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# ATCL to train Nigerian firm for starting Airbus A220 operations

By Guardian Reporter

**A**IR Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) has picked two of its senior pilots to train Ibom Airlines pilots in Nigeria to manage its new Airbus A220 plane.

Ladislaus Matindi, the firm's chief executive officer, said in a statement yesterday that an agreement has been signed to this effect, where the two professionals "will be responsible for training the pilots and pilot teachers of Ibom Air for a period of six months."

The ATCL pilots will be assigned teaching and supervising practical training "until they are satisfied that the student pilots and their teachers have reached the standards required to fly the planes," he stated.

Ibom Air Co. will pay ATCL the costs of the training in accordance with the contract for the entire period of the agreement, the statement noted, affirming that the agreement relates to ATCL's experience in operating Airbus A220-300 aircraft.

The Nigerian firm was also satisfied with the level of competence of Air Tanzania pilots, it asserted, specifying that the training is aimed at building capacity for Ibom Air pilots handling Airbus A220 aircraft, as Ibom Air "is just starting to use such aircraft."

It also affirmed that ATCL has more than 100 pilots and operates Boeing B787-8, B737 MAX 9, B767-300F, Airbus A220-300 and De Havilland Q400 and Q300 aircraft.

ATCL is also preparing to start direct flights to London, using its Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner, plus increasing flights to Mumbai and Guangzhou, while starting new flights to Dubai, Muscat, Lagos, Kinshasa and Goma, in eastern DRC.

Speaking elsewhere about the new Air Tanzania App service launched in December, the CEO said it is a service available on all types of phones, whether "android" or "ios" systems, asserting that it "brings the traveller to the real world of air travel and gives them a unique experience of privacy and freedom of choice."

"Air Tanzania App is not only for facilitating travel but also enables Air Tanzania customers to benefit from various product offers and additional services," he stated.

"Through the Air Tanzania App, the customer is now able to choose the duration of the trip, the class of the trip, the seat, buy an extra bag wherever you are, whenever you need to travel to any place inside and outside the country where Air Tanzania makes its trips," he said.

Customers who use the Air Tanzania App are able to pay for and get their travel tickets instantly, served at 15 domestic and 11 international stations, he explained.

"We intend to add stations in Pemba, Tanga, Mafia, Nachingwea, and Musoma and bring back Iringa and Mtwara flights to the network of domestic flights to enable many stakeholders to benefit from Air Tanzania's presence," he added.



Air Tanzania senior pilots Captain Sajjad Moloo (R) and Captain Arif Jinnar (L) have already joined Nigerian airline Ibom Air for their training duties. Photo courtesy of ATCL

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# Govt procures 15 drilling rigs for hiring to small, large firms

By Guardian Correspondent, Maputo

FUNDS have been allocated by the governments for the procurement of 15 drilling rigs that will be leased to major mining companies and small-scale miners, Minerals deputy minister Dr. Steven Kiruswa has stated

Participating in a roundtable discussion at the 10th edition of the Mozambican mining and energy conference and exhibition at the weekend, he said that this measure is aligned with Vision 2030 Agenda on the mining sector.

President Filipe Nyusi opened the conference which brings on

board over 1,000 participants from around the world, with the deputy minister explaining how Tanzania was poised to rapidly lift the mining sector's role in the economy.

He said Tanzania expects to establish itself as a leading mining investment destination in Africa, "leveraging strategic and tactical

measures that provide investors with favorable conditions and incentives."

The mining sector is experiencing rapid growth, "with an impressive annual rate of 10.9 percent, contributing a substan-

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# Minister: Midwifery set to be separated from nursing

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has agreed to a long time request of the Tanzania Midwives Association (TAMA) of separating midwifery and nursing cadres, and will soon establish a diploma in midwifery.

Health minister Umyy Mwalimu, making this announcement at the a professional gathering for the International Day of the Midwife in Dar es Salaam yesterday, said the government's efforts to transform the health sector has

helped reduce maternal and child mortality by 80 percent.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa, opening the commemorative event, appealed to midwives and other hospital officials to increase efficiency in facilitating safe deliveries to further reduce maternal and neonatal deaths.

Observers from major international health agencies pointed out last week that 90per cent of deaths in childbirth occur in hospital premises, thus the worry as to the professional services de-

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livered to expectant mothers in hospitals.

The premier urged TAMA to be in the forefront to discipline some midwives violating ethics and impairing the provision of health services in the country, pointing

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# 'Get buses to ply Mbagala BRT route in three months'

## DART management sticks with February 2025 schedule

By Getrude Mbago

THE Regional Administration and Local Governments standing committee of the National Assembly has asked the government to ensure that operations of the city Bus Rapid Transit

(BRT) second phase, from Ger ezani to Mbagala, start within the next three months.

This appeal was given during the weekend soon after the MPs

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tial 9.1 percent to the gross domestic product," he said, stressing the role of investor-friendly laws and regulations.

Assuring the audience of the country's ability to attract even more investors in the coming months, he said that the government has adopted a local content policy that ensures active local participation of in the mining supply chain.

It requires local sourcing of services and products, where local firms currently account for 97 percent of services and product provision in the sector, with an on-line entry saying local content is recognised as goods or services of a company that has at least 20 per cent of its equity owned by a citizen or citizens of Tanzania.

Tanzanian citizens similarly need to be holding up to 80 per cent of executive and senior managerial positions meanwhile as the government is seeking to enhance the role of the State Mining Corporation (Stamico) in the sector, he said. The corporate entity is now actively engaged in joint ventures with international companies, leveraging their technological

advancement and capital, he said, elaborating that the government also plans to have Stamico operating large and medium-scale mines. He said Stamico has played a vital part in supporting small-scale miners with field surveys and drilling services, enabling small-scale miners to witness better outcomes and profits greater financial success compared to previous years.

Similarly, the Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST), a unit within the ministry, now disposes of state-of-the-art technology to map the entire country and generate real-time data on mining deposits, he said.

"In line with this focus, Tanzania is collaborating with other African countries through the African Minerals Strategy Group to promote processing industries for strategic and critical minerals, ensuring added value and the sale of finished products," he said.

To cement moves to enhancing the mining sector, the government has established a multimetal processing facility in Kahama, Shinyanga Region, set to augment the value of nickel and other critical mineral mined in the country, he added.



This is an aerial view of some of the houses being built at Waret in Hanang District, Manyara Region, for victims of the mudslides that hit the area in December last year. The scene was captured yesterday. Photo: PMO

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out that all health cadres are governed by restrictions, professional ethics and guidelines.

"So everyone should make sure that he/she follows the specific instructions for efficient work," he stated, reminding the gathering that the government has in the past few years done a great job of improving infrastructure and the service provision environment.

This relates to the construction of modern buildings, rehabilitation of old

buildings and construction of staff quarters near health facilities for smooth provision of services. It has procured medical equipment and medicines, ambulances and other tools to uplift quality and on time health services, he elaborated.

The government has also strengthened the whole referral system, in collaboration with stakeholders in the 'mobilizing maternal health' phone-in for ambulance programme, building neonatal intensive care units in re-

gional and district hospitals, as well as in some health centres, he said.

These improvements uplift the quality of health services as they have directly touched the working environment of midwives and other workers in the sector, he further noted.

TAMA president Dr Beatrice Mwilike commended the government for the major improvements in health sector infrastructure for the provision of quality services, while Melissa McNeil-Barrett,

deputy representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) praised the role played by midwives.

Having a skilled midwife and others with professional midwifery skills when giving birth protect the life of the mother and the child, she said.

This year's International Day of the Midwife focuses on climate disasters as relating to maternal and new-born care, she said, pointing out that midwives serve as champions of reproductive health.

UNFPA gives women the

choice about if and when they want to start a family since promoting women's rights and economic resilience helps to reduce family vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, she affirmed.

"As we celebrate the International Day of the Midwife today, we call for investment, resources, autonomy, and a seat at every decision-making table to include continuity of midwifery care as a cornerstone of health system planning for climate resilience," the medical diplomat underlined



A traffic police officer directs motorists at the traffic lights section of the Mbezi Kwa Musuguri stretch of Morogoro Road in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after a collision reportedly involving at least two trucks. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## NEMC trains scrap-metal traders, miners on environment protection

By Guardian Correspondent, Igunga

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has embarked on a campaign to create awareness amongst scrap-metal traders and artisanal miners so that they adhere to environment management laws after noticing shortfalls in the way they handle hazardous wastes that are dangerous to their lives and the environment.

Speaking at the weekend during a training to the groups, NEMC manager for western zone Edgar Mgila said most scrap metal traders store the items in non-concrete floors and unsheltered places which

are unsafe. The training involves informing them about law governing environment management and e-waste management and its regulations of 2021.

NEMC western zone covers Kigoma, Tabora and Katavi regions and the training took place at Igunga District, Tabora Region.

"For example, if a place is not covered with cement or not sheltered, it is easy to drain poison from the metal which is dangerous to human life and the environment," he said.

He called upon traders to use protective gear during collection of scrap metals to avoid contracting diseases that are caused by rust on the metals.

Mgila said during inspections in mining sites, the council noticed that people who extract and smelt gold by using chemicals do not wear protective gear.

"Our main task is to inspect and educate stakeholders and in this month we have carried out inspections in Igunga and Nzega districts and provide educating on environment management laws," he said.

He explained that during the process, stakeholders were told the importance of using protective equipment and using chemicals properly so that they do not cause harm to humans and the environment.

He emphasized that the exercise will continue in other areas

of the region so that scrap metal dealers and miners do not affect the environment.

Alferd Nkuba, Nguvumoja Ward Councillor, commended NEMC for providing education to the miners about environment law and its regulations so that they focus on safety of their health and the environment.

Boaz Dahabu, leaders of scrap metal dealers in the area, suggested that scrap metal permits be issued to dealers according to their capital to meet the requirements of the regulations.

"The issue of education on storage and transportation of hazardous waste should be given regularly to create awareness amongst traders," he said.

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inspected BRT infrastructure for phase two and three, objecting to a proposal by the Dar es Salaam Rapid Transport (DART) management which wants operations to commence next February, after the bus firm has procured buses.

The committee members said that residents have waited for years to have reliable transport, thus it is not fair to make them wait for nine months more while the required infrastructure is already in place.

Hawa Mwaifunga (Special Seats-Opposition) said that the government needs to find alternative ways "to ensure that we deploy buses to operate in the new lane as soon as possible while we wait for the new buses to come. We cannot leave our people in that situation of struggling for transport every day while they witness the lanes are all over," she said.

She commended the good job done for investing in quality transport infrastructure, affirming that what is now needed is to ensure that the infrastructure brings relief to people and produces positive outcomes in the nation's economy.

Salome Makamba (Special Seats, Opposition), another committee member, urged the government to hire enough service providers in all BRT routes in order to facilitate the pro-

vision of smooth transport services.

"What people want is reliable transport. They have suffered for years with jams and other disturbances when the project was being implemented, and now it is completed," she said, objecting to the idea that the city residents wait more for UDART to bring its buses to exclusively operate the bus service.

"No it can't be like that. We need to find other buses and deploy them in the lanes for people to get services," she emphasised, urging that the government works to ensure that people who were moved to pave the way for the implementation of the projects in all phases are paid their compensation.

This should be done on time for them to have profitable life pursuits elsewhere, she stressed.

Sebastian Kapufi (Mpan-da) said that there is a great impact being witnessed as the country implements major transport projects like rapid bus lanes but there are no immediate gains noticed by the people.

"When our national leaders work hard to find funds to implement these good projects, it is important for us who assist them to ensure that the projects are completed on time and produce expected outcomes," he stated.

Justin Nyamoga (Kilolo), the committee vice chairman, aired the view that

it is important to ensure that implementation of the coming phases considers the challenges experienced in earlier phases in order to not repeat mistakes.

"We want to see that the coming phases, as soon as the phase is completed, the buses also arrive, so all the procedures should go together. It is not good to wait until the project is completed then we start searching for the service providers and procurement of buses, we can't go like this," he said.

Dr Athumani Kihamia, the DART CEO, thanked the committee and assured that all the recommendations issued will be seriously considered, meanwhile as the MPs directed their demands to the responsible ministry rather than to the parastatal's management.

The CEO reiterated the sole provision of buses by DART, asserting that phase II of the project has reached 98.9 percent construction "and once operations commence, a total of 750 buses will operate, serving more than 600,000 people every day." Buses for the project are set to arrive early next year and commence operation the following month, he reiterated.

The Mbagala link is tied with the central commercial hub at Gerezani where it connects with routes to Kimara and Kinondoni, and another BRT phase is scheduled to connect Gerezani to Tegeta and eventually to Bagamoyo.



**Ilala district commissioner Edward Mpogolo (in glasses) pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend starting a bajaj to launch an environmental conservation initiative championed by Watu Credit Tanzania Ltd through the financing of purchases of three-wheelers running on compressed natural gas. Seated behind him is firm's Country Manager, Rumisho Shikonyi, and left is TVS Motor Company Tanzania head of business Jonathan Masanja. Photo: John Badi**

## More Tanzanians replace analogue phones with smart devices - TCRA

By Guardian Reporter

MORE Tanzanians have replaced their analogue cell phones with smart devices, according to data from communications regulator.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, director general of Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) said told reporters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend that penetration of smartphones among the population increased to 32.59 per cent in March 2024 from 32.13 in December 2023.

Cumulatively, smartphone penetration increased by eight percentage points between December 2021 and March 2024, from 15 percent to 32.6 percent of the population. This is significant as smartphones accelerate internet uptake. Some 99.8 percent of internet users access the service on mobile phones and tablets.

Analogue phones decreased from 85.62 per cent in December 2023 to 85.56 in March 2024, he said.

Registered SIM cards increased from 54,044,384 in December 2021 to 72,496,095 in March 2024. Mobile money accounts went up from 35,285,767 to 53,013,385 in the period.

Devices used for machine-to-machine (M2M) communications, also known as the internet of things, account for

929,283 of registered SIM cards. M2M is direct communication among devices that share data on a network.

The TCRA boss said that programmes by Tanzania's agencies dedicated to rural communications and electrification - the Universal Communications Services Access Fund (UCSAF) and Rural Electrification Agency (REA) have enabled more Tanzanians to access ICTs through smart devices.

UCSAF is coordinating the construction and upgrading, of more than 1,000 mobile phone base stations to expand high-speed internet in rural areas. Some 758 new towers are being built in Tanzania Mainland and 42 in Unguja and Pemba. More than 300 are being upgraded to support advanced mobile communications technologies.

Some 96.4 percent of all villages in Tanzania Mainland had been connected with electricity by March 2024, Minister for Energy Dr Doto Biteko told the National Assembly in Dodoma recently.

Availability of electricity in many villages has pushed the demand for decoders for accessing digital terrestrial (DTT) satellite and cable television broadcasts.

TCRA's latest communications sector status report shows that DTT decoders increased from 3.7 million to 3.8 million between January and March 2024.

## Experts recommend research to strengthen sugarcane seeds

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

SUGARCANE experts have advised the government to improve research services and investment environment to facilitate availability of enough quality seeds for improved production.

According to the experts, despite several strides made to encourage production of sugar in the country, the industry still faces a number of challenges including lack of quality sugarcane seeds.

Speaking on behalf of his colleagues, Fredrick Charles, executive secretary of Tanzania Society of Sugar and Cane Technologists

(TSSCT), made the observation here at the weekend during a stakeholders' workshop which brought together experts from various sugar factories in the country.

The factories include Kilombero sugar, Mtibwa sugar, Kagera sugar, TPC Limited, Mkulazi Holding Company, Bagamoyo sugar and other millers.

Charles said lack of quality sugarcane seeds which produce high amounts of sugar, has been a challenge for factories and growers for years, something which pushes millers to import seeds from South Africa, Mauritius, Malawi and other countries.

According to him, in order to increase pro-

ductivity in farms and availability of sugar in the country, it is important to have research laboratories to measure soil, pesticides and seeds that align with area ecology as well as cane breeding laboratories.

He pointed out lack of modern processing machines as another challenge as millers have been importing them from various countries, something which increases production costs and price of sugar.


"We urge stakeholders in the sugar industry to see the opportunity of investing in production of sugar processing equipment as well as laboratories to ensure sustainable cultivation of sugarcane; modern irrigation

and harvesting technology is also needed," he said. George Gowele, representative from Sugar Board of Tanzania (SBT) highlighted various strategies which the government implements in to eradicate challenges thwarting growth of sugar industry in the country.

He said that the government through the Ministry of Agriculture and Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI)-Kibaha research the best and quality sugarcane seeds.

He said the efforts commenced since 2005 whereby already some seeds have been prepared including tarisca 121-122 which have already started to be grown in pilot in various parts of the country.





## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**RFP:** Consultancy for construction of Sura carrot washing facility, Ilikiding'a and Ngyani irrigation schemes in Arusha region  
**RFP Number:** TAHA/CONS/003/2024  
**Date of Solicitation:** May 6, 2024  
**Questions and Clarifications:** Due by May 15, 2024  
**Closing Date and Time:** May 17, 2024, 11:00 am EAT.

**INTRODUCTION**  
 TAHA is implementing a project namely Vijana Kilimo Biashara (VKB) funded by the WFP in Arusha and Manyara regions. The project intends to ensure that over 70% of the targeted 7,000 small holder farmers, especially women and youth engaged in tomato, onion and horticulture value chain to sustainably increase income, become food resilient, secure job and have a market share in Arusha and Manyara by December 31st 2024. In the efforts to improve post-harvest handling of produces (carrot value chain) and increase productivity, TAHA intends to carry out constructions of: carrot washing facility at Sura village in Arusha and irrigation schemes for Ngyani and Ilikiding'a villages in Arusha. For a successful outcome, an external consultant is required to provide his/her technical and analytical guidance to TAHA for this activity.

**OBJECTIVES**

- Reduce post-harvest losses and transportation costs in carrot value chain encountered during transportation in search for an appropriate washing facility.
- Improve water use efficiency and increase productivity in the designated project areas.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

- Design/provide architectural drawings and Bill of Quantity (B00) for the 2 constructions (carrot washing facility and Ngyani irrigation scheme)
- Assist TAHA in conducting tender evaluation and identification of eligible contractors for construction of carrot washing facility and Ngyani irrigation scheme.
- Provide technical expertise and supervision for the two constructions by providing physical visits to the sites at least 3 times a week or as may be required.

**A. Specification/Requirement**  
 A detailed description of requirement is available in the terms of reference accessible via <https://shorturl.at/st1NU>

**B. Submission Instructions**  
 Interested vendors should download the terms of references through the link: <https://shorturl.at/st1NU> to access all the specified tender submission instructions.

**C. Clarification on the Advert**

- All correspondence related to the RFP shall be made in English.
- Should there be any uncertainty, the Bidder shall seek clarification in writing through e-mail to: [procurement@taha.or.tz](mailto:procurement@taha.or.tz) copying [gilliard.molle@taha.or.tz](mailto:gilliard.molle@taha.or.tz);
- Any clarification sought by the bidder in respect to the RFP shall be titled **CLARIFICATION - (Insert RFP Title)**.
- TAHA will only respond to requests for clarification received no later than **Wednesday, 15 2024**.



### EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

A New Era Begins: Introducing Ms. Esther Cecil Maruma as the Managing Director of Bank of Africa Tanzania Limited.



It is with great excitement and anticipation that I announce the appointment of Ms. Esther Cecil Maruma as the Managing Director of Bank of Africa Tanzania Limited, effective May 6, 2024. Ms. Maruma brings an abundance of experience and expertise garnered from a distinguished career in the banking industry, most recently serving as the Director of Global Markets at Absa Bank (T) Limited.

With over 15 years of exemplary leadership, Ms. Maruma has left an indelible mark on the financial services sector. Her visionary leadership has propelled the Treasury, Financial Markets, Corporate & Investment Banking functions to new heights. Notable achievements include pioneering innovative sales & marketing strategies to drive customer growth, enhanced product and service offering, and fostering a positive risk culture that has led to remarkable efficiencies in the capital and balance sheet outcomes.

Ms. Maruma's commitment to sustainable growth and nurturing and developing talent, combined with her thought leadership in the market, underscores her dedication to creating lasting commercial impact. With this solid background is poised to drive growth and innovation at Bank of Africa Tanzania Limited.

The Board expresses unwavering confidence in Ms. Maruma's ability to navigate the dynamic banking landscape and steer us towards achieving our key strategic objectives. We believe her leadership will play a pivotal role in accelerating financial inclusion through SME segment growth and spearheading our digital transformation efforts.

