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'Advertising Zanzibar globally is paying off'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ADVERTISING Zanzibar globally to access new markets has paid off in the past two years, Members of the House of Representatives were told yesterday. Simai Mohamed Said (pictured), Zanzibar's Tourism and Heritage minister, made this observation as the House unanimously endorsed the 10.295bn/- estimates for the ministry for fiscal 2023/2024.

He outlined its priorities in the coming financial year as increasing the number of tourists by advertising the Isles in world markets, along with preparing digital systems for improving tourism services.

The ministry would similarly supervise the rehabilitation of the historic Beit el Ajaib to restore it to its desired condition, he said.

Rehabilitating various historical sites will commence, he stated, listing Cape Mkumbu, Mangapwani, Maruhubi, Kidichi, Hamamni, Forodhani and Kizimbani.

Buildings that have been completed will be put on display, he said, pointing at Bungi, Dunga, Fukuchani, Mvuleni, Mkamandume, Chwaka Tumbe and a cave site.

Arrivals increased by 39 per cent in the past year, from 394,185 in 2021 to 548,503 in 2022, he said, noting that advertising the Isles internationally propelled the increase. Average staying time among the visitors

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Energy bills 3.04trn/- for projects, cleaner sources



Energy minister January Makamba tables his ministry's Budget estimates for financial year 2023/2024 in the National Assemble in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government is set to spend 3.04trn/in implementing power projects in the next financial year, the National Assembly was told yesterday.

January Makamba, the Energy minister, said this when tabling estimates for the 2023/24 financial year, focusing on access to electricity for all parts of the country, shifting to alternative energy, uplifting the gas economy and boosting oil reserves capacity.

He said that the budget stance was based on directions taken by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in pushing for major projects in the sector, to protect the environment by using clean energy, make greater use of gas resources and create facilities to absorb fluctuations in oil supplies and price movements in the world

In the coming week, the reservoir at the 2,115MW-Julius Nyerere hydropower plant (INHPP) will reach the minimum water level of requirement to activate the turbines, he

The required minimum level of water is163 meters above sea level, with 161 meters above sea level already attained, while power plant construction stands at 87 percent, with total completion projected for June 2024.

The government is readying preparations for the liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant

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Key approvals awaited in Taifa Mining's share deal for Williamson Diamonds

By Guardian Reporter

REGULATORY approvals is being awaited from the Tanzanian Mining Commission and the Fair Competition Commission (FCC) for Taifa Mining and Civil Ltd, a member of the Taifa Gas group, to complete a \$15m transaction for a 50 percent shares of Petra Diamonds' shareholding in Williamson Diamonds Ltd (WDL).

A statement issued by Petra Diamonds yesterday said that the transaction follows last years' announcement as to Petra signing a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Taifa Gas group, with completion of the transaction being subject to the parties obtaining necessary regulatory approvals.

Williamson Diamond's 2022 financial year annual report places the value of WDL's gross assets at \$140.5m as of June 30th, 2022 and a profit before tax of \$41.1m.

The London Stock Exchange listed firm said the transaction is class two, obliging Petra to observe disclosure obligations pursuant to Chapter 10 of the listing rules.

Petra signed the transaction deal with Pink Diamonds Investments Ltd, a company affiliated with Taifa Gas group, the statement said, noting that Taifa Mining remains the



long-term technical services contractor at the Williamson mine.

Pink Diamonds paid \$15m, via payments owed by WDL to Taifa Mining for past technical services, whether WDL is able to meet these obligations, it said, noting that "these payments will be received by Petra in instalments over the next five years.'

Rostam Aziz, Taifa Group chairman and director for Pink Diamonds, said Taifa Mining is locally the largest mining contractor with

over 30 years of experience in the sector. The firm has maintained long and successful relationships with companies such as Petra, De Beers, Barrick and AngloGold Ashanti. It fields the largest fleet of mining equipment countrywide, he said.

The firm adheres to the latest internationally recognised standards in its contracting activities, working with Petra for over 20 years and now becomes more involved in its co-ownership capacity, he stated.

Petra Diamonds has the largest kimberlite deposit in the world by surface area, with reserves and resources pegged at 37.7m cubic tonnes as of mid-last year, he affirmed.

Petra CEO Richard Duffy said the partnership places Williamson Diamonds on a stronger basis for the future. It reduces Petra equity interest in WDL, limiting its exposure in line with stated objectives whilst retaining control and maintaining a share of the upside, he declared.

He said the mine holds a unique place in the sector with its significant resource base and ability to produce high quality pink diamonds. In a supply constrained sector, the asset has a potential to become increasingly valuable, he asserted.

"Taifa brings considerable local and mining

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'ATCL's cargo aircraft will not have untaxed consignments'

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE government has called on the public to ignore information circulating on social media that the Air Tanzania Boeing cargo plane arriving on Saturday will have untaxed consignments on board.

spokesman, said in an interview yesterday the Julius Nyerere International Airport that the plane is still in the United States (INIA) at midday or thereabouts. and will make its way to Tanzania on Saturday.

The plane's arrival will enable Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) to compete

Gerson Msigwa, the chief government globally, he said, noting that it will land at

The new cargo flight-Boeing 767-300F - is expected to uplift cargo freight within East Africa and beyond, bringing to 12 the

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CRDB Bank group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (C) and chief financial officer Frederick Nsekanabo (L) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday with the 'Best Bank in East Africa' award the African Banker Magazine presented to the bank at the awards ceremony held during the African Development Bank annual general meeting in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, last week. Right is the bank's partnerships and strategic cooperation senior manager, Masele Msita. Story on Page 13 - The Banker. Photo: Guardian

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in Lindi Region while pursuing electricity connection to all villages countrywide, he said.

The LNG project involves a large amount of foreign currency billed to get into the country's economy, he said, reminding MPs of commencing implementation of a solar power project in Kishapu District in Shinyanga Region for 150MW upon completion.

Wind power project evaluation in Kilimanjaro and Singida was going on, which observers had taken upwards of 15 years to be completed.

He also emphasized plans for Tanzania-Zambia electricity transmission infrastructure for 400KV from Iringa to Sumbawanga in Rukwa Region.

The project will enable Tanzania to connect with member countries of the Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP) through Zambia and the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) through Kenya, becoming a centre for electricity trade in the region, he

A total 36,760 settlements out of 66,755 zoned settlements are yet to be connected to power which he said will be done within the next five years.

Plans national stabilization to end intermittent stoppages due to weak capacity for power booting o will take up a total of 4.42trn/- during the next four years, he stated.

This year's estimates are pegged at 3.04trn/-, with 2.96trn/- set for development projects and 88bn/for recurrent uses

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experience to the partnership. This will help us to optimise the ore body to the benefit of all Williamson's stakeholders, both in the short term with the restart of operations and going forward as we look to fully realise the mine's potential in a more favourable economic environment," said Duffy.

WDL is the operator of the Williamson mine, and is currently 25 percent owned by the government and 75 percent by Petra, with Petra having acquired majority interest in WDL back in 2009.

Petra entered into a Framework Agreement with the government in December 2021, in which it was agreed that the company's effective interest in WDL will decrease to 63 percent with the government's interest increasing to 37 percent.

Upon completion of the transaction and the framework agreement, Petra and Pink Diamonds will each indirectly hold an effective 31.5 percent interest in WDL, with Petra retaining a controlling interest, the statement added.

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increased from seven in 2019

They arrived in Zanzibar and discharged upwards of 2,000 tourists who visited various tourist attractions including spice farms, red colobus monkeys and other wildlife at the Jozani Forest national park and the Stone Town area, he added.

Visitations to Pemba Island to eight days in March 2023, he increased from 14,548 tourists stated, referring to hosting five big in 2021 to 27,826 in 2022, nearly tourist ships - Zaandam, MS Coral, doubling the number. Tourism Geographer, Le Jacques Cartier and authorities in Pemba and residents had put up six new tourist attractions, he said.

These attractions are Furaha River, a historic town, the Hindus temple at Kengeja, the Makangale fish cave, Katenga rocks and spice farms at Wambaa and Gando, he

Agency gives two months to sardine traders to comply

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, sardines in in kilogrammes or

Mwanza

THE Weights and Measures Agency (WMA) in Mwanza Region has given a two-month ultimatum to sardine traders to comply with the set regulations by using approved measurements.

Addressing journalists here yesterday, the region's acting WMA manager, Hilolimus Mahundi warned that using unauthorized measurements exploit consumers because they end up getting products that are not worth the amount of money they spent.

Mahundi noted that effective July 1st this year, sardine traders should make sure they use authorized weighing scales.

Mahundi said while on an inspection exercise in Sengerema District recently, WMA officers observed that some traders were using plastic buckets and other small plastic containers to weigh sardines, something which is wrong as they are supposed to use weighing scales.

He insisted that using approved measurements would give consumers an exact weight of

"We are doing this to protect customers and fishermen so that they buy and sell their daily sardine catches in authorized weighing scales, hence ensuring value for

He said WMA staff will continue to conduct inspections at different areas in the region to see whether traders comply with the law.

Mahundi said that WMA has established a calibration bay to accurately measure the volume and quantity of petroleum products in storage tanks. He said the bay is a solution to the theft of fuel conflicts between drivers and their employers.

He said whenever such cases arise; the vehicle is taken to the bay at Nyamhongolo area for calibration.

The Acting Manager called upon motorists and oil tanker owners to take their vehicles to the calibration bay-the only facility in Lake Zone

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango has an audience with Burundi President Évariste Ndayishimiye (L) shortly after arriving at the Bujumbura State House yesterday ready to represent President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the 21st Extraordinary Summit of the East African Community Heads of State. Photo:

'ATCL cargo aircraft won't have untaxed consignments'

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number of ATCL planes making trips within the region and outside.

President Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to lead scores of dignitaries in receiving the plane, he stated, with ATCL CEO Ladislaus Matindi upbeat on its business prospects.

He was later affirming that the government decided to purchase the cargo plane upon noticing great demand for cargo freight by air raised by businessmen.

Raymond Manyika, a senior ATCL cargo department official, says that on average, the airline transports 250 tonnes of cargo per month, mostly medical consignments lifted from Mumbai, the Indian business capital.

"From China we transport electronic equipment, car accessories and clothes," he said, noting that transit cargo

to Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, Burundi and South Sudan is part of the cargo freights.

Seafood and avocado are transported from Dar to Mumbai, as India has a huge market for Tanzanian avocado, in a manner similar to airlifting flowers from the northern regions and from neighbouring Kenya, he said.

ATCL has 12 flights including five Bombardier Q400, four Airbus A220, two Dreamliner B787, one Bombardier Q300 and one Q300 which is abroad for maintenance.

Its abroad routes include Nairobi, Entebbe, Bujumbura, Lubumbashi, Harare, Lusaka, Ndola, Comoro, Mumbai and Guangzhou commercial hub in China.

Local routes flights to Zanzibar, Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Mwanza, Bukoba, Geita, Kigoma, Mpanda, Tabora, Dodoma, Mbeya, Songea and Mtwara, he added.



Public Service Social Security Fund staff attend to members of the fund who visited its pavilion at the ongoing annual Trade and Tourism Exhibition in Tanga city yesterday. The event's motto for this year's edition is "Agriculture, Industries, Tourism and Minerals are the Fundamentals of Economic Development". Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has called on all officials in local government authorities to adhere boundaries in regard to their responsibilities to avoid conflicts and interferences when serving the people.

He made the remarks as he represented president Samia Suluhu Hassan at the opening of the 37th General meeting of the Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT) held at the Arusha International Conference centre (AICC), Arusha.

He said it is essential for all political leaders to work together and hold constructive talks for the benfit of all Tanzanians whenver emerge issues of differing opinions during implementation of their responsibilities.

He also called on the officials to recognise the main aims regarding their responsibilities which is to spur development to the people

respect boundaries to avoid rows and not conflicts, hence it is Moiionister of state in the minister Angellah Kairuki urged essential to respect each other, cooperate and implement their duties accordingly.

also urged Mpango collaboration between local Councillors and Executive Directors and to do away with the habits by Councillors issuing resolutions against their executive Directors and for the latter not respecting the former.

He also called on local government officials to increase efforts in revenue collection and control expenditure in their areas.

The Vice President also called on Councillors to appropriately manage their councils and plug all avenues for embezzlement of public funds

Likewise, he called on the

President's Office Regional and Administration Local Government (PO-RALG) to take immeiate steps against oifficialss and workers who are found to have embezzled public funds, acts which contribute to some development projects being implemented below standard.

VP appeals to local govt officials to

He also called on local government authorities ofgficials to abide by good governance, eradicate harrassment and violance against women and children, enforce discipline, ethical behaviour and accountabilit

Dr Mpango also called to icrease efforts in environmental conservation and general cleanlisee

For her part, PO-RALG

all local government officials to appropriatels oversee their councils and mobilise the people to participate in various development activities.

She also said her ministry will continue working together with ALAT in assisting local councils invent new revenue sources and apply a push to the 56 councils that have not attained 2bn/- or more revenue collection per year to enable them collect more.

For his part, ALAT Vice chairman, Constantine Sima said the Association, in collaboration with local government authorities has been able to spur them implement their responsibility with achievements and enhance their revenue collections.

for sustainable development.

Rufiji secondary school students face shortage of reading books

By Guardian Correspondent, Rufiji

STUDENTS at Samia Suluhu Hassan Girls secondary school in Rufiji District, Coast Region have appealed for solution to the challenge they face regarding lack of books at the school, the situation that threatens them to perform well in examinations.

Speaking here yesterday on behalf of fellow students, Shymaa Ponela said lack of books at the school is a big challenge they face.

"Another one is water scarcity as the water they get is salty, unfit for both drinking and bathing, but we have to use it nonetheless," she said.

Ponela was addressing the committee comprising officials from the Office of the Zanzibar Cecond Vice President and the committee for the supervision of TASAF Zanzibar both of which visited the school.

The school's headmistress, Rose Ushaki said students at her school are those with Grade A passes in science subjects, hence their responsibility is to ensure they continue to do well in examinations.

"It is a new boarding secondary school, and we expect that when we reopen the school in July, there will be improvements of some of the nagging issues facing the students," she said.

The committees visited Rufiji District, Coat Region to inspect infrastructure projects implemented by TASAF and to learn various challenging issues.

Mmakame Ally Haji from the Zanzibar Second Vice President Office said they believe the school will be a good school and will produce graduates who will be good leaders and spur the country's development drive.

Earlier, submitting his report for the construction of Utete Main Market implemented under TASAF project, Edmund Marcel, Rufiji District executive director said the council received more than 125m/- from TASAF for its construction that started February 9, last year.

Marcel also said Utete Ward residents participated in the market's construction whose efforts were valued at

District's TASAF coordinator, Pamella Bairukila said the District Council continues with its implementation of infrastructure projects in Mgomba and Utete wards.



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Korogwe District Commissioner in Tanga Region, Joketi Mwegelo, participates in the construction of the teachers' house at Magila Gereza primary school during her visit to inspect the various projects in the district yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Manyunyu Girls secondary school faces water, latrines infrastructure

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

MANYUNYU Girls secondary school in Njombe District, Njombe Region is facing various challenges including lack of safe, clean water and pit latrines contributing to lack of privacy to girls during menstrual cycle.

The challenge was raised during the visit at the school by Flaviana Matata, managing director and founder of Flaviana Matata Foundation and Lavy Pads.

Flaviana said her institution, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education will refurbish water infrastructures at the school, including pit latrines and the place to burn disposed sanitary pads in the school area.

"Today is the World Safe Menstruation Day, menstruation is essential for girls to prepare themselves to be mothers, hence what is being talked about is secrecy, but it is a basic issue to be proud of," said Flaviana.

She added that there are still challenges for some communities to see menstruation as a shameful act, hence it is time to correct this

Flaviana Matata Foundation Suzan Cleopas said about 800 students of Manyunyu secondary school were provided with sanitary pads including education on safe menstruation.

For his part, Njombe District secondary education officer, Charles Meshack said that they believe the pads and the education provided will make them do well in their examinations.

