum.

Vodafone set to roll out eco-SIM cards in Africa and Europe

LONDON

Vodafone has announced it is launching Eco-SIM cards produced from recycled plastics. This is part of the company's commitment to reduce its impact on the environment.

The Eco-SIM cards will be rolled out from October in three African countries namely: Egypt, Turkey and South Africa. The cards will also be made available in the company's European markets.

Vodafone will provide customers with new Eco-SIMs in the half-sized format made from recycled plastic, progressively replacing SIM cards that are currently made from new plastic.

The launch of Eco-SIM builds on Vodafone's successful global rollout of half-sized SIM card holders in 2020. By halving the size of the SIM card holder, Vodafone has reduced the amount of plastic used to provide customers with SIMs by around 340 tonnes a year

- equivalent to a reduction of 1,760 tonnes of CO2e.

Vodafone's introduction of Eco-SIM - in the same material-efficient, half-sized card format - further eliminates the need for 320 tonnes of virgin plastic to be manufactured each year. This has the potential to save an additional 1,280 tonnes of CO2e per year from not manufacturing new plastic to be used for the cards.

Alex Froment-Curtill, Vodafone Group Chief Commercial Officer

said: "Our ultimate goal is to eliminate the need to supply plastic SIMs entirely. We have already halved the amount of plastic used in our SIM cards, and the introduction of Eco-SIMs made from recycled plastic will further reduce the environmental impact of our activities."

Although Vodafone offers digital eSIM in every European market, supported by a growing number of compatible devices, most mobile customers still require a

physical SIM card for their mobile phone until eSIM becomes more widespread.

Since 2020, Vodafone has eliminated all unnecessary plastic and disposable single-use items across all Vodafone's retail stores and offices. Vodafone has withdrawn disposable plastic bags and removed or restricted plastic marketing or promotional materials, replacing them with low-impact alternatives.

Trading at DSE down by over 80pct as institutional investors stay home

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

STOCKS trading at Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange recorded nearly an 83 percent slump last week when turnover was only 239.72m/- compared to 1.37bn/- generated during the previous week.

According to Orbit Securities Weekly Report, a total of 474,223 shares were traded on the bourse during the course of the week compared to 3,589,772 shares traded the previous week. Orbit Securities Head of Research and Financial Analytics, Imani Muhito said the market during the week was largely dominated by retail investors.

"The week under review had zero pre-arranged block transactions because of lack of institutional investors, who usually go through such transactions which led to the low turnover," Muhito said. He added that since the end of 2019, more than



DSE Plc's CEO, Moremi Marwa.

85 percent of the turnover at DSE has been dominated by prearranged block transactions with CRDB Plc topping the movers' chart with 38.87share. The bank has its share price pegged at 250/- per share at the closure of last week's trading session.

"The All Share Index (DSEI) lost 6.85 points

in value as KCB share price fell by 1.05 percent during the week," the Orbit report said. The report further added that the Tanzania Share Index (TSI) on the other hand, lost 10.33 points as JATU Plc, NMB Bank Plc, DCB Commercial Bank Plc and DSE Plc counters lost 2.74, 4.46, 4.62 and 9.09 percent of their share prices re-

spectively.

"Foreign investors dominated share buying in the market accounting for 60.26 percent of the value while local investors accounted for the remaining 39.74 percent only," the report stated noting that local investors accounted for 100 percent of the sold stocks. "The net foreign inflow for the week was 144.4m/-, compared to the previous week when the inflows were only 7.67m/-," the report added.

In a related development, the 25-year Treasury Bond auction issued by Bank of Tanzania last week raised 133.45bn/- which was oversubscribed by 503.1bn/-. According to the DSE website, investors tendered 637bn/- through 1,427 bids, from which only 384 bids were successful amounting to 182.3bn/-. The secondary bond market on the other hand generated a total of 12.02bn/-, being an 80.96 percent reduction from the 63.17bn/- that was generated during the previous week.

Expert Hub helps connect investors to Africa at GBF

DUBAI

Hundreds of delegates at the sixth Global Business Forum Africa, looking for authentic information about market access, investment opportunities, or business climate in various Sub-Saharan countries, benefitted from data-driven advice and trade intelligence on offer at Dubai Chamber's Expert Hub.

Situated in the networking area, the Expert Hub featured trade and investment representatives from different countries, who shared their knowledge and expertise to support businesspersons from the UAE and the region in their decisions.

"I would like to say thanks to Dubai Chamber for inviting us to this important event. Global Business Forum is an important platform for all

African countries to promote business opportunities as well as investment climate," said Gil Bires, Director General, Mozambique Investment & Export Promotion Agency. "Mozambique has lots of business opportunities to offer and within the framework of this platform, we are ready to showcase to investors the kind of business opportunities we can provide them," he said.

Hosted under the theme "Transformation Through Trade," the two-day forum - organised by Dubai Chamber in partnership with Expo 2020 Dubai - closed with a total tally of 550 bilateral meetings and 3,000 delegates taking part, including 600 who attended remotely and represented more than 90 countries from around the world. According to Bires, the Expert Hub at the Forum offers an opportunity

for participants to interact with other countries, gather and exchange information and network.

"We are happy to be here and at the end of the event, we will surely see concrete results of our participation.

Once again, I would like to extend my gratitude to Dubai Chambers for inviting investors and visitors to our stand so that we can aptly showcase all the business opportunities to them," he said.

The high-level GBF Africa brought together government and business leaders to explore bilateral trade opportunities between the UAE and Africa and featured several thought-provoking sessions - the first in a series of Global Business Forums taking place at Expo 2020 Dubai, with the upcoming



Gil Bires, Director General of Mozambique Investment & Export Promotion Agency.

forums focusing on Latin America and the ASEAN region.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the progress of our private sector and link business partners from 192 countries with Mali. Due to the pandemic, it's not easy to travel.

Through this event, you can connect with the world on one platform - that's a great opportunity for us and the reason why we are participating at Expo," said Nakhana Kachatore, Director, Mali Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai.

Technology has revolutionised banking, placing consumers in the driver's seat



Schalk Kotze, Head of Affluent Banking at Standard Bank.

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Today's digital savvy customers have a world of banking options available at a tap of their phone. The ways in which we conduct banking has changed dramatically since technology entered the fray, making it easier than ever to access solutions that meet your everyday needs and help you to achieve your dreams and goals... whatever those may be.

Staying on top of customer preferences has become front and centre for banks. They are now focused on elevated levels of personalisation and tailoring solutions to meet your needs, which has been enabled by the fast-tracking of digital transformation. This gives banks an indication of what customers really want and need, which means that new solutions, features and lifestyle benefits are being developed that have a better understanding of our lives, expectations and requirements in the current environment. "The evolving banking environment is helping us to provide bespoke experiences and solutions that can be accessed via channels where

the customer is most comfortable and active on a daily basis - in other words, digital channels," comments Schalk Kotze, Head of Affluent Banking at Standard Bank. "It also means increased simplicity and convenience that is aligned to our customers' preferences."

Schalk Kotze says Standard Bank is undergoing significant transformation as part of its future-ready strategy in which it has invested in the technology infrastructure that aids a better view of customers' lives and their unique needs. "We know that our customers are leading ever-changing and demanding lifestyles and require easy, efficient and stress-free banking so they can focus on what matters most to them and their families."

The bank you choose should meet your needs. If you're entrepreneurial, you'll want a bank that can provide support that is accessible to help you grow your business and take it to new heights. If you're focused on wealth creation through investing while keeping an eye on the future for how it will be used, your bank must be able to

provide you with the right financial planning tools and advice to help you reach your goals.

Considering your spending habits is also a good idea when deciding where to bank. Many banks have budgeting tools built into their websites or apps that make it easy to track your expenses and see where your money is going.

"The insatiable appetite for banking apps in South Africa and across other regions of the continent has accelerated," notes Kotze. "We are now able to 'take' our banks with us everywhere we go, in a manner that is easy, safe and convenient."

Standard Bank, as the biggest bank on the African continent, is well equipped to provide you with the best tools and advice to put you firmly in control of your money. Wherever you are in life, we will personalise your banking for your ever-evolving needs with one-on-one assistance and 24/7 support. We offer seamless and secure banking services that you can access anytime, anywhere and on any device at your convenience.

Asante Financial Services announces \$7.5 million series in A investment

LAGOS

Pan African digital financial services startup, Asante Financial Services, has announced a \$7.5 million Series A investment led by Goodwell Investments with participation by other investors including Sorenson Impact Foundation and Forsage Holdings.

Led by Nigerian Chidi Okpala, Asante Financial Services is a high impact digital financial services company primarily focused on Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and consumers in Sub-Saharan Africa. It was initially a subsidiary of Atlas Mara LLC, but it has now grown exponentially operating in Kenya and Uganda, with active plans to expand to be in 12 countries by 2025.

According to the company, this Series A investment will enable Asante scale its credit offerings to the underserved segment of MSMEs in Kenya and Uganda, and expand to Nigeria and Rwanda. Asante's current offerings include the portfolio of products and services include loans, payments, deposits, investment and insurance-related products, and asset management products and services, designed to cater to the needs of African businesses and individuals.

"We are delighted to welcome our new investors including Goodwell, Sorenson and Forsage in our inaugural institutional fundraise. Together, we will advance access to finance, and financial independence and wellbeing for the millions of small businesses on the continent," said Chidi Okpala, Founding CEO of Asante.

Asante differentiates itself with its ecosystem-based digital lending platform that uses alternative data and a proprietary AI loan decisioning management system to approve loans to MSMEs. The company works directly with ecosystem channel partners to collect conventional and non-conventional MSME data, with the prior consent of the clients.

Its channel partners include Africa's largest telcos, mobile-based marketplaces, airlines, retailers, payment processors, insurance companies, smartphone phone OEMs and large FMCGs. This significantly reduces the cost of customer acquisition and due diligence, while providing sufficient alternative data for credit underwriting.