Ms. Maruma holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Sciences and Management from Sokoine University of Agriculture, complemented by extensive management and leadership development.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Maruma on her appointment. We are confident that her visionary leadership will elevate our standing in the market and create enduring value for all stakeholders.

**Nehemiah Mchechu**  
 Board Chairman  
 BANK OF AFRICA TANZANIA LIMITED



Azania Bank Limited's Government relations manager, Halima Semhunge (L), briefs the Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investments), Prof Kitila Mkumbo (3rd-L), and permanent secretary Dr Tausi Kida (2nd-L) in Dar es Salaam on Friday on a new service meant chiefly to enable investors to access the bank's products and services at the Tanzania Investment Centre. The premium lounge facility is a joint venture involving TIC and the bank. Right is TIC executive director Gilead Teri. Story on page 7. Photo: Correspondent Salim Amri

## SUA embarks on climate change mitigation study

By Getrude Mbogo

THE Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) has launched a four-year research project aimed at advancing knowledge of green technologies and increasing scholars' capacity in addressing climate change impacts.

'Mobility in Innovative Green Technologies for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Bio-economy (INTERACT-Africa)' is a mobility project funded by the European Union.

Speaking during the launch event at the university's premises in Morogoro Region recently, Prof Japhet Kashaigili, Director of Postgraduate Studies, Research, Technology Transfer and Consultancy at SUA, praised the project coordinators for a well-organized implementation plan to achieve its set goals.

The project is being implemented collaboratively by SUA, Moi University (Kenya), Mbarara University of Science and Technology (Uganda), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), Institut Facultaire Des Sciences Agronomiques (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Mendelova Univerzita V Brne (Czech Republic).

It provides support for consortia of African higher education institutions (HEIs) and scholarship opportunities for African trainees, students and staff.

He said the results of the research project, which also involve various other African countries, will help a lot in solving the challenges that have been chronic and tormenting

farmers for a long time.

Prof Kashaigili said that the university management will provide all the necessary support needed for smooth implementation of the project.

Prof Faith Mabiki, project coordinator, said the initiative will promote opportunities for learning by strengthening capacity building of higher education based on training and education in green chemistry, biology and information technology.

"The project focuses on building capacity on green technologies for climate change mitigation and adaptation through mainstreaming climate change in chemistry, biology and information technology curricula and research programmes as well as to promote networking amongst HEIs and industries on collaborative green technology research, training and curricula harmonization for climate change mitigation and adaptation," she said.

She said the project will also support establishment of green technology businesses by providing mentorship, access to funding and technical support to aspiring entrepreneurs and start-ups working in the field of green chemistry, biology and IT.

She further said the initiative will also facilitate networking and knowledge sharing among businesses to promote innovation and sustainable economic growth through provision of internships, cooperative education programmes and hands-on learning opportunities.

## Campaign targets expectant mothers with mosquito nets

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

HOUSEHOLDS with pregnant women and under-five children in three wards of Kahama District, Shinyanga Region, have been given over 1,000 insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs) in a new drive to curtail spread of malaria.

The mosquito nets have been

given by Barrick Bulyanhulu Gold Mine to two groups in Bugarama, Bulyanhulu and Mwingiro wards.

Speaking here at the weekend soon after receiving the donation, Dr Beatha Kahikye, medical officer in charge of Bugarama Health Centre said malaria as a major challenge in the area and the country at large hence, the sup-

port is timely taking into account that infections become rampant during rainy seasons.

"This campaign is very important as it goes hand in hand with sensitization of residents of the three wards on how to prevent malaria," she said.

She suggested the need for households to take advantage of

the campaign to enhance their health status and ensure sound sleep at night while protected from malaria-spreading mosquitoes.

Sylvanus Tumaini, acting manager of the mine's health department, said the donation was part of its campaign aimed at ensuring zero malaria in the area.

He said the move also meant to complement the government's efforts on malaria eradication in the country.

Tumaini said under-five children who got the mosquito nets were selected from 16 primary schools in the wards.

"We fight this killer disease by ensuring that women and chil-

dren are protected; we do this by educating the public surrounding our mine," he said.

Malaria, a life-threatening disease caused by parasites transmitted to people through the bites of infected female anopheles mosquitoes, is both preventable and curable.




**Advertisement**

**BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**

Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties wanting to participate in the below goods/service package at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine

Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Limited (BGML) is a fully owned subsidiary of Twiga Minerals Corporation. Bulyanhulu Gold Mine Site is located 55km south of Lake Victoria, in the Kahama District of Shinyanga Region, northern Tanzania. There are road accesses to the mine from Mwanza, 127km to the northeast, and from the town of Kahama, 84km to the south.

BGML, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced, and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the provision of the below goods/service packages.

No.	Reference no.	Description of services to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
1	BUL-23-04-01	Back Analysis of Bulyanhulu Underground Mine Paste Fill Exposure Stability.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Over 20 years of experience in backfill and rock mechanics numerical modelling by FLAC3D.</li> <li>2. Submit resume of Qualified Principal Geotechnical Engineer with more than 15 years of experience in Geotechnical modelling</li> <li>3. Experience in conducting three-dimensional numerical back-analyses and predictive analyses of fill exposures for over 20 backfill operations across the world.</li> <li>4. Experience in conducting similar projects in large scale Underground mines across the world.</li> </ol>

The above Services/goods are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable pre-qualified and experienced contractors shall be invited to receive the tender documents. Please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead

If your company qualifies as per the pre-qualification criteria together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Full company profile.
- Company registration documents i.e., Certificate of incorporation, Tax Clearance Certificate, etc.
- Applicable certification, accreditation, and affiliated registration.
- Approved Local Content Plan or acknowledgment of submission from the Mining Commissioner.
- BRELA detailed search certificate indicating Tanzanian ownership percentage to determine classification as an Indigenous Tanzanian Company as per the Local Content Regulation, 2018.

Kindly send your response by email to [bulytender@barrick.com](mailto:bulytender@barrick.com) by latest 1800hrs on the **13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote the above Reference number and description on your Expression of interest submission.

If you do not hear from us in 21days after the deadline date, please consider your EOI unsuccessful.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of BGML.

For and on behalf of **BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED**


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## TENDER NOTICE

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES**

1. National Bank of Commerce Limited has set aside funds for the procurement of various services during financial year 2024/2025, it is intended that, part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the various contracts.
2. Request for proposal is open to all eligible service providers with proven experience and capacity to offer the required services. Interested eligible bidders are invited to apply for the provision of below list of services;
  - i. Core Banking System Managed Service.
  - ii. Core Banking System Consultancy Service.
3. Request for Proposal documents can be downloaded from the website [www.nbc.co.tz](http://www.nbc.co.tz) and then click 'Procurement' to access the document.
4. All Proposals in one original and one copy set properly filled in, and enclosed in sealed envelope marked as per service name written on the RFP Document and should be addressed to; **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE LIMITED, HEAD OFFICE BUILDING, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, and P. O. BOX 1863 DAR ES SALAAM.**
5. Sealed applications and Bids must be submitted not later than **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Proposal shall be delivered by hand to the Tender Box located at reception of Head Office building, ground Floor along Sokoine Drive /Azikiwe Street.

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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF O&K RH170 BOGIE (UNDERCARRIAGE) ASSEMBLY.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for the supply and delivery of O&K RH170 Bogie (undercarriage) assembly and is, therefore, inviting eligible and interested applicants to submit expressions of interest as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS SUPPLY. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01865	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF O&K RH170 BOGIE (UNDERCARRIAGE) ASSEMBLY.

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	5%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding the supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the applicant's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.50%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.50%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01865)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Proof of ability and evidence to provide warranty on the O&K RH170 Bogie (undercarriage) assembly ( <b>Mandatory Requirement</b> ).	20%
Proof of ability to provide onsite commissioning of O&K RH170 undercarriage assembly and after sales technical support. Evidenced technical experience and proof of competent personnel is recommended.	15%
Ability to supply O&K RH170 Bogie (Undercarriage) assembly with proof of previous supply.	15%
Proof of dealership of O&K RH170 Bogie (Undercarriage) Assembly.	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested applicants must submit their Expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting "GGME01865 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF O&K RH170 BOGIE (UNDERCARRIAGE) ASSEMBLY". on the subject of the email together with supporting information to the Company, which states the full name, address, telephone, and e-mail address of the company, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to supply the goods, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the Company. Submission must be received not later than **8.30 AM (EAT) on 13 May 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

V. Shortlisted Candidates will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Candidates not contacted within the forty-five (45) calendar days should consider themselves unsuccessful.

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### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR CATERING SERVICES TO SECURITY PERSONEL, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying service providers for Catering Services to Security Personnel and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for this service as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01840	CATERING SERVICES TO SECURITY PERSONEL IN GEITA

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>20%</b>
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate	3%
NSSF Compliance Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1%
Environmental compliance certificate	1%
Copy of Workers' compensation fund certificate	2%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01840)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Proof of ability to supply +/- 300 meal packs per day (Lunch and Dinner) menu must also include fruits and vegetables. Provide Financial strength - 5%, and proof of previous food service experience involving 300+ people - 5%.	10%
Proof of having permits/certifications/valid licenses in the food industry from TFDA	10%
Must have enough re-usable food containers which will avoid food supply delay with good cleaning facilities. Attach photo of cleaning facility (5%) & Proof of previous service experience involved re-usable food containers (5%).	10%
Proof of ability to manage/develop system of managing food containers to avoid loss of those containers. Provide a written practical food container management plan.	5%
Proof of ability to have lunch ready at 11h00 and dinner at 18h00 every day. Attach not less than four photos of the cooking facility/Kitchen.	5%
Proof of ability to provide Weekly Menu - Provide documentations of the previous/existing food service including menu.	5%
Ability to maintain high level of hygiene on food preparation and cleanness of food containers. Provide inspection document done by the client or government health department.	5%
Proof of ability to transport food (dinner and lunch) to the central point (Geita Hill Tag board area) on the mine site where GGM Security will take over for distribution. Provide proof of food van ownership and photos of the food van.	10%

III. Interested Applicants must quote "GGME01840 - CATERING SERVICE TO SECURITY PERSONNEL IN GEITA" ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the Company. Submission must not be later than **8.30AM, 16<sup>TH</sup> May, 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email with attachments exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple email.

V. Shortlisted Applicants will be notified within forty-five (45) calendar days from the submission deadline. Applicants not contacted within the forty-five (45) calendar days should consider themselves unsuccessful.

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# Villages earning millions in participatory conservation

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Babati

TO ensure that wildlife and natural resources conservation programmes remain sustainable, authorities in Manyara Region have come up with a participatory approach that benefit villagers.

Conservation must complement humanity is the motto here, said assistant regional administrative secretary Faraja Ngerageza at the weekend.

"We must learn from history because all conservation efforts that have been undertaken without the involvement of people at the grassroots failed all over the world," Ngerageza said while addressing members of the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET).

According to the official, Manyara succeeds in its activities of environment and wildlife conservation because ordinary residents spearhead the missions and benefit in the process.

Babati district executive director Anna Mbogo said that there are 10 villages in the locality that have

pooled in resources to establish the Burunge Wildlife Management Area (BWMA) mapped within 283 square kilometres in rural Babati.

"These are among the direct beneficiaries of participatory approach in conservation programmes," she said, adding that the villages have been earning more than 2bn/- per season with each getting over 100m/- from the split.

The 10 villages involved in the local wildlife management area programme are Mwada, Ngolei, Sangaiwe, Kakoi, Minjingu, Olasiti, Maweni, Magara, Manyara and Vilima Viatu.

"But a village like Sangaiwe which directly borders Tarangire National Park runs a separate conservation and tourism programme that generates an additional 600m/- into its coffers," the official said.

In addition to entering into contracts with investors as well as conservation outfits like the Chem-Chem Association, the villages have also been receiving support from the United States Agency for International Develop-

ment through USAID 'Tuhifadhi Maliasili,' activity.

Michael Gwandu, Manyara Regional Environment Management Officer said there are other 15 villages currently reaping handsomely from carbon trading activities undertaken through Yaeda-Eyasi programme.

The environmental programme covers mostly the Mbulu and Kite-to districts of Manyara as well as parts of Karatu in Arusha Region.

The villages Endesh, Jobaj, Domanga, Endanyawish, Endamaghan, Mbuga-Nyekundu, Eshkesh, Dumbechand, Yaeda Chini, Mikocheni, Mongo wa Mono, Hadzabe Mongo, Hadzabe Eyasi, Hadzabe Domanga and Qangdend.

The villages earned 4bn/- and a cheque was officially presented to them by the Minister of State in the Office of the Vice President (Union and Environment), Dr Selemani Jafo.

But according to Gwandu, local women groups have also been establishing environment-friendly income-generating activities to complement tourism and conservation efforts in the precinct.



Members of a team on a special six-day climb of Mount Kilimanjaro pictured at the mountain's Zebra Rocks point at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## TIC launches premium lounge dedicated to foreign investors

By Carlos Band

TANZANIA Investment Centre (TIC) has launched a premium lounge dedicated to enable foreign investors register their companies seamlessly by addressing red tapes.

Speaking at the launch in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, Prof Kitila Mkumbo, Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), said the centre will be a one stop shop where investors can receive all the services they need upon entry into the country.

"We have launched this centre to allow investors to undertake all the necessary procedures within a short time. Here they will find agents from Tanzania Revenue Authority, Business Registration and Licensing Agency and legal advisors to help them register their companies with full consideration of Tanzania's laws. Investors will leave the centre with registration documents," he said.

Prof Mkumbo said the lounge will also serve as a centre of attraction for more investors to come to Tanzania, adding that registration services that take shorter time to complete are among the key traits that investors observe.

"The centre is created to serve all investors equally. However, it is designed to meet the needs of strategic investors and special strategic investors who have come with big capital to inject in projects in the country. Investors will also have access to financial services here when they need to and can even open new bank accounts with Azania Bank," he said.

Prof Mkumbo said fast services for investors who have come to Tanzania to invest means they can quickly inject their money into projects and create employment opportunities for Tanzanians.

"This initiative is part of the implementation of the government's directive to ensure we attract more investors in the country through TIC. I am positive this will work out well," he said.

Halima Semhunge, Azania Bank corporate relations manager, said the launch was part of the bank's implementation of its collaboration with TIC to bolster investments in the country.

## Mbeya gets 5.6bn/- for water system overhaul

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA Water and Sanitation Authority (Mbeya UWSA) has received 5.6bn/- loan from TIB Development Bank for improvement of water service systems in the city.

Handover of dummy cheque took place at the weekend here during the bank's stakeholders meeting for Mbeya Region which aimed at discussing the role of the bank in contributing to development in the country, credit opportunities, services it provides and getting feedback from stakeholders to enable it improve its services.

Mbeya District Commissioner Beno Malisa lauded the bank for working effectively in fulfilling the government's goals to ensure implementation of the third five-year National Development Plan 2021/22 - 2025/26 and National Development Vision 2025.

Malisa called on Mbeya UWSA to make good use of the loan by improving water service in the fast growing and the largest city in the southern high-

lands.

Cynthia Ngoye, Mbeya UWSA acting chairperson of the board of directors, also thanked TIB Development Bank for the loan and promised that the funds would be utilized to increase productivity and efficiency in implementation of water projects.

"On behalf of Mbeya Water Authority Board, I promise that we will use the funds for the goals that were set to increase productivity and efficiency in delivery of water services in Mbeya," she said. Mbeya UWSA was established in 1998 by Act No. 8 of Water Works Act Cap 272 of 1997 as amended by Act No. 12 of Water and Environmental Sanitation of 2009.

**“On behalf of Mbeya Water Authority Board, I promise that we will use the funds for the goals that were set to increase productivity**



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR TADANO MOBILE CRANE TECHNICAL TRAINING

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying service providers for TADANO Mobile Crane Technical Training at the Company's site and is, therefore, inviting eligible and interested service providers to submit expressions of interest as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS SERVICE. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01856	TADANO MOBILE CRANE TECHNICAL TRAINING

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>20%</b>
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate	3%
NSSF Compliance Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	4%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Applicants audited financial statements for the latest three years.	3%
Bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months.	2%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.50%
Environmental compliance Certificate	1.50%
Workers' compensation fund Certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental Policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
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Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	5%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01856)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Provide proof of previous TADANO mobile crane technical training experience to large scale mining/Construction or large ports	12%
CVs and certificates of the facilitators who have previously conducted TADANO mobile crane technical training.	12%
Provide accreditation/registration proof from the relevant Registration Board/Agency in Tanzania to offer training service	12%
Submit comprehensive training methodology and training implementation plan	12%
Submit TADANO dealership letter	12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Interested applicants must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **"GGME01856 - TADANO MOBILE CRANE TECHNICAL TRAINING"** on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to the Company, which states the full name, address, telephone, and e-mail address of the Company, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the Company is of interest to work with, what the prospective Company has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the Company Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the Company (Geita Gold Mining Limited). Submissions must not be later than **8.30 AM on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions must not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple emails.

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## Quality of midwifery silent factor in number of delivery-time deaths

THE moment of signing a cooperation agreement between the government and quasi-governmental agencies working on mother and child care towards the end of the week was an understandably happy one.

However, one particular observation made at the event will - also understandably - have left a number of people quite sad and seeking for answers.

It was a remark by the acting Canadian High Commissioner to Tanzania, who said that over 90 per cent of maternal deaths occur in health facilities.

As if in correlation with that observation, the diplomat said that many midwifery posts are vacant and those filled often have unqualified midwives, resulting in poor quality of care.

That was given as the reason the Canadian Association of Midwives have teamed up with UNFPA and the African Medical Research Foundation (AMREF) for the implementation of a project meant to increase availability of skilled midwives in Tanzania.

The \$3bn/- project is meant to strengthen local capacity to advance midwifery as a profession and develop a robust training programme for midwifery tutors, as midwives need more than only supplies and equipment.

They also require extensive training to safely manage childbirth and ably recognize life-threatening complications, a UNFPA senior official at the ceremony declared.

Without doubt, much more investment and support are needed at every level to enhance midwifery in terms of skills and equipment, in which case the agencies and the government pin their hopes on the joint initiative.

Just how far the project could achieve its aims may be a different matter, as the variance between deaths and the proximity of maternal health care services is unsettling - at least in that the presence of such

care or its proximity had little significance in those cases.

It appears that chances that a woman dies while giving birth is something determined by other factors and not health care facilities per se.

There is an assumption that this apparently large number of women dying while being attended to for birth complications in a hospital, dispensary or health centre relates to the shortage of skills on the part of the midwives.

There is another dimension that is hard to project in research and is definitely also hard to take up for extensive interviews as to the level of prevalence, namely, bad language and lack of interest on the part of unprofessional midwives faced with such challenges.

During the period that a woman was literally forced to bring birth attendant equipment with her or pay a certain amount, assuming this is no longer the case, many women died as nurses were simply not interested if the cash was not paid for equipment.

There was a time that hospital authorities dismissed two nurses who had deliberately refused to attend to a woman who later succumbed to delivery-time complications, then in a couple of days the regional authorities called the nurses back to work.

That was to say that the said nurses may not have erred with respect to compliance with standing orders that way, and it is unclear if the hospital authorities knew the same or pretended to dismiss them and then when they complained, recommend to the regional authorities that they return.

Birth pangs are a moment of culture, treated as a queen if a woman has the cash for respectable admission or simply the other way round with the converse reality.

Skills are clearly crucial but there are cultural traits, and not just the cost sharing, that can lead to fatality. All these merit serious consideration.

## Tanzania improving EACJ ties on the basis of its own agenda

RARE consultations were noticed towards the end of last week when Tanzania's Constitution and Legal Affairs minister paid a courtesy visit to the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) premises in the Arusha city, ostensibly to strengthen relations between Tanzania and the key regional judicial institution.

The discussions are said to have centred on exploring avenues for collaborative initiatives, capacity building in Tanzania's legal system and how this reflected on the regional integration process.

It is unclear if integration of legal systems is already on the cards, as it isn't an active agenda in ministerial or summit events though it is actively visible in practice.

As widely expected, the deliberations revolved around identifying specific areas of cooperation between the two parties, according to an EACJ statement on the minister's visit. The emphasis on capacity building initiatives can easily be interpreted as engendering familiarity not just with EACJ procedures but with efforts to build much-needed sympathy for the rationale of the regional court's work.