The School's assistant headmaster, Noel Mtweve confirmed the challenges facing the school in regard to water and pit latrines the challenges that also affect other schools in the rural areas and commended the step taken by Flaviana Foundation to concentrate in rural schools.

Contracts for Mtwara-Lindi LNG project will be submitted to the Cabinet in July, 2023

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

CONTRACTS for the Mtwara-Lindi Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) project between the government and willing investors will be submitted to the Cabinet early next month for review and approval for implementation starting in the 2023/24 fiscal year.

The cabinet will have time to go through the Host Government Agreement (HGA) and the amended Production Sharing Agreement (PSA) after the ongoing budget sessions ending late this month.

Tabling the 2023/24 budget estimates tuned at 3.49trn/- in the National Assembly vesterday, Energy minister January Makamba said the project worth 98.7trn/-(\$42billion) is meant to process natural gas from blocks 1,2, and 4 in the Indian ocean.

Makamba said the project will contribute to strengthening liquefied gas domestic supply Tanzania obligation (DSO) Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) will be a shareholder in the implementation of the project.

The project is expected to complement the confidence of foreign direct investments. The project involves an upstream, middle and downstream to be executed in Mtwara and Likong'o in Lindi region.

"The ministry has established a strategic department within the ministry to oversee the project alongside opening an office for the same matter. The ministry will through 2023/24 establish a special economic zone within the project area," said Makamba.

According to the minister, through the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) installation of the three compressed Natural gas (CNG) centers kicks off this June.

However, Taga Dalbit has continued with installation of two CNG centers at Julius Nyerere International Airport terminal three and at the Sam Nujoma Posta

grounds in Dar es Salaam.

"The ministry will continue to work with JAICA through the domestic natural gas promotion plan to facilitate supply of LNG in areas far from the main pipeline.,"

Makamba asserted that during the next financial year, TPDC through its GASCO entity will inject 54.85bn/in operation and monitoring of natural gas processing at Songo Songo and Madimba.

The funds will also cater for gas distribution networks in Lindi, Mtwara and Dar es Salaam regions. He said discovered gas has topped 68.02 trillion cubic feet as of April compared to 59.96 trillion cubic feet the corresponding period last

On the other hand, the minister said as of April the government has imported 52,672,409 litres of petrol and 68,173,937 litres of diesel.

He said during the just ending budget subsidy imposed on fuel by the government brought relief for price cut on final consumers of petrol and diesel.

For instance, consumers had a relief of 164/- per petrol litre and 253/- on every litre of diesel.

In their contributions legislators commended the ministry for finalizing the talks with investors of the LNG project which had stalled since 2012.

West Singida legislator Elibariki Kingu said the signing of the LNG contracts will fast track economic activities in the regions of Mtwara and Lindi by boosting the livelihood of individuals.

"The project implementation will add up to production of liquefied gas for domestic consumption and exports towards the shift to clean energy," he said.

Mchinga legislator Salma Kikwete commended the ministry for meeting a mutual decision that will see the project implemented during the 2023/24 financial year.

"The project is not just going to be a blessing for Lindi and Mtwara residents but for all Tanzanians," she said.

Royal Danish Embassy, UNFPA - Tanzania launch the World Population Report 2023

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Royal Danish Embassy in collaboration with the United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) Tanzania launched the State of the World Population Report 2023 on Tuesday as part of activities to mark the Nordic Week.

Mette Nørgaard Dissing-Spandet, Denmark Ambassador to Tanzania said the UNFPA's annual flagship publication, titled: '8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities: the case for rights and choices' highlights the need to focus on people empowerment through provision of rights and choices.

She said Nordic countries will hold a series of inter-active dialogue focusing on cooperation with Tanzania, and development Climate Change'.

During the launch, delegates discussed opportunities, challenges and innovative solutions in advancing rights and choices of the people in the context of population growth and climate change in Tanzania.

Dissing-Spandet said: "As women, men, girls and boys prosper, when they are empowered with sexual and reproductive health rights and choices, so do their families and societies. Empowering them enhances resilience to challenges, including climate change."

UNFPA representative, Mark Bryan Schreiner said half of the future increase in projected global population growth will by 2050 be attributed to just eight countries.

partners under the theme 'Friends in Tackling He said five of those countries that will most younger and older generations to contribute to population growth are in Africa, including Tanzania.

The current size of the global population, and Tanzania's national population of nearly 62 million, has never been seen before. As reported in the 2022 census, Tanzania has an annual population growth rate of 3.2 percent.

Schreiner said the increased population size means that greater investment, new ideas and innovation needed to support individuals to reach their full potential.

"Sexual and reproductive health and rights are key to population wellbeing," he said, adding UNFPA is committed to enhance partnerships to support innovation and solutions together with the government,

address population needs.

Schreiner highlighted the need to invest in young people by building their capacity to contribute to the communities, seize the opportunity reproductive health services," he said.

for socio-economic growth, and yield a demographic dividend. "This growth means that immediate investment is needed in employment, education and health, especially sexual and

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communications manager Warren Bright (L) inspects and collects information from the girls on the vocational and entrepreneurship training they received at Kahama Sisters' centre in Shinyanga Region at the weekend, who are the beneficiaries of the UNFPA project "My Choice My Rights" sponsored by the Finland government with the aim of enabling the girls to meet

their goals. Photo:

United Nations Population Fund

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Govt to build six water dams in Mbarali for collecting water

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

THE government plans to build six dams for harvesting water to be used in various human activities including farming, livestock keeping and for domestic use in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region.

The dams will also address and reduce various conflicts as a result of water scarcity.

Mbarali District is among districts leading in rice production in the country but has been faced by various conflicts including those pitting farmers and herders and small farmers and investors.

The district is also home to conflicts between herders and Ruaha National Park authorities due to some herders introducing their animals inside the Park area in search of pasture and water.

Mbarali Member of Parliament, Francis Mtega made the remarks at a public meeting convened in Chimala Ward in the district, saying the government has promised to build the dams in various areas of the district.

MP Mtega said the dams will be used for harvesting rainwater during rainy seasons that will serve the people during dry seasons.

He said that during President Samia Suluhu Hassan's visit in the district last year, he made a request for the dams as one way to reduce conflicts and that the request was granted and were now waiting for experts to start work.

He also said the dams will spur fishing activities in the district and improve people's nutrition as well as for trade.

Meanwhile, the Mbarali legislator said during last farming season, more than 400 acres of rice fields in the district were in danger of

destruction owing to lack of water, the situation that forced him to abandon parliament sittings and come to the constituency to address the situation.

He said other efforts made by the government was to refurbish irrigation schemes that were in poor condition causing loss of water including, especially at Igumbilo and Isenyela irrigation schemes.

Some residents in the district thanked the government for its decision to build the dams saying the situation had become grave in recent years as water needs have been increasing.

Salion Ole Kurupashi, a herder in Itamboleo area said during dry seasons herders roam about in search of water for their livestock, the move that spurs frequent conflicts with farmers.

For his part, Yona Nayele, a rice farmer in Usangu Valley said the dams to be built will help to increase rice production in their area.



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Online talk show 'VavagaaSoma to address roles of women issues

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

Online talk show 'VavagaaSoma' has highlighted strategies as a blueprint into ensuring women recognition against community systems oppressing their rights focusing to address contemporary issues particularly those relating to women's roles in the society.

Speaking during a dinner session over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, Mary Ndalo, VavagaaSoma programme facilitator said the future plan is to ensure they dig out underlying issues facing women and sometimes men to ensure they don't oppress a girl child.

"VavagaaSoma's major task is to track all oppressive systems upon young girls and women rights through dialogues, poet entertainment and look at ways on how to engage law makers and implementers as a way out to solve the existing challenges," she said.

She added: "We look at how things are on the ground level as well as how women are given a mandate to decide on their own. We look at things in a disciplined way and try to discuss the aspects respecting people's position while bearing in mind that there is something that needs to be done.'

The other designed alternative is to look at how Vavagaa platforms can reach women at different levels based on the differences in education or income to ensure no one is left behind.

Ndalo noted: "Women differ in many things; you cannot compare uneducated women to the one educated, the one with an income versus one with no income. Vavagaa tries to look at such scenarios so that no woman is oppressed."

"We are aware that women face marriage pressure while some wish to get married. Marriage is now observed as success while the fact is that marriage is just a step in life.

There are those destined and those not destined to it due to aspects of death," she stressed.

Soma executive director, Demere Kitunga said storytelling space and room for discussion are among the designed platforms used to capture the youth and other groups' imaginations on certain issues.

"In two years' time, we have received opinions and ideas to implement different projects. Vavagaa chooses people who are stationed in different places working at different levels to raise their passion for women empowerment. The strategy is to swell the numbers as we are definitely ready to work

with those opposing us," she said. Dennis Konga from the Centre for Foreign Relations commended VavagaaSoma for being a space where the voiceless are able to expose their challenges.

"Vavagaa innovation changed the narrative that some challenges are meant to be solved by law makers and implementers. It has created a space for women to discuss matters that were not given priority," he



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UBA Tanzania Dodoma branch manager, Raymond Mwangila (2nd R), hands over 300 books to Msalato secondary school recently aimed to foster a vibrant reading culture among African youth and revive the diminishing habit of reading as part of commemorating African Day. Photo: Guardian

Minister to address herders - Ruaha national park conflict

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

MOHAMED Mchengerwa, Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, has been called to visit Pawaga Division, Iringa District to address the conflict pitting herders in the area and Ruaha National Park wardens.

Herders in the area claim that they were being harassed by the wardens from the park especially when their livestock cross the park

The directive was issued by CCM secretary general, Daniel Chongolo wen speaking to residents in the area as part of his six-day visit in Iringa Region aimed at listening to people's complaints and oversee the party's activities in regard to the 2020 CCM Election Manifesto.

He said many areas the country are plagued by conflicts between herders and National Par authorities, the situation that cause people to hate their government.

"The Natural Resources and Tourism minister will come here to resolve this conflict, but also will listen to you on the issue of elephants invading your farms and destroying crops, if you have not been compensated, he will come here to address that issue as well," Chongolo said.

Nzalamo said his ward borders park area hence it is easy for the livestock to enter the park area, the move that sparks conflicts from park authorities.

He said park officials have been beating herders, sometimes confiscate their livestock, impoverishing them in the process.

Another Councillor from Mboli Ward, Yusuph Kassim said the area reserved for grazing often lack water so often the livestock enter the park area in search of water.

He appealed to the government to build a dam for drinking water, in the same way irrigation schemes

Mlenge Ward Councillor, Msafiri are built for farmers, such as the Mzalendo Scheme built in the same

> Responding to people's complaints, TAWA senior assistant commissioner for the southern highlands zone, Jonas Mwakwati said the solution to the will be found and the conflict will end as the government has put in place a good environment coming to a solution.

> He said they will also educate the people to recognize their boundaries and that it was important for some areas to remain as reserve areas for the benefit of present and future generations.



Simanjiro District Commissioner in Manyara Region, Dr Suleiman Serera (2nd L), hands over 50 desks tostudents of Endiamtu primary school donated by education stakeholders in Mirerani town recently. Left is the school's headteacher Evetha Kyara. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

Young Tanzanians advised to pursue short business courses

By Correspondent Elizabeth Zaya

YOUNG Tanzanians have been advised to pursue short business courses as a solution to the global unemployment challenges.

Dr Donath Olomi, Director of the Institute of Leadership and Entrepreneurship Development (IMED) gave the advice when speaking at a training organised by the institute for purposes of building the capacity to MED's operators and managers from inside and outside Tanzania.

Dr Olomi said the aim of the developing good and legitimate training is to promote, develop and stimulate creativity among young people on how to start and develop a business.

He said during the training, young Tanzanians were imparted with various skills to enable them generate income even without being employed.

He said it is important for graduates from various colleges and universities to grab the various opportunities for selfbusinesses.

"Internship services are one of the important ways to enable young people to start and develop businesses to deal with unemployment challenges within and outside the country."

"It is a service to nurture ideas, businesses and especially innovative ones and have the ability to be self-sufficient, skilful and spread more," said Dr Olomi.

He said the institute fights to employment that includes help various groups with the aims

of ensuring youth become more innovative.

He said participants have been equipped with knowledge on how to analyse and prepare business plans as well as looking for capital and marketing strategies.

"Training like this helps young people to establish their own businesses instead of waiting for formal employment. We encourage graduates to start their own income generating activities since unemployment is now a global challenge," he added.





ONLINE SUPPLIER PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES **FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023 - 2026 (EXTENSION)**

Supply of Cheque Leaf's and Cheque Personalization

Supply of various customized gift hampers.

Supply of general office stationery

Supply various Promotional Materials

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- CRDB Bank Plc is an African Bank and Leading Financial Service Provider in Tanzania with current presence in Tanzania and Burundi and soon to open in DRC Congo. The Bank was established in 1996 and was listed in the Dar-es-salaam stock Exchange (DSE) in June 2019.
- 2. CRDB Bank PLC is currently inviting online applications from all eligible, competent and experienced suppliers to apply for pre-qualification for supply of goods, works and services of different categories as tabulated in item 7 of this advertise-
- Applications will be conducted according to CRDB Bank Plc Procurement Policies and Procedures. Only shortlisted suppliers will be eligible for invitation to quote under competitive procedures each time when needed.
- This is online supplier pre-qualification whereby suppliers shall submit their applications online through CRDB website: www. crdbbank.co.tz
- Overview of selection criteria shall be as follows: -

A. Legal Compliance

- i. Submission of all registration certificates from relevant authority
- ii. Submission of valid business, Certificate of Incorporation or extract from registrar
- iii. Submission of TIN & VAT (for registered)
- iv. Submission of current Tax clearance certificate
- v. Current physical location with valid lease agreement or title deed
- vi. Submission of certified litigation history certificate vii. Submission of all other required information and attachments required during application

Company capabilities, competence and eligibility

- i. Show evidence of at least THREE (3) years' experience in the relevant field
- ii. Submission of CV and copies of certificates for key personnel and technical staff
- iii. Submit at least THREE (3) years of latest AUDITED financial statements
- iv. Demonstrate capabilities in terms of equipment, skills and technology as per requirement in respective tender category
- v. Submission of Company profile

C. Sanction

- i. Submission of correct information of Directors and Shareholders and their scanned copies of Identity Cards (ID) e.g., Driving license, Voter ID, Traveling Passport, National ID
- ii. And submission of all other required information and attachments required during application.
- 6. Only eligible and qualified suppliers with demonstrative experience, compliance with the above application criteria and excellent track record in similar assignments will be considered for this pre-qualification. All existing suppliers and service providers currently operating with CRDB Bank are also
- The list of pre-qualification services is here under, you may apply for single applications or more. Evaluations of supplier pre-qualification will be on an application basis.

