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President Samia Suluhu Hassan unveils a plaque to launch the third phase of the expansion of Kagera Sugar Company plantation land at Kitegule in Karagwe District, Kagera Region, yesterday. Looking on are Kagera Sugar board chairman Seif Ali Seif (2nd-L), Kagera Sugar board director Nassoro Ali (L), Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe (next to the president) and Industry, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji (right, foreground). Photo: Selemani Mpochi

# Parliament wants probe into attacks by wildlife

## PM says harvesting national park animals is not an option

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE National Assembly has demanded an investigation to ascertain the truth in claims by a

section of lawmakers that there is an alarming increase of human-wildlife conflicts in various regions, causing loss of lives and destruction of

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# Samia wants single-digit agro-sector lending rates

By Guardian Reporter, Misenyi

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has appealed to commercial banks to reduce interest rates charged in lending to farmers not to cross nine per cent, for the agriculture sector to obtain more investments and increase productivity.

Speaking at a rally in Misenyi in Kagera Region, the president directed the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) to confer with commercial banks and find out the right formula for farmers to access loans at rates that are less discouraging.

On the second day of her tour of Kagera Region, visiting the Kagera Sugar Company (KSC), she said it is time for the banks to lower

interest rates to lift up the farming population.

Expressing awareness that CRDB Bank charges nine per cent on such loans, she stated that other banks charge above that, directing that the relevant agencies, starting with BoT, take up the issue with lending institutions to find ways of capping agro-sector loans at nine per cent.

Speaking to the sugar factory workers and officials, the president praised the company for massive investment, enabling the installation of modern equipment, noting that the visit had provided an opportunity to see what farmers need to bring about agricultural transformation through modern farming practices.

This will enable the private sector become

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By Felister Peter

THE government is working on strategies to promote the country's participation in global trade and investment flows which stands at 0.03 per cent and 0.04 per cent of world exports and imports respectively.

Prof Godius Kahyarara, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, remarked at the Nordic business forum yesterday that the strategy focuses on opening-up and increasing the country's exports to European Union and Nordic zone markets.

The forum was examining how to strengthen participation in global value chains, dwelling on opportunities and challenges for the Nordic firms in the country, where the city think tank REPOA acted as secretariat, part of a series of events to celebrate the Nordic Week 2022.

The Tanzania Trade Development

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Trade and investment are crucial for development and sustainable growth

Authority (TanTrade) is helping to design the strategies, he said, noting that Tanzania needs to improve the quality of export products to find easier access in European markets. Currently, Tanzania exports most of its goods to Asia and within the East African Community (EAC) and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) zones, he said.

Signing 'open skies' agreements would further boost exports as the facility permits increased travel and trade, with international cargo flights airlifting goods from Tanzania, he stated

Tanzanian businessmen can now sell at Dubai

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# Smile Tanzania gets \$120m boost from Al-Nahla Group

By Guardian Correspondent

SMILE Communications Tanzania Limited (SCTL) has said it will soon undertake major service expansion following an investment commitment of US\$120 million (over 275 billion/-) from its sole shareholder, Al-Nahla Group.

Senior representatives of Al-Nahla, a group based in Saudi Arabia with sole ownership of Smile Telecoms Holdings Limited Group through one of its related entities, made the commitment during a recent visit to SCTL.

Al-Nahla Group's focus is on the automotive, real estate, trading, marine, renewable energy, telecommunications and investment sectors.

The group boasts a line-up of mega projects in the Middle East, notably in Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Gulf alongside several industrial enterprises in Africa.

SCTL launched the first Superfast 4G LTE mobile broadband services in Africa in May 2013 from Dar es Salaam, revolutionising the way people access the internet in Tanzania.

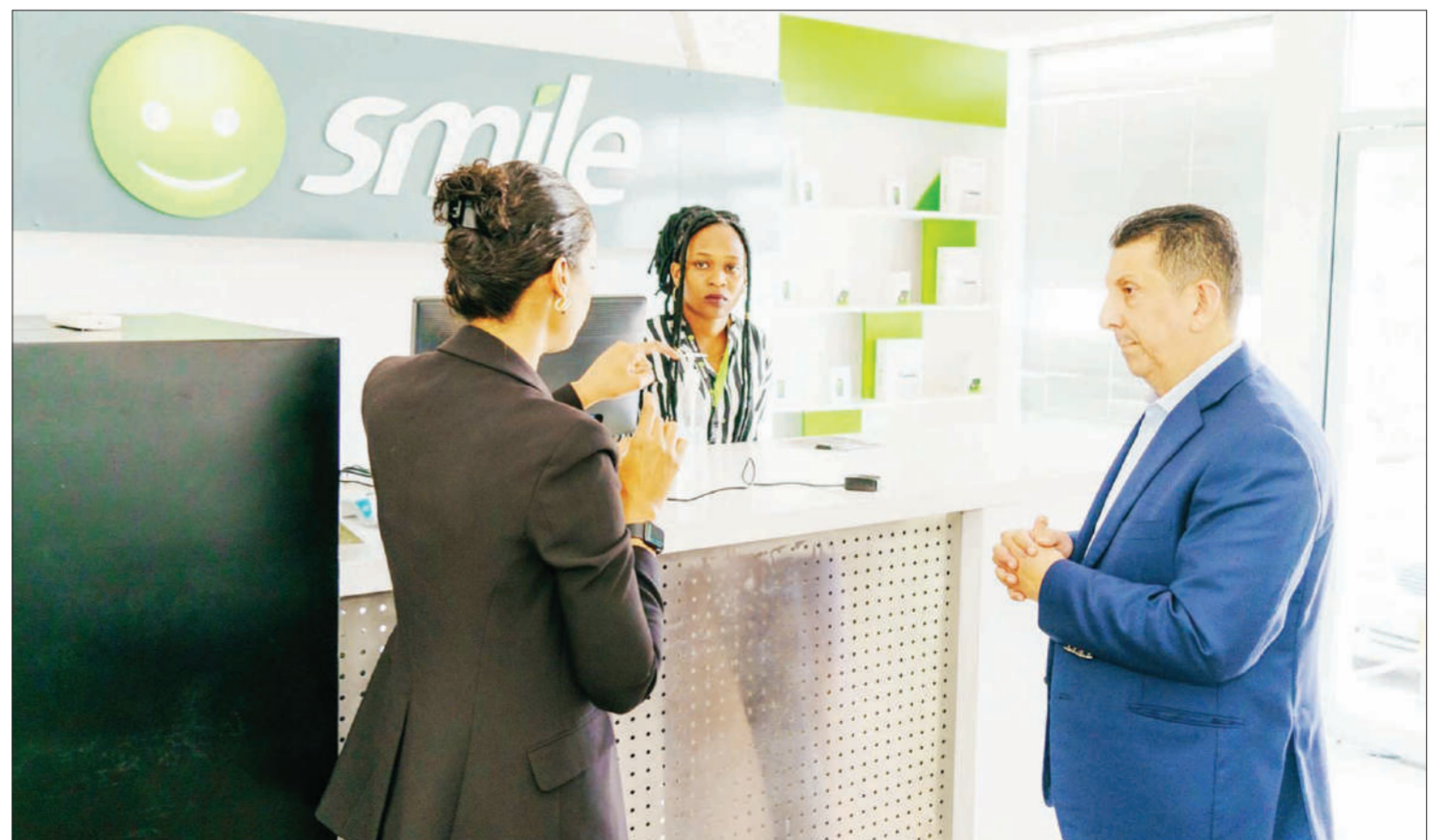
According to Ahmad Farroukh, Smile Telecoms Holdings Ltd Group's (STHG) CEO, the recapitalisation implemented under the company's restructuring plan "will strengthen and allow Smile Telecoms Group to safeguard its operations and deliver its commercial objectives as well as maintain the lead when it comes to innovation".

STHG is a pan-African telecommunications group with operations in Tanzania, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria and Uganda.

SCTL has meanwhile been expanding its operations steadily during the past two years while also growing its subscriber base.

"Following Smile Tanzania's recent investment in network expansion, we are excited to bring the best 4G LTE broadband internet services to customers," said Farroukh, who doubles as SCTL

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L-R: Zuweina Farah, Smile Telecoms Tanzania Ltd Country manager; Noureen Lyimo, Zonal Team Leader; and Ahmad Farroukh, Smile Telecoms Holdings Ltd Group CEO, during a recent working visit to the firm's Dodoma regional office. This was after STHG landed a US\$120 million commitment from Al-Nahla Group. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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properties. Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson has given the government three months to conduct comprehensive research on the claims raised by some members of Parliament to the effect that there is an alarming increase of incidents of wild animals attacking humans and destroying properties.

Last week, two MPs—Mwita Waitara of Tarime Rural and Phillip Mulugo of Songwe - raised concerns in the House that attacks by wild animals in their constituencies leading to instances of deaths, fomenting widespread fear and destruction of properties and crops.

Chairing debate on documentation provided by the two MPs on the issue yesterday, the Speaker said the MPs' documents incorporated unverified statistics, tasking them to prove their statements in writing for further measures to be discussed.

"On June 3, 2022, I directed the two MPs to come up with proof on what they claimed concerning wildlife attacks that caused deaths and injuries to people. Waitara claimed that a good number of people have died and sustained serious injuries due to attacks by wild animals from the Serengeti National Park while Mulugo claimed that many people have lost lives in Mbeya due to wildlife attacks," she said.

The lawmakers brought their explanations in writing but they both failed to prove that their figures were correct as they submitted the same concerns they raised in the chamber without putting concrete explanations on the correctness of their statements.

"Their explanations haven't proved their statements on deaths and destruction caused by wild animal attacks in their areas. So, the House will

not take this as the correct information as it is a serious matter but rather leave it to the government to investigate and bring the correct report here," the Speaker instructed.

She asked premier Majaliwa to supervise that exercise and make sure that within three months, a detailed report is brought before the House for MPs to clearly understand the real situation.

Dr Tulia cautioned MPs to ensure that whenever they present their views or raise concerns in the House, they must be sure of the data and statistics which they provide, to avoid misleading the nation.

Premier Majaliwa told MPs that the government has no plans to harvest wild animals despite increased incidents of conflicts with people on the edges of national parks, and instead, the government will strengthen wildlife delimitation systems to minimize their reach on nearby settlements.

He was responding to Mlalo MP Rashid Shangazi during the premier's question hour, who wanted to know if harvesting was being considered to curb incidents of elephants, hippopotamuses, hyenas, crocodiles and other wild animals destroying homes, crops, livestock and even killing people.

He acknowledged that there are widespread complaints from people living near the national parks and game reserves across the country on increased instances of attacks by wild animals.

The government will increase the number of game wardens, construct special animal movement control stations and strengthen cooperation with communities living near protected areas, he stated. "Elephants, lions, giraffes, leopards and rhinos are

among the special animals which are kept as the government's trophies; so the government will continue protecting them and promoting their increase," he said.

In his question the lawmaker raised concern over the increase of attacks, suggesting that perhaps the population of the various species has gone up significantly in recent years, hence need for their being harvested.

"Discontent is high among farmers living on the fringes of game reserves and national parks due to increased human-animal conflicts causing injuries, permanent disabilities and in some cases deaths, alongside massive loss of properties," the lawmaker implored.

Instead, the premier said the Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA) will conduct an assessment to ascertain the actual effectiveness of control measures to stem human-wildlife conflict and the need for additional initiatives.

"I have toured various areas near national parks, game reserves and other conservation areas where one of the major cry of people is increasing animal attacks; we have heard them. More measures are ongoing to ensure that we minimize such attacks by limiting the animals' movements outside protected areas," he asserted.

He told MPs that the increase in the numbers of wild animals is a result of efforts taken by the government and stakeholders to fight poaching, including a crackdown on organised criminal networks.

Movements of wild animals are now common in many parts of the country after a successful anti-poaching operation that has seen wildlife poachers getting out of the chain, which is a big success, he added.

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board chairman. Farah, SCTL's chief executive, said they were "fully committed to opening up Tanzania by offering the best 4G LTE broadband services".

"Smiles customers' growth over the past two years has been very positive as we continue to deliver superior, reliable

Superfast internet to customers," she noted, adding: "We have prioritised the redesign and expansion of the network to offer customers improved, reliable and faster data speeds."

Farah said they were determined to expand their services across Tanzania, adding: "We would like to thank the government generally and specifically

the Information and Communications and Information Technology ministry, the Industry, Trade and Investment ministry, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority and the Tanzania Investment Centre, for their continued support as we continue to strengthen our operations and expand our network."



Smile Tanzania Country Manager Zuweina Farah (L) with Smile Telecoms Group CEO and Smile Tanzania Chairman Ahmad Farroukh. Photo courtesy of Smile Tanzania



L-R: Smile Tanzania Country Manager Zuweina Farah, Al-Nahla Group Chief Investment Officer Albert Momjian, Smile Telecom Holdings Group Vice Chairman Osman Sultan, Al Nahla Group CEO Sheikh Sultan Al Turki, and Smile Telecoms Group CEO and Smile Tanzania Chairman Ahmad Farroukh. Photo courtesy of Smile Tanzania



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa has an eyewitness account yesterday of progress in on-going construction at Chamwino State House in Dodoma. Photo: PMO

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supermarkets in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) following agreements signed during the Dubai Expo, he explained.

Despite some challenges, Nordic countries are happy with on-going reforms to improve the business and investment climate, satisfied with the government's decision to prioritize economic diplomacy, he further noted, underlying that this signals that the country is economically taking-off.

An improvement in the business climate has resulted in higher revenue collections by 20 per cent, with the Tanzania electronic window for investment set to cut bureaucracy. Potential investors will be able to get their documents processed, applying for permits online, he stated.

The aim is to have a one stop facilitation centre connected to 12 government agencies and institutions, including the National Identification Authority (NIDA), the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA), the Tanzania Investment

Centre (TIC), the Immigration Department as key ministerial offices for land, labour and employment issues

There is also access to the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), the Tanzania Electricity Supply Co. (TANESCO) and the National Environment Management Council (NEMC).

Swedish ambassador Anders Sjöberg, speaking the Nordic states, said the forum was meant to provoke dialogue on leveraging participation in global value chains, and how Nordic firms can increase competitiveness in intra-regional trade in particular.

"Trade and investment are crucial for development and sustainable growth," he stated, citing the vital role of the private sector. The government must allow businesses to grow and lead the way with bold changes, while enforcing rules and regulations that protect the broader interests of the citizens, the envoy intoned.

Nordic countries are ready to

support the country's transition efforts with sustainable development focus, identifying economic diplomacy as key priority illustrating this orientation, he declared.

Nordic firms operating in Tanzania are in a variety of sectors including energy, telecommunications, tourism, logistics, manufacturing and extractive industries.

Dr Donald Mmari, the REPOA executive director said the theme captures Tanzania's medium term aspirations as reflected in the third five year development plan, stretching from 2021/2022 to 2025/2026.

To achieve the development targets, the government must improve efficiency by promoting policies that would attract investments and acquire modern technologies, the research driver asserted.

"The local economy is becoming more complex and interconnected through value chains," he stated, pointing out the need for the public and private sectors to work together to ensure that local firms become competitive enough to benefit in the global value chains.



Dodoma deputy mayor Emmanuel Chibago (R) pictured yesterday congratulating Yustina Munishi, the head of the city's irrigation and cooperatives department, shortly after presenting to him 25 motorcycles for official use by extension officers. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

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big producers of crops, she said after inspecting the company's expansive sugar cane farms with a large irrigation infrastructure, served by a total of 400 kilometres of pipes laid underground.

In the years to come many businesses will depend on farm crops, so the country must take steps to strengthen the sector, she said, reminding the audience that there is still shortage of sugar, so the factory should make sure it produces at capacity to solve the challenge.

She pledged affirmative measures

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to protect investors as they have a big contribution to make in economic growth, illustrating this vow with a move to support of the company's huge investment. She agreed to hand over land occupied by Kitengule Prison in Karagwe District on the condition that the company will compensate for its being transferred.

Board chairman Seif Ali Seif had

earlier requested that the firm be provided with the land, citing plans of expansion of farms to produce enough sugar to meet domestic demand.

Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe said the country imports 210,000 tonnes of sugar, tasking KSC to start producing up to 400,000 tonnes of sugar annually for industrial use, which it imports at present.



Mark Bryan Schreiner (R), UNFPA's Resident Representative in Tanzania, briefs journalists at Bugarama in Kahama District yesterday shortly after inspecting the construction of a building at a centre for sexual violence victims. Photo: Correspondent Shaban Njia

## Government, stakeholders agree to address worst forms of child labour

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has teamed up with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Plan International to address worst forms of child labour affecting 4.2 million children (29 per cent) in the country.

Speaking at a forum to mark World Day Against Child Labour in Dar es Salaam, the three parties committed to working together to resolve issues that force minors into child labour including economic hardships in some communities.

ILO's 1999 Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention supports the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including slavery, forced labour and trafficking in human beings. It prohibits the use of children in armed conflicts, prostitution and pornography, illegal activities such as drug trafficking and dangerous work.

However, the 2017 ILO's global estimates of child labour report found that vast majority, 71 per cent of all those in child labour work are working in agriculture with Africa, Asia and Pacific regions accounting for 90 per cent.

Speaking at yesterday's event, the Plan International Country Director, Mona Girgis said more than two-third of children in child labor work within their family.

He said boys appear to face a greater risk of child labour than girls; however, girls were more likely to work in unregulated commitments.

"I call all relevant stakeholders and authorities to strictly implement bylaws established to deal with child labour and violence against children, including the provisional education and awareness programmes on danger and disadvantages of child labour," he said.

Girgis said Plan International through its project in Geita region has managed to withdraw 17,659 children from worst forms of child labour and improved school attendances, retention and reduce dropout in the targeted areas/

schools for children aged 5-13 years develop to safe environment activities in schools, adaptation of school feeding programmes.

Sebastian Kitiku, the Director of Child Development, at the Ministry for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups said joint efforts by all stakeholders is highly needed.

"Retaining children in school is one way to reduce the problem. If we cannot retain children in school, they shall end up in child labour," he said.

Also, investment on adolescent skills and economic empowerment at the family level will help to reduce the problem.

Vicent Bushagi, Community Development Officer from Geita region seconded the argument by saying that schools must create conducive environment as well as strengthening family economically.

He added that enforcement of bylaws should be very strong and stern measures must be taken to offenders.

ILO National Programme Coordinator- (Governance) Maridadi Phanalui said coordination among key stakeholders is important to address the problem.

He said ILO has done a number of initiatives to ensure the problem is well addressed such as training of labour law enforcers.

"Coordination among the stakeholders is a key towards the success. Let's join our efforts to address the challenge facing most of the children, especially in rural areas," he said.

Janeth John, the founder of the Binti Makini Foundation, insisted on the need to have laws that are stringent and be implemented by authorities in respective areas.

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

## Adopt global technological changes, Prof Mkenda challenges Tanzanians

MINISTER for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda has challenged Tanzanians to adopt ongoing global technological changes and tap opportunities that come with it.

He said while the government was working hard to strengthen education system in the country to meet the expectations of local and international job market, adoption of new technology is not an option but a must.

The minister cited an area of teaching Kiswahili language globally as one of the technological areas that Tanzanians can exploit.

Speaking at the officiating the opening working session meeting for the ministry, school quality control department, regional and district education quality assurance officers

and head teachers in Dodoma, the minister stressed the need for quality education.

He called on quality assurance officers to work professionally, reminding them that they are like the engine of national education system.

Prof Mkenda also stressed on the need for proper child raising since many children enroll in schools at tender ages while parents are busy with the search for family basic needs, compromising child upbringing.

"There are a lot of happenings in the social media and other digital platforms, and the government is closely monitoring to come up with the

control mechanism," he said, adding that children need close guidance.

He reminded the participants that they are the educational 'eye' in the country and ought to be protected at all costs in order to improve quality of education in the country.

Prof Mkenda note that it is on this background that the government has provided over 74 vehicles to the officers in addition to other equipment and benefits as others are still coming.

The minister also urged them not to relent in their commitment and duties to ensure better quality education in Tanzania.

He also reminded the meeting that

in the quest to improve education system, review of curriculum is not any person's agenda but directive of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, issued in her address to the Parliament on 12th April, 2021 in Dodoma.

Speaking at the same meeting, deputy Permanent Secretary in the ministry, Prof James Mdoe thanked the minister for honouring quality assurance officers, terming it a positive gesture for improved services.

The deputy PS said without quality education at the primary levels, education at all other levels are compromised, applauding the officers for the good work they do.

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

## Nchemba assures private sector of govt support in reforming financial policies

FINANCE and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba has reassured the private sector of full and strong cooperation on common efforts to reform financial policies in order to broaden the tax base by having an environment that is friendly to investment and doing business.

He told reporters here at the end of the 13th Tanzania National Business Council meeting on Tuesday that the meeting was very successful because the debate was healthy and that delegates gave very pertinent and useful recommendations that will help the government to broaden the tax base.

"For us in the ministry we shall continue to work on the recommendations made by a team of experts on how to broaden the tax base by making sure we have friendly tax policies in place," he pledged, adding that simultaneously Tanzanians will be educated on the importance of registering their businesses and paying right and proper taxes.

Dr Nchemba said such education is necessary to make Tanzanians appreciate their patriotic duty of paying taxes willingly, taxes that will enable the government to build enabling physical infrastructure and promote national development.

"Good predictable tax policies will make people start more businesses, they will attract new investors, and therefore broaden our tax base," he explained adding that the

government is open to recommendations that will help put in place enabling policies that will promote economic growth.


He praised the TNBC Executive Committee for ensuring the meeting was attended by many capable delegates from the private and public sectors who aired useful views and made good recommendations.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed us to ensure our ministry has a team of experts for implementing practically all resolutions made by the meeting. We are going to do exactly that without delay," he promised. The union president is the

automatic chairman of TNBC meetings.

The TNBC Executive Committee Secretary, Dr Godwill Wanga said the meeting was successful because all the items on the agenda were discussed well with the aim of building an all-inclusive strong economy.

"One of the major resolution called for putting in place a tax policy that is predictable in order to attract more people into doing legal business and attract more investors into our country. The more the investors and more people doing legal business, the greater the tax base and therefore bigger base collecting public revenue," he said.



**CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MEDIA COUNCIL OF TANZANIA (MCT) OFFICE BUILDING AT SKANSKA TEGETA KINONDONI MUNICIPALITY DAR ES SALAAM**

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# WWF in 2.5m ha reforestation drive to restore degraded land

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has launched a reforestation drive set to reverse lost nature and regain degraded forest lands.

Under the programme launched on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam, the global NGO intends to restore 2.5m hectares through reforestation to support the government's efforts to plant 5.2m hectares of trees by 2030.

WWF country director Dr Amani Ngusuru said that millions of hectares of forest disappear each year in Tanzania, the situation that the organisation to reverse the trend through reforestation.

WWF has embarked on a full scale programme in the forest landscape restoration Africa Initiative-Tanzania Chapter to support ongoing initiatives to protect forests and ecological zones that forests represent, he said.

Financial and technical support will be endorsed to curb the widespread problem, planting 2.5m hectares of trees by 2027, he stated, underlining that Africa loses 3.9m hectares yearly while in Tanzania more than 400,000 hectares are perpetuated by agriculture expansion, cooking and infrastructure development.

He said WWF joined the government in reversing the lost nature by raising funds amounting to US\$13.5 million

in collaboration with other partner countries like Zambia, Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo.

Representing Natural Resources and Tourism Minister Dr Pindi Chana, National Director of Forestry and Beekeeping, Dr Ezekiel Mwakalukwa commended the WWF initiative promising full support during programme implementation as the government is also committed to national and international policies on forest preservation.

"On behalf of the government, we appreciate WWF's move on forestry. The minister, as a forest stakeholder, assures you of effective implementation on the national policy on forests," he said.

He said: "Forest degradation is not only a Tanzania problem. About 85 per cent of the population depends on wood energy that contributes to land degradation. The government therefore will ensure it improves policies on water and wildlife to build resilience and sustainable conditions on forests."

WWF coordinator Lawrence Mbwando said that the 2017-2021 research report shows that Tanzania lost 4 million hectares yearly, urging the government and stakeholders to join the move to make sure the programme goes beyond planting trees by restoring the ecological function.