EACJ institutions and national agencies are not on a par normatively and operate with varying reference points, one largely anchored in explicit UN legal instruments that most UN member states have ratified while "picking and choosing" particular areas to observe.

The statement explained this capacity building as linked to the development of specialised programmes, lectures and training

sessions geared towards equipping Tanzanian legal professionals with vital skills and knowledge to help them engage effectively enough on EACJ integration. That would be especially related to the need to have capacity to navigate EACJ procedures such that they would sympathise with rulings delivered instead of holding them at arm's length as sometimes happens.

This formulation of the issue at least shows that it is the local judiciary that needs to sympathize with EACJ, and not vice versa, though it is unclear if Tanzania's record in that regard is way different from the attitudes of other EACJ partner states.

There has of course been a series of efforts, at least in the past few years, to bridge the gap between the national interest premises of national law to liberal civic rights outlook of the regional court. However, it would appear that the bridge building initiatives are of marginal impact or consequence, mostly just "protocol". EACJ is based in, and operates from, Tanzania. Thus, a working relationship at least with middle and upper levels of the judiciary is procedurally expected, which for a while appeared to be increasingly the case when multipartism appeared to gain enhanced credence.

The minister expressed goodwill as to the EACJ likely being instrumental in guiding on which its judgments or rulings imply the need for amendment of national laws to facilitate greater accommodation of the regional integration agenda. However, complications in actual execution remain.

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## Healthy teeth are wondrous and priceless; a dentist explains how best to protect them

By Samer Zaky

THE durability and longevity of teeth lie in the complex interplay between six different tissues, all of which play an intricate role in tooth formation and health.

At an auction in England in 2011, one of John Lennon's teeth sold for just over US\$31,000. How much are your teeth worth?

Teeth are amazing little miracles. They light up our smiles, we use them to speak and we chew with them more than 600 times at every meal.

Yet, in a society where one out of every five Americans of ages 75 and up live without their teeth, many people may not realize that teeth are designed to stay with us for a lifetime.

I am a dentist and an assistant professor spanning clinical dentistry and craniofacial regeneration research. Researchers like me are still deepening our understanding of tooth development, with the ultimate goal of serving patients with on-demand regrown teeth.

In the process, I have developed reverence for natural teeth and for the complex beauty of these biological and mechanical masterpieces.

### Designed for lifelong function

The secret of teeth longevity lies in their durability as well as in how they are anchored to the jaw - picture a hammer and its hand grip. For each tooth, durability and anchorage are functions of the complex interface between six different tissues; each alone is a biological marvel.

For anchorage, the cementum, ligament and bone grip the tooth at its root portion that is buried under the gum. The ligament, a soft tissue that is about 0.2 millimeters wide, attaches the cementum of the root on one end to the bone of the jaw on the other end. It serves to anchor the tooth as well as to cushion its movement during chewing.

For durability, however, the secret lies in the enamel, dentin and pulp - our focus in this discussion.

### Enamel - the shield

The enamel is the protective shell that covers the visible part of the tooth above the gum. Thanks to its high mineral content, enamel is the hardest tissue in the body. It needs to be, since it acts as a shield against the constant impact of chewing.

Enamel does not contain cells, blood vessels or nerves, so it is non-living and non-sensitive.

Enamel is also non-regenerating. Once destroyed by decay or broken by misuse such as ice chewing, nail biting or bottle opening - or touched by the dental drill - that part of our priceless enamel is gone for good.

Because it interfaces with a germ-laden world, the enamel is also where decay starts. When acid-generating bacteria ac-



cumulate on unbrushed or poorly brushed teeth, they readily dissolve the minerals in the enamel.

Just like hair or fingernails, the non-innervated enamel is not sensitive. The decay advances through the 2.5-millimetre-thick (tenth of an inch) layer of enamel painlessly. When the decay is caught at that phase during a dental checkup visit, the dentist can treat it with a relatively conservative filling that hardly compromises the tooth's structural integrity.

Because of its high mineral content, enamel is stiff. Its lifelong support is provided by the more resilient infrastructure - the dentin.

### Dentin and pulp - body and heart

With less mineral content than enamel, dentin is the resilient body of the tooth. It is a living tissue formed of parallel tiny tubes housing fluid and cellular extensions. Both originate from the pulp.

The pulp is the tooth's soft tissue core. Vastly rich in cells, blood vessels and nerves, it is the life source of the tooth - its heart - and the key to its longevity.

Like smoke detectors communicating with a remote fire station, the cellular extensions within the dentin sense decay as soon as it breaks through the non-sensitive layer of enamel into dentin.

Once the extensions communicate the danger signal to the pulp, our tooth sensitivity alarm goes off: The tooth heart is in flames.

The inflamed pulp initiates two protective actions. The first is to secrete an additional layer of dentin to delay the approaching attack. The second is toothache - and a call to visit the dentist.

The earlier the visit is made, the less the drilling and the smaller the filling. If the problem is caught in time, most of the tooth's natural tissues will be preserved and the pulp will likely regain its healthy state. If caught too late, though, the pulp will slowly die out.

Without its heart, a non-living tooth has no defence against further decay invasion. Without a hydration source, a dried-out dentin will sooner or later break under the forces of constant chewing.

Besides, a tooth that has already lost a significant portion of its natural structure to decay, cavity preparation or root canal instrumentation becomes weak, with limited longevity. In other words, the tooth is never the same without its heart. Pulpless, the tooth loses its womb-to-tomb endurance and mother nature's life-long warranty.

### The tooth coming together

More complex - and more precious - than a pearl within an oyster, the formation of a tooth within our jawbone involves layered mineral deposition.

As tooth development progresses in a process of ultimate cellular engineering, the cells of the six aforementioned tissues - enamel, dentin, pulp, cementum, ligament and bone - multiply, specialise and mineralise synchronously with each other to

form uniquely interlocking interfaces: enamel to dentin, dentin to pulp, cementum to dentin and cementum to ligament to bone.

In a process akin to 3D printing, the tooth crown grows vertically to full formation. Simultaneously, the root continues its elongation to eventually launch off the crown from within the bone across the gum to appear in the mouth - the event known as teething.

It is about that time, roundabout 12 years of age, that our set of adult teeth is complete. These pearls are set to endure a lifetime and are undoubtedly worth preserving.

### Save your teeth, visit the dentist

Tooth decay, the most prevalent disease in humans, is both predictable and preventable. The earlier it is caught, the more the tooth integrity can be preserved. Since the process starts painlessly, it is imperative to visit the dentist regularly to keep those insidious germs in check.

During your checkup visit, the dental professional will clean your teeth and check for early decay. If you are diligent with your daily preventive measures, the good news for you will be no news - enough to make anyone smile.

**A dispatch by The Conversation, an independent nonprofit news organisation dedicated to giving you the context to understand what's going on in the world. Samer Zaky is Research Assistant Professor in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh in the US.**



By Adonis Byemelwa

# Tanzania's bold foreign policy elevates economic diplomacy, cultural heritage



Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister, January Makamba (R), took over from, Dr Stergomona Tax (L), in September 2023.

**T**ANZANIA'S bold move! Ambitious reforms unveiled in foreign policy at a prestigious conference in Dar es Salaam on January 9, 2024, signal a proactive stance in navigating the evolving global landscape. These reforms reflect the nation's strategic intent to adapt to emerging challenges and seize new opportunities on the international stage.

Central to Tanzania's foreign policy agenda is the emphasis on economic diplomacy as a cornerstone strategy for advancing the nation's economic interests abroad. "Economic diplomacy is a vital tool for promoting our economic growth and enhancing our competitiveness in the global economy," stated January Makamba, Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation. "By engaging in economic diplomacy, we can attract foreign investment, stimulate exports, and increase our access to foreign markets," he added.

A fundamental aspect of Tanzania's economic diplomacy strategy involves fostering inward investments, particularly through initiatives like mobilizing Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs). David Kafulila, Executive Director for the PPP Centre, emphasized the nation's commitment to enhancing economic diplomacy in collaboration with key stakeholders such as the Minister of State, Office of the President, Planning and Investment, Prof. Kitila Mkumbo.

In a recent article published in one of the weekly newspapers, Kafulila addressed criticisms surrounding the endorsement of a public-private partnership (PPP) contract with Dubai-based Emirates National Group (ENG).

He highlighted that while some critics questioned the use of foreign investors, Kafulila stressed the importance of leveraging both local and foreign investments for economic development. He argued that foreign investors like ENG are not detrimental to Tanzania's economy but rather contribute positively by complementing government efforts and bringing additional resources and expertise.

Kafulila's insights shed light on Tanzania's pragmatic approach to economic diplomacy, showcasing the nation's readiness to embrace diverse investment opportunities while navigating potential challenges and maximizing benefits for sustainable economic growth.

"We are actively fostering Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to catalyze economic activity and generate employment opportunities both domestically and internationally," Kafulila emphasized.

Moreover, Tanzania's revamped foreign policy framework encompasses a comprehensive approach to regulatory regimes and the management of complex external economic activities at various levels, including multilateral, regional, and bilateral engagements.

"In our active participation within international forums such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), we cultivate indispensable conditions favorable to trade

and investment," elucidated Prof. Honest Ngowi, an esteemed scholar renowned for his expertise in international trade, as articulated in one of his seminal research papers. The proposed reforms also highlight the importance of fostering closer ties with international partners and strengthening existing alliances. "Strategic partnerships and diplomatic channels play a crucial role in enhancing our influence and amplifying our voice on critical global issues," noted Prof. Samwel Wangwe, an expert in international relations.

In terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows, Tanzania has witnessed a significant increase in recent years. According to official statistics, FDI inflows reached \$1.1 billion in 2023, reflecting growing investor confidence in the country's economic prospects.

Key among the proposed reforms is a commitment to safeguarding Tanzania's rich cultural heritage in the face of accelerating globalization. Recognizing the importance of preserving national traditions and customs, the government aims to embed cultural preservation as a cornerstone of its foreign policy agenda.

Economic diplomacy takes center stage in the proposed revisions, with the government pledging to en-

hance coordination and strategy in promoting Tanzania's economic interests abroad. The emphasis on economic diplomacy reflects recognition of the pivotal role that trade, investment, and economic partnerships play in driving national development and prosperity.

In a bold move to elevate its global profile, Tanzania plans to intensify efforts to promote Kiswahili as an international language. By commercializing Kiswahili and positioning it as a language of business and diplomacy, Tanzania aims to strengthen its cultural influence and expand its soft power on the world stage.

Diaspora engagement emerges as another key focus area, with the government acknowledging the significant contributions of Tanzanians living abroad to national development. By actively involving the diaspora community in its foreign policy initiatives, Tanzania seeks to leverage its expertise, networks, and resources for the benefit of the nation.

Gender equality and youth empowerment feature prominently in the proposed reforms, reflecting a commitment to inclusivity and social justice. Through targeted policies and programs, the government aims to ensure that women and young people are active partici-

pants in shaping Tanzania's foreign policy priorities and outcomes.

Minister of State in the Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment), Dr. Suleiman Jafo, has provided insights into the tangible benefits Tanzania stands to gain from its active participation in the recently concluded COP28 conference. Speaking to reporters in Dar es Salaam in December 2023, Minister Jafo emphasized the significance of Tanzania's engagement at COP28, highlighting potential investments, technology transfers, and expertise acquisition to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Among the notable outcomes highlighted by Minister Jafo is the anticipation of investments from 56 foreign firms following agreements reached with local Tanzanian companies. "Among the benefits of Tanzania's participation in the COP28 conference is the agreement entered into by Tanzanian companies with more than 56 foreign firms coming to invest in Tanzania," Minister Jafo remarked, highlighting the positive economic implications of Tanzania's involvement in global climate initiatives.

Additionally, Minister Jafo emphasized the importance of integrating environmental sustainability into Tanzania's foreign policy agenda, particularly in light of the pressing concerns surrounding climate change. He emphasized the need for proactive measures to address climate-related challenges and promote green initiatives, positioning Tanzania as a responsible global actor committed to environmental stewardship.

In addition to economic benefits, Tanzania's participation in COP28 is expected to facilitate access to critical resources such as funds, technology, and expertise necessary for implementing effective climate resilience strategies. Minister Jafo's remarks reflect Tanzania's commitment to leveraging international partnerships to advance its environmental objectives and drive sustainable development.

Embracing visionary strategies ahead of the 2025 plan, Tanzania aims to reignite its stature as a formidable middle-sized economy, reminiscent of the era under Magufuli's leadership. This entails orchestrating a symphony of economic diplomacy, weaving strong trade alliances, magnetizing Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs), and orchestrating dynamic Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to propel the nation toward unparalleled growth and prosperity.

Pioneering innovation and championing modern economic policies are pivotal in navigating the intricate web of the global economy, ensuring Tanzania's foothold as a formidable contender on the global stage. By fostering proactive engagement and executing meticulous strategic planning, the country is poised to actualize its vision of evolving into a flourishing and resilient economy in the forthcoming years. These strides highlight Tanzania's proactive stance in tackling pressing global challenges and solidifying its position as a pivotal player in the international arena.

## Law reforms crucial to protect children from violent punishment

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

**S**TAKEHOLDERS are calling for transformation of school culture to protect children from corporal punishment saying the process starts with law reforms.

Legal protection of children from all violent punishment is important not only to protect them from violence but also to raise their social status.

Reforming the laws would ensure that children no longer be lawfully subjected to violent punishment, marking a turning point in society's relationship with children and signalling recognition of children as human beings and rights holders.

Improving the laws enhances children's position in the society and advances their other rights.

Corporal punishment is a violation of children's rights to respect for physical integrity and human dignity, health, development, education and freedom from torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Barnabas Kaniki is the Child Protection and Child Rights Governance Specialist from a Non-Governmental Organization—Save the Children. He says elimination of violence against children is also highlighted as one of the several targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development but most explicitly in Target 16.2 which states—'End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children'.

Corporal punishment and the associated harms can be preventable through multi-sectoral and multifaceted approaches, including law reform, changing harmful norms around child rearing and punishment, parent and caregiver support, and school-based programming.

Recent available and reliable data on corporal punishment prevalence in Tanzania schools is a challenge to get. However, existing evidence indicates that the use of corporal punishment in school is widespread.

"Children have an absolute right to legal protection from all corporal punishment, in all settings of their lives including their homes. Once corporal punishment is prohibited by law in any setting, the prohibition must be implemented through measures aimed at eliminating corporal punishment in practice," Kaniki stated.

The 2017 research by Human Rights Watch found that the use of brutal and humiliating forms of corporal punishment is common in school, affecting attendance.

Although it is still lawful, the frequency with which it happened was alarmingly high.

Evidence shows corporal punishment increases children's behavioural problems over time and has no positive outcomes.

All corporal punishment, however mild or light, carries an inbuilt risk of escalation. Studies suggest that parents who used corporal punishment are at heightened risk of perpetrating severe maltreatment.

Corporal punishment is linked to a range of negative outcomes for children across countries and cultures, including physical and mental ill-health, impaired cog-

nitive and socio-emotional development, poor educational outcomes, increased aggression and perpetration of violence.

### What is corporal punishment?

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child has adopted a comprehensive definition of corporal punishment:

The committee defines 'corporal' or 'physical' punishment as any punishment in which physical force is used and intended to cause some degree of pain or discomfort, however light.

Most involves hitting ('smacking', 'slapping', 'spanking') children, with the hand or with an implement – a whip, stick, belt, shoe, wooden spoon, etc.

But it can also involve, for example, kicking, shaking or throwing children, scratching, pinching, biting, pulling hair or boxing ears, forcing children to stay in uncomfortable positions, burning, scalding or forced ingestion (for example, washing children's mouths out with soap or forcing them to swallow hot spices).

In the view of the committee, corporal punishment is invariably degrading. In addition, there are other non-physical forms of punishment that are also cruel and degrading and thus incompatible with the Convention.

These include, for example, punishment which belittles, humiliates, denigrates, scapegoats, threatens, scares or ridicules the child."

(Committee on the Rights of the Child (2006), General Comment no. 8: the right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment.

The World Health Organization (WHO) mentions some of the negative impacts of corporal punishment as direct physical harm, sometimes resulting in severe damage, long-term disability or death.

Others are mental ill-health, including behavioural and anxiety disorders, depression, hopelessness, low self-esteem, self-harm and suicide attempts, alcohol and drug dependency, hostility, and emotional instability, which continue into adulthood.

Damage to education includes school dropout and lower academic and occupational success. Indirect physical harms include developing cancer, alcohol-related problems, migraine, cardiovascular disease, arthritis, and obesity that continue into adulthood.

Increased acceptance and use of other forms of violence; and damaged family relationships.

The negative impact of corporal punishment on children's cognitive development and education may last into adulthood. In some studies, adults who experienced corporal punishment as children were less likely to graduate from college or to have high status and highly paid jobs. Corporal punishment triggers harmful psychological and physiological responses. Children not only experience pain, sadness, fear, anger, shame and guilt, but feeling threatened also leads to physiological stress and the activation of neural pathways that support dealing with danger.



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## DAR ES SALAAM WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION AUTHORITY

## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

## TENDER No: TR158/2023/2024/W/51

**Date:** 6th day of May, 2024  
**Country :** The United Republic of Tanzania  
**Project :** Wastewater Treatment System Development in Dar es Salaam  
**Description of Works:** Wastewater Treatment Plant with a capacity of 25,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day, Two number of pumping station with capacity of 17,200 m<sup>3</sup>/day and 25,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day (Daily average)  
**Pipeline:** 52.5 km (Gravity: 24.3km, Pressure: 8.4km, House connection :19.8km) and rehabilitation of existing sewer pipes and chambers in city center area  
**Loan/Credit No.:** TZA 12

- The United Republic of Tanzania has received a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of 90,092,000USD toward the cost of Wastewater Treatment System Development in Dar es Salaam and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Construction of Wastewater Treatment System Development in Dar es Salaam, Tender No. TR158/2023/2024/W/51
- Dar es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Authority, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 25,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day, 52.5 km of sewer pipelines (Gravity: 24.3km, Pressure: 8.4km, House connection: 19.8km), two number of pumping station with capacities of 17,200 m<sup>3</sup>/day and 25,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day (Daily average), maintenance road (L=1.3km) for the sewer pipeline and rehabilitation of existing sewer pipes and chambers in city center area. The construction period is 36 months plus 12 months DLP. Technical Assistance for O&M (dispatch of technical experts for Operation and Maintenance) should be provided by the Contractor for 24 months after the completion of construction.
- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:
  - The bidder shall be nationals of Republic of Korea or juridical person incorporated and registered therein.
  - Key Criteria and requirements

## Key Criteria

Minimum average annual construction turnover of 45,200,000 USD for the last 3 years
Completion (or substantial completion) of at least two contracts of similar size and nature, each with a value of 54,300,000 USD within the last 10 years.
Construction of wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 20,000 m <sup>3</sup> /day or bigger using biological treatment process.
Installation of sewers with at least 26 km in length

Note: Refer to Section III of bidding document for more detailed qualification.

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Dar es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Authority and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 08:00 to 16:00 hours on weekdays.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of USD300. The method of payment will be by direct deposit to the account of the Employer. The document will be handed out at the Employer's office. The delivery is not applicable. The bank details are as follow.
 

**Name of Bank: CRDB Bank PLC**  
**Account Name: DAWASA**  
**Branch Name: Holland House**  
**Account No: 01J1022022003**  
**SWIFT Code: CORUTZTZ**
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 19th June, 2024 at 1400Hrs East Africa time. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of 1,500,000 USD as sample form provided in the Bid Document. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below on 19th June, 2024 at 1400Hrs East Africa Time.
- The Dar es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Authority will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

## Dar es Salaam Water Supply and Sanitation Authority

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## PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR A URANIUM PLANT IN LIKUYU WARD, NAMTUMBO DISTRICT, RUVUMA REGION.

Mantra Tanzania Limited (Mantra), operating as a subsidiary of Uranium One Group, Joint Stock Company, is focused on the potential development of a Uranium Mine at its Mkuju River Project (MRP) in the Namtumbo District of Ruvuma Region.

Now Mantra invites eligible suppliers and service providers to express their interest (EOI) for the below list.