SN	DESCRIPTION OF TENDER ITEM
	A: SUPPLY OF GOODS
1	Supply of Furniture, Fittings, Curtains and Vertical blinds
2	Supply of ICT consumables, Tonners and Cartridges
3	Supply, repair, servicing & Maintanance of Fire extinguishers,
	Fire Alarm and all Fire related equipment
4	Supply of Security safe and strong room doors
5	Supply of Branded T-shirts
6	Supply of Motor Vehicles spare parts & Batteries
7	Supply of tires, tubes and Batteries for motor vehicles and
	motorcycles preferably importers, dealers and distributors.
8	Supply and installation of Generators and Generators
	Monitoring tools & spare parts
9	Supply of office equipment
10	Supply of ICT equipment
11	Supply of Mobile Phones and Electronic equipment
12	Supply of ICT Equipment (Desktops, Laptops, Printers,
	Sorters, Counting Machines, etc.
13	Supply of Computers accessories (Mouse, Power cables,
	HDD, RAM etc)
14	Supply of Empty branded Archive boxes
15	Supply of Air conditioners
16	Supply of drinking water for the dispensers
17	Supply and installation of CCTV Cameras and Alarm system

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22	Supply and installation of water pumps and spare parts
23	Supply of Software & Enterprises Solution
24	Supply of Fresh Tropical flowers
25	Supply of Brand New & Used Motor Vehicles
26	Supply of News Papers
27	
	Supply of Sports items & Kits
28	Supply of Safety Materials & First Aid Kits
29	Supply of Power Inverters
30	Supply of ATMs & ATMs spare parts
31	Supply of Staff Uniforms
32	Supply of Rubber stamp
33	Supply of Food Items
34	Supply of Fire Extinguishers and Fire System equipment
35	Supply of Motorbikes, Bicycles & Bajaj
36	Supply of Protofolices, Dicycles & Edgaj Supply of Branded Notebooks, Diaries and Calendars
37	Supply and refill of Generator fuels
38	Supply of Gift Humpers
39	Supply of Home & Office Appliances (TV, Microwaves
	Fridges, etc.)
40	Supply of Customized branded Trophies and Plaques
41	Supply of steel Containers (20ft & 40ft)
	B: SERVICES
42	
42	Provision of Printing Services for Bank forms and other
	stock items
43	Running of CRDB Recreation lounge for selling of Drinks
44	Provision of Fumigation and Pest control services
45	Provision of Property Valuation Services & Collatera
	Management Services
46	Provision of transport services specifically vehicle hire
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	saloon cars, pick-ups double cabin, station wagor
	minibuses and trucks
47	Acquisition and Retention proposal for Merchant and
	Wakala.
48	Provision of Cleaning, Gardening, Sanitary and Hygien
	services
49	Provision of Security and Guarding services
50	Provision of Cash in Transit (CIT) services
51	Provision of Digital/Online Newspapers
52	Provision of Clearing and forwarding services
53	Provision of Marketing and advertising agency services
54	Provision of Auditing & Tax advisory services
55	Provision of PR services
56	Provision of Internet & Data Services
57	Provision of Event Management Services
58	Provision of Courier and Transport services
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	Provision of Auctioning and Debt collection services
60	Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of Air conditioner
61	Provision of Outsourced Drivers
66	Provision of Services and Maintenance of Motor Vehicles
63	Provision of Services and Maintenances of Elevators
64	Provision of Trade Marketing Agency Services
65	Provision of Insurance Services
66	Provision of Digital and Social Media Services
67	Provision of Media Services (Radio and TV).
68	Provision of Media Production services - still photography
	videography, livestreaming music and documentary.
69	Provision of Training services for CRDB staff
70	Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of data cabling
	Network Equipment.
71	Provision of Branding and Signage activities
72	Provision of Hotel accommodation and conference service
73	Provision of Recruitment and HR services
74	Provision of Legal Services
75	Provision of Catering Services
76	Provision of Air, Marine tickets and other Travelling service
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- Provision of Media Monitoring, Photography and Video production. Provision of Media Monitoring services Provision of Quantity surveyors' services 81 Provision of Car wash services Provision of Architectural services 83 Provision of Road Billboards/Signage Hiring Provision of Quality assurance services 85 Provision of Music & DJ services Provision of Creatives, Innovation & Animation Services Provision of Caller Tunes advertising 88 Provision of website content, re-writing & Software development Provision of Marketing Research & Insight Provision of exhibition designing services Provision of Bulk SMS services Provision of Fuel & Car tracking System 92 C: WORKS Building works Contractors (Minor & Major) Specialized works- Electrical Specialized works- Plumbing works Specialized works- Data cabling Specialized works-Intruder Alarm 98 Specialized works- CCTV Camera Specialized works- Fire Alarm 100 | Specialized works- Air Condition
- 8. CRDB Bank Plc reserves the right to request submission of additional information from prospective applicants. Kindly note that all filled pre- qualification application documents should be clear, readable and uploaded in the online pre-qualification
- 9. Pre-qualification forms not filled out completely and submitted in the prescribed manner will not be considered. All documents that form part of the pre-qualification must be attached
- 10. Supplier must declare any conflict of interest in relation to anv member of CRDB Bank staff. CRDB Bank Plc will not procure goods or services from suppliers where the employees are conflicted and have not declared conflict of interest.
- 11. The applicant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the online pre-qualification application and CRDB Bank Plc will not in any case be responsible and liable for the costs incurred.
- 12. CRDB Bank Plc will not be enforceable to disclose reasons for disqualifying any supplier after publication and closure of the online pre - qualification exercise.
- 13. All information given in writing to or shared online with the applicant in connection with this pre-qualification is to be treated as strictly confidential. The applicant shall not share or invoke such information to any third party without the prior written approval of CRDB Bank Plc. This obligation shall continue after the pre-qualification exercise has been completed whether or not the supplier is pre-qualified.
- 14. Prospective applicants must have undertaken successful supply and delivery of goods/services to institutions of similar size and complexity. They must also demonstrate the willingness and commitment to meet the pre-qualification criteria.
- 15. Completion of the pre-qualification documents includes forms and documents required of prospective suppliers/service providers to be considered for pre-qualification. Prospective suppliers must submit all the information herein requested and any applicant who does not meet all the relevant mandatory requirements will be automatically disqualified by the system.
- 16. Interested and qualified applicants should send completed pre-qualification application and other required information as per system requirement before the communicated deadline.
- 17. Whenever there is a need, CRDB Bank Plc will carry out a due diligence exercise for the shortlisted prequalified suppliers which will also include a site visit whenever required.
- 18. Any clarity may be required from the application of the pre-qualification process should be directed to;

Email: info@crdbbank.co.tz Copy to: procurementdesk@crdbbank.co.tz

Phone Numbers: 0222197700; 0800008000; 0714197700; 0755197700:

- 19. All applications must be submitted online through CRDB website: www.crdbbank.co.tz
- 20. Deadline of submission of the application(s) is extended to Thursday, 15th June 2023 at 1700 hours. Thereafter, the application system will automatically close. Pre-qualification application shall be submitted only online through the CRDB website: www.crdbbank.co.tz.

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Kidunda dam project will generate 20MW

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE 335bn/- Kidunda dam project in Morogoro Region will also generate 20MW of electricity, a senior official has unveiled.

Kiula Kingu, acting chief executive officer of the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) said on Tuesday when briefing Morogoro District's members of the safety and security committee who visited the construction

He said upon completion, the dam will have the capacity to store water that can be used for three consecutive years.

Kingu said the Kidunda project will ensure reliable supply.

Kingu said the Kidunda project will ensure reliable supply of water to Upper Ruvu and Lower Ruvu water plants during dry season, noting that the dam will have a tank with the capacity to store 190 litres of harvested rain water.

Other benefits of the project include fishing, tourism, power generation and construction of 101 kilometres of tarmac road. He said construction of the road will benefit residents economically. "The Kidunda dam will ensure the availability of water throughout the year and generate electricity that will go into the national grid," he added.

Morogoro District Commissioner, Rebecca Nsemwa, commended the government for implementing the project, calling upon DAWASA to ensure the project is completed on time so that it benefits Tanzanians.

"We are proud of this project; the government is determined to ensure access to water throughout the year. We are ready to provide support to DAWASA to ensure its successful implementation," said Nsemwa.

Director Wami/Ruvu Basin Water Board Eng. Elibariki Mmassy said they will ensure that water sources that flow to Kidunda dam are protected to guarantee sustainable flow of water. He said efforts will be directed to restrict people from conducting activities including agriculture near the sources.

"We are planning to conduct an assessment of water sources surrounding the Ruvu River; these areas will in future be declared as reserved areas. We have allocated 4bn/ for the exercise," said Eng Mmassy.

Execution of the project is expected to officially start on June 18th this year and will be implemented for three years. Its completion will be a solution to water challenges for people residing in Dar es Salaam and Coastal regions.

Zanzibar to allocate budget to empower its employees

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said his government has the responsibility to allocate a budget to empower its employees, especially the cadre of archivists.

Dr Mwinyi made the call yesterday at the Isles' State House when speaking to the leadership of the Tanzania Records and Archives Management Professionals Association (TRAMPA) at a courtesy call.

He said that the government still has an obligation to send them to study and to increase the capacity of archivists and other public servants to build their professionalism in meeting the needs of their professions, noting that TRAMPA is an example to be emulated by other institutions in the country which is based on high-quality professionalism raise its members professionally and efficiently.

President Mwinyi congratulated President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the decision to bring the big meeting of the TRAMPA party to the islands of Zanzibar, I tell you that apart from achieving the objectives of the meeting, it has also reflected the responsibility of local tourism.

According to Mwinyi, 30 percent of Zanzibar's economy comes from the tourism sector, so the TRAMPA meeting greatly benefited Zanzibar economically and commercially, especially for the public, private and ordinary citizens.

Talking about Tourism issues for the TAMPA members who awarded the President Dr. You will receive a gift of a statue of a Giraffe animal that promotes animal tourism in the country through forest resources and animal parks which are great attractions for visitors and tourists arriving in the country.

Dr Mwinyi said, Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania have a great cooperation in promoting and improving the tourism sector, especially visitors and tourists who are lucky enough to visit Tanzania, on both sides of the Union they are encouraged to visit tourist attractions wherever they reach.

"Here in Zanzibar, we have one thing that we use well, that visitors who want to go to the park, in mainland Tanzania for hunting or just trips to look at animals, either they start there but then they have to come to Zanzibar and if they start here they have to go to the mainland" explained Dr Owner.

He also stated that Tanzania has put in place a good system to continue to promote tourism with all its might, I am telling you that something that has united and continues to put more effort so that all tourists who come to Tanzania even for a few days then have the opportunity to come to Zanzibar and those who start from Zanzibar also go to the mainland.

Dr Mwinyi said the benefits of the TRAMPA meeting in the islands, that it benefited many natives starting from businessmen who own shops, food, hotels, guest houses and even the transport sector including taxi drivers, bodaboda, daladala and other businessmen.

TRAMPA chairperson, Devota Mrope asked the Zanzibar government to cooperate by allowing the custodians to attend the training organized by the association anywhere, inside and outside Zanzibar in order to increase the professionalism and academic ability of those employees.

She said that following the meeting of the Tanzania Personal Secretaries Association (TAPSEA) and TRAMPA held on May 27 this year in Zanzibar, some heads of public institutions failed to allow their employees to participate at the meeting, asking the Zanzibar government to allow them as part of empower them intellectually, professionally and builds efficiency in their professions.

Devota explained the event of the big meeting on May 27, has written a new history in the memory of their cadre and they have also called it a victory for them for successfully meeting together the professionals of the cadre of more than 500 archivists.

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AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Issued pursuant to regulations 7 and 8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014

		(Amounts	in million shillings
		Current Year	Previous Year
١.	ASSETS	31ST DEC 2022	31ST DEC 2021
	Cash	3,573.82	4,139.94
	Balances with Bank of Tanzania	15,319.63	15,821.23
	Investments in Government securities	41,302.46	28,616.54
	Balances with other banks and financial institutions	2,330.04	2,286.05
	Cheques and items for clearing	112.30	102.39
	Inter branch float items	0.00	(10.00
7		0.00	(10.00
	Customer's liabilities for acceptances		
	Interbank Loans Receivables	1,633.80	
	Investments in other securities	1,055.00	
	Loans, advances and overdrafts (net of allowances)	120,847.67	114,715.8
	Other assets	21,097.33	
			20,895.82
13		2,040.20	2,040.20
14			-
	Property, Plant and Equipment	3,646.82	3,845.70
16	TOTAL ASSETS	211,904.07	192,453.68
	LIABILITIES		
17	Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	23,934.24	24,749.7
18	Customer deposits	141,911.42	125,291.43
19	Cash letters of credit	-	-
20	Special deposits	30.08	30.0
	Payment orders/transfers payable	_	-
	Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	23.07	23.0
	Accrued taxes and expenses payable	740.41	434.7
	Acceptances outstanding		
	Interbranch float items	_	
	Unearned income and other deferred charges	1,115.44	1,215.52
	Other liabilities	3,779.38	4,703.72
	Borrowings	11,900.79	8,426.3
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	183,434.82	164,874.67
		28,469.25	27,579.0
. 30	NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	28,469.25	27,579.0
	SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	24,061.90	07.001.00
	Paid up share capital		24,061.90
	Capital reserves	4,183.29	4,183.29
	Retained earnings	(4,540.30)	(3,107.8
	Profit (Loss) account	747.70	(1,644.06
	Other capital accounts	4,016.66	4,085.74
	Minority Interest	-	-
	TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	28,469.25	27,579.0
	Contingent liabilities	9,766.44	8,372.76
	Non performing loans & advances	15,931.90	13,552.1
	Allowances for probable losses	9,518.06	7,018.08
41	Other non performing assets	209.51	209.5
	SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i)	Shareholders Funds to total assets	13.4%	14.39
(ii)	Non performing loans to total gross loans	12.22%	11.1
	Gross loans and advances to total deposits	91.9%	97.25
	Loans and Advances to total assets	57.0%	59.65
	Earning Assets to Total Assets	78.3%	75.55
	Deposits Growth	13.3%	25.99
	Assets growth	10.1%	11.3

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

(Amounts in million shillings)

		(Amounts i	n million shillings)
		Current Year 31ST DEC 2022	Previous Year 31ST DEC 2021
1	Interest Income	28,607.31	27,617.66
2	Interest Expense	13,380.28	11,464.29
3	Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	15,227.03	16,153.37
4	Bad Debts Written-Off	-	-
5	Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	3,874.87	6,503.87
6	Non Interest Income:	11,352.16	9,649.50
	6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	386.11	280.26
	6.2 Fees and Commissions	5,751.72	4,826.43
	6.3 Dividend Income	27.31	34.78
	6.4 Other Operating Income	4,117.08	1,748.73
7	Non Interest Expenses:	10,282.21	6,890.20
	7.1 Salaries and Benefits	9,993.65	9,765.29
	7.2 Fees and Commission	-	-
	7.3 Other Operating Expenses	10,673.38	8,959.26
8	Operating Income/(Loss)	967.35	(2,184.84)
9	Income Tax Provision	219.64	(540.78)
10	Net Income/ (Loss) After Income Tax	747.70	(1,644.06)
11	Other Comprehensive Income (itemize)	142.54	(163.68)
12	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	890.25	(1,807.74)
13	Number of Employees	254	275
14	Basic Earnings Per Share	7.66	(16.84)
15	Number of Branches	9	9
	SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i)	Return on Average Total Assets	0.35%	-0.85%
(ii)	Return on Average Shareholders' Fund	2.63%	-5.96%
(iii)	Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	81.02%	81.26%
(iv)	Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	9.18%	11.11%

		Current Year 31ST DEC 2022	Previous Year 31ST DEC 2021
l:	Cash flow from operating activities:	0.0.1 0.20 2.022	0.01 020 2021
	Net income(loss)	967.35	(2,184.84
	Adjustments for:		-
	- Impairment/Amortization	2,621.16	2,523.99
	- Net change in Loans and Advances	(6,131.86)	(16,649.96
	- Gain/loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
	- Net change in Deposits	16,650.08	25,787.5
	- Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(12,685.92)	5,092.25
	- Net change in Other Liabilities	(21.14)	473.4
	- Net change in Other Assets	(1,043.05)	(301.6
	- Tax Paid	(297.02)	(318.3
	- Others	(585.08)	(3,284.49
	Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(525.49)	11,137.94
H:	Cash flow from investing activities:		
	Dividend Received	27.31	34.7
	Purchase of Fixed Assets	(767.03)	(1,549.6
	Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-
	Purchase of Non- Dealing Securities	-	(217.0)
	Proceeds from Sale of Non-Dealing Securities	_	-
	Others (Purchase of Intangible Assets)	(817.13)	(912.9
	Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(1,556.85)	(2,644.8
H:	Cash flow from financing activities:		
	Repayment of Long-term Debt	(609.30)	(2,425.6
	Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	4,000.00	-
	Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	-	-
	Payment of Cash Dividends	(64.75)	-
	Net Change in Other Borrowings	(846.15)	(901.7
	Others	(917.95)	(933.3
	Net Cash Provided (used) by Financing Activities	1,561.85	(4,260.7
V:	Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
	Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(520.49)	4,232.3
	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	13,775.66	9,782.5
	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Year	13,249.86	13,775.6

CONDENSED STATEMENT C	ONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022								
					(Amor	ants in milli	on shillings)		
	Share capital	Share premium	Retained Earning	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Others	Total		
Current Year 2022									
Balance as at the beginning of the year	24,061.90	4,183.29	(4,751.93)	3,606.80	-	478.94	27,579.01		
Profit for the year	-	-	747.70	-	-	-	747.70		
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	-	142.54	142.54		
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Regulatory Reserve			211.63	(211.63)	-	-	-		
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Others		-	-	-		-	-		
Balance as at the end of the current period	24,061.90	4,183.29	(3,792.60)	3,395.18		621.48	28,469.25		
Previous Year 2021									
Balance as at 1st January 2021	22,741.15	4,104.05	(2,445.53)	2,944.46	-	2,042.62	29,386.75		
Profit for the year		-	(1,644.06)	-	-	-	(1,644.06)		
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	(163.68)	(163.68)		
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Dividends Paid		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(662.35)	662.35	-	-	-		
General Provision Reserve			-			-	-		
Others	1,321	79	-	-	-	(1,400.00)	-		
Balance as at the end of the Previous period	24,061.90	4,183.29	(4,751.93)	3,606.80	-	478.94	27,579.01		

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	Personal Current account	100,000	100		(c)Monthly charges	1,000	n/a	
	Personal Saving account	20,000			(d)Instant account opening balance	5.000	n/a	
	Student account	Free	n/a		(u)nistant account opening balance	5,000	11/4	
	Young Saver account	10,000						
	Joint account	100,000	n/a 100	4	Foreign Exchange Transaction			
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	Young saver account	Free	n/a		5 Lending			
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					(c)Early repayment	50% of future interes	,	
	(d) Fees per ATM withdrawal - UMOJA VISA (On Us)	1,300	n/a				1	
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We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information

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World can gear up for the fight against cancer

rising cancer incidence and mortality and is increasing the number of cancer treatment centres. Of 40,464 new cases in 2020, the leading cancers were cervical breast and prostate. The Foundation for Cancer Care in Tanzania enhances cancer care to improve the lives of citizens of Tanzania through prevention education programs, early detection and diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer reported that "cancer is now the world's biggest killer, with the number of cases set to explode" to 24 million a year by 2035.

