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# Museveni, Samia talk on pipeline jobs, goods

By Correspondent Theresia Victor

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has called on members of the Tanzania-Uganda Oil and Gas (TUOG) symposium to explore other sectors of investments to further stimulate economic growth in both countries.

In synchronised remarks with visiting Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni who attended the closing ceremony, she said the participants and their organizations should seize investment opportunities available in the country for mutual benefit.

President Museveni said that the private sector in the neighbouring countries should work in synergy and support to each other to develop business initiatives, to enhance economic development of either country.

The two day conference at the commercial capital was organized by the Tanzania Private

Sector Foundation (TPSF), the Private Sector Foundation of Uganda (PSFU) and the government.

President Samia said that the government has significantly improved infrastructure and conducted legal reforms such as addressing challenges in the issuance of work permits, she said, noting that applicants can get the vital document in a day. The government has removed non-tax barriers, allowing investors to invest and operate smoothly, she declared.

Investment must go hand in hand with sustainable economic development, demanding strengthening the capacity of local producers and integrating efforts in all sectors of the economy for inclusive development of the country, she stated.

The president recalled instruction issued to responsible ministers for the two sides

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan talks with Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni shortly after closing the Tanzania -Uganda business forum held at the State House in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: State House

## 'Cast eye on projects in 1.3trn/- IMF loan'

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has tasked the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) to make a close follow up on projects listed under the 1.3trn/- provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to fight Covid-19 effects.

Deogratius Ndejemi, Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) issued this directive when opening a nationwide annual meeting for PCCB officials held here at the weekend.

Insisting on implementing development projects correctly for national economic growth, he said that signs of corruption and decay of ethics were being discerned in

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areas where the funds were channeled for infrastructure like classrooms, dispensaries, health centres and the procurement of medical devices.

"Various regional and district officials in some areas have been heard censuring the improper use of the funds given, but in other areas the same officials are involved in the distribution of construction materials. This compromises the whole idea of good governance," he asserted.

In some areas bricks were transported 150 kilometres, deliberately increasing construction costs. While bricks are priced at 1,200/- corrupt officials purchase bricks at 1,700/- in some areas, he stated.

In many areas the construction of classrooms was in final stages while in other areas they are in the foundation stage, the main reason being tussles relating to personal interests, he affirmed.

"Officials are wrangling over who gets what, who should provide a tenderer for the bricks," he explained, citing a case in

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## Covid-19: Omnicron variant puts nations on higher alert

By Guardian Reporter

SCIENTISTS raced to study a new coronavirus variant as several cases were spotted in Europe and governments around the world announced travel restrictions

targeting the southern African region where it first emerged, prompting criticism that the continent was yet again bearing the brunt of panicked policies from Western countries.

Omicron, the new variant first detected in Botswana, sent Europe into high alert after cases were detected in the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Belgium. The Czech Republic, Austria, Israel and the Netherlands were all investigating suspected cases of the variant.

Relatively little is known about Omicron. It has mutations that scientists fear could make it more infectious and less susceptible to vaccines - though neither of these effects has yet to be established. Most confirmed cases of the variant are contained to southern

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## PM tells TRA: Don't use force in tax collection



By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa (pictured) has instructed the Ministry of

Finance and Planning to impress upon the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to stop closing businesses of investors and other entrepreneurs who are in difficulties

meeting their tax obligations.

He called on TRA to solve tax payment issues through discussions, collect tax in a respectable manner instead of force, as the main aim is to push for business growth and attract more investors to the country.

In a tour of Rungwe District of Mbeya Region where he inspected various factories including mineral water plants, he said the procedure used by TRA has been discouraging investors.

All problems relating to tax issues should be solved through discussions instead of muscles, which leads to closure of people's businesses, he stated.

"My office will make sure it continues to put in place a friendly environment for investment and already it has issued directives. We want investors, in particular local investors who will become large investors with big capital bases," the

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University of Iringa Chancellor Bishop (rtd) Elinaza Sendoro (R) presents developers award to National Council of NGOs (NaCoNGO) chairperson Lilian Badi for the most outstanding support for the development and prosperity of the university during the University 24th graduation ceremony in Iringa municipality over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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to convene and look at challenges hampering investments, with a view to removing them. "Our countries are endowed with many natural resources that have not been properly utilized; we now want to explore them for the benefit of our countries," she asserted.

Tanzania will continue to attract investors in various fields including industries and promote the use of local agro-sector raw materials, she said, underlining that over years, Tanzania and Uganda have enjoyed excellent bilateral relations.

"This has boosted the development of various sectors and the relationship has remained strong even during this challenging period of the COVID-19 pandemic," she stated.

The Ugandan leader appealed to the private sector to unite and work together to create more jobs for local people, "who can work and pay tax to support the development of our countries," emphasising on the need to have capacity for surplus products to ensure stable supply to the market when the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project kicks off.

TPSF chairperson Angelina Ngalula said that the meeting focused on how private companies seek out opportunities in the EACOP project.

The crude oil pipeline project will provide an enormous number of business opportunities to various companies, enterprises and individuals in addition to providing employment to many Tanzanians before, during and after the construction, she affirmed.

Uganda and Tanzania have officially launched the construction of a 1,445 kilometre oil pipeline,

the world's longest heated pipeline, from the Hoima oilfields in northern Uganda to the port of Tanga at an estimated cost of 8tri/- (3.35bn dollars), to deliver the oil to international markets.

About 80 per cent of the work will be done in Tanzania, stretching from Tanga, Dodoma, Manyara, Tabora, Shinyanga, Geita and Kagera regions. It is expected to transport about 200,000 barrels of oil per day, earning the government millions of dollars in revenues.



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premier asserted.

The presence of many investors will assist to reduce poverty in the country and increase money circulation, increasing employment opportunities for Tanzanians, he said.

Some investors in Rungwe District said the main problem in their areas is poor roads, urging the government to improve the road network.

James Mgeni, a supervisor with Tukuyu Spring Water said that in Rungwe District, many roads were in a deplorable state, with many rural areas where big investors seek

to locate their projects.

"Apart from this factory, in Mbozi district, Songwe Region we have factories for coffee processing and grain milling. The roads there are very poor; we ask for assistance," he appealed.

In response, the premier called on district commissioners countrywide

to supervise road improvements especially in areas with investors to enable them conduct their business activities with ease.

DCs need to supervise the Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) to ensure they construct the roads to quality standards, he added.

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African countries, but there are worries Omnicron could have spread more widely before scientists there discovered it.

"There's been a window of probably about two weeks conservatively that this virus has been spreading," Andrew Pekosz, an epidemiologist from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

said in an interview yesterday.

"It is likely the variant is already in New York," he said, adding:

"There certainly is a chance that it has already spread globally, but we just don't know yet."

European leaders, already struggling with a surge in Covid-19 cases that has made it once again the epicenter of the pandemic, tried to strike a balance between increasing caution and avoiding panic.

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Mara Region where a distributor of building materials also holds the tender for bricks. PCCB needs to make sure appropriate steps are taken to arrest the situation, he emphasized.

PCCB Director General ACP Salum Hamduni had earlier said

the bureau has the responsibility to ensure the 1.3trn/- recently provided by the government will be spent for intended purposes, working with other stakeholders to make sure the funds are channeled towards projects listed by the government.

The three-day 2021 annual meeting for PCCB officials ended yesterday.



Minister for Industry and Trade Prof Kitila Mkumbo (C) in a group photo with deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office Youth, Labour and Employment Patrobas Katambi, Temeke District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo (5th L), Japan ambassador to Tanzania Shinichi Goto (4th R), Others included Tanzania Cigarettes Company (TCC) board chairperson Paul Makanza, TCC general manager Michal Bachan and TCC officials and stakeholders during the 60th anniversary of the firm in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

FOREIGN construction firms implementing the Julius Nyerere Hydro- Power Project (JNHPP) in Rufiji district, Coast region have been urged to engage sub-contracts to local companies to enable them to learn, expand and acquire new expertise.

The participation of local contractors in big projects has remained low for years, according to the Contractors Registration Board (CRB).

CRB chairperson, Eng. Consolata Ngimbwa made the appeal recently during her visit at the site. She was accompanied by board members

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and CRB Registrar, Eng. Rhoben Nkori.

The JNHPP project which has been implemented by 48 per cent is executed by two foreign companies—Arab Contractors and Elsewedy Electric, both from Egypt.

It is supervised by the Ministry of Energy, Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) and Tanzania Electricity Supply Company

(TANESCO).

Eng Ngimbwa was concerned that there are many local contractors capable of implementing the hydro power project, but has not been given chances to prove their ability.

"The board calls for big foreign construction firms to make sure they sub-contract some of the work to locals. This will apart from gaining expertise help them to make

rehabilitation of the projects once the foreigners are gone," asserted Eng. Ngimbwa.

"This project is huge and there are many things to do within the project; I see a number of opportunities for local companies to work as sub-contractors," he said.

The board chairman challenged local contractors to go for joint ventures to gain experience in

implementing big projects, the thing that would in future enable them to acquire tenders for big projects and implement them at required standards.

According to her, once the project is completed and handed over to the government in 2022, local contractors will be responsible for maintenance.

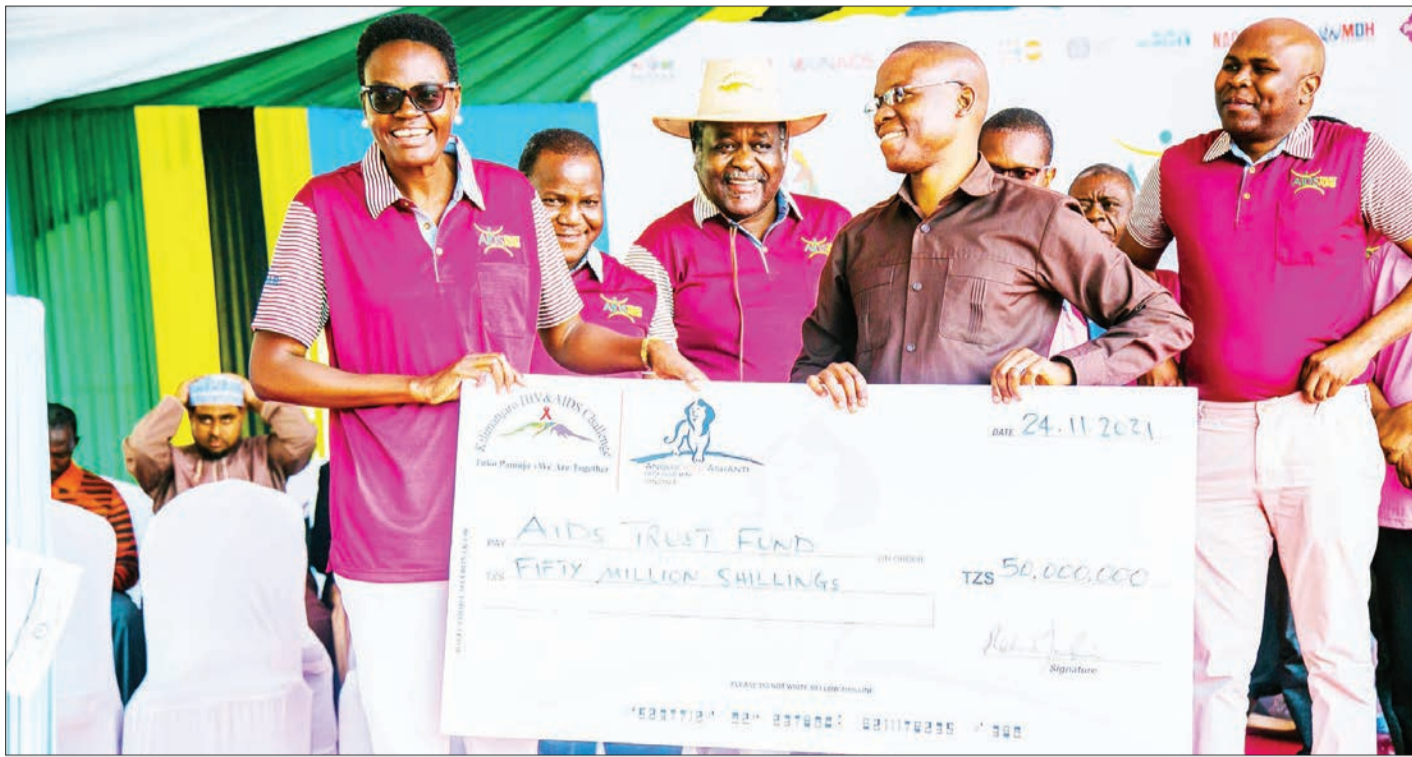
One of the project supervisors,

Lutengano Mwambapa said they are progressing well and that the project will be completed within schedule on June 14, 2022. The mega power project will produce 2115MW of electricity on being commissioned.

He said the project is important as it will enable the country to have enough and affordable electricity, a move which will stimulate economic activities in industries and small businesses.

CRB has been conducting regular capacity building training to thousands of local contractors in the country to enable them to compete with foreign companies in implementation of national strategic projects.





National Assembly deputy Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (L) receives a dummy cheque worth 50m/- from Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) senior manager-partnerships Manace Ndoroma (2nd R) as a donation on behalf of the GGML Kili Challenge Trust. Looking on is the GGML Kili Challenge Trust board member and Tanzania AIDS Commission (TACAIDS) executive director Dr. Leonard Maboko (2nd L). The event was held in Mbeya over the weekend ahead of World Aids Day. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

## Jafo: Country facing drought due to climate change, livestock dying

MINISTER of State in the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment), Selemani Jafo has said the country is faced by drought caused by the effects of climate change an already livestock were dying, islands in danger of disappearing and water rationing in three big regions.

Jafo made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday soon after participating in the 10-km bicycle race organised by the European Union (EU) in the country in collaboration with Dar es Salaam Cycle Riders Association (UWABA).

The cycle race involved different groups of children, women, people with disabilities and adults with an aimed to protect the environment against the effects of climate change.

Jafo said drought was threatening many areas and have been receiving alarming deaths of livestock in various regions.

"And today, the City of Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Morogoro are faced with water rationing because of water shortage," he added.

He added that it is necessary to protect

the environment because even the sea level continues to rise and some islands around the Isles are in danger of being submerged by water.

He stressed to all local councils to plant at least 1.5 million trees each per year targeting to have 276 million trees in the 184 local councils.

From the race, Jafo said he discovered that when it rains some road infrastructures are impassable due to flood water due to clogged drains.

"I will take the issue up with TARURA and TANROADS and identified the UN Road near Muhimbili Hospital being flooded with water due to clogged drains," he added.

He praised the EU Ambassador to Tanzania, Manfredo Fanti for the cycle race procedure that mobilizes the people to protect the environment.

For his part, EU Ambassador Fanti said for a long time they have been working together with the government in

environmental protection to fight climate change.

"Our message to the society is that they should understand that cycling is a good means of transport that people use every day, but in other occasions users are faced with challenges on the road from motorized vehicles, hence they should know that cycling protects the environment," he said.

Earlier, UWABA Chairman, Mejah Mbuya thanked the EU for making the cycle race a success aimed at mobilizing people for environmental protection through cycling.

Among Dar es Salaam's cyclists include Janet Miya, a mother of eight and who praised the race as one effort towards environmental protection.

"We praise the minister for his participation in the race and he has seen for himself the poor road infrastructures in the City of Dar es Salaam, and we believe he will deal with the issue.

## TARI intensifies wine producing technologies

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has embarked on a robust project to advance and adopt modern technologies for the improvement of wine production sector in the country.

The timely technological advancement which focuses to enable home produced wine to penetrate and compete highly in the world market has already saw importation of modern equipment to be installed at the Makutupora Centre's laboratory.

According to Felista Mpora, the research officer at the department of Crop Innovation and Post-Harvest Management at TARI Makutupora Centre, the digital equipment had already arrived in the country from France, Italy and South Africa.

"Among others, the prime target is to ensure for professional additional value chain for grape products, but also, to scale-up conduction of diverse wine research and trainings," she informed.

She named the 200million/- worth facilitate as wine tank with capacity to absorb up to 10,000 liters, basket press, a crusher machine, a digital abullimeter for measuring wine quality, screw capping machine and wine pump.

Others are digital PH meter, digital refractometer and a special wine cooling unit.

"The envisaged lab is projected to play meaningful role in monitoring production of quality wine," she expressed, added: "The expectations is also to use the equipped laboratory to train the farmers and wine processors over professional stages in bottling best wines."

Giving additional information concerning the on-going strategies, the director for TARI Makutupora Centre, Dr Cornel Masawe expressed that the centre is also planning to install a modern

walk-in solar drier to facilitate professional production of raisin (drying of grapes).

"Apart from generating wine varieties, we're determining to expand the use of grapes by producing other products, including raisins, jam as well as grape juice," he unveiled.

On the same vein, he added that the development will see grape farmers within the semi-arid region effectively trained on how best to produce grape bulk juice, but also, all vital processes involved in wine making, from fermentation, packaging as well as professional preservation of wine.

"The introduction of the new technologies at the centre will help to empower the grape farmers to produce grape fruits with needed sugar content and thus, fetching good prices for their produce," he added.

Dr Masawe said grape wine required to possess from 20 to 26 brixes of sugar content in order to produce best wine and with high alcohol of around 14percent.

Moreover, he detailed that the centre has well prepared to implement a chain of viable initiatives in order to fruitful put into practices the directives by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa revealed and improvement of grape cultivation and wine processing within the country.

However, in line to implement the prime Minister's directs, the Director of crop development, Nyasebwa Chimagu told the publication that at least 300,000 grape farmers have already been registered, and the exercise was continue to reach out to more farmers from across the region.

"Though being the hub of grape cultivation within the country, farmers in Dodoma is yet to fully use the endowed opportunity for the production of the economic crop due to several challenges," he expressed.

Apart from that, Nyasebwa explained that plans by the parent ministry was to ensure the farmers are entering into profitable contract farming with wine making industries in order to realize good profits.

Scientific research has so far proved that grapes grown in Tanzania (Dodoma) are more wine-worthy, in terms of good taste and aroma, than all other parts of the world where the crop is grown.

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GRAND VITARA	BLACK	2008	PETROL	5 Seaters
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## Scientists urged to chart strategies to make medicines for HIV/Aids

By Guardian Correspondent,

Mbeya

SCIENTISTS and researchers on human diseases have been required to invent scientific strategies that will assist in solving various problems confronting the world including looking for drugs to treat HIV/AIDS instead of merely ending in collecting statistics on the disease.

The advice was given here at the weekend by Dr Godwin Mollé, the Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Deputy Minister when closing a two-day National Scientific forum on HIV as part of activities to mark World HIV/Aids Day.

Dr Mollé said in case the experts will invent a technology that would provide a solution to challenges confronting the world, there will be the possibility for the national economy to grow from sale of such technology to other countries.

He said as for now the experts end up collecting statistics on the problems instead of finding solutions thereof, unmindful that the government spends a lot of money importing such technologies.

He said currently the government has set aside 6bn/- each year to facilitate indigenous scientists to conduct various researches

including those on problems facing the people.

"The Director of Research at Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH), Prof Bruno Sunguya said during the forum they will deliberate on various researches that have been submitted including those from various stakeholders in regard to HIV/Aids. "There were 34 topics submitted here and nine others submitted by post, and there are issues that we have learned from our colleagues from other

countries," said Prof Sunguya.

He said from the challenges given by Dr Mollé, they will make sure they work together to conduct research in order to find solutions to various problems facing Tanzanians.

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Ilala District administrative secretary Charangwa Seleman (2nd R) listens to Rose Manumba Trust's director Veronica Mwamunyangye (R) on the use of a sewing machine presented to two students Seliva Hananda and Eunice Shayo. The machine was donated by her institution in collaboration with Give A Future Foundation at a handing over ceremony to 11 students who were trained at the Vocational Education Training Authority Chang'ombe's Don Bosco and St. Gaspar in Dar es Salaam over the week end. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# MOI and China Association sign cooperation agreement

By Guardian Reporter

MUHIMBILI Orthopedic Institute (MOI) has signed a cooperation agreement with Chinese Medical Association (CMA) and Titan tan hospital aimed at improving medical specialists' services in the country.

This was revealed in Dar es Salaam by MOI Managing Director,

Dr Respicious Boniface at the signing ceremony conducted online yesterday.

"This Cooperation Agreement has immense benefits in regard to costs of medical devices as China has many factories hence it will assist MOI access the devices at affordable cost thereby reducing treatment costs," said Dr Boniface.

Elaborating, Dr Boniface

said other benefits include the strengthening of cooperation between MOI and CMA by enabling Chinese medical specialists to come to Tanzania to provide medical services while Tanzania specialists will have the opportunity to study in China.

The signing event was conducted online and witnessed by Tanzania's Ambassador to China, Mbelwa

Kairuki, MOI Managing Director Dr Respicious Boniface and other MOI Board Members.

For his part, Tanzania's envoy to China, Ambassador Mbelwa Kairuki said the step taken by MOI to sign an agreement with CMA and Titan tan Hospital will bring great revolution in the provision of specialist orthopedic specialist services in the country.