S/N	Description
0371_M001	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MILLS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M002	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RESIN IN PULP(RIP) EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M003	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AGITATORS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M004	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SULPHURIC ACID PLANT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M005	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF COMPRESSED-AIR PLANT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M006	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M007	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONVEYORS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M008	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CYCLONES FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M009	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DUST SUPPRESSION FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M010	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BLOWERS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M011	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VIBRATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M012	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONCENTRATE PRESSURE FILTERS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M013	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SCRUBBERS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M014	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF REAGENT MAKE-UP PLANT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M018	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SLURRY PUMPS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M019	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PERISTALTIC PUMPS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M021	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SAMPLERS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M022	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LINEAR SCREEN FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M023	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF THICKENERS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_M056	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)-SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HEAVY MOBILE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E002	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF BACKUP GENERATOR FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E003	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PVC FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E004	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MV SWITCH GEAR FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E005	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF OHL FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E006	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MINI-SUB & RMU FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E007	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E008	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MCCs FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E009	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LV DB's FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E010	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF EARTHING & LIGHTNING PROTECTION FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_E011	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SUBSTATION HVAC FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
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0371_I002	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FIELD INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_I003	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONTROL VALVES FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
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0371_I007	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MANUAL VALVES FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_I008	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LEVEL CONTROLS FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT
0371_I011	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR THE MANTRA'S MKUJU RIVER URANIUM MINE PROJECT

Interested Companies and business entities are requested, as a minimum, to submit the following:

- Detailed Company Information with an Organization Structure, list of workers with CVs of key personnel.
- Details of completion of similar types of contracts in the last three years and similar contracts/agreements currently under execution under headings:
  - Brief scope of work
  - Value of work in USD
  - Contractual Duration
  - Clients name
  - Contact details of the Client (Mantra may approach the Client directly for the feedback).
- Details of Resources available in terms of number of manpower, equipment etc. for providing similar services.
- Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) policies, procedures and statistics covering the last 4 years.
- Copies of Valid Quality Certifications / Accreditations, ISO certifications, If any.
- Company's financial performance documents (Audited Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for the last 3(three) years. Latest financial statement should not be older than 18 months on the date of submission of response to the Expression of interest.
- Current Tax Clearance Certificate from the relevant authority.
- Workers Compensation Fund Certificate.
- Corporate ownership including main shareholders by percentage.
- Approved Local Content Plan by the Mining Commission.

Interested bidders for one or more of the packages are required to submit their EOI documents separately indicating the Title and Number of the Tender Package as per Package Number provided in the table above and submit a soft copy of their Expression of Interest (EOI) via e-mail address: [mantra@uranium1.co.tz](mailto:mantra@uranium1.co.tz) and [mantraprocurement@uranium1.co.tz](mailto:mantraprocurement@uranium1.co.tz) and the hard copy to the below address latest on **31st May 2024 at 16.00 hours**.

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# US researchers laud Africa Bridge project in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE implementation of the Africa Bridge Project in Tanzania is seen as a “game changer” in the lives of vulnerable children, not only in the country, but also elsewhere in Africa.

This is a complement the author of “And The Children Shall Lead Us” book launched in Dar es Salaam at the weekend received.

Barry Childs got such a complement from researchers at the University of Texas in the United States through their Ray Marshall Centre.

“Writing this book and starting the project are a result of a study conducted by University of Texas in the United States through their Ray Marshall Research Centre. For sure, a mode used by the project will bring about positive results in the lives of vulnerable Tanzanian children,” he said. During the launch of his 168-page book, Childs said about 7,700 children had been reached by the project in six wards and 37 villages in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region.

“These vulnerable children have been saved from extreme poverty by providing them accommodation, education and health insurance as part of the Africa Bridge Project in the country,” he said.

Childs explained that he returned to Tanzania where he grew up as a child after 35 years and felt bad when he found rural people grappling with extreme poverty and so he decided to start an aid organisation to alleviate the incidence of extreme poverty.

“Most of the people I grew up with in Arusha Region between 1944 and 1962, I found them still almost as poor as before and some had already lost their lives due to extreme poverty. So, I decided to write this book to develop a positive attitude in rural people and help them, especially children,” he said at the weekend.

He explained that to mitigate extreme poverty in rural vulnerable children Africa Bridge Organisation involved the children themselves and their parents and also involved the community through village committees so that they might be able to help in the upbringing of children starting from home, school and the community in general.

Childs added that through the project vulnerable children learned entrepreneurial activities related to dairy cattle such as milking and selling milk products and planting avocado trees for business.

Project Coordinator Kelvin Nkonyani said the book had an exciting narrative and aimed at uplifting rural vulnerable children out of extreme poverty and imparting to them the knowledge of sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship and improving their lives.

He said an effective way of serving vulnerable children was through family and community committees and the participation of village, ward and local government leaders and providing support that would produce positive results.

One of the project beneficiaries and a resident of Rungwe District in Mbeya Region, Sara Mosses (22), who shared her life story, was taking a community development course at Rungemba Mafinga College.

“I am one of the beneficiaries of this project. I have been educated through avocado farming from the primary school level and I am currently a college student, taking a community development course. After my studies I want to return to my home village and continue



The author of the book titled “And the Children Shall Lead Us” Barry Childs (C) cuts the ribbon to launch it. He is with co-author Philip Whiteley and officials from Africa Bridge project and stakeholders the event took place in Dar es Salaam at the weekend.

serving my community, especially vulnerable children,” he added.

Childs’ book, which is a fascinating account of 23 years of Africa Bridge, a sustainable and cooperative agricultural model transforming rural villages, is based on both field experience and academic research.

The book raises awareness of its potential to uplift the most vulnerable children out of poverty in the country.

Childs, who grew up in the country, left for further studies in South Africa, and later returned home to help his homeland.


It was after obtaining his bachelor of Applied Science in Psychology at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa and after he had worked for 17 years at Exxon Company and also served as Director of Learning at Abbott Laboratories. He then resigned his position in 2000 and founded Africa Bridge to help vulnerable Tanzanian children.

When he returned to Tanzania 35 years later, the African country was a vastly different place grappling with poverty and the ravage of HIV/Aids. “And The Children Shall Lead Us” tells the engrossing story of how the project works, how it came about and was implemented, and what has

been learned during Africa Bridge’s 23 years of operation.

Childs’ viewpoint is that to transform vulnerable children’s lives a secure revenue stream is needed to enable them to be nurtured and educated, and offered realistic opportunities to realise their potential.

Africa Bridge establishes agricultural cooperatives and children’s committees, by empowering village women to generate sustainable incomes while meeting social needs. This community-based, child-focused approach provides a blueprint for ethical development.



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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT NGOs AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS  
WFP COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2027


**A. Background**  
World Food Programme (WFP) Tanzania is seeking for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from competent national and international NGOs with presence and operations in Tanzania, who specialise in Gender equality and women empowerment.

**B. Eligibility Criteria**

1. The EOI is open to any national and international Non-Government Organization (NGO) with appropriate authorization to operate in Tanzania as a non-governmental, non-profit, non-political organization (submission of certificate of registration).
2. Letters of recommendation from last 3 donors/partners
3. Provision of Cover letter introducing the organization
4. Demonstratable experience in implementing GEWE interventions.
5. Submission of Project evaluation reports useful if available. (Refer to Section D: Submission requirements for more details)
6. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for further information and Due Diligence and capacity assessment. This process involves submission of several documents to WFP.


**C. Submission Requirements**  
The prospective Partner is requested to submit using your own template for a narrative proposal (in simple format) showing their experience and capacities in value of gender transformative approach, address the root causes of gender inequalities, building capacity for grassroots level on gender equality, support networking and learning between farmers and national stakeholders in agriculture value chains and experience in monitoring, reporting and learning.

Presence in the Roster does not guarantee that the NGO will be selected to implement GEWE interventions, rather presence in the roster means that as and when funds become available, NGOs in the Roster (and who will be invited to register in UN Partner Portal if not yet there), will then be invited to respond to a specific RFP and submit a specific Proposal and budget for a specific geographic area and caseloads and activities. Hence the EOI does not translate into a partnership agreement. The Expression of Interest should not exceed 15 pages.




Full details of the EOI can be accessed by scanning this QR Code (Filter by Tanzania and WFP) it will direct you to download the EOI from the UN Partner Portal without login.

**D. Submission and Contact Information**  
Interested organizations should submit their expressions of interest electronically to the WFP Dar es Salaam through [Tanzania.partnership@wfp.org](mailto:Tanzania.partnership@wfp.org) or in the UN Partner Portal (for organizations already registered in the UNPP), specifying Expression of Interest – WFP EOI – Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in the subject line. The deadline for submission is **20<sup>th</sup> May at 23.59** (Midnight EAT). Only short-listed NGOs will be contacted.



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REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Specific Procurement Notice

Request for Bids

Goods

(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

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**Country:** The United Republic of Tanzania

**Name of Project:** Tanzania Maternal and Child Health Investment Program

**Contract Title:** SUPPLY OF ICT EQUIPMENT (COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, PHOTOCOPIERS AND PROJECTORS)

**Credit No.:** P170435

**RFB Reference No.:** TZ-MOHZ-421034-GO-RFB

**Employer:** PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH - ZANZIBAR

**Issued on:** 06 May, 2024

nonrefundable fee of Tanzania shillings Two Hundred Thousand only (Tsh. 200,000.00). The method of payment will be by Bank through control number by requesting it from Ministry of Health.

1. This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in the United Nations Development Business (UNDB) 12TH September, 2023
2. The United Republic of Tanzania has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Tanzania Maternal and Child Health Investment Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply of ICT Equipment (Computers, Printers, Photocopiers and Projectors) for Project Coordination Unit.
3. The Ministry of Health now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply of ICT Equipment (Computers, Printers, Photocopiers and Projectors) for Project Coordination Unit and delivery period will be four weeks from the date of Signing contract.
4. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Secretary Tender Board, Ministry of Health, P.O.BOX 236, Ground Floor, PMU Office Administration Block, Mnazi moja Zanzibar, attention: Procurement Officer- TMACHI Program, [pmu@mohz.go.tz](mailto:pmu@mohz.go.tz), and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1500 hours at the address given below.
6. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a
7. Bids must be delivered to the Ministry of Health, PMU Office, Ground Floor, Administration Block, Mnazi Mmoja, P.O.BOX 236 on or before 10:30, 03 June, 2024. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the Ministry of Health, Conference Room Mnazi Mmoja Zanzibar immediately thereafter the deadline for bid submission.
8. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of Bank Guarantee of Five Million Tanzania Shillings only (Tsh. 5,000,000.00), or its equivalent in any freely convertible currency. The Bid Security shall be clearly addressed to the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Health, P.O.BOX 236, Zanzibar - Tanzania. The Bid Security shall be valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond the bid validity period, i.e. 148 days after the bids submission deadline.
9. The address(es) referred to above is (are):

**Principal Secretary,  
Ministry of Health  
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First Floor, Mnazi Mmoja  
Zanzibar - Tanzania  
Email: [pmu@mohz.go.tz](mailto:pmu@mohz.go.tz)**

**The Principal Secretary,  
Ministry of Health  
Zanzibar**

By Sylvain-Gauthier Kabemba

# DRC's 1 billion trees programme makes progress, but serious challenges remain

EVERY weekend between January 2022 and December 2023, members of the nongovernmental organization Ferme Don de Dieu (FDD) planted trees on farmland in Yolo and Kinzono, on the outskirts of Mbandaka, more than 140 km (87 miles) from Kinshasa.

With the help of technicians from the Congolese environment ministry's reforestation department, they planted eucalyptus and acacia trees over an area of 33 hectares (81.5 acres). Eucalyptus was chosen for at least 22 hectares (54 acres), due to its ability to tolerate difficult soil and climatic conditions.

The trees are part of a Congolese government program known as Jardin scolaire 1 milliard d'arbres à l'horizon 2023 (School garden: 1 billion trees by 2023), which was officially launched in December 2019 with the aim of planting 1 billion trees across the country by 2023.

FDD's Léa Nyakala Ngila says that reforestation is now an integral part of her organization's mission, and that she and her teams will continue to plant trees even after the government program comes to an end.

"Although we plant cassava and other crops on our land, we can no longer avoid the question of reforestation," she says. "This initiative reflects our commitment to help fight global warming."

The overarching aim of the government program is to fight climate change and poverty, as well as protect biodiversity.

## Forests under pressure

The DRC's forests, which make up 60 percent of the Congo Basin's forested area, are under pressure, due to shifting cultivation, informal and illegal logging and mining.

Deforestation is also happening around major towns and urban centers such as Kinshasa and Mbandaka. Forest loss in these peri-urban areas stems from the basic need for firewood and charcoal, used by households in the absence of alternatives such as electricity or gas.

"We began by drawing attention to



Informal charcoal production: deforestation in peri-urban areas is linked to the need for firewood and charcoal.

the risks to which the entire planet is exposed," Céline Pembele said. Pembele heads up the Reforestation and Horticulture Directorate (DRHO), the technical service in charge of implementing the program. "We started with schoolchildren, who feature in the project's name, then households and local communities. [We need] to bring about a mindset shift, in which they take ownership of this program their own and sustaining it."

She says her department also called on civil society, local communities and several government bodies, such as the provincial environment and sustainable development offices and sectoral public services. "Although the project got off to a shaky start due to a number of technical and financial difficulties, the government, encouraged by the enthusiasm of stakeholders, financed forest landscape restoration activities in several provinces, which will offset the felling of mature trees."

## Reforestation is improving

Ten percent of the world's tropical forests are found in the DRC. But the FAO estimates the DRC is losing 500,000 hectares (1.2 million acres) of forest every year.

In 2020, an FAO report revealed that reforestation in the DRC hovered around 1,000 hectares (2,470 acres) per year between 1990 and 2015.

Pembele says she believes that, as a result of stakeholders buying into reforestation, the situation has improved in recent years.

According to the DRHO that she leads, almost 895 million trees were planted between 2019 and 2023, covering just under 700,000 hectares (1.7 million acres) across 22 provinces. "Surveys carried out by the DRHO show significant and remarkable growth in restored areas from 2020, after the launch of the program."

When contacted Ludovic Mweya, a member of Réseau Congo Mazingira, an environmental organization based in Lubumbashi, who acknowledges the hard work of the project's stakeholders.

"We must recognize the considerable efforts that have been made, and there are signs that a large area has been restored," he says. "Our only fear is that the recently planted trees may not reach maturity due to a lack of follow-up now that the five-year project has come to an end."

Significant losses were recorded even during the five years of the program. Pembele said that trees were removed from some reforested sites, most notably in the N'Sele Nature Reserve in Kinshasa, in Kabunene in Haut-Katanga and in the Masako Forest Reserve in Tshopo. "Almost 20,000 seedlings in the nursery at Lodja in Sankuru were destroyed, and 240,000 seedlings were lost due to fire, due to a lack of maintenance of the firebreaks."

As a result, almost 1 million seedlings are still languishing in DRHO nurseries around the provinces.

## A forestry expert's warning

Tree types were selected on the basis of the requirements of each restored site, Pembele says. Eucalyptus, fir (Abies), cacao (Theobroma cacao), acacia and calliandra (Calyandra cuspidata) were among the species planted as part of the project.

"In the Batéké Plateau [in Kinshasa's agricultural commune of N'Sele], for example, we used agroforestry. There,

we chose to plant acacias. As well as being a leguminous plant, acacias contain a wealth of fertilizers that has enabled farmers living in this area to produce well over the last three seasons," Pembele explains.

A forestry specialist based in Goma, on the other side of the country, says he believes the initiative was a good idea insofar as it aimed to restore degraded forest.

But the specialist, who has closely followed the project from its inception and asked not to be named to protect relationships, says this project took place in the absence of a standardized framework to guide reforestation. "With a reforestation policy, we would know which species can be used for reforestation and where to plant them in order to maintain the ecological balance of the areas or sites to be reforested, and we would also have an understanding of where the problem is most acute," he says.

"A reforestation effort around Goma is not the same as one in Beni or Lubero, for example, because they fall into different ecological zones," he stated. "All of this must be taken into account when designing a reforestation project, in order to maintain the ecological balance. We should not reforest everywhere with exotic species like eucalyptus, cypress Cupressus or calliandra, which are not indigenous plants and, above all, not adapted to Goma's soil."

According to the specialist, there are serious consequences to reforestation carried out in this way, and the effects are already being felt in parts of eastern Congo, where eucalyptus was planted as part of the "1 billion trees by 2023" project.

"Farming has been disrupted, and the majority of the population [in eastern Congo] make their living from agriculture. In some towns, water sources are drying up."

The area in and around Goma is a forest region, whereas Kinshasa and Lubumbashi are savanna environments. According to the DRHO's Pembele, intercropping of fast-growing eucalyptus and acacia trees with cassava on the land in Yolo enriches the soil and boosts biodiversity.



## FIRST ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Restated*	
	2023 TZS'000	2022 TZS'000
Insurance revenue	15,190,960	13,436,180
Insurance service expense	(14,947,586)	(10,448,098)
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(1,663,604)	(2,331,034)
<b>Insurance service results</b>	<b>(1,420,230)</b>	<b>657,048</b>
Investment income	998,376	749,362
Net impairment loss on financial assets	(14,231)	(8,270)
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>984,145</b>	<b>741,092</b>
Finance expenses from insurance contracts issued	282,847	385,697
Finance income from reinsurance contracts held	(173,227)	(230,165)
<b>Net insurance finance expenses</b>	<b>109,620</b>	<b>155,532</b>
<b>Net insurance and investment results</b>	<b>(545,705)</b>	<b>1,242,608</b>
Other operating expenses	(2,788,489)	(709,149)
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax</b>	<b>(3,334,195)</b>	<b>533,459</b>
Income tax expense	492,530	(370,220)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>(2,841,665)</b>	<b>163,244</b>
Other comprehensive income	111,895	34,045
Fair valuations gains on equity instruments	111,895	34,045
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>(2,729,769)</b>	<b>197,284</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Restated*		Restated*
	2023 TZS'000	2022 TZS'000	1 Jan 2022 TZS'000
<b>Assets</b>			
Right of use assets	484,036	112,327	260,594
Property, plant and equipment	179,314	258,223	296,827
Investment at amortised cost	9,041,627	8,012,523	6,522,012
Unquoted investments	204,859	92,864	58,919
Cash and cash equivalents	354,964	221,923	619,152
Reinsurance contract Assets	947,368	3,278,632	3,591,130
Other receivables	9,296,895	5,990,924	2,902,784
Tax recoverable	-	789,781	819,001
Deferred tax assets	2,033,730	1,263,485	1,455,352
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>22,542,793</b>	<b>20,020,782</b>	<b>16,525,771</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Insurance contract liabilities	13,843,040	11,026,253	9,892,224
Lease liability	505,147	67,409	239,342
Tax Payable	1,132,361	-	-
Bank Overdraft	1,058,980	1,069,423	-
Other payables	3,083,053	2,207,715	931,512
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>19,622,581</b>	<b>14,370,800</b>	<b>11,063,078</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Share capital	6,077,524	6,077,524	6,077,524
Retained earnings	(5,416,278)	(2,214,025)	(2,027,185)
Fair valuation reserve	147,023	35,128	1,083
Contingency reserves	2,111,943	1,751,355	1,411,271
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,820,212</b>	<b>5,649,982</b>	<b>5,462,893</b>
<b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>	<b>22,542,793</b>	<b>20,020,782</b>	<b>16,525,771</b>

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Particulars	Share capital	Contingency Reserve	Fair valuation reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
	TZS'000	TZS'000	TZS'000	TZS'000	TZS'000
As at 1 January 2022 as previously reported	6,077,524	1,411,271	1,083	(2,063,649)	5,426,230
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 9	-	-	-	(88,197)	(88,197)
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 17, net of tax*	-	-	-	124,661	124,661
<b>At 1 January 2022 as restated</b>	<b>6,077,524</b>	<b>1,411,271</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>(1,938,988)</b>	<b>5,462,893</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
Profit for the year as previously reported	-	-	34,045	153,244	153,244
Fair valuations gain on equity instruments	-	-	-	34,045	34,045
Adjustment for IFRS 17	-	340,084	-	(340,084)	-
Transfer to contingency reserve	-	340,084	34,045	(185,340)	187,289
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>340,084</b>	<b>34,045</b>	<b>(2,214,025)</b>	<b>5,649,982</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2022 as restated</b>	<b>6,077,524</b>	<b>1,751,355</b>	<b>35,128</b>	<b>(2,214,025)</b>	<b>5,649,982</b>
<b>As at 1 January 2023</b>	<b>6,077,524</b>	<b>1,751,355</b>	<b>35,128</b>	<b>(2,214,025)</b>	<b>5,649,982</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
Loss for the year	-	-	111,895	(2,841,665)	(2,841,665)
Fair valuations gain on equity instruments	-	-	-	(360,588)	(360,588)
Transfer to contingency reserve	-	360,588	111,895	(3,202,263)	(2,729,769)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360,588</b>	<b>111,895</b>	<b>(3,202,263)</b>	<b>(2,729,769)</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>6,077,524</b>	<b>2,111,943</b>	<b>147,023</b>	<b>(5,416,278)</b>	<b>2,820,212</b>

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Description	2023 TZS'000	*Restated 2022 TZS'000
	<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Profit/(Loss) before taxes and reserves	(3,334,195)	533,459
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation of property plant and equipment	95,719	106,811
Provision for tax liability	1,746,290	-
Depreciation - Right of use asset	190,578	148,268
Net impairment loss on financial assets	14,231	8,270
Interest expense of lease liability	41,638	15,744
<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>	<b>(1,245,739)</b>	<b>812,552</b>
Changes in other receivables	(3,305,971)	(3,088,140)
Changes in insurance contract liabilities	2,816,787	1,134,029
Changes in reinsurance contract liabilities	2,331,263	308,626
Changes in lease liability	4,377,758	(171,933)
Changes in bank overdraft	(10,443)	1,069,423
Changes in other payables	875,338	1,276,203
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>1,898,973</b>	<b>1,340,759</b>
Income tax paid	(172,674)	(149,133)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>1,726,299</b>	<b>1,191,626</b>
<b>Cashflows from investment activities</b>		
Changes in investments at Amortized costs	(1,029,103)	(1,504,901)
Changes in right of use assets	(371,709)	148,267
Acquisition of new furniture and equipment	(16,810)	(83,676)
<b>Net cash generated used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,417,622)</b>	<b>(1,424,840)</b>
<b>Cashflow from financing activities</b>		
Lease payment	(175,636)	(164,015)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(175,636)</b>	<b>(164,015)</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>133,041</b>	<b>(397,229)</b>
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning	221,923	619,152
<b>Cash and cash equivalent at end of the year</b>	<b>354,964</b>	<b>221,923</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 30th April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Fahad S. Hamid  
Chairman

Ali K. Mohamed  
Director

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# Lindi Jumbo graphite mine's commissioning now ramps up

By Guardian Correspondent

**W**alkabout Resources has announced that it is successfully concentrating ore at its 40 ktpa Lindi Jumbo graphite mine in Tanzania, as commissioning activities continue to ramp up and the mine advances to become one of the top five natural graphite producers outside of China.