Joining experts from around the globe at the World Cancer Congress in Melbourne five years ago, the question running through our minds is: how much more evidence is needed before the world steps up action on cancer prevention?

Put simply, we are experiencing what the World Health Organisation describes as a cancer epidemic, and the scale of the problem means that humanity will not be able to treat its way out of it. We urgently need to focus on prevention. World Cancer Research Fund International's systematic, and rigorous analysis of global research shows that there is a strong link between being overweight, obese and an increased risk of nine cancers - ovarian, advanced prostate, bowel, kidney, gallbladder, womb, oesophageal, pancreatic and postmenopausal breast cancer - and that about a third of the most common cancers can be prevented through diet, weight and physical activity. Globally, about 2.8 million cases of cancer a year are preventable.

And it looks as though world

ANZANIA is experiencing leaders are beginning to take cancer prevention seriously. Recent examples include the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Action Plan on NCDs 2013-2020, the WHO Regional Committee for Europe's new five-year Food and Nutrition Action Plan (adopted this September); the new European Code Against Cancer (launched in October) which provides 12 ways for people to adopt healthier lifestyles and boost cancer prevention; and world governments attending the Second International Conference on Nutrition adopting the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action in November 2014. addressed malnutrition including overweight and obesity - in all its forms. But much more needs to be done - by everyone; because so far, the world has been dancing a slow waltz, when it's actually a much faster, quickstep that's required. This means that governments, cancer charities and health professionals across the world need to work collaboratively - and across sectors

> commitments are no longer enough, it's concrete and immediate action that's needed. There is no single solution, so governments need to implement multi-sectoral comprehensive,

- to create comprehensive, and

urgent behaviour change across

populations, food systems and food environments. Words and

cancer prevention policies. National governments, the cancer community and health professionals have a long way to go to address the lifestyle factors of overweight, lack of physical activity, poor diet and alcohol linked with cancer. We need to maintain efforts already underway while accepting that a sustainable approach to the problem will require more than

a focus on individual responsibility.

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The lead-free water pledge - steps towards a future of lead-free drinking water

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T the UN Water Conference in March the Water Institute the University of North Carolina (UNC) along with several key partners, including UNICEF, Water Aid, the World Health Organisation, and the governments of Ghana, Uganda, and South Africa, among others, organised a session centered around the elimination of lead in drinking water across the globe.

During the session, the various institutional partners articulated a vision of eliminating lead from all drinking water supplies by 2040. This vision, dubbed the "Global Pledge to Protect Drinking Water from Lead" (Lead-Free Water Pledge, for short), begins by outlining concrete steps for phasing drinking water systems by 2030.

billions) of people to futures of health issues and reduced earning potentials in the decades to come. Free Water Pledge is one of many necessary steps that we as a global society must take to ensure access to safe drinking water to people around the world

approach recognises complexity of eliminating lead from drinking water systems. On the one hand, lead is a problem in existing systems. On the other hand, many new drinking water systems are being constructed as much of the Global South develops and urbanizes; these new systems are being constructed with parts or components that contain and leach lead into the water.

As evidenced by efforts to address lead in drinking water in the United States, the first step of identifying areas affected by lead contamination is both financially and technically onerous. Because mitigation is more expensive than prevention, ensuring that new water systems are constructed in accordance to standards the prevent the leaching of lead is lowhanging fruit in the broader effort to eliminate lead from drinking

Globally, exposure to lead is

By Ahmed el-Khattabi and Aaron of disease, accounting for an for instance, all have statutory to ensure countries that sign on to estimated 0.9 million deaths per year and 30% of developmental disability from unknown origins. Young children and infants are particularly sensitive to the harmful effects of lead. Current statistics suggest that approximately one in three children worldwide have elevated blood lead levels.

Lead is seldom, if ever, found to be naturally occurring in bodies of water, such as rivers or lakes. Lead is also rarely present in water leaving water treatment plants. Yet, lead in drinking water is a global concern.

Lead in drinking water constitutes a significant portion of a person's exposure to lead in countries around the world. In the US, lead in drinking water is a significant issue that affects households in almost every state. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that drinking water can account for at least 20 per cent of a person's total exposure to lead; this estimate can increase up to 60% for infants who mostly consume mixed formula. A 2021 study by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill examining water supplies in sub-Saharan found that nearly 80 per cent per cent of drinking water systems were contaminated with lead. Of these systems, approximately 9 per cent of drinking water samples across several countries had lead concentrations that exceeded the World Health Organization (WHO) guideline value of 10 parts per billion (ppb).

Lead contamination of drinking water supplies is entirely preventable: lead finds its way into drinking water from leadcontaining plumbing materials used throughout drinking water systems. Notably, lead can leach into water from lead-based solder used to join pipes, lead-containing brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and fixtures, and the wearing-away of old lead service lines.

Regulations around lead in drinking water are insufficient

There is no safe level of exposure to lead. Even low levels of exposure can be harmful to human health and can cause damage to the central and peripheral nervous system, cognitive impairments, stunt growth, and impair the formation and function of blood cells, among other harmful effects.

Many countries around the world have regulations in place to reduce or limit the amount of lead in drinking water. The European Union, China, and Japan, commitment mechanism in place

limits of 10 ppb; Canada and Australia have published guidelines recommending limits of 5 and 10 ppb, respectively. In the US, the EPA set the maximum contaminant level for lead at 15 ppb.

Except for the US, however, none of the existing national-level regulations have goals place to eliminate lead from drinking water. In 2022, the EPA issued the Revised Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) setting the maximum contaminant level goal for lead in drinking water at zero. As part of the revised LCR, water systems have to create lead service line inventories to better identify areas where they may possible lead in drinking water. Creating this inventory, however, is proving to be financial and technologically onerous for many water systems because it requires both a significant financial investment and having access to staff with technical expertise in GIS or data modeling.

Delivering on the Pledge

The Lead-Free Water Pledge is not the first global initiative to reduce exposure to lead. Notably, one of the most successful public health initiatives over the previous century has been to remove the use of lead in gasoline. For context, lead was commonly used as an additive in gasoline since the 1920s when it was discovered that the addition of lead reduced engine knock allowing engines to run more smoothly.

Though the harmful health effects of lead were almost immediately apparent, it took close to a century for global action to gather any meaningful momentum to eliminate its use. As of 2021, all but one country has banned the use of lead as an additive in fuels because of concerted efforts by the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles and other like-minded organizations.

As illustrated by the effort to remove lead from gasoline, delivering on the pledge to remove lead from drinking water by 2040 will require non-trivial amounts of effort. First, countries must sign on to the pledge and take it on as a priority. So far, three African countries--Ghana, Uganda, and South Africa--have made firm commitments to eliminating lead from drinking water by 2040. Though the United States' policies are fully consistent with the Lead-Free Water Pledge, it has yet to

Second, there must also be a

the pledge take meaningful actions towards eliminating lead in drinking water. National governments will have to set up systems to ensure new treatment plants follow international standards, support the training and certification of professionals to oversee the construction of safe drinking water systems, ensure affordable access to fittings and other plumbing materials that meet standards for lead in drinking water, among other commitments.

The dual problem of both gathering momentum implementing a commitment mechanism to ensure progress is not unique to the Lead-Free Water Pledge: the UN Water Conference in 2023 culminated in over 200 similar sorts of commitments, pledges, or agreements.

Given that the next UN Water Conference of the sort that took place in March 2023 wouldn't take place until 2030 (at the earliest), the need for spaces that decisionmakers and researchers from different parts of the world working on particular issues, such as the elimination of lead from drinking water, can use to come together to flesh out details, report on progress, and hold each other accountable is paramount.

A logical step in the right direction would be to take advantage of all the current meetings to create the space for meaningful discussions and actions around lead. To that end, the UNC Water & Health conference is ideally suited to serve as a space to follow-up on the Lead-Free Water Pledge and other commitments made at the UN Water Conference. The yearly conference hosted by the Water Institute each fall is already a gathering place for experts on water sanitation & hygiene in both developing and developed countries.

As long as lead is present in drinking water, we as a society are condemning millions (if not billions) of people to futures of health issues and reduced earning potentials in the decades to come. The vision articulated by the Lead-Free Water Pledge is one of many necessary steps that we as a global society must take to ensure access to safe drinking water to people around the world. We are grateful for the commitments made by Ghana, Uganda, and South Africa and are proud that Africa is taking the lead in tackling such a fundamental issue to ensure a more water secure

With better plans, Africa can feed its own refugees

FUNDING crisis is besieging the World Food Programme, especially in its operations in refugee camps in Western Tanzania. An acute funding crisis whose environment is clearly understandable, given the scale of catastrophe besieging the eastern swathe of Africa alone, both from war and natural calamities. has its resources quite simply overstretched. It is pushed into cutting refugees' ratios.

The country director for the WFP said in a press conference that more than 200,000 refugees hosted in Kigoma region camps face the prospect of halved rations due to the funding shortage. In other words the issue isn't accessibility of grain but simply the money to purchase it, and that is why we in Africa ought to take a hard look at the situation. For East Africa to feed its refugees is like caring that your neighbour has problems and you ought to offer a hand there.

Decidedly this wasn't said by the senior resident UN official as diplomats aren;t there to remprimand their host governments, but it is true that with better plans or arrangements we in East Africa could do better at aiding our refugees. Kenya has had a vast Somali population at the Daadab camp in the north east, and we hear more about terror threats arising from there, not food shortages. This isn't a matter that public officials abode, political parties or NGOs; it is psychological.

One good thing is that UN agencies have plenty of officials who are inclined to see Africa's internal moods and orientations more or less positively, otherwise it is possible they could have expressed some disquiet. But especially from a pan-Africanist position upon which Africa Day was marked recently on May 25, we ought to take a hard look at the situation especially for refugees on our territory. Even if we don't actually relieve the WFP of onerous duties, we need to top up.

There is at the same time mechanisms to enable most refugees to produce if not most of their own grain needs, make other products to exchange for grain, and then obtain topping up from WFP or host government(s). Traditional farming arrangements require that they access land, which is hard in camps though in many ways they eventually set up homes and farm. These days there are other methods where buckets, plastic drums (cut in halves) can hold vegetables, etc.

It must be admitted that WFP's diminished abilities isn't just a lack of money on its side but also a reflection of changing global budgeting and UN capacities. At independence Africa looked a dwarf to Europe and others, even minors in many regards, unlike at present where big powers seek alliances with African states. Our markets matter more, our projects matter to their volumes of business,

It is not clear what will be the fallout in cutting down the rations to 50 percent next month, an apoeal issued so that the host country perhaps try something. In case Burundi feels the same as well somethibng could be done, but that isn't assured. Authorities could sound out other agencies which can empowe the refugees to plant quick maturing grain or vegetables to help make ends meet. It looks complicated as we are used to WFP doing everything, but with the rising population and the deep implications of intra-regional chaos, we have to adapt.

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Lead in Drinking Water is a Global

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Of teachers who hold onto their notes written decades ago

By Thomas Lyima

EACHING as a profession inherently has some elements of conservatism. And some teachers are more conservative than followers of the United States' Grand Old Party (Republican) or the UK's Conservative

It is common for some teachers to use the same notes for years. When asked why, they simply answer 'The syllabus has not changed.' And a syllabus change in our country takes at least a decade unless some factors intervene. But in most cases I know, such teachers remain confident and the business continues as usual.

Most of them resort to a busy schedule which is the nature of teaching profession as a reason for failure to update notes. Teachers unlike those in other professions, are of different nature hence and different perspective and approach to issues. This is because it is experience and results that matter hence no need to change with time.

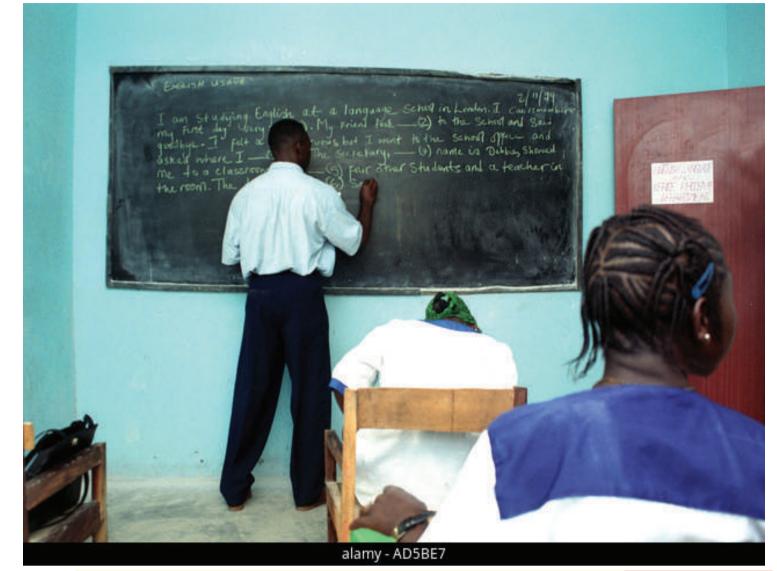
However, it is necessary to always remind such conservative teachers of the basic teaching principles which are universal so as to maintain the set standards of because education should mean more than just learners passing exams.

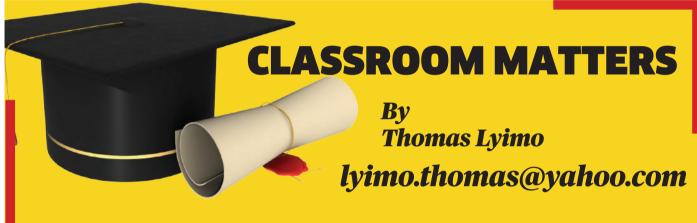
It is this idea of business as usual that is rampant not only in education but also in other sectors that makes teachers rigid. Teachers should know that they do not teach because they are inspected but because the government and the public at large has entrusted them with a responsibility of creating a better future for Tanzanians through education.

Some teachers argue that it is not possible to write notes regularly because there are other worthy attending to. Most of them say that they can simply update notes while teaching therefore there is no need to write new notes every year.

These folks fail to consider the fact that teachers are gifted differently. The truth is that very few are talented enough to deliver materials without notes while majority need guidance updated notes with relevant recent examples.