# UDSM rejects 50-acre land for new MCHAS Mbeya campus

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) has called on Mbeya region to allocate more land for building infrastructure for Mbeya Campus for Health and Allied Sciences (MCHAS).

The call was made here at the weekend by UDSM Chancellor, former President, Jakaya Kikwete during the University's 51st Graduation event.

Dr Kikwete rejected the 50-acre plot allocated by Mbeya Region authorities claiming it was not sufficient for the proposed Campus hence called on the region to provide another alternative area.

He said in order for the Campus to continue remaining in Mbeya Region, regional authorities are required to allocate an area of 500 to 1,000 hectares.

He stressed that in the case Mbeya Region will fail allocating such area, the Campus can be relocated to any other region that will be ready to allocate such area.

"We do not want a plot for building a house, we want a big area that will suffice for our intended infrastructures, hence the plot allocated should be given to other people in need," stressed Dr Kikwete.

He said the aim of the University is to construct lecture halls, residences for lecturers and other staff, teaching hospital, students' hostels and sports grounds.

He said they need an area that will answer the campus' needs for the next 100 years, stressing had the main Dar es Salaam Campus been provided with a smaller area at that time, it would not be sufficient for its current needs.

Earlier, UDSM Vice Chairperson, Mwanaidi Mtanda said the

government in Mbeya Region had allocated 50 acres in the New Forest area within the City of Mbeya for the construction of the campus' infrastructures.

She said in order for the Campus to develop and expand, University officials depend on cooperation from Mbeya Region authorities as well as the people, claiming that the campus' existence will also benefit the region.

For his part, UDSM Vice Chancellor, Prof William Anangisye said as for now the University has plans to have an equal enrolment ratio between female and male students.

He said at the moment the ratio is 47 per cent is for female and 50 for male and that next year, it expects the ratio to be 50:50.



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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF FABRICATION AND SUPPLY OF ROOFING SHEET PROFILES REFERENCE: 0010007287

TotalEnergies East Africa Midstream B.V. (Company) Tanzania, an Oil and Gas company, requires the services of an experienced and reputable contractor(s) to provide services for Fabrication and Supply of Inverted Box Rib/Corrugated Iron Sheet profiles to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 kilometers (km), of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable manufacturer to provide services for Fabrication and Supply of Inverted Box Rib/Corrugated Iron Sheet profiles according to the standards, specifications and descriptions mentioned below:

#### STANDARDS:

- The materials, production and assembly of iron sheet shall comply with the EAS 468: 2019 East African Standard of Pre-painted metal coated steel sheets – Specifications, with latest amendments thereof, unless otherwise specified.

#### GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS OF ROOFING SHEETS

- Cylindrical Vertical Three (3) layers Water Tanks.
- Yield Strength of Steel: 550MPa
- Min. Aluminium-Zinc Coating on steel: AZ85
- Color Coating Mass: 19 Microns
- Requested Sheet Thickness: 28G (0.32mm)
- Profile: Inverted Box Rib
- Coverage Width: 800mm – 1100 mm
- The COMPANY reserves the right to verify the fabrication of Inverted Box Rib/Corrugated Iron Sheet profiles at the Manufacturer's premises according to the quality management system as per ISO 9001:2015.
- The SUPPLIER shall be capable of a minimum production rate of 2100 square meters of iron sheets per month to meet COMPANY timeline. COMPANY forecasts a potential of a minimum of 17,000 total square meters of Iron Sheets, at the above outlined rate of 2100 square meters of roofing sheets per month.
- No material or fittings shall be used in the fabrication until prior approval for its use has been given by the COMPANY; neither shall any change in the nature, quality, kind, and type, source of supply be made without the COMPANY permission.
- On request and when applicable, the documentation of the quality of products supplied is to be submitted by the manufacturer through working certifications according to applicable Standards. All the records of the test results shall be retained by the manufacturer for future references.
- Before and after awarding the tender to the Manufacturer, the COMPANY reserves the right to inspect the testing capability and witness the tests carried out at the Manufacturer's laboratory and/or independent laboratory facility to evaluate the product quality against the applicable standards.
- The COMPANY shall appoint a representative to witness all the tests conducted at the Manufacturer's laboratory facility and the representative shall submit all the test results to the Supplier & COMPANY independently. The COMPANY reserves the right to approve the Products based on quality test reports before delivery to the site.
- All iron sheets, hardware and fixings shall come with a materials and workmanship warranty for a period of 12 months from date of delivery.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 10 years' experience / performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
  - Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
  - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
  - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
  - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
  - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
  - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
  - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (not exceeding 20Mbs) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **10<sup>th</sup>, December, 2021**. Email subject should be **0010007287**.

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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF FABRICATION AND SUPPLY OF DOORS REFERENCE: 0010007286

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### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable manufacturer to provide services for Fabrication and Supply of Doors from selected 'Mpodo' or other approved timber species according to the standards, dimensions and descriptions mentioned below:

#### STANDARDS:

- The materials, production and assembly of timber structure shall comply with the following standards: BS 4978 – Specification for Visual Strength Grading of Softwood; BS 5268 – The Structural Use of Timber; BS 6446 – Specification for Manufacture of Glued Structural Components of Timber.

The latest revisions as amended time to time by the British Standards Institute shall apply and the SUPPLIER shall ensure that all the latest revisions and amendments are provided to the COMPANY.

#### DIMENSIONS & DESCRIPTIONS:

- 40mm thick panel door overall size 900 x 2100mm high, comprising of 120 x 40mm thick stiles, top, intermediate and bottom rails in two number bottom and top panels with 100 x 45mm thick door frame; Complete with associated iron mongeries as manufactured by 'ASSA ABLOY' or other equal and approved to timber with matching screws (brass butt hinges, two lever mortice lock sets)
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- The SUPPLIER shall be capable of a minimum production rate of 180 doors per month to meet COMPANY timeline. COMPANY forecasts a potential of a minimum of 1500 total doors, at the above outlined rate of 180 doors per month
- The COMPANY reserves the right to verify the fabrication of doors from 'Mpodo' or other approved timber species at the Manufacturer's premises according to the quality management system as per outlined standards.
- No material or fittings shall be used in the fabrication until prior approval for its use has been given by the COMPANY; neither shall any change in the nature, quality, kind, and type, source of supply be made without the COMPANY permission.
- On request and when applicable, the documentation of the quality of products supplied is to be submitted by the manufacturer through working certifications according to applicable Standards. All the records of the test results shall be retained by the manufacturer for future references.
- Before and after awarding the tender to the Manufacturer, the COMPANY reserves the right to inspect the testing capability and witness the tests carried out at the Manufacturer's laboratory and/or independent laboratory facility to evaluate the product quality against the applicable standards.
- The COMPANY shall appoint a representative to witness all the tests conducted at the Manufacturer's laboratory facility and the representative shall submit all the test results to the Supplier & COMPANY independently. The COMPANY reserves the right to approve the Products based on quality test reports before delivery to the site.
- All doors, hardware and fixings shall come with a materials and workmanship warranty for a period of 12 months from date of delivery.

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit documentation of their:
- Experience, performance, and capacity in delivering the tasks outlined under the scope of work, at a large scale in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with at least 10 years' experience / performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
  - Key suitably qualified and experienced personnel tasks outlined under the scope of work for oil and gas projects that comply with IFC requirements.
  - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
  - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
  - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
  - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
  - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
  - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to [eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com](mailto:eacop-tz.eoi.1000001@totalenergies.com) (not exceeding 20Mbs) on or before **15:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **8<sup>th</sup>, December, 2021**. Email subject should be **0010007286**.

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





Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Investment) Geoffrey Mwambe (C) being briefed by senior company officials (not pictured) on Barrick Bulyanhulu mine operations during his visit at the mine last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TTCL offers very competitive mobile voice and data convergent bundles

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL) yesterday launched an offer which allows customers to purchase data, internal and voice bundles depending on their pockets.

Through the 'Buffe bundle' TTCL customers can prepare themselves a full packaged bundle depending on the pocket with no expiry date until it finishes.

TTCL director for commercial Vedastus Mwita said the launch of the offer was part of the company's tradition of rewarding customers every end of the year.

"Every year we reward our customers with gifts, the good thing is that the offer will be continued and we serve our customers," he said

He said the idea to launch the offer was aimed at facilitating communication which at times is hindered by lack of money and many others

According to Mwita one has to dial 108\*30# to prepare a buffe

He further said TTCL currently boasts a 2.8 per cent market share for voice bundles in the country.

In 2017, Parliament approved a new legislation that transformed TTCL into a

fully established state-of-the-art business corporation.

The law was aimed at changing TTCL from a company to a corporation, with an aim of making the previously poorly performing company to compete with other telecom companies in the market.

The Tanzania Telecommunication Corporation Act, 2017 repealed the Tanzania Telecommunications Company Incorporation Act, 2002 to make provisions for the establishment of the Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation, management of the strategic telecommunications infrastructure as well commercial and economic viability of telecommunications services, among others.

For the past 15 years, TTCL was owned by the government with 65 per cent and Bharti Airtel from India had 35 per cent. But the joint venture came to an end in June 2016 after the government took the shares by 100 per cent after paying 14.7bn/- to Bharti Airtel.

*"Every year we reward our customers with gifts, the good thing is that the offer will be continued and we serve our customers"*

## SADC states tasked to weed out trade barriers

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo, Lilongwe

THE Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states have been called to remove trade barriers by eliminating red tapes through modernization to attract private sector investment and enhance inter-trade.

Mozambique President Filipe Nyusi made the call here yesterday when opening the 2021 SADC Industrialization Week (SIW) in the Malawian capital Lilongwe that brought on board senior government officials from SADC member states, business representatives in the regional and beyond, international cooperating partners as well as other key stakeholders.

The week is meant to foster new opportunities for intra-African trade and investment in the area.

President Nyusi called on trading bloc member states to develop local content and utilize the market of 300 million people in the region.

He noted that SADC was not doing well due to low technological development adding the vice could have filled the gap of employment in other sectors which target women and youths.

"Industrialization is possible through support to small and medium enterprises (SME's). Strategic region industrialization is necessary in pursuit of economic development," said the president.

The President urged SADC to integrate to implement Industrial transformation to add value on agriculture products such as cotton, tea and tobacco which were hard hit by low prices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He cited two aspects of industrialization as economic policy to help the region to remerge from COVID-19 effects, the need to adjust, to introduce micro economic actions as well as adequate funding such as internal saving multilateral agreement, development partners as well as the need to fight corruption.

Malawian President and SADC chairperson Lazarus Chakwera called upon governments in the region to invest in technological research and innovation.

"Governments must increase production to value chain as industrialization is a driver and thus crucial for job creation. SADC free trade is meaningless without industrialization and if not industrialized, SADC would be a dumping place for imported goods," warned the President.

SIW has been organized by the SADC Business Council, SADC Secretariat and Malawian government, under the theme "Bolstering Productive Capacities in the Face of Covid 19 for Inclusive, Sustainable Economic and Industrial Transformation."

Topics discussed during the forum were infrastructure development in the SADC and regional value chains, SME/local development, gender and youth as well as finance for infrastructure and industrialization.

Other topics were barriers to trade and trade facilitation, research, innovation and technology development as well as mining.



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## 'Tax harmonization key in attracting FDIs in SADC'

By Correspondent Rose Mwalongo, Lilongwe

FOR the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and scale up intra-regional trade, it needs to harmonize tax regulatory frameworks and policies.

These were among the issues highlighted in the just-ended SADC Industrialization Week, held in the Malawian capital, Lilongwe, which brought together governments, development partners, private sector and other regulatory institutions from across the region with more than 300 million people. The five-day event was meant to promote public-private engagement to foster new opportunities for intra-African trade and investment.

Among the resolutions reached at the important forum is for SADC member states to ensure they align tax regulatory frameworks and policies to lure FDIs in their respective countries.

The forum noted over the impact that COVID 19 has had observing that it continues to have a significant negative impact on the global and region economy with lockdowns, job losses and closure of businesses resulting to disruption of global supply chain.

Similarly, members have been called upon to address infrastructure shortcomings, mitigate trade barriers and promote regional innovation and research development to industrialize.

The Draft encourages member states to play an active role in industrialization by ensuring policy stability and coherency.

The SADC Business Council and the SADC Secretariat commits to finalize the establishment of a private sector led tax and regulatory harmonization platform to complement existing structures.

The move is meant to drive consensus on tax and regulatory harmonization initiatives and processes in the region.

SADC executive secretary, Elias Mpedi Magosi, indicated that industrialization will remain a pie in the sky without the active participation of the Private Sector. He said as long as the region remains a dumping ground of processed goods from other regions, it means other economies are developing at the expense of the SADC region.

The Executive Secretary said there is a need for the Region to move with speed towards industrialization.

He cited that the policies and strategies are in place and what remains is for the Public and Private Sector to engage and play their meaningful roles in promoting intra-regional trade.

Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Sub-regional office for Southern Africa director, Eunice Kamwendo said that it was sad that the industrialization promise was yet to materialize in the SADC Region as the share of manufacturing value added to Southern Africa's GDP had failed to increase significantly over the last five years.

"Productive capabilities are essential preconditions for the much-needed transformative shifts that we would like to see in our Region. This will entail focus on new and emerging sectors that will power industrialisation in the SADC Region," she said.

Held under the theme, "Bolstering productive capacities in the face of COVID-19 pandemic for inclusive, sustainable economic and industrial transformation", the fifth installment of the SIW brought together public-private players and captains of industry to discuss new opportunities for promotion of intra-trade and investment in the Region and beyond.

The event also promoted small pelagic fish value chains to safeguard and enhance the contribution of sustainable and healthy food systems in the SADC Region.

Speaking at the forum, Malawian President and SADC Chairperson, Lazarus Chakwera said: "SADC region will remain a dumping ground for processed goods from other regions if it does not industrialize."

He said industrialization was a key priority for SADC economic transformation, warning "... if we do not industrialize we will continue to be a dumping ground for products from other nations".

The central African nation leader underscored the need for SADC Member States to diversify their economies by moving from raw and unprocessed materials to value-added and manufactured products. He said value chains, which are currently at 14%, remain the Region's low hanging fruits for the accomplishment of the industrialization agenda.



Vodacom Tanzania director for digital services Nguvu Kamando addresses participants at the 20th Conference of Financial Institutions (COFI) held in Dodoma over the weekend. Participants discussed economic recovery after COVID-19 pandemic. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

By Correspondent Mohamed Kazungumbe

CHANYUMBU primary school in Mkulazi ward of Morogoro municipality has received a donation worth 30m/- for the construction and rehabilitation of the school's old structures.

The donation has been initiated by one man living in Germany, Violet Witte, who wrote a proposal for the positive donation for home school by Montessori school in Germany.

Witte works with Montessori school in Germany, forming the idea on how to help home school, Chanyumbu. Relationship between two institutions began way back in 2012 when she joined school.

In an interview recently in the village, Chanyumbu head teacher Phillip Simon, said among the facilities from the donation cover 58 desks, three tables and similar number of chairs for teachers, others include three simtanks for 5000 liters each and rehabilitation of school teachers' houses.

Also the donation has helped to construct a ten-room toilet structure from which five for boys and another five for girls.

## Montessori donates 30m/- to Chanyumbu primary school

Some of the parents, who spoke with this paper over the support, poured their gratitude for the donation and called for more support so as to further push not only to the same school but to other schools in the area which have similar problems.

Japhet Tingisha is one of the elders in Mkulazi Ward, who takes the act of Witte as an example to be supported by others who not only live overseas but also those within the country to think over the development of people in their land of origin.

"We have several home boys/girls abroad and in our home country with high opportunities of job and money but do not think about setbacks at the village of origin," anonymous villager, expresses in praise of Witte for her patriotism.

However, it is sad to learn that despite receiving huge support of money, the school with 522 pupils is manned by only three teachers, two male and one female.

262 boys and 260 girls. He said for better education the class is supposed to have 45 pupils in which case the school demand is 10 more teachers.

"The situation is not friendly to our school," claims Chairman of the Chanyumbu village, Mika Juma.

Similarly, retired teacher in the village, Ramadhan Kondo Zangira, expresses his teaching experience that three teachers could not afford to expect better results. He said parents, villagers and the government expect good results.

In praise for good well-done, a neighboring village chairperson of Kidunda, Ramadhani Mbegu Mwite, showered his gratitude to the villagers living in Germany for her initiative to support the school.

He wished similar or more assistance could reach more schools in the Mkulazi ward.

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

OWNERS of day care centres and care workers in Mkuranga district, Coast region have been urged to operate in accordance with the set standards including registering their centres to be officially recognised and certified to offer the services.

Social welfare officer from the Ministry of Healthy, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Lusajo Kafuko made the statement recently in Mkuranga district during a training for social workers and owners of day care centres which organised by Anjita Child Development Foundation.

The training brought together more than 90 participants who were trained on various issues including procedures to comply with government requirements in operating the centres.

"We have identified about 102 day care centres in Mkuranga District that have not been registered. There

## Day care centres urged to operate according to govt's set standards

are only 21 registered centres," said Kafuko.

Participants were also equipped with knowledge on child protection, nutrition and the need to ensure hygiene and sanitation at the centres.

"You need to adopt a play learning approach to children under five to promote child growth and development", he said.

Janeth Malela, programme manager for Anjita Child Development Foundation said the programme aims to ensure a better environment for child growth, development and utilization of their full potential.

She said during the first phase of the programme they covered three regions namely Rukwa, Mtwara and Pwani whereas in the 2021/2022 financial year, the programme will cover Lindi, Ruvuma, Kagera,

Njombe, Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions.

"The focus of the training was to empower day care owners and care workers to make sure they comply with the government requirements and improve service provided at the centres," she said, adding, owners are expected to formally register their day care centres after the training.

She added that the government guidelines for day care centres specify that they should provide parenting care and stimulation activities for promoting child early learning through the use play and learning approach.

Eva Malawa, owner of the Even Light day care centre said the training has improved her understanding on why she has to register the centre and what procedures need to be followed.



Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) principal Prof Preksedis Ndomba (L) speaks to editors and reporters from different media outlets in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during a one-day seminar on the marketing strategic for Regional Flagship ICT Centre (RAFIC) project implemented by the institute. The project is aimed at providing quality ICT training and services focusing on cyber security solutions that will enable communities in the region to maintain and secure their digital assets to the best possible standards and quality. Photo: John Badi

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### ABRIDGED CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PROVIDE EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE TO DVV INTERNATIONAL – TANZANIA

DVV International is the Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association with its headquarter in Bonn, Germany, Regional office for East/Horn of Africa in Tanzania which is also a Country office and other 2 Country Offices in Kampala Uganda and Addis Ababa Ethiopia. In Tanzania DVV is working with the Government through Ministry of Education and Technology (MoEST) and President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government Tanzania (PO-RALG) to promote Adult Learning and Education as an integral part of national development processes and to assist the government to attain its goals. The name of the Project is **Support for Adult Education System Building in Tanzania.**

The key project areas are: (I) Development of national adult learning and education sector policies, programs and strategic plans; (II) Provision of learning opportunities for youth and adults, through greater coverage of literacy, essential skills, and adult and non-formal education; (III) Capacity development of human resources; (IV) Training facilitators in adult learning and education methodologies so that they are competent in appropriate pedagogical and andragogical approaches; (V) Mainstreaming local and global citizenship awareness in Adult Learning and Education.

DVV International wishes to engage the services of an External Audit Firm of International Reputation on for the year 2021 to examine its Annual Financial statements and provide an Audit Report in accordance with statutory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (ISA)

#### Scope of the Assignment

As stated above, the audit of the project will be carried out in accordance with ISA and will include such tests and auditing procedures as the auditor shall consider necessary under the circumstances. The Audit is Expected to be conducted on February 1st, 2022, and the audit shall cover the period January to December 2021. The auditing shall be conducted at DVV International Regional Office Tanzania where bookkeeping is done, and all project financial documents are kept. (The comprehensive TOR will be shared by email to the respective applicants)

#### Application procedure

Interested audit firms should send a request for a detailed Call to the email address below. On receipt of the detailed call, follow the requirements therein and submit your proposal accordingly by either hand deliver or via email not later than **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 to:**

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Lushoto District Commanding Officer Omari Mshangama (R) briefs Tanga regional commissioner Adam Malima (3rd L) on the construction of a new Police Station over the weekend. Left is Lushoto district commissioner Kalisti Lazaro. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchala

## EABC, Afrika Verein to strengthen German-EAC trade, investment ties

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Business Council (EABC) and German African Business Association (Afrika Verein) have teamed up to strengthen German-EAC trade and investment ties.

Speaking during the Afrika Verein meeting, EABC chief executive officer (CEO) John Bosco Kalisa said: "The EAC bloc is open for investments from Germany."

He explained that East African Business Council is committed to enhancing the partnership with the German African Business Association to boost trade and investment ties between the EAC bloc and Germany.

He said: "In 2020, EAC imports of goods from Germany hit US\$850million while exports to Germany hit US\$304 million, a 25 percent increase in comparison to 2019."

EABC Chairman Emeritus, Vimal Shah called for more involvement East Africa companies driving the continental and international debates and agenda such as the European Business Council for Africa and EU-Africa Union Business Forum. Chairman Vimal Shah urged for the recognition of the Memorandum of Understanding between EABC and the German African Business Association to spur trade.