As a result, Asante is in a strong position to address the credit gap and accelerate its rollout. Asante has executed over 16 strategic corporate channel partnerships, giving Asante direct access to 2m MSMEs with a monthly lending opportunity in excess of US\$200 million.

"With over 650% growth in lending activities since Q1 2021 and a sustained average all-in default rate of 2.5%, Asante is well-positioned to fast track scale and deepen our impact in our operating markets. Our bold post-COVID response is helping small businesses recover, reconstruct and reposition for growth while ensuring that thousands of jobs are safeguarded. We look forward to a round extension very early in the new year to support the solid growth momentum," notes Okpala.

"MSMEs - particularly those in the informal sector - are being held back by a lack of responsible lending from traditional financial services providers who are unable to run accurate credit checks and offer profitable loans to this segment of the market. Asante has solved these problems through its innovative digital platform and ecosystem approach. The company's success to date is proof that the model works, and we are very confident that the business will scale quickly and successfully with this round of funding," explains Bitta Wycliffe, Senior Investment Associate at Goodwell Investments.

Digitise now or you risk: The fading popularity of traditional bank branches

By Godwin Semunyu

THERE is a lot of talk about digital transformation in the Tanzania banking space, but not a lot of results. A few banks are finding success, but many don't have a real plan or still enjoy the business as usual arrangement.

Meanwhile, customers are busy finding new ways of life in the digital spaces. The Internet penetration rate in Tanzania has more than doubled between 2013 and 2021. Recent government reports have shown that by January 2021, there were close to 51 million mobile connections in the country, equivalent to 82.7 percent of the total population. Out of that, 15 million (26 percent) are active internet users.

The world of the internet, cell phones, and electronic gadgets has made the unthinkable, thinkable. What started as social media platforms like Facebook and WhatsApp, now links customers to their funds and markets, conveniently.

Digital services are getting better and safer. The online business (Instagram business mostly) where one shops online, pay via mobile and have their purchase delivered at doorsteps have to a great extent reduced the need for cash, which is the main driver of traditional banking. Less cash, fewer bank branches.

The digital platforms have crossed and broken barriers even in areas like paying govern-

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ment taxes, duties, land rent, and port charges that were usually considered bureaucratic. International trade has also not been spared. You want a new gadget, you order straight from Apple, and it will be delivered to your doorstep having paid everything including taxes, duties, and airport charges online. All these with no cash involved.

Gone are the days of everyone needing to go to the bank to transact or open an account. Days of in-branch loan processing, are increasingly numbered. The dominance of mobile money, alternative banking channels, and the unfortunate emergence of the pandemic hasn't helped the course either.

When most of today's customers evaluate financial institutions, they only compare experiences. Real-time transactions and the convenience of services rank higher than the presence of a superior network of branches.

Tanzania's banked population stands at only 29 percent, which is around 16 million people while financial inclusion numbers read at 85 percent, around 51 million people.

The customers prefer to spend more time on their phones and gadgets than in banking halls. There can only be one winner here, digital interactions.

The biggest and worrying data of them all is that the median age in Tanzania is 18 years. Meaning the new generation of customers is predominantly tech-savvy. The largest generation in the workforce to date prefers to bank online. Banks ought to adjust to their needs.

Also, Tanzania has a predominantly rural population geographically dispersed. The investment costs required to reach them all make it an uphill task for most banks. Digitally, this segment can easily be included. It doesn't necessarily have to be via internet-based applications, but rather the Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) mode.

Writings should be on the white wall to all local banks' chiefs, in the United Kingdom, for instance, more than 4,000 bank branches have been closed in the past six years as lenders migrate to digital platforms in serving customers.

In the United States alone, since

2012 the number of bank branches opened has fallen by an average of 902 per year, with existing ones declining rapidly. One report has sarcastically predicted that the bank branches may become extinct by 2040.

Also, while announcing first quarter results performance for this year, Equity Bank Group CEO, Dr James Mwangi said that currently, the bank, as a group, serves 98 percent of customers via digital platforms, thanks to innovations and investment in technology.

The emergence of bank agents popular known as 'Wakalas' since 2013, has seen more and more customers abandoning services offered at branches. In 2019 the total deposits through 'Wakala' network reached a record 19bn/-, an 84 percent increase from a year prior. Alternative banking channels have since become the pinnacle functions of the banking business.

In the past few years, banks had embarked on a mission to push customers outside the branches by introducing higher fees on bank hall transactions. With the new development in the market, one wonders if the strategy will be overturned to save the landmark branches. It should also be noted that there is a growing group of potentials who have never had a bank account and are used to only accessing funds through mobile phones and Wakala. They present a mountain task to be "converted."

World Bank detains Sh14bn loan for Covid vaccines

NAIROBI

The World Bank has delayed release of a Sh14.4 billion loan to help Kenya buy Covid-19 vaccines, threatening the government's plan to inoculate 10 million people by December.

The Treasury has disclosed to Parliament that the multilateral lender was yet to disburse the loan that was approved in June. The loan hitch could derail Kenya's target to ship in millions of Covid-19 vaccine shots from Johnson & Johnson and meet its inoculation targets.

About 3.3 million Kenyans, out of 47 million, have had a first jab and only 1.2 million are fully vaccinated, according to the Ministry of Health. The World Bank says the billions of shillings will be released to the Treasury once Kenya meets certain undisclosed conditions.

"As per normal World Bank procedure, new projects or new loans following approval have to comply with certain actions before disbursement can start," the World Bank said in an email response to the Business Daily. "These are currently being completed. Kindly follow up with the Treasury and Ministry of Health for details." The Treasury declined to comment on the conditions and progress on release of the loan.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are playing a role in shaping policy that would require the government to implement tough conditions across many sectors. The conditions come on the back of their multi-billion shilling



World Bank country director for Kenya, Keith Hansen.

loan facilities to Kenya where money flows straight into the budget to top up the public purse.

Under the administration of former President Mwai Kibaki, Kenya kept away from this type of credit, with most of the support from institutions like the IMF and the World Bank coming in the form of project support. Kenya has recently faced a deteriorating cash-flow situation, marked by stagnant revenues, worsening debt service obligations, and the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On vaccines, the World Bank says it has opened a window for Kenya to acquire part of the vaccines on credit pending

release of the loan. "The World Bank has built flexibility into the structuring of the vaccine loans that allows dynamic procurement. It gives comfort to suppliers to respond fast in availing the vaccines," said the World Bank.

"For example, using retroactive financing as stipulated in the current financing agreement, Kenya has already purchased 393,600 vaccines." The World Bank financing will help Kenya buy vaccines through an African Union facility set up for that purpose, as well as through COVAX, the global scheme for sharing vaccines equitably.

The cash will also be used to boost Kenya's cold chain facilities for storage of vaccines, training of health personnel and other associated activities. Kenya had struck a deal to get 13 million shots from J&J for the price of 10 million doses, and hoped to accelerate the country's vaccination drive given the vaccine is administered in a single shot.

The country has been hit by deadly waves of Covid-19 infections this year, forcing it to re-impose stringent containment measures. It recently extended containment measures, including an overnight curfew and ban on political gatherings, for another 30 days.

Yesterday, President Uhuru Kenyatta hinted that the

measures could be eased in the coming days at a time when Kenya has recorded a decline in Covid-19 infections while the number of admissions in health facilities is also falling. The positivity rate – the proportion of tests coming back positive – climbed sharply by a double-digit from July, raising concerns among health officials.

The rate has dropped from 14.5 percent on August 15 to 0.9 percent yesterday as the government steps up testing and vaccination. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that the positivity rate should remain below five percent for at least two weeks before governments consider relaxing containment measures.

Kenya requires Sh34 billion to ship in 36 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines by June next year when it expects to have 16 million people inoculated. Donors will provide Sh20 billion, leaving Kenya to seek Sh14 billion from taxes and donors like the World Bank.

COVAX, which is led by the GAVI vaccines alliance along with the WHO and other partners, aims to deliver over 1.3 billion doses to 92 lower- and middle-income countries, covering up to 20 percent of their populations. Kenya will offer the Covid-19 vaccine shots free of charge to its citizens, but will pay \$7.70 (Sh853.70) per shot of the vaccines as negotiated under the COVAX facility.

Credit Suisse out to pay US \$475 million to resolve Mozambican corruption scandal

LONDON

Credit Suisse Group AG will pay about \$475 million to American and British authorities to resolve bribery and fraud charges relating to a \$2 billion Mozambican corruption scandal, while its subsidiary pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge in New York, U.S. and UK agencies said on Tuesday.

The settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Justice Department and Britain's Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is the latest blow for the scandal-plagued Swiss bank and was announced just minutes before Switzerland's financial regulator reprimanded it for a long-running corporate espionage saga.

The U.S. and British charges stem from nearly \$1 billion in bond offerings and a syndicated loan Credit Suisse helped to arrange between 2013 to 2016 to finance a tuna fishing industry project in Mozambique. Much of the proceeds were diverted via kickbacks to Credit Suisse bankers and Mozambique officials.

The three former Credit Suisse bankers, along with two middlemen and three Mozambican government officials, were charged in 2018 for money laundering and defrauding U.S. investors who had invested in the loans. U.S. prosecutors said at least \$200 million of the loans had been diverted to the eight defendants. The former bankers pleaded guilty in 2019.

Through the actions of its bankers, Credit Suisse fraudulently misled investors and violated U.S. bribery laws, the authorities alleged on Tuesday. The bank will pay a \$175 million criminal fine to the Justice Department, \$99 million to the SEC, and \$200 million to the British authorities, and will also forgive \$200 million of debt owed by Mozambique. As a result, the bank said it expects to take \$230 million in charges in the third quarter 2021.

Credit Suisse's European subsidiary also pleaded guilty in a U.S. federal court to one criminal count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, while the group has entered a three-year deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department.