It should be emphasized that





demonstrate brilliance or talents like they teach lest they waste their time. in sports but concentrating in making

teaching is not a competition to should consider the level of learners means more learners from primary

Some say the load is too heavy sure that learners understand. Teachers because the fee-free education policy

school to form six but with the nearly the same number of teachers. That is why it is heart-warming to hear that the

government considers employing new teachers.

The presence of new books poses a challenge to teachers who do not want to update their notes. How can learners access the new information in books that are written from time to time if teachers are not updating their notes regularly? Most learners do not read books on their own and but rely on teachers' notes. Most learners cherish teachers' notes because it is from the materials that tests and exams are set.

In the course of teaching, a good teacher must evaluate his or her teaching and progress of learners. In doing so, they may find some faults as human beings are not perfect. It may be noted or discovered that the previous notes were so bulky above learners' comprehension or they were too short to provide expected knowledge.

A teacher should consider understanding of learners in the teaching and learning process. All groups of learners, the fast ones and the struggling should be considered hence notes which meet demands of all pupils. A good teacher should be the one who promotes fast learners to excel more and help those struggling to register the best performance they can.

Teaching is balancing the interests and demands of learners. Although it is hard to satisfy everybody, regular updating of notes can reduce chances of leaving other learners behind. Learners like and enjoy new things and not the old ones.

As the world is rapidly changing with a lot of research and innovations which should reach pupils in some ways, teachers being the ones to update pupils with the new findings and innovation in education cannot escape regular update of their notes. A teacher is bound to act as a meteorological station which updates people of the weather condition regularly.

Teaching should regard the current situation with radical changes in terms of science, technology and innovation. The world has gone with online media and e-commerce. All these concepts cannot be captured if conservative teachers hold onto their neatly written but date back to decades ago. A good teacher is a flexible one.

Businesses have to hire communication experts or risk downward spiral

By Salutaris Liganga

T is a foregone conclusion that for a business entity, effective communication is critical both at workplace as well as outside parties such as customers, suppliers, business partners and the general public.

At workplace level, it has been established that this boosts employee morale, engagement, productivity and satisfaction. Communication is also key for better team collaboration and cooperation. Ultimately, effective workcommunication helps drive better results for individuals, teams, and organizations.

To the contrary, lack of effective communication leads to build-up of grievances, frictions, rumours, speculations and even lies that can demoralize workers and cause poor service and finally huge losses to the company.

Effective communication is vital in every aspect of running a business. Whether it's marketing to customers, conducting sales, instructing employees or engaging in negotiations, the ability to communicate well can determine the success or failure of a business.

In 2020 for instance, the most authoritative document to elaborate **Effective Listening Utilizing Feedback** Regulating Information Flow Create An **Effective** Two-Way **Environment of** Communication Communication Trust and **Skills** Confidence Use of Simple Reduce Psychological Avoid Information Overload Languages Barrriers

> the importance of effective communication is 'The Cost of Poor Communications', a document prepared by Holmes Report-a voice of the global PR industry way back

The report found that the cost of poor communication has hit an overwhelming USD37 billion by then. The report which can be found online further highlights that 400 surveyed corporations in the United States and the United Kingdom, each employing over 100,000 individuals, estimated an average annual cost of USD62.4 million in lost productivity due to communication barriers. These alarming statistics highlight the urgent need for businesses to address communication challenges and find solutions. To address these challenges, implementing a formal communication plan becomes essential. It not only resolves existing miscommunication issues but also serves as a preventive measure against potential problems that may arise.

It is only a well-trained expert who can help a business develop a sound communication plan which is an official document that outlines the organization's means,

ecution of communication with its stakeholders.

This vital document establishes clear guidelines, channels and processes that ensure information flows smoothly within and outside a specific business entity hence leading to improved collaboration, increased productivity and ultimately, better business outcomes.

One of the benefits of having a communication plan is that it can help a business establish a clear brand identity that resonates with its target audience through consistent visibility across both mainstream and online media. techniques and proper ex- Its reward is trust, credibility and differentiation from competitors.

Moreover, a communication plan facilitates business entities to establish clear lines of communication between different departments and ensure that everyone is aligned. This helps to avoid misunderstandings, improve collaboration and restructure workflows, leading to solid internal communication. As well, a communication plan empowers business entities to communicate changes in policies or procedures, keep employees informed about company news and updates and encourage a positive company

Another key benefit of a communication plan is that it can help businesses build strong customer relationships. By developing a comprehensive communication strategy that incorporates social media, email marketing and other channels, businesses can engage with customers regularly, answer their questions and provide them with valuable information. This cultivates customer loyalty, generates leads and fos-

ters business growth. Also, it enhances employee engagement. A formal communication plan fosters a culture of open communication within the organization, allowing employees to feel valued, informed, and involved. This leads to higher levels of engagement, increased morale, and a sense of belongingness in the com-

pany's goals and success. Finally, a communication plan enables business entities to prepare for crises and respond to them effectively. Whether it's a product recall, a data leak and information tempering or a natural disaster, having a crisis communication plan ensures prompt and efficient communication with stakeholders.

This is important because professional communication in crisis management minimizes

damage to the brand reputation and maintains customer trust. A communication plan should include clear protocols for responding to crises, including who is responsible for communicating with different stakeholders, what messaging to be used and how communication is to be delivered.

Fellows working in the field of communication such as journalists know this the hard way. When they seek certain information and every person asked says 'I am not authorized to speak.' That is effective communication plan at work. When everybody speaks, a bad situation can be made worse.

In short, a communication plan is vital for businesses to establish a brand identity, improve internal communication, enhance customer relationships and prepare for crises. By investing in a communication plan, companies build strong stakeholder relationships, achieve goals and ensure long-term success. Investing in effective communication is crucial in today's competitive landscape.

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Climate carnage: A lot of talk, little action makes things worse

LEASE stop repeating all this softened wording, such as climate change, climaterelated hazards, climate crisis, or extreme weather events and just call it what it really is: climate car-

Indeed, several scientific findings, released ahead of the 2023 World Environment Day (5 June), staggeringly indicate that the world-spread climate carnage is predicted to hit all-time records.

See: global temperatures are set to break records during the next five years, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on 17 May 2023 alerted.

Warmest year ever

"There is a 98% likelihood that at least one of the next five years, and the five-year period, will be the warmest on re-

The world-leading meteorological body then informs that such a rise is fuelled by heat-trapping greenhouse gases and a naturally occurring El Niño weather pattern.

El Niño is a naturally occurring climate pattern associated with the warming of the ocean surface temperatures in the Central and Eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. It occurs on average every two to seven years, and episodes usually last nine to 12 months.

El Niño steers weather patterns around the world, WMO further explains, "can aggravate extreme weather events," and its events are typically associated with increased rainfall in parts of southern South America, the Southern United States, the Horn of Africa and Central Asia.

"This year is already predicted to be hotter than 2022 and the fifth or sixth hottest year on record. 2024 could be even hotter as the impact of the weather phenomenon sets in.

'Staggering rise'

Mind you: This WMO report is just an update that would be logically expected. Indeed, it actually adds to earlier reiterated findings about the worse to come.

For instance, the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) has now reported on the "Staggering' rise in climate emergencies in the last 20

According to its report, there has already been an 80% increase in the number of people affected by disasters since 2015.

Out of control

"However, many of the lessons from past disasters have been ignored."

The consequences are that now a steadily increasing number of people are being affected by larger, ever more complex and more expensive disasters because decisionmakers are failing to put people first and prevent risks from becoming dis-

"Many of these disasters are climate-related, and in light of the latest warnings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), countries are likely to face even worse disasters if global temperatures continue to

"Brutally unequal"

The impacts are "brutally unequal," with developing countries hit the hardest, as highlighted by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

Its report multi-country review points to the rapid accumulation of risk that is building up, intersecting with the risks of breaching planetary boundaries, biodiversity and ecosystem limits which is spiralling out of

Not so new, anyway. Indeed the UNDRR chief. Mami Mizutori, reminded already at the end of 2020 that the international community pledged in Paris in 2015 to reduce global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

'Uninhabitable hell'

However, she added, "It was "baffling" that nations were continuing knowingly "to sow the seeds of our own destruction, despite the science and evidence that we are turning our only home into an uninhabitable hell for millions of people".

One doesn't have to



The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction has now re-ported on the Staggering' rise in climate emergencies in the last 20

look hard to find examples of how disasters are becoming worse, said Mami Mizutori. "The sad fact is that many of these disasters are preventable because they are caused by human decisions."

The point is that already a year ago, the UNDRR warned that "by deliberately ignoring risk, the World is bankrolling its own de-

But this should not be surprising: many fingers have been pointing to the responsibility of the short-sighted politicians, who are too often influenced by the powerful money-making business, that they end up turning a blind eye on such mass destruction.

Drought, heat "100 times more likely"

On 5 May 2023, the World Meteorological Organization reported that climate 'change' made both the devastating drought in the Horn of Africa and the record April temperatures in the Western Mediterranean at least 100 times more likely.

Regarding the Horn of Africa,

it said that the drought was made much more severe because of the low rainfall and increased evaporation caused by higher temperatures in a world which is now nearly 1.2°C warmer than pre-industrial times.

Mediterranean heatwave

In late April, parts of Southwestern Europe and North Africa experienced a massive heatwave that brought extremely high temperatures never previously recorded in the region at this time of the year, with temperatures reaching 36.9 - 41 °C in the four countries.

"The event broke temperature records by a large margin, against the backdrop of an intense drought."

"The intense heat wave came on top of a preexisting multiyear drought, exacerbating the lack of water in Western Mediterranean regions and threatening the 2023 crop yield."

Spreading everywhere

Across the world, climate

change has made heat waves more common, longer and hotter, reports WMO based on researchers' analysis that looked at the average of the maximum temperature for three consecutive days in April across southern Spain and Portugal, most of Morocco and the northwest part of Algeria.

Crops under threat

As other analyses of extreme heat in Europe have found, "extreme temperatures are increasing faster in the region than climate models have predicted," said the researchers.

Until overall greenhouse gas emissions are halted, global temperatures will continue to increase and events like these will become more frequent and

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And the carnage goes on

In short, the ongoing climate carnage is expected to move from the worst to the worst.

And anyway, the term 'carnage' should not sound at all new.

Indeed, it was already spelt out by the United Nations' top chief, António Guterres, in September 2022, following his field visit to the vast Pakistan's regions impacted by unprecedented devastating floods.

The people of Pakistan are the victims of "a grim calculus of climate injustice", said Guterres, reminding that while the country was responsible for less than 1% of global greenhouse gas emissions, it is paying a "supersized price for man-made climate change".

The UN chief stated that he saw in those regions "a level of climate carnage beyond imagination."

By the way, do you expect that the coming COP28 in Dubai (November 30th-December 12th, 2023) will come out with anything different from the usual 'politically correct," "radical chic" statements?

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Project restores hope to vulnerable girls affected by GBV

By Felister Peter

ARIOUS interventions have been taken by the government and stakeholders in ensuring adolescent girls and young women are safe, economically independent and protected from being infected with sexual diseases and HIV.

In southern highland regions-Mbeya, Katavi, Songwe, Rukwa and Ruvuma, the Henry Jackson Foundation Military Research International (HJFMRI) with funding from the US government's President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEP-FAR) through the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research- Department of Defence (WRAIR-DOD) supports adolescent girls through provision of education, vocational training and entrepreneurial skills.

Through the Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) program, over 75,000 adolescent girls aged between 15 and 24 years have so far benefitted in Mbeya, Kyela and Mbarali districts.

Clovetha Mathias (19) from Igurusi ward in Mbarali District is one of the program beneficiaries who joined DREAMS in June 2022 after going through various challenges associated with poor living conditions in her family.

"I have both parents but they are poor and could not afford to provide me with what I needed as a girl. My dad is a farmer while my mother does not have any business," said the young girl, noting in 2021, she started engaging in sexual relationship with a man near their home; only to be given money to purchase food for her family and other

She said after months, the man started to misbehave and sometimes refused to give her money. She said the situation forced her to start dating

other men while her parents believed that she was temporarily employed at paddy farms.

"I had unprotected sex with a number of men as I struggled to look for money to feed my family. I later on suffered from sexual diseases and treated them with traditional medicines because I didn't have money to go to hospital," she narrated.

Mathias added: "On Iune 2022, I met a peer educator from Tumaini Community Services Organization that works with HJFMRI. She told me about DREAMS and its benefits; soon after I joined the program, I was educated and assisted to go for an HIV test, but thank God the results were negative.

She said health practitioners advised her to use the pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent herself from HIV because she still had a number of sexual partners.

"I am thankful to the U.S government for funding this program because I have acquired life and business skills. I am now a tailor and an entrepreneur, selling rice, groundnuts and beans," she said adding the generated income caters for herself and her family.

Narrating her story, Juness Mwaisaka (18) from Ilolo Street in Igurusi ward said: "Things changed when my father died, my mother is HIV positive with no income generating activities, and she fully depend on me."

Mwaisaka worked as a housemaid in Tunduma town where she found herself in trouble after her boss asked her for sex. She returned back to Mbarali in 2021 where she had sexual relationships with multiple partners, some of whom did not want to use condoms.

She was enrolled for the program in July 2022 after being convinced by a friend and with the acguired skills and education from trained work-



Clovetha Mathias, a beneficiary of the PEP-FAR funded DREAMS programme in Mbarali Dis-trict, Mbeya Region. Photo: Felister Peter ers, she now owns a kiosk.

"My life has changed; I am aware of GBV and could report such incidents with no fear. I have knowledge about HIV and ways to protect myself from being infected," said Mwaisaka, stressing to be a good ambassador of the program.

Data shows that adolescent girls and young women account for 74 percent of new HIV infections among all adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa and nearly 1,000 of them were infected with HIV every day.

Anuciata from Tumaini Community Services Organization is the DREAMS Program Coordinator in Mbarali District, said the program is currently implemented in 20 wards for purposes of reducing new HIV infections among vulnerable adolescent girls and young women at risks of being infected.

"We are targeting girls with multiple sex partners, those engaging in unprotected sex, GBV victims as well as those with a history of suffering from sexually transmitted diseases," said Mwamengo.

She said, to achieve targeted goals, girls are educated on safe sex and ways to prevent themselves from being infected that includes the use of condoms. She said the offered services are categorized in two groupsprimary and secondary whereas primary services

are provided to all the girls. Primary services include HIV/Aids counselling and testing and proper use of condoms, she said, noting girls are educated on business skills as well as GBV and its impacts.

Mwamengo said secondary services include positive parenting which is provided to girls expecting kids as well as those with children. Girls under this plan attend 14 sessions.

She added that girls diagnosed with HIV are assisted to enroll for treatment at healthcare centres, while those still at risk of being achievements of the proinfected are provided with PrEP; services to the girls are offered in a friendly environment at created tents to ensure confidentiality.

"We empower girls economically by linking them with savings and credit

groups. We train them on tailoring, hair dressing, soap and shampoo making and tie-dyeing. All these efforts are meant to make girls independent economically," she said, noting some of the girls have been registered for further training at Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA).

Dr Stella Moses, In-Charge at the Kiwanjampaka health centre in Mbeya District said: "Girls seeking medical treatment at the DREAMS special tent here are treated with confidentiality. We are thankful to PEPFAR as services were previously offered unfriendly at

Moses said they are working closely with the police gender desk and social welfare officers in offering some services including provision of PrEP and post GBV care.

Highlighting the various gram, Moses said there have been an increased number of girls seeking health services at the DREAMS created tent, linking the successes with provision of expertise friendly services offered by professional trained health

Dr Kennedy Ojuang, GBV and DREAMS Advisor at HJFMRI commend the U.S government for the enormous support saying a lot has been done in 20 years of PEPFAR services in our country. He said the program has benefited over 75,000 girls until March this vear.

care workers.

Dr Ojuang said once enrolled for the program, they are linked to savings and credit groups whereas they do meet at created 'safe spaces' at different locations within the district. He said at 'safe places' girls also learn about HIV and gender based violence (GBV) prevention.