Afrika-Verein Board Member and President Region Africa of Bosch Dr. Markus Thill called for harmonized policies to support the growth of the automotive sector in the EAC and adoption of common position on Rules of Origins at the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) level. Dr. Markus urged for deeper analysis on the automotive value chains in East Africa to attract more investors into the sector.

EABC Board Director Mary Ngechu, urged for capacity building on certification for value added products by SMEs in East Africa to ease access the German and EU market and boost manufacturing in the region.

Sarah Reynolds from Merck Group urged the EAC Partner States to forge partnerships on distribution agreements, local procurement and advance market commitments to lure investments in the vaccine industry. She explained that access to EAC Common Market of 177 million underpins the growth and sustainability of vaccine industries and investment.

Emily Waita, EABC Board Director urged for collaboration between East African and German companies on lessons & best practices on circular economy and innovative climate mitigation solutions.

John Bosco Rusagara said there is high political goodwill from the EAC Head of State to ease doing business in the region. He explained that EAC Secretariat has made remarkable progress on the admission of Democratic Republic of Congo into the EAC bloc and the EAC Common External Tariff Review process is likely finalized in the upcoming Summit of the EAC Heads of State.

EAC's top exports to Germany include Coffee, tea, maté and spices, flowers, edible fruits, precious metals, petroleum oils and industrial or medicinal plants while imports include: machinery, vehicles, pharmaceuticals, measuring instruments and electrical parts.

EABC and German African Business Association agreed to collaborate on Manufacturing, Healthcare and Pharmaceutical, Energy, Mobility & Infrastructure and Trade Mission to East Africa and Germany.

By Guardian Reporter

POLICE in Dar es Salaam has warned the public to avoid engaging in criminal acts, saying that the force is well prepared and will not spare anyone engaging in criminal activities.

Kinondoni Regional Police Commander, Ramadhani Kingai made the warning when speaking on the recent theft incident that occurred at the MMI Tanzania, where a group of thieves broke and stole stocks of 'Hennessy Cognac' from the main warehouse of the brandy's agent in Dar es Salaam.

He said that those engaging in crime should count themselves unsafe as they are going against the country's laws and the force will act upon them accordingly.

He said that some suspects have been arrested and further procedures are ongoing.

## Kinondoni police warn against criminal conduct

"The RPC office is aware about this scenario and it has effectively worked on it and all people involved are now arrested but only one suspect is still at large and police are still looking for him," RPC Kingai said when contacted to speak more on the incident.

He said the Police Force was well prepared to fight any kind of crimes in the region.

General Manager for MMI Tanzania, Paul Hopkins thanked the Police force for working on the matter. "Police have managed to investigate the case and apprehended several individuals connected to the theft. The recent

incident is the second; the first took place at the same warehouse two years ago," he said.

According to the MMI Tanzania general manager said: "Some months ago, the company's main warehouse was broken for the second time in two years, this time with lessons learnt from the previous incident, MMI Tanzania had tightened its security."

During this year's incident the alarm activated, and the security company was alerted, Gardaworld Rapid response team (RRT) were called to the site to prevent the theft but failed to identify that the property was being broken into and

recovered some stock

Hopkins said CCTV footage shows how the warehouse was robbed and he assured the Police of full support by offering all wanted documents.

Commenting on the brandy business, Hopkins acknowledged the support from clients and government as his company gets the best support while committing to expand its full support in the bring back to community programs.

"Apart from the theft incidents, Tanzania has been the best market for Hennessy and the brandy we have as well took part in some of the projects as a way of giving back to the society," he said.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Logistics Operations Manager, Regional Sales and Distribution Managers and Automotive Workshop Manager

### Logistics Operations Manager

#### Job Overview

on behalf of our client we are seeking to hire a Logistics Operations Manager to join our team.

#### Responsibilities

- Manage inventory as well as warehouse, transportation, and other logistics processes
- Develop new strategies to streamline processes and reduce cost
- Ensure that quality, quantity, customer satisfaction, and financial commitments are met
- Perform metrics reporting and data analysis tasks to identify issues and opportunities for process improvements
- Partner and communicate with manufacturers, suppliers, and customers
- Manage and develop logistics staff
- Create and manage Logistics budgets

#### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in supply chain management, operations, logistics, business administration, transportation, or engineering
- 10+ years of experience working in logistics, warehouse, or transportation operations
- Firm grasp of supply chain, inventory, distribution, business, and management principles
- Strong team player
- Ability to manage, coach, and provide training for direct reports
- Exceptional organizational and analytical skills
- Working knowledge of logistics and inventory software

### Regional Sales and Distribution Managers Industry: Cement

#### Job Brief

On behalf of our client we are looking for Regional Sales Managers to be based in the following areas; Moshi (1 Post) Arusha (1 Post) Kahama (1 Post) Mwanza (1 Post) Dodoma (1 Post) Njombe (1 Post) Geita (1 Post)

The Sales Distribution Manager distribution of company's products and services in allocated region and monitoring and promoting sales.

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- To plan, develop & execute the sales strategy to meet company target for both individual & team performance.
- Preparing sales information, analysis and reports to meet deadlines.
- To follow up & manage of sales progress.
- To learn the various customer segments as well as a detailed understanding of the overall construction sector as it relates to various economic metrics.
- To grow the existing customer base and develop opportunities with current accounts as a mean for capturing new business.
- To build rapport and communicate effectively with all levels of customer and management.
- To provide technical support to customers with inquiries regarding their purchases.
- Work with accounting & logistics as needed to solve customers' issues
- Overseeing delivery and safe unloading of products
- Conducting stock inspections in a timely manner and maintaining stock levels and reporting any issues to relevant parties
- Conducting research on market trends and market analysis for management decisions
- Ensuring top-notch customer service to maintain existing clients and secure new ones
- Meeting and exceeding marketing goals while adhering to company strategies and policies
- Managing company assets in the assigned regions

#### Requirement Qualifications

- Bachelors degree in Business Management or related field
- 5-7 years' experience in marketing in FMCG.
- Excellent negotiating and networking skills
- Strong multitasking abilities and high levels of professionalism
- Team player

### Automotive Workshop Manager

Location: Tanga, Industry: Logistics

#### Role Description

On behalf of our client we are recruiting for a Workshop Manager to manage and lead a team in allocating workload and managing the day to day operations in the workshop. Co-ordinate resources and liaise with internal and external key contacts to ensure work is delivered on time and to a quality standard.

#### KEY ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Responsible for job allocation and job flow in the workshop including job scheduling and labour allocation for day to day operations.
- Ensure supplies are ordered for each job. Ensure correct job numbers are used and that time records are correct.
- Ensure adequate maintenance of tools, equipment and other materials in the Service Area.
- Work with the Operations manager to respond to pending repair requests for updates on the status of jobs and keep the communication channels open to ensure information is accurate.
- Investigate complaints and concerns arising from services and suggest appropriate solutions. Discuss with team to identify appropriate course of action.
- Develop and implement systems to record, file and store information for analysis.
- Identify staff that require on-going training and implement training opportunities to ensure their skills are improved.
- Manpower Planning and Management
- Review service orders and inspect the quality of a technician repairs before the release of vehicles.
- Plan and prepare annual budget for the department and facilities, scheduling expenditures, analysing variances and initiating corrective actions. Follow up closely during implementation.

#### Requirements

- Diploma or equivalent in Mechanical / Automotive or related field.
- 7 years' experience managing an automotive workshop, particularly attached to a dealership
- Extensive Knowledge of mechanical issues, warranties, service and general repairs
- Computer literate with a solid understanding of Microsoft applications

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## We ought to provide children with disabilities with equal opportunities

A disability is any condition that makes it more difficult for a person to do certain activities or effectively interact with the world around them socially or materially. These conditions, or impairments, may be cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, physical, sensory, or a combination of multiple factors. Impairments causing disability may be present from birth or can be acquired during a person's lifetime. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities defines disability as: long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder [a person's] full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

Disability is a contested concept, with shifting meanings in different communities. It has been referred to as an "embodied difference," but the term may also refer to physical or mental attributes that some institutions, particularly medicine, view as needing to be fixed (the medical model). It may also refer to limitations imposed on people by the constraints of an ableist society (the social model); or the term may serve to refer to the identity of disabled people. Physiological functional capacity (PFC) is a measure of an individual's performance level that gauges one's ability to perform the physical tasks of daily life and the ease with which these tasks are performed. PFC declines with age and may result to frailty, cognitive disorders, or physical disorders, all of which may lead to labeling individuals as disabled. According to the World Report on Disability, 15 per cent of the world's population or 1 billion people are affected by disability. A disability may be readily visible, or invisible in nature.

The number of children with disabilities globally is estimated at 240 million, according to a new report by UNICEF.

The report includes internationally

comparable data from 42 countries and covers more than 60 indicators of child well-being - from nutrition and health, to access to water and sanitation, protection from violence and exploitation, and education.

The report makes clear the barriers children with disabilities face to participating fully in their societies and how this often translates to negative health and social outcomes.

"This new research confirms what we already knew: Children with disabilities face multiple and often compounding challenges in realizing their rights," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore.

She added: "From access to education, to being read to at home; children with disabilities are less likely to be included or heard on almost every measure. All too often, children with disabilities are simply being left behind."

"Exclusion is often the consequence of invisibility," said Fore, adding, "We have not had reliable data on the number of children with disabilities for the longest time. When we fail to count, consider and consult with these children, we are failing to help them reach their vast potential."

Inclusive education cannot be considered a luxury. For far too long, children with disabilities have been excluded from society in a way that no child ever should be. No child, especially the most vulnerable, should have to fight for their basic human rights alone. We need governments, stakeholders and NGOs to ensure children with disabilities have equal, inclusive access to education.

Compared with children without disabilities, children with disabilities are 24 per cent less likely to receive early stimulation and responsive care, 42 per cent do not have foundational reading and numeracy skills, 34 per cent are more likely to be stunted and 53 percent have symptoms of acute respiratory infection. Despite widespread agreement on the importance of education, children with disabilities are still falling behind.

## Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People still relevant, despite vast global changes

NOVEMBER 29 is the day designated by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in 1977 to be an international day of solidarity with the Palestinian people, as many people around the world feel quite strongly about the situation in that part of the Middle East. In the past Tanzania's sentiments on the issue were easy to figure out as the matter was an extension of our support for national liberation in Southern Africa and elsewhere, where the Palestine question had pride of place. Yet this wasn't the case at the beginning of our existence as a country; as we mark 60 years of independence, we may recall this.

At the dawn of independence or in the few years following the proper inauguration of nationhood as a republic, scarcely a year later an army mutiny took place, on January 20 of 1964, closely modeled on events in Zanzibar a week earlier, on January 12. While the new revolutionary rulers in Zanzibar rapidly fused the archipelago with Tanganyika to insulate it from mercenary marauders that could easily be hired to bring chaos to the islands, Tanganyikan authorities sought to stabilize the defence and security situation with Israeli aid. As an Omani sultan had been deposed in Zanzibar, contradiction didn't arise in the move.

In that case our position on the Palestinian issue at that time could at best be lukewarm, but shifting to radical socialism in 1967 and cutting ties with Britain late 1965 over 'Rhodesia,' prioritizing

ties with China above most other countries with possible exception of the Scandinavian zone and multilateral financial agencies, things had changed. Israel had helped Tanganyika - then Tanzania - to start the TPDF air wing, the National Service Department, some aspects of advanced agro-techniques from its kibbutz system (agro-sector cooperatives), etc. All these initiatives were halted as Tanzania swung to the left.

That is why it was surprising that some of our traditional allies both in Africa and outside the region were expressing surprise at the way reform governments especially from the third phase have moved to solidify ties with Israel. To many of them there is a 'zero sum' game, where one is either a friend of Palestine or of Israel, not both, which Tanzania suffered in 1964 when East Germany recognized the revolutionary authorities in Zanzibar and after the Union there was pressure from West Germany to close down the Isles consulate, citing the Hallstein Doctrine. A state recognises the democratic West or socialist East, not both.

Mwalimu, as sharp a thinker as ever, formulated a principle (which some will say is found in annals of traditional foreign policy thinking) that 'we wish to be friendly with all, and we shall never allow our friends to choose our enemies for us.' This is relevant in the current military standoff between China and the United States on Taiwan, or the broader trade dispute between them. It similarly applies to Palestine.

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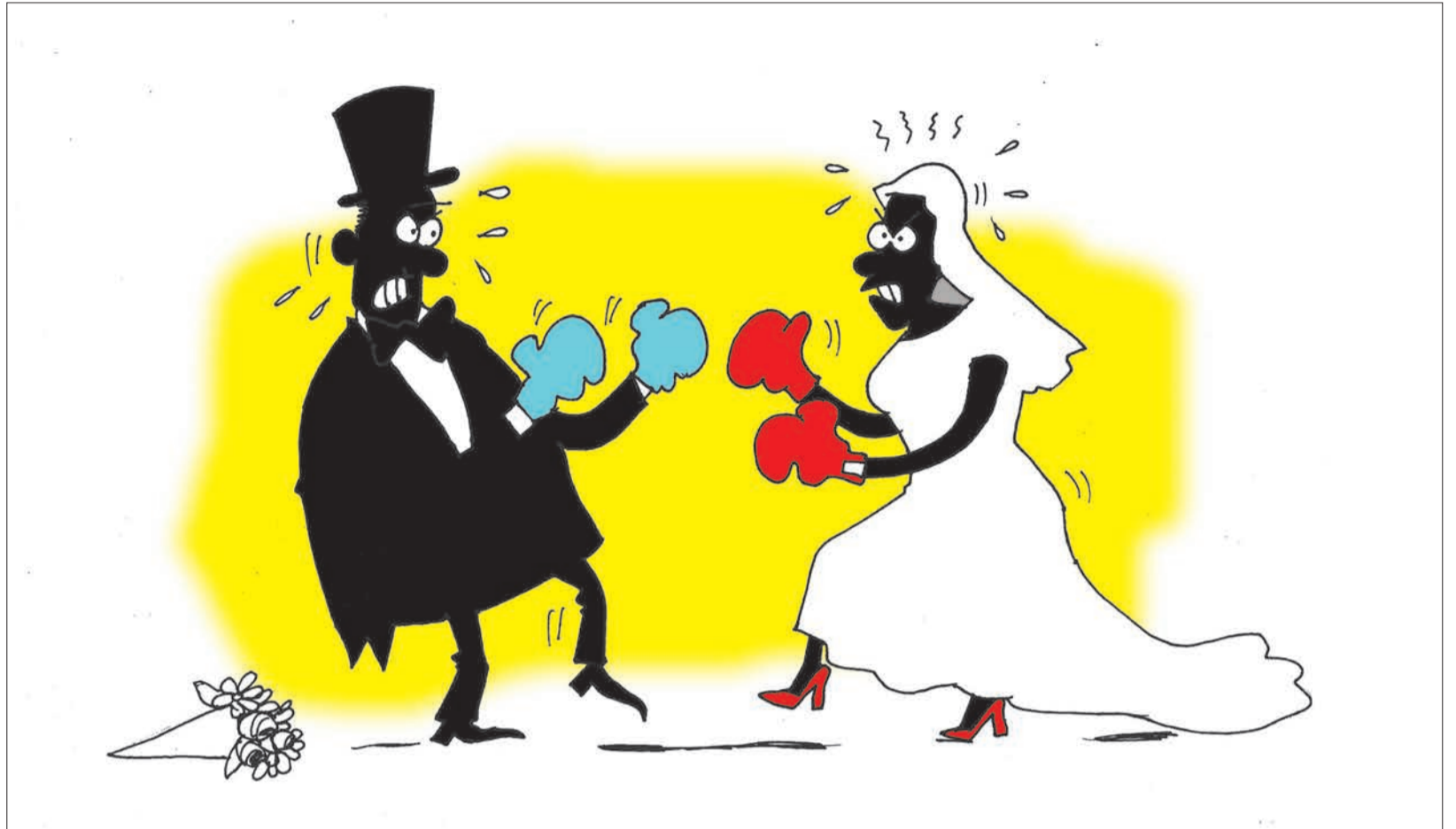
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## Unlocking potential of Tanzania's smallholder farmers requires concerted efforts to mitigate climate change

By Vianey Rweyendela

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan's reaffirmation at COP26 that Tanzania is fully committed to mitigating the effects of adverse climate change across all key sectors (including agriculture) is very commendable. President Samia addressed the 26th United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), at Glasgow, Scotland, in the UK.

It is great news for over 22,407,487 smallholder crop growers, over 4.5 million pastoralists' households, and thousands of fisherfolks and foresters in Tanzania.

She called for global powers, who have the largest culpability in climate change, to do their part in climate change financing for low-income nations, including Tanzania, to meet mitigation goals across all key sectors.

At Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in Tanzania, we greatly appreciate the President's commitment. Implementing global, regional, and national climate change mitigation goals is vital for driving sustainable food systems critical for our nation's well-being in terms of food security and agriculture exports.

Tanzania's people are its greatest asset, followed by its natural resources, which need conservation and protection from climate change hazards. We have the agriculture and water sectors at the centre stage, vital for most of the populace's food security and income generations.

Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries make up about 30% of gross domestic product. Unfortunately, according to President Samia, unless global and local climate change mitigations are implemented, the 30% contribution to GDP may not be sustainable. Yet our dear motherland has dedicated over 48 million hectares to forest conservation, and at times we still experience unpredictable floods and droughts.

At AGRA, we know that a drop in rainfall leads to drought; it does not take long to tip millions into poverty who depend on rain-fed agriculture. We are aware of the growing population that puts pressure on the available natural resources.

The effects include climate change. Since 2006 when AGRA started supporting agriculture development activities in Tanzania, it has always been our priority to ensure climate change mitigation for the benefit of smallholder farmers.

One of the approaches we have used has been promoting appropriate agriculture technologies for increased crop productivity for smallholder farmers as a mitigating



President Samia Suluhu Hassan (C), UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson (L), and United Nations (UN) Secretary General Antonio Guterres.



Vianey Rweyendela

measure against climate change

Low productivity often means farmers need vast pieces of land to make ends meet, often extending cultivation to fragile ecosystems, which increases risks of climate change. At AGRA, we have worked with the government, private sector, and development partners to promote appropriate agriculture practices that increase crop yield.

Between 2017 and 2020, collaborative investments by AGRA and its implementing partners in select Regions of Western Tanzania have seen increased productivity in maize (230%), beans (100%), and rice (67%), all-important staple crops in Tanzania. Thanks to improved seeds, fertilizers, and general education on best farming practices, including climate mitigation, it has

been possible.

Another approach, we have been using is advocating and promoting availability of technology for smallholder farmers to adopt best agriculture practices.

AGRA has supported the development and commercialization of improved seed varieties, some of the drought-tolerant, in collaboration with public and private organisations. Working with business services providers, AGRA has provided training to smallholder farmers on soil health, planting, use of fertilizers, and post-harvest management of crops. We introduced novel postharvest storage technology, which has been adopted by over a million farmers in Tanzania and directly helps to mitigate climate change.

The storage technology is designed to store produce for a long time and dramatically reduces postharvest losses, naturally, without using chemicals.

At AGRA, we see agricultural development as the most critical driver for poverty reduction in Africa. There is evidence that GDP growth originating in agriculture often is between 2 to 4 times more effective in raising incomes of the poor than GDP growth created outside the sector. As we continue supporting the industry, climate change will continue to be a priority area.

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## START THE WEEK WITH CYNTHIA STACEY

# “.....tourists on Zanzibar...but how many are too many?”

**J**AMBO for the week, and in the last one, a little of the punch line was missing from the end, but no matter, let's get on with this one...Well I'm currently trying to decide where to go at Christmas, needing a respite from Dar, with the boiling heat, the power cuts, the water shortages etc. so I'm looking forward to sampling luxuries like street lights, pavements, and other comforts lacking elsewhere.

But what could I miss if I leave... here's a clue.....". *Zanzibar oh Zanzibar...the most beautiful island in Africa*". This iconic and popular song was playing everywhere when I first visited the islands decades ago.

.....and at one time, problems of any kind in Dar es Salaam offered a good excuse to escape to Zanzibar's Stone Town, the panacea for all my ills, especially transport issues.....and how liberating it was to wake up in the morning, go out and walk around...anywhere...no vehicles needed. Banks, ministries, markets, shops, cafes, and even the beach is nearby....freedom...it's magical!

Also, life didn't shut down when danger loomed at dusk, as it did in many parts of the mainland, especially for foreigners, perceived to have pockets permanently stuffed with dollars. But sadly, things are changing even on Unguja, and evening strolls can require vigilance against petty crime.

Well, once a year, Muungano or Union Day is celebrated in Tanzania to remind us when the exotic little Spice Isles joined forces with the mighty mainland.....and as children's story books often say at the end of a good tale...."and they all lived happily ever after". Except, of course, in this instance they didn't.

And though it's a long time ago,

in January 2001, a fearsome press headline of "....at least 15 feared killed in Zanzibar riots" is not forgotten.

..... and for tourists, there's possible confusion, if having passed through immigration control in the mainland, they then need to do so again on arriving on the island, confounding the one nation myth.