Dennis Rauya, Diamond Trust Bank (T) Ltd's head of sales, pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday facilitating at a customer service best practice workshop for the bank's agents based in the city. Provision of banking services through alternative channels including agency banking networks is one of the initiatives the bank is deploying in taking its services closer to customers and the larger public. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) would like to inform its Stakeholders and the General Public that; there will be a scheduled Internet Network Maintenance from **Sunday 12th June 2022 at 00:00 a.m to 06:00 a.m.**

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## Post-harvest losses reduced, farmers earn big in Kigoma

By Francis Kajubi, Kigoma

POST harvest losses from Kigoma region beans farmers have been reduced to 12 percent this year from 28 percent in 2018 following training on good farming practices through the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP) by the World Food Programme (WFP) and Kigoma Region Administrative Office.

The four year programme that lasts this month has seen WFP investing 5bn/- in training 24,321 beans farmers from four district councils of Kasulu Town Council, Kasulu District Council, Kibondo District Council and Kakonko District Council in Kigoma region.

The Kigoma Joint Programme have seen the 24,321 beans farmers who come from three Agricultural Marketing and Cooperative Societies (AMCOS) reached by the programme, earning 75million/- during the 2019/20 harvest season after selling a total of 366 tonnes of yellow and red beans.

The three AMCOS reached during the first phase of the programme are Kurugongo, Nyakitonto and Kirungo from Kasulu, Kibondo and Kakonko districts.

The region has 15 AMCOS in total of which three have been reached during the first phase of the programme covering July 2018 to June 2022. However, the Kigoma Region Administration is negotiating with WFP and its partners for the roll-out of the second phase early next year.

Briefing reporters yesterday in Kibondo District Council on the impact realised through the programme implementation, Saidi Johari, Head of Sub-Office WFP Tanzania-Kibondo said that the same farmers have earned 2.56billion/- during the 2020/21 harvest season by selling 1,315 tonnes of yellow and red beans to WFP.

"Another success story from this programme that I can tell the general public is bringing farmers through AMCOS where they sell their harvests collectively. Selling separately have denied them from negotiating profitable selling prices," said Johari.

According to him, the forming of AMCOS that was supported by WFP has enabled beans farmers from the region access loans with low interest rates from commercial banks apart from funds they accumulate from the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), a partner of WFP in the implementation of the programme.

"WFP has during the two harvest seasons paid 2,050/- and 1,950/- per kilo of yellow and red beans consecutively. Bringing farmers into AMCOS has generally improved farmers ability by 80 percent in the areas of best farming practices, reducing post-harvest losses and best yield storage practices," said Johari.


During the 2021/22 harvest season that begins on July, WFP is set to purchase 10,000 tonnes of sorghum, 3,000 tonnes of yellow and red beans and 30,000 tonnes of maize from farmers in the Kigoma Joint Programme and those outside the programme to be supplied to refugee camps in Kigoma and abroad.

Johari asserted that the programme has initiated changes in purchasing prices that in turn has benefited the farmers. Since 2018 the market price for beans had ranged between 1,200/- and 1,400/- per kilo but WFP had offered farmers an average of 2,000/- per kilo.

WFP had during implementation of the programme's first phase partnered with two private institutions namely Faida Mali and BRITEN who were tasked with training farmers good farming practices, providing farm inputs and renovation of old warehouses in line with construction of new warehouses.

Of the 5bn/- invested in the programme, Johari said, 4.5bn/- was dedicated to facilitation of the two institutions while the rest 596million/- was allocated for purchase of pallets for keeping pick bags, moisture meters, tarpaulins, wheelbarrows, maize shellers and pick bags for storing beans.

Through the programme, farmers don't solely rely on WFP for their harvest market but the UN Agency also works with the International Trading Cooperation (ITC) in finding buyers at regional and continental levels. WFP also works with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in this regard.



# BARRICK

NORTH MARA

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FOR**

**Supply of Low Bed and 250T Slepner Equipment Transport Solution**

**Tender ref: NM42/2022**

North Mara Gold Mine, a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation, which is ultimately owned by Barrick Gold Corporation and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests the submission of Tenders from reputable, experienced, certified and

**Technical Requirements**

**250T Slepner Equipment Transport E250 Model-**

- **Slepner Model E250 Specifications-**
  - Weigh Class- 250t
  - Max Allowed Loader Weight- 260t
  - Max Allowed Driving Speed- 15km/h
  - Operating Temperature Allowances- -25c to 55c
  - Tire Size- 18.00-33
  - Tire Type and Ply- Bias 44
  - Tire Qty- 8
  - Track Width Acceptance- 800mm - 1000mm
- **Examples of Excavators Capable of Being Transported-**
  - CAT 6020B
  - Hitachi EX2600
  - Leibherr 9250
- **Warranty Must consist of-**
  - 12 months counted from the date of delivery to the Purchaser; or 15 months counted from the ex-works readiness, whichever occurs first.
  - Spare parts, manufactured by Slepner Finland Oy
  - Three (3) months counted from the date of delivery to the Purchaser.
  - Parts and components, not manufactured by Slepner Finland Oy
  - Warranties may differ from Slepner Finland Oy general terms. Slepner Finland Oy or Distributor provides terms of such warranties and instructions for warranty handling.

**60T Compact Low bed – Suitable for a ADT**

**Low bed Description**

A Compact Low bed that is designed to be a safe and cost-effective machine to haul heavy equipment. The unit will need a fast rear loading design that allows for quick turnaround times with a low ramp angle that makes loading large machines safe and easy. The low bed design would have to be such so that it can be lowered by pivoting on the wheel stations.

**Load Compatibility-**

**Bulldozers**

- CAT D9
- Komatsu D275A
- Leibherr PR756

**Excavators**

- CAT 349
- Volvo EC480
- Komatsu PC500

**Drill Rigs**

- Epiroc DML
- CAT MD6200
- Sandvik DP1500i
- Sandvik DI650i

**Standard Features-**

- Low bed Features
- Radio Remote Controlled
- LED Brake and Indicator Lights
- Entire Low bed is modular and pinned together
- Low bed can be containerized for transport
- Gooseneck sub frame pins to haul truck chassis
- Gooseneck hitches to zero maintenance ball
- Low ramp angle for easy loading
- Single axle design for minimal tire scuffing
- Fast load time, as low as 3 minutes

**Wheels**

- Single wheel with larger tire size compared to dual wheels (36.00/R51)
- Narrower running width compared to dual

- wheels
- Minimal tire scuffing when turning

**Steel Deck**

- Heavy duty deck
- Steel grousers spaced across deck for added grip
- No maintenance required

**Safety**

- Integrated anti-jack-knife mechanism
- ISO 3450 compliant braking performance
- 10% Effective Grade capability
- In-cab electro-proportional trailer brake

**Fenders**

- Heavy duty steel fenders
- Lights
- Fitted with LED Brake and Indicator lights and backup flood lamps
- 3x Amber strobes

**Performance with Bell B40E horse for example**

- Gradeability 10% Effective Grade @ 8.5km/h F2 ±1600rpm
- Retardation 10% Effective Grade @ 15km/h F2 Automatic Retarder Control & Engine Brake applied

**Included Options Required**

**Fitment- On Site Installation**

- Cost of team of installation technicians must be included
- Mechanical, electrical & hydraulic integration testing & sign off
  - o Electronic: Condition telemetry, GUI & remote control
  - o Hydraulic: Power take-off, cooling & control
  - o Mechanical: Ball hitch, subframe & tie downs
- ISO 3450 Brake test sign report for stopping distance & slope holding
  - o On site live testing: Fully laden stopping distance & Slope hold
  - o Brake test report: PR Eng. Sign-off.

The mine site will provide a suitable work platform, craneage, LT & tooling

**Included Extras Should be priced separately for viewing-**

**Access**

- ISO Stairway & Walkway with Railings
- A stairway is installed that leads to the walkway
- Railings on the walkway of the low bed to ISO spec
- The walkway must use self-cleaning grating
- Modular design for easy assembly

**Deck Type**

- Gravel Deck
  - o Added grip prevents payloads from sliding
- No requirement to tie down payloads

**LED Work Lights**

- Powerful LED work lights for night time operation
  - o Must be positioned around walkways for operator access

NB: Make sure you include pictures of all equipment

**Submission of Quotes**

Please submit your quotes via email to [nm.proposal@barrick.com](mailto:nm.proposal@barrick.com). The reference "Supply of Low Bed and 250T Slepner Equipment Transport Solution Tender ref: NM42/2022" must be quoted in the subject line of the email.

NB: The Company reserves the right to invite any other supplier(s) who did not submit a quote through this advertisement.

**Key Dates**

- Last date to submit your Quote **June 15, 2022**

**North Mara Gold Mine Limited**

# VACANCY



## ABOUT GEITA GOLD MINING LTD

Geita Gold Mining Ltd (GGML) is Tanzania's leading gold producer with a single operation in Geita Region. The company is a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, an international gold producer headquartered in South Africa, with operations in more than ten countries, in four continents. The mine is situated in the Lake Victoria Gold fields of North Western Tanzania, only about 85 km's from Mwanza City and 20 km's South East of the nearest point of Lake Victoria. The company has its head office in Geita, only 5 Km's west of the fast-growing town of Geita, and a supporting office in Dar es Salaam. Applications are invited from ambitious, energetic and performance driven individuals to fill in vacant position(s) mentioned below:

Position	:	<b>Manager - Supply Chain</b>
Contract type & Duration	:	<b>Unspecified time</b>
Department	:	<b>Finance</b>
Reporting to	:	<b>Senior Manager: Finance</b>
Number of Positions	:	<b>One (1)</b>

## PURPOSE OF THE ROLE:

The purpose of this role is to take accountability for the Geita Gold Mine supply chain operational requirements, including, but not limited to all procurement related activities, inventory control, warehousing, logistic and shipping activities whilst adhering to all governance and legal requirements both within AGA and in-country. This is done whilst focusing on controlling costs and improving efficiency and accuracy in the management of the overall supply chain.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in business administration, Commerce or Degree in Supply Chain and Logistic Management.
- GGML is an equal opportunity employer: Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

## EXPERIENCE:

- 10 years working experience, mining industry experience advantageous.
- Experience in a procurement and Supply Chain Management position.
- Proficient in the use of ERP SAP Materials Management system.
- Strong computer skills – Microsoft office package, particularly Excel, Word, and PowerPoint.
- Dynamic knowledge and understanding of supply chain, business acumen and the mining environment.
- Knowledge of SAP supply chain systems integration and automation a definite requirement.
- Proven track record for competency in all Supply Chain SAP modules.
- Exhibit proven negotiation and influencing skills, as well as the ability to identify, recommend and implement cost-effective efficiencies for overall improvement to the operation.
- Excellent administrative and organizational skills and ability to work independently, as well as in a team.
- Working experience is required in Procurement and Purchasing, Tendering, Benchmarking, Should Costing, Effective Adjudication, Inventory Management, Vendor and Contract Management, Warehouse Management, Technical Procurement, Logistics management including, Sea and Air Freight and INCO Terms.
- Health and Safety requirements, especially focused on site service providers
- Proven track record of improving internal control environment within Supply Chain

## MAJOR OR KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

### It is expected of this role to manage key pillars that will result in an effective supply chain:

- Sphere of influence of supply chain - recognize the contribution that an effective supply chain can make in an organization.
- External environment influences on supply chain - understand how markets can be influenced by changes in the external environment so that appropriate actions can be taken to ensure that the organisation can develop opportunities, ensure compliance to regulatory standards, and minimize disruption with its suppliers and supply chains.
- Systems technology and integration - understand the impact of systems-based technologies as being key to improving the ability of the organization to manage its expenditures.
- Spend management and value for money outcomes which include:
  - o Effective purchasing
  - o Effective inventory control
  - o Controlling expenditure
  - o Strategic procurement
  - o Supply techniques
  - o Category management
  - o Strategic sourcing
- Robust contractual agreements, that ensure positive outcomes in cost, time, and quality
- Understanding the legal aspects of contracting goods and services whilst managing contractual risk
- Ensure adherence and compliance with the Laws of Tanzania as well as the local content regulations.
- Stages of the sourcing process, effective tendering, supplier appraisal, negotiation planning, outsourcing and global sourcing.
- Performance standards that deliver outcomes, based on a set of KPI's, including that of the team. This should include value added activities and continuous improvement.
- Coaching, leading and developing both individual and team knowledge, understanding and capabilities.
- Developing self and personal skills, including self-awareness, problem solving, conflict management and negotiation skills.
- Understand the importance of ethics and responsible procurement, whilst promoting ethical practices and behavior with all stakeholders.
- Plan, develop, organize, direct, manage and evaluate the personnel, operations, and budget of the Supply Chain Department.
- Lead and manage customer service, purchasing, inventory control, forecasting, warehousing, transportation, and other areas as required.
- Adhere to and communicate all supply chain related policies, procedures, and internal controls.
- Understand and implement effective SRM (Supplier Resource Management) whilst maintaining and developing positive business relationships with key customers.
- Collaborate with staff, other departments, senior management, and decision makers to share information, solve problems and clarify management objectives.
- Manage/coordinate the production planning process, including supply/demand forecasting inventory management and on time delivery.
- Implement and adhere to transaction management best practices.
- Monitor and analyse current trends in the marketplace.
- Analytical skills – analyses, interpretation, planning, and acting based on the analysis.
- Adhere to, direct and manage corporate governance and regulatory compliance.
- Identify and manage risks within the supply chain.
- Address tactical and strategic supply chain issues.
- Establish key performance indicators, individually and for the department, monitor ongoing performance and improve performance against set goals.
- Warehouse management and house keeping
- Managing and interacting with external and internal stakeholders

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Registered with PSPTB
- Non-negotiable high ethical and moral values.

## MODE OF APPLICATION:

- Please apply through our recruitment portal by following the link below. Please click the link or type the URL address on a website browser to access the application portal.
- On the portal you will be required to upload your detailed CV, copies of relevant certificates, e- mail and telephone contacts, names and addresses of three referees. Please do not attach certificates that are not related to the qualifications stated above.
- You will also be required to upload a cover / application letter addressed to "Senior Manager Human Resources, Geita Gold Mining Ltd". Subject should be "Manager - Supply Chain"

## Application Link:

<https://career5.successfactors.eu/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=19230&company=AGAprd>

- If you struggle to apply via the link provided, please head over to our website <https://www.geitamining.com/en/people/> for a step-by-step guide on how to apply for jobs on our recruitment portal (SuccessFactors).
- You will be required to present original certificates if you are contacted for interviews.
- Internal Applicants (those currently employed by AngloGold Ashanti) must have their application letter endorsed by their Head of Department (HOD) or Manager once Removed (MOR).

## APPLICATION DEADLINE:

- Applications should reach the above on or before 24th June 2022 at 5:30 Pm
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

## NOTE ON COVID-19 PREVENTION:

- Please note when you are invited for interviews, you will be required to present proof of vaccination against COVID-19 (Covid-19 vaccination certificate) or if you are not vaccinated, please go for a Covid-19 test and obtain a 96 - hour valid PCR Covid-19 negative certificate.

- You are also advised to adhere to all recommended prevention measures including proper wearing of face masks and washing or sanitizing your hands before you are allowed through Geita Gold Mine entry points.

**BEWARE OF CONMEN! GGML does not receive money in exchange for a job position. Should you be asked for money in exchange for a job offer or suspect such activity, please report this immediately to our Security Department, Investigation Unit, by calling +255 28 216 01 40 Ext 1559 (rates apply) or use our whistle-blowing channels by sending an SMS to +27 73 573 8075 (SMS rates apply) or emailing [24cthonesty@ethics-line.com](mailto:24cthonesty@ethics-line.com) or use the internet at [www.tip-offs.com](http://www.tip-offs.com).**

## BoT governor warns against tax holidays and exemptions

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

TANZANIA should embark on an aggressive domestic resource mobilization strategy by identifying and coming up with new tax sources so as to diversify and increase the country's tax base, the Central Bank Governor Professor Florens Luoga said.

Prof Luoga made the remark while presenting a paper on issues of Finance and Africa Development in a futuristic context during the opening of the three day 13th Mwalimu J.K Nyerere Centennial Intellectual Festival held at the UDSM Library auditorium on Monday under the theme, "Africans after Mwalimu J.K Nyerere Century 1922-2022: Reflections on the present and the future".

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) governor noted that there was a need for the government to undertake deliberate efforts to increase the current taxable population from 1.5 million people to at least 10 million people that will help in increasing revenue collection targets.

"We need to devise means to ensure that more revenue is collected by ensuring that the imposed revenue is collected. As a country we need to come up with diversified revenue sources," he said.

He noted that Tanzania also needs to trade carefully on the issue of tax exemptions and tax holidays to potential investors that will help to enhance domestic resource mobilisation locally.

"As a matter of fact, there are a lot of tax exemptions and this is not good for the growth of our economy. We already show our commitment by providing the required security, skilled labour and we provide a well-built system of incentives to investors right from day one for instance on capital goods, we provide guarantees in terms of repatriation of profits and all these are systems to assist investors," he said.

He added, "It takes courage and determination from the government to implement such reforms when it comes to tax matters. I remember when we introduced the mining sector reforms, it was not that easy but later on, companies complied and these reforms are now bearing fruits in form of more Foreign

Direct Investments (FDIs)"

Prof Luoga further urged that as part of efforts to increase the country's tax base, it was equally important to integrate the informal sector into the formal sector by leveraging on the opportunities brought about by growth of the Information Communication Technology (ICT).

He noted that Sub-Saharan Africa countries need to devise means to address the gaps created by a fall in development finance that has been created historically due to changes in policy and development agenda priorities.

"For this to happen, there is no option but to ensure growth of the finance sector both private and public. The Tanzania Development Vision 2025 addresses some key areas in increasing the country's efficiency and resource mobilisation," he added.

He noted that projections indicate that Tanzania will have a population of 129.4 million people from the estimated 59.7 million recorded in 2021 adding that the country needs to capitalise on its big population growth to enhance economic development.

"This exerts pressure for social economic needs but as a country, we need to capitalise on the huge population and look at it as an asset instead of liability," he added.

Meanwhile, Prof Luoga has been conferred the 2022 Distinguished Lecturer for the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Chair of Pan African Studies for his immense contribution to the growth of the law practice in Tanzania.

Prof Luoga is an experienced practitioner with over 30 years of legal practice and a trainer in interpersonal skills in legal negotiations and case evaluations.

He holds a PhD in Law from Warwick University (UK), a Master of International Law Degree from Lund University (Sweden), a Masters in Law (specialized in Taxation Law) of Queens University (Ontario, Canada) and a Bachelors of Laws (Hons) Degree of University of Dar es Salaam.

He served the University of Dar es Salaam in different capacities and he is the most experienced specialist consultant on tax law.



Mundhir Salim Ali (2nd-R), Feza Zanzibar School's Best Student, moves to sign a log book at a farewell ceremony for Form Six leavers held earlier this week. Looking on are the Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdallah (C), Zanzibar Education and Vocational Training minister Lela Muhamed Mussa (2nd-L) and the school's headmaster, Ally Nungu (R). Photo: Correspondent Ashrack Miraji

## Health deputy minister to grace HKMU scientific conference

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DEPUTY Minister for Health, Dr Godwin Mollé, is expected to grace the scientific conference organised by Hubert Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU), scheduled to start today.

HKMU Vice Chancellor, Prof Yohana Mashalla unveiled this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking with this reporter about the conference which is done consecutively for six years now.

He said HKMU has been organising such conferences each year and inviting different academicians from higher learning institutions and research institutions to discuss various issues concerning health systems.

Prof Mashalla said through the conference, HKMU has been revealing information's regarding various researches they have conducted in order

to solve some health challenges in communities.

He said the aim is to inform the public about various health challenges they face and also avail HKMU efforts taken to overcome health problems.

"This is HKMU 6th scientific conference which will start on 10th and 11th June and this year's theme is 'strengthening health systems and resilience in responding to public health emergencies. What is the future?'"

Prof Mashalla elaborated why they picked this year's theme saying it's because of Covid-19 pandemic which started in China and spread all over the world.

He said the Covid-19 pandemic is not the first and will be not the last one so researchers see the importance to take precautions on how to manage the situation if such pandemic erupt

again.

"Due to this circumstances we scientist must ask ourselves if our health systems are strong enough to manage outbreak of any pandemic in the future," he said.

He also stated that if the health systems are not strong enough, scientist and researchers through the scientific conference will advice the government on the best way the country can do to strengthen them to be ready to combat any pandemic in future.

Prof Mashalla said the conference will include doctors, nurses, researchers, medical students, tutors, professors and representatives from World Health Organisation (WHO).

He mentioned other participant as University of Dodoma (UDOM), (KCMC) and Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS).



WWF for a living planet

### Invitation to Submit Proposal to Conduction Fleet Assessment

- WWF Tanzania Country Office is a Non- Government Organization dealing with environmental protection in Tanzania since 1990 and it has supported the Government of Tanzania in implementing various projects on Marine, Forest, Fresh Water, Energy and Wildlife. WWF global mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:
  - conserving the world's biological diversity;
  - ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable and
  - promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption
- WWF Tanzania is planning to conduct valuation of WWF Tanzania vehicles; the value of assets will be used in reporting in the International Public Sector Accounting Standards which is used by the organization to comply with Country laws but also for insurance purposes. In this case a professional valuer is needed to conduct the exercise in line with WWF policy and procedures
- WWF Tanzania Country Office, invites applications from competent, qualified, reputable, reliable and experienced professional valuers who are willing to submit their proposal to conduct Vehicle Valuation for WWF fleet.

#### 4. Mode of application:

Interested applicants are required to direct their soft copy proposals/bids to the procurement e-mail at [procurement@wwftz.org](mailto:procurement@wwftz.org)

The deadline for submission is before or at 5pm, **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**. You are required to address your applications to:

**Secretary,  
Procurement Committee,  
WWF Tanzania Country Office,  
P.O. Box 62117 Dar Es Salaam.**

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By Beatrice Philemon

FORUM on Climate Change (FORUMCC) has embarked on a new project dubbed: 'Galvanizing and Unifying Africa's Action for Resilient Development (Guard-Africa) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The new drive is meant to curtail the impacts related to climate change, conserve environment, make transition to clean energy scale up climate change action and build resilience in Tanzania.

Msololo Onditi, Programme Officer for Forum CC said yesterday at the just ended one day Civil Society Organisation (CSO)'s dialogue on transition to clean energy and campaigns against fossil fuel in Tanzania that took place at ForumCC Tanzania head office.

He said this is a three -year project that will be implemented by ForumCC with the funding from the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) headquartered in Nairobi.

So far, PACJA has more than 1000 CSO members from 40 countries in Africa.

So far Tanzania has already developed a Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and submits it to the United Nations (UN) to participate in achieving the climate goals agreed upon in 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

## ForumCC decided on reducing greenhouse emissions in Africa

ForumCC Tanzania in collaboration with CSOs will carry out awareness

rising on clean energy transition, the effect of climate change in health sector as well as conduct Advocacy on the implementation of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement through the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) aimed to reduce national emissions and adapt to impacts of climate change.

During the dialogue, participant's have been able to discuss CSOs participation in the transition to clean energy, situation analysis on clean energy, challenges and opportunities available in renewable energy sub -sector, participation in campaign against fossil fuel in Tanzania, Tanzania Development Initiatives, Fossil Fuel and Global agreements on emission reduction and others.

Abdullah Henku, natural resources management and climate change consultant said that during the meeting, stakeholders have said that there is need to conduct rapid research on clean energy to identify what has been done in the country, observe gaps and opportunities available in the sector including stakeholders involved in

clean energy sector.

The obtained data will be packed in accordance with the targeted groups including government institutions and private sector and later on disseminate these information to radio, TV, newspapers, online media, seminar and workshops.

They have agreed to formulate loose coalition that will involve different CSOs across the country to discuss various issues relating to clean energy.

Also, they have agreed to have next meeting at the end of July as well develop Action plan that will direct them to implement their planned activities.

In a bid to implement these activities, stakeholders have called on ForumCC Tanzania to be Secretariat of all activities.

The participants were from Lawyer's Environmental Action Team (LEAT), Tanzania Traditional Energy Development Organisation (TaTEDO), Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (TAREEA), The Journalists' Environment Association of Tanzania and Tanzania Forest Management Community Network (MJUMITA) and staff from ForumCC Tanzania.



Vodacom Tanzania Plc commercial director Linda Riwa (L) exchanges documents with Samaki Samaki restaurants chairman Carlos Mella (Kalito) in Dar es Salaam earlier this week shortly after they signed an agreement. Under the pact, Vodacom customers making payments in the eateries via M-Pesa will get 10 per cent refunds and all customers will have free WiFi service. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Ministry reviewing vocational education curricula

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PATROBAS Katambi, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Employment, Youth and People with Disabilities) has said the government is reviewing education curricula at technical colleges in order to have graduates with the required skills to satisfy the job market.