Walkabout's Managing Director and CEO Andrew Cunningham said, "Ore feed to the concentrator circuit at Lindi Jumbo is a huge step forward in Walkabout's journey to becoming a major player within the natural flake graphite industry."

"It is the culmination of more than six years of feasibility, procurement, engineering, construction, and commissioning work undertaken by the Lindi Jumbo team and its contractors. We have achieved this milestone with a strong focus on safety, capital cost controls, partnering with the local community, support of our loyal contractors and the minimisation of shareholder dilution," he said.

"The strategic importance of Lindi Jumbo is reinforced by China's recent introduction of export controls on graphite and its products, and the increased attractiveness of both the US and European markets supported by the US Inflation Reduction Act and the EU Critical Raw Materials Act".

Commissioning activities through the various process modules at Lindi Jumbo have



Aerial view from the south of the Lindi Jumbo processing plant with the TSF in the background

been undertaken over several months as each area of the plant moved to handover status.

The commissioning team, comprising Jimpeng specialists and Lindi Jumbo technical operations and graphite plant specialists, is currently focused on wet commissioning and achieving overall concentration throughput that meets the design of 40ktpa.

With full grid power available to the plant, completion of dry commissioning at the concentrator circuit was enabled and wet commissioning has commenced.

All of the necessary first fills and reagents (rods and grinding media for the pebble and attritioning mills, frother, collector for the flotation circuit and flocculant for the tailings) have been delivered to site in bulk, in advance of first ore feed to the concentrator circuit and the wet commissioning of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF).

Wet commissioning so far, has been focused on testing the various pieces of equipment under load, identifying any problems that might arise, rectifying these and the checking the integration between the various pieces of equipment and control systems needed to run the plant on a continuous basis.

To date, the equipment within the circuit has performed well with no fatal flaws identified and all defects rectified immediately where possible, or at the end of each test-run/shift.

Ore has now successfully moved through the entire concentrating circuit to produce an unscreened wet concentrate ready for processing through the filter presses and commissioning of the burner

and dryer.

Problems with the consistency of fuel supply to the burner that will generate heat for the rotary dryer has slowed commissioning progress of the back-end plant. A representative of the company that manufactured the burner and carried out its factory acceptance testing is on site and will oversee the commissioning of the burner and necessary training of the responsible operations team.

Its successful commissioning will also allow for the wet commissioning of the screening and bagging circuits.

A production blast occurred on 26 April 2024. The blast was within the main high-grade zone of the deposit containing super high-grade zones that run the length of the deposit.



## Equities market records 10.7bn/- turnover in Apr

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) recorded a turnover of 10.7bn/- during the first month of the current quarter, of which activities were dominated by local investors.

The market report shows that local investors accounted for 95 percent of total value of shares bought and 65.65 percent of total value of shares sold.

However, on monthly average, the turnover recorded during the first month of the current quarter was lower than the monthly averages of 19bn/- recorded during the first quarter of this year, but higher than a monthly average of 9bn/- recorded during the first quarter of last year.

According to the report, foreign investors participated by selling shares valued 3.6bn/-, which accounted for 34.35 percent of total value of shares sold and they made purchases of shares valued 521.8m/-, or 4.87 percent of total value of shares bought.

Total market capitalization closed at 14.89trn/- a slight decline from 14.94trn/- recorded during the opening of the month, as a result of decline of share prices for both local and cross listed companies.

Domestic market capitalization also slowed down to 11.77trn/- during the end of the month, from 11.82trn/- recorded during the opening of the month.

The decline of share prices among local and cross listed companies also affected the share indices as they all decreased during the period of one month.

The report shows that during the end of April, the market was supplied with outstanding offers, led by CRDB counter, which had 0.6million shares, followed by Vodacom counter with 0.32 million shares and TCCIA Investment Company (TICL) counter with 0.138 million shares.

The Tanzania Share Index (TSI), which measures the performances of local counters closed at 4,445.50 points at the end of the month, compared to 4,462.29 points during the start of the month, while all share index (DSEI) closed at 1,784.92 points compared to 1,790.24 points respectively.

During the month, Vodacom Tanzania made two public announcements on the appointment of Dejan Kastelic as non-executive director of the board, filling the vacancy created by Sitholizwe Mdlalose who resigned.

The largest telecom company also announced the acquisition of 284.9 billion ordinary shares or 100 percent of the issued share capital of Smile Telecoms as a single block trade. The acquisition was implemented on April 3rd, 2024.

During April, Tanga Cement Company Limited, which was acquired by Heidelberg Materials last year, also issued a cautionary notice to members saying that the Operating Loss before Interest and Tax for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 to be between 152 percent and 172 percent higher than that incurred in the comparative period ended 31 December 2022.

The contributing factor to this movement is the increased expenditure in maintenance and comparatively lower sales volume during the quarter.

On securities market, the report shows the government bonds with the face value of 201.6bn/- and transaction value of 217.9bn/- were recorded during the month, while on the corporate bonds the face value of 143m/- and transaction value of 121.8m/- were recorded.

The outstanding value of the government bonds increased to 23.9trn/- at the end of April, compared to 20.6trn/- recorded at the end of March, due to auction of new bonds.

## 1,000 online businesses benefit from CRDB training



Boma Rabala, chief commercial officer, CRDB Bank (R) receives a souvenir from Silent Ocean marketing manager Mohammed Kamilagwa when visiting entrepreneurs pavilions at an exhibition held on the sideline of the capacity building seminar for online business operators held yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

More than 1,000 online business operators have benefited from a special seminar organized by CRDB Bank seeking to build their entrepreneurship skills as well as mitigating cyber risks.

The training was organized both physically and online from the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

"When my friend encouraged me to apply, I had worries at first. But when I saw CRDB Bank, I became confident. The training has become beneficial to me, and I wish they could extend it for more days or host more seminar of this

kind," said Zuhura Mohammed, one of the seminar attendee.

Some of the presentations included on where and how to ease sourcing of products, specifically outside the country and importance of formalizing online businesses in order to get recognitions from top organisations.

One of the discussants, Jackline Walper gave an experience about her online business by encouraging her fellow entrepreneurs to consider the market needs, rather than things they would love to do.

"It is important to differentiate yourself in market, but the most important factor is the market needs. If you have 1 million follow-

ers of whom you can sell products to the each month, you will be a different person in just short period. Most of us want to sell things we love most, which sometimes do not consider what the followers need," she said.

She said as a lover of fashion, she started selling clothes, but it was loss making business until she turned into cosmetics and found as most promising.

Explaining on how to order goods outside the country, Silent Ocean marketing manager Mohammed Kamilagwa said their operations in China, Dubai, US, India and UK has smoothed business transactions for many Tanzanians

by reducing the time of receiving ordered products.

"To import a product from India, it needs 18 days unless there is a challenge. If the product arrives in the country and an importer has no money, we collaborate with CRDB Bank to facilitate a financing scheme of up to 150m/-," he said.

Speaking during the opening of the seminar, Boma Rabala, the chief commercial officer, CRDB Bank, said online businesses has a long history since 1970s when people started with email marketing, before 2000 when many companies started to reach out customers through short messaging services (sms marketing).

"Today, each of you understands that online platforms are not only for selling, but also a complete business. Although online businesses started to shine in early 1980s, when Boston Computer Exchange allowed person to sell their used computers online, but things advanced further in recent years. Today, there are thousands of Tanzanians conducting online businesses, which need great care to ensure the protection of capital and increase customers to expand businesses," he said.

Muhumulizwa Buberwa, the Dar es Salaam zonal manager, CRDB Bank said the bank has a lot of financing opportunities for businesses operators.

## PCCB recovers 439m/- unpaid local government loans



PCCB Tanga region commander, Victor Swella presents the bureau's working report for the first quarter of this year. Photo: Correspondent Cheji Bakari

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

The Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) in Tanga region has managed to recover outstanding debt amounting to 439m/-, which were issued to special groups through the local government's 10 percent loan programme.

The regional PCCB commander Victor Swella told journalists recently that from January to March this year, they have succeeded to collect such amount as outstanding dues from beneficiaries whose their times of repayment have been

passed.

PCCB has earlier observed that about 2.1bn/- outstanding debt, as part of ten percent local government loan disbursed by Tanga City council to special groups of youths, women and people with disabilities were not repaid as repayment periods were already passed.

"We observed that the reasons for delaying repayment including beneficiaries being not aware of the signed contracts with city council on time of loans repayment," he said.

He said among the strategies and steps PCCB took after receiving report from Tanga City council

including brought together beneficiaries and city council officials and set out a plan on how they can repay their outstanding dues to City council and until the end of February over 439m/- was paid.

"After applying these efforts, we have also started to make efforts to ensure that the remaining outstanding debts amounting to 1,712,950,600.00/- is paid back to the City council," said Swella.

He said failure to comply with loans repayment procedures for ten percent loans was explained as one among factors that are causing city council officials to face difficul-

ties when it comes into collecting the loans repayment.

He also said that, within that time, the bureau officials have managed to visit and monitoring the implementation of 46 development projects worth 8,041,998,680.00/- into priority social and economic sectors such as roads, education, health and water.

The PCCB commander said that they observed about shortcomings into 32 projects worth 4,866,068,966.00/- and issued an advices to responsible authorities to correct and working with faults.

# Unemployment Africa's biggest challenge, says Elumelu

By Guardian Correspondent, Lagos

**T**ony Elumelu, group chairman of United Bank for Africa (UBA), has said that unemployment is one of the biggest challenges on the continent.

Elumelu spoke at the induction ceremony of 398 young Africans who were inducted after participating in a six-month graduate management accelerator programme (GMAP) in Lagos on May 2.

The graduates are from six African countries; Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroun, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia.

Speaking at the event, Elumelu congratulated all the graduates for completing the intense capacity-building programme and combining learning with on-the-job training experience, garnered while rotating across several departments and units in the bank.

The economist also highlighted the bank's passion for youth empowerment in Africa to bridge the unemployment gap.

"For me, these young UBA Graduates are a testament to who we are: a truly pan-African Group,



Tony Elumelu, group chairman of United Bank for Africa (centre standing) with 398 young Africans who were inducted after participating in a six-month graduate management accelerator programme (GMAP) recently. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

that invests in African talent. This milestone is more than just numbers," Elumelu said.

"It signifies UBA's commitment to youth empowerment. Unemployment is the greatest challenge we face - a tragic and cruel betrayal of a generation.

"We know governments alone

cannot create all the jobs we need - so it is up to us, the African private sector, to partner with our government in improving lives and livelihoods.

"This is Africapitalism, and it is gratifying to see UBA play its part. UBA is dedicated to creating a positive impact, through the

GMAP programme UBA is creating employment, boosting economic growth, and transforming lives across Africa.

"At UBA, identifying these young ones, bringing them to the centre, training them, equipping them for the future and the task ahead, not just for a career

in UBA, but wherever they end up remains our passion, because this is how we play our role as a Pan-African bank, in helping to empower the next generation, which is the African youth. We are helping to create employment and this for us is our driving force."

Earlier in his speech, Oliver Alawuba, UBA's group managing director (GMD) and chief executive officer (CEO), commended the graduating class for their unwavering commitment and emphasised the programme's role in cultivating the next generation of UBA leaders.

"Your dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment have been nothing short of inspiring," Alawuba said.

"Each of you has demonstrated the qualities of a true UBA ambassador, and today, we celebrate not just your achievements but also the collective strength of our UBA family."

Modupe Akindele, UBA's group head of human resources, said the bank remains committed to nurturing talent and leadership within the organisation.

Akindele said the GMAP programme, which marked its second graduation, will be a continuous initiative, as it culminates an intensive journey towards leadership excellence.

"Already, the programme has graduated over 1,100 graduates, that is about 700 in 2023 and now we have 398 graduates," she said.

Akindele said the bank will continue to nurture the youth to their full potential.

## TRA's door-to-door campaign boosts revenue collections

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Door to Door Campaign doubled D2D run by the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) along with the massive use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), has contributed significantly to increasing the revenue collected by the authority.

The authority said last December it made history by collecting 3.05trn/- per month while the target was to collect 2.9trn/- per month which is equivalent to an increase of 9.2 per cent.

This was said recently in Dodoma by the Authority's Acting Director of Taxpayer Education and Communications, Hudson Kamoga, when speaking at the 13th retreat meeting of members of the Tanzania Editors' Forum (TEF) in Dodoma.

He said that the door-to-door campaign has greatly contributed to the citizens understanding the importance of paying taxes and



has led to an increase in voluntary taxpayers adding that they have abandoned the use of task forces.

"One of the reasons for the increase in tax collections is the greater awareness of tax payment for businessmen and we have been using the best and friendly methods of reve-

nuce collection and we have completely abandoned the use of force in tax collections," said Kamoga. He said that the increase in investment and the growth of economic activities in the country including industrial production, the import of goods and the strengthening of tourism activities are among the

catalysts for the growth of revenue collection for the authority.

He said the film The Royal Tour, which President Samia Suluhu Hassan participated in making, has contributed to a large extent to increase revenue collections in the tourism sector, especially on value added tax VAT, tourism

fees and income tax for companies involved in tourism activities.

He said that the improvement of the relationship between the authorities and taxpayers, the resolution of tax disputes outside the courts and the increase in the level of awareness and the provision of education in vari-

ous ways have also contributed to the increase in tax collections.

He said that in the period of three years (2021-2023), the level of citizens and taxpayers obeying and following the law has increased in terms of use of the stamp verification service where the download rate has increased and reached 508,3000 for users of android and IOS phones.

Regarding EFD electronic machines, Kamoga said that any businessman involved in selling products or services is required by law to ensure that he buys an EFD or VFD machine from agents authorized by the authority.

He said that after buying the machine, the businessman should use the machine to issue a receipt every time he does business to ensure that he treats his customers fairly by giving them the correct receipt.

Kamoga said the first phase of the use of the machines started in July 2010 where it involved traders registered with value added tax VAT adding that in 2013 the second phase started involving traders not registered for VAT whose gross sales is 14m/ per year.

## Bank digitalises social groups' transactions

By Guardian Reporter

COMMUNITY Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups minister, Dr Dorothy Gwajima has said that the digital NMB Kikundi Account the lender debuted late last week adds significant value to the national quest for universal access to financial services.

Launching the bank's latest innovation in Dar es Salaam over the weekend Dr Gwajima said that the development also augurs well with efforts of the Sixth Phase Government to scale up financial inclusion in the country.

She said upgrading of NMB Pamoja Account has elevated social groups banking to unprecedented new heights and supports realization of the country's dream for financial services for all.

"The launch of NMB Kikundi Account complements efforts of the government to increase uptake of financial services particularly amongst women," she emphasized, lauding the lender for the innovative initiative whose virtues include costless transactions and instantaneous opening of the account.

Other notable benefits of remodelling the product whose 200,000 groups have over one million members and which can also be enjoyed by non-customers of NMB Bank are increased transparency as well as safety and security of members' funds.

"Despite Tanzania's remarkable inclusive finance achievements, which puts us among the shining stars of financial inclusion in the region, exclusion from the formal financial sector remains high," she pointed out.

The novel account, the minister explained, has enormous potential to help reduce the number of financially excluded people in the country, which the Finscope Survey 2023 put at 18.7 percent of the adult population.

"This is account is both a financial emancipation and economic empowerment opportunity that all groups should seize for the benefit of their members. I have been told that when balances reach 500,000/- your funds will start earning an annual interest rate of three percent," Minister Gwajima noted.

Ruth Zaipuna, bank chief executive officer said the other good thing about the new account is automatic eligibility for other value added services of the bank such as NMB Pesa Account whose 1,000/- opening cost makes it the cheapest but also the simplest way to open a new account in the market.

Group members will also enjoy the benefits of the NMB Mkononi service, including the unsecured Mshiko Fasta digital micro-loans, whose maximum borrowing amount Zaipuna said has now been doubled to 1m/-.

"This historic development is in line with directives of the Bank of Tanzania that call for increased digital transactions by using alternative service channels in order to reduce visits to banks to access financial services," Zaipuna noted.

The treasurer of Chamazi suburb's Peace & Love group, Sofia Pepo, who has been elected the most by the life protection benefit, said the security will offer members of many groups their first ever insurance coverage.

## Banking service for pensioners inaugurated

By Guardian Correspondent

NBC Bank has launched a new service called "Pensioners Account" specifically designed to cater to the banking needs of retirees.

Through the product, launched over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, retirees can now apply for loans up to 300m/-, repayable over 9 years.

Additionally, the account offers financial advice and education to help retirees make informed decisions about their finances and financial goals.

Elibariki Masuke, Bank's director of retail banking highlighted the importance of the new product saying it focuses primarily on providing solutions to various financial service challenges facing retirees in the country, while offering a glimpse of a better future for the group through special customer service preferences.

"Retirement is not just the end of work, but the beginning of a new phase characterized by financial freedom and security. NBC has decided to pay special attention to retirees because we understand the challenges they face and want to ensure they have access to improved financial



NBC Bank, director of retail banking Elibariki Masuke (C), speaks to journalists about the new product specifically for retirees known as "Pensioners Account" offered by the bank, aimed at providing banking services that prioritize retirees, during the launch event held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. To his left and right are other officials of the bank. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

services that will enable them to thrive financially," he mentioned.

The new account features no monthly fees and easy digital accessibility through the NBC Kiganjani mobile service, as well as personalised assistance from the bank's professionals.

Dorothea Mabonye, bank's product and sales manager added that the bank has been collaborating with social institutions and organizations that provide services to retirees, including social security funds such as PSSSF and NSSF, to offer financial education

to their members who are expecting to retire soon.

"Our goal is to increase hope and happiness for our customers even in retirement. We want to ensure that the future years of our retirement customers are characterized by peace and hap-

piness without financial worries. The new "Pensioners Account" aims to address the unique financial needs of retirees and provide them with the tools and resources to manage their finances effectively during their golden years," she added.

# GGML leading exhibitor at OSHA 2024 awards

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

GGML Gold Mining Limited (GGML) has won three awards at the 2024 Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA) Gala Dinner, including the overall best exhibitor award for 2024.