On my first visit to this very special place, I thought it was the definitive tropical paradise, with the cultural integrity of its courteous and friendly people, untouched by the negative aspects of tourism and westernisation.

But in its infancy, the tourist sector was described as potentially dynamic, but catastrophic might have been more accurate. And while past mismanagement almost bordered on economic sabotage, those responsible for the unsound policies and so on were seldom held accountable, but maybe they were still learning the 'business'.

Yet, in little under two decades, the cultural and environmental ravages seemed apparent everywhere and the character of this unique place forever altering.

Last year, I was stunned to see a crowd of Italian tourists walking around the Stone Town in skimpy beach clothes, and I told them it was the holy month of Ramadan, to which their reply was "what does that mean, and why should we care?"

Why indeed, since nobody is going to stop them, the nearly naked western backsides will continue to be allowed, if they bring in the mighty dollar. No wonder Mwalimu thought that tourism would culturally diminish his country... he was right!

Although whilst in office, President Magufuli said "Tourist arrivals are too few relative to our



Tourist agents in Britain some years ago, said that the large convoys of Jeeps, tourist trucks etc. in Kenya, were deterring people from visiting many of the game reserves because of this overcrowding, and turned to other places that were just starting to be a player in this field.....of which Tanzania was one.....but for certain, success can result from a strategy of "less is more" when it comes to visitor numbers.

status". This is thought provoking, because ironically, many visitors prefer to visit places where there are few other tourists..... so a country's status in this context, means the fewer the visitors, the more kudos there is for the country.

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This is something that US-based conservation organisation Serengeti Watch felt strongly about, and has warned against "over tourism" in the national parks, saying "the environment is being rapidly degraded, through too many visitors."

Though this is specific to the national parks, it also has relevance for places like Zanzibar, because high saturation will surely endanger this market, which isn't suitable for mass tourism or mega size

cruise ships.

I can see a time in Stone Town when there'll be even less normal amenities like small shops serving the local community....because there won't be a community. Their houses will be needed for more hotels, or anything aiding the tourist industry. Visitors will mostly see only other visitors, and the lucky locals still there, will be doing visitor-related jobs at low levels....and officialdom will certainly call it "development".

.....but having written this, I hope it won't happen, though it seems unlikely that the Isle's government will want to slow down

the "cash cow" that is tourism, as long as it can be milked for dollars.

Though this scenario has improved a little, but at one time, Unguja had become so dollarised with all the handicraft shops, and services demanding this currency, that visitors could well depart this small island, almost unaware of the local currency....the shilling!

Well, time to close this piece, and perhaps the problem for Unguja isn't about avoiding "trouble in paradise".....it's making sure that there's a future for it, and a paradise remaining....troubled or otherwise!

## Restrictions tightened globally as coronavirus variant Omicron sparks concerns

### BEIJING

**A** growing number of countries and regions are suspending flights from southern African countries due to a new variant of the coronavirus, which has sparked serious concern among scientists and researchers, and triggered air travel restrictions and a massive slump of stocks in Asia, Europe and the United States.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared on Friday the latest variant B.1.1.529 of SARS-CoV-2 to be "of concern," its most serious level, and officially gave it the Greek name Omicron. The WHO has asked countries to enhance surveillance and sequencing efforts to fight the new variant.

### VARIANT WITH MORE SPIKE MUTATIONS

The new variant was first reported to the WHO from South Africa on Wednesday. It has so far been identified in other places, including Botswana, Belgium, Israel and China's Hong Kong. Scientists are still unclear whether existing antibodies would react well to Omicron, which has 32 spike protein mutations, more than previously found variants. "This variant has a large number of mutations, some of which are concerning," said the WHO. "Preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of reinfection with this variant, as compared to other VOCs (variants of concern)."

Dr. Tom Peacock, a virologist at Imperial College London, has posted details of the new variant on a genome-sharing website and said in a thread of tweets that it "very, very much should be monitored due to that horrific spike profile." "Given the large number of mutations it has accumulated apparently in a single burst, it likely evolved during a chronic infection of an immunocompromised person, possibly in an untreated HIV/AIDS patient," said Francois Balloux, professor of computational systems biology and director of the Genetics Institute at University College London.



A man receives the COVID-19 vaccine at a drive-through COVID-19 vaccination site in Gaborone, Botswana, Oct. 12, 2021. Xinhua

British Health Secretary Sajid Javid warned the new strain could be more transmissible than the Delta variant and that there is a "possibility it might have a different impact on individuals" who get the virus. Botswana's Health Ministry has reported four cases of the new variant on Friday, saying that it is conducting further investigations and sample analysis to gain more knowledge and understanding about the properties and behavior of the virus.

### WORLD BECOMES VIGILANT

A number of countries and regions have suspended air travel from the southern African region and imposed strict quarantine measures in fear of importing the new variant. The White House said later Friday that the United States

will restrict air travel from South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini, Mozambique and Malawi beginning on Monday. The British government has added South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Eswatini, Zimbabwe and Namibia to the country's travel red list. Passengers arriving in Britain from these countries from 0400 GMT on Sunday will be required to quarantine in designated hotels for 10 days.

On Friday, Germany, France, Italy, Ireland and some other European Union (EU) countries have also introduced travel restrictions to ban the arrival of travelers who have been to southern African states with follow-up measures of strict quarantine. "The European Commission will propose, in close coordination with member states,

to activate the emergency brake to stop air travel from the southern African region due to the variant of concern B.1.1.529," Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on Twitter. Australian Health Minister Greg Hunt said on Saturday that the country will introduce a 14-day quarantine for citizens and their dependents traveling from nine countries in southern Africa due to the new coronavirus variant.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government announced on Friday that the boarding and quarantine requirements for persons arriving from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe, along with South Africa, will be tightened from 0:00 a.m. local time Saturday (1600

GMT). International meetings are also affected. The World Trade Organization announced early Saturday morning that it had decided to postpone the 12th Ministerial Conference because the highly contagious new variant has caused a halt of air travel hindering ministers from attending it.

Widespread concern over the economic recovery has made financial markets jittery with slumps in the U.S., European and Asian stock markets. U.S. stocks plunged on Friday with the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 2.53 percent, the S&P 500 fell 2.27 percent, and the Nasdaq Composite Index decreased 2.23 percent. The UK's benchmark FTSE 100 Index went down 3.64 percent, France's CAC 40 Index dropped by 4.75 percent and the German

DAX Index plummeted by 4.15 percent. On the same day, Tokyo stocks finished sharply lower with the Nikkei index logging a one-month low.

### SCIENTIFIC MEASURES NEEDED

Though the spread of Omicron was surprisingly swift, researchers and public health authorities suggest no panic, calling for close monitoring and intensified research to optimize responsive measures. "For the time being, it should be closely monitored and analyzed, but there is no reason to get overly concerned, unless it starts going up in frequency in the near future," British medical expert Balloux said.

Britain's chief medical officer Chris Whitty also urged calm in the face of warnings about the Omicron mutation, saying concern should focus on "immediate threats." "There are substantial uncertainty and panic due to the lack of reliable information related to the B.1.1.529 variant," said Shao Yiming, a researcher at the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

China should continue to closely track the monitoring information from scientists in South Africa and the relevant WHO policies, Shao said. The Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday urged African health authorities to intensify COVID-19 prevention measures in response. It called on African countries to expedite their COVID-19 vaccination drives to halt the spread of the virus, saying "vaccines remain a key tool to prevent severe cases and deaths from COVID-19 infection."

While also reaffirming the conducive role of vaccines, the WHO expressed concerns over the travel ban triggered by the new variant strain. David Nabarro, the WHO's special envoy on COVID-19, suggested that South Africa was being "punished" for detecting the variant and informing the world, and it was "unfortunate" that flights from the country were being stopped. South African Health Minister Joe Phaahla on Friday described the travel bans on South Africa and some Southern African Development Community countries as a knee-jerk reaction that is not based on scientific evidence. Phaahla called the bans "draconian" and "counterproductive." He called on countries to work together to fight the pandemic instead of trying to blame others.



# Ethiopia's civil war fueled by weapons from UN's big powers

## UNITED NATIONS

**I**N Hollywood movies, the legendary Wild West was routinely portrayed with gunslingers, lawmen and villains—resulting in the ultimate showdown between the “good guys and the bad guys”.

Linda Thomson-Greenfield, US ambassador to the UN, told the Security Council early this month that the warring parties in the devastating 12-month-long civil war in Ethiopia involve the Ethiopian National Defense Forces, the Eritrean Defense Forces, the Amhara Special Forces, and the Tigrayan People's Liberation Front.

And invoking a Hollywood metaphor, she remarked “there are no good guys here”.

The battle is perhaps best characterized as a showdown between one set of bad guys vs another set of bad guys—despite the fact that Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who is currently leading the conflict, triggering accusations of war crimes, ethnic cleansing and genocide, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2019.

As in many ongoing conflicts and civil wars—whether in Afghanistan, Yemen, Myanmar, Syria, Palestine, Iraq or Ethiopia, the five veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council, namely the US, UK, France, China and Russia, are sharply divided and protective of their allies—and their prolific arms markets.

But the conflict in Ethiopia has also resulted in a “monumental humanitarian disaster” where UN agencies and relief organizations are being hindered by the Ethiopian government from delivering food and medical supplies for political reasons.

Still, who are the merchants

of death in this vicious conflict which has “already claimed tens of thousands of lives and displaced upwards of 2 million people,” and where rape is being increasingly used as a weapon of war.

According to figures released by international aid organizations, tens of thousands of people are reportedly displaced in Amhara and Afar regions because of active fighting in multiple locations; about two million rendered homeless overall and about seven million urgently in need of humanitarian assistance.

Ambassador Thomson-Greenfield told delegates it is time for all parties to immediately halt hostilities and refrain from incitement to violence and divisiveness.

The bellicose rhetoric and inflammatory language on all sides of this conflict only aggravate intercommunal violence. It is time for the Government of Ethiopia, the TPLF, and all other groups to engage in immediate ceasefire negotiations without preconditions to find a sustainable path toward peace, she said.

And it is long past time for the Eritrean Defense Forces to withdraw from Ethiopian territory.

“It is time to put your weapons down. This war between angry, belligerent men - victimizing women and children - has to stop,” she declared.

But one lingering question remains: where are these weapons coming from? China and Russia, two permanent members of the UN Security Council, have been identified as the primary arms suppliers to Ethiopia.

“The time when the Ethiopian National Defence Force (ENDF) almost solely relied on aging Soviet armament, mixed in with



From the early days of UN peacekeeping to some of today's most vital operations, Ethiopian men and women have played an important role in the UN's efforts to advance peace in the world's hot spots. The country's participation in UN peacekeeping operations dates back to 1951, as part of the UN multinational force in the Korean War.

some of their more modern Russian brethren, is long gone.”

“Over the past decade, Ethiopia has diversified its arms imports to include a number of other sources that presently include nations such as China, Germany, Ukraine and Belarus”.

Arguably more surprising is the presence of countries like Israel and the UAE in this list, which have supplied Ethiopia with a number of specialised weapon systems, according to a Blog post-

ing in Oryx.

Alexandra Kuimova, Researcher, Arms Transfers Programme at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), told IPS in terms of volume (measured in SIPRI's TIVs), Russia and Ukraine were the largest suppliers of major arms to Ethiopia over the last two decades, accounting for 50 per cent and 33 per cent of Ethiopia's imports in 2001-2020, respectively.

Deliveries from Russia included an estimated 18 second-hand combat helicopters and combat aircraft transferred to Ethiopia between 2003-2004.

The most recent deliveries included an estimated four 96K9 Pantsyr-S1 mobile air defence systems imported by Ethiopia in 2019. Deliveries from Ukraine included an estimated 215 second-hand T-72B tanks received by Ethiopia between 2011-2015.

She said there are also European states transferring major arms to Ethiopia since 2001. For example, Hungary supplied 12 second-hand Mi-24V/Mi-35 combat helicopters to Ethiopia in 2013. French Bastion vehicles delivered to the state in 2016 were financed by the US. Deliveries from Germany included 6 trainer aircraft in 2019.

Stephen Zunes, a professor of Politics and chair of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of San Francisco, who has written extensively on the politics of the Security Council, told IPS: “The perception of such conflicts as being simply an African prob-

lem ignores the fact that much of the killing would not be possible were it not for Western arms sent to the combatants.”

In most civil wars, however, small arms and light weapons were critically important, and were often backed up by major conventional weapons.

Since 2011, China has emerged as one of the largest arms suppliers to Ethiopia. Some of the known deliveries from China included a single HQ-64 air defence system delivered in 2013 and 4 PHL-03 300mm self-propelled multiple rocket launchers received by Ethiopia in 2018-2019.

Ethiopia also imported about 30 armoured personnel carriers from China between 2012 and 2014, said Kuimova.

Other media reports have provided information on the presence of Chinese Wing Loong and Iranian Mohajer-6 drones in Ethiopia. In addition, several media outlets claim that Turkey is negotiating arms deals on selling an identified number of Bayraktar TB-2 armed drones to Ethiopia.

Meanwhile, in one of the world's worse conflict zones, namely Yemen, the air attacks are mostly by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, equipped with arms primarily from the US and UK, two permanent members of the Security Council.

According to SIPRI's Kuimova, there is not much known about transfers of major arms to Eritrea. She said it appears that the country has not received any

major weapons since 2009 when the UN arms embargo on Eritrea came into force. The embargo was lifted in 2018, however, no deliveries of major arms have been documented since then.

Between 2001-2007, Eritrea's imports of major arms included two second-hand modernized S-125-2T air defence systems supplied by Belarus in 2005. Bulgaria supplied 120 second-hand T-55 tanks in 2005. Between 2001-2004 Russia delivered 4 combat aircraft to Eritrea, and an estimated 80 Kornet-E anti-tank missiles between 2001 and 2005. Deliveries from Ukraine included 2 second-hand combat aircraft.

“We are currently collecting, analyzing and verifying open-source information on deliveries of major arms to both Ethiopia and Eritrea over the last year,” she said.

But lack of transparency in armaments in the cases of both importer states and exporters make it difficult to determine the order and delivery dates and the exact numbers and types of weapons transferred over the last years.

For example, Ethiopia has not been submitting reports on its imports of arms to the UN Register of Conventional Arms (UNROCA), the main UN transparency instrument on conventional weapons, since 1997.

And China, one of the largest exporters to Ethiopia over the last decade, does not appear to have reported to UNROCA, information about its arms transfers to Ethiopia. **IPS**



The World Food Programme (WFP) is providing emergency food assistance to more than 800,000 people affected by conflict in the Afar and Amhara regions of northern Ethiopia.

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## NBC provides 920 bags of cement, 100 desks for strengthening education initiatives in Mara, Mtwara regions

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Bank Of Commerce (NBC) has provided 920 bags of cement (46 tonnes) valued at 21m/- for the construction of two dormitories at Kiriba secondary school in Musoma district, Mara region.

The bank also provided 100 desks to Libobe and Tangazo secondary schools in Mtwara region as part of NBC decision to support of government's efforts and people's efforts to strengthen the education sector.

Speaking at the event presenting the assistance at the schools at the weekend NBC Musoma branch manager, Sophia Lyimo and her Mtwara counterpart Editha Mwakatobe said the assistance aims at supporting current efforts in strengthening education infrastructure in the country.

"The 920 bags of cement we are today presenting is for construction of two dormitories for both boys and girls at Kiriba secondary school."

"People and the government have accomplished the struc-

tures and we have seen it fit to support them with building cement to complete the work," said Lyimo.

She hailed the government for dishing out 60m/- for the construction of classrooms at the school.

Speaking at a similar function regarding the donation of 50 school desks for Libobe secondary school in Mtwara District, NBC Mtwara bank manager Editha Mwakatobe said the support was part of 100 desks being provided by the Bank to the school as well as Tangazo secondary school in the same district, also aimed to supplement government's efforts in improving the country's education sector.

"Our aim is to ensure the dreams of these children are realised as well as supporting President Samia Suluhu Hassan in providing quality education."

"In the circumstances we are presenting the desks and chairs for the students as it is NBC's pleasure to see various challenges confronting students are solved especially in regard to the education sector," she said.



Students of Kiriba secondary school in Musoma district, Mara region with NBC Musoma branch staff and the school's staff show the 920 bags of cement provided by NBC as assistance for the construction of two dormitories for boys and girls at the school. The function was held at the school at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Speaking soon after receiving the desks on behalf of Libobe Secondary School, Mtwara District Commissioner, Dunstan Kyobya apart from thanking NBC, said the government is mobilised to ensure it solves all education challenges by working together with various stakeholders.

"This assistance has come at the right time as currently we are

in need of 72 chairs and desks for students earmarked to start lessons early next year.

"This is only the beginning because next week NBC will present to us similar assistance for Tangazo secondary school," said the DC.

He also called on NBC to see the possibility of opening a bank agency (WAKALA service) at the

area for the provision of banking services for the residents, especially cashew nuts farmers who earn a lot of money after selling the crops.

For their part, the heads of the two schools thanked NBC on how it was touched and came up for the assistance to the education sector, including refurbishing classrooms, dormitories and pro-

vision of school desks.

"Personally I am very much pleased by the NBC assistance, and we truly need other stakeholders to chip in. In regard to this we made special written application for assistance whose results are now discernible," said Mtani Shadrack, the headmaster of Kiriba secondary school located in Musoma District.

## 'Call for LGAs to allot more funds to complete agricultural projects'

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

AGRICULTURE, Livestock and Fisheries stakeholders have urged local government authorities to allocate enough money to complete unfinished agricultural projects at district level.

They said one of the challenges facing agricultural sector in this country is that the budget set aside for agriculture, fisheries and livestock are normally inadequate and even when the little money is set aside, it doesn't reach down to

the grassroots level and do the work that was planned.

Speaking at refresher and Advocacy training for SAM/PETS agri cluster members held in Morogoro, one of the stakeholders Paul Kitta from Mbeya Non-Governmental Organizations Network (Mbenonet) said if the money was sent to the project on time as planned, many agricultural projects left by District Agricultural Development Programme (DADPs) would have been completed.

"All the projects not been

completed. This is a waste of financial resources and setting back peoples development. I advise the government to make sure that it sets aside adequate budget as per the directives and guidelines," he said.

Citing an example of Mbarali district council, in Mbeya kitta who is also ward councilor said for this financial year, Mbarali District had set aside 240m/-. But if you look at the revenues accrued from agricultural sector, the district raises about 3.5bn/-, if the district was setting aside 20 percent, it would

have allocated 700m/- for agriculture. He said there are many projects such as Ipatagwa, Isonyanga that were implemented by DADPs but after DADPs, all the projects have ceased and others have never completed. "If these projects were allocated enough money continuously, they would have completed," he said.

Mbeya district council Livestock and Fisheries officer Daud Mwalusamba wondered why there are conflicting policies and laws between Ministries. Citing an example, he said the

Ministry of agriculture and Regional Administration and Local government usually issues different directives on the same thing.

"Who is the boss? Because when the Minister of agriculture or Livestock issue a certain directive at district council, the Minister of regional administration and local government would issue a different directive. You wonder who is the boss over another?," he said.

He said normally the priority areas for the Minister for regional administration and local

government is to preach health and education issues. Very rare you will hear her talking about agriculture or livestock. He said when the Minister for agriculture speaks about a certain issue concerning agriculture, let say extension officers; the Minister for regional administration would issue a different directive.

Head of program operations at agricultural Non State Actors Forum (ANSAF) Honest Mseri said that the meeting brought together different organizations that work on the ground on ag-

riculture projects.

The organizations works on social accountability monitoring (SAM) and Public expenditure tracking survey (PETS). They work with local communities particularly farmers to monitor implementation of government projects. ANSAF works with the organizations to make sure that different issues that are raised by the beneficiaries of the projects and the challenges discovered before, during and after implementation of the projects are taken to the policy and decision makers.

## Z'bar project gears to uplift small holder spice farmers

By Guardian Reporter

THE stakeholders' advisory committee for vegetables, fruits and spices-Viungo project in Zanzibar has called for more women and youth to participate in the project which gears to uplift small holder spice farmers from poverty.

Speaking during a visit at the horticultural farms in Unguja, the committee chairman, Mohamed Khamis Rashid said he was impressed with the project implementation, commending the manager-Amina Ussi Khamis for successful implementation of the project.

The four-year project is implemented in 60 Shehias in both Unguja and Pemba islands and is co-implemented by Community Forest Pemba (CFP), Dar es Salaam based People's Development Forum (PDF) and Tanzania Media Women Association (Tamwa).

"We are impressed with the project implementation; we will conduct regular visits to the farms to encourage small holder farmers to keep up the good work," said Rashid, urging more women and youth to take part in the second year of the project to improve their

welfare.

Project Manager, Amina Ussi Khamis said the tour was organized to get views from the advisory committee on how to further improve it. She said they also wanted the committee members to witness what was going on at the farms and talk to the small holder farmers.

One of the beneficiaries, Kurwa Othman Chande said they have acquired skills on climate-smart horticulture yield and production. She said through the project, she has been able to plant more fruit trees which are sold to customers across the country.

Another farmer, Sheikhha Khamis Sheikhha said that before the project they were not getting a good profit over lack of markets, but they are now assured of the market and products from their farms and gardens are of high quality.