Katambi gave the remarks here on Tuesday this week when opening the first Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) forum.

He said the review will enable the nation to get graduates with needed skills as opposed to the present situation.

"But also this will help to open up the private sector and increase employment jobs in the country, as you cannot make any economic growth when you have not opened up employment, our strategy as the government is to make sure we open up jobs," he said.

The executive secretary of National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET), Dr Adolf Lutayunga said the forum's aim is to discuss the issue of vocational training in Tanzania.

He said the aim is to build up youth who can be employed through vocational training provided by the country's vocational training colleges.

"The theme for the forum will focus on how to find ways we can enhance skills in our colleges to produce graduates with skills needed in the country's job market.

"Here we meet with teachers, experts from technical colleges, employers and other development stakeholders to enable them to see whether what we teach in our technical colleges can satisfy the job market," he said.

He added: "we have invited people from other countries in the African continent and beyond who will assist us in the exchange of experience on issues of formalisation of skills for the youth who satisfy the employment market."

He said the forum will also give opportunity to employers to talk to people from technical colleges in order to get what they want in graduates.



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# Concentrate on innovation, students told

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

STUDENTS' government minister for education at Mbeya University of Science and Technology (MUST), Albert Chami has advised students from primary schools to universities to focus in innovation.

He said the innovation should begin in the field of science and technology, commerce, entrepreneurship as well as innovation in everything they do.

He made the remarks soon after opening the Innovation Week Exhibition in Mbeya region with the slogan "Innovation for Sustainable Development," taking place at MUST campus in Mbeya City.

Chami called on students in the region to make sure they visit the exhibition pavilions saying there are so many things to learn from them.

"Life at the present needs innovation in everything - in our institutions, education hence it's better for innovation to be given more priority," he said.

He said MUST, through one of its departments has a mechanism to assist innovators in the sectors they have been concentrating on; they must not necessarily be MUST students.

Meanwhile, a Std V student from Iyunga Secondary School, Asajile Mwaipopo said they were given the opportunity to participate at the event, and have learnt about many things and came to realise that innovation is part of human life.

He said innovation can be used to help students employ themselves, especially in the coming years.

MUST acting director at the Innovation Faculty, Dr Juma Mpangule said one of the units under the faculty has organised the entire event.



## Interesting Career Opportunities at WFT-Trust

WFT-Trust is the first and only women's rights fund in Tanzania that has been in existence since 2008 and has been at the forefront championing gender equality, equity and women and girls' rights through a funding mechanism that features strong capacity enhancement, strengthening linkages and collaboration among women's rights organizations and mobilising resources. WFT-Trust is seeking to engage women, especially young feminists in different job positions to be based in Dar Es Salaam Headquarters.

### Are you passionate about doing your work differently?

Do you have an understanding of feminist approaches to delivering substantive changes for women girls and children's rights in Tanzania? Will you bring feminist lens and thought leadership in your position of work and less traditional approaches that will contribute to movement building processes with an empowering agenda of change? Are you in sync with the roles of women rights organizations and their movements in different sectors and across sectors, and an interplay of empowering mechanisms employed to delivering their work?

We are looking for you! To contribute in achieving the mission and vision of WFT-Trust and its impact on gender equality and women empowerment from the grassroots to the national level.

#### 1. Job Title: Senior Program Officer – Capacity Strengthening Functionally Reports to: Head of Program

##### Job Purpose

The Senior Program Officer- Capacity strengthening will be working closely with the program team, to lead the implementation of the organizational capacity strategy that provides feminist framework and a guide to WFT-Trust capacity enhancement needs and, that of its partners and women and girls' movement actors. The position will also strengthen the feminist culture of learning and accountability of our work and beyond. The position will also be responsible in developing capacity enhancement plans, tools and materials to support and addressing the needs of WFT-Trust and partners, and provide ongoing technical assistance and monitor learning progress. For coordinated function and better results the position will link and work with the all departments within the Fund and especially Grant Making team.

##### Key Responsibilities:

- Providing conceptual leadership and technical inputs in guiding the framing, designing, implementation and monitoring of organizational capacity enhancement strategy with transformative feminist results at various levels.
- Ensuring that organizational feminist approach to capacity building stems from the realization that own self-transformation emanates through development of individual agency and work towards social transformation that challenge the existing social structures and power relations.
- Strengthening a framework that promotes a process of strengthening individual abilities, organizations, and systems to perform core functions sustainably, and to continue to improve and develop over time.
- Providing day to day leadership in provision of relevant technical trainings, tools, mentorship and coaching support aimed at developing and strengthening WFT-Trust work and that of the grantees' organizations and their constituent.

##### Capacity development program and Reflection spaces

- Review, assess and update capacity development framework, systems and tools for the WFT-Trust continued learning and adaptation by grantee partners and for their ongoing technical assistance.
- Design safe spaces for women and girls' trainings and reflection meeting that will strengthen their technical skills and a greater sense of solidarity with each other.
- Work closely with Monitoring Evaluation, Learning and Accountability and the Communication programs to draw on WFT-Trust experiences and lessons as a national Women Rights Fund working on promoting transformative social change issues with women's rights organizations and Networks/Platforms at different stages of organizational growth.

##### Strengthen the feminist culture and ethos

- Strengthening feminist organizational cultures- together with other staff and our key partners/stakeholders exploring questions of power, inclusivity and diversity, building the agency of staff and the people that organizations is engaged with, and in nurturing the growth of organizations with a 'soul'.

##### Advocacy Support

- Work closely with feminist movement building program to conceptualize strategic advocacy campaign plans and monitoring performance progress.

##### Required Skills and Experience

- Minimum 5 years of work experience, in a similar role in a nonprofit organization with exposure to feminist work either by research, training or in organizing social justice work
- Bachelor degree in women/gender/feminist studies, social sciences, communications, or another relevant field.
- Demonstrated experience, knowledge, and skills in training and capacity building, as well as in deploying creative learning modules.
- Strong communications and partnership building experience.
- Proficiency in written and spoken English and Kiswahili, including presentation skills.
- A keen analytic, with an eye for detail and good problem-solving skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills, and the ability to motivate and inspire change.

#### 2. Job Title: Senior Program Officer- Feminist Movement Building and Partnership Building Functionally Reports to: Head of Program

##### Job Purpose

The Senior program officer- Feminist Movement Building and Partnership Building provides conceptual leadership in strengthening and promoting our organizational feminist strategies and approaches in women and girls' transformation, collective voice and action for changes at various levels including: policies, legal, structures, negative cultural and public discourses and narratives meant for disempowering women and girls in Tanzania. The position plays an exciting and pivotal role in the execution of WFT-Trust's mission and the attainment of its vision through strengthening of strategic alliances and links between women's rights organizations and women's movement (s) in Tanzania and beyond for collective reflection, strategizing and taking action in achieving women' and girls' rights.

The position is also responsible for leading initiatives that support and sustain feminist movement building in Tanzania, which includes organizing and supporting WFT-Trust's role as a convener and thought leader, develop advocacy resources, coordinating networks, coalitions and bringing together diverse actors to form strategic alliances built on the foundations of inclusion, diversification and intersectionality.

##### Key Responsibilities

- Support WFT-Trust staff, Board members, Women Rights Organizations (WRSOs), grantee partners to enhance their feminist conceptual clarity and technical inputs through putting in place effective mechanisms for joint learning, experience sharing and peer support.
- Strategically support WROs and grantee partners to position feminist approaches at the center of their programming design based on intersectional, inclusivity and intergenerational approaches to ensure robust feminist movement building processes are implemented.
- Study and analyze the social economic political context and produce position papers to support WROs, and grantee partners to articulate and advocate for women and children rights based on empirical evidence.
- Build and maintain collaborative relationship with governance and coordination structures that affects rights of women's, their political and social participation and inclusion in the broader women rights' spheres across the country.
- Connecting women rights organizations with each other and cross-border social justice movements in fostering solidarity, activist mobilizing and collective decision making.
- Contribute to the further growth of an effective body of knowledge and analysis in feminism and women's rights issues in Tanzania and beyond.
- Support development and implementation of collective care, activist wellbeing and emotional/ mental health program work and activities within WFT-Trust and grantee partners.

##### Strategic Alliance and Linkages

- Play a (pro) active role in linking up with other Women funds and like-minded social justice organizations and networks in Tanzania and beyond through active participation, organizing for joint action and learning.
- Provide leadership in strengthening feminist strategies and approaches in women empowerment, collective strategizing, and decision making for the enhancement of women's and girls' rights.
- Representing WFT-Trust in key external engagements and foster mutually beneficial linkages and networks in policy and advocacy spaces, feminism, and collaborate with donors, social movements and allies.

##### Knowledge Management and Advocacy

- Working closely with the coalitions and wider women movement actors to produce feminist conscious information for internal and external use, support feminist analysis, advocacy and documentation for increased women transformative empowerment, advocacy and agency.
- Work closely with the Grants and Communications programs to produce feminist-based information and analysis about grant making and grants managed in relation to movement building
- Raise the visibility of WFT-Trust through convening and information sessions in liaison with the Communication team

##### Required Skills and Experience

- Minimum 5 years of work experience, in a similar role in a nonprofit organization and exposed to feminist either by research, training or organizing social justice work
- Bachelor degree in social sciences studies women/gender and feminism studies or another relevant field. Master's degree in similar field will be an added advantage
- Demonstrated experience, knowledge, and skills in feminist organizing and movement building, as well as how to build a community of practice through partnership building.
- Strong communications experience and passionate on feminism, women and girls' rights and social justice agenda
- Proficiency in written and spoken English and Kiswahili, including presentation skills.
- A keen analytic, with an eye for detail and good problem-solving skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills, and the ability to motivate and inspire a team.

#### 3. Job Title: Communication Officer Functionally Reports to: Head of Resource Mobilization and Communication

##### Job Purpose:

Reporting to the WFT-Trust Head of Resource Mobilization & Communications, the Program Officer (Communications) will steer effective and interactive communication of across different mediums, as well

as through the design, writing, production and distribution of communication materials. They will ensure that effective communication flows to and with WFT-Trust's different partners throughout the year. This position will also contribute in growing and strengthening the communication unit of our Fund for effective sharing of its mission, achievements, herstories and popularize the work of our grantees as women and girls' heroes in the country.

##### Key Responsibilities:

- Providing conceptual and technical inputs in developing, framing organizational Communication strategy, tools and processes in this programming area
- Developing and fostering high standards of publications and other communication in and across WFT-Trust, in line with communications standards.
- Encouraging a 'knowledge atmosphere', where information flows well and freely across the organization.
- Writing and producing high quality communication materials, and effectively communicating these across key audiences, promoting the image and objectives of the organization
- Monitoring WFT-Trust in the media, analysing emerging trends to learn, and to inform WFT-T internal communication planning

##### WFT-T website and online presence

- Working with the Program Officer (IT/Digital) to update and manage the WFT-Trust website and social media pages, ensuring regular updates and posting of information with content that is up to date, accurate, and compelling.
- Devising and implement strategies to reach out to more people, increase website traffic and provide stakeholders with interesting and informative content
- Linking WFT-Trust achievement and fundraising efforts to WFT-Trust's social media presence
- Identify ways and means to build linkages between WFT-Trust website and social media channels and increase members participation at all these forums

##### Advocacy Support

- Support local, regional and international advocacy engagement of the Fund by working with like-minded organizations, especially Women Funds at regional and international level, to identify key spaces, target audience and key messages, including social media presence during advocacy engagement.
- Editing materials (papers, briefs, power point presentations, etc) in English and Kiswahili.

##### Knowledge building and resource platform

- Communicating clearly and in a timely fashion with external audiences, face-to-face, through email and telephone, conferences where appropriate, and other forms.
- Developing and maintaining good links with the media, organising media events, and sharing press releases.
- Managing knowledge documentation, supporting documentation and publication of work and lessons.

##### Provide across the board administrative support

- Provide administrative support for both in person and virtual meetings including by taking minutes and documenting actions and outcomes
- Attend movement events and WFT-trust own events such as retreat to support with administration, communication and photography

##### Required Skills & Experience

- Bachelor degree in Media and Public relations, Information Communication, and Technology, Mass communication, Development Studies or related degree in the similar field preferred.
- At least 5 years of experience related to a communications function with exposure to feminist journalism either by training/short courses or practical work experience.
- Demonstrated interest in issues related to women rights, economic and social justice, gender studies, human rights and or related field
- Proficiency in written and spoken English and Kiswahili languages.
- Computer proficiency including web-based applications.
- Fair for working with visual materials, and a very creative eye able to present information in a visually-appealing format.
- Keen understanding of traditional media, social media and uses of new technologies for communication.
- Experience in using Google analytics and developing monthly and quarterly communication reports, collecting data and producing analysis and recommendations
- Creative thinker, with ability to exercise judgment and be a proactive problem solver
- Excellent interpersonal and team player skills

#### 4. Job Title: Grants Finance Officer Functionally Reports to: Director of Finance and Operations

##### Job Purpose

Reporting to the WFT-Trust Head of Finance & Administration, with a dotted reporting line to the Head of Grants on functions pertaining to the management of grants.

The Finance and Grants Officer will be responsible for WFT-Trust's portfolio of grants, including overall financial management such as budgeting, reporting, compliance assurance, and audit coordination. In addition, this position will be responsible for grants accounting and General Ledger reconciliations, cash flows as well as institutional financial reporting various other on line statutory filings. The Grants Finance Officer ensures timely financial disbursements, compliance with grants' financial management policies, monitors all grant expenses, and provides regular updates on grant status. The role also provides operational and technical assistance as required to build capacity of local partners & grantees. This position also requires an individual with high level of integrity and committed to feminist agenda around feminist grant making.

##### Key Responsibilities:

##### Grants Reporting, Accounting and Compliance:

- Responsible for financial grants management including projections and planning, performance analysis, budgeting, reporting and oversight for the WFT-Trust's grants portfolio.
- Compiling, reviewing, and submitting quarterly reports to respective donors
- Assisting in the development of budgeting and reporting tools, templates, and realignments
- Supporting with development of proposal budgets.
- Liaising with the field offices on the financial management component of grants-i.e. the Shinyanga office.
- Preparing a ledger of 'at risk grantees' (assessing their reporting timeline and quality of the reports) and working closely with them to reduce their risk.
- Preparing quarterly status of accounts receivable, annual General Ledger (GL), and project control worksheets (PCW) reconciliation for all grants. Record GL entries for grants expenses and income as per the donor codes.
- Coordinating with relevant entities, completing the entire cycle of processing donor reports and its submission on a periodic basis as required by various donor agencies.
- Reviewing vouchers and payment requests, and processing payments for grants.

##### Financial Projections, Planning, & Adaptation

- Supporting the development and implementation of processes and controls to ensure compliance with donor rules and regulations as well as WFT-Trust protocols in close coordination with the Director of Finance and Operations, and grantmaking team.
- Working with the relevant departments and field offices on integrated management of all project finances to ensure effective use of resources to achieve programs objectives in compliance with all donor requirements.
- Developing budget tools, templates, and guidance.
- Designing and implementing systems and procedures following WFT-Trust's quality assurance standards and conditions yet ensuring adequate internal controls and minimizing risks;

##### Government Audit & Statutory Filings

- Assisting with the annual/semi-annual filings, audits, and preparing various audit schedules.
- Assisting with statutory online filings such as PAYE, WHT, NSSF, SDL, WCF,P9&10
- Compiling timesheets and allocating expenses to various cost centres in line with the budget.
- Obtaining year-end audit confirmation for all grants and third parties as requested by the auditors.
- Assisting with data entry, filing, and report preparation as requested by the management together with processing of payments and allocating all costs to proper budget codes.
- Assisting with developing the WFT-Trust annual budget related to grants.
- Completing accounting entries in the WFT-Trust accounting software for expenses and revenues of grants.
- Training grantees on good financing practices and compliance.
- Preparing various schedules for filing and reconciliations at the end of the month.

##### Required Skills and Experience

- Minimum 5 years of work experience in a nonprofit organization.
- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance or equivalent and a CP(T) is mandatory.
- Experience working with Sage Evolution accounting software is a plus and highly desired;
- Demonstrated knowledge, skills in accounting, data entry, and donor grants management.
- Nonprofit accounting, IPSAS, and grants experience.
- Proficiency in written and spoken English and Kiswahili, including presentation skills.
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced and culturally diverse environment.
- A keen analytic, with an eye for detail and strong problem-solving skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills, and the ability to work as part of a team.

##### How to Apply

**Remuneration** will be in line with the set staff scheme of work of the organization which considers the experience and qualifications of the candidate.

**Applications:** Interested applicants should send their application letter accompanied by resume with names and addresses of 3 professional referees (including telephone and e-mail) Applications are by e-mails only, sent to: [info@wfttrust.or.tz](mailto:info@wfttrust.or.tz)

**Please indicate on the subject line** the position you are applying for, Deadline for submission of applications is on **30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Please note:** Only complete applications will be reviewed and only candidates who have been selected for interview will be contacted. Young feminist women & women living with disability are encouraged to apply.

**WFT-Trust is an equal opportunity employer and has a Zero Tolerance policy to all forms of Corruption including sexual corruption, sexual exploitation, abuse, harassment and discrimination.**

## Fighting child labour is often war against disguised slavery

WHAT is a bit surprising about the World Day Against Child Labour is that this international commemoration was launched only as recently as in 2002.

It suggests that it took quite some time for the scourge of placing children in situations that rob them of childhood and education to be so recognised.

The 'crusade' was championed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the idea being to raise awareness and foster activism to end child labour and lay the framework for preventing more children from being drawn into premature working environments.

It was preceded by conventions on employment, which had to be crafted into international trade rules, not to sell cheap goods from child labour.

Those with long memories will still remember the various deliberations of those days, as there was first vast international discussion and legislative effort on the minimum age for employment, which was unlikely to be satisfactory.

The problem is that age isn't the only factor but also the kind of work, in which case another convention had to be designed and canvassed for, namely, the ILO convention on the worst forms of child labour.

With that achieved, energy could now be directed at gaining international consensus on combating the very phenomenon of child labour. It was a long fight, to put it lightly.

ILO data show that hundreds of millions of girls and boys throughout the world are involved in work that deprives them of receiving an adequate education, health, leisure and various other basic freedoms, which hugely violates their rights.

ILO says that, among these children, more than half are exposed to the worst forms of child labour.

Of course, the position is disputed by some analysts on the basis of what

is called 'normal distribution', that 'worst' must be an extreme or outlying situation.

It means ILO experts made efforts to include as many forms of child labour as possible as 'worst' and thus liable to prohibition in relations with member states with respect to the freeing up of children.

The definition of the worst forms of child labour focuses on work in hazardous environments, outright slavery or other forms of forced labour, illicit activities such as drug trafficking and prostitution, or inclusion in armed conflict.

That range of situations is the core of concerns during the World Day Against Child Labour, which places a premium on strategies to find ways to eradicate the scourge, including spreading awareness about the harmful mental and physical problems faced by children forced into child labour across the globe.

Part of the trouble is that governments are not always in command of these situations if there is a breakdown of law and order - or evidence of grinding poverty.

The ILO position, long since enshrined in Tanzanian law, provides that the law prohibits the employment of a child or the procuring of a child for employment.

If evidence establishes that there was procurement of a child by a person, that person will be guilty of the offence of procuring a child, with the case treated in the same way as employing a child.

Such prerogatives often hinder the legal approach to ending child labour, and that partly explains why the government has previously taken the deliberate measure of universalising entrance to secondary school.

However, government intervention can only help so much - with relevant action by the larger society a must for the scourge to be kicked into oblivion much faster.

## Great need to deliver these govt motorcycles to officers targeted

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has had to issue a direct order to senior officials of the Agriculture ministry to the effect that they ensure that motorcycles meant for extension officers reach district executive directors by late this week for immediate distribution to those targeted.

The premier made the intervention when visiting the ministry's premises in Dodoma city, where he was astonished to see the motorbikes parked at a vast yard since April, thus demanding that DEDs receive them within five days from that moment.

It was unclear what challenges the ministry was facing or what arrangements it was devising - and hence the delays in the distribution of the motorbikes.

What is first unclear is whether it was the ministry that should have delivered the motorcycles, numbering 6,700 in all, to the various districts or on the contrary if it is the district administrators who ought to have collected them for use in their agro-sector extension offices.

Whatever will be the case, the motorbikes ought to reach where they are supposed to be as a matter of urgency.

One may be pardoned to wonder why nearly all the districts never dispatched officials to Dodoma to collect the motorcycles, which were their respective quotas so to speak, and here explanations can be somewhat plural, even incoherent.

But would be politics of little utility - and it can possibly be dealt with well

after the extension officers have the motorbike in hand. They need them.

That the district brings the motorcycles and then the team of extension officers is each handed a bike is the seemingly intended method, but this requires some budgeting as to the delivery of the vehicles.

Knowing how budgeting is done at district level, it isn't surprising to see that hardly anyone volunteered to collect the quota of vehicles for the specific district.

Whether or not there would be an explicit vote for the same in the new financial year in three weeks would be a different matter, and in any case it isn't out of the question for the targeted beneficiaries to be asked to collect their motorcycles.

That is another area where the shoe pinches, as most extension officers are unlikely to be especially motivated by obtaining motorcycles.

This type of vehicle is no longer an object of prestige in society. Reaching farmers cannot - and should not - be treated as a secondary consideration.

The hiatus there is that delivering the motorcycles was designed to speed up the extension officers' ability to reach farmers and advise them on crop planting methods and inputs.

There is a perennial problem as to how far one-on-one meetings between extension officers and farmers are necessary, instead of public meetings and leaflets with large prints, drawings, etc.

This explains the urgency of the need for the motorbikes the PM found lying 'idle' in Dodoma. It's that crucial.

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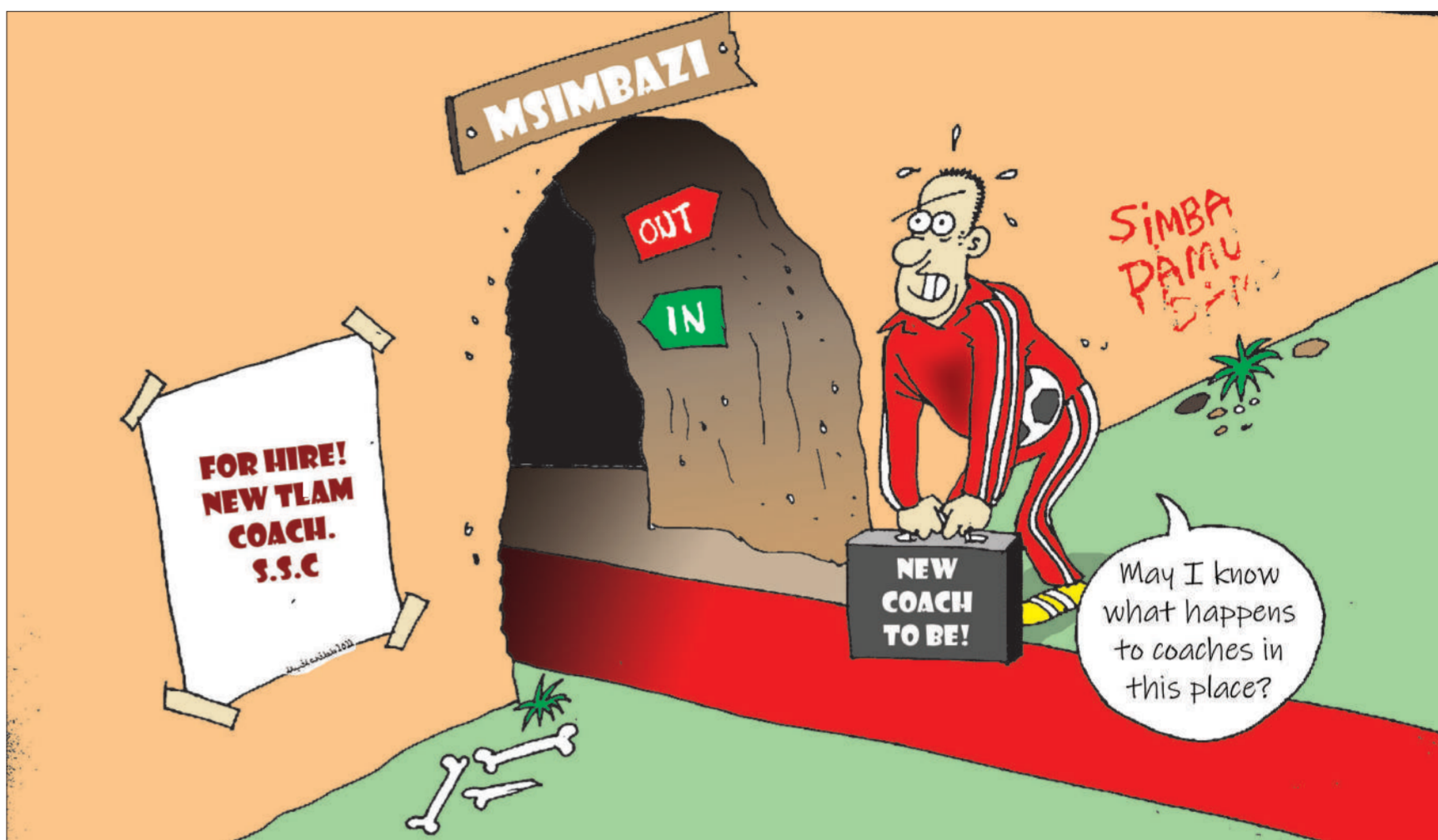
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THE user experience of your digital services and platforms matters if you want readers to stick around. You need to learn how to build audience feedback into your news products.