"We educate them on GBV so that they are able to report such cases to responsible authorities such as the police gender desk. Most of the girls enrolled for the program have been through various forms of GBV," he remarked.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera commended PEPFAR for supporting various HIV/ Aids interventions since the region ranks 3rd nationally with an infected rate of 9.3

percent. The national infection rate is 4.7 percent.

Homera said in achieving the UNAIDS 95, 95, 95 that aims at eliminating the disease by 2030, HJFMRI with funding from PEPFAR through WRAIR-DOD has until March this year reached 109,332 people out of 142,492 who are likely to be living with HIV in Mbeya.

The RC said that out of the total number of people reached, 108,197 were diagnosed HIV+ and have been enrolled for ARV drugs. The target was to enroll 109,332 infected individuals. He said on this, the region has achieved the set goals by 99.9 percent.

"One the third goal of ensuring those on ARVs have their viral load suppressed, we have achieved the set target by 98.1 percent as a total of 92,043 on ARVs had their viral load suppressed by March 2023," stated the RC.

Coordinator, Tanzania Commission for Aids (TA-CAIDS) in Mbeva Region, Emmanuel Petro said: "We are grateful to the U.S government for facilitating implementation of various projects towards the fight against HIV/Aids in the country."

Providing girls with behavior change education and linking them with savings and credit cooperative society helps them to establish small businesses, thus becoming financially independent, said Petro.

He said to enhance access to HIV/Aids treatment, 89 wards in the three districts have been reached while 47 health centres have been capacitated to provide all the necessary services, including provision of ARV, treatment of sexually transmitted diseases and education on the use of condoms to avoid new HIV infections.

So far 200 service providers have been trained on best ways to provide medical treatment to the girls and make referrals.

Natural gas extraction benefits the villagers in Mtwara District

By Guardian Correspondent, Mtwara

SIMBATI villagers in Mtwara District expressed hopes of benefiting from the discovery of natural gas which includes implementation of various development projects.

They made the remarks recently when speaking in separate interviews with this paper, noting the discovery of natural gas has improved their welfare.

Zuhura Bahari, one of the villagers said natural gas has been beneficial to them following implementation of various water projects, whereas they are now getting clean and safe water. She said residents in the area have access to free gas services.

Msimbati Ward Executive Officer, Esha Chilonda said natural gas discoveries have been beneficial to the villagers as teachers' houses have been constructed. He added that through gas projects, school buildings have been renovated, classrooms, desks, pit latrines and a village dispensary.

"Not only Msimbati, other villages such as Mtande, Ruvula and Mnuyo are also benefiting from the natural gas projects," Chilonda.

He however noted that during Covid-19, implementation of most of the development projects were suspended, but, starting this year, they have started to execute them.

He said the projects are geared to improve people's welfare thus empowering them economically.

According to Chilonda, villagers are assisted to establish savings and credit groups where they can easily access loans to start small businesses. He said most of the villagers would like to do business as well as engage in commercial agriculture.

Msimbati Village Chairman, Ismail Kondo said after the start of natural gas extraction, living conditions of many people have changed economically. He said the projects have employed most of the young people from Msimbati village.

Joan Ngwale, Communications Officer from Maurel and Prom, an oil and gas exploration and Production Company, said the firm's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy requires it to support the community through provision of various servic-

She said they have so far provided medical equipment to Migula dispensary, adding they are implementing a number of strategies aimed to empower people economically.

UNCDF challenges youth to utilise programmes for economic prowess

By Correspondent, Carlos Banda

THE United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) Financial Expert, Paul Damocha has called on Tanzanian youth to utilize new opportunities to attain financial assistance to realize the entrepreneurial success in innovation and technology as a gateway to boost the country's economic development.

Damocha made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam when launching the Second call for funding applications for impact-driven start-ups through its FUNGUO Innovation Programme (FUNGUO), a project under the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in partnership with the European Union (EU) and UNCDF.

He highlighted that the project targets to help entrepreneurs access financial support to run their businesses, "It is not easy for youths to have access to money from banking institutions. The project is a gateway to help youth meet the requirements needed from them before they become eligible for capital loans and any forms fiscal grants from financial institutions," said Damocha.

The Second call for funding applications is a progression from last year's first call launch back in June, where FUNGUO delivered the first cohort of 26 impact-driven start-ups that secured over 2.6bn/-

billion in catalytic funding, projected to create or sustain up to 2,300 jobs for young men and women by the year 2024. The ripple effects of this funding have been exponential, showcasing the tangible impact of FUNGUO's commitment to fostering entrepreneurial success.

For this year, the call is valued at 1.4bn/-, bringing the total catalytic funding commitment to 4bn/-, whereby, through targeted catalytic funding complemented with a technical assistance package, FUNGUO will aim to increase the number of successfully scaled innovation ventures that contribute to national development goals and the Sustainable Development Goals in Tanzania.

In line with boosting innovative start-ups, the program seeks to attain a conscious effort of encouraging and promoting women innovators and entrepreneurs, in which, at least 30% of the funds available have been exclusively reserved for women-founded or women- led startup ventures.

FUNGUO Program Manager, Joseph Manirakiza stated that the programme has acted as a key towards achieving early impactful success on the policy front.

"Here, FUNGUO supported the drafting of the first National Crowd-funding Guidelines with the Capital Markets and Securities Authorities. Going forward, the programme plans to leverage its established relationships with strategic partners to continue pivoting and improving to deliver on its mandate. The programme also supported and continues to support various platforms such as the Innovation Week Tanzania, Tanzania Annual ICT Conference, Sahara Sparks and the Tanzania Youth Digital Summit, regular Innovation and Tech Forums, among others," added the Programme Manager.

Head of Cooperation at the European Union, Cedric Merel commented that the second call will include a vital section for empowering entrepreneurs sighting that doing so will help unleash the potential of Tanzania's human resources.

"We have also noted the importance of engaging women and there is a particular focus on having more women on-board. So, we think this is very important because this contributes to also unleash the potential of Tanzania's human resource sector.

'We are thrilled to have played a role in empowering these impactdriven ventures and with this Second Call for Funding, we look forward to witnessing the continued growth and positive contributions that start-ups make to society," Merel added.

Resident Representative of UNDP Tanzania Christine Musisi said: "This Second Call for Funding Applications under the FUNGUO Innovation Programme marks another milestone in UNDP's commitment to fostering innovation and driving national development goals. "We believe in the power the many innovative young people who commit to bring about change by venturing into business. This not only creates jobs for themselves and their fellow youths, but also contributes to the sustainable development of their country. UNDP is committed to continue supporting them through initiatives like FUNGUO and others, thanks to our partners like EU and the UK Government."

"Supporting the FUNGUO programme aligns with our shared mission of fostering inclusive economic development and unlocking innovation in Tanzania," stated Ivana Damjanov, the UNCDF Country Lead. "Separately, through our collaborative efforts under the EU funded Digital4Tanzania Tanzania-Inclusive Digital Economy (D4T- TIDE) project, we strive to continue cultivating a dynamic innovation ecosystem that nurtures investment-ready, inclusive, and innovative businesses while mobilizing capital for their growth. We are dedicated to unlocking the potential of Tanzania's digital economy, bolstering fintech and e-commerce startups, fostering inclusive economic growth, and generating valuable insights that accelerate digital transformation."

Waiting game for Nigerian students awaiting evacuation from Sudan

EVEN weeks after the bloody Sudan started, and 41 days after the Nigerian government began the evacuation of residents studying there, students are still waiting to be airlifted back to their home country.

"Today is exactly one week after we left Khartoum for Port Sudan. Our living conditions are not favourable, but the biggest problem is the lack of communication from the (Nigerian) embassy," said Abdul-Hammid Alhassan, a student who was evacuating war-torn Khartoum and travelling to Port Sudan. This was the first time IPS interviewed him. The distance between the cities was 825 kilometres, and he and his colleagues felt abandoned. Now weeks later, he is still wait-

"Our food supply isn't constant; we don't have enough water and good medical care, although there are people with poor health among us," he told IPS on May 9, 2023. His voice trembles with fear and rage.

Now he has a greater problem; while most of his fellow students have been evacuated, he remains behind.

One and a half weeks into the bloody confron-

tation between the Sudanese Arms Force (SAF) and the Rapid Support Force (RSF) in Sudan, the Nigerian government started to evacuate the students-after other countries like Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States who quickly to evacuated their nationals from the war-

In preparation for the evacuation, the government paid USD 1.2 million through the Central Bank of Nigeria via the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) for 40 buses to convey the students to Aswan in Egypt.

On April 26, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission's chair Abike Dabiri Erewa said that 5,500 students were ready for evacuation to the Egyptian border to return to Nigeria. An evacuee told IPS that the buses arrived around 2 pm Central Africa Time (CAT), but the evacuation didn't go as planned, with a media outlet HumanAngle saying the fleeing students were left in the desert by the drivers who complained about non-payment of the balance. After the payment was settled, the evacuees continued on their route.

On May 4, 376 students arrived in Abuja, and they were each given N100 thousand (about USD 216) as a stipend so they could travel back to their



Student to return to Nigeria. Credit: Handout

families. By May 11, a further 2,246 had been evacuated, according to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) - but Alhassan was not among them.

He is convinced something "fishy" is behind the delays. Weeks later, he is still awaiting transport home.

"They are selecting our names at random. We don't know when we will leave here, but I'm convinced there is a kind of ploy and corruption going on to keep us staying as long as possible to keep the cash flowing ernment to schedule the activist speculated there

from the federal government," he said hopelessly.

On May 30, Alhassan says he and what he estimates to be about 300 fellow students (both women and men) still hadn't been evacuated.

An official from Nigerian Embassy in Khartoum said they were working to return the remaining students to

"The embassy is available, and officials were there for screening exercise while waiting for the federal govflight," the official told IPS. The Director General

of the National Emergency Management Agency, Mustapha Ahmed, told IPS that NEMA had been trying to evacuate all the students and follow Embassy recommendations and advice.

"We only wait for Embassy's recommendations, they advise, and we follow," Ahmed said.

Sani Bala Sheu, a Kanobased current affairs analyst and former Civil Liberties Organization (CLO) who have returned. "He wasn't allowed to pass by the embassy offi-

geria in mid-May, said he

was anxious because Al-

hassan is not among those

cials because he had been very vocal since the war started, so they marked him and decided to punish him for absolutely no reason," Saeed told IPS.

Why do Nigerian students study abroad?

The budget for education falls short of the 15-20 percent recommended by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO for developing countries, with 8.2 percent of the budget allocation.

A long-term disagreement between the government and the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) in an eight-month strike and closure of higher education facilities.

As a result, middle-class Nigerians seek education from abroad. Data from Campus France shows that Nigeria tops among the migrating sub-Saharan students in Africa, with 71,700 Nigerian students representing 17 percent studying abroad, according to its 2020 study.

Middle-class northerners from Nigeria who are predominantly Muslim sought higher education in Sudan.

IPS UN Bureau Report

By Tatiana Falcão

REDUCING carbon emissions is critical for combating climate change. And one effective way to do this is through the use of carbon taxes.

Carbon taxes are among some of the most efficient policies in pricing carbon, particularly if employed at "choke points" - specific points in the production or supply chain where carbon taxes can be applied - at the upstream level. This is because it allows the process to reach the whole of the economy. without the need to focus on certain industries or sectors.

An upstream carbon tax is simple to administer and can impact both the formal and the informal economies, a point which is particularly relevant for Africa where most countries are either middle- and low-income countries.

Carbon taxes can incorporate the environmental cost of doing business to a product's final price. The

ing business ultimately translates into the cost of the emissions released and waste produced because of a manufacturing process. That cost has been largely avoided or undervalued by corpo-

The lack of a robust tax policy framework that accounts for the environmental damage resulting from private investment means that companies have ultimately been free riding on the environment and society has been paying for that price by now being confronted with the adverse effects of climate change.

Failure to account for the environmental cost of doing business through a carbon tax also provides for the indirect subsidization of carbon intensive products. These products are at a competitive advantage because they have been using "standard" technologies and are part of the routine industrial functions.

A shift in the way soci-

environmental cost of do-

ety consumes and relies on energy products will require also a change in the valuation of energy forms. By internalizing the carbon equivalent externality via a carbon tax, a government is capable of equalizing consumption patterns by using cardon laden fuel sources as the pricing benchmark.

As a result, every additional ton of carbon in a particular fuel source is accounted for in the final price. Green and brown energy sources can hence compete in parity of conditions, in an environment where the least carbon intensive product receives the lowest price.

Consumers sensitive to the price difference, will seek to consume more of the low carbon fuels and





Carbon taxes can incorporate the environmental cost of doing business to a product's final price. Credit:

The mechanics are more pronounced in Africa where the proportion of low-income consumers products, fostering the is highest and therefore green transition process. even a small price differ-

ence can cause a change to a consumption pattern.

The Africa Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) has recently released a carbon tax policy brief to guide on how to best apply a carbon tax policy that is capable of conferring a whole of government approach. By this we mean use of Border Carbon Adhow governments can act to establish a carbon price that equally burdens all

segments of the economy. The policy brief explores the key features in the design of a carbon tax that can meet the dual objective of raising revenues while conferring a positive effect on the environment. Beyond carbon tax. the brief also discusses the role of supplementary policies in achieving climate goals. For example, there is ample discussion concerning the need for countries to assess and eventually eliminate harmful fossil fuel subsidies, in line with the commitments assumed by Af-

rican countries under the Glasgow Pact, the role of implicit carbon pricing in complementing explicit pricing approaches, and general remarks on measures to alleviate concerns around potential competitive disadvantages triggered from the implementation of a carbon tax.

was something untoward

"In a situation like this.

there will certainly be cor-

ruption," he said. "Why

can't the Nigerian govern-

ment deploy the methods

of Dubai or Turkey and

other advanced countries

in evacuating their citizens?

The federal government

should ensure that all the

students returned home

Mukhtar Saeed, one of the

Nigerian student refugees

in Port Sudan and among

265 that were airlifted to Ni-

African countries are also facing the increasing justment (BCA) measures, like the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). These measures add a carbon price to products imported into a country if the carbon price has not been added in the country of origin or production. This means that, if there is no carbon price in the country of origin, the destination country will add a carbon fee at the border upon import.

The EU is still establishing the CBAM but its price is expected to be around EUR 100 t/CO2e, based on the price set by the European Emissions Trading Scheme. African

countries that do not have a carbon fee and export these products to the EU may lose money because of the price difference. Other countries, like the United States, Canada, Korea, and Taiwan, are also considering similar fees to account for the environmental cost of doing

The world is changing, and we need to consider the environmental costs of producing and transporting goods. This new normal means that the price of products will include the environmental costs. African governments can lead the way by introducing policies that include carbon taxes to promote sustainable development and reduce our impact on the environment.

It's time to act.

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DP World, Standard Bank partner to expand trade finance in Africa

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tandard Bank, the largest bank in Africa by assets, has partnered with DP World, a global leader in supply chain solutions, to offer trade finance solutions jointly with DP World Trade

The partnership will help in closing the gap in unmet demand for working capital on the

African companies looking for trade finance will now be able to seamlessly access working capital from Standard Bank via the DP World Trade Finance platform.

In Tanzania, Standard Bank operates as Stanbic Bank, the Tier 1 bank with a total asset of more than 2trn/-.

World Trade Finance connects businesses with financial institutions as a fintech platform while also directly offering trade finance facilities on its own.

It offers businesses a single window to access trade finance solutions and customers can simply apply for credit on the digital platform, which will present them with the best options from global financiers who may otherwise be out of their reach.

Access to finance is one of the biggest barriers for businesses seeking global trade opportunities, evidenced by the struggle that many



Standard Bank Group head office in South Africa

funds required to move cargo.

By bringing Standard Bank onto the platform, DP World Trade Finance now offers an array of financing solutions to African businesses, which face an evergrowing need for logistics and financial support to connect to global trade routes.

Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO of DP World, said, "DP World exists to make the world's trade flow better and this partnership with

businesses face in securing the upfront Standard Bank is a testament to that goal. Africa is a key market for us, with this partnership complementing our ongoing investment and development across the continent. Our recent acquisition of Imperial Logistics allowed us to enhance our logistics capabilities in Africa."