Sheikhha said they are currently selling the products outside Zanzibar including Bagamoyo District in Coast Region.

The Viungo project's climate-smart curriculum offers a financially viable and incentivizing alternative by positioning farmers to access the growing market for sustainable, high-quality agricul-



tural products – products including vanilla, cinnamon, and other spices.

The project is also working to build bridges be-

tween small-scale farmers and external markets.

Through climate-adaptive agriculture techniques and practices, the project improves farm-

ing resilience to the effects of climate change while simultaneously strengthening their livelihood, income, and community food security.

## Value of gold produced by large scale miners drops to \$459.4m

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

THE value of gold produced by large-scale miners slightly decreased to \$459.4million (1.1trn/-) in quarter III, 2021 from \$529 million (1.3trn/-) that was reported during the same period last year.

According to the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Economic Bulletin for Quarter III, 2021,

the slowdown in the value of gold was attributed to both volume and price effects due to the negative effects of COVID-19.

Traditional exports value on the other hand increased to \$173.2 million (over 575trn/-) from \$69.8 million (approximately 230bn/-) supported by exports of tobacco, cloves and cotton.

The value of imported goods also rose by 21.1% during quarter III, 2021 as compared to the similar period in 2020.

"The value of all categories of imported goods increased, with much of the increase registered in oil, owing to a rise in the world market," the report said.

According to the report, the

services account recorded a surplus of \$333.9 million (over 1.1trn/-) in quarter III, 2021, more than twice the amount reported during a similar quarter in 2020 largely because of rising travel receipts.

"The number of international visitors more than tripled to 243,565 compared to 71,565 recorded during the same period last year depict-

ing a recovery in tourism activities," the report added.

Zanzibar recorded 89,956 tourist arrivals in quarter III, 2021 as compared to 43,866 and 74,534 tourist arrivals recorded in the quarter I, 2021 and quarter III, 2020

"This is partly associated with resumption of global economic activities, on-going promotions and improved

tourism products and services. Visitors came from Europe, in particular Italy, United Kingdom, Germany, France and Spain," the report said.

Meanwhile, the value of exports of goods and services in Zanzibar rose to \$63.3 million (approximately 147.5trn/-) in quarter III, 2021 as compared to \$42.2 million (approx-

mately 98.4trn/-) recorded during the similar period last year.

"The value of exported goods was \$43.1 million (approximately 100.4trn/-), higher than \$2.7 million (approximately 6.3bn/-) recorded in quarter III, 2020, largely associated with exports of cloves," the report said.



# School meals coalition hopes to provide a meal to every child

## UNITED NATIONS

**M**EALS at schools not only give each child a nutritious meal but increase enrolments, among other benefits.

This emerged at a recent launch of the School Meals Coalition, a new initiative that aims to give every child a nutritious meal by 2030 through bolstering health and nutrition programmes. The coalition comprises over 60 countries and 55 partners dedicated to restoring, improving and up-scaling meal programs and food systems. Among their partners are UN agencies UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), UN Nutrition, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and UNESCO.

In the briefing, the speakers identified School Meals Coalition's primary goals to restore school meal programmes to the status before the COVID-19 pandemic and reach children in vulnerable areas who have not accessed these plans before. The member countries' political leaders have come together to support this "important initiative", according to the permanent representative of Finland to the United Nations, Jukka Salovaara.

"School meals are so much more than just a plate of food. It's really an opportunity to transform communities, improve education, and food systems globally," he said.

School meal programmes are a significant safety net for children and their communities. As one of the primary means for children to get healthy meals, they help combat poverty and malnutrition.

Their impact on education is seen in increased engagement from students. They also serve as incentives for families to send their children, especially girls, to schools, thus supporting children's rights to education, nutrition and well-being.

"We see documented jumps of 9 to 12 per cent in enrollment increases just because the meals are present," WFP Director of School-Based Programmes Carmen Burbano said. "So, these are really important instruments to bring [children] to school."

The programmes would also provide opportunities for sustainable development practices and transformations in food systems. One key strategy is to promote and maintain home-grown school meal programmes, recruiting local farmers and markets to provide food supplies. Investing in school meal programmes, especially through domestic spending, has proven to increase coverage. In low-income countries, the number of children receiving school meals increased by 36 percent when their governments increased the budgets for these programs.

A WFP study found that at the beginning of 2020, over 380 million children globally received meals through school meal programmes. The closure of schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic effectively disrupted those programmes, depriving 370 million children of what was effectively their main meal for the day. While there have been marked improvements since schools re-opened worldwide, with 238 million children accessing the school meals, there are still 150 mil-



lion children that don't have access.

The School Meals Coalition aims to close this gap through a system of collaboration between member countries and their partners. Among their initiatives will be a monitoring and accountability mechanism that is being developed by the WFP and its partners, which will be used to follow the coalition's accomplishments, and a peer-to-

peer information-sharing network, spearheaded by the German government, between members and partners that will use findings to influence their programme output.

Even before the pandemic, school meal programmes did not reach the most vulnerable children, 73 million, who could not access these programmes. Reaching

children that have fallen through the cracks can be challenging, but it is significantly more difficult in countries affected by conflict or environmental disruptions.

Education Cannot Wait (ECW) and the World Food Programme (WFP) earlier signed a memorandum of understanding to feed children in protracted crises.

At the signing, WFP Assistant Ex-

ecutive Director, Valerie Guarnieri said: "Simply put, sick children cannot attend school and hungry children cannot learn. It is essential we invest more in the health and nutrition of young learners, particularly girls."

ECW Director, Yasmine Sherif said a feeding scheme made a massive difference in children's lives.

"For many children and youth in crisis-affected countries, a meal at school may be the only food they eat all day and can be an important incentive for families to send and keep girls and boys in school. It is also essential for a young person to actually focus and learn," she said.

The coalition plans to find ways to break the barriers to enable children to reach school or look for alternative learning pathways to reach children who could not physically attend school.

The factors that can prevent children from fully attending schools, such as poverty, complexity in family lives, or conflict, have only been exacerbated over the last nearly two years, thanks mainly to the COVID-19 pandemic. As more schools open worldwide, the restoration of school meal programmes is expected to provide much-needed support for children and their communities in turn.

"This is a very urgent and timely priority," said Head of the Sustainable Development Unit of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations, Olivier Richard. "Because school meals are very important for the recovery of our societies from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic." **IPS**

## China-Africa economic cooperation enters stage of rapid development

### BEIJING

CHINA-AFRICA economic cooperation has expanded rapidly in scale and extent in nearly a decade, injecting impetus to the continent's development and bringing tangible benefits for people from both sides.

With both China and Africa entering new stages of development, the complementary advantages of the two sides have become more prominent, with brilliant prospects for mutually beneficial cooperation, said Wu Peng, head of the department of African affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told a press conference on Friday.

### FLOURISHING DIGITAL ECONOMY

The digital economy is one of the new highlights of China-Africa economic cooperation.

"China has been helping African countries eliminate the digital divide and seize the opportunities of the information revolution," said Wu.

Chinese companies have forged cooperation with major African operators in achieving full basic coverage of telecommunications services in Africa, and have built more than half of the continent's wireless sites and high-speed mobile broadband networks.

In total, more than 200,000 km of optical fiber has been laid, giving broadband Internet access to 6 million households in Africa, and serving more than 900 million local people, accord-

ing to a white paper titled "China and Africa in the New Era: A Partnership of Equals" released Friday.

Besides, Chinese companies actively participate in building platforms of public services in Africa such as electronic payment and smart logistics.

Thanks to the development of the digital economy, more and more African specialty products such as coffee and pepper have entered the Chinese market.

"Africa is a continent of hope. It has the potential to realize leapfrog development in new economic fields," Wu said.

### BOOMING TRADE, INVESTMENT TIES

Over the past decade, China has taken concrete initiatives to strengthen its trade and investment ties with Africa with strong momentum.

China has been Africa's largest trading partner for the 12 years since 2009. The proportion of Africa's trade with China in the continent's total external trade has continued to rise, with the figure exceeding 21 percent in 2020, according to the white paper.

From January to September, bilateral trade grew 38.2 percent year on year to reach over 185.2 billion U.S. dollars, according to figures from the Ministry of Commerce.

The structure of China-Africa trade is also improving. There has been a marked increase in technology in Chi-

na's exports to Africa, with the export of mechanical and electrical products and high-tech products now accounting for more than 50 percent of the total, according to the white paper.

China has increased its imports of non-resource products from Africa, and offered zero-tariff treatment to 97 percent of taxable items exported to China by the 33 least-developed countries in Africa, with the goal of helping more agricultural and manufactured goods from Africa gain access to the Chinese market.

Direct investment of Chinese companies in Africa rose 9.9 percent to reach 2.59 billion dollars during the first three quarters of the year, with the growth rate surpassing the pre-pandemic levels.

"These figures fully demonstrate the confidence of Chinese enterprises in Africa's future development and the prospects of the African market," said Qian Keming, vice minister of commerce.

### BRIGHT PROSPECTS

The dual successes of the Johannesburg Summit in 2015 and the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in 2018 spurred China-Africa cooperation to a new and unprecedented height.

After years of dedicated efforts, the tree of China-Africa cooperation has flourished - it is tall and strong, and cannot be shaken by any force, said the white paper. **Xinhua**

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 169 00--

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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**CROSSWORD**

**SOLUTIONS**

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 10 live in a complex social colony  
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## BREAKTHROUGH

## Taha commends govt for unlocking South African avocados market

By Guardian Reporter

THE government's agreement with South African will allow local avocados enter the latter's lucrative market hence spurring growth in the local horticulture industry.

Recently, National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa (NPPOZA) announced that its market has been opened for Tanzanian avocado imports after 10 years of negotiations.

A letter from the South African Plant Health's acting director, Jan Hendrik Venter dated November 16, 2021 said the decision was reached after a virtual bilateral engagement.

"On November 9, 2021, the National Plant Protection Organization of Tanzania (NPPOT) provided a pre-recorded video presentation to the NPPOZA to verify and pre-test pest risk management practices in order to allow avocados from Tanzania to South Africa," the letter addressed to Tanzanian authorities, read in part.

"The NPPOZA wishes to inform Tanzania's NPPOT that following the presentation of a pre-recorded video inspection and subsequent deliberation during the virtual verification process, the market access for importation of avocado fresh fruit from Tanzania to South Africa has been granted," the letter noted.

Owing to its proximity, experts say, the South African market could absorb a lion share of the country's fruits when the bilateral agreement is fully implemented. Other markets for Tanzanian fruits include Europe and the Middle East.

"As we sincerely salute the government for its painstaking efforts to strike a bilateral deal for Tanzanian avocados to access the lucrative South African market, we are now looking to unlock the Chinese market," said

Taha Group CEO, Dr Jacqueline Mkindi. Dr Mkindi said Taha which has championed growth of the horticulture sector earning the country, on average nearly \$800 million annually, played a strategic role in the deal with South Africa.

"The deal between Tanzania and South Africa is a win-win situation whereas Tanzanian exporters are smiling all the way to the bank for securing a niche market for their avocados while South African consumers are also happy as the local high quality fruits will be cheaply available to them," she said in a statement.

The Taha boss said, following the deal, the sky is the limit for local horticulture producers as the association along with the government are fast-tracking a trade protocol with China to pave way local avocado exports.

Data from China Customs indicate that Beijing's avocado demand stands somewhere around 43,860 metric tonnes per annum, with an import

value of \$133.38 million, offering a huge potential market for local growers.

Dr Mkindi said: "Avocado from Tanzania will soon be among the items eaten on the dining tables in China." Tanzania and China will sign an agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures to enable the export of avocados into the Asian nation soon.



Taha Group CEO, Jacqueline Mkindi speaks at a past event in Arusha.

## BAILOUT

## NMB chief vows to beef up lending to private sector to back post-Covid recovery

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank Plc will increase the amount of credit being given to the private sector to speed up economic recovery after the novel coronavirus outbreak last year that has paralysed businesses.

NMB's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna said in Dodoma on Friday during the 20th Conference of Financial Institutions (COFI), that her bank will increase loans allocated to the private sector to boost productive activities and support post-pandemic recovery of the economy.

Zaipuna said NMB and other banks are fiscally fit to increase credit volumes extended to borrowers at relatively lower interest rates. She however, stated that the

endeavour will pay off with concerted efforts and collaboration to deliver the desired results.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has had adverse impact on credit to private sector extended by banks which we will now revisit," Zaipuna noted while making a presentation titled, 'Scaling up private sector credit beyond Covid-19 pandemic: Role of government, financial institutions and private sector.'

"To spur credit growth to the private sector post the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of actions have to be taken by all key stakeholders. These actions require a collaborative approach in order to ensure sustainable impact on the economy," she explained.

She said timely national policy responses to cushion the economy

from being devastated by the effects of Covid-19 also ensured that the local banking sector remained resilient during the hard times.

Whereas assets of the banking sector went up 4.16 per cent in 2020 to 34.68trn/-, deposits mobilisation increased by nearly four percent to 24.77trn/-. At 17.19 per cent in 2020 against the previous year's ratio of 17.04 percent, the banking sector's core capital was well above the legal minimum requirement of 10 percent.

Zaipuna said the positive capitalization outlook signified the banks sustained ability to meet maturing obligations with most banks continuing to make profits of which NMB led the pack by posting a historic 206bn/- net profit in 2020.



NMB Bank Plc's CEO, Ruth Zaipuna making a presentation during the 20th Conference of Financial Institutions held in Dodoma city last week. Photo courtesy of NMB.

In 2020, the global economy decelerated by 3.1 per cent but the IMF now expects world output (GDP) to grow by 5.9 per cent in 2021. Nationally, the GDP outturn is forecast at five per cent this year from 4.8 per cent in 2020 as impact of Covid-19 on economic activities continue to decline.

Speaking at the same meeting, Bank of Tanzania Governor, Professor Florens Luoga said the national economy will grow by 5.2 percent

this year.

"We hope that growth recovery will further improve next year as the Covid-19 measures start to push back the virus," Prof Luoga stated. The central bank organised the COFI.

## DRACONIAN

CANBERRA

## Social media firms 'on the hook' under new Aussie defamation law

"THE online world presents many great opportunities, but it comes with some real risks and we must address these," Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said. Social media platforms will be required to reveal the identities of anonymous online trolls or face making defamation payouts under new legislation proposed by Australian

Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

People who believe they have been defamed online will be able to get court orders directing online giants such as Twitter Inc. and Meta Platforms Inc., the company formerly known as Facebook, to identify the individuals responsible for posts, Morrison said at a press conference Sunday.

If the social media platforms fail to do so, they will have to pay defamation costs.

"The online world presents many great opportunities, but it comes with some real risks and we must address these," he said. The government "is making sure people are responsible for what they say" and ensuring com-

panies "are on the hook" for damaging material posted to their platforms, he added. Under the current law, social media companies are not considered to be the publishers of material posted to their platforms. If a user makes defamatory comments on a Facebook page, for instance, legal responsibility lies with the owner of the page. The

bill is due to be discussed in parliament this week, and comes after the country's highest court ruled that social media companies can be held liable for comments left on their accounts by members of the public. A spokeswoman for Meta said the company is waiting to see the proposals in more detail before commenting. Twitter

didn't immediately respond to requests for comment made outside of office hours.

Australia's eSafety commissioner, Julie Inman Grant, said previously that such a policy would be difficult to execute. "It would be very challenging, I would think, for Facebook for example to re-identify or identify its 2.7 billion users," she said last year during a Senate Estimates hearing.



Treasury and Planning Cabinet Secretary, Ukur Yatani.

## BACKLASH

## Kenyan treasury prepares for road toll fees protests

NAIROBI

THE Treasury has promised to pay private investors in highways from taxes should motorists reject user fees, revealing fears in government about possible public resistance to road tolling.

Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani told Parliament that regulations guiding the use of toll roads allow the Treasury to meet the shortfalls linked to reduced payment of tolls in the wake of rejection. The rejection could be the form of public protests or through legal suits that might make difficult for private investors building the infrastructure to recover their investments through toll charges.

Kenya is picking lessons from Nigeria where bloody protests led to the cancellation of toll fees in what was known as Lekki Toll Road. Motorists are staring at tough times ahead after the State tabled regulations, paving the way for the introduction of toll fees along the highways.

The regulations seek to implement the Public Roads Toll Act, Cap 407 and create a National Road Toll Fund, which guide the imposition of user fees on major national roads. "Toll revenues

failure is not really linked to poor project selection or laziness but has everything to do with social acceptability of tolls and potentially permutations in traffic volumes in future," Mr Yatani told MPs.

"It is a necessary provision for the bankability of the National Road Toll Fund Regulations." The clause is a sweetener to private contractors seeking to build roads and recover their investments from levying toll fees over an agreed period before handing the infrastructure back to the government.

This is an indication taxpayers will bear the cost of toll roads if targeted motorists refuse to pay for access. In 2016, the government dropped plans to toll Nairobi Southern Bypass in 2016 after a huge public outcry.

Kenya is seeking more private investment in public infrastructure to maintain the pace of spending on new railways and other vital assets while reducing the budget deficit. The government has initiated several Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects to build roads, energy plants and housing, including the Nairobi Expressway

that is being constructed by a Chinese firm.

The fees motorists pay for the use of roads jointly developed by the government and private investors under the PPP model will be deposited into a National Road Toll Fund. The fund will be administered by an officer appointed by Treasury Cabinet Secretary and use the proceeds to pay private sector toll operators and service providers.

The State plans to construct several key highways through the PPP model, including the 243-km Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit and Nairobi's Southern Bypass, where motorists will pay toll charges when complete.

If implemented, the new charges, which amount to a new layer of taxation, will see motorists pay toll charges on top of the fuel levy despite the fact that roads are funded using tax revenues. The roads maintenance and fuel levies were also introduced in place of toll fees.

Road tolls were initially introduced in Kenya in the late 1980s, but were scrapped in the mid-1990s in favour of the Roads Maintenance Levy to eliminate corruption at toll stations.



## IMPRESSIVE

# TCC at 60 makes huge milestone in dominating cigarettes market

By Guardian Reporter

AS it marks 60 years of operations since inception in December 1961, Tanzania Cigarettes Public Limited Company has continued to dominate the local market while also exporting some of its products to Southern African countries.

Speaking at a ceremony to launch activities leading up to December 14, TCC's General Manager, Michal Bachan said he feels honoured and proud to be leading the company as it marks six decades of successful operations.

Bachan said his positive energy and enthusiasm resonated with the team spirit of the company noting that each one of the employees are also proud and ecstatic to be witnessing history unfolding before

their eyes.

"The company's strength and most valuable asset is its committed staff which has contributed a lot to the success story," he said during the ceremony graced by Trade and Industry Minister, Professor Kitila Mkumbo who also awarded some of TCC's outstanding and long service employees.

He further noted that TCC has lived a historical journey through the years during which the chronological success of the company has shown immense perseverance, diligence and an enduring spirit that is the core foundation of the company.

TCC was inaugurated 60 years ago by the country's founding President Julius Kambarage Nyerere, only a few days before the



TCC's general manager, Michal Bachan speaks during the launch of activities to mark the company's 60th anniversary last week in Dar es Salaam. Photo courtesy of TCC.

Tanganyika's independence from Britain. "Walking down the memory lane, TCC has remained a united team with an important role as leaders in

the industry. They have carved a niche in Tanzania and continue to do so by being one of the pioneers and leaders in the industry," the GM added.

The event that lasted a few hours was also witnessed staff and invited guests treated to a superlative display of entertainment, punctuated by note-

worthy speeches from key members of the company, stakeholders and the government. Among highlights of the day included a cultural performance by the renowned group, Mama Africa.



Wowzi CEO, Brian Mogeni (L) takes a selfie with other invited guests at the launch of the company in Nairobi last week.

## TECH SAVVY

## Kenyan marketing startup targets creation of one million jobs for Africa youth

By Guardian Reporter

A Kenyan tech startup Wowzi has announced plans to create one million gig jobs for African youth in 2022 through its online marketplace, after successfully delivering over 150,000 paid jobs in 2021.

The firm that makes scalable influencer campaigns accessible to brands and companies of any size or industry, said it plans to expand partnerships with local, regional, and multinational FMCG companies, telcos, banks, creative agencies, and development institutions to create job opportunities for youth.

Wowzi will create massive, distributed messaging campaigns for clients utilizing thousands upon thousands of real, everyday customers and fans who get paid to offer authentic endorsements online for the products they already love.

Speaking last week during the company's official launch in the East African market, Wowzi Co-founder and CEO, Brian Mogeni said companies are increasingly aligning their marketing strategies to tap into micro and nano content creators looking to monetize their social media accounts and develop sustainable income streams outside of traditional or formal employment.

"Mobile use has become a key driver of commerce in African markets, and it's where young

people already spend their time. Youths only require lightweight remote training to master the key principles of sharing brand messages, so suddenly anyone with a phone can influence their peers through social media," Mogeni said.

East Africa has 20 million social media users according to Hootsuite Digital 2021 data report. Kenya leads the pack with 11million social media users, 20.2 percent of the population followed by Tanzania at 5.4 million users representing 8.9 percent of the population while Uganda has about 3.4 million social media users representing 7.3 percent of the population.