Do you feel comfortable viewing your news as a 'product'? Product-focused roles and teams have been around in journalism for a while now, but not all newsrooms embrace the concept wholeheartedly.

In a world of 'pivots' to short-lived tools and platforms, that much is hardly surprising. Editorial teams may also be concerned that the product discipline - borrowed from technology companies - strays too far from the goals of journalism to serve communities and hold the powerful to account.

Feli Carrique, the recently appointed executive director of the News Product Alliance (NPA), sees the role of the non-profit organisation as promoting product discipline. Like any discipline, that starts with understanding what "product" is, knowing its benefits (and limits), and consistently applying its practices.

The product is not the news itself; rather, it is generally how the news is served or delivered. In a digital newsroom, that could be an editorial series, newsletter, podcast platform, news app, membership programme, and so on.

Product workers are needed to create, maintain and iterate existing products, improving the overall user experience.

Products perform best by incorporating product thinking, a technique designed to understand user problems and then provide a solution. That is not exclusive to just the product team either; a newsletter editor can, for example, alter the delivery time, the domain address, the click-through landing page, or the sign-up process, for better results and engagement.

Product work is therefore collaborative; when technology, business and editorial teams work together towards shared goals.

"Technology has brought us the opportunity to work in a different way, basing decisions in data and proven techniques. Product offers us a more formal setting of tools and frameworks that can make that easier," says Carrique.

"What product professionals do is use tools and frameworks to facilitate strategic decision-making and develop products within different teams," the NPA director adds.

These tools include audience research methods, iterative agile frameworks, product roadmaps (with timelines and allocated responsibilities or 'owners') and feedback loops.

## What journalists need to know about product thinking in 2022



### Audience and product

Product-focused roles have some overlap with audience development roles, but there is a distinction.

An audience editor is typically responsible for identifying user needs and ensuring that content reaches the right audiences: specific tasks might include SEO (search engine optimisation) editing; social media management; speaking directly to users through surveys, comments and social media or analysing audience data - and feeding back the findings to editors.

Product managers are responsible for one or more products, and they will coordinate teams in planning the creation and launch of the product, usually using systems such as agile sprints, retrospectives and feedback cycles.

So, while the audience editor acts as the 'voice of the user' in meetings, the product manager takes responsibility for developing products in a way that meets user needs as well as business goals.

For Carrique, the benefit is obvious: using these frameworks correctly will save time, money and resources by focusing on the work that adds the most value to the organisation's audience.

### Diverse perspectives

The case for improving the diversity in editorial teams is that it can result in a more inclusive range of stories for your audience. The same is true for diversity on the product side of an organisation.

Having a diverse product team will surface the different needs of users that may have otherwise gone under

the radar. This could include anything from accessibility to language use.

And in both editorial and product teams, diversity means being able to hire the best people regardless of what background they come from.

### Change management

"I see product as pushing transformation to the next level - and the media industry desperately needs something to push it forward," says Carrique.

She adds: "We are past digital transformation; that was 20 years ago. But what's next for us: how do we put in place and implement systems that allow us to constantly innovate? That's product."

In an industry where workers are often over-stretched as it is, introducing any change is hard. Carrique says that unconscious resistance is just as great a challenge as conscious resistance to innovation.

She opts for an analogy. Let's pretend switching which hand you brush your teeth with would result in long-term health benefits. People would struggle to commit to that because their habits are too deeply-ingrained, or in those moments when they are tired, they fall back to the default option.

This is the reason for networks like the NPA to champion the discipline itself and support the people already working in it (or keen to get started) so that they are not a lone voice in the newsroom.

It also offers a community for knowledge-sharing, hosting events, creating and sharing resources, while also running training, mentoring and coaching workshops.

Becoming a product thinker is not

necessarily about learning brand new skills or re-training but, rather, learning how to use specific frameworks and adapting existing tools in your toolkit.

According to Carrique: "Interviewing and reporting are not that far from conducting audience research; writing a nut graph is like clarifying your proposition; managing an editorial calendar is not that far off managing a product roadmap. You can go from owning a beat to owning a product. You learn more about it and get better at it."

### Key skills

One: Technical skills. Because product is at the intersection of business, audience and technology, some level of technical skills will usually be required. However, the specific skills needed would be defined by the products you will work on and the size of your team.

Two: Communication skills. Similar to other bridge roles which involve working across teams, product work requires particularly strong listening capacity, to understand both audience needs and the needs of different team members.

Three: Curiosity. Is there any role in a newsroom where this trait is not desirable? For product workers, it is all about seeing each problem as a challenge; researching possible solutions and presenting creative approaches.

Four: Analytical skills. Be data-informed on decisions rather than data-driven. A good product worker will be able to weigh up data from different sources with their own gut instinct.



HERE is this dilemma about choosing between money and passion when it comes to career choice. Going by numbers here in Tanzania and globally, money wins mostly over passion.

But winning is one thing and enjoying the victory is another. It turns out that most people endure doing boring jobs they only keep because of the remunerations while some enjoy working in the professions that are actually their hobbies.

Understandably, turning down a job offer after graduating to pursue a passion requires a certain level of determination if not preparation. Those who follow this path, though minority, enjoy work life more.

Richard gets ready for a late afternoon run. He needs to make a decision on a contract that is sitting in his inbox, waiting for his signature and he needs a clear head. He changes into his tracksuit and sneakers, picks up the phone and creates a running playlist. He grabs his headphones and hits the tarmac.

The contract is a good piece of change, he thinks as he puts one foot in front of the other. He could live in a better apartment, in a few months' time he could put a car on the road and people could know the type of a person they are dealing with when he puts the ignition keys on the table.

He finishes the first three kilometres and stops at a roundabout with plush greenery. He stretches his legs and his hands then gets in the planking position and does 20 pushups. He gets on his back and does 50 sit-ups. After he's done, he's drenched in sweat.

He wipes his forehead with the back of his hand, takes off his glasses which he wipes with his undershirt and gets back on the tarmac for the three-kilometre run back. If he signs the contract, there's a good chance he will cement his position among the middle class in the country. There's also a good chance that he will be writing his books less and less.

He gets to his house, takes a

## In career choice, money wins over passion but at a huge cost to folks



screenshot of his playlist, posts it on his socials and jumps in the shower. He's heading out for a date. One of his book readers wants to meet him for drinks.

He sits on the first floor of a popular joint in town. Opposite him is a European man. They're probably both waiting for their dates.

The European man orders soup, he orders Masala tea with no milk and cuddles it in his

hands while he muses over the contract in his inbox. If he signs it, he could start going on vacations. He closes his eyes and imagines the sand on his feet and the breeze in his face. But he also needs the ability to dream. People work all their lives so they can be free, to dream, to bathe in the sun, and do what they love. He has that now and he cannot put a price on it.

He looks at his watch; his date is thirty

minutes late. His anxiety is starting to build up. The lady she's meeting, he knows nothing about her while the lady reads him, and knows everything about him.

His phone buzzes, the lady arrives. She sees her climbing the stairs from the corner of his eye. He gets up and hugs her in delight. He asks her if she sings. She lifts her eyebrows. She looks at him unconvinced.

"You know, I wanted to know the face

behind your incredible writing and at the same time, I was afraid of meeting you. What if I didn't like you and I was forced to stop reading you all together?" Losing two readers in a day? She tells him jokingly and they part ways.

He gets to his house after primetime news, changes into bedtime clothes and as he does so, he looks into the mirror and realizes that he can't sign the contract. He needed to live his current life, write, meet his readers and change their mindsets freely and not on a watch. To enjoy the ability to be free, the ability to dream, the ability of possibility. Besides, a contract might make him put a car on the road but it is the words he writes that makes him want to fly.

He wakes up the following morning and writes a regret email then sits and wonders if he had made the right decision. But as long as he will be doing what he loves, who cares?

A lot of people do jobs they don't like because they get paid for it. But there are few who stick to their passion and psychologists this minority group is the happy lot.

If you are yet to settle for a career or planning to change your current one, go for what makes happy and that will not only be good for your soul, it will boost your performance too.

### UNITED NATIONS

Thirty years ago, the Earth Summit, which took place in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro, paved the way for the establishment of three major conventions on the environment - specifically on biodiversity, climate change and desertification.

As countries meet on all three conventions in 2022, SDG Advocate and indigenous rights activist Hindou Ibrahim talks about the indispensable role that indigenous communities around the world play in protecting life on our planet - its biodiversity, land and climate.

"As indigenous peoples, we say, we are not different than the rest of the species, we are only one species of nature, so we cannot harm the rest of them. So that's why living in harmony, it's connecting each other, respecting each other and trying to keep the balance without harming the rest of the species - species of nature," says Ms. Ibrahim.

She is no stranger to international climate change, human rights and sustainability processes. In 1999, at just 15 years of age, she founded the Association of Indigenous Peul Women and Peoples of Chad, a community-based organization that promotes the rights of girls and women in Chad's Mbororo community which she belongs to.

In the years following, she became the co-chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change, and today she is one of the 17 eminent global leaders known as the SDG Advocates.

For centuries, indigenous communities like hers have protected our environment. They care for more than 20 per cent of our planet's land and 80 percent of its biodiversity.

"For centuries and centuries, my great grandparents have always used the ecosystem. They know the ecosystem, they move from one place to another one to find work in pastures, but in this way of living, it is giving back to nature; it is helping nature to get regenerated in a natural way".

"So, for all the indigenous peoples around the world, this is the deeper

## Living in harmony with nature



Hindou Ibrahim, SDG Advocate and Indigenous Rights Activist. Credit: Africa Renewal, United Nations

connection we have. And that's also why we are protecting 80 per cent of the world's biodiversity. Because for us, it is not a passion, or a job. It is our way of living. And that's what we have done for all generations."

Their way of life - rich with traditional knowledge and respect for nature - and their ability to manage natural resources sustainably supports the lives and livelihoods of 2.5 billion people or about 1 in 3 people in the

world.

"We are very happy that now - from the private sector to the public, to UN agencies, all people are saying how important are indigenous peoples and their role to protect the biodiversity but to fight climate change, they are finally recognizing that indigenous peoples are a solution, we are not only a victim of the climate change," says Ms. Ibrahim.

Indigenous communities have historically

been at the margins of formal global negotiations on climate change. They were finally given a voice alongside governments in 2015 when the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change created the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform.

"When we talk about nature, when we talk about the climate, most of the time people talk a lot, but they do not act, maybe it is difficult for them to find the way to act.

This is where the role of indigenous peoples [should be] in the centre of each discussion because we are not only talking, we are acting. We want the people who are talking to follow us and act. If we [have] acted all those years, we won't be in this pathway of climate impact every single day."

At the 2021 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, governments pledged \$12 billion to stop and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030. \$1.7 billion was earmarked to support indigenous communities' efforts to conserve tropical forests.

However, the world's nearly 480 million indigenous peoples living in at least 90 countries need support to protect a diversity of ecosystems - from the glaciers in the Arctic to the steppes in Central Asia and the savannahs in Africa - that are threatened by climate change.

"Imagine when you come in country like mine, in Chad. In the north, you have the desert 100 per cent; you come a little bit down, you have the Sahara regions; you go a little bit further you have the savannah. And after the savannah, you have the tropical forests. What is happening with climate change?"

"[With] desertification advanced, the people from the desert moved to the Sahel, the people from the Sahel moved to the savannahs, those from savannah moved to tropical forests. And that's also how the peoples are using the ecosystem that exists. So, you cannot choose to protect only the tropical forests. When you place money, you must think about all the rest of the ecosystem that interconnects - from the oceans to the glaciers," stresses Ms. Ibrahim.

In recent years, the world's leading scientists have recognized indigenous communities as "some of the best environment stewards" stressing their central role in safeguarding life on our planet.

Their traditional knowledge - which is closely linked to their lands, territories and resources - can help end food insecurity, combat climate change and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss.

"Around the world, we are facing a lot of crises - from the environment to health and to wars. But when we think about the impact of all that, it is based on human survival and planet survival, so we must all act to fight climate change, and

Source Africa Renewal, United Nations

# Global community urged not to relent in the final push to eliminate leprosy

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When Yohei Sasakawa visited a remote village in Cameroon, he found 23 people living there.

Of the 23, three were affected by leprosy and were shunned by their families. Even in such a small community, people experience stigma and discrimination because of leprosy.

Yet this is not a unique story, says Sasakawa, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination. This is the story of persons affected by leprosy, where there are more than 100 laws globally that discriminate based on the disease.

In his journey to at least 122 countries, he found that the story of persons affected by leprosy is characterized by stigma, discrimination, and ostracization.

Against this backdrop, Sasakawa had a message of hope and encouragement during the sixth 'Don't Forget Leprosy' campaign webinar series titled, Elimination of Leprosy: Initiatives in the Americas and Africa.

Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination during one of his many visits to communities where people affected by leprosy live. Credit: Joyce Chimbi

Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination during one of his many visits to communities where people affected by leprosy live. Credit: Joyce Chimbi

He said that eliminating leprosy was "in its last mile. A sustained push is much needed in spite of and because of ongoing challenges including COVID-19 pandemic as well as the myths and misconceptions around leprosy".

"India has the highest number of leprosy cases, but they have also targeted to eliminate leprosy by 2030. This is an ambitious goal. I am encouraged by ongoing efforts, commitment, and passion to eliminate leprosy."

With the universality of leprosy's challenges in mind, under the Sasakawa Leprosy Initiative, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador, the Nippon Foundation, and Sasakawa Health Foundation work in a coordinated approach to achieve a leprosy free world.

Dr Carissa Etienne, Director, Pan American Health Organization, regional office for the Americas of WHO, stressed the need to sustain the fight to achieve zero leprosy cases by 2030. She called for a doubling of efforts. The Global Leprosy Strategy 2021 to 2030 is both a health and



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organisation, standing with Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, at the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland in May 2022. Sasakawa was honored at the Global Health Leaders Awards.

economic strategy because it aims at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The webinar provided a platform for health officials, NGOs, and representatives of organizations of

persons affected by leprosy. Participants heard how countries in the Americas and Africa are stepping

up prevention initiatives in keeping with WHO guidelines to accelerate the annual decline in new leprosy cases.

Experts stressed that innovative approaches are much needed to sustain leprosy case detection, contact tracing, and treatment, especially against the backdrop of COVID-19, which continues to shift attention from the disease.

Speakers stressed that a WHO-recommended regimen of timely screening and treating eligible contacts with single-dose rifampicin was vital. When the single dose is given as post-exposure prophylaxis to contacts of newly diagnosed patients, it results in a 50 to 60% reduction in the chances of developing leprosy over the next two years.

WHO recorded a total of 202,185 new leprosy cases globally in 2019. India, Indonesia, and Brazil register the highest number of new leprosy cases - more than 10,000 cases each.

Worldwide, 13 other countries reported 1,000 to 10,000 cases each. The Americas recorded 29,936 new cases, with Africa following closely with 20,205.

The webinar was held in line with the Global Leprosy Strategy for 2021-2030, on track with the new

road map on neglected tropical diseases. New cases must reduce to about 63,000 globally.

Dr Carmelita Ribeiro Filha Coriolano from the Brazilian Ministry of Health spoke extensively about the spread of new cases in the Americas in 2020.

Coriolano provided a detailed sociodemographic profile of new leprosy disease cases and physical disability indicators picked up by the Department of Chronic Conditions and Sexually Transmitted Infections Health Surveillance Secretariat. She noted that Brazil recorded the highest new cases of leprosy in 2021.

**In Africa, too, the cases remain a cause of concern.**

"In 2015, leprosy was eliminated as a public health concern in Angola. But the disease is still very much a priority because the most recent data shows 797 new cases were detected," says Dr Ernesto Afonso, National Leprosy Program Coordinator, Ministry of Health in Angola.

Dr Joseph Ngozi Chukwu, medical advisor, German Leprosy Relief Association in Nigeria, updated the epidemiological situation, leprosy case management, achievements, and lessons learned.

"Over 30,000 persons are estimated to be living with leprosy-related disabilities across Nigeria," he said.

Lucrecia Vasquez Acevedo, President, Felehsansen-National Federation of the Associations of the Persons Affected by Leprosy in Colombia, said the stigma continued.

"We cannot forget about leprosy because of the myths, misconceptions, and lies created around leprosy. It is important to teach other people the truth about leprosy. During the pandemic, we learned how to use technology to teach and overcome the challenges of access to information presented by the pandemic," says Acevedo, suggesting that the same should apply to leprosy.

Professor Takahiro Nanri, Executive Director, Sasakawa Health Foundation, facilitated a question-and-answer session, providing an opportunity to respond to questions from the participants. During the session, issues of myths, misconceptions, and stigma arose as they remained an obstacle to eliminating leprosy.



Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination during one of his many visits to communities where people affected by leprosy live. Credit: Joyce Chimbi

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By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

## 'SDF sponsorship has strengthened cultural tourism'

CULTURAL tourism has been one of the country's key attraction for many visitors touring, whereby they come here to study traditions and customs of various ethnic groups—traditional cuisine and its preparations.

Many tourists have different aspirations, including learning some cultural issues of various tribes such as Maasai—one of the most culturally distinctive tribes in Africa, easily recognisable for their brilliant red blankets and colourful bead jewellery.

Tourism is one of the six priority sectors that receive grants from the Skills Development Fund (SDF) with the aim of providing tourism training as well as hospitality services in the country.

SDF is part of the Education and Skills for Productive Jobs (ESPJ) programme and the National Skills Development Strategy (NSDS) and it is managed by the Tanzania Education Authority (TEA), which gets its funding from the World Bank and the government.

The SDF training on cultural tourism has significantly strengthened due to many visitors being attracted by customs and traditions of the country's various tribes.

The observation was made here yesterday by one of SDF beneficiaries, Lamnyaki Laizer from Mto wa Mbu in Arusha Region during an interview at the ongoing Technical and Vocational Education And Training (TVET) Exhibitions 2022, themed: "Striving for world class excellence in technical and vocational education and training"

Lamnyaki said cultural tourism has been attracting many tourists, especially by



SDF beneficiary Lamnyaki Laizer (R) shows how the Maasai traditional bead products to customers who visited the Tanzania Education Authority pavilion at the ongoing TVET Exhibition in Dodoma yesterday.

traditional foods of various tribes, and who like to know how they are prepared.

"Many like to see how the Maasai slaughter a cow and roast its meat," Lamnyaki said, adding: "Others are attracted by the Maasai outfits, but also other want to know about other tribes' culture,

including Chaggas, especially on how they make their liquor."

He said personally he received training on how to serve guests at the Mto wa Mbu Folk Development College through SADF sponsorship during which, among others, he learnt about cul-

tural tourism.

According to him, cultural tourism has been a great attraction from Maasai's customs and traditions as many visitors have been visiting their communities to get to know on how they live, their foods, clothing and making of traditional

souvenirs.

"After I completed Form IV in 2012, I went back home to engage in herding, I liked to continue with education but my family's financial situation has not good, hence later I joined the Mto wa Mbu Folk Development College and took up course

as tour guide," he said.

He said later he saw an opportunity in cultural tourism and traditional souvenirs hence I started making various traditional goods and souvenirs including bangles, earrings and belts that have been great attraction to many tourists,

stressing that thereafter he engaged 13 other youth and were now working together in making various traditional items as well as teaching tourists Maasai culture as part of cultural tourism.

SDF coordinator Masozi Nyirenda said the fund

provided funding to the FDC-Mto wa Mbu to provide training on tourism and hospitality services especially cultural tourism.

Nyirenda stated that the training benefited 400 young people from Arusha and neighboring regions, noting that the training is aimed at bridging the skills gap for people engaged in tourism and to help young people become self-employed and create jobs for others.

According to him, SDF meant to enable training institutions to increase quality and efficiency in providing vocational training skills in the six priority sectors in the country.

"From the 2017/2018 to 2021/2022 financial year approximately 32,000 people benefited from the skills training and many of them have now been able to become self-employed," he said, adding that the project cost 9.7bn/- and 23 regions have benefited and more than 80 projects have been initiated through the SDF grant.

Through the project many young people have been able to become self-employed, open companies and set up various productive projects while others go further by creating jobs for other young people.

"We're receiving more applications than what we want, to us this one of the biggest challenge we're facing right know," Nyirenda stated, citing lack of startup capital as another hiccup.

"We train more young people, but they need startup capital. Some of them go to their councils for loans but they don't get it and in turn they miss a chance of using their skills. And those who get it they do better," he said.

## Emirates extends incentives to Tanzanians travelling to Dubai this summer

**EMIRATES Tanzania Country Manager, Majid Al Falasi met with Our Correspondent recently and they talked on a number of issues, including on what the airline has to offer Tanzanians this summer in Dubai. Here is the excerpt:**

**Question:** It is summer in Dubai and a great calendar of events awaits both business and leisure travelers. What is Emirates offering passengers this summer?

**Answer:** Dubai is the place to be this summer season with the ongoing Dubai Summer Surprises, a world-class cultural, shopping and dining experience city-wide event with activities for every age group.

To make it more memorable, Emirates is giving all its passengers the magic key to some of the greatest discounts in Dubai, simply by using their boarding pass.

From May to September 2022, Emirates passengers can show their Emirates boarding pass and a valid form of identification as a 'Summer Pass' to enjoy fantastic discounts throughout Dubai.

For example, couples can enjoy spa treatments at the Sofitel Spa with



Majid Al Falasi

L'Occitane or spot Arabian oryx at sunset while taking a private desert safari with Arabian Adventures. With the boarding pass, customers will enjoy up to 20 percent discounts on food and beverages on any of the Rove Hotels. These are just some of the many discounts.

**Q: With these summer offers, what happens to Tanzanians who want to travel to Dubai for the first time?**

**A:** At Emirates, we believe in offering our customers exceptional

moments that evoke emotions and create positive memories during their travels. To ensure that our customers keep "flying better", we recently launched the Dubai Experience - a powerful and intuitive platform that customers can use to create and book their own customized itineraries including flights, hotel stay, visits to key attractions, and other dining and leisure experiences in Dubai and the UAE.

Dubai Experience offers a one-stop itinerary planner with granular details that can help a traveller enjoy Dubai

based on the number of days they are visiting. In addition, it provides a selection of over 100 hotels and 200 activities including free things to do that one can select through our emirates.com website.

Besides what customers will experience in Dubai, Emirates passengers will enjoy unmatched inflight entertainment with close to 5,000 channels, thoughtful culinary touches throughout the meal service, and uniquely designed amenities.

**Q: What are some of the**

**innovation Emirates have introduced since COVID-19?**

**A:** As part of Emirates' commitment to continuous innovation and an unmatched customer experience, the airline is providing passengers with various touchless innovations for a safe and seamless travel experience. To minimize touch amid the pandemic, Emirates has launched a series of contactless technology for passengers, including the Biometric Path, Digital Menus, IATA Travel Pass App, Self-Check-in and baggage drop.

We are scaling up our biometric

path— a contactless technology that allows for travelers to proceed through all touch points, including check-in, passport control, lounges, and the gate quickly without the need to scan documents.