That will require the bank to continue cooperating with any ongoing investigation and to improve its compliance systems. Credit Suisse's European subsidiary has also agreed with the Swiss regulator to appoint an independent third-party to monitor its transactions and risk controls.

"Credit Suisse is satisfied with the completion of the proceedings by U.S., UK and Swiss regulatory authorities into the bank's arrangement of loan financing for Mozambique state enterprises," the bank said in a statement.

Snooping scandal

The Swiss bank is already reeling from a string of scandals <https://www.reuters.com/business/finance/credit-suisse-scandals-prompt-switzerland-think-unthinkable-punish-bankers-2021-05-28> including heavy losses from the collapse of U.S. family office Archegos, client-losses stemming from the collapse of supply chain finance company Greensill, and allegations that it snooped on its former top wealth management executive Iqbal Khan.

Chairman Antonio Horta-Osorio, who joined the bank in April from Britain's Lloyds, has said the scandals are the gravest he has seen. The Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority, FINMA, said on Tuesday that the bank was found to have had "serious organizational shortcomings" surrounding the corporate espionage that ultimately triggered the departure of Chief Executive Tidjane Thiam.



Credit Suisse Chairman, Antonio Horta-Osorio.

BANKING & FINANCE

Climate change is biggest risk to financial institutions

DUBAI

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges that central banks and financial institutions around the world face and they should work together to mitigate climate risk and boost the resilience of the global economy, the governor of the Central Bank of the UAE said.

Central banks and other financial regulatory authorities should continue to develop "safe and effective" supervisory frameworks that can promote green

finance around the world and help enforce management and disclosure of climate risks by financial institutions, Khaled Balama said in a keynote address at The Future of Finance conference on Wednesday in Dubai.

"A greener financial system will contribute to sustaining economic and financial growth and diversified sources of income," Mr Balama said. "We should work together to enhance the resilience of licensed financial institutions to face the risks of climate change." Mr Balama's comments come as

central banks and financial institutions step up green finance as the world seeks to build back better after the pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also underpinned the need to invest in meeting the UN climate goals and make the transition to a net-zero economy. The 2015 Paris Agreement mandates that countries lower their carbon emissions to meet the goal of capping the global rise in temperatures to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

The UAE, the Arab world's second-largest

economy, last week unveiled plans to push for carbon neutrality by 2050 and invest Dh600 billion (\$163.5bn) in clean and renewable energy sources in the next three decades.

The push to achieve a greener future comes ahead of the Cop26 climate talks in Glasgow, Scotland, from October 31 to November 12 as the UAE builds momentum and prepares to "play its global role in combating climate change," Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President and Ruler of Dubai, said at the time.

The launch of the UAE's strategy of

achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 is also part of the country's efforts to contribute "positively to the issue of climate change" and transform the challenges in this sector into opportunities to guarantee a "bright future for the generations to come", Mr Balama said.

The signing of the Abu Dhabi Sustainable Finance Declaration in 2019 by financial institutions, including the CBUAE, was a critical step towards sustainability and advancement of the UAE's green agenda.

WORLD

Germany may miss COVID-19 vaccine donation goal, blames manufacturers

BERLIN

GERMANY may miss its target to donate 100 million COVID-19 vaccine doses this year due to conditions imposed by manufacturers and delivery shortfalls, a health ministry official said in a letter to Brussels seen by Reuters.

The 100 million doses account for half the total promised by European Union member states to poorer countries this year, according to the European Commission.

The German foreign office said on Tuesday that Germany had only donated just over 17% of that amount.

In a letter on Monday to the European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA), health ministry state secretary Thomas Steffen said there were "ongoing bureaucratic, logistical and legal problems" imposed by vaccine makers on EU countries wanting to donate sur-

plus shots.

Steffen said these factors made "a quick response to international requests for help almost impossible."

The letter is the strongest sign yet of the tensions between governments and drugmakers over donations.

The EU and rich countries, most of whose most vulnerable citizens have been vaccinated, are under pressure from the World Health Organization to deliver more doses to poorer nations, many of which have inoculated only a fraction of their people.

"With vaccine surpluses in many member states increasing at present, we will soon be facing a situation of global allocation emergency," Steffen wrote. "Some countries could be forced to waste large volumes of valuable vaccines urgently needed in other parts of the world."

He said obstacles included minimum sales prices, onerous compensation



The 100 million doses account for half the total promised by European Union member states to poorer countries this year. PHOTO: REUTERS

payments required of recipient countries and restrictions on distributing to international organisations.

Changes in expected delivery volumes and expiration dates of vaccine doses also made planning more difficult, he added.

Steffen said AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson could together only deliver up to 50 million doses of their COVID-19 vaccines this year, meaning Germany would also have to donate Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna shots that are the mainstays of its vaccination drive.

In response, Johnson & Johnson said it would help countries with surplus doses to donate them to other countries, especially using the international COVAX facility, as long as the

countries met safety, legal, regulatory and logistical requirements.

AstraZeneca said it was supporting donations in addition to regular supply agreements with individual countries and COVAX, and said it had helped with about 85% of all donations in Germany so far.

"The donation of vaccines is a complex administrative process with long lead times that are outside vaccine manufacturers' control," it added.

Other manufacturers could not immediately be reached for comment.

Any shortfall in donations is likely to heighten criticism of richer nations, which are rolling out boosters and inoculating teenagers considered a low-risk from COVID-19, while the pandemic rages elsewhere. **Xinhua**

One does not feel old, says 95-year-old Queen Elizabeth

LONDON

BRITAIN'S 95-year-old Queen Elizabeth, who has reigned over her nation for almost seven decades, says she feels too young at heart to be awarded the title "Oldie of the Year", an aide has revealed.



Organizers of the annual tongue-in-cheek awards - whose previous recipients include Oscar-winning actors, Nobel laureates, and the queen's own mother who died aged 101 in 2002 - had approached the monarch to see if she would consider accepting the honour herself.

But broadcaster Gyles Brandreth, the chairman of the awards run by the Oldie Magazine, said they had received a "lovely letter" sending her warmest best wishes but declining the offer.

"Her Majesty believes you are as old as you feel, as such the Queen does not believe she meets the relevant criteria to be able to accept and hopes you find a more worthy recipient," said the letter from Tom Laing-Baker, the monarch's assistant private secretary.

Elizabeth follows in the footsteps of her late husband Prince Philip, who died in April aged 99. A decade ago he turned down the chance of winning the award, which has been running for 29 years to celebrate the contributions to public life from the older generation.

"There is nothing like it for morale to be reminded that the years are passing - ever more quickly - and that bits are beginning to drop off the ancient frame," Philip said according to Brandreth. "But it is nice to be remembered at all."

This year's ceremony still had a royal seal of approval though, as Camilla, the wife of Elizabeth's son and heir Prince Charles, was there to present the awards.

"Long live The Queen! Perhaps in the future we will sound out Her Majesty once more," Brandreth wrote on the magazine's website. **Agencies**

Johnson: China to play 'gigantic' role in the economy

LONDON

THE United Kingdom's prime minister has said the nation will not "pitchfork away" investment from China, despite ongoing differences between the two countries.

Speaking ahead of the Global Investment Summit in London on Tuesday, Boris Johnson said China will continue to play a "gigantic part" in the British economy for many years to come.

Christopher Bovis, a professor of international business law at the University of Hull, said Johnson's remarks "signaled a cautious return to the pre-Brexit climate of FDI (foreign direct investment) relations between the UK and China".

The relationship between Beijing and London has soured in recent years, in part because of the differences on issues related to Hong Kong and Britain's decision to remove Chinese companies from its 5G communications

network, but Johnson insisted he is still a fan of China.

"I am no Sinophobe, very far from it. China is a great country, a great civilization," he said in an interview with Bloomberg. "But that does not mean that we should be naive in the way we look at our critical natural infrastructure.

"We should be cautious about how we handle our CNI (critical national infrastructure) and about how we handle FDI from China ... that is why we have brought in some of the legislation that we have."

The UK government has already introduced legislation that makes it more difficult for foreign investors to take major stakes in critical national infrastructure because of security concerns.

Last month, the Financial Times reported ministers were exploring ways to exclude China General Nuclear from involvement in building a 20-billion-pound (\$20.78 billion) nuclear power plant in



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks during the Global Investment Summit at the Science Museum, in London, Britain, on Tuesday. AP

Suffolk, called Sizewell C.

But the government has said Chinese companies are welcome to invest in non-strategic parts of the British economy.

Johnson said: "I'm not going to tell you the UK government is going to pitchfork away every overture from China.

China is a gigantic part of our economic life and will be for a long time for our lifetime."

UK imports from China amounted to 67.6 billion pounds (\$93.5 billion) in the year to June, an increase of nearly 40 percent on last year, which makes China the UK's

third-largest trading partner, according to UK statistics.

Bovis said he is confident "the power of free trade and the necessity for sectoral integration of energy markets and carbon reduction industrial policies will be the catalyst for trade normalization between the UK and China".

Chris Rudd, deputy vice-chancellor and head of the Singapore campus of Australia's James Cook University, said the UK determines its stance on long-term strategic measures, such as policy on foreign relations and FDI, on whatever is likely to drag the next free trade agreement over the line.

"What is inescapable is that having set out to place maximum distance between itself and European institutions and now having failed to harvest the 'low hanging fruits' of FTAs with the United States and Australia, the UK needs its remaining international friends very badly indeed," he said. **Xinhua**

US remains prepared to engage with DPRK after missile test - White House

WASHINGTON

THE White House said on Tuesday that the United States remains prepared to engage with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) after its latest missile test.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said Tuesday that the DPRK had fired a short-range ballistic missile into the eastern waters. DPRK's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported early yesterday local time that the country test-fired a new-type submarine-launched ballistic missile

on Tuesday.