"Emerging markets are low trust environments and so the messenger really matters. An endorsement online from someone you really know goes a lot farther than a celebrity endorsement, for example. As a result, nano and micro influencers with smaller, more intimate and engaged followers deliver better qualified sales leads. And everyone has influence" he added.

Mogeni stated that nano influencers are social media users with 250 to 5000 followers with engagement on posts by nano-influencers being nearly three times higher than celebrity personalities.

Wowzi has signed up 60,000 influencers in the East African region primarily by word of mouth so far and has carried out 10,000 campaigns for

over 150 clients.

"In September 2021, Safaricom engaged a small army of influencers to create TikTok videos about a new product. Within seven hours of going live, the challenge generated three million views for the hashtag with thousands of user-generated posts," the Wowzi CEO noted. Within a week, the hashtag garnered eight million views, he explained.

"Those are campaign results that would not have been possible previously had Safaricom only been able to manually engage a dozen influencers directly for the same campaign," Mogeni explained while announcing that his firm plans to enter three new markets including Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa over the next month.

Absa Bank Kenya CEO, Jeremy Awori who was chief guest said, "Often, when we speak about influencers, we think about the big celebrity names and forget the local micro-influencers who connect with our audience especially those outside the cities."

"These micro-influencers live among them, speak their language and share in their beliefs, therefore increasing chances of conversion. We also need to pursue strategic partnerships between the private and public sector in order to achieve the growth that we seek through this channel," Awori noted.

## DIGITALIZATION

## MTN Zambia partners restaurant chain to serve up MoMo

LUSAKA

MTN Mobile Money (MoMo app) and Zambian restaurant chain Hungry Lion Zambia have entered into a digital payment partnership.

The Mobile Money service will enable patrons to transact via their mobile device. MTN Mobile Money Managing Director, Komba Malukutula noted that the payment system is evolving at an accelerated rate, accompanied with a shift in consumer behaviour.

"As MTN Mobile Money, we are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to offer convenience to our customers, because we see a tremendous growth opportunity in the use of technology. The adoption of cashless payments is growing globally and through our partnership with Hungry Lion Zambia we believe that we will be able to reach a wider audience which makes a significant contribution in the development of our economy."

"Our new offering with Hungry Lion is a secure payment platform that is designed to cater for individuals and will enhance the financial inclusion ecosystem by adding payments whilst enhancing customer experience through an expeditious payment process. MTN Mobile Money, is excited to be at the forefront of the digital revolution and the addition of Hungry Lion Zambia contributes to our 30 plus locations countrywide that customers can use their Mobile Money," Malukutula added.

Hungry Lion Country Manager Busu Mpepo said, "We are thrilled to officially welcome MTN Mobile Money, or MoMo, as a new member to our Pride. Hungry Lion is always looking for ways to give customers more, not just more value, but also more choice, so this part-



MTN Zambia Mobile Money Managing Director Komba Malukutula and Hungry Lion Country Manager Busu Mpepo showing how it is done to buy using MTN mobile money at Pinnacle Mall in Lusaka.

nership just made cents!"

According to MTN, this integration puts Hungry Lion at the forefront of innovation in the Quick Service Restaurant industry and supports their pursuit to invest in Zambia. "A big part of growing our business in Mother Zambia is based on forming strategic partnerships like this one and it is with great pleasure that we welcome MTN MoMo as an in-store payment partner", Mpepo concluded.

In June 2020, MTN announced that its MoMo service registered one million customers in South Africa. ITWeb published a state-

ment from the company which read, in part: "MTN saw an increase in MoMo registrations and usage since the nationwide lockdown began in late March, specifically in peer-to-peer remittances, with people sending money to family and friends. Demand for value-added functionalities like purchasing pre-paid electricity and renewal of driver's licence discs, has also picked up considerably."

More recently, in November this year, the app entered into a partnership with Nedbank to enable customers to withdraw cash at all Nedbank ATMs - or any participating retail

stores. ITWeb reported that the fees range from R10 for transactions of up to R1 000, R20 for transactions between R2 000 and R3 000 and R30 for transactions between R2 000 and R3 000. MoMo Cash-out via Nedbank ATM or any of the participating retail stores, such as Pick n Pay, Shoprite, Checkers, OK Foods and USave.

## DIVERSIFICATION

## Zimbabwe changes tax regulation on data and smartphones

HARARE

THE Zimbabwe government has modified the tax regulation imposed on imported cell phones and data consumed by employees working from home to secure more revenue.

With the economy projected to grow by 5.5% in 2022 on the back of aggressive government spending to the tune of approximately US\$8-billion, Zimbabwe is turning to unorthodox means of ensuring revenue collection. And the telecommunications industry, already under pressure from multiple taxes, has been targeted.

In a presentation of the 2022 budget, Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube said the telephone, data and internet broadband "is not exclusively used for the employer's business, hence it is imperative to prescribe the expenditure threshold attributed to the employer" for taxation purposes.

Ncube added that cell phone imports will now have to pay a US\$50 levy because users were evading payment of the existing 25% customs duty on mobile handset imports.

"Imported cellular telephone handsets attract modest customs duty of 25%, the funds realised, however, point to evasion of the customs duty due to the nature of the items which can

easily be concealed," the Minister added. "In order to curb tax evasion, I propose to introduce a levy of US\$50 which will be collected prior to registration of new cellular handsets by mobile network providers."

Mobile gadgets have helped boost Zimbabwe's internet penetration rate to above 50%, although WhatsApp and Facebook bundles still constitute a greater portion of the internet access in the country.

Mobile operators Econet and NetOne have introduced Wi-Fi bundles that have become popular, also helping to drum up usage of the internet beyond social media platforms.

The new levy on imported smartphones will not replace the 25% import duty on the gadgets, with the state revenue authority mandated to reimburse funds collected in cases where duty would have been paid.

"Where duty would have been paid, the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority will provide a refund of the levy, within 30 days of receipt of payment from the mobile network operator," Ncube added.

This was expected to "ease the administrative burden when assessing the value of the non-monetary benefits attributed" to the employee for tax purposes.



SUCCESS

# Diabetes breakthrough as drug shown to tackle ‘zombie fat cells’

NEW YORK

RESEARCHERS in the US have found that targeting old or senescent cells in the fat tissue of obese mice can alleviate diabetes - a result they hope could lead to new ways to treat the condition in people.

In their study, the scientists looked at the role that senescent or “zombie” cells play in Type 2 diabetes, the form associated with lifestyle factors such as being overweight or inactive. This may be one way of remedying this inflammatory disorder and rectifying diabetes. It’s an interesting idea

With Type 2 diabetes, the level of glucose in the blood can become too high because of insulin resistance, where cells in the body do not respond as they should to the hormone insulin. Senescent cells in body fat may play a role in this, because the study found that clearing them out could combat diabetes in the mice, achieving what the university described as “a dramatic result.”

Published in the journal Cell Metabolism, the study reported that two drugs, dasatinib and quercetin, could kill senescent cells from human fat tissue grown in the laboratory. Also, when the human fat cells were transplanted into mice, they caused diabetes in the creatures but the same two drugs could stop this.

“These drugs can make human fat healthy and that could be great,” Dr Ming Xu, an assistant professor involved in the work, said in a statement. “The results were very impressive and cleared the route for potential clinical trials.”

The university researchers and their co-authors from a medical centre, the Mayo Clinic, aim to hold clinical trials to see if the two drugs can alleviate Type 2 diabetes in people. “Although these preclinical results were very promising, large-scale clinical trials are absolutely critical to examine the efficacy and safety of these drugs in humans before clinical use,” said Dr Xu.

A substance called p21, found in high levels in the senescent cells, may be important in the processes the scientists studied. When the researchers removed cells expressing high levels of p21 each month from obese mice, diabetes was alleviated.

Finbarr O’Harte, a professor of endocrinology and metabolism at Ulster University in Northern Ireland, who is not connected to the study, said the research “certainly seems like an interesting prospect.”

“In diabetes and obesity you have long-term inflammatory disorders in the fat tissue,” he said. “This may be one way of remedying this inflammatory disorder and rectifying diabetes. It’s an interesting idea.”

He said that mice have been “used widely” as models for diabetes although it is uncertain if a result with them will translate into people. “It’s never a given that because it works on a mouse it will work on a human,” he said. People who have diabetes should eat plenty of fresh vegetables and avoid fried and sugary foods.



Some of the foods that help tackle diabetes.

INVESTMENT

## Samsung to spend \$17 billion to build new chip plant in the US

SEOUL

SOUTH Korean tech giant Samsung on Wednesday said it would spend an estimated \$17 billion in the US to build a new semiconductor manufacturing facility that will produce advanced logic chips. The new plant, to be built at Taylor, Texas, will manufacture chips based on advanced process technologies for mobile, 5G, AI, and high-performance computing applications, the company said.

The manufacturing capacity from the new facility will contribute to the stability of the global semiconductor supply chain, Samsung vice chairman and CEO of its chip business Kinam Kim said in a statement. “In addition to our partners in Texas, we are grateful to the Biden Administration for creating an environment that supports companies like Samsung as we work to expand leading-edge semiconductor manufacturing in the US. We also thank the administration and Congress for their bipartisan support to swiftly enact federal incentives for domestic chip production and innovation.”

Construction of the new plant, which will span over 5 million square meters, will start during the first half of 2022 and Samsung is aiming to start its operations during the second half of 2024. The estimated \$17 billion to build the new facility will be Samsung’s single largest investment within the US, the company said. Since Samsung began operations in the US in 1978, the company has spent over \$47 billion.

In addition to the new plant, a skills center will also be built in Taylor to help students develop skills and provide recruiting opportunities as part of that investment. According to Samsung, it decided to build the plant in Taylor after reviewing various locations across the US due to the local semiconductor ecosystem, infrastructure stability, local government support, and community development opportunities.

The new plant will also be in close proximity to Samsung’s existing manufacturing facility in Austin, approximately 25km southwest of Taylor, which will allow the two plants to share necessary infrastructure and resources, and the new facility is expected to create over 2,000 direct new jobs. The South Korean tech giant currently has around 20,000 employees in the US.



Samsung vice chairman and CEO of its chip business, Kinam Kim.

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# WHO says new strain is a variant of concern and names it Omicron

THE World Health Organization said that a strain of coronavirus recently discovered by South African researchers is a variant of concern, posing a threat that could confound countries' efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The WHO assigned the Greek letter omicron to the variant, which had been known as B.1.1.529, following a meeting by a panel of experts on Friday.

Scientists say the variant carries a high number of mutations in its spike protein, which plays a key role in the virus's entry into cells in the body. It's also what is targeted by vaccines, so if the protein changes enough, it raises concern that the mutations could make immunizations less effective.

In South Africa, the strain "has been detected at faster rates than previous surges in infection, suggesting that this variant may have a growth advantage," the WHO said on Friday. Preliminary evidence also suggests omicron may present a greater risk of reinfection than other variants of concern, according to the health body.

The WHO uses "variants of concern" to signify strains that pose additional risks to global public health. So far, it has identified four of them, in addition to omicron. The WHO also calls some strains "variants of interest" if they warrant close monitoring because of their emerging risk.

South African Health Minister Joe Phaahla said Thursday the variant, first sequenced on Nov 11, was of serious con-



People shop in a mall, in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Friday. AP

cern, and many places followed the announcement with travel restrictions to the region. Susan Hopkins, chief medical adviser to the UK Health Security Agency, said the strain is the most worrying yet.

The WHO made no mention of travel curbs in its statement. Instead, it recommended countries enhance surveillance and sequencing efforts to better track and understand variants of concern, submit their findings to a publicly available database and report any cases and clusters to the WHO.

WHO spokesman Christian Lindmeier told a UN briefing in Geneva that people should con-

tinue to wear masks whenever possible, avoid large gatherings, ventilate rooms and maintain hand hygiene.

Mike Ryan, WHO's emergency director, praised South African public health institutions for picking up the signal of the new variant.

BioNTech SE, which has partnered with Pfizer Inc. on one of the main COVID-19 vaccines in use, said on Friday it has begun studying the variant and expects the first data from laboratory tests about how it interacts with its shot within two weeks. Another vaccine maker, AstraZeneca PLC, said it's also investigating the variant.

## Xiplomacy: Xi's vision on building China-Africa community with shared future

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping is expected to attend and deliver a keynote speech to the opening ceremony of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) today via video link.

Attaching great importance to China-Africa relations, Xi has been consistently pushing for the building of the China-Africa community with a shared future. The following are some highlights of his remarks in this regard.

June 21, 2021

In a phone conversation with Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Xi said that China is ready to work with Tanzania to consolidate political mutual trust, strengthen mutual support, jointly safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of developing countries, and make positive contributions to the building of the China-Africa community with a shared future.

June 17, 2020

"In the face of COVID-19, China and Africa have offered mutual support and fought shoulder to shoulder with each other," Xi said at the Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity against COVID-19.

"In the face of COVID-19, China and Africa have enhanced solidarity and strengthened friendship and mutual trust," Xi added.

"To help Africa achieve sustainable development is what matters in the long run. China supports Africa in its effort to develop the African Continental Free Trade Area and to enhance connectivity and strengthen industrial and supply chains. China will explore



Photo taken on April 9, 2020 shows the Dar es Salaam Port undergoing upgrading of port berths 1 to 7 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. (Xinhua)

broader cooperation with Africa in such new business forms as digital economy, smart city, clean energy, and 5G to boost Africa's development and revitalization," he said.

June 25, 2019

In a congratulatory letter for the opening of the Coordinators' Meeting on the Implementation of the Follow-up Actions of the Beijing Summit of the FOCAC, Xi said the FOCAC Beijing Summit is a milestone in the history of China-Africa relations.

He said he hopes that the two sides will uphold the principle of consultation and collaboration for shared

benefits, enhance communication and synergy, deepen solidarity and cooperation, and make solid progress in pushing for the implementation of the FOCAC Beijing summit's achievements and joint construction of the Belt and Road.

In doing so, he added, the two sides can continuously improve the well-being of the 2.6 billion people in China and Africa and make unremitting efforts to build an even stronger China-Africa community with a shared future.

Sept. 3, 2018

Delivering a keynote speech at the

opening ceremony of the 2018 Beijing Summit of the FOCAC, Xi said, "With similar fate in the past and a common mission, China and Africa have extended sympathy to and helped each other throughout all the years. Together, we have embarked on a distinctive path of win-win cooperation."

"Marching on this path, China has followed the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and the principle of pursuing the greater good and shared interests. China has stood with African countries. Together, we have worked in unity and forged ahead," Xi said.

Xinhua

## Somalia provides 1m USD for drought response

MOGADISHU

THE Somali government on Saturday provided one million U.S. dollars in emergency assistance to help citizens who have been affected by the worsening drought.

Prime Minister Mohamed Roble who chaired a meeting of the drought taskforce com-

mittee in Mogadishu directed the committee to channel the resources to the worst affected populations.

In a statement released after the meeting, Roble said the government is making every effort to provide humanitarian assistance to the affected people. He said the Council of Ministers will contribute 20 percent of their

salaries to help supplement drought efforts and called on the entire Somali community to stand by the affected citizens amid the worsening drought.

About 2.6 million people, close to 22 percent of the population in 66 out of the 74 districts across Somalia are affected by worsening drought, the United Nations said.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) said nearly 113,000 people are displaced by drought across the country.

Somalia is experiencing a worsening drought following three consecutive failed rainy seasons, and is at risk of a fourth consecutive underperforming rainy season in 2021, according

to the UN. The move comes as the Somali government on Tuesday declared a state of emergency on the severe drought situation in the country.

President Mohamed Farmajo on Saturday said he will donate his November and December salaries to the relief effort in aid of drought victims.

Xinhua

## Austria reports first suspected case of new COVID-19 variant

LONDON

AUSTRIA has detected its first suspected case of the new Omicron coronavirus variant in the Tirol, authorities in the alpine region said late on Saturday.

A traveller who returned from South Africa last week tested positive for COVID-19 with indications of the new variant, though confirmation requires further sequencing over the coming days, Tirol authorities said in a statement.

South Africa's discovery of the

variant has sparked global concern, a wave of travel bans or curbs and a sell-off on financial markets on investor fears that it could stall recovery from the pandemic. Cases were detected in several European countries on Saturday, including Italy and Germany.

Austria had already powered down public life last Monday with its fourth national coronavirus lockdown, becoming the first western European country to reimpose the unpopular

measure this autumn owing to surging COVID-19 infections.

Initial testing by the Institute of Virology in Innsbruck had led to "concrete suspicion" the positive PCR test result from the individual in Tirol's Schwaz district could relate to an Omicron case, authorities said.

The sample would now be sent to the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES) for further testing.

"A result from AGES is expected in the coming days," Elmar

Rizzoli, Head of Tirol's Corona Operations Staff, said in a statement. "The affected person has, according to his own statements and current knowledge, stayed almost exclusively at home since his return from travel three days ago and currently shows no symptoms."

Authorities appealed for further testing by individuals who had entered Austria within the past 14 days from countries in southern Africa as a precautionary measure.

Omicron

Britain, Germany and Italy detected cases of the new Omicron coronavirus variant on Saturday and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced new steps to contain the virus, while more nations imposed restrictions on travel from southern Africa. The discovery of the variant has sparked global concern, a wave of travel bans or curbs and a sell-off on financial markets on Friday as investors worried that Omicron could stall a global re-

covery from the nearly two-year pandemic.

The two linked cases of Omicron detected in Britain were connected to travel to southern Africa, British health minister Sajid Javid said.

Johnson laid out measures that included stricter testing rules for people arriving in the country but that stopped short of curbs on social activity other than requiring mask wearing in some settings.

"We will require anyone who

enters the UK to take a PCR test by the end of the second day after their arrival and to self-isolate until they have a negative result," Johnson told a news conference.

People who had come into contact with people testing positive for a suspected case of Omicron would have to self-isolate for 10 days and the government would tighten the rules on wearing face coverings, Johnson said, adding the steps would be reviewed in three weeks.

## Dialogue with US Congress can be resumed under equal conditions - Russian senator

MOSCOW

THE dialogue between Russia's State Duma (lower house) and the US Congress should be equal and substantive, at the same time the Russian parliament doesn't abandon hope that the contacts will be resumed sooner or later, Chairman of the State Duma (lower house) Committee on International Affairs Leonid Slutsky told TASS yesterday.

Earlier, Russia's Ambassador to Washington Anatoly Antonov said on the YouTube channel Soloviev.Live said that the United States rejects all Russian proposals to restore inter-parliamentary ties and turns down requests for meetings at the Congress.

"We do not abandon hope to resume a dialogue with American legislators in the future, but it can be equal and substantive. It will become possible if the level of anti-Russian hysteria declines," the senator said.

He pointed out that "even those members of Congress who favor the dialogue with Moscow, have to conceal their views to hold down their jobs. Calling the Russo-phobic position into question is just dangerous in the US. You will be branded as the Kremlin agent," he underscored.

Earlier, the State Duma adopted a resolution on the formation of the part of the inter-parliamentary group. The new compositions of the deputy groups on interaction with the parliaments of other states have begun. The group to contact the US Congress has not yet been established.

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## Europe's energy crisis about to get worse as winter arrives

By Bloomberg

ENERGY prices in Europe are repeatedly breaking records even before winter really kicks in, and one of the most damaging cost crunches in history is about to get worse as the temperature starts to drop.

A super price spike in the UK last month forced some industrial companies to cut production and seek state aid, a harbinger for what could play out widely in Europe just as it contends with a resurgence of the coronavirus. For governments, it could mean tension with neighboring countries by moving to protect supplies. For households, it could mean being asked to use less energy or even plan for rolling blackouts.

The trouble is that any fix is unlikely to come from the supply side any time soon, with exporters Russia piping only what it has to and Qatar saying it's producing what it can. The energy industry is instead faced with relying on "demand destruction," said Fabian Roennigen, an analyst at Rysted Energy.

"We have seen it over the last couple of months already, and in many industries, it will most likely continue and even increase," he said from Oslo. "It's just not profitable to operate for a lot of the players in the current market conditions."

The outlook adds to the sense of foreboding in Europe. The region is back at the epicenter of the pandemic again with COVID-19 cases surging and fears about a new variant identified in South Africa swirling the globe.

Restrictions are being tightened in some countries, while household budgets are being squeezed by rampant inflation. On top of that, freezing weather could mean the lights going out. A return to lockdown like in Austria would help curb power demand, though few governments want to do that.

France, Europe's second biggest economy, is particularly at risk. The possibility of a chill in January and February is causing concern for the nation's grid operator. Availability at nuclear stations, the workhorse of the French power system, is low after the pandemic delayed the maintenance of some reactors, according to a report on Nov 22.

Power prices there are near a record as a cold blast creeps into France and is expected to take hold by Monday when workday demand starts to rise.

Last winter, the grid operator appealed to households to use less energy at peak times and activated some demand reduction contracts with manufacturers when things got really tight. The next step would be to reduce voltage across the network and then rolling blackouts of two hours per region as a last resort. All that would come ahead of a presidential election.