Our smart contactless experience continues on board with digital menus available on the Emirates app allowing customers to browse the menus on their personal devices both online and offline; as well as on Emirates' Wi-Fi portal without needing to purchase a Wi-Fi package. The Emirates app can also be used to create a preferred playlist from close to 5,000 channels on in-flight entertainment on ice and sync it to their personal screens on board.

**Q: Over the last four years, what has been the statistics of travelers from Dar es Salaam to Dubai using Emirates?**

**A:** Over the last three years, we have seen progressive growth in passenger demand to and from Dar es Salaam. Up until the pandemic, the airline carried more than 2 million passengers since it first started operating to Dar es Salaam from Dubai in 1997.

**Q: Last year, dnata - The Emirates Group, global air, and travel services provider, set up shop in Zanzibar. Tell us more about this.**

**A:** During 2021-22, dnata expanded its global airport operations footprint into Africa. It signed a concession agreement with The Government of Zanzibar, where dnata will oversee the operations of the Zanzibar Abeid Amani Karume International Airport's newly-built international terminal (T3) with its partners to support the food and beverage, duty free and commercial outlets at the terminal. In addition, we are recruiting more than 400 staff to assist in the ground handling, cargo, catering, retail, and travel services.

# Youth must be equal partners in digital decision making - ITU youth summit

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“50 percent of the present, but 100 percent of the future,” was the refrain at the first-ever Generation Connect Global Youth Summit.

Held in Kigali, Rwanda, from June 2-4, the youth summit saw community

activists, entrepreneurs, engineers, policymakers, and students from over 115 countries discuss the digital divide and youth engagement. Another 4,800 participants joined virtually from research centers, universities, and schools.

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN agency on

information and communication technologies, organized the summit. It served as a build-up to the ITU's World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), held two days after the conference, from June 6-16.

Participants at the summit emphasized the need for young people to be con-



Delegates at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) summit debate the role of youth in narrowing the digital divide. Credit: ITU

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF A LIQUIDATOR OVER AGILITY LOGISTICS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Members of the above company i.e. **Agility Logistics Limited** with Registration No 72467, have resolved to wind up the company voluntarily and that **Mr. Florian Mutagwaba (Advocate) of PKF Advisory Limited** located at **Girl Guides Building, Kibasila Road, Upanga P.O. Box 7323 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania** has been appointed as a liquidator for the purpose of winding up the company effectively from 06th day of May 2022.

The powers of the Liquidator extend to all undertakings of the Company from the date of appointment thereof.

Any person who has claims against the company is required within thirty days (30 days) after the issuance of this notice to send to the liquidator, full particulars of any claim against the company supported by appropriate documentations thereof. Claims which are not supported and substantiated shall be excluded from the benefits of any distribution to be made.

The Public is hereby notified accordingly.

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sidered equal partners in decision-making, especially around problems concerning their future.

“We know that young people are going to be the most affected by problems like the climate crisis. That means that we must have a stake in what is decided and what is negotiated in these spaces,” climate activist Xiye Bastida said.

The discussion was also centered around bridging the digital divide. Like the later WTDC conference, the summit's theme was “connecting the unconnected to achieve sustainable development.”

During the opening cer-

emony, Prime Minister of Rwanda Édouard Ngirente remarked upon the benefits of digital technologies being omnipresent in daily life. But the Prime Minister also noted that many were missing out on the advantages of technological innovation.

Globally more than 2.2 billion children and young people lack an internet connection at home. Of those, 35 million young people have never accessed the internet.

“The digital economy is growing rapidly, with almost every aspect of our lives moving online and massive economic opportunities being created. Opportunities ahead are indeed promis-

ing, but in order to fully tap into these opportunities, we must ensure that nobody is left behind,” he said.

Ngirente mentioned that the lack of uniform access to technology posed challenges for economic development and youth employment rates. “The extent to which our economies can grow will depend on the ability to ensure equitable access to technology and upskilling and reskilling our populations, especially the young,” he said.

Currently, access to internet connectivity is inequitable. Accessibility depends on factors like income, demographic, and gender.

For example, only 15 percent of women and girls in the least developed countries use the internet, noted Heidi Schroderus-Fox, the UN Acting High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States.

“There's a huge gap,” Schroderus-Fox said. “We need to make sure that the opportunities of the internet and the digital world are provided equally for everyone, women, girls, men, boys, everyone.”

Critical policy matters related to internet connectivity and technologies, such

as cyber-safety, the future of work, and entrepreneurship, were also explored in summit sessions. The need for youth engagement to weigh in on these policy matters remained an essential thread throughout the event.

Twenty-six-year-old Emma Theofelus, the Namibian Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, talked about how young people are best positioned to discuss regulations around online work and content creation due to their experience navigating online spaces.

“Policy should take center stage. But, beyond that, it is a policy that should be co-created by young people. We understand best the complexities and challenges of online platforms and the harms that can come with it,” she said.

The emphasis on youth engagement was central to the summit's outcome document—the Generation Connect's Call to Action. “Our Digital Future,” lists recommendations to foster better youth participation around decisions in governments, the UN, and the ITU for “a more inclusive, sustainable digital future.”

Situating the Call to Action, the Rwandan Minister of Youth Rosemary Mbabazi emphasized the document as a pivotal step for more digital inclusivity.

“The Call for Action embodies the call to the young minds, the global partners, the private sector, and the commitment to provide internet connectivity and make it accessible, available, and affordable through creating and enabling an environment as well as providing the prerequisite infrastructure for the young people to invent and innovate,” she said.

Although the Call to Action had been in the works since 2020 and had already undergone an extensive online consultation process, it was finalized during the summit. There, attendees reviewed the document and gave suggestions for improvement.

One suggestion was to refer to sexual minorities alongside gender minorities. Another was to swap the phrase “digital rights” for “human rights” to leverage the issue's urgency for policymakers and use established language for international documents.

The Generation Connect Call to Action was to be presented to leaders at the WTDC.



## Request for Proposal; Individual Consultant to Develop Zanzibar Youth Employment Action Plan (ZYEAP III), 2022-2025.

### The Nature of the Assignment:

The International Labour Organization, Country Office Dar es Salaam, under Economic Growth and Employment project in collaboration with the President's Office: Labour, Economic Affairs and Investments in Zanzibar, is inviting an individual consultant to review the Zanzibar Youth Employment Action Plan II (2014 - 2018) to identify challenges and gaps in its implementation and to therefore develop the third Zanzibar Youth Employment Action Plan (ZYEAP III), 2022-2025 that is based on the review of ZYEAP II. The consultant will work closely with a Technical Team established by the Ministry that will also include social partners for more inputs and advice.

### Consultant Qualifications

#### An individual applicant should have the following qualifications:

- At least a master's degree in social sciences, Labour Economics, Development Studies, Labour relations or any related field.
- Expertise and experience in youth employment interventions, sustainable development frameworks and working with international organizations.
- Overall knowledge and at least five years practical experience in development programs, projects and interventions.
- Familiar with International, Regional and National Frameworks on youth employment issues.
- Familiarity review and evaluation of national policy documents or programs.
- Excellent management skills, report writing skills and strong analytical skills.
- Excellent communication, presentation, research and facilitation skills.
- Self-directed and have the ability to work in a team.
- Fluency in spoken and written Kiswahili and English.

### How to Apply

Interested candidates (individuals only) should access and carefully read the ToR which is now available in our website Link

[https://www.ilo.org/africa/about-us/offices/dar-es-salaam/WCMS\\_345413/lang-en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/africa/about-us/offices/dar-es-salaam/WCMS_345413/lang-en/index.htm)

The interested candidate should submit their CV, a technical proposal and sample of previous work to [darprocurement@ilo.org](mailto:darprocurement@ilo.org) with the title **ILO/2022/UNDAP-II/Excoll No 3**.

**Deadline for submission of the proposal is on 16th June, 2022.**

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1. Vacation  
7. transit country  
8. a stupid person  
10. guide  
12. 'Bread basket' of Europe  
14. chew  
15. Swedish money  
16. doze  
21. bird mimicking human speech  
22. a building occupied by monks  
23. the heart, liver and stomach  
25. value again  
27. affirmative answer  
29. pay back  
32. Agwambo  
33. Tanzania's statesman  
34. pale, weak

Down:  
1. provides accommodation and meals for tourists  
2. relaxation  
3. Senegal's capital  
4. people trained for a particular purpose  
5. bob up and down  
6. fifth month of the year  
7. mental suffering  
9. person in charge of magazine  
11. home for Africa's tallest mount  
13. caretaker  
15. former male student  
17. one to whom money is paid  
19. a small pond  
20. modern Tuscany  
24. City in the Belgian province of Antwerp  
26. land measuring 4,840 sq yards  
27. a stiff bristle growing from the ear of flower of barley  
28. First Woman  
30. an animal's foot  
31. Monetary unit of Japan



## Invitation for Pre-qualification of Suppliers for Goods and Services 2022 - Vi Agroforestry Tanzania.

### About Vi Agroforestry

Vi Agroforestry is a Swedish development organization, improving livelihoods of smallholder farmer families through agroforestry and sustainable agriculture land management. The organization has been working in East Africa for over 35 years. Through trainings, counseling and networking, Vi Agroforestry has reached over 2.4 million people and helped planting over 125 million trees. The vision of Vi Agroforestry is a sustainable environment enabling people in poverty to improve their lives. Vi Agroforestry operates in four countries: Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

### What are we looking for?

Vi Agroforestry Tanzania intends to establish a database of pre-qualified suppliers for goods and services for the year 2022. All potential eligible suppliers are invited to apply for pre-qualification of vendors, indicating the category of goods, works and services which can be supplied.

For detailed terms of reference and how to apply visit our website:

<https://viagroforestry.org/work-with-us/>

**Deadline for application is 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.**

Only successful suppliers will be contacted.

### Misconduct

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# GREEN BUILDING MATERIALS CHANGING DYNAMICS OF CONSTRUCTION IN AFRICA

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**T**HE construction industry accelerates national development and growth but additionally contributes to eco-unfriendly and unsustainable development, which has detrimental effects on the economy and the environment.

The construction industry is turning to green building materials (GBM) as a way to promote investment and opportunities in sustainable construction. And the African construction industry is no exception to this.

According to a recently published report by Future Market Insights, the global green building materials system industry is expected to grow at a robust CAGR of 11.8% from 2022 to 2032.

Green building in South Africa reduces energy and water usage, increases asset value and profitability, reduces operating costs, reduces life cycle energy costs and improves company recognition.

Due to their social benefits, green building materials are increasingly being used in the construction industry.

The buildings are aesthetically pleasing and enhance the comfort and health of occupants. Since it is a new and innovative technology, they provide more opportunities

for job creation, especially for locals who work in research and development.

Researchers are working on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and developing strategies for converting existing buildings into green buildings.

In this blog, we will discuss how bamboo is a suitable sustainable green building material for the African construction industry, how precast concrete materials can be used for more effective planning and lower cost for buildings, and the use of straw bales for green construction in Africa.

One of the highest quality environmentally friendly building materials is bamboo. Some plants have been reported to have grown up to three feet within 24 hours, which indicates how high their self-generation rate is.

After harvest, the plant grows and spreads without needing to be replanted. Bamboo is found on all continents, except for Europe and Antarctica, and is a perennial grass.

In addition to its high strength-to-weight ratio, it is more durable and lasts much longer than concrete and brick, with a negligible carbon footprint. Therefore, it is the preferred sustainable option for flooring and cabinetry.

However, bamboo requires



Researchers are working on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and developing strategies for converting existing buildings into green buildings.

special treatment to prevent rot and insects. Bamboo, if left untreated, contains starch that greatly attracts insects and it could swell and crack once it absorbs water.

Various parts of South Africa are home to Bambusa balcooa, a bamboo species that are considered suitable for construction.

Its properties have not yet been established, but it has been widely adopted by the African construction industry. It can be considered a viable construction material based on theoretical engineering and material properties determined in various countries around the world.

As a result of a 3.5% yearly urbanisation rate in Africa, slums have become

dominant settlement types throughout the continent.

A priority is to identify locally sourced, environmentally responsible, and affordable building materials. As an example, INBAR implemented a project called Development and Promotion of Bamboo Housing Technology in East Africa to assess bamboo's potential to meet low-cost, eco-friendly housing requirements in the region.

A conventional bamboo building and a modern bamboo building were initially constructed in both Kenya and Uganda as part of this project.

A precast concrete slab is formed at the manufacturer's site and shipped to the construction site in whole sections.

Like concrete blocks, they are made entirely of concrete but have a lot of hollow spaces within. In addition to walls and facades, precast concrete slabs can be used for floors and flat roofs since they can withstand all kinds of weather.

Concrete is an excellent way to control heat within a building as well as an affordable building material. As precast concrete slabs often take less energy to produce and assemble, their sustainability is higher than many traditional concrete options.

By precasting concrete, the material can also cure properly in a controlled environment rather than being exposed to unfavourable weather conditions on the job site. As a result, precast concrete slabs prevent cracks and structural weaknesses in the concrete, which might eventually lead to demolition.

As a result of using naturally sourced raw materials such as stones, sand, gravel, and cement, this material is environmentally friendly. It is also resistant to blasts, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, thus reducing carbon emissions significantly. A great example of the advantages of using precast concrete in the construction of green social housing is City Deep Green.

## Africa Data Centres sets up shop in Accra, Ghana

### ACCRA

AFRICA Data Centres, part of the pan-African tech group Cassava Technologies Group, has today announced that it is building a 30MW data centre facility in Accra, Ghana.

The new facility will lay the groundwork for the company's hyper-scale partners to expand digital services and solutions to more countries in West Africa and will make Africa Data Centres the largest provider in West Africa, with facilities in Nigeria, Togo and now Ghana.

According to Tesh Durvasula, CEO at Africa Data Centres, the Accra operation is a significant milestone for Africa Data Centres and highlights the massive growth opportunity the company sees for its business in the region and the continent.

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"We are witnessing an unprecedented demand for digital services, apps, broadband, cloud technologies, and more, all of which are seeing data demand soar to unimaginable levels," said Durvasula.

The 30MW facility in Accra will play a significant role in leading the charge for hyper-scale customers to deploy digitisation solutions to West Africa.

"This new facility will be a giant leap forward in our ambitious long-term plans to close the digital divide in Africa by bringing digital services to more businesses and people. We chose Accra as our next location since there is an existing high demand from hyper-scalers, cloud operators and multinational enterprises to digitally transform West Africa," Durvasula states.

In addition to bringing digital services, the data centre will create numerous job opportunities through the digitisation of the economy and hiring local contractors and workers for the builds, from entry to high-tech level.

According to Durvasula, "Many exciting innovations have their home in Africa, and numerous startups are raising billions to debut disruptive models across a wide range of sectors. Moreover, with Ghana being the second-largest economy in West Africa, it also is an attractive investment destination for international tech giants that want to expand their footprint in the region".

"Africa has never seen plans like this before", Durvasula concludes. "The Africa Data Centres team aims to build many interconnected, cloud- and carrier-neutral data centres across the length and breadth of the continent in an unrivalled \$500m investment in Africa's digital transformation."

## Davis & Shirliff: Pro-small farmer policies will boost adoption of irrigation technologies

### By Guardian Reporter

DAVIS & Shirliff has called on the government to formulate policies that promote development and provision of affordable modern food production techniques and irrigation technology.

The leading supplier of water and energy related equipment in the region said these policies will make it possible for small holder farmers in Tanzania to access finances and vital technologies that encourage use of less water and cheap solar power, sustainably boosting their productivity and income.

"Africa is a continent largely dependent on agriculture which is rain-fed, and only about 6 percent of our arable land is irrigated. The continent could cement food security and likely even triple food exports if we harvest water and exploit our large underground aquifers that are literally untapped resources for irrigation," said Davis & Shirliff Tanzania managing director Ben-

jamin Munyao.

In Tanzania, farmers' use of irrigation technologies remains low. However, the government has rolled out a plan to adopt and establish small scale irrigation systems to boost crop production for small-scale farmers in rural areas of the country. Studies indicate that small-scale irrigation development through water harvesting technology supports local farmers to improve agriculture productivity, ensuring food security and reducing poverty.

Water harvesting technologies enable farmers to collect rainwater and utilize it in small-scale irrigation systems such as drip irrigation, where water is supplied slowly and directly to the roots of plants.

Munyao explained that water occurrence in terms of quality and quantity is a fading resource in Tanzania and elsewhere in Africa making it increasingly difficult for farmers to source water for optimal plant performance.



"It is therefore only by use of technologies that guarantee optimal application rates and performance monitoring in irrigation as well as addressing matters of water quality that we are able to achieve the desired effects on plant health and overall output," said Munyao.

More than 75 percent of food is produced by small scale farmers who own less than 10 acres of land in Africa.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Programme for Technology and Research in Irrigation and Drainage (IPTRID) missions have found that lower-cost, more water-

efficient irrigation technologies have the potential to greatly expand small-scale irrigation in East and Southern Africa and significantly improve food security and family incomes.

"Most of these technologies are way above what most farmers can afford. That's why proper incentives and access to finance will help provide complete cost-effective solutions at all levels while taking a holistic approach to various challenges faced by water users," he said.

The firm is pushing for more adoption of irrigation solutions starting with the smallest modular drip kits

that can be scaled to larger areas, automation options for all systems, fertilizer injectors, portable and fixed sprinkler sets as well as large scale centre pivots and hose reels.

"If we put these small-scale irrigation technologies such as modular drip kits, portable and fixed sprinkler sets, water capture and storage devices, we will boost food production, reduce poverty and spur economic growth in these uncertain times," Munyao said.

In addition, the firm also offer solutions for landscape irrigation, and which utilize waste water for such applications which Munyao noted are generally highly cost effective and are tailored to suit every scale contrary to the belief they are costly.

"The best way to evaluate irrigation solutions is to look at the benefits in terms of water saving, productivity per unit area and the cost of production. Irrigation offers sustainable and guaranteed returns and payback periods are generally within a short time, often covered after the first crop," he concluded.

Agriculture is the backbone

of Tanzania's economy. It provides a livelihood to more than three quarters of the population, mostly small-scale farmers.

It accounts for 15 percent of national exports, and contributes 27.8 percent of Tanzania's Gross Domestic Product.

But climate change is posing a huge threat to the sustainability of the sector.

Worldwide, Studies indicate that climate change is reducing the availability of water resources for crop production. In Tanzania, local farmers are feeling the greatest impacts

The Davis & Shirliff Group is one of the leading suppliers of water related equipment in Africa. Founded in 1946, our business activities are focused on seven principal product sectors - Water Pumps, Boreholes, Swimming Pools, Water Treatment, Generators, Solar Equipment and Irrigation. The group is Kenyan based and operates through a network of Kenyan branches as well as regional subsidiaries in Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, DRC, Zimbabwe and a partnership in Ethiopia.

## Mortgage activity slips as rising rates bite housing market



### NEW YORK

A closely watched gauge of mortgage application activity slid to a more than two-decade low last week, as elevated home prices and rising interest rates dragged further on purchase and refinancing activity.

The Mortgage Bankers Association's (MBA) weekly market composite index tracking mortgage loan application volume sank 6.5% during the period ending June 3. This represented a fourth consecutive weekly decline and extended a 2.3% drop from the prior week. Refinance applications fell 6%

week-on-week and were down 75% compared to the same time last year. Meanwhile, purchases fell 7% from the prior week, and on a seasonally unadjusted basis, were lower by 21% compared to last year.

"Weakness in both purchase and refinance applications pushed the market index down to its lowest level in 22 years," Joel Kan, MBA's associate vice president of economic and industry forecasting, said in a press statement. "While rates were still lower than they were four weeks ago, they remained high enough to still suppress refinance activity. Only

government refinances saw a slight increase last week."

"The purchase market has suffered from persistently low housing inventory and the jump in mortgage rates over the past two months," Kan added. "These worsening affordability challenges have been particularly hard on prospective first-time buyers."

The MBA's latest report adds to other housing market data underscoring cooling demand as interest rates creep higher. New home sales slid by a much worse-than-expected 16.6% in April to reach a two-year low, while existing-home sales sank

to the lowest since June 2020 as the median home listing price soared to a fresh record high of \$391,200.

The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage hovered at 5.09% as of the beginning of the month, according to Freddie Mac data released June 2.

While that was a tick down from the 5.10% from the prior week, it was still a jump from the comparable week last year, when the rate averaged 2.99%. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage reached the highest level since 2009 in mid-May at 5.30%.

## CONSTRUCTION COMPOSITES GLOBAL MARKET HITS \$5.7BN

DUBAI

**T**HE global construction composites market is expected to grow from \$5.71 billion in 2021 to \$6.31 billion in 2022 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10.7 percent. The market is expected to grow to \$8.09 billion in 2026 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.4 percent.

The construction composites market consists of sales of the construction composites by entities (organizations, sole traders, and partnerships) that are used in the construction of entire bridge structures, bridge decks, and bridge enclosures.

The composite construction is aimed at providing the maximum strength and stiffness to the structure with the minimum investment of the resources that are made available.

They are advantageous due to their high stiffness-to-weight and strength-to-weight ratios when compared to standard materials such as steel and reinforced concrete. The compression resistance of concrete and the tension resistance of steel in the structure are combined in the composite construction.

The main types of resins in construction composites are polyester resin, vinyl ester, polyethylene, polypropylene, and epoxy resin. Polyesters are the frequently used thermoset resin for all commercial composites.

These resins provide stability of good mechanical, chemical, electrical properties, dimensional stability, ease of handling, and low cost. The different types of fibers include carbon fibers, glass fibers, and natural fibers that are used by various end-use sectors such as industrial, commercial, housing, and



The rise in the construction of residential and non-residential buildings is promoting demand for construction composites and, by extension, market growth. FILE PHOTO

civil.

North America was the largest region in the construction composites market in 2021. The regions covered in this report are Asia-Pacific, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, South America, Middle East, and Africa.

The increasing construction activities are significantly driving the growth of the construction composites market. Construction is the process of putting together materials to create enormous structures.

Composite materials are employed in construction because of the numerous advantages they

provide over traditional building materials. The increasing construction activities for residential and non-residential buildings are promoting the demand for construction composites and thereby promoting the market growth.

For instance, according to the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's new residential construction data, in 2021, an estimated 1,337,800 new residential housing construction units were completed, a 4% increase from 2020.

Therefore, the increasing construction activities are expected to fuel the construction com-

posites market growth going forward.

Strategic collaborations and partnerships have emerged as a key trend gaining popularity in the construction composites market. Major players in operating in the construction composites sector are focused on collaborations and partnerships to extend their growth in new areas and to strengthen their position.

For instance, in March 2021, Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA), a US-based association partnered with Owens Corning for an undisclosed amount. This partnership enables HVAC industry suppliers, manu-

facturers, and service providers to demonstrate their extraordinary commitment to ACCA members and the contracting industry through year-round support of the association's activities.

Owens Corning is a US-based composite manufacturing company. Also, in April 2021, Heatcon, a US-based aerospace company partnered with Hexcel Corporation for an undisclosed amount.

This partnership granted HEATCON to sell Hexcel's carbon fiber prepreg tapes and fabrics to support advanced air mobility vehicles and the unmanned aerial vehicles industry. Hexcel Corporation is a US-based composite manufacturing company.

In March 2020, Owens Corning, a US-based company that manufactures composites acquired Hughes Brothers' concrete reinforcement business Aslan FRP for an undisclosed amount. This acquisition broadens the Owens Corning portfolio of composite solutions and adds new products that will enhance the performance of concrete structures while being lighter-weight and more corrosion-resistant than conventional steel reinforcements.

Hughes Brothers is a US-based company that produces and markets construction composites.

The countries covered in the construction composites market report are Australia, Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Russia, South Korea, UK, USA.

### Technology brings massive change in the modalities of handling property

NEW YORK

WITH 2022 on the horizon, property maintenance and management are taking new directions. It might be burdensome to catch up with trends but there are things that can assist a property manager to reach the zenith of success.

Owners and managers have to watch out for technological advancements in the field of property management.

Considering the types of property maintenance jobs that a property owner has to do, giving way to technological gadgets can facilitate the process of the task.

Currently, there are several property owners who are eventually realizing the vitality of using software through which they can make their properties lucrative. For instance, in 2018, the total revenue gained by the PMS market was around \$14,901 million and this is predicted to grow at 7.8% for 9 years, until the end of 2028. Here is a list of the property tech trends that are going to bring about the change.