White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki (pictured) told reporters during a daily briefing that the United States condemns the missile launch while noting "these launches also underscore the urgent need for dialogue and diplomacy."

"Our offer remains to meet anywhere, any time without preconditions. We're also closely consulting with allies in this," she added. "We remain prepared to engage in diplomacy with the DPRK."

Also on Tuesday, U.S. Spe-



cial Representative for the DPRK Sung Kim held a trilateral meeting with his counterparts from South Korea and Ja-

pan over the current situation on the Korean Peninsula, according to a statement issued by the State Department.

"Kim emphasized U.S. condemnation of the DPRK's October 19 ballistic missile launch, which violates multiple UN Security Council resolutions, and called on the DPRK to refrain from further provocations and engage in sustained and substantive dialogue," said the statement.

The U.S. Joe Biden administration has repeatedly suggested that it seeks to engage with Pyongyang over the de-

nuclearization issue but has showed no willingness to ease sanctions.

DPRK top leader Kim Jong Un said last week that there has been "no behavioral ground" to believe the recent U.S. signaling that Washington is not hostile to Pyongyang, slamming South Korea for its "double standards" to continue to boost military capabilities.

Kim, however, noted that the DPRK's enemy is a "war itself, not a certain country or forces like South Korea and the United States." **Agencies**

Report: Bolsonaro should face homicide charge over virus

BRASILIA

THE senator leading a congressional probe into Brazil's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic has recommended that President Jair Bolsonaro be charged with homicide for alleged government errors that led to the deaths of thousands.

Bolsonaro (pictured) has dismissed the probe as politically motivated. It is highly unlikely that he will face trial on any such charges, which would have to be brought by Brazil's prosecutor general whom Bolsonaro appointed.

The nearly 1,200-page docu-

ment, prepared by opposition Senator Renan Calheiros for a Senate commission that conducted the probe, alleges that Bolsonaro turned down early opportunities for the government to acquire vaccines, delaying Brazil's inoculation campaign and costing an estimated 95,000 lives.

The report says Bolsonaro was guided "by an unfounded belief in the theory of herd immunity by natural infection and the existence of a treatment."

"Without the vaccine, deaths would be stratospheric, as they turned out to be," the report adds.



The draft report still needs to be voted on by the Senate commission and could be vetoed and altered. The vote is scheduled to take place next week.

The presidency and Health Ministry did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Earlier on Tuesday, Bolsonaro told supporters the probe was a "joke" and said he was not concerned about it.

The report also said charges should be filed against three of Bolsonaro's sons: Senator Flavio, federal deputy Eduardo and city councilman Carlos. The report al-

leges they spread misinformation that incentivized "non-compliance with sanitary measures to contain the pandemic."

At over 600,000 people, Brazil has the second-highest death toll worldwide due to COVID-19, behind only the United States.

Bolsonaro has been widely criticized by public health experts for railing against lockdowns, frequently refusing to wear a mask in public and declaring he has not been vaccinated.

He has also pushed unproven remedies for the illness such as antimalaria drug hydroxychloro-

quine.

The report says Bolsonaro is "principally responsible for the government's errors committed during the COVID-19 pandemic" and that he acted against the advice of his Health Ministry in supporting the use of unproven treatments.

In total, the report recommends 13 criminal charges be brought against Bolsonaro including genocide against Brazil's indigenous population for actions that left their communities vulnerable to the virus. **Agencies**

Russia hosts Taliban for first talks since US Afghan pull-out

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is hosting a delegation from the Taliban along with regional powers in the first such meeting since the chaotic US withdrawal from Afghanistan in August brought the Islamic movement to power.

A deputy prime minister of the interim Afghan government, Abdul Salam Hanafi, who played an important role in peace negotiations with the US, is the most senior figure attending the Moscow talks.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said his government's priority is to encourage the Taliban to form an inclusive administration that includes other political forces.

The US, which previously took part in the so-called "Moscow Format" talks, isn't participating this time because of the resignation of US envoy to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad. He's been replaced by his deputy, Tom West.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has urged the US to gradually unfreeze Afghan assets, warning that the lack of funds may push the Taliban into arms- and drug-trafficking.

The European Union earlier this month announced a billion Euro (\$1.16 billion) emergency humanitarian aid package.

Putin last week told counterparts from the ex-Soviet Union that there's a real threat of an upsurge in extremist activity in the region following the Taliban takeover. Russia estimates that there are 2,000 Islamic State fighters massed in northern Afghanistan whose leaders are planning to spread their influence to central Asian states and Russian regions, he said.

Meanwhile, at least two people were wounded in a bomb attack in the Afghan capital yesterday morning, the Ministry of Interior confirmed.

A hand grenade was hurled from the Kabul Zoo towards Taliban security forces stationed in Dehmazang Square, Dehmazang locality in Police district 3 of Kabul, spokesperson Qari Saeed Khosty wrote on his social media account.

He said a search operation was launched to map the culprits behind the attack.

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Powell's death of COVID-19 complications triggers vaccine effectiveness debate in US

WASHINGTON

FORMER U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell died at 84 of COVID-19 complications on Monday, triggering heated debate over the effectiveness of vaccines in the United States.

"General Colin L. Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, passed away this morning due to complications from COVID-19," the Powell family wrote in a Facebook post on Monday, noting Powell had been fully vaccinated. He was suffering from serious underlying conditions.

Powell's passing added fuel to those who oppose vaccines in the country, but health experts stressed Powell's death was an exception to the vaccines' protection, not proof they do not work.

While Powell was fully vaccinated, he also had multiple myeloma, a cancer that suppresses the body's immune response," said Gwen Nichols, chief medical officer at the U.S. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"Multiple myeloma is not curable, so while he may or may not have been on active treatment, his disease, and his age, made him more vulnerable to breakthrough infection, complications and death," she explained.

Powell battled other heightened risks of severe COVID-19. Besides multiple myeloma, Powell reportedly had surgery for prostate cancer when he was U.S. secretary of state and, more recently, Parkinson's disease.

Neurological conditions are among those cited by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as potentially increasing the risk of severe COVID-19 in patients.

"I'm afraid people will say the vaccine didn't help him," said Robert



Murphy, executive director of the Institute for Global Health at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "But the mortality rate for vaccinated people is 11 times less than unvaccinated."

People still die from the disease, especially if you are 84 and have underlying health risks. He is one of the unfortunate ones, but he was very high risk," Murphy was quoted by USA Today as saying.

Experts stressed that Powell's passing does not demonstrate the futility of vaccines, but instead underscores the importance of everyone getting vaccinated to protect society's most vulnerable. A new CDC study published on Tuesday shows that among hospitalized U.S. patients aged 12 to 18 years, vaccine effectiveness of two doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against COVID-19 hospitalization during June to September was 93 percent.

Unvaccinated people have an 11 times higher risk of dying from COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people, according to another CDC study published recently.

In addition, the study shows that unvaccinated people have a six times higher chance of testing positive for COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people do. "Former Secretary of State Colin Powell's death from COVID-19 complications signifies the latest wake-up call in the United States's extended battle against the virus, demonstrating the continued risk the pandemic poses to American lives," said a report of The Hill.

Xinhua

Restoration of China's lawful UN seat a global milestone - UN official

BEIJING

THE 50th anniversary of the restoration of China's lawful seat in the United Nations marks a very important milestone, not just for China, but for the entire world, Siddharth Chatterjee, the UN Development System Resident Coordinator in China, has said, as the anniversary approaches.

"I congratulate and commend China on the successes of the last 50 years," Chatterjee said in a recent interview with Xinhua, hailing China's role "as a member of the multilateral system, as a prime mover in the United Nations space."

On Oct. 25, 1971, at its 26th session, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 2758 with an overwhelming majority. It decided to restore all lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the UN and recognize the representatives of its government as the only legitimate UN representatives of China.

Looking back on this history, Chatterjee said that, when the UN established its first formal presence in China, providing aid, knowledge and poverty alleviation experience, etc., China embraced it all.

"And look at where it is today. It is now becoming an aid provider to many other countries in the world. And this is precisely the model that we want to see in the rest of the world, where the world is united by the virtue of compassion, mutual reinforcement and trust, and above all, by keeping alive the principles of multilateralism," Chatterjee said.

With more than 25 years of experience in international cooperation, sustainable development, humanitarian coordination, and peace and security, the coordinator spoke highly of China's achievements in poverty alleviation and public-health response in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The success China has cannot be underestimated under any circumstance," Chatterjee said, adding that



Siddharth Chatterjee

the World Bank has said that in the last 25 years, China's push to lift people out of poverty has had a major impact on the Sustainable Development Goal 1 (SDG 1), which is about ending poverty.

Noting that China has lifted 770 million people out of abject poverty in the last four decades, Chatterjee said that "it is knowledge which we, as the United Nations system, intend to share with the rest of the developing world, that it's possible to do it."

From his perspective, China has done well in dealing with multiple human development issues and issues around dignity, including access to education, health, etc.

In the 14th Five-Year Plan period, China aims to reduce inequalities, making sure that the entire social fabric is well knit toward the sustainable development goals.

In a statement delivered via video at the general debate of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly in September, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed a Global Development Initiative to steer development around the world towards more bal-

anced, coordinated and inclusive growth in the face of the severe shocks of COVID-19.

Talking about the spirit of multilateralism, Chatterjee said that a quote from Xi says it all: "By setting sail together, we could ride the wind, break the waves, and brave the journey of ten thousand miles."

"I welcome this initiative of President Xi Jinping in advancing the global development, in which the United Nations system stands strong and solid, and intends to walk this journey with China to make sure that we achieved the SDGs," Chatterjee said.

Chatterjee said that he is a runner, spending most weekends running half marathons, and he has found that the air quality is excellent in China.

In any country that has a rapid development trajectory, there will be an unavoidable impact on nature, Chatterjee said.