He said; "With the addition of DP World Trade Finance into our offerings, we aim to support African businesses of all sizes for their working capital needs. Together with Standard Bank, we will help African and grow their exports to new markets."

Sinan Ozcan, Senior Executive Officer of DP World Financial Services, said, "Standard Bank joining the DP World Trade Finance platform is great news for businesses across Africa. DP World offers Standard Bank access to data on cargo movements, enabling them to lend with confidence. We in turn plan to co-lend and share risk with Standard Bank on deals made via the platform, whilst Standard Bank will be able to support the many suppliers in DP World's ecosystem across Africa with its strong financing capabili-

Ozcan said this ecosystem has itself been strengthened by the acquisition of Imperial Logistics by DP World in 2022.

"Standard Bank's strong presence across countries like Nigeria, Kenya, and Mozambique will see this partnership develop further in the African market," Ozcan said.

Kenny Fihla, Chief Executive Officer, Corporate and Investment Banking at Standard Bank, said, "As Standard Bank moves forward with the ambition of becoming a digitally enabled organization, we seek partnerships with global multinationals like DP World to deliver trade

businesses go from strength to strength solutions to our clients across the continent. Partnering with DP World allows us to enhance how we facilitate crossborder transactions in growing key trade corridors."

> Dr. Rassem Zok, Chief Executive Officer, Middle East and North Africa at Standard Bank, said, "This partnership reflects our strategic vision of driving Africa's growth. Platform businesses require strong partnerships at various levels of the value chain. The value derived from our shared knowledge, capability, and skills will create unique opportunities to deliver financial services and trade solutions to our clients. As Africa's largest bank, this is a demonstration of our commitment to the transition of financial services to platform-based ecosystems and improving client experiences."

> Since its launch in July 2021, DP World Trade Finance has partnered with 23 financial institutions and generated over \$700 million in credit limit submissions.

The registration process takes less than five minutes and over 57,000 global clients have already signed up for affordable access to trade finance through the platform. DP World Trade Finance has also started directly lending to businesses since 2022.

CRDB Bank wins award as best bank across East Africa

By Guardian Reporter

African Banker Magazine, winning an award presented at a ceremony held in Sharma El Sheikh in Egypt on the sidelines of the African Development Bank annual meeting.

In receiving the award from the banks' senior manager, partnership and strategic cooperation, Masele Msita, who represented the bank during the award ceremony, held on May 24th, the bank's managing director and Group CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela has therefore thanked stakeholders and customers for being part of the CRDB Bank successes.

Speaking yesterday at the bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam, Nsekela said customers have remained the major part of the success in implementing various business strategies, which have brought reforms in doing business.

"I thank our customers, the government, Bank of Tanzania (BoT) and our business partners for the cooperation they have given us to continue enabling us to remain the best. This is not CRDB Bank award, but an award for all Tanzanians," he said.

He said during the last five years, CRDB Bank has managed to undergo major business reforms, which have helped to build sustainable value, increase financial inclusion and building inclusive economy through products, services and innovative digital system on offering services including SimBanking.

"This award testifies the successes of our previous strategic business plan of 2018-2022 and our position as the leading bank in Tanzania. Also, it shows the light in implementing of our new business strategic plan 2023-2027 which emphasizes on evolvement targeting to improve the lives of Tanzanians and the economy at large,"

Nsekela said CRDB Bank is expected to increase its contribution in stimulating economic growth in East Africa region after acquiring the license of establish a subsidiary in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

CRDB Bank also recently became

the first Tanzanian bank to acquire a license from insurance regulatory CRDB Bank Plc has been named body- Tira to establish an insurance as the best bank in East Africa by the subsidiary company- CRDB Insurance Company Limited. "The growth of our bank put us into

a good position to stimulate regional trade, helping the growth of various development sectors of the economy specifically agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, infrastructure, energy and minerals as well as businesses and entrepreneurship, which have remained the major contributors of the regional economic growth," Nsekela said.

CRDB Bank has therefore outshined other banks shortlisted for the top award including Afreximbank, Bank of Africa, Co-operative Bank of Kenya, Mauritius Commercial Bank, Trade and Development Bank and Trust Merchant Bank of DRC.

During the African Banker Live forum held on the sideline of the AfDB annual meeting, more emphasis were sensitized on supporting women led businesses, specifically Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), which is also implemented in

The award is the continuation of recognition of CRDB Bank Plc for having international standard, as last year the bank scooped two awards as the Best Tanzanian Bank, issued by two institutions include the UK based Euromoney Magazine and US based Global Finance.

CRDB Bank Plc, which also operates in Burundi offers its services through a network of 251 branches, 25,000 agents across the country, 550 Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and 1,800 Points of Sales (PoS).

It has also been recognised by the United Nations Green Climate Fund since 2019 and was rated B1 by the global credit rating agency Moody's, the top rating score among banks and financial institutions in sub Saharan Africa.

It offers products and services to retail customer and wholesale customers, ranging from treasury services, insurance, commercial loans, trade finance, agriculture financing, sharia compliant banking services Al Mubaraka and empowering small entrepreneurs.



DTB chairman Linus Gitahi (R) and CEO Nasim Devii (L). Photo by NMG

DTB Group profit jumps 11pc on larger loan book

NAIROBI

DTB Group reported a 10.9 percent growth in earnings in the first quarter ended March, helped by higher income from lending and transactions.

The bank's net profit stood at Sh2.4 billion in the review period, rising from Sh2.1 billion the year before. Total interest income increased 32 per-

cent to Sh12.1 billion as earnings from ordinary loans and investment in government debt securities went up. DTB's loan book expanded 20.2 percent

to Sh270.3 billion while its holdings of government bonds and T-bills declined by Sh5.8 billion to Sh131.6 billion. The Nairobi Securities Exchange-listed firm is among the lenders that have re-

duced their investment in treasuries in

favour of increased lending to the private

The strategy is aimed at raising their interest income besides reducing the risk of paper losses that face holders of fixedincome securities in a rising interest rates

environment. DTB, however, bucked the trend, recording a net gain of Sh753.8 million in the revaluation of its government debt securities, reversing a loss of Sh586.4 million recorded a year earlier.

The bank also benefitted from a 59 percent surge in non-interest income to Sh2.8 billion, with notable contributions from multiple sources including foreign exchange trading.

DTB's revenue from forex transactions nearly doubled to Sh1.4 billion, joining other lenders that have also recorded strong growth in this business line.

Banks have benefitted from the volatility in the forex markets, with the weakening of the shilling prompting businesses and individuals to initiate more transactions as they stock up on hard currencies.

The local currency has depreciated 15.7 percent against the dollar in the past 12 months alone to trade 138.4 units to the

DTB saw a 49.1 percent jump in interest

expenses to Sh5.5 billion as it collected more deposits, which increased 17.9 percent to Sh404.6 billion. The bank's loan loss provisions more

than doubled to Sh1.3 billion in response to increased defaults. The lender's nonperforming loans increased by Sh5.1 billion to Sh35.1 billion. The jump in loan loss provisions con-

tributed to total operating expenses increasing 50.3 percent to Sh5.8 billion. Other items that contributed to the higher costs include employee compensation.

DTB has increased its investment in local expansion, implementing its strategy of growing in its core areas besides recruiting clients in new sectors of the economy.

The bank will open a total of 24 more branches in Kenya this year and had already established three new branches in Kiambu town and Nairobi's Baba Dogo and Kijabe Street as of March.

ECB inflation fight exposes fragilities in financial system

LONDON

The European Central Bank's fight against stubbornly high inflation has revealed fragilities in the financial system that are becoming increasingly difficult to ignore.

Higher interest rates are testing the resilience of households, companies, governments and property markets, the institution said Wednesday in its biannual Financial Stability Review.

That's leaving markets vulnerable to disorderly adjustments, it cautioned. And while banks have been remarkably resilient to recent turbulence in the US and Switzerland, higher funding costs and lower asset quality could still dent their profitability.

The warnings serve as a comprehensive impact report on what's already the most aggressive monetary-tightening campaign in the ECB's 25-year history. But despite the swirling dangers to financial stability and economic growth in the 20-nation euro zone, officials battling to return inflation to 2% say the spate of rate hikes since last July isn't over.

"Price stability remains as crucial as ever for durably preserving financial stability," ECB Vice President Luis de Guindos wrote in the preface of the report, before elaborating on the side effects policymakers must now accept.

"Tighter financing conditions to forcefully address high inflation have contributed to a reappraisal of the economic outlook and to a reversal of overly compressed asset-price risk premia," he said. "As financial conditions normalize, this may expose fragilities and fault lines in the financial

Property is one area the ECB singled out. House prices have cooled considerably over a relatively short period of time and could plummet further if higher mortgage costs continue to reduce demand.

At the same time, commercial real estate markets remain in a downturn thanks to tougher financing conditions, an uncertain economic outlook and weaker post-pandemic demand. That correction could test the resilience of investment funds, the ECB said.

It also identified some bright spots, while warning they shouldn't be taken for granted after the financial turmoil that began in the US.

"In all of these challenges, the resilience of euro-area banks has been noteworthy, but should not give way to complacency," Guindos said.

Lenders have been supported by strong capital and liquidity positions that must now be preserved, according to the ECB. Authorities should keep macroprudential capital buffers in place while some countries may also consider "targeted increases," it said.

Given the elevated risks to economic growth and recent market tensions, banks should refrain from lifting their payout ratios and focus on preserving their existing resilience instead, the ECB said.

Several large European banks won approval from the ECB's supervisory arm earlier this year to distribute billions

of euros in excess capital to investors via share buybacks. "Strengthening the banking union – and notably making progress on a common European deposit insurance scheme – will reinforce the ability of the euro area financial system to withstand risks going forward," Guindos said.

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HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

By Kelvin Mkwawa

ave you ever wondered why our educational system doesn't teach money management skills? Well, I have. How you manage, spend, and invest your money can profoundly impact your life, yet very few of our schools teach these important skills. You would have thought that our education system will include what is considered to be the most important skill one can have but this is not the case. As a result, the majority of us have no money management skills but it's never too late to learn. Just because profoundly Impact didn't learn good financial skills in school doesn't mean that you can't learn them now. Learning and working on your money management skills is like trying to lose weight. You must know your weaknesses and work on them relentlessly to overcome the deficiencies to reach your financial goals.

Being able to manage your money effectively is very important to your future since neglecting financial management tasks often leads to overspending, a lack of savings, and the accumulation of significant amounts of debt. Life is much easier when you have good money management skills so it's imperative you

acquire good personal financial habits. Here are tips to improve your money management skills:

Learn to Create a Budget - If you want to learn and acquire good money management skills, you first need to learn how to create a budget and stick to it! Do you know where your money goes? If you don't, that's a problem but, don't worry it's not too late to learn. A budget is all about being intentional. It helps you create a plan to see where your money is going and how much you can save each month. Getting into the habit of tracking your expenses through a budget will help prevent a lot of financial problems for you. If you have never made a budget before, it is easier to start with a pen, paper, and a calculator and create something simple that you can remember and follow. Start creating a budget by calculating how much you make in a month - from your salary or your business. Then write down all your necessary expenses for every month and keep track of all your expenses for the next month (it is advised to do this for up to three months) to give you an idea of your average monthly expenses. Ideally, the amount you spend in a month should be lower than the amount you earn and if that is not the case, then go over your list and see which expenses



you can cut down to ensure that you have a positive monthly cash flow. To manage your budget effectively. you must make time to do it correctly. Designating a set

time each week to review your budget helps to make it

routine and increases your likelihood of doing it regu-

larly. Think Before You Spend - Make a habit to think before you decide to spend your money and don't assume you can afford it. This habit of thinking before

you spend will make you conscious of your expenses and develop your money management skills. I have put together some of the questions that will help you think before you spend: Do you need it or do you just want to buy it for fun? Can you afford it? Can you get it for less? Always try to remember that just because the money is there doesn't mean you can spend it and buy things.

Learn to Save - Depositing money into a savings account each month can help you build healthy money management habits. You can even set it up automatically for the money to be transferred from your checking account into your saving account. Your savings goal should be between 20-30% of your income every month. I realized this might not be easy but you can start small by tweaking your daily routine to yield small savings that can add up over time. For example, you can start emptying your pockets each day and start collecting that extra change and take that collection to the bank and deposit it into your savings account; you can cut down the number of days you eat out by packing your lunch, and you can cut down the amount you spend on your entertainment activities.

Living Within Your Means - This skill is critical and a skill that most of us cannot cultivate and end up costing us our happiness. It is very important to leave below your income (i.e. means). By so doing, you will be able to set aside some funds to provide for emergencies. You do not wait until emergencies strike to start looking for funds to finance unexpected bills. If you don't save, you are more likely to get yourself into debt.

To summarize, being good with money takes practice. While confronting your financial situation might be daunting at first, the benefits of getting a true picture of your finances will become apparent as soon as you start. In the beginning, you may not be used to planning, saving, and putting off purchases until you can afford them but, the more you make these habits part of your daily life, the more you will develop money management skills. As you become better at managing your money, you will start to have the ability to decrease and stay out of debt. Money management is not all about setting limits and controls on your spending but also about reaching vour financial goals and improving your financial situation. The easier it is to manage your money, the better off your finances will be.

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BY MICHAEL CONWAY

ot a day has gone by this year; it seems, without a new headline about OpenAI's ChatGPT or its equivalents. The world has been enthralled by stories about the novel ways these new tools are used, ranging from the impressive and imaginative to the downright bizarre. ChatGPT has helped make artificial intelligence (AI) real to many people who may have been unaware of

Businesses, including financial institutions, have naturally viewed these developments with interest, wondering how to apply this technology to support their own digital strategies. There is good reason to be

The technologies underlying ChatGPT-generative AI and large language models (LLMs)-present a huge potential for banks to take their digital customer services and overall digital-transformation efforts to a new level.

It's no secret that financial institutions of all kinds are racing to modernise digitally as quickly as possible to keep pace with their customers' expectations and continue thriving in a more digital world. A host of challenges-a high-inflation, high-cost environment, the need to meet sustainability targets and the battle for scarce skilled talent-bring added impetus.

Many firms have recognised the powerful role AI and automation technologies can play in helping them address these challenges, from removing costs by automating processes to using data-driven insights to track and reduce carbon emissions.

When it comes to using conversational AI, banks have already made brisk progress, particularly since the first COVID lockdowns rendered virtual customerservice assistants essential.

Intelligent virtual agents, such as NatWest's (National Westminster Bank's) Cora1 and TSB Bank's Smart Agent2, were deployed quickly to help bank staff handle the surging need for digital customer services, boosting the client experience and satisfaction in the process. More recently, IBM Consulting worked with Virgin Money to launch its digital host, Redi, to provide 24/7 support for the bank's credit-card customers.

Making hyper-personalised services a reality

But this is just the beginning. Advances in generative AI and LLMs are opening up powerful opportunities for banks to achieve the kind of next-level digital customer experiences that will be essential for success in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Generative AI is capable of not only creating more humanlike, intuitive customer interactions, but it can also be tailored to reflect a specific brand tone of voice. Crucially, this technology will enable banks to deliver the genuinely hyper-personalised customer services that consumers will soon expect as standard.

Imagine if your banking app could help you automatically sort out problems proactively before you even knew about them, find the right products to meet your needs and provide advice that saves you time and money-all with humanlike responsiveness. How much easier would it be if that assistant could instantly calculate the best way for you to reach a particular financial goal, which might have taken you weeks of research, and make arrangements to help you get there?

And it's not just online services that could be transformed. Generative AI and LLMs also hold the potential to help banks improve the customer experience in physical branches by assisting with tasks such as language translation in real-time for those whose native language isn't the one spoken locally during often lengthy and complex processes.

Succeeding with conversational AI for business However, unlike the consumer use cases we've heard a lot about, businesses need their conversational-AI platforms to meet a number of requirements to capitalise on them successfully.

Here are four important principles leaders should be aware of:



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the processes that make it useful to consumers.

An important part of productive conversational AI is understanding, relaying and applying business processes. While a generative-AI tool may be trained on massive volumes of text-based data, it does not necessarily "understand" specific business workflows. A bank wanting to roll out a customer-service assistant should invest time in refining language models around relevant financial terminology to increase the accuracy

It must understand the language of the business and of the AI system so that customers receive reliable, consistent information.