This is the second year in a row that GGML has won the award, having also been named the best exhibitor at the exhibitions held at the Tumbaku grounds in the Morogoro region last year.

At this year's OSHA exhibition, which was held at the General Tyre grounds in Arusha from 23 to 30 April, GGML won the award for the best company focusing on corporate social responsibility (CSR) issues in occupational health and safety projects. GGML were also awarded 1st Runner Up best company in the Mining Sector award.

This year's award ceremony hosted at Mount Meru Hotel in Arusha was presided over by Patrobas Katambi, Deputy Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, Labour, Youth, Employment and Disability.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, Katambi said the



GGML's Shadya Jamali holds aloft the award for best Overall Best Exhibitor at the 2024 Occupational Safety and Health Authority Exhibition, presented to GGML recently in Arusha by the Deputy Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Labour, Youth, Employment and Disabled, Patrobas Katambi (L) and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mary Ngelela (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

sixth phase government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan is proud to have employers who value their employees because they are the only resource that brings the results expected by employers. "In this year's exhibition, I have certainly learnt from many companies that you are very loyal and have great

integrity in following labour laws in the workplace. I congratulate you", said Katambi. He also promised that the government would continue to work with all employers, and called on companies and institutions to submit comments on any policy obstacles that were hindering and would be worked on.

"We are ready to deal with all matters that are policy related to ensure that you contribute to the production of national income. Therefore, even if it is a matter of law, we are ready to change it because the law is not pure... it will be changed", he said. Dr Kiva Mvungi, GGML's Senior Manager of Health,

Safety and Environment thanked the government through OSHA for organising the exhibition. He also promised that GGML will continue to manage its value of safety first in the workplace, especially as mining activities are one of the areas that are dangerous for workers.

# Saudis to look for investment opportunities

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendopole

A business delegation from Saudi Arabia is expected to jet in Dar es Salaam in order to look at various investment and joint venture opportunities with their Tanzanian counterparts.

The promise was recently by the Executive Director of the Saudi Arabian Export Authority, Abdulrahman Al Thukair, when he was participating in a discussion on global energy reform meeting.

He was speaking during the ongoing World Economic Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, a meeting that is also attended by the Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji and her delegation.

He said that his country is aware of the various opportunities in Tanzania, so he will lead a delegation of businessmen and big investors of the country to come to Tanzania with the aim of witnessing those opportunities.

The Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr. Ashatu Kijaji, encouraged and motivated the Saudi Arabian business community to increase the speed

of buying goods from Tanzania as well as coming to invest in the country.

She said Tanzania has taken steps to generate and distribute electricity in rural areas where more than 95 percent are connected to electricity.

The trade and industry minister called on industrialized countries to support these efforts to strengthen industrial production in developing countries.

Dr. Kijaji was in Riyadh with Tanzania delegation in the meeting that included the Director of the Department of Business Development, Sempeho Manongi, the Director of the Board of Warehouses, Asangye Bangu, the Representative of the Director General of Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade), Deo Shayo, the Commissioner of Forex, Rashed Bade and senior officers of the Embassy of Tanzania - Riyadh Saudi Arabia.

During the last 27 years the exports of Tanzania to Saudi Arabia have increased at an annualized rate of 2.38 percent, from \$7.47M in 1995 to \$14.1M in 2022. In 2022, Saudi Arabia exported \$548M to Tanzania.

# UN seeks to stem abuses of rights in global rush for critical minerals

By Amanda Morrow

As the world rushes to exploit the "critical minerals" needed for the transition to green energy, a UN-led panel has been tasked with putting together guidelines to ensure that their extraction and exploitation is fair, transparent and environmentally friendly.

The demand for metals such as cobalt, nickel, lithium and rare earths - essential for the manufacture of clean-technology components - is expected to surge by three and a half times before the end of the decade.

This comes after more than 110 countries committed to triple renewable energy capacity by 2030 at last year's Cop28 climate summit.

Making the promised rapid transition to zero-carbon renewables means massive investment in solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles and storage batteries - all of which are made using hefty quantities of minerals. "A world powered by renewables is a world hungry for critical minerals," UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said as he launched the oversight panel, adding that the race to net zero emissions must not "trample over the poor".

According to the International Energy Agency, which sits on the panel, a typical electric car requires six times the mineral input of a conventional car, while an onshore wind plant needs nine times more mineral resources than a gas-fired plant.

The booming demand for critical minerals offers a major opportunity for developing countries and particularly for Africa - which holds over a fifth of the world's reserves for clean energy metals.

Although many rare earth metals are quite common, they're seldom found in sufficient amounts to be extracted easily or economically - and are therefore "rare".

The panel's mission - as well as limiting the potential for environmental harm and human rights abuses linked to mining such as illegal and child labour - is to ensure that developing nations do not end up being mere suppliers of raw materials.

In Africa, a growing number of domestic mineral processing plants are being built. Moves are afoot in the Democratic Republic of Congo - home to half of the world's cobalt reserves - to locally refine the metal, which is used to produce batteries.

Such new ventures also bring a heightened risk of corruption, warned Jean-Pierre Okenda, country director of Resource Matters, an independent non-profit in the extractive industries sector.

"With the demand for minerals, and this is already happening in my country, we are going to see licence negotiations, contracts that will be negotiated outside of the rules," Okenda told RFI last year at an OECD forum dedicated to responsible mineral supply chains.

"This is a significant risk that could ultimately result in the generation of resources for the African elites in power to the detriment of communities."

In terms of the environment, mining activities can cause land and water contamination, the spread of toxic waste, deforestation, sinkholes, biodiversity losses and disruption to local communities.



## ITV PGM SCHEDULE

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6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
9:00 Watoto wetu  
10:05 Shika Bamba 5  
10:05 Mjuzi Zaidi rpt  
11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt  
11:50 Hawavumi lakini wamo  
12:50 Art and Lifestyle  
13:20 Shamba Lulu  
13:30 Soap rpt: Laws of love  
15:45 Igizo: Mizungwe  
16:10 Igizo: Stay Queen  
17:00 Shamsam za Pwani  
18:00 Hapa na Pale  
18:15 ITV Top 10 rpt  
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### SUNDAY 5 May

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20:00 Habari  
21:05 Kipindi maalum: Mchezo Supa  
21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### MONDAY 6 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba

### TUESDAY 7 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
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### THURSDAY 9 May

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8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
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### FRIDAY 10 May

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### SATURDAY 11 May

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### SUNDAY 12 May

5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### MONDAY 13 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### TUESDAY 14 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
9:00 Watoto Wetu  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### WEDNESDAY 15 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kipindi Maalum: NHIF rpt  
9:30 Soap rpt: Laws of love  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### THURSDAY 16 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
9:00 Watoto Wetu  
10:00 Soap: Laws of love  
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt  
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00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### FRIDAY 17 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
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21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### SATURDAY 18 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### SUNDAY 19 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kipindi Maalum: NHIF rpt  
9:30 Soap rpt: Laws of love  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### MONDAY 20 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
9:00 Watoto Wetu  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### TUESDAY 21 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
9:00 Watoto Wetu  
10:00 Soap: Laws of love  
11:45 Hawavumi lakini wamo rpt  
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22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### WEDNESDAY 22 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kipindi Maalum: NHIF rpt  
9:30 Soap rpt: Laws of love  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### THURSDAY 23 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kipindi Maalum: NHIF rpt  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### FRIDAY 24 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
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21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### SATURDAY 25 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
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### SUNDAY 26 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 HABARI  
8:00 Kumekucha michezo  
8:55 Habari za saa  
9:00 Kipindi Maalum: NHIF rpt  
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21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### MONDAY 27 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 HABARI  
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8:55 Habari za saa  
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21:25 Jackpot  
21:40 Mjuzi Zaidi  
22:20 Soap: Uzalo rpt  
00:30 AJ Jazzeera

### TUESDAY 28 May

5:00 Soap rpt: Uzalo  
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi  
6:00 HABARI  
6:40 Kumekucha  
7:00 Habari  
8:00 AJ Jazzeera  
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### WEDNESDAY 29 May

## WORLD

## WHO chief urges nations to finalise pandemic accord by deadline

GENEVA

THE head of the World Health Organization on Friday urged countries to agree to an accord to help fight future pandemics as negotiations approach a deadline this month.

The new pact and a series of updates to existing rules on dealing with pandemics are intended to shore up the world's defenses against new pathogens after the COVID-19 pandemic killed millions of people.

Countries are due to finalize negotiations on the accord on May 10, with a view to adopting it at the WHO's annual meeting later this month, but sources involved say that big differences remain. "Give the people of the world, the

people of your countries, the people you represent, a safer future," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a Geneva meeting.

"So I have one simple request: please, get this done, for them," he said. He encouraged countries who did not fully agree with the text to at least refrain from blocking consensus among WHO's 194 member states.

One of the main points of disagreement between wealthy countries and developing states is the vexed issue of sharing drugs and vaccines fairly to avoid a repeat of COVID-era failures.

Some right-wing politicians in countries like the United States and Australia have also criticized the accord, which would be legally binding, arguing that it



Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organization

cedes too much power to a UN agency.

Tedros has strongly refuted this argument, saying the accord would help countries better guard against outbreaks.

The only time in the organization's 75-year history that the WHO's member countries have been able to agree to a legally binding treaty like the pandemic accord was for a tobacco control treaty in 2003.

## Xinhua president, Hungarian economy minister vow to bolster media cooperation

BUDAPEST

PRESIDENT of Xinhua News Agency Fu Hua and Hungarian Minister for National Economy Marton Nagy pledged here on Thursday to enhance media cooperation to contribute to bilateral ties.



During his meeting with Nagy, Fu (pictured) highlighted the robust cooperation between China and Hungary under the personal care and strategic guidance of leaders from both countries, noting that Xinhua is always committed to reporting on Hungary in a fair, objective, and comprehensive manner for its audience in the two countries and across the world.

He expressed the willingness to continue collaborating with Hungarian media outlets to showcase the high-quality development of bilateral ties, strengthen cooperation under the Belt and Road Economic Information Partnership (BREIP), and contribute to a new chapter of cooperation between the two countries.

Nagy hailed the close friendship and partnership between Hungary and China, which is based on mutual respect, noting that the Hungarian side regards China's open development as an important opportunity for its own economic growth.

Nagy commended the contributions of Chinese companies such as Bank of China, CATL and BYD to Hungary's economic landscape, and expressed the hope that Xinhua would intensify its coverage to draw more Chinese businesses and tourists to Hungary. **Xinhua**

## China-France forum underscores people-to-people, cultural exchanges

PARIS

A forum on the development of people-to-people and cultural exchanges between China and France was held here on Saturday, in a bid to boost cooperation and mutual learning.

The participants agreed that strengthening cultural exchanges and cooperation between China and France will not only help broaden consensus and deepen mutual trust, but also promote the two great civilizations and other civilizations worldwide to achieve each other and to rejuvenate with fresh vitality in the new era.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and France and is also the China-France Year of Culture and Tourism.

In his opening speech, President of Xinhua News Agency Fu Hua said the forum, held on the eve of Chinese President Xi Jinping's state visit to France, is of great significance in boosting cooperation between media, think tanks and enterprises from the two countries and in facilitating cultural exchange and mutual learning.

Fu said that Xinhua has been dedicated to telling stories about the friendship between the two countries and promoting Chinese and French cultures.

"We are willing to work with Chinese and French media outlets, think tanks and other organizations to uphold the principle of equality, mutual learning, dialogue and inclusiveness among civilizations, and promote the common values of all humanity," he said.

Xinhua is ready to jointly showcase the fruits of China-France cooperation, demonstrate the charms of the two



President of Xinhua News Agency Fu Hua attends a forum on the development of people-to-people and cultural exchanges between China and France and delivers a speech, in Paris, France, May 4, 2024. (Xinhua/Meng Dingbo)

countries' traditional cultures and the unique highlights of their modern civilizations, and broaden the bridge of people-to-people exchange and cultural cooperation, Fu noted.

Xinhua also stands ready to seize such opportunities as the China-France Year of Culture and Tourism and the Paris Olympic Games to try to hold more cultural exchange activities to push bilateral relations to a new high.

China's Ambassador to France Lu Shaye said people-to-people and cultural exchanges are an important foundation and inexhaustible driving force for China-France relations.

The two countries are set to launch dozens of cultural and tourism events this year that marks the 60th anni-

versary of diplomatic ties and the China-France Year of Culture and Tourism, and will see the Paris Olympic Games, bringing important opportunities for people-to-people and cultural exchanges, the ambassador said.

Lu also expressed his belief that under the strategic guidance of President Xi and President Macron, bilateral ties are bound to show vigor and vitality in the future, and the booming cultural exchanges and cooperation will also lay a more solid public opinion foundation for the sound and stable development of bilateral ties.

"Culture constitutes the strongest cement between our civilizations," Eric Alauzet, president of the France-China Friendship Group of the French National Assembly, said at the forum.

The common history of the two countries after the establishment of diplomatic ties has nourished fruitful cultural and people-to-people exchanges, which has in turn driven cooperation and development in other areas, he said.

Bilateral cooperation has achieved many outcomes in economy and trade, and in their joint efforts against climate change, Alauzet added, noting that the two countries have held various cultural exchange activities this year, which will further push forward bilateral relations.

Saturday's forum is co-sponsored by Xinhua News Agency, the Chinese Embassy in France, and Publicis Groupe, a French multinational advertising and public relations company. **Xinhua**

## Things have changed after Modi came, says EAM Jaishankar

BHUBANESWAR

VOWING to give an appropriate response to Pakistan's cross-border terrorism, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday that after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office, India's stance to handle the neighbouring country has changed, unlike previous governments, adding that actions like Uri and Balakot were taken by the Modi government.

"As far as Pakistan is concerned, there is a history of cross-border terrorism. But you also know that till the Modi government came, we were tolerating it. We were

turning the other cheek. We were not acting. After Modi ji came, things have changed," EAM Jaishankar said.

"You saw Uri, Balakot. So we have made it very clear today that any threat of terrorism, cross border terrorism which comes from Pakistan will get the appropriate response from India," he added.

Addressing the ongoing Israel-Iran tensions in the Middle East, EAM Jaishankar highlighted India has a responsibility to protect 90 lakh citizens living in the Gulf region and work on both the military and diplomatic front to de-escalate the situation.



"In the entire Gulf area and parts of Western Asia, war conditions and tensions prevail... Nearly 90 lakh Indian citizens live in the Gulf region. It is our responsibility to look after them... The rulers of Gulf countries value PM Narendra Modi so much that during COVID, they gave preferential treatment to Indians," he said.

"Now, 21 Indian Navy ships

have been deployed in the region and their job is to maintain peace and guard the merchant ships. In the diplomatic area, when the two sides engaged with each other for a brief period, I contacted the Foreign Ministers of the two nations and gave PM Narendra Modi's message to them that the world wants them to not go ahead with the war, and that they should tone down the tensions responsibly. And this is what happened," he added.

On April 12, after a report in the leading British daily The Guardian claimed that the country's external espio-

nage agency R&AW took out wanted terrorists deep inside Pakistan at the behest of the Centre, EAM Jaishankar underlined the government's unwavering commitment to respond to any act of terrorism perpetrated from across the border.

Drawing a parallel with the previous Congress-led UPA government at the Centre, with regard to its response to the 26/11 terror attacks in Mumbai, the External Affairs Minister said a country "cannot have any rules" when dealing with the perpetrators of terror as the latter don't play by the rules. **ANI**

## Commemoration on Doolittle Raid Rescue renews friendship between Chinese, Americans in new era

A significant Sino-American cultural exchange event commemorating the 82nd Anniversary of the Great Rescue of Doolittle Raid was hosted recently in Quzhou, east China's Zhejiang province.

During the event, people committed to China-U.S. friendship watched a new exhibition at the Memorial Hall to the Doolittle Raid, visited the site where the Doolittle Raiders were rescued, and joined relevant discussions, in hope of renewing the story of friendship between the Chinese and Americans in the new era.

During the World War II, both China and the United States fought for peace and

justice. In the wake of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Air Force sent 16 B-25 bombers to execute a daring assault on Japan. Pilots led by Lieutenant Colonel James Doolittle were forced to parachute over China on their way back due to low fuel. Local Chinese launched a massive rescue operation, helping the U.S. pilots escape to safety. However, over 250,000 Chinese civilians were killed by Japanese aggressors in retaliation.

The theme exhibition on Quzhou rescue of the Doolittle Raiders hosted as a part of the event presented a panoramic view of this touching story of friendship between

the Chinese and American peoples.

At the Memorial Hall to the Doolittle Raid, Chinese and foreign visitors revisited the time when the two peoples fought shoulder-to-shoulder 82 years ago, through aircraft components, precious historical photographs, immersive and interactive projections, and lifelike sculptures of the Doolittle Raiders.

The friendship between the two peoples has transcended history and endured to this day. Across the Pacific Ocean, the Doolittle Raiders that are still alive, along with their descendants, established organizations such as the Doolittle Raiders Association and

the Children of the Doolittle Raiders. Some of them have visited China multiple times, retracing the footsteps of the Doolittle Raiders and expressing gratitude to the Chinese people who aided in the rescue effort.

Susann Ozuk, William Ross Comptonberg, and his brother George Duncan Comptonberg, who participated in this visit this time to China, are representatives of this enduring bond.

Susann Ozuk's father, Charles Ozuk, was the navigator of the No. 3 bomber in the Doolittle Raid. After parachuting, he was left hanging on a cliff for an entire night before being discovered by a Chinese

villager named Liao Shiyuan, who took him to his home to recover.

This is Susann's third visit to China, and she is grateful to China and its people. Every time she comes to China, it feels like coming home, she said, adding that the Chinese people have a special place in her heart. She expressed her gratitude to the Chinese people who risked their lives to rescue the Doolittle Raiders.

William Ross Comptonberg and George Duncan Comptonberg are grandsons of Rodney R. Wilder, who co-piloted the No. 5 bomber. After parachuting, Wilder was evacuated to Quzhou with the help of villagers includ-

ing Mao Guangxiao. On April 16, the two brothers met with Mao Honggen, the son of Mao Guangxiao, at the parachute landing site of Wilder in Zhupaigang, Fangyuan Village, Jiashan, Quzhou.

According to George Duncan Comptonberg, Wilder drank all the whiskey he had with him to keep warm after the forced landing. And this time, George brought a bottle of whiskey and toasted at the site to commemorate that bond of friendship.

On the morning of April 17, a car carried Susann Ozuk and a delegation towards the Liao's old residence in Longtoudian village, Zhangcun township, Jiashan. Susann Ozuk said

this old house holds the story of her father, and it will forever remain in her memory. In 2021, she donated funds to renovate Liao's old residence.

In front of a newly renovated rammed earth house, Susann Ozuk reunited with her old friend Liao Mingfa, the son of Liao Shiyuan. As soon as they saw each other, the two hugged, then pressed their foreheads together and held each other's shoulders. Their eyes welled up with tears.

Through a translator, the nearly 90-year-old Liao Mingfa told Susann Ozuk that he was too excited to sleep the night before, knowing he would see her again.

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

AS the war between Russia and Ukraine continues with Kremlin troops being relentless in their pursuit of attacking Ukraine, the interior ministry of Russia on Saturday announced that they have a new addition to Moscow's list of 'wanted criminals' - Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Zelenskyy (pictured) has been added to the "wanted" list "under an article of the criminal code", a claim that the embattled president has denied, per The New York Times report.

Ukrainian officials, meanwhile, dubbed Russia's move as an act of "desperation" and called it propaganda invented only to "garner attention".

Former Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Ukraine's Ground Forces Commander, Oleksandr Pavliuk have also been added to Moscow's "wanted" list, said The Kyiv Independent report.

Additionally, Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas and Ukraine's military intelligence head Kyrylo Budanov are also on the list, it added.

On the other hand, a statement from Ukraine's foreign ministry said that the arrest warrant against Russian President Vladimir Putin by the International Criminal Court (ICC) is real, not worthless as Russian announcements, adding that the warrant is enforceable in 123 countries.

"We would like to remind everyone that, unlike the worthless Russian announcements, the International Criminal Court's (ICC) warrant for the arrest of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin on war crimes charges is real and enforceable in 123 countries," Ukraine's Foreign Ministry said.