"If there's a deep cold snap and there's no wind, things could become tight given the lesser availability of nuclear plants and the recent closure of dispatchable generation assets using coal," said Nicolas Goldberg, a senior manager in charge of energy at Columbus Consulting in Paris. "If it's getting really cold and there's no wind, it may become a problem."

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# Communist Party of China to keep making new contributions to progress of human civilization

By He Yin

As a grand meeting carrying forward China's past achievements into the future, the sixth plenary session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) has attracted continuous attention from the international society.

The meeting adopted the Resolution of the CPC Central Committee on the Major Achievements and Historical Experience of the Party over the Past Century, which profoundly explains why the CPC was successful in the past and how it can continue to succeed in the future. The Resolution is an important reference for the international society to decode the success of the CPC.

The Party's endeavors over the past century have fundamentally transformed the future of the Chinese people, opened up the right path for achieving rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

The CPC has accumulated valuable historical experience over the past century. It has been upholding the Party's leadership, putting the people first, advancing theoretical innovation, staying independent, following the Chinese path, maintaining a global vision, breaking new ground, standing up for the Chinese people, promoting the united



The sixth plenary session of the 19th Communist Party of China Central Committee is held in Beijing, from Nov 8 to 11, 2021. Photo/Xinhua

front, and remaining committed to self-reform.

In the world today, changes unseen in a century are accelerating, and the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation has entered a critical stage. At the special historic juncture, the review of the Party's major achievements and historical experience over the past century demonstrated to the international society the capability of the CPC and why it is capable.

The sixth plenary session of the 19th Central Committee of the CPC, as well as the resolu-

tion it has passed, proved to the international society that the CPC, with robust leadership and strong governance, is the backbone of the Chinese people and the most reliable leader for uniting and guiding them in overcoming difficulties and forging ahead.

Over the past hundred years, at every historic juncture, the CPC has been able to analyze the situation from an overall, objective and forward-looking perspective, and set forth practical goals, tasks, policies and roadmaps. It is the Party's sound guidelines

that have enabled it to carry out its work in a well-organized and systematic manner.

Chandra Prakash Mainali, general secretary of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), said the CPC is a great party that seeks truth from facts and values concrete actions.

Doraisamy Raja, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India, noted that the CPC has blazed a trail of socialism with Chinese characteristics by integrating Marxism with Chinese practices, and that's why it is so successful.



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Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era has chartered the course for the development of the CPC and China, and is conducive to global development and prosperity, said Andrei Vinogradov, head of the Center for Political Studies and Forecasting at the Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Science.

Over the past hundred years, the Party has been consistent in building its organization, tightening its discipline and strengthening the rule of law.

It has united tens of millions of Party members and organized hundreds of millions of Chinese people, thereby ensuring that its decisions and plans are implemented in a timely, resolute and forceful manner.

First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee and Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel called the CPC a political party that is both committed and flexible when facing huge challenges, and one that is people-centered and values comprehensive development, institutional construction

and legal construction in all work procedures.

He said China's successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic and eradication of extreme poverty were a result of the CPC's efforts to address people's demands and work in an effective manner.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic, also president of the ruling Serbian Progressive Party, noted that the creativity released by the CPC in the national construction of China has brought inspiration and hopes to the rest of the world.

## 8th Ministerial Conference of FOCAC expected to advance high-quality development of China-Africa cooperation

By Qi Zhiming

THE 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) slated to take place in Dakar, capital of Senegal, is going to further build a strategic consensus between China and Africa and chart the course forward for the sustainable and high-quality development of China-Africa cooperation, China's vice-minister of commerce Qian Keming said recently.

Since the conclusion of the 2018 FOCAC Beijing Summit, China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), together with relevant government departments, has earnestly pushed forward with the high-quality implementation of the eight major initiatives proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping, and steered the economic and trade cooperation between the two sides toward fast and steady recovery as well as new progress amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Qian said.

Data show that from January to September this year, various indicators of China-Africa economic and trade cooperation were on upward trajectories, with trade volume between the two sides climbing 38.2 percent year on year to \$185.2 billion, the highest level of the same periods in the history of China-Africa trade, according to Qian.

China's direct investment in Africa between January and September of this year reached \$2.59 billion, up 9.9 percent year on year, said Qian, adding that the growth rate outperformed the pre-pandemic level in the same period of 2019.

In the face of challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, China and Africa successfully held the Extraordinary China-Africa Summit on Solidarity against COVID-19, shifting the focus of cooperation toward health, the resumption of work and production, as well as improving people's livelihoods.

Since the pandemic has caused difficulty in people-to-people exchanges between the two sides, China has promoted online personnel training for Africa and set up 14 Luban Workshops



Chinese experts teach local people of Burkina Faso millet cultivation techniques. The technical assistance demonstration project launched by China to train people of Burkina Faso in millet cultivation has been well received by local residents. (Photo/Courtesy of Chinese Embassy in Burkina Faso)

in Africa to provide vocational training for local people, Qian said. China and Africa have also actively expanded cooperation in emerging fields, making digital economy a new highlight of bilateral cooperation, according to Qian, who noted that Chinese e-commerce platforms have significantly increased the sales of African agricultural products in China.

"These fruits are the result of the concerted and unremitting efforts made by China and Africa to jointly pull through the difficult time," Qian said, adding that the eight major initiatives have effectively facilitated the economic and social development of African countries as well as helped improve the well-being of local people.

Noting that China and Africa are both faced with heavy tasks in epidemic prevention and control as well as stabiliz-

ing the economy, Qian believes that the upcoming 8th Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC will continue to provide strategic guidance for the two sides to build consensus, seek innovation, and advance high-quality development of the bilateral cooperation.

The conference will focus on Africa's economic and social development and new opportunities for China-Africa cooperation in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Qian.

It will not only involve traditional cooperation areas between the two sides, but lay emphasis on bilateral cooperation in healthcare and COVID-19 response, people's livelihood and poverty reduction, as well as trade and investment, and expand collaboration in emerging fields including digital economy, green and low-carbon development, and vocational education



Photo shows the Vision City project, a housing project undertaken by Chinese companies in Kigali, capital of Rwanda. (Photo/Courtesy of China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation)

under the purpose of supporting Africa in recovering from the pandemic, Qian added.

Besides, the conference will encourage and support the participation of various parties in China-Africa cooperation, including government departments, cities, enterprises, financial institutions, as well as marketized funds such as commercial credit and investment from enterprises, in a bid to continuously build up the driving force for the bilateral cooperation, according to Qian.

The official disclosed that during the conference, China and Africa will jointly release "the 2035 Vision for China-Africa Cooperation" document, formulate mid- and long-term plans for cooperation, create the main framework for bilateral cooperation in the future, and make sure that the new initiatives of the forum are more forward-looking, systematic, and consis-

tent. "In recent years, China's imports of agricultural products from Africa have witnessed very fast growth, with the five-year average growth rate reaching 11.4 percent. China is now the second largest destination of the agricultural products exported by Africa," Qian said.

China will continue facilitating the efforts of African countries and Chinese enterprises to make the most of relevant initiatives and further expand imports from Africa so as to boost the high-quality development of trade between the two sides, Qian noted.

Substantial advances in investment cooperation have also been achieved in recent years, according to Qian. As of the end of 2020, China's investment stock in Africa had exceeded \$43.4 billion, and its investment projects covered more than 50 African countries, Qian said.

# China, Africa to embark on new journey of cooperation in new era

By Xiao Han

CHINA and Africa have both done an excellent job in the past year in dealing with the severe challenges brought by profound changes and a pandemic unseen in a century.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC). Under the strong leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core, China has worked to fight the pandemic, improve livelihood, ensure economic growth and expand opening-up, advancing with unstoppable momentum toward the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

China is currently leading the world in terms of economic growth, injecting a strong impetus for global recovery. It has made a miracle of poverty eradication and achieved the first centenary goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. The country's technological achievements command the attention of the world, and breakthroughs are being made continuously in the high-tech field. Besides, China has achieved a major victory in fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic. It has administered over 2.4 billion doses of vaccines across the country, and the number is the highest in the world.

African countries have made active responses and united together facing the impacts from the pandemic. Earlier this year, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) was officially initiated. It will create a market that covers nearly 1.3 billion people with a total GDP of more than \$2 trillion. The AfCFTA is expected to offer new opportunities for Africa to release development

potential and vitalize regional economy. Weeks ago, the World Bank raised its 2021 economic growth forecast for Sub-Saharan Africa to 3.3 percent and 3.5 percent in 2022.

In the past year, China-Africa cooperation has withstood the test of the pandemic.

On one hand, the cooperation between the two sides showed strong resilience, and in particular, their pragmatic cooperation has been accelerating vigorously. China-Africa bilateral trade has been steadily increasing for the past 16 years. China has remained Africa's largest trading partner for more than a decade, with the volume of trade reaching over \$180 billion last year. China's direct investment in Africa hit \$2.96 billion last year, which surpassed the pre-pandemic level of 2019. During the pandemic, all Chinese projects in Africa maintained operation, and none of them has recalled personnel or been defunded. Over 1,100 cooperation projects kept running amid the pandemic, with nearly 100,000 Chinese engineers and technicians sticking to their posts.

On the other hand, China-Africa cooperation is advancing with robust vitality, constantly revealing



With Chinese loan and assistance, a new Government data center is being built in Senegal this year. (Photo/Courtesy of Chinese Embassy in Senegal)

new highlights and growth points. China has actively fulfilled its commitment of making COVID-19 vaccines a global public product, and taken the lead in providing vaccine doses to Africa.

Apart from the cooperation in the fight against COVID-19, China and Africa are also delivering outcomes of their close collaboration in digital economy, aerospace, clean energy and new infrastructure.

For instance, a national data center, a national broadband network and an e-government platform funded and technically supported by China have been put into use in Senegal. Besides, the "Smart Senegal" e-infrastructure

project built by China is also about to be delivered, offering a solid foundation for the country's digital transformation.

Such resilience reveals the profound basis for cooperation between China and Africa, and the vitality of their cooperation is heralding a bright future. Though the pandemic has placed roadblocks on the way of cooperation between the two sides, China and Africa has never stopped their steps of cooperation or wavered in their determination to maintain solidarity. The Chinese and Africans are getting increasingly closer for cooperation. This is a choice made by the two sides upon the past, the present days and the future.

From a historical point of view, both China and Africa cherish their traditional friendship. The two sides enjoy a long history of friendship. Especially since the founding of the People's Republic of China, China has always adhered to the principles of equality, mutual respect, non-interference in each other's domestic affairs and not attaching political strings to its foreign aid, laying a solid foundation for the robust development of China-Africa cooperation in the 21st century.

Both China and Africa are optimistic about Africa's prospects. Considering its own development course and experience, China has always been positive about the future of Africa and been committed to enhancing its cooperation with the continent, so as to break the biases and stereotypes about the continent. We firmly believe that Africa is completely capable of independently exploring a path of vitalization that suits its own conditions.

(Xiao Han is the Chinese Ambassador to Senegal.)



# SPORT



Yanga midfielder, Mapinduzi Balama (L), blocks Egypt's Pyramids FC player when the clubs faced off in past CAF Confederation Cup playoff held in Mwanza.

## Yanga midfielder closes in on return to action

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

AFTER recovering from a foot injury that sidelined him for a year and a half, Yanga midfielder Mapinduzi Balama has said he is ready to compete for a place in the first team of the historic Mainland Premier League champions.

Balama said he has completed all training programs prescribed by the doctor and was allowed to continue featuring for Yanga.

"I Thank God I have recovered and now I am ready for the return. I want to get back to the first team. I know it is not an easy task but I am ready," Balama noted.

The midfielder was injured in training at the end of the 2019/20 season and missed all remaining matches.

The injury kept on keeping him out of action and he was unable to serve Yanga the past season.

After seeing that the player had yet to get fit, Yanga's management sent him to South Africa for surgery and succeeded in ending

the problem that was plaguing him.

Yanga attacker, Yacouba Songne, is reportedly in danger of missing the remaining games of this season due to a hamstring injury he got.

Yacouba sustained a knee injury in a Premier League game against Ruvu Shooting which took place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, Dar es Salaam.

The Burkinabe attacker's surgery was performed in Tunisia on November 11 this year.

Yacouba has already returned to Dar es Salaam after the operation in Tunisia and is currently undergoing other procedures to help the wound recover before starting light training.

Regarding the condition of footballers that are nursing injuries in their squad, Yanga Manager, Hafidh Salehe, said: "As for the players, so far all those nursing injuries have recovered and are continuing training with the team except for Yacouba who recently returned from Tunisia after undergoing knee surgery."

The official pointed out: "Although he is doing well due to the extent of his injury, he may be out for the rest of the season."

## Suns extend win streak to 16 with 113-107 victory over Nets

NEW YORK

A chance to match franchise history and take a spot atop the NBA is waiting for the Phoenix Suns.

They have loftier aspirations than those, but want them anyway.

"Obviously, everybody knows the ultimate goal is to win a championship," Chris Paul said. "But if you don't enjoy the small victories throughout the regular season, then what the hell are you doing?"

Devin Booker scored 30 points, Paul had 22 and the Suns extended their winning streak to 16 games with a 113-107 victory over the Brooklyn Nets on Saturday night.

Phoenix impressively overwhelmed the Eastern Conference leaders early, never trailing and leading by as much as 22 while moving within a victory of matching the longest winning streak in franchise history.

The Suns will try to do that Tuesday night at home against the Golden State Warriors (17-2) in a matchup of the top two teams in the NBA.

"I'm looking forward to it, man," Booker said. "Obviously not a make it or break-it game, not a playoff game, but we know it's going to be high-energy, two best records in the NBA. It's going to be a high-intensity, fun game."

Phoenix improved to 17-3, its best record through 20 games since having the same mark in 2004-05. The Western Conference champions haven't lost in a month since Sacramento dropped them to 1-3.

Paul added eight rebounds and five assists, becoming the first player in NBA history to reach 20,000 points, 10,000 assists and 5,000 rebounds.

Mikal Bridges had 13 points and a career-high seven steals for the Suns. They won 17 straight games during the 2006-07 season, and also won 15 in a row earlier that season.

Kevin Durant had 39 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the Nets. They had their four-game winning streak snapped.

"For us, handing the ball off in the first half the way we did, you're not going to beat a good team like that," Durant said.

James Harden carved out a sloppy triple-double in the Nets' first game since Thanksgiving, with 14 assists, 13 rebounds and 12 points. But he shot 4 for 15 from the field, missing all six 3-pointers and committed seven turnovers. He was booed when he lost a ball out of bounds off his foot in the second half.

Playing for the second straight night to end a four-game road trip, Booker was in double figures before Durant even scored and Phoenix shot out to a 21-8 lead. The Suns led comfortably until the middle of the second quarter, when Paul's 3-pointer made it 51-31.

The Nets suddenly broke through with a 15-0 run, cutting it to 51-46 on DeAndre Bembry's steal and layup. Paul settled the Suns with the next five points, beating the halftime buzzer to make it 56-46.

Booker took only one shot in a scoreless second quarter but came back with 10 points in the third. He went to the bench with a fourth foul but Paul and Cameron Payne hit consecutive 3s late in the period to push the lead back to 20 and it was 90-72 after three.

The Nets put together a late push that allowed them to make the final score respectable on a night they had 20 turnovers, leading to 20 points.

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## SPORTS

# Evergreen 'Seya': Predictive song of what would happen

By Correspondent John Kimbute

A few weeks after veteran stage leader, Mwinjuma Muumin, made a public appeal for the inclusion of dance music in state occasions, as that is now an exclusive preserve of Bongo Flava since fourth phase President, Jakaya Kikwete, welcomed them to the State House in his inaugural bash, a sort of answer came around.

It wasn't perhaps directed to that idea as a response but it appeared to fit the bill, namely remarks from FM radio stations discussants on routine events in music and sports, where someone remarked that 'Seya' was the last truly popular dance music song in memory.

He recalled an event in 2003 where musician Johnson Nguza Mbangi, alias 'Papy Kocha', who is a son of the song's author and co-singer was the toast of the town at a Coco Beach event, really a crushing presence.

This observation was made in the discussion of the hilarious moment in a recent public event where two Bongo Flava notables, Mario Fayrouz 'Mario' and Rajab Abdul 'Harmonize', appeared at the Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha for the start of the Road Safety Week graced by President, Samia Suluhu Hassan.

She cast a swipe at 'Mario' for a song that lauds binge drinking while reports have it that the artist doesn't drink, one reason being that drinking affects one's ability to sing, shortening stage presence and even compromising the clarity of singing, etc.

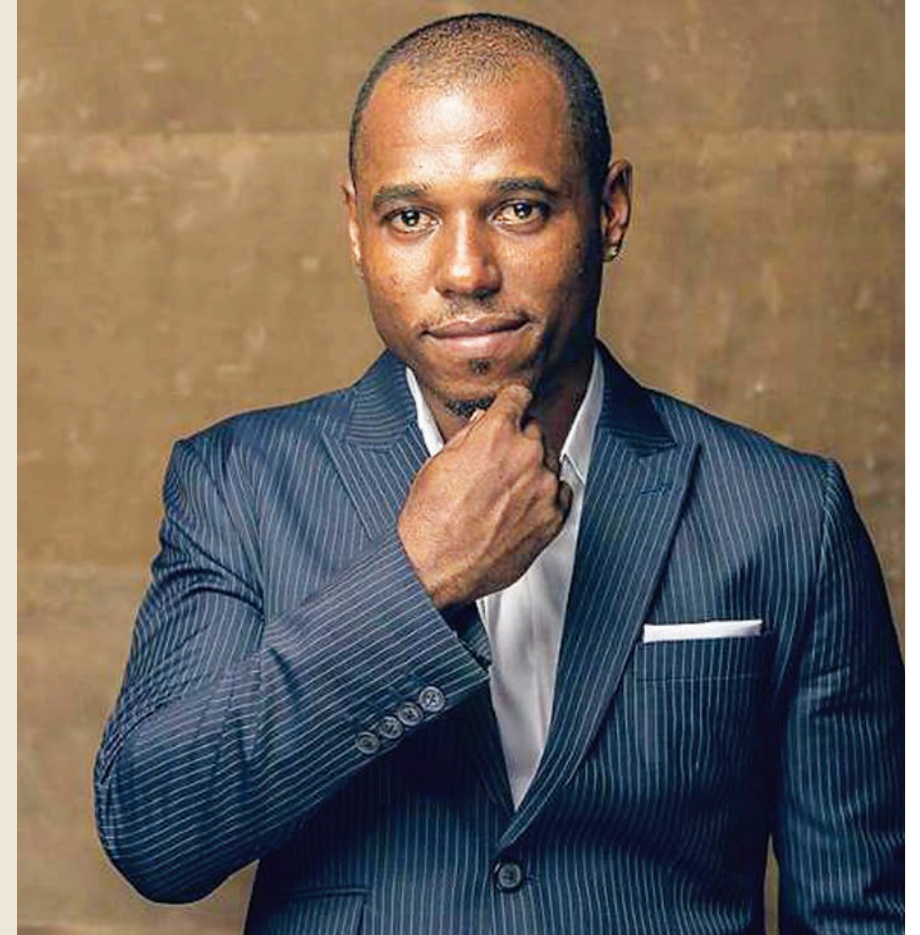
Instead of telling the artiste that he is misleading young people, the President chose to be a bit hilarious, saying those listening to 'Mario' should take into account what he does, not what he sings on stage.

Were it that Muumin was on the place or at the talk show when this matter came up, he would be more than glad to point out that in dance music they scarcely lead youths astray, show the highest possible feelings of affection for those they wish to be near, etc.

That is true and it was for decades the case that this kind of serene and good sentiment dominated dance floors, but this wasn't just a splendid and ideal feeling with no 'permutations' of sentiments.

There were also expressions of defiance, which means that one sticks to his or her persuasion about something, even if parents, friends, or anyone else dislikes it.

There is an expression 'he who listens not to superiors eventually breaks his leg,' and it appears to have been the final result of a defiant and heroic romance that the singing duo would have experienced or was perfectly aware of its dangers, but was



Dance music artist, Johnson Nguza Mbangi, alias 'Papy Kocha'.

attached to it, one of the two at least.

It must have been the senior partner in the singing partnership, as at any rate he was the band leader so what comes up to mind and sharply impacts his feelings would become the subject of a song.

And in 'Seya' he was more or less explicit, at least based on grapevine waves since the early 2000s when the rape trouble started.

What is astonishing about the song is that it was the last fully conquering dance music song even though by that time Bongo Flava was fairly dominant on the scene, and it is unclear if anyone has reached those heights since the - even adding Saida Karoli, Judith Wambura alias 'Lady JD', etc.

The sort of dance music that looked rather easy to call on stage was Taarab, but even here some innovations throw out the old staid

sort of singing into the background, with a more vigorous native expression like 'Singeli.'

It is that kind of robust stage presence that public events prefer, as it fires up the imagination, draws out crowds, and thus permits larger crowds people can see leaders on television but prefer musicians live.

That means the Muumin suggestion is largely a non-starter because the negative elements of flava music don't make the music negative to public officials or in a public event but rather become a challenge, even if admittedly those who surround top officials scan around to see which artiste and which song they want.