However, China has set a great standard for what can be achieved, and it is precisely the

resolve and the leadership that is needed from China in response to climate change, he said, stressing the role that the Belt and Road is supposed to play in the transition towards the green economy.

Calling China a provider of renewable energy resources and a driver of green development, Chatterjee said China's ambition to peak carbon emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060 brings both challenges and opportunities. But through the convergence of big data, technology and innovation, it is not impossible to achieve the goals.

"To me, China's leadership here is going to be absolutely crucial in advancing towards this particular agenda," Chatterjee said.

This year is significant, he said, as it is the 50th year of China's return to its lawful seat and also the centenary of the establishment of the Communist Party of China, with the added significance that in the next nine years, the UN has to speed up moving towards achieving the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

"We, as the UN family, see this as an important point for us, to make sure that we are in lockstep with China's ambition to the 2030 agenda, but at the same time, working with China to share its best practices with the rest of the developing world," Chatterjee said.

Xinhua

Putin urges to support investments in public transport

NOVO-OGARYOVO

SPECIAL approaches to support investments in the development of public transport should be developed in Russia to prevent the withdrawal of such funds to other sectors and abroad, as it happened in the housing and utilities sector, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday.

"The government must propose unique measures to promote investments in public transportation, such as direct subsidies to repay loan interest. So that we do not have a situation similar to some issues directly related to housing and communal services, such as water supply and sanitation," he said.

Putin stated that one of the strategy's primary goals is to improve public transportation, urban and suburban communications. "This is vital not only for huge metropolitan regions but



also for little towns where there aren't always enough suitable links to the regional center and buses and trains are old," he said.

The President remembered that the government created a new credit instrument this year to improve regional public transportation. Pilot projects of this type are being planned in 12 Russian regions.

"It is critical that these projects appeal to a wide range of stakeholders, including private investors. I'd also like to point out that such initiatives may not be cost-effective in every region, even in the long run," the president said.

Agencies

3 children killed, 10 people injured in reported Ethiopia airstrikes - UN

UNITED NATIONS

IT is calm but tense in and around Mekelle, Ethiopia, following two reported airstrikes that killed three children and injured 10 people, a UN spokesman said on Tuesday.

"Local health workers report that three children were killed and one person injured in an airstrike on the outskirts of Mekelle yesterday (Monday)," said Farhan Haq, deputy spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"A second airstrike in Mekelle town later in the day reportedly injured nine people and damaged houses and a

nearby hotel," he told reporters at a regular briefing. Haq called intensification of the conflict alarming and said the United Nations reminds all parties of their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure.

The spokesman was asked why the world organization describes the attacks as reported airstrikes so long after they allegedly occurred when UN personnel were present. "We are relying on reports, including reports from people in Mekelle, but obviously we ... don't have air monitoring and so forth at our facilities in Mekelle and ... so we use the language that we use."

Wang Yaping: China's first female astronaut that enters its space station

AT 9:58 a.m. on Oct. 16 (Beijing Time), three Chinese astronauts aboard the country's Shenzhou-13 manned spacecraft, including a female Wang Yaping, entered the Tianhe core module of China's Tiangong space station, which marked that the space station received the second crew and the first female astronaut.

About nine hours earlier that day, China's Long March-2F Y13 carrier rocket, carrying the Shenzhou-13 manned spacecraft, blasted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China as scheduled. Then 582 seconds later, the Shenzhou-13 manned spacecraft separated from the carrier rocket, entered its planned orbit, and successfully sent Zhai Zhigang, Ye Guangfu and Wang into space.

Wang attended China's Shenzhou-10 mission in 2013, during which she gave a 40-minute lesson from space to demonstrate many physical experiments in zero gravity with the help of two other crew members of the mission. She has received many letters from children since and is widely known as a "space teacher."

The Shenzhou-13 mission will make Wang the Chinese female astronaut that has stayed the longest in space and the first Chinese female astronaut to conduct extravehicular activities (EVA).

Wang, once a transport aircraft pilot, started to dream of becoming an astronaut when she watched on



A see-off ceremony for three Chinese astronauts of the Shenzhou-13 crewed space mission is held at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China, Oct. 15. Chinese astronauts Zhai Zhigang (left), Wang Yaping (C) and Ye Guangfu (right) will stay in space for about six months. Xinhua

TV Chinese taikonaut Yang Liwei to space in 2003, when she was 23 years old.

After she returned to the Earth from the Shenzhou-10 mission, a child asked whether she dreamt when she was in space. Wang said, "no matter I dreamt or not, I was already in my dream when I was in space."

For Wang, the Shenzhou-10 mission was her first step toward the dream of flying to space. This time, she has made a trip to space again for the construction of China's space station. During the training for the mission, Wang showed her strong will and unyielding spirit again.

EVA's are physical demanding tasks in space station construc-

tion. Compared with male astronauts who gain inborn advantages in arm strength, bodily form, and arm span, female astronauts need to work much harder to control pressurized EVA suit and build upper body strength for movements and operations in EVA suit.

Wang didn't quite understand how difficult it is for female astronauts to work in EVA suit at the beginning. The EVA suit tests were beyond her imagination. After working for five to six hours in a spacesuit that weighed 200 kg, her hands trembled so bad that she couldn't even hold a pen.

To better prepare herself for EVAs, Wang has intensified her training and even sacrificed many weekends and holidays.

According to Wang's physical training instructor, the astronaut would always stay late for training tasks and take a lot of exercise involving the shot, push-ups and barbells to enhance her arm strength for EVAs.

Wang felt a sense of achievement every time she finished underwater training tasks for EVAs, said the instructor, who disclosed that sometimes Wang would compare her muscle strength with that of other astronauts.

The post-80s female astronaut is not only meticulous in work, but has developed wide interests. Photography, music, sports and traveling are all her hobbies.

She is particularly fond of sports that require team work, such as basketball, badminton doubles and relay race. She can gain a sense of happiness by cooperating with team members in these sports, Wang said.

Wang expressed confidence in her space station construction tasks before the Shenzhou-13 crewed space mission. People say that flying is an uncertain art; but for astronauts, it is their performance in space that defines their flight missions, she said.

She looked forward to viewing the Earth from space once again, spending a unique Chinese New Year's Eve during a six-month stay in the Tiangong space station, as well as conducting EVAs and exploring the unknown, according to the female astronaut.

People's Daily

Olympic Flame for Beijing 2022 Winter Games lit in Ancient Olympia

OCT. 18, fair weather returned to Ancient Olympia, Greece after raining, making the Archaeological Site of Olympia, which is surrounded by hills, even more splendid and spectacular.

The Olympic Flame, to be burning for the Beijing 2022 Winter Games, was lit at the birthplace of the Games.

When rays of golden sunshine spilled over the time-honored stadium of Ancient Olympia at noon that day, the Olympic flag was gently raised to the Olympic Hymn, resonating up above the Temple of Hera.

In front of the Temple, Greek actress Xanthi Georgiou, playing an ancient Greek High Priestess, prayed to Apollo, the Olympian god of the sun and light. She half-squatted and lighted the torch in her hand with a concave mirror that focused on the sun's rays. Soon after the flame was ignited, the temple erupted in yells and acclaim.

Dressed in archaic-style clothing, the High Priestess danced to ancient Greek music on the slope near the Temple. The dance was both ancient and modern and was elegantly beautiful.

"The Olympic Flame is a noble symbol of the Olympic spirit," said Yu Zaiqing, vice president of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Winter Games. When COVID-19 attacks the world, the Flame is once again restoring faith, warmth, and hope to the people, forming a tremendous force for the world to defeat the virus, he remarked.

Entering the stadium, the High Priestess lit the torch in the hand of Greece skier Ioannis Antoniou, the first torchbearer. Then Antoniou, holding high the torch, ran along the designated route.

The red and silver torch "Flying" resembled two floating ribbons spiraling up, evoking metaphors of ice and fire and symbolizing how the torch will bring "light and warmth to the world of ice and snow."

Beside the statue of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympic Games, Antoniou passed the torch to former Chinese short track speed skater Li Jiajun. Li was the silver medalist of the men's 1,000 meters during the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, and the first Chinese male athlete to have won a medal at the Winter

Games. "I think it's a sacred experience to be in a torch relay in Greece. I've been engaged in winter sports since 1981 and served the games after retirement. Now I'm actively preparing for the Beijing 2022 Winter Games, which will be hosted in my own country, and helping with the routine training of each national team," said Li, a four-time Olympian.

The Olympic Flame in the torch is igniting the enthusiasm and dreams for the Olympics of all 1.4 billion Chinese people. The Beijing 2022 Winter Games is scheduled to be kick off on Feb. 4 the next

year, and China is expecting to share this grand event with the rest of the world.

"Beijing will write history as the first ever city to organize both editions of the Olympic Games, summer and winter," said the International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach.

The Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 will connect the Chinese people with the world, bringing to life China's vision to engage 300 million people with sport on snow and ice, changing winter sport forever, the president added. Olympics is a common heri-

tage of human civilization, and the Olympic Flame is the highest symbol of the Olympic spirit.

On Mar. 30, 2008, China received the torch for the Beijing Olympic Games in the Panathenaic Stadium and held a spectacular Olympics. Over the past 13 years, the Olympics has achieved remarkable progress in China. This time, carrying the Olympic spirit, the Winter Games' flame will be once again demonstrated and passed in and outside the country, sparkling with the glory of peace and friendship.

People's Daily



Lugalo Golf Club golfer Angel Eaton competes in a competition in Arush recently.

TGU vouches for golf promotion among women in Tanzania

By Correspondent Daniel Sabuni, Arusha

TANZANIA Golf Union (TGU) has urged women in the country to participate in the game of golf.

The union has as well appealed to sports stakeholders to set aside prizes to attract women to participate in the game in large numbers.