**BIG DATA**

The property management and real estate industries are positioned in such a way that they can benefit from big data. With more data, there are scopes of better decisions driven by data. Websites like Trulia, Zillow, and Redfin have disrupted the industry with the use of big data. Such companies can gather data on trends of buying and selling in a definite area, demographic information, traffic, and consumer survey results.

For the bigger property managers and owners, big data is all about getting historic and real-time information on all types of property systems like HVAC, electrical, utilities, life/fire safety, telecommunication and translating them to active maintenance.

**AUGMENTED REALITY & VIRTUAL REALITY**

As per a survey by the National Association of Realtors, half of the eager buyers looking for homes resort to the internet first. Thanks to augmented reality and virtual reality that online search and buying a home is getting more accessible and exciting. Realtors can conduct VR tours of homes that the buyers can experience sitting back in their homes.

For new built homes, virtual reality can create architectural and realistic images and videos to help buyers get a clear idea of the property even before the beginning of the construction. Tenants can also get familiar with the space by taking a virtual reality tour.

**MACHINE LEARNING & AI**

What would you do if you had to calculate the mean time between failure or MTBF of your commercial equipment? Wouldn't you have to make a proper calculation of the same? The property and real estate industries have been slow in adopting machine learning and AI and this will help them in making the data more actionable.

Property search websites depend on preferences like size and location to demonstrate real estate properties for sale.

AI can allow these websites to recommend properties depending on personality traits, preferences, and values. Artificial Intelligence also assists in predicting the trends of prices more appropriately. Its results are based on historical trends of the market.

## Is the global housing market heading for a downturn?

LONDON

A series of interest rate increases by many of the world's central banks has stalled the pump that had been rapidly inflating global house prices. Experts expect the continuing rises to end the rapid, two-year surge in home values and to slow price growth sharply.

Yet the pandemic-induced housing boom has not ended quite yet. Property viewings in London are still attracting crowds of prospective buyers. Houses are still going for sums that far exceed their asking prices.

Similar pressures are manifesting themselves in other markets. In the US, house prices rose at an annual rate of 20.6 per cent in March, the fastest since records began more than 35 years ago. In the last quarter of 2021, real house prices across the 38 countries of the OECD, the club for rich-country economies, were up 16 per cent in two years. That is the fastest pace since records began 50 years ago.

Much of the impetus for price growth came from rapidly changing low interest rate policies that central banks adopted to mitigate economic damage from the coronavirus pandemic, however.

Banks' actions lowered the costs of servicing mortgages at a time when many households had saved money during the lockdowns. Increased homeworking also pushed up demand, and hence prices.

In recent months, by contrast,



the highest consumer price inflation in decades has prompted many central banks to raise their official interest rates, which set the benchmark for the wider financial system.

The mortgage rates that lenders charge homebuyers are rising in response. In the US, mortgage provider Freddie Mac's 30-year mortgage rate rose to 5.23 per cent in May, the highest since 2009. In the UK the average rate on newly drawn mortgages rose to 1.82 per cent in April, up 32 basis points from the low registered last November.

Some signs of slowing price pressures have already emerged. In the US, builder sentiment dropped in May and purchases of new single-family homes decreased by 17 per

cent in April compared with the previous month, the weakest since April 2020.

In the UK, mortgage approvals in April fell to the lowest level in nearly two years. Annual house price growth slowed markedly to 9.8 per cent in the year to March, from 11.3 per cent in February.

Further rate rises by central banks are likely to push mortgage rates up still higher. Markets expect central banks to raise interest rates by at least 100 basis points by the end of this year or early next year in the eurozone, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Most forecasters expect such rises to produce a sharp slowdown in house price growth rates. "We are expecting house price inflation to slow down in both the US and Europe as a result of rising mortgage

rates and pressure on debt affordability," says Barbara Rismondo, senior vice-president at the rating agency Moody's.

The European Central Bank in May warned that an "abrupt increase" in real interest rates could induce house price "corrections" in the near term.

Bank of England governor Andrew Bailey has taken a similar view. "The direction of travel would be that an increase in interest rates would lead to some cooling off of the housing market," he told members of the House of Commons' Treasury select committee in May.

Economists say that in addition to rising mortgage costs, factors contributing to the slowdown in housing inflation include the erosion of real incomes by inflation and the harmful effect of the past boom on households' ability to save up for deposits. As a result, the consultancy Oxford Economics forecasts that house prices will grow more slowly in 2023 than last year in most countries – and that some countries will experience outright contractions.

James Knightley, economist at ING, says that the past two years' rapid US house price growth could "quickly flatten out and possibly reverse".

In the UK, Andrew Wishart, senior property economist at Capital Economics, forecasts prices will fall in 2023 and 2024, with a cumulative 5 per cent drop. That would "reverse a fifth of the surge in house prices since the pandemic began", he says.

## Real estate community launches Unite ESG for sustainable future

LAGOS

Real estate community from Africa, Europe and UAE gathered at the just concluded UNITE Summit in Lagos as part of activities to mark the 10th edition and the return of the most influential real estate event in Africa, Real Estate Unite, since the covid pandemic.

The two-day Unite Summit welcomed over 60 speakers, 50 exhibitors, 650 delegates and over 1000 footfalls and was kicked off with a welcome address by the Chairman,

Unite ESG Community, Jumoke Akinwunmi, who gave a broad overview of the real estate industry in the last 10 years and the role real estate unite has played to fill the gaps.

This edition of the event which was centred on Climate tech, sustainability and ESG with the theme "Towards a Sustainable Culture", featured a sustainability conference, exhibition and ESG recognitions attended by industry stakeholders and individuals who are passionate about improving the efficiency and environmental impact through sustainable practices in the real estate sector.

Speaking on how the African real estate sector can embrace a more sustainable culture, keynote speaker, Prof. Obas John Ebohon, Professor of Sustainability and Environmental Law, London South Bank University, laid emphasis on how and where we build can have a great impact on the African environment in terms of health. "A 36 per cent reduction in CO2 emission by 2030, is expected of the real estate sector to remain under the 20C target, benchmarking with the Paris agreement target. The ultimate goal is carbon neutrality by 2050", Prof. Ebohon noted.

Industry stakeholders such as IFC EDGE, Stanbic IBTC, Broll, Elalan, Mixta Africa, Purple, Landwey, Clifton Homes, Karmod, Rendevour, Dutum, The Address Homes, Horizon Estates, Haven Homes, Master Builders, ACTIS, Family Homes Fund, Home Works and Afriland Properties PLC, Damac Dubai, UPDC, CPL Ghana, Strongmas, 3INVEST represented half of Unite 2022 summit audience. The estimated \$768 billion investment potential in green buildings between 2018 and 2030 in emerging market cities is due to

the sharp increase in building construction expected over the next few decades and the opportunity to ensure these are built green, according to Dennis Papa Odenyi Quansah, Green Building Lead, IFC Nigeria Ghana & Kenya representative.

During his presentation on 'Introduction to sustainability in the built environment, he gave a holistic view of EDGE and how it aligns with all the major international green finance standards. Green buildings cost 3 per cent more upfront with a three-year payback he said.

## CONSTRUCTION

# AFDB EYES INCREASED CHINESE INVESTMENTS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY IN AFRICA, SAYS EXEC

ACCRA

**A**FRICAN Development Bank (AfDB) would seek increased support from China for investments in renewable energy projects in Africa, an official has said.

Daniel Schroth, Director of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Department of AfDB, said that due to the enormous expertise and know-how on renewable energy from the South-South cooperation, it is important for the bank to strengthen its partnerships with some Asian countries, including China.

"One has to recognize that China has seen a larger expansion in the magnitude of renewable energy generation capacity in the last couple of years. It is a remarkable achievement and is something that Africa can learn from," he said.

He said China, a non-regional AfDB member, has

cooperated with the bank to capitalize the Africa Growing Together Fund for projects in energy and infrastructure.

"There is certainly the potential to scale up that co-operation further and focus specifically on renewable energy projects, which are critical from an integration perspective," said Schroth.

He said the continent boasts of enormous renewable energy potentials, including some of the world's best hydro potentials, excellent solar potentials across the entire continent, geothermal energy along the East African Rift Valley, and wind both offshore and onshore in many locations, which provide great opportunities for cooperation with stakeholders including China.

Schroth added that the African lender had been increasing financing for renewable energy projects to harness some of these potentials.

"Since 2016, more than 86



percent of our investments in power generation have been in renewable energy projects because we see that as the enormous opportunity for Africa to leapfrog some of the existing technologies for the continent's development," he added.

For this reason, the official said the bank "is keen on deepening conver-

sation with Chinese counterparts on support for these projects."

The official added that AfDB was leading the way in the quest to harness these resources to support Africa's growth objectives.

Through the desert-to-power flagship project, for instance, AfDB seeks to provide access to electricity to 250

million Africans by 2030. Moreover, AfDB also signed a mandate with the government of Mozambique earlier this May for a 1,500 MW hydropower project.

But in addition to these projects, Schroth highlighted the need for investments in interconnectivity and integration to create a more robust infrastructure that would allow a sharing of renewables in the collective larger grids.

"The sun might not be shining in one part but not in other parts. The wind might be blowing in one part but not in the other parts. If you integrate them into one system, you can balance the power use. And so AfDB puts a strong emphasis on critical regional interconnection projects," he said.

He said these transmission and integration projects that were critical for energy sufficiency and efficiency on the continent were also opportunities for cooperation with China and would also grant access to Chinese private sector companies to access the African energy market.

## Construction under way for biogas pipeline in California

CUPERTINO,

Aemetis, Inc., a renewable natural gas and renewable fuels company focused on below zero carbon intensity products, today announced the completion of 20 miles of biogas pipeline and approval for construction of the remaining biogas pipeline in Merced County, California.

Construction of the 39-mile main biogas pipeline is on schedule for completion in Q4 2022.

"Issuance of the Phase Two Pipeline permit and construction of the main pipeline in Merced County is a very significant milestone for the Aemetis Biogas RNG project," said Andy Foster, President of Aemetis Biogas, Inc. "California and Merced County recognize that the adoption of dairy biogas as a negative carbon intensity fuel to replace diesel in heavy trucks and buses is essential if we are to make strides to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions. Aemetis continues to rapidly deploy the infrastructure necessary to connect our network of dairy digesters and increase the production of carbon negative dairy renewable natural gas."

This project milestone allows the installation of biogas pipeline in Merced County for construction of a pipeline for a total of 39 miles from the Aemetis ethanol plant in Keyes, California to dairies in Stanislaus County and Merced counties.

The pressurized pipeline conveys conditioned, pressurized biogas from dairies to the Company's centralized gas cleanup facility and the Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) interconnection system to inject renewable natural gas (RNG) into the gas utility pipeline.

At the Keyes plant, the biogas is upgraded to negative carbon intensity RNG for use as a transportation fuel in cars, trucks, and buses. The RNG is either delivered into the PG&E utility pipeline located onsite at the Aemetis ethanol plant, dispensed to trucks at fueling stations across California or at the RNG fueling station being built at the Aemetis plant.

Previously, Aemetis announced that it received approval for the biogas pipeline from the Merced County Board of Supervisors for the Phase Two pipeline, as well as an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the entire pipeline project, the key approval necessary to meet the permitting requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prior to pipeline construction.

The CEQA approval confirms that mitigation measures in the biogas project will avoid or mitigate any impacts on the environment.

The Company completed the permitting for 20 miles of biogas pipeline in Stanislaus County in August 2021 to connect dairies to the Aemetis biogas cleanup facility at the ethanol facility.

# World Bank supports water treatment plant in DRC

KINSHASA

The World Bank's Director of Strategy and Operations for Eastern and Southern Africa, Humberto Lopez, has concluded a two-day visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) during which he and the Country Director, Jean-Christophe Carret, met with Democratic Republic of Congo Finance Minister Nicolas Kazadi, and visited projects under implementation in Kinshasa, including the construction of the future Ozone water treatment plant.

"I appreciate the close partnership and collaboration between the Ministry of Finance, and more generally DRC, and would like to personally thank Minister Kazadi for his efforts to build a solid program with the World Bank that will soon total about \$7 billion in grants and credits," said Mr. Lopez after the meeting.

The Bank's active portfolio for DRC will reach about \$7 billion at the end of June 2022 due to a significant

increase in financing from the International Development Association (IDA) in recent years. IDA provides grants and zero or low-interest loans called credits boost economic growth, reduce inequalities, and improve people's living conditions in the world's poorest countries.

The meeting was also an opportunity to discuss how the Bank can support DRC in its efforts to preserve its rainforest and basin—the largest rainforest on the African continent and the second largest in the world.

The Bank and the Minister of Finance also signed two financing agreements for a total of \$900 million in support of women's entrepreneurship and improved access to water and electricity in the Kasai and Eastern provinces.

"These operations add to a portfolio of operations focused on building human capital and protecting the country's poorest—including women—from socio-economic shocks," said Mr. Carret.

During the visit, the Bank delegation encouraged the authorities to continue their efforts to increase COVID-19 vaccination coverage and commended them for setting



up a complaints and reporting system against sexual harassment in schools—a critical tool in the fight to end violence against young girls.

The Bank also reiterated its commitment to DRC in the development of the next phases of the Inga hydroelectric infrastructure.

"The World Bank's International

Development Association (IDA), established in 1960, helps the world's poorest countries by providing grants and low to zero-interest loans for projects and programs that boost economic growth, reduce poverty, and improve poor people's lives.

IDA is one of the largest sources of assistance for the world's 74 poorest

countries, 39 of which are in Africa. Resources from IDA bring positive change to the 1.3 billion people who live in IDA countries. Since 1960, IDA has provided \$458 billion to 114 countries. Annual commitments have averaged about \$29 billion over the last three years (FY19-FY21), with about 70 percent going to Africa.

# UK house prices hit record high, but growth slows

LONDON

THE average house price in the UK hit a record high of £289,099 (\$363,486) in May, but the market is showing signs of cooling, according to the Halifax House Price Index.

Across the UK, the typical property value increased by £2,857 a month in May. An imbalance between supply and demand for properties remains the primary reason driving the climb in house prices, the report said. "The average cost of buying a home in the UK is up 1 per cent, or £2,857, on last month, and has now risen for 11 consecutive months," said Russell Galley, managing director of Halifax.

"Annual growth also remains in double-digits, at 10.5 per cent, although this is the slowest rate of growth seen since the start of the year."

Alice Haine, Personal Finance Analyst at investment platform Bestinvest, said the latest data adds to the mounting evidence that house price growth is being affected by the uncertainty facing the wider economy.

"Yes, prices have still risen 1 per cent on the month – marking the eleventh successive monthly increase – and yes, prices are up by 10.5 per cent on the year, keeping annual

price growth in double digits, but this is the slowest rate of growth since the start of the year and shows the challenges ahead cannot be ignored.

"With mortgage rates surging – following four consecutive interest rate rises from the Bank of England since December and further hikes expected this year – and inflation of 9 per cent eating into real incomes, it is only natural that prospective buyers may take a pause before plunging into the market right now.

"Add in the cost-of-living crisis and the fact fuel prices are now at record highs [petrol prices set a new average record of 178.5p per litre on Tuesday], and the cost of buying a home may deter those already struggling to meet their monthly obligations."

Halifax's Mr Galley said: "For house-hunters, the extent of the impact of property price inflation continues to be linked to the type of home they are looking to buy.

"Compared to May last year, you would need around £10,000 more to buy a flat, but an additional £50,000 for a detached home.

"This clearly creates a knock-on effect for those looking to make their first home move, as the rungs on the housing ladder have become increasingly wider. However, the hous-

ing market has begun to show signs of cooling.

"Mortgage activity has started to come down and, coupled with the inflationary pressures currently exerted on household budgets, it is likely activity will start to slow.

"So, there is perhaps one green shoot for prospective purchasers – with overall buying demand down compared to last year, we may be past the peak sellers' market."

Northern Ireland had the strongest annual house price inflation in May, with prices rising by 15.2 per cent.

The south-west of England also recorded a strong rate of annual growth at 14.5 per cent.

In Wales, house prices jumped by 13.7 per cent annually, pushing the average house price there to a record £216,120.

Only Yorkshire and the Humber, Scotland and London recorded annual house price inflation below 10 per cent in May.

In Scotland, house price growth continues to "underperform" relative to the UK average, according to Halifax, with annual inflation at 8.3 per cent.

Ten years ago, annual house price growth in London was the strongest in the UK, with annual house price inflation of 4 per cent.



## WORLD

## Algeria suspends Spain treaty, bars imports over Western Sahara

ALGIERS/MADRID

ALGERIA suspended a 20-year-old friendship treaty with Spain that committed the two sides to cooperation in controlling migration flows, and also banned imports from Spain, escalating a row over Madrid's stance on Western Sahara.

Algerian state media reported the suspension of the treaty without citing any reason, though Algeria had in March withdrawn its ambassador to Spain for consultations because of the Western Sahara dispute.

Spanish diplomatic sources said Spain regretted the decision but remained committed to the content and principle of the treaty.

Separately, Algeria's banking association issued a statement telling banks that imports of goods and services from Spain were stopping because the treaty was suspended.

The 2002 treaty called on both sides to "deepen their cooperation in the control of migratory flows

and the fight against trafficking against human beings" according to the text recorded in Spain's official journal.

On Wednesday, 113 undocumented migrants arrived in Spain's Balearic islands, a route that Spanish authorities said tended to be used by boats coming from Algeria.

Migrant flows have sharply increased across the Mediterranean this year as the pandemic and Russia's special military operation in Ukraine has hit the global economy.

Algeria was angered when Spain said in March it supported a Moroccan plan to offer autonomy to Western Sahara. Algeria backs the Polisario Front movement seeking full independence for the territory, which Morocco regards as its own and mostly controls.

A former Algerian official told Reuters that Algerians believed the Spanish government had decided not to preserve good ties with Algeria.

Algeria is a key gas supplier to Spain, but Algerian



Demonstrators wave Western Sahara flags during a protest against the Spanish government support for Morocco's autonomy plan for Western Sahara, in Madrid, on March 26, 2022. Western Sahara is designated by the UN as a "non-self-governing territory" whose people "have not yet attained a full measure of self-government". Morocco controls 80 percent of the territory, while the rest -- an area bordering Mauritania that is almost totally landlocked - is run by the Polisario Front. AFP

President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has previously said he would not break the supply contract over the row.

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares said there was no indication that had changed and Spanish Energy Minister Teresa Ribera said Algeria's gas supply conduct had been exemplary.

Algeria is expected to review prices for any new gas contract with Spanish firms, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters. The current contract

is long-term with prices well under the current market level, the same source, who asked not to be identified, said.

Since the Western Sahara conflict flared again in 2020, nearly three decades after a ceasefire, relations between Algeria and Morocco have sharply deteriorated.

Spain's shift towards Morocco's stance on Western Sahara ended a dispute between Madrid and Rabat last year involving both the disputed territory and migration. **Agencies**

## Situation around Karabakh settlement important for Russian military-diplomat

YEREVAN

THE Russian military views the situation around the settlement of Farukh in Nagorno-Karabakh as a priority, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a press conference following talks with his Armenian counterpart Ararat Mirzoyan yesterday.

"As for the situation, then the Russian military, and our Armenian friends are well aware of this, holds it as one of its priorities. There are already certain results on the ground in terms of de-escalating this situation," the Russian top diplomat said.

"And we do have an understanding that within the framework of focused work on delimitation that is already beginning, these issues will be considered and definitely resolved," he added.

On March 26, the Russian Defense Ministry reported that Azerbaijani troops entered the zone of responsibility of Russia's peacekeeping contingent. The next day, this agency reported that Azerbaijan had withdrawn its troops from the Farukh settlement in Nagorno-Karabakh. Later, the Azerbaijani Defense Ministry stated that the republic's military units had not left the locality.

## Togo to open a consulate general in Dakhla soon

RABAT

TOGO has announced that it will shortly open a Consulate General in the Moroccan southern city of Dakhla.

The announcement was made by Togolese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Robert Dussey, who is currently on a visit to Morocco to take part in the first ministerial meeting of Atlantic African States hosted by Rabat June 8.

Robert Dussey who was received this Tuesday, June 7 in Rabat by his Moroccan peer Nasser Bourita, reiterated his country's support for Morocco's territorial integrity and affirmed his backing for the autonomy plan presented by the Kingdom.

This autonomy initiative "constitutes the one and only credible and realistic solution to the (Sahara) dispute," he said as stated in a joint communiqué made public following his discussions with Nasser Bourita.

The Togolese top diplomat also hailed the efforts of the United Nations as "exclusive framework for reaching a realistic, practical and lasting solution to the dispute over the Sahara".

Togo's Consulate General will bring to 26 the number of consular representations opened in the cities of Dakhla and Laayoune.

## Carrie Lam: No regrets in past five years in office

HONG KONG

OUTGOING Chief Executive Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor said she had delivered a satisfactory report card for her past five years in office, and marked a full stop for her 42 years in public service.

She made the remarks yesterday during her last question-and-answer session at the Legislative Council. Her term as the special administrative region's fifth chief executive will end on June 30.

Lam (pictured) said that although the past five years have been one of the most challenging times for Hong Kong since the handover, a strong sense of historic mission and responsibility has driven her to move forward fearlessly.

She said she has never regretted assuming the city's top job, and never thought about resigning.

In addition to the raging COVID-19 pandemic that has gripped the city for over two years, Hong Kong also suffered the social unrest of 2019, and an economic downturn and geopolitical turmoil in recent years. Lam said that on the 25th anniversary of its return to the motherland, Hong Kong is standing at a new point of the "one country, two systems" practice, and everyone has high expectations for the city's future.

Lam stressed that the social unrest in 2019 proved that "one country, two systems" is the basic principle in developing good executive-legislative relations. Only by ensuring "patriots administering Hong Kong" could the relationship be thoroughly improved, she added.

With firm upholding of the principle, Hong Kong will take advantage of its unique advantages and further integrate into the country's development with unlimited opportunities, Lam said. Lam also said she hopes the next government, to be headed by chief executive-designate John Lee Ka-chiu, will continue to address livelihood issues, such as working with developers to speed up the construction of transitional housing, improving the quality of education, and attracting overseas professionals. **Agencies**



## Iran says turned off two IAEA surveillance cameras

TEHRAN / VIENNA

THE Atomic Energy Organization of Iran announced Wednesday that it has decided to turn off two surveillance cameras of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The AEOI said it has decided to, as of Wednesday, shut off the IAEA's surveillance cameras for the online enrichment monitor and the flow meter, according to state-run IRIB TV.

According to the statement, the AEOI's remedial measures are implemented in reaction to the IAEA's "illegal behaviors."

Iran has so far cooperated extensively with the IAEA, it added, "unfortunately the agency has not appreciated Tehran's collaborations, it has, instead, deemed the cooperation to be Iran's duty."

"So far, the IAEA has not only

been ungrateful for Iran's extensive cooperation but has also considered it as a duty. From today, relevant authorities have ordered that surveillance cameras of the Online Enrichment Monitor be shut down," Iranian state TV reported.

The AEOI added that over 80 percent of the IAEA's existing cameras are operating under the Safeguards Agreement, which will remain in place and keep functioning as in the past.

In an exclusive report on the same day, Iran's Nour News, affiliated with the country's Supreme National Security Council, said Tehran has placed on the agenda a number of remedial measures in reaction to the IAEA's "illegal behaviors" and "political reports".

The UN nuclear watchdog's 35-nation Board of Governors



This file photo taken on Nov 10, 2019 shows an Iranian flag in Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant, during an official ceremony to kick-start works on a second reactor at the facility. AFP

overwhelmingly passed a resolution criticizing Iran for failing to explain uranium traces found at three undeclared sites, diplomats at a closed-door meeting said on Wednesday.

The board "expresses profound concern" the traces remain unexplained due to insufficient cooperation by Iran and calls on Iran to engage with the watchdog "without

delay", according to the text. Last Monday, the IAEA released two reports about Tehran's cooperation with the agency claiming that it estimated Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium had grown to more than 18 times the limit laid down in the 2015 nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

The IAEA has also informed member states in a report seen by Reuters that Iran had started installing a cascade, or cluster, of advanced IR-6 centrifuges at its underground enrichment plant at Natanz, a longstanding plan it had not acted on for months. **Agencies**

## S. Korea trucker strike enters 3rd day, supply chain risks grow

SEOUL

THOUSANDS of South Korean truckers went on strike for a third day yesterday to protest the sharp surge in fuel costs, disrupting production, slowing activity at ports and posing new risks to a strained global supply chain.