This way plenty of rather disagreeable material is weeded out and left to 'Saturday Night Fever' for musicians to earn a living without disturbing those not choosing to go there.

So the music rides on so long as it is performed at the right place, objections to its moral content thus fall by the wayside.

The unending popularity of 'Seya' shows that dance music if well cultivated can also make a bright day in this atmosphere, but even those who created Seya can't repeat the feat easily.

Again this fits the bill in the sense that the psychological environment, the risk-taking in that romance, the will to persist with it, and the stark realization that there was a 'silver lining' to that romance is altogether impossible to repeat.

In that case, the galactic heroism, the spirit of sacrifice to that romance actively contributed to the heights of feeling is expressed, not just an arrangement of voices. And so that we understand, the worst did happen.

## Namungo FC supporters to build branch

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

LINDI's Liwale District Commissioner, Judith Nguli, has donated 350,000/- for the construction of the foundation stone of the branch office of the members and fans of Namungo FC, known as 'Friends of Namungo'.

Judith handed over the money last weekend to the branch's chairman, Denis Mushi, at a brief ceremony held at the Liwale Council football stadium and involved various football stakeholders.

She stated the biggest team they currently have in Lindi is Namungo, and that they have to support it morally and financially, as they have no other club from Lindi taking part in the NBC Premier League.

"However, we hope that we can have more outfits and this will efficiently represent the region, there are other teams in every district," Judith noted.

The District Commissioner said when it comes to the region, they are uniting for their regional team regardless of the fanaticism of Simba and Yanga.

She pointed out that the establishment of the branch should be a catalyst to continue to promote sports in the district.

"I believe that the Friends of Namungo branch, which will be built outside the stadium, will help to motivate football stakeholders to support Namungo FC, but also to promote sports in our district," she said.

Judith further stated there is a need for more branches for the side's fans so she can easily meet young athletes, as the latter are the ones who can be prepared for the regional team.

The branch chairman, Mushi, called on Liwale district football stakeholders to stop entertaining fanaticism for Simba, Yanga, and Azam FC, and instead support Namungo FC to see to it the outfit excels.

The official stated: "First of all I would like to thank the District Commissioner for your contribution, as well as the council director for giving us the site to build the Friends of Namungo office."

"Let us stop entertaining the fanaticism for Simba, Yanga, and Azam, and support the team representing our region," he said.



Lindi's Liwale District Commissioner, Judith Nguli (R), hands over her contribution totaling 350,000/- to Friends of Namungo's Branch Chairman, Denis Mushi, in the district recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



# Manchester United's issues won't be fixed by a new manager

ESPN

It all started with a brewer and a butcher. In 1892, Manchester United became an official member of England's Football League. By 1902, the club was about to go into bankruptcy, only to be saved by a wealthy local brewer named J.H. Davies.

He poured money into the team and oversaw the construction of its striking new stadium, called Old Trafford. United won a bunch of trophies and earned the nickname "Moneybags United" from critics who thought the club was just spending its way to success.

Some 50 years later, Louis Edwards was making his living selling meat in Manchester. While he wasn't an oil baron or an inheritor of a familial fortune, Edwards did occupy an exploitable economic niche. World War II had just ended, and the United Kingdom's Treasury was nearly bankrupt. The country couldn't afford imports, and austerity measures kicked in. Except, everyone still had to eat and everyone still wanted to eat meat, so the neighborhood butcher had the one thing that everyone else lacked: money.

And what do you do when you're the only one with money? You buy your local football club.

At the time, most clubs were joint-owned by "normal" people. Upon their inception, club shares would be given out to people in the local community and then passed down the family line. Clubs still rarely made money at the time, and you didn't collect a sizable dividend on your ownership. You just felt pride – or you forgot that you were an owner.

Edwards eventually found a copy of Manchester United's share register and paid an infamously corrupt local councillor to go around the city, knocking on the doors of shareholders, offering to buy up their shares for a little bit of money and – seriously – a little bit of meat.

Plenty of these people didn't even realize they were shareholders – a deceased husband or a parent or grandparent had been given an ownership stake, and the certificate was passed on in the same way a lamp or a wig might be – so it wasn't hard to persuade them to sell.

By 1964, Louis Edwards had secured control of what would eventually become the richest club in the world.

A succession of improbable events and once-in-a-generation individuals would combine to turn United into a team that was seemingly too big to fail. "The problem for business strategy is that, while we can understand how Manchester United became successful, it is harder to explain how to copy it," the economist Stefan Szymanski wrote in a 1998 paper titled "Why Is Manchester United So Successful?" for Business Strategy Review.

"The analysis shows that much of what explains Manchester United's success is contingent, driven by good and bad fortune, and hardly the outcome of a conscious strategic plan."

While that is true, there's one animating impulse that, well, united all of United's stewards over time: the desire to make money. It's obvious now – and cute, even – but Manchester United was one of the first clubs that viewed itself as a means to generate revenue. By making more money than its competitors, the club won more games than its competitors, and so the team became more popular than its competitors, and so the club made more money than its competitors ... and on and on until today.

The accounting firm Deloitte has published an annual leaderboard of the richest clubs in the world for the past 16 years. United have never been lower than fourth, and they've been the richest club in England 16 times out of 16. That's about the only thing they've been winning in recent years. They're currently in eighth place in the Premier League, and super-substituted-interim-turned-permanent-manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was finally shown the door.

This team can obviously improve, but how much better can they actually be?

"Are they worse than they should be, or were they better than they should have been last season?"

Last season, Manchester United finished second in the Premier League, their highest placing since Sir Alex Ferguson stepped down in 2013. They were third the year before, and sixth



Ralf Rangnick

the year before that. Over the summer, in came Jadon Sancho, one of best wingers in the world, Raphael Varane, one of the best centre-backs in the world, and Cristiano Ronaldo, a little-known Portuguese attacker who has scored 483 domestic goals in his career and won the Ballon d'Or three times.

**This team was only supposed to get better – or was it?**

Before the season, the Sporting Index betting market pegged Manchester United's projected point total at 75 – just a one-point improvement on the 74 points from the season prior despite the influx of new talent. That number also put them behind Manchester City, Chelsea and Liverpool. This tells you two things:

1. They weren't as good as their position in the table suggested. United had an incredibly low point total for a second-place finisher; the average in the 10 previous seasons was 82 points.

2. They weren't as good as their point total suggested.

Per the site FBref, United produced an expected-goal differential (plus-18) that was significantly worse than their actual goal differential of plus-29. Both Liverpool and Chelsea went the opposite way: xG differentials that were way better than United's, but goal differentials that were worse. So, essentially, United benefitted from the double-whammy of good luck for themselves and bad luck for two of their closest competitors. That's the ideal recipe for a nice finish in the table, but also a significant drop-off the following season.

So, it's not that the markets thought the additions of Ronaldo, Sancho and Varane were only worth one point; it's that they thought United weren't a true-talent 74-point team last year. Of course, United haven't even met that expectation this season. They're currently on a 54-point pace, a cool 21 points behind the market's preseason view.

Quite often, teams will experience an immediate improvement upon switching managers, but it's not necessarily because they switched managers. Teams tend not to be compelled to fire a coach until a run of especially bad results, but results usually become

"especially bad" because of unsustainable factors such as poor finishing, bad goalkeeping or great finishing from the opponent. Then a new coach comes in and gets to ride the wave of positive regression to the mean.

Except, that's not really the case here either. Despite some truly awful results over the past month, United's goal differential is slightly better than their xG differential: minus-1, compared with minus-2.6. United haven't been playing at a fifth-place level while getting the points of an eighth-place team; they've been getting the points of an eighth-place team while playing at the level of a 13th-place team.

"Is it the players or the manager?"

Over time, there is a very strong correlation between team performance and player wages. United make more money than any team in the Premier League, and according to Transfermarkt, they have the third-most valuable squad in the world, behind just Manchester City and Paris Saint-Germain. Neither one is a direct proxy for wages, but both work well enough, and despite paying their players more than just about any club in the world, United have been deservedly getting results at the level of a mid-table Premier League team.

This raises two possibilities: Solskjaer's 12-game stint to start this season is one of the worst managerial performances we've ever seen, or these players just aren't as good as we think.

Despite a growing body of research that managers don't have a huge effect on team performance over a long period, those studies work in aggregates. There clearly are managers capable of making their players better and ensuring that payroll isn't immediate destiny. We saw it last year with Chelsea.

While that was an example of a team that was getting unlucky under the first coach, Frank Lampard, Thomas Tuchel oversaw an immediate and real improvement in the team's quality of play that wasn't just down to a couple extra shots finding the back of the net. The players didn't change at all, and yet the team improved. The conclusion is pretty simple from there.

While Lampard was perhaps fired for being unable to improve a Chelsea team that had spent a ton of money in the offseason, United got worse under

OGS after adding Ronaldo, Varane and Sancho. Given how bad they've been, there are some simple fixes that seem like they will immediately improve the team.

The clearest one: play Sancho more. From the end of the 2018 World Cup through this summer, there were four players in Europe who played at least 5,000 domestic minutes and averaged at least 1.00 non-penalty goals plus assists per 90 minutes: Lionel Messi, Robert Lewandowski, Kylian Mbappe and Sancho.

He was a legit superstar in Germany, a brilliant driver and passer of the ball in addition to all the production toward the goal. He's played just 40.1%

of the available minutes in the Premier League this season – fewer than Daniel James, who is currently employed by Leeds United.

There's a bunch of other lost production that's been either sitting on the bench, lost to injury, or both. Edinson Cavani has only played 19.7% of the minutes, Anthony Martial is at 18.4, Marcus Rashford sits on 16.1 and Donny Van De Beek is at 5.6. These are all established or expensive players who, you'd think, would be able to contribute something more than a minus-1-goal-differential team were they all on the field more often.

Meanwhile, Mason Greenwood, a really nice prospect who is not a really good player yet, has played 74% of the available minutes. At this point in his career, he's a decent scorer who doesn't contribute anywhere else. Shifting a chunk of his minutes toward these other players looks like the clearest path toward immediately improving the team.

Then there's the Ronaldo question. He's played 91% of the minutes in the Premier League since he rejoined the club. He's scored four goals and assisted two more – good for a per-90 rate of 0.74 goals plus assists, slightly worse than Watford's Josh King and slightly better than Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold. That's pretty good production (13th-best in the league), but it's also nowhere near what Ronaldo was doing at his peak or what the best attacking players in the world are producing nowadays.

Plus, it's pretty clear that at 36-going-on-37 Ronaldo is a big negative when United are out of possession. Per FBref, he's last among all forwards in pressures per 90 minutes and he hasn't even attempted a tackle in the Premier League this season. Is that kind of profile – pretty good goal output, awful defensive output – really worth 90-plus% of the league minutes (at the expense of some of the aforementioned names) for a team with designs on domestic dominance?

Yes, Ronaldo has bailed them out again and again in the Champions League this year, but maybe they wouldn't need to be bailed out as often if there were a more dynamic attacker in his place for a bigger chunk of the minutes.

**\*Man United won't win without a plan**

These, of course, don't really seem to be the kind of subtle questions that the club ever considers. Liverpool have a team of physics PhDs helping drive decision-making. Chelsea have built out a so-called "army" of young talent to buttress the money hose controlled by Roman Abramovich. And Manchester City essentially hired out the brain trust that built the great Barcelona teams of the early 2010s. Each club has a clear plan, even if the degree of clarity may vary.

While there's a lot of talk about the need to restore the "Manchester United DNA" on the field, the lack of an identity is especially obvious in the way the team makes decisions. As Gab Marcotti wrote on Monday: "Ultimately, it comes down to Joel Glazer and chief executive Ed Woodward talking on the phone."

The former is the guy who thought the Super League would be well received by supporters; the latter is leaving the club in a few months and has been the poster boy for on-field underachievement since Sir Alex left.

With tons of money and no plan, you end up with what United have been for the past decade: a collection of talented, highly paid, previously successful stars that look good on paper, but always underachieve on the field.

While Sancho's skill set really does seem like it can fit any tactical situation, think of the rest of the team's recent big signings. Ronaldo needs everyone behind him to do extra work. The same goes for Paul Pogba. Bruno Fernandes was easily United's best player of the OGS era, but it's unclear if he can be as effective when he's not on the ball all the time.

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Aaron Wan-Bissaka is a fantastic defender, but he just isn't anywhere near the kind of attacking force you see at full-back for the elite teams across Europe. Harry Maguire's limited athleticism means he can't quite cover all the space behind the defense if United play a high line. And Van De Beek is a "tweener" – a hybrid attacker-midfielder whose main skill is his ability to make runs into the penalty area.

Individually, these are all valuable players, but they're all slightly awkward kinds of players with lopsided skill sets who need their deficiencies to be accounted for by the way the team plays and the other players around them. If you were building a team with a clear vision in mind, you would never end up with all of these guys on the same roster.

So, in comes Ralf Rangnick, the man with perhaps the best plan, the one who developed the successful top-down approach at all the Red Bull-owned clubs. And sure, maybe he'll be the one to finally figure out how to make this mismanaged club work at a level requisite with its ability to make money. But he's only there until the spring, and we've already seen four coaches fail to meet expectations since they last won the Premier League. With each fired manager, it becomes clearer that the ultimate issue isn't actually the guy who's standing on the sidelines.

Until something changes with the way the club operates, from the top to the bottom, their success will remain contingent – driven by good luck or bad luck, never the outcome of a conscious strategic plan.



Gwiji by David Chikoko





# SPORT

**Manchester United's issues  
won't be fixed by a new manager**



Clatous Chama

## Okwi, Chama tipped to get back to NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THE mini transfer window for this season will open on December 15 and close on January 15 next year, soccer sides will have the opportunity to strengthen their respective squads via roping in a few stars to fix areas that have shown weaknesses.

Some registrations are expected to take place during the period but some may not happen.

Registration will be accomplished depending on the character and dynamics of Tanzania's football.

Local football fans should probably be psychologically prepared to see some registration take place in this season's mini transfer period, although under normal circumstances, they may not take place.

Ugandan forward, Emmanuel Okwi, currently plays for Kiyovu Sports of Rwanda on a one-year contract while Zambian midfielder, Clatous Chama, serves RS Berkane of Morocco on a two-year contract.

They both played well for Tanzania's Simba SC until they decided to leave the outfit.

This transfer window might bring them back to one of the three biggest clubs in the country, with Simba SC being the likely destination for the two former Premier League winners.

## India tour of SA: BCCI awaits government go-ahead amid fears of new

CAPE TOWN

As things stand, India A will remain in South Africa with both teams committed to continuing their red-ball series

The status of India's December-January tour of South Africa remains unchanged, for now.

It is understood that the Indian team will require special government permission to tour South Africa - the borders between the countries are open at the moment, and Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has instructed officials to review plans to ease travel restrictions.

If the borders close between now and December 8-9, when the Indians are expected to fly out, the prospect of the tour taking place will be severely diminished.

As things stand, the Netherlands team, which is in South Africa for an ODI series, has opted to postpone the last two games, and the women's ODI World Cup qualifiers in Zimbabwe have been called off altogether.

But India A is expected to stay in South Africa and complete their red-ball series in Bloemfontein, of which two (of three) games are left.

"Both boards are in touch. They will take a final call soon. We will abide by travel directive from the Indian government in the interim"

India A not returning home could suggest that the senior side will follow, but the situation is changing quickly with more countries issuing travel bans on the southern African region.

The United Kingdom, the United States of America, most of Europe, and Australia have all stopped travel to and from the area. The South African government is petitioning them to reverse those sanctions.

While CSA is likely to be anxious about the India squad arriving for the tour, the BCCI has decided to not rush into taking a call at the moment.

"We are monitoring the situation closely and players' safety is paramount for both BCCI and CSA," BCCI treasurer Arun Dhumal told ESPNcricinfo.

"Both boards are in touch. They will take a final call soon. We will abide by travel directive from the Indian government in the interim."

Anurag Thakur, the former BCCI president who is now the country's sports minister, told ANI: "In such situations, every board, be it BCCI or any other, should take permission from the government of India. The government will make a decision when it gets the application from them (BCCI)."

India's tour of South Africa, which is set to run from December 17 to January 26, consists of three Tests, three ODIs, and four T20Is.

AGENCIES

## Tembo Warriors' head coach happy with impressive start



Tanzania's national amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' poses for a photo before featuring in the recent Cup of African Nations for Amputees Football (CANAF), which was played in Angola.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FOLLOWING the successful start at this year's Cup of African Nations for Amputees Football (CANAF), which saw Tanzania's 'Tembo Warriors' cruise to a 2-1 victory over Morocco, the hosts' head coach, Salvatory Edward, has said that focus and preparation were the main weapons for his team's victory.

The 25 minutes of the second half were enough for Tembo Warriors to garner the victory after the first half saw them concede one goal.

The goals for Tembo Warriors were scored by the striker, Alfani Kiyanga, and skipper, Juma Kidevu, to make it 2-1 for them.

Edward noted: "In the first half we lost focus and our opponents used the opportunity and got the lead, we had to re-evaluate ourselves to see how we are going to kick off with a win during the halftime break and we ultimately won after making amends."

"But in the second half we went back and added more focus and finally equalized but overall it was good preparation as well as the dedication of the players."

Minister for Culture, Arts, and

Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, who was the guest of honour at the opening of the showdown, urged Tanzanians to be proud to host the sixth edition of the tournament in Africa, which involves people with disabilities, as it is not a mean feat.

Bashungwa stated: "It is our responsibility as a country to participate in sports involving people with disabilities while allowing them to participate in various sports which will enable Tanzania to get more athletic talent for people with disabilities."

The minister noted people should abandon superstitious beliefs to either hide or lock their relatives with disabilities, stressing people ought to give them the freedom to participate in various sports.

The minister also wished Tembo Warriors all the best in the upcoming Group A games against Sierra Leone and Uganda.

He also called upon other stakeholders to come forward and support the team, saying people with disabilities have talents that need to be nurtured.

"We wish the best for our national team, Tembo Warriors because if the team will do well it will represent us well and take the title and represent the country at the 2022 World Cup in Turkey," Bashungwa added.

The tournament, which takes place in Dar es Salaam, will end on December 5.

About eight squads from this year's edition of CANAF will compete in the 2022 World Cup finals in Turkey.

The continental level tournament will be used to pick eight teams that will represent the continent in the forthcoming World Championship to be staged in Turkey next year.

Hosts Tanzania has been put in Group A together with Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Morocco, with pundits describing it as a difficult category.

Members in Group B are Angola, Rwanda, Kenya, and Zanzibar while those in Group C are Liberia, Cameroon, Gambia, and Ethiopia.

Group D is made up of three teams, Nigeria, Ghana, and Egypt, this group as well seems to be tough.

Okwi's contract with Kiyovu Sports allows him to leave if he finds a team so he can use the opportunity to come to Tanzania.

Chama is allegedly unhappy with life in Morocco so he wants to terminate his contract with Berkane so he can return to Tanzania to play for Simba SC although Yanga is also keeping tabs on him.

Yanga has two remaining spots for registering foreign players as, in the July transfer market, it roped in 10 visitors.

Mainland Premier League rules allow the registration of 12 foreign players, with so far eight players to be used for one league game.

It would not be surprising for Yanga to add two more foreign footballers to fill the remaining vacancies and he may be one of the attacking midfielders.

Strikers are much needed in the league right now. The problem of lack of scoring touch that several sides competing in NBC Premier League experience may turn into a blessing for players, who play in the attacking position.

The strikers will no doubt be sought after by various teams to strengthen the clubs' attacking forces. In the first five rounds, the teams that showed the most dullness in their attacking area are KMC FC, Tanzania Prisons, Coastal Union, Mtbwa Sugar, and Geita Gold FC.

Championship outfit, DTB FC, is the talk of the town in the show-down, formerly known as First Division League, due to the good results it has been posting.

Excellent form showcased by the team's well-known footballers that had in the past played for Premier League teams.

Given the financial tyranny that DTB FC has, as well as the favourable environment it has prepared for its players, it would not be surprising to see the club sign Premier League teams' footballers in the mini registration period.

The competition that has been shown by Mbeya Kwanza FC has brought about discussion among football stakeholders and fans in the country who feel the team can do what Mbeya City FC did in the 2013/2014 season when they were a threat to many Premier League teams including Simba SC and Yanga. But if the Mbeya Kwanza FC leadership does not become more financially organized, the club could lose some of its key players who can pursue better pastures.

Forward Crispin Ngushi, who has shown great ability to score and assist, is one of the squad's footballers tipped to head elsewhere.

Since Simba SC defender Pascal Wawa lost concentration and had his squad conceding a careless goal in a match that the squad lost 3-1 against Botswana side, Jwaneng Galaxy, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium and being knocked out from the African Champions League, many Simba fans do not seem to enjoy him at the moment.

It is not surprising to see the team's tacticians decide to sit him on the bench at the moment probably in good faith to keep him out of pressure and threats from fans that could affect his performance on the field.

In any case, the defender could find himself open to exit in the next transfer window as already his relationship with many within the club is reportedly not good.

DTB FC coordinator, Muhibu Kanu, confirmed that they are in the process of strengthening their squad by signing some Premier League stars.

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