Speaking at a short congratulatory ceremony for the winners of this year's Arusha Open golf tournament held in Arusha last weekend, TGU secretary, Magile Enock, said women's participation in the game is not much compared to men's participation.

"It is our opinion for sports stakeholders to prepare prizes that will motivate women to join the game of golf to have equality in golf in the country" the official noted.

Enock disclosed that the Arusha tournament will precede Lugalo Open which is expected to take place at Lugalo Golf Club course in Dar es Salaam on October 30, and followed by TPC Open to be played in Kilimanjaro.

He called on the youth of Arusha to provide a team to participate in the tournament as the region does not have participants who regularly take part in the game, especially in other regions.

The overall winner of the Arusha tournament, Victor Joseph from Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Golf Club, said the tournament was tough, he is thankful

to emerge the winner and lift the top honour along with various prizes.

"The course is tough but I have also faced stiff competition. I am thankful I have achieved victory with all that and I continue to advise young people to come forward to play the sport, there are youths with what it takes to play this sport, I am not rich but I play golf," the golfer noted.

Madina Iddy, a female golfer representing the women who participated in the tournament, said the women's participation is now promising compared to the previous three years where participation was low but also urged women to turn out in large numbers to take part in golf.

Reliance Insurance Company, which sponsored Arusha Open, explained the reasons for sponsoring the competition which involved golfers from various countries.

Joyce Bendera, Head of Marketing Department at the company, said the aim of sponsoring the game of golf was to encourage participants to show up in large numbers as the game has often been seen as a reserve of affluent people.

"We would like to see more people participate in the game and that is our goal, as Tanzania is still lagging in golf, but also many people do not know it so we want sports stakeholders across the country to show up in large numbers," Joyce revealed.

Nabi's first six months in charge of Yanga

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA's recent 2-0 victory over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC told us many things, notably the fact coach Nasreddine Nabi's side is a serious contender for the 2021/22 NBC Premier League title.

The obvious caveat here is that it is still monumentally early days in the campaign.

The Green and Yellow haven't been bulldozing their way through the opposition and in fact, they haven't exactly been at their best at all.

Yet they have won all their three opening games of the season, scoring four without conceding a goal to go top of the table. This is their best start to a league campaign in three years.

On Wednesday, coach Nabi celebrated six months in charge of Yanga and they are looking stronger with each week that passes after a chaotic pre-season threatened to create a storm in the club.

In April, Nabi replaced Cedric Kaze as Yanga head coach after the club made the difficult decision to sack the Burundian following a disappointing run of form.

The 56-year-old Tunisian has not disap-



Yanga's Tunisian head coach, Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

pointed, winning 12 of his 18 competitive games including masterminding two derby victories against Simba.

The Federation Cup final loss and the CAF Champions League premature exit are the only real blemish on an otherwise fabulous first six months for Nabi.

A little over three months after taking

charge of the team, Nabi was leading Yanga out for the Federation Cup final against Simba at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma - a match the Green and Yellow went on to lose 1-0.

Less than two months after that, there was more heartbreak when Yanga lost to Rivers United of Nigeria in both legs of the CAF Champions

League first preliminary round matches to bow out of continental football at the first hurdle.

After the disappointment of the Federation Cup final defeat to Simba and CAF Champions League early exit, their progress was rewarded with a Community Shield triumph over aged rivals Simba.

Of all the differ-

ent players that have scored a competitive goal under Nabi, there are no prizes for guessing who has the most.

Midfielder Feisal Salum has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of Nabi's arrival.

Nabi's first big tactical change was to push Feisal Salum to a more advanced role.

As a result, the footballer, 'Fei Toto' as he is proudly known, has emerged as the Yanga player with the most goal contributions under Nabi.

Salum has scored six goals in that period and is favoured above Said Ntibazonkiza whose future is now in question.

The Burundi international has undoubtedly been the biggest loser from Nabi's appointment, having been the club's key player when he arrived late last year and seemed to have an instant impact upfront but has only played eight games since the Tunisian touched down in Dar es Salaam.

Of course, merely reaching a final and winning the Community Shield does suggest a certain degree of success, but that will not be enough for Yanga fans who are used to more tangible rewards.

Nabi will ultimately be judged on the league title which has eluded the club for the past four years.

Muhongo seeks to promote entertainment, sports competitions in Musoma wards

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

Musoma Rural Constituency MP, Sospeter Muhongo, has said one of the strategies for developing sports and entertainment in the area is to encourage his constituency to continue forming groups and teams to compete with other constituencies in preparation for next year's competitions.

He said this year's canoeing competition was postponed due to the coronavirus crisis, and the constituency's wards should use the opportunity to reorganize themselves by organizing more groups, including choirs, dances, and football.

"In terms of canoeing, our constituency has a total of 18 teams, this tournament is held at the end of each year, where teams compete between a distance of 1,000 kilometers to 1,500 kilometers," he said.

In addition, he said, the constituency constitutes 27 groups divided into five groups including four groups for traditional dance 'Dogoli', one guitar group, two groups for other traditional dance 'liranda'/'Ritungu'.

Three groups for 'Mbegete', two 'Zeze' groups, and 15 choir groups will participate in the competitions.



Some of the canoeing teams compete in a past competition in Musoma. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

The MP issued the information while outlining his strategies for promoting sports in his constituency, as they offer employment and also help to strengthen relations with the residents of Musoma Rural.

Muhongo clarified that there are 78 football teams, and football tournaments are held at different times and

that now arrangements are being made to find an outfit made up of footballers from all parts of the constituency.

"The aim is to find a team that will participate in various competitions at the district and regional levels, I have distributed jerseys to each ward and I will soon distribute the equipment again," he said. Muhongo disclosed he

had played part in Biashara United's rise to popularity.

The club is lately taking part in this season's NBC Premier League.

Muhongo has also been the main sponsor of the Wasaga FC of Kasoma Village who successfully reached the final of the Second Division League in the region.

Prospect of no jab, no visa for Australian Open tennis stars

By JOHN PYE

TENNIS players who have not received a COVID-19 vaccination are unlikely to get a visa to enter the country for the Australian Open in Melbourne in January, according to the political leader of the state, which hosts the season-opening major.

Victoria State Premier Daniel Andrews has already introduced a vaccine mandate for professional athletes competing in domestic

sports leagues and people working in some industries including health. On Tuesday, he increased the pressure on tennis players traveling from abroad.

"I don't think any unvaccinated tennis player is going to get a visa to come into this country," Andrews said. "If they did get a visa, they'd probably have to quarantine for a couple of weeks when no other players will have to."

"Professional sport is part of that authorized worker list and

they have to be double-dose vaccinated."

Australia is preparing to reopen its international borders for the first time in more than 18 months, but it will be a gradual, state-by-state process starting next month and will depend on vaccination rates across the country. Fully vaccinated people will have fewer restrictions in Australia than those who are not.

The vaccination debate has been ongoing in tennis since in-

ternational competition started re-emerging following a global shutdown last year.

Some players, including men's No. 1 Novak Djokovic, have advocated that the decision to get the vaccine should be a personal choice. Others, including Andy Murray, have said it should be mandated for the good of the majority. At the U.S. Open, which ended Sept. 12, spectators had to show proof of at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to attend

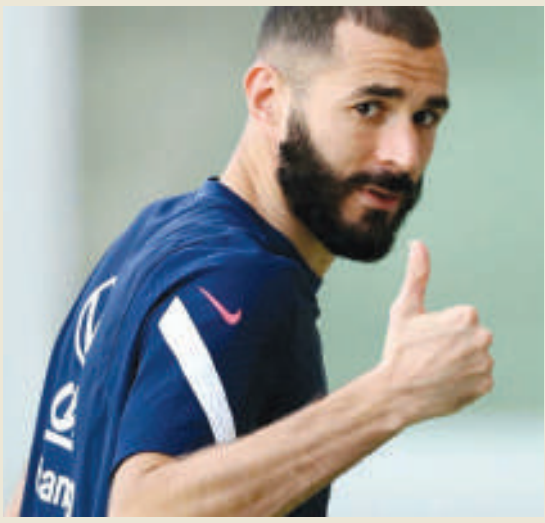
matches, although players were not required to get a shot.

Victoria Azarenka, a two-time Australian Open champion and three-time runner-up at the U.S. Open, thought that sent a mixed message. She reached the U.S. Open final in 2020, when there were no fans allowed.

"To me that's a bit bizarre that fans have to be vaccinated and players are not," Azarenka said. "So I think that in my opinion, it's inevitable that it will be mandated

at some point, like other leagues are doing."

Both the men's and the women's tours are recommending all players get vaccinated but so far have not enforced it. Just before the U.S. Open, roughly half of the elite male and female players were vaccinated. Ahead of the Australian Open earlier this year, all players had to quarantine for two weeks and be regularly tested under Australia's strict regulations on COVID-19 measures. **AP**



Real Madrid star Benzema on trial in sextape case

PARIS

REAL Madrid forward Karim Benzema went on trial in France on Wednesday accused of complicity in the attempted blackmail of former international teammate Mathieu Valbuena in a case known as the "sextape affair".

Benzema, 33, is suspected of helping a group of alleged blackmailers approach Valbuena in an attempt to extort money in 2015.

The 33-year-old France striker, who helped Real Madrid to a 5-0 Champions League win over Shakhtar Donetsk in Kiev on Tuesday night, did not attend the start of the proceedings in the Paris suburb of Versailles.

Four other people are also on trial.

Valbuena, 37, was in court for the start of the trial, an AFP reporter confirmed.

The case cost both Benzema and Valbuena their places in the French national team, though Benzema was restored to the squad for this year's European Championship.

The trial will examine the role that Benzema played in the murky affair, which started when Valbuena handed his smartphone to Axel Angot, a man connected to footballing circles in the southern port city of Marseille, with the request to transfer its contents to a new device.

Angot, now on trial for breach of trust, came across sexually explicit footage on the phone involving Valbuena.