Meanwhile, in his video address, Zelenskyy reported at least five assassination attempts since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. **ANI**



# Emirates pledges funding for research and development of emissions reduction pathways

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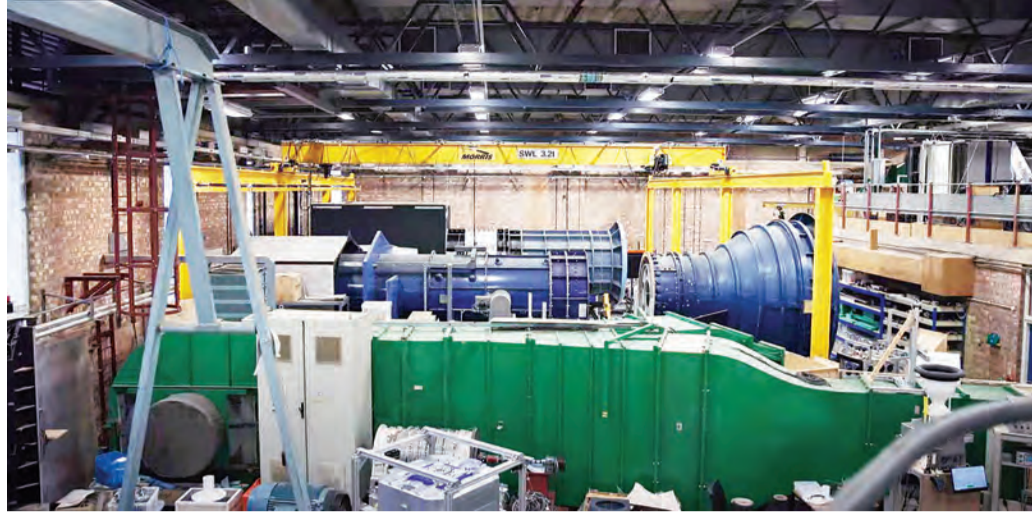
EMIRATES has become an industrial partner of the Aviation Impact Accelerator (AIA), based at the University of Cambridge. The new partnership marks Emirates' first USD \$200 million Sustainability Fund investment for research and development projects focussed on reducing the impact of fossil fuels in commercial aviation.

The partnership aims to foster collaboration, providing evidence for a number of the AIA's climate impact tools, support their data modelling work advancements, and actively engage in future projects dedicated to cutting global aviation emissions. Delivering maximum reduction in emissions at the source.

Net-zero aviation is the delivery of maximum reduction in emissions at source. Delivering maximum reduction in emissions at source, the aviation industry's net-zero carbon emissions target is focused on delivering maximum reduction in emissions at source, through the use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), innovative new propulsion technologies, and other efficiency improvements (such as improvements to air traffic navigation).

The AIA initiative is co-led by the University of Cambridge's Whittle Laboratory and the Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL). It is an international group of multi-disciplinary experts developing evidence-based systems, modeling capability, visualisations, and specialised tools to support policymakers, the aviation industry, and the wider public with the insights necessary to map, understand and accelerate pathways towards sustainable aviation.

Emirates is joining Boeing, Rolls-Royce, The Royal Air Force, the International Aviation Transport Association (IATA), 4Air, and Flexjet as industrial partners. The



modeling capability of the AIA is a collaboration between the Bennett Innovation Lab (an innovation laboratory set up as part of the New Whittle Laboratory) and CISL.

Sir Tim Clark, President of Emirates Airline said: "Emirates is proud to support the Aviation Impact Accelerator as the first project under our Sustainability Fund. As an industrial partner, we have a unique opportunity to play an active role in constructively sharing our knowledge and insights, broadening the AIA's reach across geographies, and supporting the development of tools that address a spectrum of new aviation technologies and their critical gaps if implemented in the future. The work being undertaken by the Aviation Impact Accelerator provides the poten-

tial blueprint for the changes and solutions underway to reduce the long-term climate impact of commercial aviation."

Prof Rob Miller FREng, Director of the Whittle Laboratory, University of Cambridge and AIA lead said: "We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Emirates, which will support us in our mission to accelerate the world towards net-zero aviation. Airlines will play a crucial role in the sector's transition, and we are delighted that Emirates is demonstrating this leadership. We believe that the Sustainability Fund will be pivotal in unlocking actions in the sector."

Emirates will explore potential collaboration on several developed tools, including Resource

to Climate Comparison Evaluator (RECCE), which is designed to allow the industry to quickly compare the potential of a wide range of fuels and technologies in 2035.

It will enable the user to compare the CO2 and all the non-CO2 climate impacts of aviation, the resource requirements, and the costs, and provide a detailed breakdown of where in the system the uncertainties lie. The tool also allows the user to understand the impact of the rate of decarbonization of neighbouring sectors, such as the power grid or heating, on aviation.

Another tool, the Journey Impact Simulator Tool (JIST), is currently under development and allows users to explore how they might fly in the future, helping them understand the pathways to net-zero aviation.

Future fuel and propulsion technology potential and flight operations settings can be adjusted to compare the climate impact.

Last but not least is the Climate Response to Aviation Future Scenarios Tool which allows users to analyse future scenarios, exploring how they might use combina-

tions of technologies, fuels, and changes to operations to achieve net zero aviation.

The tool is especially powerful for real-time exploration of scenarios in interactive policy workshops, allowing leaders in government and industry to chart their way through the complexities of the aviation sector. The tool has been used to power several policy workshops with the States, United Kingdom, and European Union governments.

Partnership with the AIA will allow Emirates to participate in workshops exploring all aspects of net-zero aviation, designed to identify opportunities for accelerating action.

The Emirates Sustainability Fund aims to support research and development projects focused on reducing the impact of fossil fuels in commercial aviation. Funds will be disbursed over three years to globally recognised organisations, start-ups and academic institutions working on and contributing to solutions in advanced fuel, energy, and propulsion technologies and other emissions reduction solutions.

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## Afghan women venture into business for economic independence

KABUL

AMID a quite prevalent conception that Afghan women are confined to household roles, a courageous few are breaking barriers to boldly venture into business for their economic independence.

One such trailblazer is Sona Mirzada, seen at the ongoing annual fair of agricultural products held in Afghanistan's capital of Kabul, showcasing her products in hopes of expanding her business and sales.

The Afghan caretaker government's Ministry for Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock organized the four-day event starting Wednesday, aiming to push agricultural production and trade.

Local businesspersons and farmers put on display their products and commodity items in 263 stalls, including 56 by women. "We have been involved in agriculture and animal husbandry, and in the agriculture sector we plant pepper and similar plants," Mirzada told Xinhua at her stall.

With evident pride in her accomplishments, Mirzada revealed that her company has employed 60 women workers, with 40 of them engaged in cultivation in Dihdadi district of the northern Balkh province.



A woman sells goods at an exhibition of agricultural products and other Afghan commodities in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, May 1, 2024. Xinhua

A resident in Mazar-i-Sharif, the provincial capital of Balkh, Mirzada launched her income-generating project a year ago with an initial capital of 100,000 afghanis (about 1,400 U.S. dollars).

Mirzada said her capital has grown to 1.1 million afghanis over the past year, allowing each of her woman workers to earn up to 5,000 afghanis per month. "Any woman working with us can earn between 3,000 to 5,000 afghanis monthly.

They work within their gardens and don't need to go out of their houses. They can manage their household affairs without affecting the work in gardens," the middle-aged businesswoman said enthusiastically from her stall.

Her clientele includes households, res-

taurants, and enthusiasts of spicy cuisine, she added.

Nazima Khawajazada, another businesswoman, said her focus is on selling handwoven carpets, handicrafts and silver ornaments.employed as a salesperson at Narsees Company, a local enterprise led by a female entrepreneur.

Khawajazada highlighted her boss's efforts to support and empower other Afghan women. "Our boss is a woman, and she contributes to the empowerment of women.

About 170 women are now working at the company, and the majority of them are the breadwinner for their families," Khawajazada said.

However, she expressed concern over the company's dwindling income amid eco-

nomical difficulties and falling demand."

Our company's monthly income previously ranged between 5,000 to 6,000 U.S. dollars, but nowadays, we can hardly earn 100,000 afghanis due to the economic situation," she said.

Some 80 percent of the war-torn Asian country's nearly 35 million population rely on agriculture to earn their livelihood and support their families. (1 U.S. dollars equals about 72 afghanis)

Xinhua

## Rwanda, development partners discuss ways to accelerate achievement of country's goals

KIGALI

RWANDAN Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Uzziel Ndagijimana called on the country's development partners to join forces in crafting innovative strategies, to accelerate Rwanda's socio-economic transformation.

He spoke at a two-day gathering, the 20th Rwanda Development Partners Retreat, which concluded on Friday in Rubavu district, western Rwanda.

Ndagijimana (pictured) said the retreat offered a good platform to generate new ideas to accelerate Rwanda's social-economic transformation over the next five years.

He called for more partnership, innovation and utilization of both domestic and external resources to achieve Rwanda's goals. Aissa Toure Sarr, country manager of the African Development Bank in Rwanda, noted the importance to seek solutions for a greener, inclusive, equitable, and resilient economy through transformative approaches.

The annual gathering of senior Rwanda government officials and development partners was convened to assess the achievements of Rwanda's 2017-2024 National Strategy for Transformation (NST1), a seven-year program seeking to accelerate the transformation and economic growth of the country.

Discussions at the retreat also centered on identifying strategies for poverty alleviation and resilience, job creation and youth employment, as well as human capital development goals in a way to align them with development



partners' technical and financial contributions to the priorities of the second phase of the National Strategy for Transformation (NST2).

Ozonnia Ojuelo, the UN resident coordinator in Rwanda, urged development partners to approach the NST2 with a fresh perspective and innovation strategies to make it truly transformative.

"Our level of ambition and out-of-the-box thinking has been truly inspiring. Let's approach NST2 with fresh perspectives and innovative implementation strategies. It is time to think, frame and execute differently," he said.

Development partners pledged their continuous support and partnership in line with Rwanda's national development agenda. The retreat was held under the theme:

"Thinking and Working Together towards NST2." The annual event provides a framework for mutual accountability and candid discussion on development cooperation, with a view to enhancing its effectiveness and impact.

## Roads flooded, hikers trapped as HK sees year's first red rainstorm alert

HONG KONG

FLOODING left hikers trapped and roads overflowed, disrupting traffic, in some parts of Hong Kong as the city's weather forecaster issued the first red rainstorm signal of the year on Saturday.

The Hong Kong Observatory raised the possibility in the morning of upgrading the signal to black with intense thundery showers gradually moving eastwards to the city while heavy downpours forced the closure of schools.

The eastern part of the city was most affected by the rainfall with over 200 millimeters of rain falling in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O, according to the observatory.

The transport authorities closed seven roads in Sai Kung district and part of the Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel.

Local media reported that hundreds of private vehicles were left submerged in water after due to flooding of a large public car park near Lohas Park. Some motorists there were forced to hire tow trucks to retrieve their vehicles.

Many cars were damaged there, District Councillor Christine Fong told RTHK. "For that particular outdoor car park area, there are around 450 cars. I think half of the cars were seriously (flooded)."

Kowloon Motor Bus said bus services to Tseung Kwan O and surrounding areas have been affected by severe weather. with Routes 33R, 63R, 74R, 94, 96R and 289R already suspended for the whole day.

Route 91 temporarily terminates at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology until further notice, KMB said.

Police rescued two groups of hikers who were stranded near Sai Kung. A group of 11 Chinese mainland tourists including seven children, who were camping in the area, contacted police at about 11:30 am, after finding themselves stranded at High Island Reservoir East Dam, according to local media.

Rescuers received calls from four local hikers around the same time from section two of the MacLehose Trail.

Officers were able to locate all of the stranded hikers and evacuate them.

### Red rainstorm signal

The observatory first issued the amber rainstorm warning at 7:40 am and upgraded it to red at 8:55 am as the situation worsened. A red rainstorm warning means rainfall exceeding 50 millimeters has fallen in an hour and is likely to continue

In an 11:45 am notification, the HKO said an area of intense thundery showers over the Pearl River Estu-

ary was gradually moving eastwards. It warned that it might issue the black rainstorm warning signal if it continued to edge closer to Hong Kong with same intensity.

However, the forecaster lowered the rainstorm warning signal to amber at 3:50 pm, meaning that heavy rain has fallen or is expected to fall generally over Hong Kong, exceeding 30 mm in an hour, and is likely to continue.

"The band of intense thundery showers to the west of the Pearl River Estuary is edging towards Hong Kong," the HKO said in an alert at 5:05 pm, warning that there will be heavy showers, thunderstorms and intense gusts shortly.

In the morning, it asked people to stay away from watercourses across the city due to the possibility of flash floods, warning that severe rainstorms would continue to affect the eastern part of Hong Kong.

"Residents living in close proximity to rivers should stay alert to weather conditions and should consider evacuation if their homes may become flooded," the HKO said in an 8:55 am bulletin.

At 10:30 am, it issued landslide warning, asking people to keep away from steep slopes or retaining walls. "Motorists should avoid driving in hilly areas or on roads with landslide signs," it said.

A thunderstorm warning issued at 5:00 am has been

extended until 8:30 pm. A few squally thunderstorms are expected to occur over Hong Kong, the observatory said, warning that intense gusts reaching 70 kilometers per hour or above may affect the city.

### Class suspension

The Education Bureau announced on Saturday morning that afternoon classes in all schools have been canceled following the hoisting of the red rainstorm signal.

Schools having morning classes must ensure the safety of students before allowing them to return home, the bureau said.

The Mona Fong General Out-patient Clinic in Sai Kung and the Tseung Kwan O Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic can only provide limited services due to road flooding, the Hospital Authority said on Saturday morning.

Following wet weather overnight, the government earlier urged residents to report flooding to the Drainage Services Department. The government has told employers to make safety arrangements for staff to cope with the situation.

Looking ahead, it said there will be occasional showers and a few thunderstorms on Sunday. It'll be hot during the day with sunny periods in the following couple of days, the HKO added.

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Omar Najhi, an English coach of Moroccan origin, is one of the tacticians who have reportedly been on Simba SC's list of preferred coaches for taking over from Algerian Abdelhak Benchikha.

## Simba SC prioritise CAF Champions League expertise in coach's search

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

SIMBA SC is on the fast track to find a new head coach following the departure of Abdelhak Benchikha.

The Algerian gaffer, along with his assistants Farid Zemit and Kamal Bougnan, recently left the club, leaving a gap to be filled before the season ends on May 28, 2024.

Simba SC's management wasted no time in initiating the search process. The club's officials held a meeting shortly after Benchikha's departure, with a focus on securing a new head coach before the upcoming transfer window opens.

While Simba SC has remained tight-lipped about the outfit's shortlist, sources reveal the club's ambition to find a coach who can oversee the entire transfer process and reclaim past dominance.

"Many players' contracts are ending, and negotiations have been put on hold," a Simba SC leader noted.

The leader added: "Without a head coach, who will sign off new contracts? Ideally, we'd find someone before the season ends. This coach could assess the current squad and determine the direction for transfers. Additionally, they could advise on who should stay and who should leave amongst those whose contracts expire."

He emphasized a more professional approach, noting: "We won't be publicly inviting applications. We have coaches in mind, and discussions have already begun. The goal is to find someone who aligns with our philosophies and delivers the results we expect."

While specific names have yet to be disclosed, Simba SC is reportedly prioritizing a coach who can develop young talent and foster team balance.

The Msimbazi Street side pursues a coach who can build players' strength and create a cohesive, unified squad without internal divisions.

African football experience, particularly in the CAF Champions League in which Simba SC has consistently fallen short in recent years, is another

key factor in the outfit's search.

Reports suggest that some of the coaches currently under consideration were previously approached by Simba SC, but negotiations ultimately fell through.

One such name is Senegalese coach Lamine N'Diaye, currently at the helm of DRC soccer powerhouse TP Mazembe.

N'Diaye boasts a decorated career, having coached Horoya AC (Guinea), Al Hilal (Sudan), Maghreb de Fès (Morocco), Coton Sport (Cameroon), and Senegal's national team.

Notably, he guided TP Mazembe to the CAF Champions League semifinals in his first season with the club.

Another contender is Portuguese coach Alexandre Santos, who leads Petro de Luanda (Angola).

Santos was previously on Simba SC's radar in 2022, but a deal could hardly be materialized. This season, his team reached the CAF Champions League quarterfinals before bowing out.

Omar Najhi, an Englishman of Moroccan descent, is also on the list. He previously managed Wydad Casablanca and Mouloudia Oujda (Morocco) and is currently a free agent after leaving Ittihad Tanger.

Notably, Najhi was considered when Simba SC sacked Roberto Oliveira 'Robertinho' but ultimately lost out to Benchikha.

These are just a few of the coaches reportedly on Simba SC's radar. Juma Mguni, the current interim head coach, is also said to be a potential candidate for an assistant coaching role under a new head coach.

As of now, Mguni remains at the helm, assisted by former midfielder and club captain Selemani Matola.

Despite the coaching uncertainty, Simba SC is very much in the fight for Premier League silverware, with the outfit currently sitting third in the league standings with 47 points after 22 matches.

Simba SC's hunt for a new head coach is driven by a clear ambition to rebuild the squad and restore lost glory.

## Absa Dar City Marathon thrilled in Dar es Salaam

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Absa Dar City Marathon 2024 took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday amidst calm weather conditions after the threat of Cyclone Hidaya lost its strength, according to reports from relevant authorities, allowing runners to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Tanzania's famous city.

In its fourth edition under the main sponsorship of Absa Bank Tanzania, the competition saw over 3,000 athletes racing through the streets of the City Center in an event aimed not only at supporting the provision of medical supplies for the Maternity Ward at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital but also at showcasing the tourism attractions available in the heart of Dar es Salaam.

Speaking after the race, Absa Tanzania's Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Aron Luhanga, stated that due to the success of the marathon, their bank will continue its long-term commitment to sponsoring the event.

"As part of our brand promise, 'Your Story Matters', Absa Bank will continue to value the stories of Tanzanians, as a portion of the proceeds from this marathon will go towards benefiting the community by facilitating the availability of medical supplies for women and children.

"We believe that everyone can script their story through exercise, and running is one of those exercises. We also believe that true wealth lies in health, and running promotes good health. Therefore, with a healthy population, our society and country



Head of Retail Banking for Absa Bank Tanzania, Ndabu Lilian Swere (L), presents a prize to the first-place winner of the half marathon (21km) in the Absa Dar City Marathon for women, Sara Ramadhani from Arusha, immediately after the conclusion of the race in Dar es Salaam yesterday. In the middle is the Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, for Absa Bank, Aron Luhanga. Photo: Correspondent

will make significant strides in development. Absa is committed to ensuring that these stories are written effectively," said Luhanga.

Regarding their banking services, Luhanga stated that their bank offers a range of high-quality products and services, including children's accounts, home loans, car loans, and a unique credit card service that enables customers to receive a pre-loaded card upon application.

On his part, Godfrey Mindu,

Chairman of The Runners Club, and the organizers of the Absa Dar City Marathon, thanked Absa Bank and other sponsors, noting that their involvement will bring significant changes to the lives of Tanzanians.

The Dar City Marathon 2024 featured races of 5km, 10km, and 21km. In the 10km race for women, the first prize went to Anastasia Dolomongo from Arusha with a time of 34:04:31 while in the men's category, Emanuel Shahanga from

Hanang emerged as the winner with a time of 29:00:03.

In the half marathon (21km) for women, the first place was secured by Sara Ramadhani from Arusha with a time of 1:13:21:08, while in the men's category, Dickson Paul from Mwanza emerged victorious with a time of 1:02:58:04.

Apart from Absa Bank as the main sponsor, other sponsors included Alliance Life Assurance Company, Hill Water, Kilimanjaro Milk, and Garda Security Company.

## Guede's goal-scoring prowess fuels Yanga's charge to victory



Joseph Guede

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YANGA's attacker Joseph Guede is blazing the trail with his outstanding

performances, emerging as a potent threat under the guidance of head coach Miguel Gamondi. Initially facing chal-

lenges upon joining Gamondi's squad, Guede (pictured) has since turned the tide in the Jangwani Street-based

side, surpassing his teammates in goal contributions.

Guede's journey with Yanga commenced during this season's mini-transfer window, following a hiatus of over three months since departing Tuzlaspor of Turkey.

In the last six games, he has been involved in six goals, netting five and providing an assist, showcasing remarkable consistency by averaging a goal per game.

In comparison to his teammates, Guede's recent performances stand out prominently. Guede's impact remains unparalleled, even surpassing Stephane Aziz Ki, who boasts 15 league goals.