Presenting new President Yoon Suk-yeol with one of his first big economic challenges, about 7,200 members or roughly 30 percent of the Cargo Truckers Solidarity union were on strike, the country's transport ministry said.

A union official said the number of participating members was much higher and they were also joined by non-union truckers.

South Korean steelmaker POSCO said it had been unable to ship about 35,000 tons of steel products from two plants daily since the strike began - equivalent to roughly a third of its daily shipments from those plants.

A South Korean auto indus-



In this file photo taken on Nov 18, 2020 a worker stands aboard a truck loaded with cabbages during a harvest at a cabbage farm near Mokpo, South Korea.

try group called the strike "extremely selfish", saying it would further pressure the sector which has been hurt by the global chip shortage.

Hyundai Motor Co has seen some disruption to production at plants in Ulsan as truck drivers refuse to deliver components, Yonhap news agency reported. Hyundai Motor declined to comment on the matter.

A transport ministry official said there had been drops in shipments of some products including steel and cement. But the country was not yet seeing a "significant disruption in logistics" and the government was meeting with relevant industry officials to prevent such a situation.

An official with the Korean Shippers' Council said the impact was being felt at ports.

"There's only a minimal amount of cargo getting into ports right now. Until yesterday the situation may have appeared okay because some pre-arranged cargoes were being delivered but the reality now is that it is very difficult."

Busan Port Authority said an emergency response team had been in place since Monday and it has readied extra storage space outside the port. The port's container occupancy rate is currently 76.3 percent, up from 73.9 percent two days ago.

## Trucker frustration

The truckers, regarded as self-employed contractors in South Korea, are seeking pay increases and a pledge that an emergency measure guaranteeing freight rates which was introduced amid the pandemic and is due to expire this December will be extended. They also want it to apply to a wider range of trucks, not just container trucks and cement

trucks.

"Due to skyrocketing fuel prices and the government not acting enough to protect our livelihood, our frustration is only growing and growing," Kim Jae-kwang, a senior union official, said.

He said many truck drivers were on the verge of going out of business.

"Large cargo truck drivers are paying an additional 3 million won (\$2,390) in fuel costs when their monthly pay is around 3 to 4 million won."

The Cargo Truckers Solidarity union is part of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions, which is known for being more defiant than other big union groups in their actions.

The police have made more than two dozen arrests including members of the truckers union who were blocking the gates of the Hite Jinro brewery in Icheon, southeast of Seoul, Yonhap news reported. **Agencies**

## China-Europe freight train service sees stable growth

CHINA-Europe freight train service maintained stable operation in April, said China's National Development and Reform Commission.

According to statistics released by the top economic planner, the number of China-Europe freight train trips rose 3 percent month-on-month to 1,170 in April.

From 2016 to 2021, the annual number of China-Europe freight train trips has surged from 1,702 to 15,183, growing 55 percent each year on average, and the value of goods transported by the cargo service skyrocketed from \$8 billion in 2016 to \$74.9 billion in 2021. Even after COVID-19 broke out, the

number of trips made by the freight trains still went up by 50 percent and 22 percent in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Given the impacts of the pandemic on international maritime and air transportation, there has been a sharp rise in freight charges, which leads to impeded global logistics and shrinking international trade.

Under such circumstances, China-Europe freight trains are serving as a strong pillar for global industrial and supply chains thanks to their safe, stable, efficient and green logistics services. The cargo service has become an important way of land transport on

the international logistics link.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, China-Europe freight trains have made over 1,000 trips each month for two years. On Jan. 29 this year, the total number of China-Europe freight train trips exceeded 50,000.

The cargo service, relying on its strong capability of international transport, has built a channel of life amid the pandemic. As of the end of April this year, China-Europe freight trains had shipped 14.1 million items of anti-pandemic supplies that weighed 108,000 tonnes. The cargo service has been widely appraised by

the Belt and Road countries and the international society.

Through the regular operation of China-Europe freight trains, China has made important contributions to the global fight against COVID-19 and economic recovery, which indicates the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and vividly explains the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Today, the cargo service connects 185 cities in 23 European countries and carries over 50,000 types of commodities. There has been a prominent increase in the number of

loaded containers carried by China-Europe freight trains, and the numbers of departing and returning trips are getting more balanced. Besides, new service forms of freight trains are emerging.

While sending premium products to hundreds of millions of people along the rail routes, China-Europe freight trains have catalyzed the building of a number of logistics, industrial and commerce centers, which provide thousands of jobs for local residents. It has constantly expanded the win-win "circle of friends" of the BRI.

At the Port of Duisburg, Germany,

hundreds of logistics enterprises have been established because of China-Europe freight trains, offering more than 20,000 jobs. At the Port of Malaszewicze, Poland, China-Europe freight trains are driving local business volume and promoting local economic and social development.

The cargo service, bringing infinite opportunities to more countries to share China's high-level opening-up, is promoting interconnectivity and win-win cooperation among Asian and European countries, and contributing to the building of an open world economy.

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## Former Lagos governor emerges presidential candidate of Nigeria's ruling party

ABUJA

BOLA Ahmed Tinubu, a former governor of the southwestern state of Lagos, on Wednesday emerged as the presidential candidate of Nigeria's governing All Progressives Congress (APC) party for next year's general elections.

Tinubu, also a national leader of the APC, defeated 13 other aspirants, including Vice President Yemi Osinbajo and Senate President Ahmad Lawan, to clinch the party's presidential ticket at a three-day special convention attended by President Muhammadu Buhari in Abuja, the Nigerian capital.

The former governor of Lagos polled 1,271 votes, while his closest rivals for the presidential ticket, Chibuike Rotimi Amaechi, the immediate past minister of transportation, and Osinbajo polled 316 and 235 votes respectively.

A total of 2,322 party delegates were selected from the 774 local government

areas of the country to participate in the voting exercise to elect one of 23 aspirants for the APC presidential ticket.

However, nine voluntarily stepped down or withdrew their presidential ambition, leaving only 14 aspirants to take part in the final lap of the race.

In his address at the Eagle Square, the venue of the special convention, Buhari said the critical task ahead of the governing party was to "continue to forge the unity of purpose among party members and to keep securing needed compromises."

Tinubu, in his acceptance speech, acknowledged that the most populous African nation had been saddled with a myriad of challenges. He, however, vowed to revive the economy and rebuild the nation if given the opportunity to emerge as winner of the presidential election slated for February 2023.

## Russian ambassador to US warns Arctic Council against making decisions without Moscow

WASHINGTON

THE decisions that the Arctic Council will take without the participation of the Russian side, will be illegal and they violate the consensus principle, Russian Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov said on Wednesday.

"Such a step cannot but give cause for concern both of Russia as its current chair and of the whole international community interested in further sustainable development of the region," Antonov (pictured) was quoted as saying by the press service of the embassy on its Telegram channel when commenting on a joint statement of western participants of the Arctic Council on limited resumption of its activities without Moscow's participation.

"We state that this unique format of cooperation between states is still being politicized. The decisions on behalf of the Arctic Council taken without our countries will be illegal and they violate the consensus principle stipulated by its guideline documents," he explained.

"It is simply impossible to efficiently settle the problems of the Arctic without Russia," the diplomat added.

Earlier on Wednesday Denmark, Iceland, Canada, Norway, the US, Fin-



land and Sweden decided to resume the work of the Arctic Council without Russia's participation.

A corresponding statement was published on websites of their foreign services. On March 3, all countries of the Arctic Council excluding Russia released a written statement, in which they refused to take part in meetings chaired by Russia and taking place on its territory due to the situation around Ukraine.

The Arctic Council is an intergovernmental organization of Arctic states, containing Denmark (along with Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Iceland, Canada, Norway, Russia, the United States, Finland, and Sweden. In 2021, when the Council marked its 25th anniversary, the two-year presidency came over from Iceland to Russia.

Agencies

# World faces largest cost-of-living crisis in a generation - UN report

UNITED NATIONS

THE world is facing a cost-of-living crisis unseen in at least a generation, partly due to the Ukraine conflict, said a UN report on Wednesday.

"The largest cost-of-living crisis of the 21st century has come when people and countries have a limited capacity to cope," said the second report of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance over the Ukraine conflict.

The Ukraine conflict has trapped the people of the world between a rock and a hard place. The rock is the severe price shocks in food, energy and fertilizer markets, given the centrality of both Russia and Ukraine in these markets.

The hard place is the extremely fragile context in which this crisis arrived: a world facing the cascading crises of COVID-19 and climate change, it said. "A shock of this magnitude would have been a significant challenge no matter the timing. Now, it is of historic, century-defining proportions," the report said.

The Food and Agriculture Organization's food price index is at near-record levels and 20.8 percent higher than at this time last year. Energy market volatility has increased with the recognition that a prolonged conflict will lead to higher energy prices in the medium to long term. Crude oil has now reached over 120 U.S. dollars per barrel and energy prices overall are expected to rise by 50 percent in 2022 relative to 2021.

Fertilizer prices are more than double the 2000-2020 average. Maritime transport costs are more than triple the pre-pandemic average due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 and the destruction of the transport infrastructure of Ukraine, as well as higher volume of traffic and congestion-related delays and other factors such as rising fuel costs, said the report.

Rising interest rates and growing investor uncertainty have eroded both the value of developing countries' currencies, as well as their capacity to borrow in foreign markets, it said. "Of



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for immediate action.

greatest concern are the vicious cycles beginning to emerge along the transmission channels of the crisis," said the report.

Higher energy prices, especially diesel and natural gas, increase the costs of fertilizers and transport. Both factors increase the costs of food production.

This leads to reduced farm yields and to even higher food prices next season. These, in turn, add to inflation metrics, contributing to what were already increasing interest rate pressures and tightening financial conditions.

Tighter financial conditions erode the buying power of the currencies of developing countries, further increasing the import costs of food and energy, reducing fiscal space and increasing the costs of servicing debt, it said.

The vicious cycles created by a cost-of-living crisis can also spark social and political instability, warned the report.

To break the vicious cycles that feed into and accelerate this cost-of-living crisis, two broad approaches are required: mitigating the impacts of the shock and increasing the capacity of people and countries to cope, it said. To mitigate the impacts of the crisis, markets must be made more stable and debt and commodity prices must be stabilized.

This is critical to immediately restore the availability of food for all people and all countries with equitable and adequate supplies at accessible prices.

An effective solution to the food crisis cannot be found without reintegrating food production in Russia, into global markets.

Other initiatives include continuing to release strategic food and energy stockpiles into markets, controlling hoarding and other speculative behavior, avoiding unnecessary trade restrictions and committing to increased efficiency in the use of energy and fertilizers in developed countries, said the report.

To increase the capacity of people and countries to cope, social protection systems and safety nets must be widened and fiscal space must be increased, it said.

Social protection measures and fiscal space are, in fact, linked. Countries need support from the financial institutions to increase their fiscal space to, in turn, increase social protection spending, including cash transfers to the most vulnerable.

The international community needs to help countries protect their poor and vulnerable, it said. There is no answer to the cost-of-living crisis without an answer to the crisis of finance in developing countries, said the report. Existing international financing mechanisms to support strong national fiscal responses need to be fully funded and operationalized quickly. Multilateral develop-

ment banks must be capitalized and apply more flexible lending ratios.

The global debt architecture is not ready to face the current crisis, which arrives during a moment of record-high debt levels and rising interest rates.

Current tighter monetary conditions increase the risk of a systemic debt crisis, said the report.

The Group of 20's Debt Service Suspension Initiative should be renewed, and maturities should be pushed back by two to five years.

The Common Framework for Debt Treatment needs to be improved. A systematic approach to multilateral debt restructuring and relief, which includes vulnerable middle-income countries, must also be pursued to ensure long-term solutions to current challenges, it said. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for immediate action.

"The message of today's report is clear and insistent: we must act now to save lives and livelihoods over the next months and years. It will take global action to fix this global crisis. We need to start today."

UN Conference on Trade and Development Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan, a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Crisis Response Group, who launched the report together with Guterres, also stressed the urgency of the matter. "We are in a race against time. This is why we are calling for action, action, and action. Dealing with the consequences of inaction - let me assure you - will be much more costly for all than acting now," she said.

## Industrial Internet facilitates intelligent manufacturing in China's textile industry

### Chinese firms popular at Egypt's largest medical expo

CAIRO

At a vast exhibition center on the outskirts of the Egyptian capital Cairo, several Chinese pharmaceutical and medical companies have drawn the interests of visitors who were seeking business opportunities in one of the largest medical exhibitions and conferences in Africa.

The Africa Health ExCon, which was held from June 5 to 7, features various products including vaccines, medicines and medical equipment, and hosts some 350 companies from over 100 countries.

Among the firms participating in the event was China's biopharmaceutical company Sinovac, which jointly produces COVID-19 vaccines with Egypt's state-owned vaccine producer VACSERA.

"Sinovac is here to show our services, present our portfolio and also to show our interest in business collaboration with local partners and introduce more Chinese pharmaceutical products, including vaccines, to Egypt and other African and Middle East countries," said Zhang Qichao, Sinovac's senior director of international business in Africa and the Middle East.

Through the "successful cooperation" with VACSERA, China seeks to help Egypt become a hub for vaccine production and distribution in Africa and the Middle East, Zhang told Xinhua.

The Sinovac's booth attracted many visitors from Egypt and other African states during the three days of the event.

Egyptian veteran pharmacist Essam Halim Demetrios was one of them, who showed interest in establishing cooperation between Sinovac and his pharma company in Egypt.

"We can cooperate with Chinese pharmaceutical companies in the fields of marketing, manufactur-

ing, import, etc. We will see! We are open to all kinds of cooperation with Chinese firms," said Demetrios.

"As a pharmacist, I see very good potentials for Chinese companies to be present in our markets like European companies, which take a large share in the markets of Egypt and the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries," he added.

At another booth in the expo, Chinese firm Mindray exhibited various medical imaging devices including fixed and hand-carried diagnostic ultrasound systems, under the slogan of "Healthcare Within Reach."

Zhifeng Liang, general manager of Mindray international sales and marketing in Egypt and North Africa, said that the Chinese company started business in Egypt a long time ago.

"We offer a very big product portfolio in Egypt including medical imaging systems and diagnostic laboratory solutions for operation rooms, intensive care units and emergency departments," the Chinese manager told Xinhua.

For his part, Omar Abdel-Aziz, director of the Egypt's Unified Procurement Authority (UPA) technical bureau, said that the medical exhibition and conference seek to gather all players in the medical field to discuss challenges, solutions and partnership opportunities.

He said that the UPA welcomes the participation of Chinese companies and did its best to connect the Chinese companies with the Africa side.

"Chinese companies are leading in the fields of medical and pharmaceutical manufacturing and their participation in this year's expo was strong," the Egyptian official told Xinhua, hoping for further Chinese participation in the coming years.

Xinhua

INDUSTRIAL Internet, among other new-generation information technologies, is facilitating the transformation and upgrading of Chinese textile enterprises toward digitalization and intelligentization.

It is often seen in textile factories that rows of machines run at high speed while a few workers occasionally walk through them to inspect their operation; and that a fully automated logistics and packaging system carries cone yarn just off the production line to the packaging workshop, then it is piled up, handled, packaged and sent to warehouse smoothly.

"Now we can see clearly how much yarn is left in the weaving machine and when we need to change the cloth," said Qiu Haijin, chairman of Zhejiang Xinhai Textiles Co., Ltd., standing in front of a large screen displaying data on the operation of each weaving machine of the company.

The company is based in Lanxi city, east China's Zhejiang province, where textiles are a pillar industry. In the past, weaving machines and equipment in Lanxi were unable to "interact" with each other and had low efficiency as they were imported from different countries and varied in sizes and communications protocols.

After digital transformation, all equipment used in the whole production process in textile companies have been connected to the Internet, allowing managers and workers to monitor production status in real time and assign and receive production tasks through devices such as digital screens in workshops, mobile phones, and wristbands.

In this way, production status can be managed in real time, data can be automatically recorded, and report forms can be automatically sorted, which help cut the workload of statisticians by 60 percent and improve the effi-



A worker checks weaving machines at a smart factory of a textile company in Jinjiang city, east China's Fujian province, March 8, 2022. File photo

ciency of production scheduling by 30 percent.

Besides, the emergence of new technologies, such as intelligent fabric inspection, intelligent logistics and warehouses, automated guided vehicles and numerical control of equipment, has brought the textile companies in Lanxi onto a road of intelligent manufacturing, with smart production line, factory and workshop becoming a common sight.

Many companies have also adopted enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and manufacturing execution system (MES), thus realizing digital management.

As a matter of fact, industrial Internet has brought far more positive changes to the textile industry. Statistics suggested that the size of China's industrial Internet industry exceeded one trillion yuan (\$150 billion) during the first quarter of 2022, and industrial Internet had been widely applied in research and de-

velopment, design, manufacturing, operation and management.

As industrial Internet is increasingly deeply integrated into textiles, it is also accelerating the digital transformation and development of enterprises in the industry.

Jiaojiang district, Taizhou city, Zhejiang province, has launched an "industrial brain" for sewing equipment, a government-funded platform designed to help companies speed up digital transformation and improve operational efficiency. After inputting their needs on the platform, companies can receive accurate information and analysis of industrial value and upstream and downstream companies provided by the platform.

Besides, companies can also consult experts about problems troubling their digital operations via the platform, which can help save more than 60 percent of the costs of digital transformation for enterprises.

East China's Shandong province will support the creation of typical application scenarios in the industry, intensify efforts to cultivate and promote industrial Internet platforms, guide more enterprises to joining and using these platforms, and facilitate the docking and reconstruction of the industrial chain.

South China's Guangdong province plans to cultivate industrial Internet platforms in low-concentration traditional characteristic industrial clusters, such as those in light industry and textiles, and promote the digital transformation of upstream and downstream enterprises of these clusters under unified standards.

Industrial Internet connects every link in the production process of factories, from order receiving, material allocation, production equipment, energy consumption management to emission monitoring and inventory management, helping improve enterprises' management efficiency, said Song Huasheng, deputy director of the Beijing Research Center, Zhejiang University.

It can also assist managers in decision-making, Song noted, explaining that it can realize intelligent production through functions including intelligent production scheduling and intelligent color matching, thus solving the contradiction between mass production and personalized customization.

Industrial Internet can also efficiently link textile companies with upstream suppliers and downstream customers so that they can adjust product layout according to downstream demands more quickly, select suppliers more reasonably, and deal with supply chain risks more effectively.

In recent years, China has witnessed remarkable achievements in the development of industrial Internet. As of the end of 2021, China had over 100 industrial Internet platforms with certain industry and regional influence, which connected over 76 million sets of equipment and served over 1.6 million companies.

The application scope of industrial Internet has expanded from certain industries to key industries of the national economy, which has effectively facilitated the integrated development of primary, secondary and tertiary industries.

With the implementation of supportive measures including improving infrastructure, deepening integrated applications and strengthening technological innovations, industrial Internet is expected to empower more industries in the future.

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## Yanga still needs Ntibazonkiza's quality in 2022/23 season

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

**B**URUNDIAN winger Said Ntibazonkiza has left Yanga after his contract with the club expired at the end of last month, he is now a free agent and eligible to sign for any club.

Although it is slightly shocking, it had to be this way due to the two parties, namely Ntibazonkiza and Yanga, opted to part ways mutually reached after failing to reach an agreement on the terms of the new contract.

The Burundian national has left but has achieved a lot and probably Yanga will never forget them.

In addition to the great respect he has left at Yanga that has helped him become better this season, Ntibazonkiza has left a good record.

The club's fans would not want to see him leave due to the excellent performance he has shown this season.

The Guardian analyzes some of the aspects that made him a pearl of Yanga since he joined the outfit in the 2020/21 season until he parted ways with it.

The winger was released after having been involved in an incident in Mwanza when his club was preparing for a 2021/22 Azam Sports Federation Cup last four's clash against age-old rival Simba SC.

Yanga beat Simba SC 1-0 in the semi-final held in the Lake Zone region and sailed through to the showdown's final.

A host of domestic football followers feel that Ntibazonki-



Yanga winger Said Ntibazonkiza (R) dribbles past Polisi Tanzania midfielder Tariq Simba as the teams faced off in the 2021/22 NBC Premier League clash held in Kilimanjaro recently.

za should be at Yanga given e would help the outfit get good results in the next season's CAF Champions League.

The outfit will next season battle it out in the premier continental football showpiece due to its scintillating performance in this season's Premier League.

Before joining Yanga, Ntibazonkiza had played for a Premier League side in the Netherlands, Cracovia in Poland, Akhisar Belediyespor in Turkey, Caen and Caen B in France, Kaysar Kyzylorda in Kazakhstan, and Burundi's Vital'O.

The winger's ability to dribble his way into opposing clubs' penalty area and score goals has made him prolific, helping Yanga perform well in the domestic top-flight.

His work ethic has as well seen Yanga book a place in the ASFC final against Coastal Union of Tanga al-

though he will not be in the coming NBC Premier League games as well as the ASFC final.

In the mid-2020/21 season, he started scoring against Singida United in a friendly match that was his first game for the Jangwani Street squad, which cruised to a 3-0 victory in the tie.

After that, he continued his prowess and finished the Mainland Premier League season with four goals and four assists.

This season he was on fire and made a good record that helped him win lots of fans.

He has scored seven goals and executed five assists and was a great help to his teammate Fiston Mayele, the joint Premier League leading goal scorer having scored 14 goals.

He was one of the players who captured the attention of Yanga's fans that filled the stadiums to wit-

ness him when the side participated in clashes.

Apart from Mayele, who is also popular, Ntibazonkiza has been a fan favourite and, if he had not left, soccer enthusiasts would be more impressed with his quality next season.

Coach Kennedy Mwisabula noted the Burundian winger is still needed by Yanga, given the squad will take part in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

"Yanga is going to play in CAF Champions League, Ntibazonkiza has experience so he would help the squad a lot, but I believe the club's leaders are careful, they will know how to fill his position," Mwisabula that has coached Yanga, Mtwara's Bandari, SC Villa in the past noted.

Former Yanga defender Bakari Malima alias 'Jembe Ulaya' acknowledged Ntibazonkiza, saying the winger has left a mark that will teach others to commit to the team.

"His contribution is respected at Yanga, that's why his teammates wrote a lot about him, but football is the way it is, you play here today and you go somewhere else tomorrow," he revealed.

Since moving to Yanga Ntibazonkiza has won two trophies, including the 2021 Mapinduzi Cup tournament that ended with the Jangwani Street outfit beating Simba SC in the final on penalties.

The winger has as well lifted this season's Community Shield after his outfit edged Simba SC 1-0, with Mayele notching the only goal.

In addition to the two trophies he won with the Jangwani Street club, Ntibazonkiza has two individual awards.

To prove he has come to Tanzania with his quality, Ntibazonkiza grabbed his first award for 2020/21 Premier League Best Player of December and later lifted the award this season in February.



Dance music artist, Khadija Mnoga, nicknamed 'Kimobitel'.

## Dar musician finally launches new band

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PROMINENT Tanzanian singer/songwriter Khadija Mnoga has started her troupe, known as Kimo Band.

According to the artist, the band has completed several songs, three of which are now recorded in one of the studios in Dar es Salaam.

Khadija, nicknamed 'Kimobitel', mentioned the three songs as 'Kismati', 'Shoga', and 'Finilillah'.

"I started this band during the holy month of Ramadhan and started performing during this year's Eid festival," the singer revealed in an interview.

"We are now continuing to entertain revelers in various venues in Dar es Salaam," Khadija stated.

Khadija mentioned some of the musicians making the band as Sweet Baby, Suma (singers), Chakuku Tumba and Yahya Omary (drummers), and Ismail Kizunga (soloist).

"The others are Karim (bass guitarist) and Ramadhan Koha (keyboardist), we help each other in our band that will hopefully scale great heights via showcasing thrilling entertainment," Khadija said.

The musician clarified that she wants to ensure her band plays rhumba akin to a popular Congolese musician, Mbilia Bell.

Khadija was adamant that she does not want to have her troupe do loud music the way some domestic bands are doing.

"I want to have the troupe play that kind of music, not as loud as some bands do, I want to have a style that will make our band attract more fans," Khadija said.

In another development, popular dance musician Nyoshi El-Saadat that leads Bogoss Musica Band is set to come up against his rival Patcho Mwamba of CP Academia Band in a show scheduled to take place in Dar es Salaam next month.

The show, which will bring together the bands, will also be accompanied by other bands, Twanga Pepeta and Tukuyu Sound. Nyoshi disclosed all musicians are one family.