Prosecutors says he then explored ways -- together with a friend, Mustapha Zouaoui -- to approach Valbuena and threaten publication of the footage unless he paid them.

Valbuena received several calls in June 2015 warning of the potential exposure of the footage, which he reported to police.

What followed is an imbroglio involving several shadowy middlemen, one of whom turned out to be an undercover agent called "Luka" placed by police who were trying to get proof before taking action against the protagonists.

Eventually the presumed blackmailers went to one of Benzema's old friends, Karim Zenati, who prosecutors say enlisted Benzema's help to reach Valbuena.

- 'Very heavy criminals' -

On October 6, 2015, Benzema went to see Valbuena in his room at the French national team's training centre at Clairefontaine, west of Paris.

He told his teammate that he could introduce him to a "trustworthy person" to help him "manage" the possible publication of a compromising video.

In what Benzema later claimed was an attempt to help his teammate out of a difficult situation, he told him: "Be careful, 'Math', these are very, very heavy criminals."

Benzema then called his childhood friend Karim Zenati, who was by then acting as an intermediary for the alleged blackmailers, and told him in a conversation wiretapped by police: "He's not taking us seriously."

Prosecutors say that the word "us" proves that Benzema saw himself as part of the blackmail scheme.

Valbuena said later that the conversation left him with the feeling that he was "being played for a fool".

"If he doesn't want us to handle this for him, he'll have to deal with the piranhas," Zenati said, claiming later that all he wanted to do was alert Valbuena to the existence of the video.

Benzema replied that "they will piss on him", and in a subsequent conversation referred to Valbuena with a derogatory term for a homosexual, which he said later was meant "in a friendly way".

The maximum sentence for complicity in attempted blackmail is five years in prison and a fine of 70,000 euros (\$81,000).

Benzema has argued that the undercover police officer used dishonest methods to draw him into the affair.

The sextape case caused Benzema to be exiled from France's national football team for years -- a decision he called 'racist'.

France coach Didier Deschamps said this month that "he's no longer the same person, he's matured".

AFP

With Barca and Madrid in crisis, Clasico takes back seat for now

By Graham Hunter, ESPN
Spain writer

THE greatest fixture in the history of football, Real Madrid vs. Barcelona, is balanced on a knife edge.

After 119 years of playing Clasicos, making up 246 matches, the record stands: Madrid 98 wins, Barca 96. They've divided up the goals almost equally -- Madrid 410, Barcelona 401 -- during all those thrills and spills it's divided the world, winning new fans on every continent, while the astronomical viewing figures have grown higher than ever before. It has literally become a phenomenon.

Sunday's Clasico at Camp Nou will draw on passion, skill, ego, anger, revenge, creative invention, risk taking, chutzpah, fear, loathing, desperation, arrogance and ambition. The perfect cocktail. And yet there's a very strong case that it's not even the most important game either side will play this week -- let alone this season.

Even with 40 goals scored in 12 meetings, Barcelona vs. Dynamo Kiev isn't a classic fixture. Far from it. Ditto Shakhtar Donetsk vs. Real Madrid. Even though there's an average of more than four goals every time they meet, it's never been a draw and the wins are split exactly evenly, this is not -- I repeat not -- the kind of fixture Florentino Perez had in mind when he tried to drive a coach and horses through European football with his ill-devised, badly presented, furiously rejected European Super League.

Yet the harsh fact is that when the Ukrainian big guns go toe to toe with Spain's big dogs in the week preceding the Clasico, each match is arguably more crucial to LaLiga's dominant duopoly than when they meet on Sunday. That's true even with the possibility of Madrid putting a five-point gap on Barcelona by winning their fourth straight LaLiga Clasico for only the first



With results flagging, Gerard Pique's Barcelona must prioritise the fortune available in the Champions League over a Clasico date with Real Madrid. (Agencies)

time in 43 years.

You'll never get proud, fiercely partisan, irrepresible Joan Laporta, Barcelona's talismanic if beleaguered president to admit it, but if by next Monday the Catalans have defeated Dynamo Kiev 1-0 in the 95th minute with a goal that should have been ruled offside but wasn't while the Camp Nou bayed its dissatisfaction and then, humiliatingly, lost 0-3 to Madrid, it will have been a good week for him, the club and their utterly atrocious financial situation. That's because Ronald Koeman's team has been dismantled 6-0 on aggregate over their two previous Champions League Group E games against Bayern Munich and Benfica, and defeat at home to the Ukrainian champions would, effectively if not arithmetically, mean that Barcelona wouldn't be reaching the knockout stages of this competition for the first time in more than two decades.

Embarrassing, yes. A cue for huge criticism and opprobrium from

fans and media -- and probably the trigger for Koeman's dismissal. But above all, a complete financial nightmare.

The difference in what a club like Barcelona will earn from UEFA if falls flat on its face before Christmas, instead of punching onwards even to the quarterfinals, never mind the final four or the showpiece in St. Petersburg itself, is, conservatively, €70 million to €80m.

Given Barcelona's debt situation, which is nudging €1.5 billion, that's an absolutely intolerable scenario. It would be sufficient to make defeat at home to Mircea Lucescu's team on Wednesday, pound for pound, the worst result in Barcelona's 122-year history (their birthday falls at the end of November).

The five-time Champions League winners improved at the weekend in beating Valencia 3-1. Not nearly enough to suggest that beating Dynamo on Wednesday is a calm prospect, but with Ansu Fati bossing the match, at just 18 and

after a year out injured, and Koeman ordered by the overly patient Laporta to dump the horrendously misjudged 3-5-2 formation so that Barcelona returned to their recognised 4-3-3, they produced their best work of the season.

So, perhaps they dispense with the Ukrainian threat and prepare to welcome Madrid with muscles bulging, teeth bared and fragile confidence shored up. Perhaps.

But should they lose midweek, they'd be rock bottom of the group, second best in the head to head with each rival, and facing a horrible trip to Kiev. There would still be nine points in play, but the elimination-confirmation fixtures thereafter would be Benfica at Camp Nou and all-conquering Bayern in Munich.

Real Madrid are in a dilemma of a different nature. Three wins and two semifinals in the past seven years still awards them huge Champions League pedigree. And although it was last-

minute, smash-and-grab stuff, the fact remains that Los Blancos beat Italy's champions to make sure that they're off the mark in this year's competition.

However, a multitude of factors make their trip to Donetsk a competitor with the Clasico in terms of importance.

Madrid's horror-show home defeat to Sheriff, a 24-year-old club that has a 12,000-capacity stadium and operates out of a breakaway state between Moldova and Ukraine, looked and felt like an anomaly. Thirty shots at goal, 11 on target, a flurry of corners but defeat to a team that produced its wonder-winner from a Luxembourg international. It sounds unfeasible.

However, there's a pattern. This club whose president was the schemer-in-chief for a Super League in which there's no relegation for founding members, which resembles a closed shop and which money making is at least as important as trophy lifting, lost comprehensively home and away to Shakhtar last season.

Teams that dare, teams that counterattack superbly, teams that exploit the lack of outright pace in Madrid's midfield can win big dividends. In the first version of this fixture in Donetsk last season, Zinedine Zidane's side found the constant, aggressive, hungry pace of the Shakhtar harassing and counterattacking too much for them.

Now under Carlo Ancelotti's control, Madrid don't want to approach Sunday's Clasico having suffered a third straight defeat. Questioned on Monday as to why it is Los Blancos seem to have a dip at this time of year in recent seasons, Ancelotti answered: "I honestly don't know the reason. Right now it's normal that teams aren't at full energy and fitness. The international breaks do affect clubs. But this isn't the most important period of the season -- that comes in April and May when the finals are played."

Yes, OK, Carlo. But Madrid's president isn't the kind of man to see a defeat in Donetsk, for the second year running, be added to losses against Sheriff and Espanyol. A hat trick of defeats is unpalatable for Madrid at the best of times, but to relative minnows like those teams, it would seem disastrous to Perez.

Because Madrid have been far, far shrewder in managing their finances -- noticeably less frivolous and less mired in failure than former president Josep Bartomeu's Barcelona -- doesn't mean that the pandemic hasn't badly hurt them financially. It's crucial that the 13-time winners negotiate the group stage.

But Perez is a guy for whom dignity, ego, bragging and sneering rights are very important indeed. For him to think that clubs like Bayern and Paris Saint-Germain, who weren't part of the failed Super League project and who've firmed up their European power as a result, or to think that UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin, are all laughing up their sleeves at him if Madrid stumble in Ukraine -- well, Madrid's president takes that kind of embarrassment extremely badly.

Even in testing times, Barcelona and Madrid are such extraordinary clubs that they may arrive at the Camp Nou on Sunday having given their Ukrainian rivals bloody noses and thereby relieved some of the intense European pressure they're definitely under right now. But the alternative scenario is that Spain's 247th Clasico is potentially a job saver for two great men of modern European football, Koeman and Ancelotti, and a scenario in which each team desperately needs a win-at-any-cost performance because the word "crisis" has begun to be banded about. Not by the media or fans, but by Laporta and Perez, the men who control the futures of Messrs Koeman and Ancelotti.

Real Madrid laud win as 'Clasico' vs. Barca looms

MADRID

REAL Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti praised his team's performance in their 5-0 Champions League away win at Shakhtar Donetsk but admitted it will be "another story" against Barcelona in El Clasico this weekend.

Vinicius Junior scored twice on Tuesday night, with Rodrygo and Karim Benzema also on the scoresheet -- after a first half Sergey Kryvtsov own goal -- to put Madrid level on six points with Sheriff Tiraspol at the top of group D.

"It's difficult to highlight one player, everyone did well," Ancelotti said in his post-match news conference. "We defended well, we were focused on the start, we applied our

strategy. The team were dangerous on the break. It's a game which gives us confidence, that's normal, but against Barcelona it's another game and another story."