Notably, the Ivorian forward's only encounter in the past six games—which ended without the attacker grabbing a goal—was the match against JKT Tanzania that ended in a 0-0 draw.

However, he swiftly resumed his scoring spree with two goals against Singida Fountain Gate FC and a goal against Simba SC.

Following a temporary halt against JKT Tanzania, Guede reignited his fire against Coastal Union, contributing to Yanga's quest for the NBC Premier League title race with a goal.

His pivotal goal against Tabora United secured Yanga's 3-0 victory and propelled them into the CRDB Bank Federation Cup semi-finals.

Currently, Guede leads

Yanga's goal involvements in the past six games, closely followed by Aziz Ki and Kennedy Musonda.

Remarkably, despite being the top goalscorer in the CRDB Bank Federation Cup, Clement Mzize has yet to find the net in recent matches.

Despite not commencing the season with Yanga, Guede's impact in the NBC Premier League has been profound.

Surpassing Musonda and Mzize in goal tallies, Guede's efficiency is evident, having spent significantly fewer minutes on the pitch.

Speaking about his contributions, Guede expressed satisfaction in aiding his team's success, emphasizing his commitment to continue delivering alongside his teammates.

The footballer noted: "I'm delighted to contribute to my team's success, and I firmly believe there's more I can offer as long as I receive opportunities to collaborate with my teammates." "Together, we can achieve even greater results," Guede affirmed, expressing his satisfaction with his role in Yanga's journey.

Guede's ascendancy as Yanga's leading striker underscores Gamondi's tactical adaptability, as the Argentine reshapes the lineup to optimize each player's strengths according to the demands of each match.

## Five assists and goal for Messi, hat-trick for Suarez as Miami hit six

FLORIDA

LUIS Suarez scored a hat-trick and Lionel Messi had an incredible five assists and a goal in the second half as a rampant Inter Miami crushed the New York Red Bulls 6-2 in Major League Soccer on Saturday.

Two-goal substitute Matias Rojas sparked the second half rout from Eastern Conference leaders Inter after New York had led 1-0 at the break.

Without Messi, Miami had fallen to a 4-0 defeat to the Red Bulls in New York in March, but they more than avenged that loss with a merciless second-half demolition job.

Messi's five assists, which all came in the second half, are a new record for an MLS game and he now has 10 goals and 12 assists in eight league appearances so far this season.

Operating behind Suarez, Messi's passing through the slightest of gaps, taking advantage of his former Barcelona teammate's telepathic understanding of his intentions, was simply too much for the Red Bulls, who came into the game third in the East.

"Obviously what we have seen today surprises people, because you don't see that in football," said Suarez of Messi's five assists. "But as a teammate and someone who knows him, nothing surprises me about him," added the Uruguayan.

The 37-year-old Suarez's triples takes his own tally to 10 in 11 league games for Miami and despite no longer being blessed with pace, his deadly finishing clearly remains intact.

While it was the kind of attacking display that Miami owners Jorge Mas and David Beckham surely dreamed of when they brought in the star pairing, there was no sign of the explosiveness in the opening half.

Dante Vanzeir had put the Red Bulls ahead in the 30th minute, slotting home after Wikelman Carmona's shot came off the post, following a superb through pass from Swedish playmaker Emil Forsberg.

Gerardo Martino's Inter lacked intensity and ideas in the opening 45 minutes but the coach's half-time change transformed the game.

Paraguayan Rojas was introduced for the second half and took just three minutes to make an impact, collecting a pass from Messi and evading two defenders before unleashing an unstoppable drive from 25 yards out.

Messi then put Miami in front when Rojas robbed Carmona and found Suarez, who slipped the ball to the Argentine, who made no mistake.

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner then turned provider again as he split the New York defense with a brilliant through ball to Rojas, who deftly chipped over the advancing Carlos Coronel.

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## Bayern hit by injury concerns ahead of Real Madrid clash

BERLIN

BAYERN Munich's Raphael Guerreiro is likely to miss Wednesday's Champions League clash with Real Madrid, as the German side continue to battle with injuries ahead of their season-defining semi-final second-leg.

Guerreiro left the stadium on crutches after appearing to strain his hamstring during Bayern's 3-1 defeat to Stuttgart in the Bundesliga on Saturday.

"Rapha will now probably be out for the second leg. It's a bit like we are cursed," Bayern coach Thomas Tuchel told Sky after the game.

There were also concerns for English defender Eric Dier after he clashed heads with Serhou Guirassy on Saturday and had to have a wound stapled and bandaged before playing on.

Yet Bayern's sporting director Max Eberl said he wasn't worried that Dier would be unfit for Wednesday.

"I spoke to him after the game, and he was able to recognise me, so I don't think it's anything serious," joked Eberl.

Dutch centre-back Matthijs De Ligt is also facing a race to be fit in the coming days, after he missed the first leg against Real with a knee injury.

"Matthijs trained individually today and it seems to have gone well, so he will return to team training tomorrow," said Tuchel.

Bayern head to Madrid on with their semi-final tie finely poised after a 2-2 draw in Munich last Tuesday.

De Ligt in particular was sorely missed in the first leg, with his understudy Kim Min-jae at fault for both of Real's goals.

As well as enduring injury concerns, the Munich giants also suffered an untimely knock to their confidence with Saturday's defeat in Stuttgart.

Yet sporting director Eberl insisted his side would bounce back in the Bernabeu.

"We can leave this result behind us now and focus completely on Madrid. We already showed in the quarter-final against Arsenal that we can switch focus very quickly, so I don't think it's a blow to our confidence," he said.

AFP

# Real Madrid claim 36th Spanish title after Girona stun Barcelona

MADRID

REAL Madrid earned what coach Carlo Ancelotti said was a "deserved" La Liga title on Saturday after beating Cadiz 3-0 and Girona sealed it with a stunning 4-2 victory over Barcelona.

Ancelotti's side did their homework by beating Cadiz and after last season's champions stumbled against Girona, Los Blancos were crowned champions for a record-extending 36th time.

Girona's dramatic victory saw the Catalan minnows qualify for the Champions League for the first time in their history, in only their fourth season in Spain's top flight.

Ancelotti rotated heavily ahead of the Champions League semi-final second leg clash with Bayern Munich next week, but his players still got the job done.

Brahim Diaz netted in the 51st minute to put Madrid ahead and then set up Jude Bellingham, with Joselu tapping home a third.

"We've had a spectacular Liga campaign," Ancelotti told reporters.

"We've made few errors and the advantage is deserved."

Madrid's comfortable win over Cadiz sent them 14 points clear of last season's champions Barcelona, in third, with only 12 left to play for.

Girona, second after their second 4-2 win over Barcelona this season, trail Madrid by 13



Real Madrid's English midfielder #5 Jude Bellingham and Real Madrid's Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti smile at the end of the Spanish league football match between Real Madrid CF and Cadiz CF at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on May 4, 2024. (AFP Photo)

points.

"We leave our skins out there on the pitch to live moments like today's," Madrid striker Joselu told Real Madrid TV.

"There are young players who are very hungry for titles, veterans who are delighted to be here... and these are special moments."

With the Bayern second leg in mind, Ancelotti only selected captain Nacho Fernandez from the starting line-up that earned a 2-2 draw in Bavaria this week.

Belgian goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois started for the first time after a nine-month lay off after a knee injury and kept a clean sheet.

Madrid midfielder Luka Modric became the oldest player to appear for the club

in La Liga, at 38 years and 238 days, breaking late Hungarian great Ferenc Puskas' record from 1965 by five days.

The visitors, 18th and still battling to stay up, shaded the first half but Madrid's goals came in the second.

Courtois made a superb save to deny Chris Ramos early in the second half and Madrid took the lead immediately afterwards.

Diaz received from the evergreen Modric on the edge of the area, turned slickly and curled an effort into the top corner.

Bellingham, on as a substitute for Turkish teenager Arda Guler, added the second soon after entering the fray at the end of a fine team move.

It was the England

international's 18th league goal of the season, keeping him in contention to finish as the top scorer.

Madrid put the cherry on their cake after a superb run by Nacho.

Poised to depart at the end of the season, the Spaniard was hailed by the Bernabeu after setting up Joselu for a simple finish in stoppage time.

"Impossible to compete" - Los Blancos were able to celebrate after Girona came from behind twice to defeat Barcelona in a wild clash, moving second.

Barca took the lead through Andreas Christensen's fine volley after three minutes but La Liga's top scorer Artem Dovbyk levelled with his 20th goal of the campaign just a minute later.

Robert Lewandowski sent Barcelona ahead with a penalty after Lamine Yamal was felled, but substitute Portu made a huge impact in the second half for Girona.

Michel Sanchez's side netted two goals in two minutes to turn the game on its head. Portu netted the equaliser moments after coming on and then set up Miguel Gutierrez to put Girona ahead.

Portu sensationally volleyed home the fourth to ignite Girona's tiny Montilivi stadium and get the party started.

"The players have entered Girona's history books, what we've done this year is incredible," said Sanchez.

Girona played Champions League music over the stadium sound system to give their fans a taste of things to come.

"I want to play against Liverpool, I want a historic game here, there are many, Bayern Munich, AC Milan, Inter."

For Barcelona, third, the summer will be for self-reflection rather than dreams.

"It's a shame, we sink with any negative situation," said Barcelona coach Xavi after Barcelona lost their crown.

"Like this it's impossible to compete."

Elsewhere Rodrigo Riquelme's early goal earned fourth-place Atletico Madrid a 1-0 win at Mallorca to extend the gap on Athletic to six points.

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## Haaland hits four as Man City keep title pressure on leaders Arsenal

LONDON

ERLING Haaland scored four times as Manchester City thrashed Wolves 5-1 to move within one point of Arsenal after the Premier League leaders beat Bournemouth 3-0 on Saturday.

City responded to Arsenal's victory just hours earlier with a goal blitz at the Etihad Stadium.

Pep Guardiola's side took the lead in the 12th minute when Rayan Ait-Nouri clattered into Josko Gvardiol, conceding a penalty that Haaland stroked past Jose Sa.

Haaland bagged City's second in the 35th minute as he rose highest at the far post to meet Rodri's cross with a majestic header that looped over Sa.

Deep into first half stoppage-time, Nelson Semedo tripped Haaland to give City another penalty that was drilled home by the Norwegian striker.

Hwang Hee-chan got one back for Wolves in the 53rd minute after a mistake by City keeper Ederson.

But Haaland, who was visibly unhappy to be substituted in the closing stages, made it 36 goals in all competitions this term less as he curled a fine finish into the far corner in the 54th minute.

Julian Alvarez's 85th minute finish capped City's sixth consecutive league win, extending their unbeaten run in the competition to 20 games.

The reigning champions, who have a game in hand on Arsenal, will clinch an unprecedented fourth successive



Erling Haaland scored four as Manchester City beat Wolves to move back within one point of Premier League leaders Arsenal. Agencies

English title if they win their last three matches.

They head to Fulham next Saturday before visiting Tottenham on May 14 and hosting West Ham five days later.

"It's three games, hopefully we win the first and the second and arrive to the third with our destiny in our own hands," Guardiola said.

Asked about Haaland's reaction to his substitution, Guardiola added: "He was frustrated with the referee. With the long balls sometimes they push him and he is pulled."

"But Erling is back to business. Penalties are a guarantee but the second and fourth goals were unbelievable."

At the Emirates Stadium, Arsenal cruised to a fourth successive victory, with Bukayo Saka's penalty putting them ahead on the stroke of half-time.

Leandro Trossard slotted past Bournemouth keeper Mark Travers in the 70th minute before Declan Rice capped a dominant display by blasting home in stoppage-time.

Chasing their first title since 2004, Arsenal's 26th Premier League victory this season equalled

the club's top-flight record for a single campaign.

"It was probably the best first half we've played all season," Gunners boss Mikel Arteta said.

"We were unbelievable. Everything flowing, super composed on the ball. We generated so

many chances, we could have gone three, four, five up easily."

Burnley on the brink -

Arsenal travel to Manchester United in their penultimate game next weekend before hosting Everton on May 19. Burnley's hopes of avoiding relegation suffered a huge blow as Newcastle ran riot in a 4-1 win at Turf Moor.

Vincent Kompany's second bottom side are five points from safety, with only two games left to avoid an immediate return to the Championship after last season's promotion.

Callum Wilson, Sean Longstaff and Bruno Guimaraes all netted for Newcastle before Arijanet Muric saved Alexander Isak's penalty.

Isak made amends when he grabbed his 20th league goal this season, making Dara O'Shea's 86th minute header no consolation for bedraggled Burnley.

At Bramall Lane, fourth bottom Nottingham Forest took a giant step towards survival

with a 3-1 win against already-relegated Sheffield United.

Gonzalo Montiel brought down Ben Brereton Diaz and the Blades forward picked himself up to lash in the 17th minute penalty.

But Callum Hudson-Odoi grabbed Forest's equaliser in the 27th minute with a superb strike that curled into the far corner.

Ryan Yates slammed in Forest's second from close-range after 51 minutes and Hudson-Odoi curled home in the 65th minute.

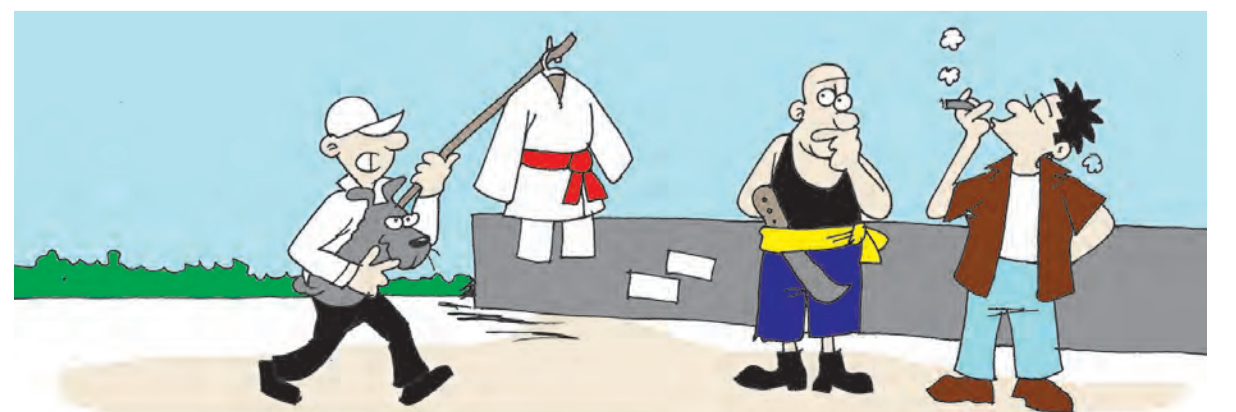
That gave the Blades an unwanted record as the first club to concede 100 goals in a 38-match Premier League season.

Forest, awaiting the result of their appeal against a four-point deduction for financial breaches, are three points ahead of third bottom Luton, who drew 1-1 with Everton on Friday.

West London rivals Brentford and Fulham shared a dour 0-0 draw.

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## Top-two chasing Simba host Tabora Utd in Premier League showdown



Simba SC interim coach Juma Mgunda

terim coach at the helm of Simba, emphasizes the importance of maintaining focus on their own performance rather than fixating on external factors.

With aspirations of securing a coveted CAF position this season, Mgunda stresses the significance of collecting three points in every remaining fixture.

Tabora United, meanwhile, are fighting for their lives towards the bottom of the table, with The Bees currently in the 15th position, two points behind 12th-placed Ihefu with six games left.

They make the trip to the Chamazi Stadium having played there against Young Africans in the Federation Cup quarter-final on Thursday evening.

Their most recent game in the NBC Premier League was last weekend and Tabora United recorded a goalless home draw with Mashujaa at Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium.

While it was vital that they did not lose against one of the teams close to them in the table, the draw means Tabora United are winless in their last five NBC Premier League games.

Tabora United need wins at this stage of the campaign, though, and they have only managed to pick up maximum points in four of their 24 League fixtures this term, sharing the worst record for fewest wins with basement side Mtibwa Sugar.

Azam, as they are four points behind; a draw here would therefore not suffice if Azam sink Mtibwa Sugar in today's early kickoff. Juma Mgunda, the in-

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

**I**N an encounter set to unfold at the Chamazi Stadium, Simba gear up to face relegation-threatened Tabora United in a NBC Premier League showdown this evening, kicking off at 6:15 pm.

Simba managed a much-needed three points against Mtibwa Sugar last time out, whilst Tabora United could only earn a share of the spoils at home to Mashujaa.

While suffering Federation Cup and Champions League heartbreak at the hands of Mashujaa and Al Ahly respectively, Simba are more or less out of the top-flight title conversation on account of winning just one of their last four NBC Premier League matches, dropping seven points.

Simba are facing an uphill battle to grab a CAF Champions League ticket from second placed Azam.

The third-placed side realistically have to prevail against Tabora United to keep alive hopes of catching up with

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## TFF confirms venues and dates for Federation Cup semi-finals

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Football Federation, TFF, has officially confirmed the dates, venues and kick-off times for the upcoming CRDB Bank Federation Cup semi-finals.

The battles for the two spots in the final will take place on the weekend of May 18 and 19.

Four NBC Premier League teams are remaining in the competition now.

The Federation Cup final will be held at Kwaraa Stadium, Manyara on Sunday, June 2, 2024.

Coastal Union, Young Africans, Azam, and Ihefu will battle in the semis for a spot in the final.

Ihefu became the first team to advance to the semi-finals of the Federation Cup after winning 4-3 on penalties against Mashujaa.

The match ended in a 0-0 draw after a gruelling 90 minutes at the Liti Stadium in Singida on Wednesday afternoon.

Coastal Union were the second team to progress to the last four on Wednesday evening. They cruised past Geita Gold in a 1-0 win at Mkwakwani Stadium, Tanga.

The defending champions, Young Africans, advanced to the last four with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Tabora United at Chamazi Stadium on Thursday evening.

Last year's finalists Azam hammered Namungo 4-1 at Chamazi Stadium to complete the semi-final line-up last Friday.

The tie between Coastal Union and Azam will kick start the semi-final stage on Saturday, May 18 at the CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza.

It will be a repeat of the 2022 semi-final where Coastal Union came from behind to win on penalties.

In Arusha, Ihefu will welcome Young Africans in the second semi-final on Sunday, May 19 at the Sheikh Kaluta Amri Abeid Stadium.

Both fixtures will kick off at 3:30 pm.

In addition to a trophy, medals for players and the technical bench and Tsh50m prize money, the winner of the Federation Cup earns a ticket to represent the country in the CAF Confederation Cup next season.

Young Africans are the defending Champions of the Federation Cup after a hard-fought 1-0 victory against Azam on Monday, June 12, 2023.

## Azam aim to stay in the title race as travel to Mtibwa



Azam FC coach Youssouph Dabo

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE NBC Premier League title race is now between two teams as Simba have faltered in their recent matches and Azam's away trip to Mtibwa Sugar is going to be one of the key fixtures in the pursuit to be champions.

The game between Mtibwa Sugar and Azam will be played at the Manungu Stadium this afternoon, kicking off at 4 PM.

However, Azam are only still clinging onto a slight bit of title hope as they are eight points behind leaders Young Africans who had the possibility of extending their lead to eleven with a potential victory over Mashujaa on Sunday.

Coach Youssouph Dabo said while it is difficult to catch up with Young Africans, his side need to focus on winning their remaining games and see what happens at the end of the season.

Azam have managed to stay in the title race thanks to their incredible 17 consecutive league matches without a defeat.

This afternoon, they are aiming for an 18th straight match without a loss in the league.

Hosts Mtibwa Sugar are deep in trouble at the other end of the standings, with a 27-year stay in

the top flight at risk of reaching its end.

The fight for survival in the NBC Premier League has taken several twists and turns in recent months.

After the weekend's results, Mtibwa Sugar finds themselves in 16th place in the table, five points behind 15th-placed Tabora United.

The relegation is far from cut and dry, but many believe that this could be the season that ends Mtibwa Sugar's almost three decades of presence in the Tanzanian top flight.

Only Simba and Young Africans have spent more consecutive years in the top tier of the Tanzanian game than the Millers from Turiyani.

Though nothing is set in store, it does look like a tough task for Mtibwa Sugar to escape the drop this season, unless their form drastically changes and they start taking points off the teams around them.

A game against Azam at home at this stage of the season - especially after losing three games in a row - doesn't look like a likely source of three points.

However, this is the kind of game that gives them an edge in the relegation fight if they emerge victorious.

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