"I have agreed to do the show as dance music stakeholders have asked us to do it, so, they should prepare to be treated to all of our past songs," Nyoshi said.

He explained that after the show they will look into the possibility of performing in other regions, claiming that their

fans have been longing for the partnership.

The musician stated: "Let us all have a partnership, we will settle other issues, Patcho and other musicians have agreed so we will do the show on July 2 to entertain many fans."

Nyoshi said their fans will enjoy all past songs that the musicians sang when they were working for the now-defunct FM Academia Band.

The songs include 'Khadija', 'Dotnata', 'Dunia Kigeugeu', and many others.

He noted that the musicians' mother country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is on June 30 each year, celebrating its independence.

Nyoshi pointed out famous band, Wenge Musica will perform in this year's celebration, with the troupe comprising musicians who resigned from it 25 years ago.

"While our colleagues at Wenge Musica are doing that, we will perform in Tanzania, Bogoss Musica will team up with CP Academia for a joint show on July 2," he said.

## Yanga targets to retain Fiston Mayele

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA'S management is reported to have allocated a large amount of money to ensure Congolese attacker, Fiston Mayele, stays at the club.

Morocco's club, RS Berkane, is rumoured to have expressed a desire to seek the footballer's services.

Mayele's compatriot, Tuisila Kisinda, the RS Berkane player is reported to be playing part in the quest.

Yanga roped Mayele in earlier this season from AS Vita of DR Congo, the forward has shown his goal-scoring prowess and is lately a joint Premier League leading goal scorer having netted 14 goals.

George Mpole of Geita Gold FC is also level with Mayele on 14 goals.

Yanga's Vice-Chairman Freder-

ick Mwakalebela disclosed it is difficult for his outfit to release Mayele so the side is willing to spend any amount of money to retain the player.

The outfit noted it is ready to put in lots of effort to keep Mayele at the club.

Mwakalebela added that improving some of the attacker's needs is his side's plan, a move that will prompt the performer to keep on turning out for the squad.

The official said: "We are aware of the importance of the continental tournament, reaching the showpiece's semi-finals is our goal so we must have a strong squad that will get us there."

"We will not give up on any dependable player in our team towards the next season which we believe will be a success for us."

Meanwhile, Yanga midfielder Salum Abubakar has admitted to facing stiff competition for a spot in the side's starting lineup but will never be willing to sit on the bench.

The footballer, alias 'Sure Boy', has faced opposition from Ugandan Khalid Aucho, Congolese Yannick Bangala, and fellow Tanzanians Feisal Salum and Zawadi Mauya.

Abubakar joined Yanga during the January registration period from Azam FC after asking for contract termination.

The footballer noted before agreeing to sign for Yanga he knew the competition he was going to face from his teammates.

The midfielder pointed out that despite securing a place in the senior national football squad, Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi is still not satisfied with his showing,

so, he plans to continue to excel and grab a chance to play.

He added that his main goal is to continue his training to achieve his goal of keeping on playing well.

Abubakar disclosed: It is difficult to go to a new team without meeting the competition, when I decided to come and play for Yanga I was fully aware that I was going to meet the competition for a place in the club."

The midfielder pointed out: "It is very clear Yanga is one of the teams with the best players who have made the team look better and stay at the top of the league standings."

"Speaking of the best standards in the league, you have to mention Aucho, Bangala, and Salum who are the ones who make our side's defenders play without pressure," Abubakar noted.

Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Dorothy Gwajima (in a gown) dances with Mnadani Primary School's pupils choir in Dodoma on Wednesday. The occasion aimed at commemorating the African Children's Day, with the event's celebrations set to culminate on June 16. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



## Senegal coach wants AFCON games delayed to boost World Cup build-up

DAKAR

SENEGAL coach Aliou Cisse wants the September Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers postponed to allow the five countries representing the continent at the World Cup to play friendly matches.

Cameroun, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal and Tunisia have qualified for the November 21-December 18 Qatar tournament and the African sides have only a September 19-27 window and one week before the World Cup kick-off to prepare.

The withdrawal of Zimbabwe from Group K means Morocco are free to play warm-up games in September, but the other four teams face two African qualifiers each.

Cameroun are scheduled to play Namibia, Ghana to meet Angola, Senegal to tackle Mozambique and Tunisia to face Libya home and away.

Speaking to the media in Dakar after Senegal snatched a last-gasp 1-0 victory over Rwanda on Tuesday, Cisse called on the Confederation of African Football (CAF) to delay the next two rounds of qualifying.

"The best thing (to) help the five (African) selections that have qualified (for the World Cup) is to stop the (qualifiers) in September," said the former Paris Saint-Germain midfielder-cum-defender.

"(This would) give the opportunity to the countries qualified (for the World Cup) to do their preparations. I think we can find a solution to postpone the (qualifiers) scheduled for September."

The challenge for CAF will be to find new dates if they postpone the 44 September fixtures as there is only one other window, next March, before the June-July 2023 finals in the Ivory Coast.

CAF plan to stage matchdays five and six of Cup of Nations qualifying between March 20-28, with the finals set for June and July 2023.

What the Cairo-based body may consider is cancelling only the eight September matches involving the World Cup qualifiers and asking them to play catch-up during the World Cup window once eliminated.

African pundits are extremely pessimistic about the chances of the five, giving only Senegal, who face the Netherlands, Qatar and Ecuador in Group A, a realistic chance of reaching the second round.

- Algeria take control -

Tunisia are in Group D with defending champions France, Denmark and Australia or Peru and Morocco in Group F beside Belgium, Canada and Croatia.

Cameroun face Brazil, Serbia and Switzerland in Group G and Ghana meet Portugal, Uruguay and South Korea in Group H.

Meanwhile, there were six Cup of Nations qualifiers on Wednesday and fallen African giants Algeria took control of Group F after an impressive 2-0 victory in Tanzania.

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## Fallen football chiefs Blatter and Platini start fraud trial

GENEVA

SEPP Blatter and Michel Platini, once the chiefs of world and European football, appeared in a Swiss court on Wednesday to face trial over a suspected fraudulent payment.

Former FIFA president Blatter, 86, and Platini, 66, appeared in Switzerland's Federal Criminal Court in the southern city of Bellinzona, following an investigation that began in 2015 and lasted six years.

The pair are being tried over a two million Swiss franc (\$2.08 million) payment in 2011 to Platini, who was then in charge of European football's governing body UEFA.

Both are accused of fraud and forgery of a document. Blatter is accused of misappropriation and criminal mismanagement, while Platini is accused of participating in those offences.

Retired Swiss football administrator Blatter, wearing a three-piece suit and a white shirt, arrived at the court with his daughter Corinne and his lawyer Lorenz Erni.

"I am very confident", Blatter told reporters before going inside, adding that he had a "clear conscience".

Platini arrived wearing a suit and a blue and white pin-stripe shirt.

The trial will conclude on June 22, with the three judges expected to deliver their verdict on July 8.

If convicted, the pair could face up to five years in jail or a fine. - Infantino 'conspiracy theory' -

In court, before going into the charges levelled at the defendants, Platini's legal team attempted to widen the scope of the case to bring in a separate investigation into the current FIFA president Gianni Infantino, which has been running since 2020.

Before the 2015 fraud investigation launch, Platini had ambitions to take over the FIFA helm. Infantino was appointed in 2016.

"There is a direct link" between the suspicions of fraud against Platini, and several secret meetings between Infantino and the former Swiss attorney general, claimed Platini's lawyer Dominic Nellen.

But prosecutor Thomas Hildbrand dismissed any purported link between the two dossiers, while FIFA lawyer Catherine Hohl-Chirazi branded it a "conspiracy theory" put forward "again and again" to evade the substance of the charges.

The defence and the prosecution agree on one point: Platini was employed as an adviser to Blatter between 1998 and 2002. They signed a contract in 1999 for an annual remuneration of 300,000 Swiss francs.

AFP

# How John Herdman became the unlikely hero in Canada's rise

By Jon Arnold, special to ESPN

IN the end, it was the goalkeeper who got him.

During a post-match TV interview, Milan Borjan snuck up and doused Canada manager John Herdman with champagne. That he'd stayed dry for so long was a minor miracle considering the occasion. With a 4-0 victory over Jamaica on March 27 in the penultimate match of FIFA World Cup qualification, Canada locked up its place in the World Cup for the first time since the 1986 tournament.

"He deserved this," said Borjan, his trademark sweatpants paired with a "WE CAN" T-shirt and ski goggles to protect against champagne backslash. "This guy, he did everything."

Well, not quite everything.

Herdman will be one of the few managers in Qatar -- along with Qatar boss Felix Sanchez -- who has no experience as a high-level professional player, but he has done almost everything else. For one, Herdman is the first manager to qualify both a women's national team and a men's national team in World Cups.

Over the course of his rich career, the 46-year-old, who has worked with academy players, maintained a career as a lecturer in sports science and sought wisdom from across disciplines, whether it was speaking with former New Zealand international Dr. Ceri Evans about the techniques he used to help the All Blacks rugby team, or taking tips on how to use analytics from Oakland A's general manager (and "Moneyball" guru) Billy Beane.

Even two years ago it felt impossible, but by this March it seemed like a foregone conclusion that Herdman would be at the center of those jubilant celebrations. World Cup qualification formats announced prior to the coronavirus pandemic put Canada on an extremely difficult route to Qatar. But the team was rolling along so quickly that there was no stopping it, and after dispatching the likes of the Cayman Islands and Aruba, nobody -- not even Mexico or the United States -- could stop Canada from topping the World Cup qualification table and being the first side from the region to confirm its World Cup berth. (They also nearly made it through the entire run without defeat, dropping two of their final three qualifiers after winning 11 and drawing three to open, with 50 goals scored and just six conceded.)

A kid on a frozen pond hitting a slap shot may be the first Canadian sporting scene that comes to mind for many. Yet there's a new image after the 2022 qualification campaign: Canada defender Sam Adekunle, who plays club football in Turkey, was born in London and eligible to play for Nigeria but developed in Vancouver, leaping into a snow bank in celebration after Cyle Larin scored to go up 2-0 against Mexico. Canada won the match 2-1, taking four points off El Tri in the final round after a draw at the Estadio Azteca. Herdman & Co. took four points off the U.S., too, drawing in Nashville, Tennessee, and winning 2-0 in Hamilton, Ontario.

At times it does feel like



John Herdman, seen here participating with his players in the so-called Viking Clap after qualifying for Qatar, will lead Canada to its first men's World Cup since 1986. (Agencies)

Herdman can do anything, and has done everything. But in a few months, we know he'll do something he has never done: He'll coach a Canadian men's team at the World Cup.

With good results in recent years and a number of players standing out in European leagues, including UEFA Champions League winner Alphonso Davies (with Bayern Munich in 2020) and Ligue 1 champion Jonathan David (with Lille in 2021), Canada didn't qualify from off the radar. Yet without much recent history to build on, the Reds definitely had to take the long way.

Without a bye into the final phase of CONCACAF qualification, Canada played four matches in the first round, then had a two-legged series with Haiti, forcing Herdman and his staff to dig deep to scout the opponent and find the best way to line up their team.

That approach fit Herdman just fine. The Englishman meticulously plans every match, using Davies' versatility when he's fit to tweak the game plan. Against a team with a winger who dips into his bag of tricks, Davies may line up as a left-back in a back four. Against a smaller CONCACAF team, you might see Davies pushed higher up the wing. In much of qualification he was a perfect wing-back, a player no defender wanted to see running at them, but who also got back to make life difficult for their attacking teammates.

Herdman respects the U.S. and Mexico, who claimed the other two automatic places in the region, but said his upbringing gave him an edge.

"I know people like [U.S. coach] Gregg Berhalter are very detailed. [Mexico coach] Tata Martino has had some amazing experiences, but I think the edge for me is I'm from the backstreets of Consett, County Durham," Herdman told ESPN of his hometown in the north of England, about 15 miles southeast of Newcastle. "I've never had anything handed to me easy. I've never lived that professional life. I've had to fight for everything, every opportunity, and you had to fight to keep it."

"That fight is something I tried to manifest in the environments you work in. It starts with that. There's a human will to go on and get somewhere better, and that's right at the core of what the players have understood about working with us."

Herdman said there previously was a vacation

vibe among players when they came in for national team camps. That changed quickly when he transitioned from coaching the women's team to the men's in January 2018.

"It's totally different," veteran attacker Junior Hoilett said in January. "What John Herdman put in place here, it's a real 'brother culture' and there are no self-agendas. Everybody's on the right path and everybody knows why they're here: for the national team."

"Everybody's on board, and you can see it. Everybody's fighting and each one of us wants the best for the team and for the country as well. It's an exciting time for Canada."

Herdman is an educator. He recalls "literally running" from coaching sessions at the Sunderland and Hartlepool academies to his teaching job at Northumbria University. "I was pretty obsessed at the time with honing my craft," he says -- easy to believe for those who see him leading Canada now.

While Herdman is proud to be from Consett County, he never would have reached this level without leaving home. Herdman was frustrated with the fact that the doors to elite coaching in England seemed closed for those who hadn't played top-level soccer themselves, so he took the chance to go to Oceania and forge a path there. In New Zealand, he found his craft enriched by the multidisciplinary exchange programs set up by the country's Olympic committee and other organizations. After a few years working in the FA, he took over the women's national teams, leading the Football Ferns to the 2007 and 2011 World Cups and also the 2008 Olympics.

"Heading into New Zealand was probably the best decision I made because what it ensured is I broke away from that hamster

wheel in the traditional British coaching system, which for me was very insular," he said.

Rebecca "Bex" Smith, a defender who served as Herdman's captain, saw the young coach workshopping several of the leadership techniques he'd later end up applying to his work in Canada, pushing to get New Zealand's women's squad more funding and more respect on the field with its results.

"To be really honest, I think for years there we were sort of punching above our weight in the sense that we had a young squad, fairly inexperienced, but just the amount of research that John and his staff used to do," Smith said. "...We would constantly be doing analysis of different games, of ourselves. That self-improvement mantra was always there."

That's not to say there were only good times. The captain and the coach didn't always have the same ideas about the direction of the team, and Smith felt Herdman may have still been figuring out how best to manage world-class talents, lessons that serve him well now as he looks to get the most from Davies, David, Tajon Buchanan & Co.

"John's intense," she said. "I was his captain for a number of years, and he was quite demanding. So yeah, we sometimes butted heads, but he's a good communicator. He's a fantastic motivator, because of his intensity. He was very much focused on the human aspect and the emotional side of leadership."

New Zealand was never able to win games at the Olympics or World Cup under his leadership, but the consistent results drew Canada's attention.

After the World Cup in 2011, Herdman became the Canada women's national team coach, as the nation prepared to host its own

World Cup in 2015.

It was a bit of a gamble for Canada in handing the reins of the national team to an inexperienced coach, but the building blocks were there. Star forward Christine Sinclair already had 117 of her 189 international goals (and counting) when Herdman arrived. A midfielder anchored by Diana Matheson was beginning to see new talent come through.

In his first major tournament, Herdman leaned on that experience of winning the 2011 Pan American Games, but he quickly worked to introduce some new faces to the squad as well, encouraging greater competition for spots in an effort to make everyone better.

Over seven successful years with the women's squad, he earned a pair of Olympic bronze medals and made the quarterfinals in the 2015 World Cup. In 2018, he took over for Octavio Zambrano as the men's national team coach, also being named men's national director and taking charge of the youth programs. It was a surprising shift and one few saw coming, but one that has worked extremely well for a nascent soccer country.

"People have said, 'You'll never make it as a top coach because you've never played the game.' The next thing is, 'You'll never make it as a men's coach because you coach women,'" Herdman said. "Internally there is that motivation there, but at the end of the day, this transition from coaching women to men was motivated by knowing if you qualify for a World Cup with a men's team, you could change the game in a country."

Canada is a soccer country now. The senior women's team, led by fellow Consett native and former Herdman player Bev Priestman, is the reigning Olympic gold-medal win-

ner, sitting sixth in the FIFA rankings. They reached a high of fourth during Herdman's tenure, up from ninth when he was named. The men are going to the World Cup and currently sit 38th in the FIFA rankings after falling all the way to 117th in 2016.

"It's just amazing to make something new for Canada, not just for us but for the younger kids coming up," said Borjan, who has 63 caps for Canada. "They're going to look up to us and try to be better than us. Now, there's no going up. Canada is a name in the world. It has to continue like this."

For that to happen, the country needs both teams to continue setting the example, getting neutrals to turn from other sports to check out what's happening with the national team and showing kids the power of soccer.

"We're going to be first to things. That's a mentality I adopted in my early 20s. I'm going to be first in as many things as are in my grasp," Herdman said. "Over time, it becomes part of this team's identity that we want to be the first team to qualify out of CONCACAF, we want to be the first team to go undefeated, we want to be the first team to be top at the Christmas period, we want to be the first to keep X amount of clean sheets."

The dream of remaining undefeated during the qualifying tournament ended in March against Costa Rica, with the Ticos grinding out a 1-0 result that boosted their own World Cup chances ahead of this month's playoff. But as Canada looks toward an intimidating group in Qatar that also features Belgium, Morocco and Croatia, it still must adjust its goals after achieving so many firsts.

"We're going there to compete, baby," defender Alistair Johnston said during that jubilant celebration before Herdman found himself sprayed with bubbly. "We're not going just to show up. We want to turn some heads."

There are still plenty of potential speedbumps to overcome, as Canada fans were reminded during a dispute between players and the federation this week that led to the last-minute cancellation of a friendly against Panama. There are plenty of firsts still to go: The first-ever Canada goal at the World Cup. The first win. The first time getting out of the group stage.

Herdman's already working on the plan to make those firsts happen, and perhaps he'll again feel the cold comfort of a fresh bottle of champagne being poured over his head.

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## Tembo Warriors set for preparations for 2022 Amputee Football World Cup finals



Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa (C) and the ministry's Permanent Secretary Hassan Abbas (on the minister's right side) present the national flag to the national amputee football team in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The squad is shaping up for the 2022 Amputee Football World Cup finals to be held in Turkey. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MINISTER for Culture, Arts, and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa has called on Tanzania's amputee football team to use friendly clashes against various European countries to prepare well for the 2022 Amputee Football World Cup slated for October in Turkey.

Mchengerwa maintained that the side has to see to it that it wins the showdown trophy and brings it back to the country.

The squad, popularly known as "Tembo Warriors", has qualified for the Amputee Football World Cup finals. The previous edition of the tournament was held in Mexico in 2018.

"Tembo Warriors" turned out to be the first Tanzanian side to qualify for a World Cup, followed by the national U-17 girls' squad, Serengeti Girls, which has made it to the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup.

Mchengerwa made the statement at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam earlier this week while handing over the

national flag to the team.

Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports' Permanent Secretary, Hassan Abbas, was as well in attendance.

"Tembo Warriors" will confront various European teams, including the Poland team, in friendly ties to gain experience before starting the tournament.

"The government has de-

cidated to continue to ensure that it supports teams that are doing well in international competitions to help them promote employment and make them employed in major clubs in the world," Mchengerwa revealed.

He said Tanzanians are tired of seeing the country falter in sports and stressed that, at the moment, Tanzani-

ans want to see a World Cup honour come to the country.

The minister noted the feat will be achieved by valuing patriotism.

He added that discipline and adhering to the principles laid by coaches are the aspects that "Tembo Warriors" should uphold so that they can scale great heights and improve their lives and the country's economy.

"I would like to tell you that if you do well in preparations I am sure you will be recruited by good outfits and stay in Europe, you will change the lives of your families and Tanzanians," Mchengerwa pointed out.

"Tembo Warriors' leaders promised President Samia Suluhu Hassan that they are going to start preparations for the team to ensure it lifts the Amputee Football World Cup trophy.

Abbas said "Tembo Warriors" is the first team in the country to qualify for the tournament and urged them to continue to hold that honour by turning into the first team to bring the trophy home.

"Tembo Warriors" became the first team to qualify for a global football competition since the country got its independence in 1961.

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## Dodoma Jiji FC eyes win over Geita Gold FC

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

DODOMA Jiji FC continues to prepare for the 2021/22 NBC Premier League match against Geita Gold FC which will take place at Nyankumbu Stadium in Geita early next week.

The Dodoma squad, trained by Burundian Masoud Djuma, has set up camp in the region in preparation for the game.

The side has prioritized the match as it is seeking to get out of the relegation zone.

Djuma stated he is aware that the game against Geita Gold FC will be competitive and it will be held away, so he is using this time to prepare, and enable his players to understand the tactics he will use in the game.

The tactician revealed: "Geita Gold FC is a good team, it has a good coach and is in a good position, unlike us, and then it is very difficult to overcome the side at home so we have a lot of work to do in that game."

"I hear they are playing well, I have not been fortunate to see them play, this is the first time I have met Geita Gold FC."

"We are planning to go for good preparations, my players are in good shape and they continue to prove it in our daily practices here in Dodoma."

"I believe they will face a very competent team, and they know what to do in Geita," Djuma stated.

Dodoma Jiji FC is positioned 11th in NBC Premier League standings with 31 points, while Geita Gold FC is occupying fifth place with 36 points.

Meanwhile, Kinondoni Municipal Council FC is expected to return to action on June 14, coming up against Tanzania Prisons in the 27th round clash of the Premier League.

The Dar es Salaam-based KMC FC is gearing up for the game, with the outfit sitting 10th in the Premier League with 31 points, whereas Tanzania Prisons is placed 14th with 25 points.

Christina Mwangala, KMC FC Information Officer, said her team's preparations are progressing well.

The official noted the squad is training under tactician Thierry Hitimana to achieve the goal of collecting 15 points in four games.

The Kinondoni side will, to start with, seek to beat Tanzania Prisons which has shown lots of weaknesses.

"We have five days left, coach Hitimana and his assistants have put in place a special strategy to make sure things go our way in the remaining five games, starting with the June 14 clash," Christina disclosed.

The official insisted: "We know the match against Tanzania Prisons will not be easy because our opponents are determined to win as much as we do, but with that in mind, our technical bench has put in great preparation to garner three points."

"We have five games left, and our goal is to get 15 points from these games to move to the top four in the standings, so we do not want to be ridiculed in this, we are very confident that our technical bench will achieve our goal," Christina said.

## Biashara United players call for solidarity among Mara football fraternity members

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

BIASHARA United players have, through their captain Abdulmajid Mangalo, called on football stakeholders in Mara to maintain unity and cooperation with the squad's leadership during this difficult period of fighting for Premier League survival.

The Mara-based team is placed 15th in the NBC Premier League standings after taking part in 26 games having registered 24 points from victory in four, draw in 12, and loss in 10 ties.

The results led to a decision by Biashara United's leadership to announce the departure of Burundian tactician, Vivier Bahati, and other technical bench officials following the team's unsatisfactory performance.

Mangalo disclosed: "We ask football stakeholders in Mara to unite with us to realize the importance of having this team in this period as unity in and off the pitch is essential."

The footballer pointed out: "I believe if it goes that way, by the end of the season everything will be well and everyone will be happy."

"We know there is a huge



Biashara United

test ahead of us but we are continuing to encourage each other to fight with all our might to win the remaining games and achieve our goal of remaining in the Premier League."

"Biashara United is a symbol of this region, so we must protect it so that it can continue to exist at this level."

Mangalo, a central defender, also thanked the club's leadership for bring-

ing a native coach, noting they will make sure they cooperate with him to achieve the goal of remaining in the Premier League next season.

The outfit's secretary-general, Mariam Derick, pointed out: "The leadership continues to fight to keep the team out of relegation, which is why we are working hard and made quick decisions to hire coach Khalid Adam

as soon as possible to fill the vacancy left by coach Bahati who left with his assistants earlier this week."

She called upon football fans in Mara to cooperate with their team which will, at the beginning of next week, take on Kagera Sugar in a Premier League match that will be played at Kaitaba Stadium.

Mariam noted: "We are continuing to encourage solidarity among soccer fa-

natics in Mara, we believe in unity to overcome this difficult period, each of us is fighting to encourage solidarity, I believe we will succeed."

"Leaders have fought day and night and managed to find coach Adam that has agreed to join us in the battle to keep our club in the Premier League."

"It is our collective responsibility to cooperate with him and empower

our team to achieve success," the secretary-general noted.

Biashara United which represented Tanzania in this season's CAF Confederation Cup is placed second from the bottom of the NBC Premier League with four games left.

The squad parted ways with Kenyan coach Patrick Odhiambo in January, the gaffer is now at Premier League's Tanzania Prisons.

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