Madrid had struggled in their previous matches before the international break, going three games without a win in all competitions including a 2-1 home defeat to Sheriff at the Bernabeu.

They travel to Camp Nou on Sunday second in the LaLiga table, two points ahead of Barca.

"We like these games, the big games, like the Champions League and playing against Barca," Vinicius said. "We're calm, we'll do well there too. Now we have to rest and enjoy this win."

The Brazil winger, 21, already has seven goals in all competitions this

season -- more than he managed in all of 2020-21.

"He's doing very well," Ancelotti said. "He's scored a lot of goals, and he's enjoying the work he's done to get there. At the end of this game

he was fresh, he made a lot of sprints. He has more efficiency in front of goal."

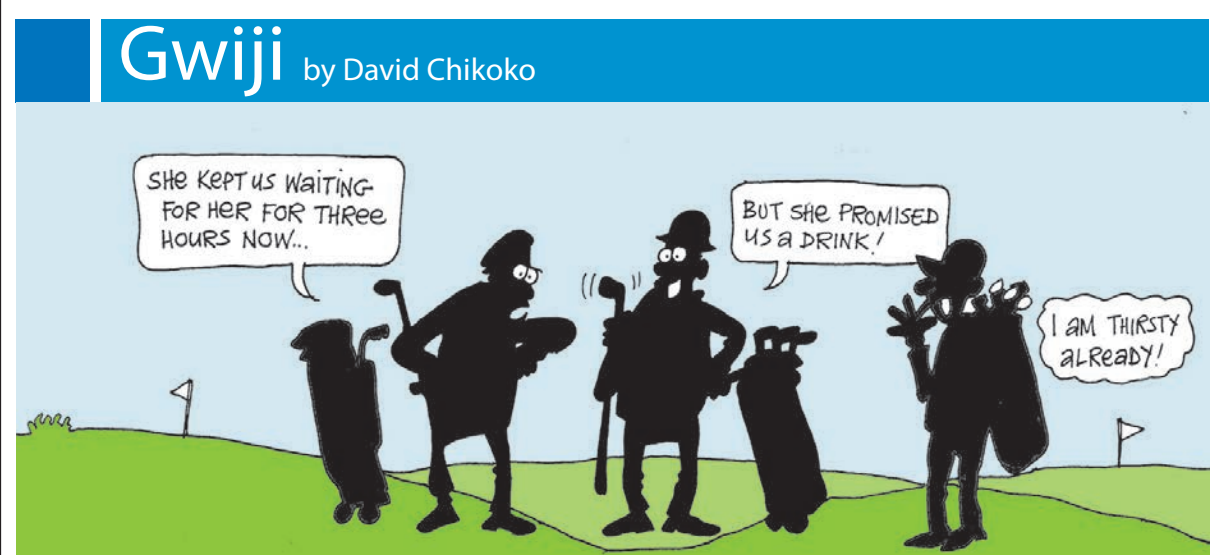
Ballon d'Or contender Benzema also maintained his form going into El Clasico, with his first Champions

League goal of the season. The France forward tops the LaLiga charts for both goals scored (nine) and assists provided (seven).

"It was an important game after the defeat at home," he said. "We

played well, we scored goals, we didn't concede, it's a good result for us... It's good for confidence for everyone. We'll enjoy this and then think about Sunday's game."

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Arusha outfit seeks to promote swimming in Tanzania

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

ARUSHA Swimming Club (ASC) says it is committed to developing the sport in Tanzania by producing top swimmers.

One of the club's coaches, Khalid Rushaka, in an interview recently, said they are happy that they are contributing to the development of swimming in the country.

He said ASC is supervised by him, Brian Kalengela, and two assistant coaches, Said Kanduru and Hassan Mdoe, and currently, they have 15 adults at the program that are learning to swim for fitness, pregnancy, and weight loss.

ASC has more than 60 swimmers who have represented the country at both local and international events.

He said they have an outreach program that supports local swimmers who cannot afford to pay instructors.

"We have an outreach program that supports local children who cannot afford club fees. We have reached more than 20 kids with that caliber."

"We aim to give them survival swimming skills and eventually professional competitive swimming skills for those who are interested, the aim is to see the sport growing in the country," he said.

ASC was registered in 2017. It was affiliated with United World Colleges, formerly International School of Moshi Arusha Campus, then in 2018 the club moved to St. Constantine International School and had a memorandum of understanding with the school.

He said currently, ASC operates closely with St. Constantine International School, therefore the majority of swimmers are coming from the school.

"ASC coaches are working closely with the school management to make sure the students excel in professional swimming internationally."

"Our swimmer Aaron Oundo just got a swimming scholarship at the Sussex University in Brighton, United Kingdom (UK)," he said.

Swimming is an individual or team racing sport that requires the use of one's entire body to move through the water.

The sport takes place in pools or open water (e.g. in a sea or lake). Competitive swimming is one of the most popular Olympic sports, with varied distance events in butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, and individual medley.

In addition to these individual events, four swimmers can take part in either a freestyle or medley relay. A medley relay consists of four swimmers who will each swim a different stroke, ordered as backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and freestyle.

Swimming each stroke requires a set of specific techniques; in competition, there are distinct regulations concerning the acceptable form for each stroke.

There are also regulations on what types of swimsuits, caps, jewelry, and injury tape are allowed at competitions.

Although competitive swimmers can incur several injuries from the sport, such as tendinitis in the shoulders or knees, there are also multiple health benefits associated with the sport.

Competitive swimming became popular in the 19th century. The goal of high-level competitive swimming is to break personal or world records while beating competitors in any given event.

Swimming in the competition should create the least resistance to obtain maximum speed.

However, some professional swimmers who do not hold a national or world ranking are considered the best regarding their technical skills.

Typically, an athlete goes through a cycle of training in which the body is overloaded with work in the beginning and middle segments of the cycle, and then the workload is decreased in the final stage as

Company launches campaign for Taifa Stars supporters



Taifa Stars

By Guardian Reporter

IN its quest to bring Taifa Stars' fans close to their favourite players, Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL)'s flagship beer brand, Serengeti Premium Lager, the main sponsor of Tanzania senior men's national soccer team, Taifa Stars, has today launched a new exciting campaign, dubbed 'Nje ya Dimba na Stars.'

The 'Nje ya Dimba na Stars' campaign aims to provide Taifa Stars' fans and Serengeti Lager consumers with an opportunity to meet their popular players outside the pitch in their favourite bar.

The followers are to ask the footballers questions and also have a chance of taking memorable photos with the latter.

The three-month campaign will go nationally to emotionally connect Taifa star players with their fans via their main sponsor Serengeti Lager.

Speaking during the campaign launch in Dar es Salaam, SBL's Senior Brand Manager,

Mainstream Beer, Wankyo Marando, said that being the greatest fan of Taifa Stars, Serengeti Premium Lager was proud to bring fans closer to the players they love and give them a unique opportunity to have a face-to-face interaction.

She stated: "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 Dimba na Stars' campaign, which seeks to bring soccer fans closer to their favorite 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 will, therefore, be able to accord them a rare opportunity of physically interacting with them", Wankyo pointed out.

Wankyo noted that the country-wide campaign would involve Taifa

Stars players visiting regions such as Mbeya, Mwanza, and Arusha.

The footballers, Wankyo pointed out, will have an opportunity to meet and interact directly with the fans through monthly parties and 'Nje ya Dimba' 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," Wankyo added.

She urged the fans to keep visiting Serengeti Premium Lager's social media pages and listening to radio announcements to know when and where the players will be.

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

The firm has been supporting the squad since 2017, it has over the years supported the national team with a total of 5.1bn/- in sponsorship fees.

SBL's sponsorship of Taifa Stars has since morphed into the proverbial Midas Touch with the national team qualifying for the African Cup of Nations in 2019 after 29 years of absence.

Taifa Stars is now performing creditably well in its continental outings as it seeks to qualify for the Qatar 2022 World Cup finals that will be held in Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE) next year.

Currently, Taifa Stars is leading in African Qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup's Group J, where it is pitted against Madagascar, DR Congo, and Benin.

NBC Dodoma Marathon set for next month

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIANS should battle it out in this year's National Bank of Commerce (NBC) Marathon which is scheduled to take place in Dodoma on November 7, the race sponsors have stated.

The NBC Director of Relation and

Communication, William Kallaghe, whose institution is the race's main sponsor, issued the plea during the race's launch in Dar es Salaam.

The institution donated 69m/- to facilitate the event that brings together runners from different countries.

Kallaghe said that NBC Dodoma Marathon aims to raise funds for cervical cancer patients at Ocean Road Hospital and rescue the lives of women across the country.

He added that the marathon will constitute elite athletes from the

neighbouring countries of Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, and South Africa.

"This year's marathon will be one of its kind as we worked on some flaws that we have been experiencing since the introduction of the event about six years ago."

"We have improved on many things from the past marathon and in this year we have set aside lucrative cash prize of 69/- for the whole competition and as individuals award," the official pointed out.

Kallaghe revealed winners for the 42-kilometer race for male and female will pocket 5.5m/- apiece whereas the 21 kilometers race will see winners rake in 3.5m/- apiece.

In 10 kilometers' race, winners will receive 1.5m/- apiece and winners for 5 kilometers race will pocket 1m/- apiece

The representative of Ocean Road Hospital Crispin Kahesa said that cervical cancer takes away the lives of Tanzanian women and that is why they have requested people support the fight against the disease.

Athletics Tanzania (AT) acting secretary-general, Jackson Ndaweka, said that they have already prepared themselves to rectify all flaws which were in view in the previous event and thanked NBC Tanzania for supporting the marathon.



Athletics Tanzania (AT) acting secretary-general, Jackson Ndaweka (R), presents a medal to one of the athletes set to take part in this year's NBC Dodoma Marathon, slated for November in Dodoma, at the race launch in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. The race's winners will receive the medals.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