> Enterprise conversational AI should also be fully integrated into business processes. That means it must have the breadth of understanding to meet the user at any entry point or need and the depth of integration to help the customer through the whole journey, end

Details and clarification are essential compo-

When your business is relied upon to conduct important financial transactions, provide essential services or deliver accurate information at speed and scale, there isn't room for these systems to work only some of the time or be inaccurate, misleading or biased. That's why the "best guess" approach of generative-AI tools for consumers is not suitable for business use unless applied with very careful consideration and

Enterprise-grade conversational AI must have the ability to ask clarifying questions, disambiguate and understand additional details, as well as ensure the customer understands what actions will happen next. For example, if you go to a virtual assistant and say, "I need to pay my bill", the assistant must be able to clarify which bill and from what account and also check that the customer is happy at every point before any action is executed.

It should be highly personalised for the user

Strong conversational AI deployed within an enterprise will know and understand you, then contextualise and personalise. It should also be able to tailor tone, voice, personality and linguistic elements seamlessly to each organisation's requirements. Consider the example of cancelling a credit card. If you are using your bank's virtual assistant, you would expect a contextual response detailing the process of cancelling your credit card with your specific institution. You would also expect your bank to have relevant information regarding your credit cards and understand the specific process related to the card you want to cancel. You'd also want the assistant to help you complete the process. It's even better if it anticipates your needs before you even ask, like checking that your address is up-to-date before sending you a new card.

It must be explainable, ethics-aligned and non-

With a multitude of regulations in place or in the pipeline, financial-services businesses must be prepared to report on and defend, from an audit perspective, how specific models and AI-driven technology create their outputs. Those outputs must also be free from bias. At IBM, we have embedded our Principles for Trust and Transparency3 into how we develop AI offerings and acquire data for building and training models that power solutions, including IBM's Watson Assistant service. Organisations should own their proprietary data and insights; thus, IBM clients do not have to relinquish their rights to their data to use our services. From the beginning, we have used responsible methods of generating data to train and optimise AI models because it's critical that AI is used ethically. We bring this approach of trustworthiness and robustness to all of our deliveries, regardless of the technical

Seizing the opportunity

Banks must create outstanding digital experiences for customers or risk being left behind. To make the most of the enormous opportunities presented by advances in conversational AI, leaders must look for solutions designed for the needs of businesses in highly regulated industries. They should be able to integrate with existing systems, incorporate specific governance policies and controls for accessing information within the business, and be specific to the company's contextual requirements.

Finally, working with partners that combine extensive banking-industry knowledge with deep technical and business-transformation expertise will offer financial institutions the best chance of success. Delivering delightful and novel experiences using cutting-edge AI techniques in highly regulated environments is not easy. With the right partner, however, the outcomes are incredible, and the time to do it is now.

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Uber enters race to promote cashless economy

By Faustine Feliciane

assengers using Uber will now no need to carry cash for paying fares, after the global

ride-hailing company entered into an agreement with Tigo to use its mobile money platform for payments.

Uber, which has more than 5,000 drivers in Tanzania, say has decided to venture into digital payment system in order to increase passenger conveniences and boosting drivers' uptakes.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam on behalf of Uber East Africa manager Imran Manji yesterday, the Uber country's operation manager Monica Mzirav said drivers who will registered on the Tigo's mobile money agency system will receive 20 percent of payment on each transaction performed by a passenger.

"This will enable driver to increase their incomes and Uber will also boost the government revenue, while enabling passengers not to carry cash when after requesting the ride," she said.

Tigo Pesa director Angelica Pesha said passengers using this service will be subjected to a reimbursement of ten percent of the amount paid to each trip into their mobile money accounts.

He said Tigo Pesa has more

than a quarter a million agents using "pay by phone" who are performing transactions amounting 3bn/- each day.

"This partnership entered with Uber testifies the aim of Tigopesa to achieve its targets of increasing access of financial services among Tanzanians," she said.

The director said Tigo is confident with Tanzanian market and the introduction of the services to Uber passengers will stimulate business growth and improve service delivery.

Uber started to offer ride-hailing services in Tanzania way back in 2009 and is currently offering services to more than 60 cities in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The company resumed operations in Tanzania in January this year, after a nine-month suspension.

The companies were forced to suspend services in Tanzania following the government's regulatory changes that were enforced

Scania Tanzania turns 50, emphasises sustainability

By Guardian Correspondent

Scania Tanzania will commemorate its anniversary tomorrow, marking half a century of excellence in the Tanzanian market.

Since its establishment in 1973, Scania Tanzania has remained dedicated to delivering the highest quality products and services while upholding its commitment to environmental sustainability, addressing climate change, and practicing corporate social responsibility, the company said in a statement yesterday.

With a presence across the country, Scania Tanzania operates 10 strategically located outlets, providing sales, service. and spare parts for Scania vehicles.

"The company's outstanding performance has significantly contributed to the local economy, offering job opportunities and nurturing local talent through a dedicated team of over 85 employees," it said.

Over the years, Scania Tanzania has achieved numerous milestones, showcasing its enduring impact on the Tanzanian transport sector.

In 1970, Scania Tanzania delivered the first 200 tipper trucks for the construction of the Tanzania Railway (TAZARA), playing a crucial role in national infrastructure development.

In 1973, the SAAB-Scania Tanzania Branch (STB) was established, focusing on providing after-sales services, further strengthening the company's commitment to customer satisfaction.



Archived photo of Scania Tanzania headquarters in Dar es Salaam during 1970's.

In 1985, Scania Tanzania introduced a comknocked-down (CKD) assembly plant in Kibaha, facilitating local production.

This step was followed by the opening of the Arusha Branch in 1993, expanding Scania Tanzania's footprint and customer reach. The company continued to thrive, with the introduction of the 4-series truck in 1997 and new city buses in partnership with Marcopolo in 1999.

Notably, Scania Tanzania has been a pioneer in embracing environmental sustainability.

In 2021, the company launched the first Scania truck in East Africa running on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), demonstrating its commitment to reducing carbon

emissions and promoting cleaner energy solutions.

Lars Eklund, Managing Director of Scania Tanzania, highlighted this achievement, stating, "Through the introduction of CNG trucks, we are not only helping transporters lower their operational costs by more than 45 percent, but we are also actively caring for the environment."

Speaking to our reporter, Lars says that Scania goes beyond being a company that provides sustainable transport solutions and gives back to the community.

"In addition to promoting sustainable transport solutions, Scania Tanzania has been actively involved in corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives", he said.

According to internal

annual reports and media publications, the company has collaborated with local institutions such as the National Institute of Transport (NIT) and the Vocational Education and Training Authority (VETA) to implement trainee programs aimed at identifying and nurturing exceptional students.

"These initiatives equip young talents with the necessary skills and knowledge to pursue successful careers in the automotive industry. This is Scania Tanzania's commitment to investing in the future and creating opportunities for Tanzanian youth", Mr Eklund emphasized.

Under its CSR projects, Scania Tanzania has consistently supported the education sector in Tanzania.

Through initiatives like renovating classrooms, planting fruit-bearing and shade trees, and supplying cleaning and stationery items, the company has significantly impacted educational institutions.

In 2022, Scania Tanzania donated 60 desks for kindergarten students who were previously sitting on the floor, showcasing its dedication to providing a conducive learning environment.

These CSR efforts aim to shape future leaders, business executives, and experts who will contribute to the nation's growth. In response to the ques-

tion about operating in the Tanzanian market for 50 years and the future outlook for Scania Tanzania and the automotive industry, he stated:

World Bank approves US\$1bil.loan to Kenya

NAIROBI

The World Bank said has approved a US\$1 billion loan to Kenya to support its budget as East Africa's economic powerhouse confronts high debts and a weakening currency.

The lending will be done through an instrument called a Development Policy Operations (DPO) loan, which commits Kenya to instituting reforms aimed at creating fiscal space, improving agricultural competitiveness and improving governance.

"The government's reforms, supported by the DPO, will help to achieve fiscal consolidation, which is essential for reducing the debt burden and related risks, in an equitable and sustainable manner," Aghassi Mkrtchyan, Senior Economist for the World Bank in Kenya, said in a statement.

Kenya's President William Samoei Ruto, who was elected last year, has pledged to restore fiscal discipline after public debt surged under his predecessor Uhuru Kenyatta.

But his proposal to raise taxes on a wide swathe of economic activities as part of the finance bill his government will put forward in parliament next month has faced pushback from civil servants and political opponents.

Kenya qualified for financing under the DPO instrument in 2019 and has since received four such loans, the last in March.

Reforms that Kenya will adopt under the latest agreement include the elimination of administrative price-setting for publicly procured cereals and the streamlining of the state's exit from commercial investments, the World Bank

Kenya's finances have been under strain from rising debt repayments and the effects of the Horn of Africa's worst drought in four decades.

Earlier this month, global ratings agency Moody's cut Kenya's senior unsecured debt rating as well as long-term foreign-currency and localcurrency issuer ratings, citing an increase in government liquidity risks.

The economy is projected to expand by 5.8 percent in 2023, the country's central bank said in March, up from 4.8 percent in 2022.

Seebait, Eskimi merger to impact global solutions to Tanzania digital advertising

By Guardian Correspondent

SEEBAIT, Tanzania's biggest digital advertising network, announced a merger with Eskimi, a full-stack programmatic advertising platform helping global brands successfully execute their online advertising campaigns.

This collaboration of two advertising giants will take Tanzanian digital advertising to another level, allowing brands, agencies, and publishers to adopt the latest global advertising standards and trends and increase the usage of one of the quickest-growing digital advertising channels, programmatic.

Seebait is leading the local digital advertising ecosystem with hundreds of sites in its network and nearly 4 million daily impressions across different niches, including entertainment, sports, news, fashion, and others.

Eskimi and Seebait share the same vision of delivering the best value, quality, and innovations to digital marketers in Tanzania. This partnership will simplify the process of running and optimizing advertising campaigns and boost the combined capabilities of both platforms, beginning a new era of the AdTech industry in the country.

For brands and publishers, this collaboration means better access to the necessary data, local and international ad inventory, more accurate targeting options, and creative innovations that meet the growing audience's expectations while helping publishers ensure better advertising experiences for their visitors.

"Clients are happy to save their time using only one technology instead of preparing several briefs," said Vita Pumputiene, Business Development um ad-ops services.

Director at Eskimi, adding: "The merger of Seebait and Eskimi will help advertisers and publishers better plan their online advertising campaigns and implement them more efficiently.

"We bring together global experience from thousands of advertising campaigns, local inventory, vast amounts of data and high-performing ad creatives that will now help Tanzanian brands run unique digital campaigns and bring them closer to hitting their advertising goals," the director elaborated.

Additionally, thousands of Tanzanian publishers will be able to monetise their work, and this will enable them to improve their lifestyles.

Alextair Ofio, a Seebait cofounder, meanwhile noted: "We are happy to open up the world to our local publishers. By merging Seebait and Eskimi, we enable our 1,029 local publishers to run advertisements from Eskimi, and as a result, they will be able to earn more and keep improving their work and content as well as their lives.

"This is a proud moment for them and for us as a country. We are taking steps in the right direction and keeping up with global technological advancements," Ofio added.

Seebait is Tanzania's largest advertising platform and network regarding publishers, reach, and ad inventory, launched to enable advertisers to set up and execute digital advertising campaigns efficiently and effectively.

Eskimi is, meanwhile, a fullstack programmatic advertising platform with more than 1.5 billion profiled users globally. The platform offers unique advert creatives, including high-impact and rich media, advanced targeting solutions, a variety of advertising channels & premi16 Thursday 1 June 2023

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WORLD

US House poised to vote on urgent debt ceiling suspension

WASHINGTON

LEGISLATION brokered by President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to lift the \$31.4 trillion US debt ceiling and achieve new federal spending cuts passed an important hurdle late on Tuesday, advancing to the full House of Representatives for debate and an expected vote on passage on Wednesday.

The House Rules Committee voted 7-6 to approve the rules allowing debate by the full chamber. Two committee Republicans, Representatives Chip Roy and Ralph Norman, bucked their leadership by opposing the bill.

That vote underscored the need for Democrats to help pass the measure in the House, which is controlled by Republicans with a narrow 222-213 ma-

House passage would send the bill to the Senate. The measure needs congressional approval before June 5, when the Treasury Department could run out of funds to pay its debts for the first time in US history.

If the Treasury Department cannot cover make all its payments, or if it was forced to prioritize payments, that could trigger economic chaos in the US and global economies.

Biden and McCarthy have predicted they will get enough votes to pass the 99-page bill into law before the June 5

The non-partisan budget scorekeeper for Congress on Tuesday said the legislation would reduce spending from its current projections by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years beginning in 2024.

The Congressional Budget Office also said the measure, if enacted into law, would reduce interest on the public debt by \$188 billion.

McCarthy called the bill the "most conservative deal we've ever had."

Nevertheless, some of the House's most conservative Republicans who sought far deeper spending reductions were not persuaded and it was unclear how many Democrats McCarthy will need to win Wednesday's anticipated vote on passage.

All four Democrats on the Rules Committee voted against the bill, as they typically do on Republican-backed legislation. It was unclear whether that might influence other Democrats to do the same on Wednesday, even as Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries said his party would provide the support McCarthy needs.

Many Democrats in Congress did not want Biden to engage in budgetcutting negotiations with Republicans until they lifted their hold on enacting a debt limit bill.

Senate battle ahead

White House Budget Director Shalead negotiators, urged Congress to ment.



US House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (left) looks on as US President Joe Biden speaks during a meeting on the debt ceiling, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, on May 22, 2023. The deal reached between the two has passed an important hurdle late on May 30, 2023, advancing to the full House of Representatives for debate and an expected vote on passage on Tuesday. AFP

pass the bill.

"I want to be clear: This agreement represents a compromise, which means no one gets everything that they want and hard choices had to be made," Young told a news conference.

A Senate vote could possibly stretch into the weekend if lawmakers in that chamber try to slow its passage.

At least one senator, Republican Mike Lee, has said he may try to do so, and other Republicans have also expressed discomfort with some aspects of the deal.

The bill would suspend the US debt limit through Jan 1, 2025, allowing Biden and lawmakers to set aside the politically risky issue until after the November 2024 presidential

It would also cap some government spending over the next two years, speed up the permitting process for some energy projects, claw back unused COVID-19 funds, and introduce work requirements for food aid programs for some poor Americans.

In another win for Republicans, it would shift some funding away from the Internal Revenue Service, although the White House landa Young, who was one of Biden's says that should not undercut tax enforce-

Biden can point to gains as well. The deal leaves his signature infrastructure and green-energy laws largely intact, and the spending cuts and work requirements are far less than Republicans had sought.

Republicans have argued that steep spending cuts are necessary to curb the growth of the national debt, which at \$31.4 trillion is roughly equal to the annual output of the economy.

Interest payments on that debt are projected to eat up a growing share of the budget as an aging population pushes up health and retirement costs, according to government forecasts. The deal would not do anything to rein in those fast-growing programs.

Most of the savings would come by capping spending on domestic programs like housing, education, scientific research and other forms of "discretionary" spending. Military spending would be allowed to increase over the next two years.

The debt-ceiling standoff prompted ratings agencies to warn that they might downgrade US debt, which underpins the global financial system.

Markets have reacted positively to the agreement so far.

Agencies

Iranian, Turkish presidents vow to expand bilateral relations

IRANIAN President Ebrahim Raisi and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday expressed willingness and determination to expand bilateral relations and regional cooperation, according to a statement published on the website of the Iranian president's office.

In a phone conversation, Raisi congratulated Erdogan on his re-election as Türkiye's president, expressing hope that the two sides could further strengthen cooperation in the economic, political, security, cultural, and trade sectors during Erdogan's new term.

Referring to the "effective role" of the two countries' regional cooperation in ensuring and improving regional stability and security, Raisi called for the acceleration of such collaboration to safeguard the interests of regional

Erdogan, on his part, said Türkiye's relations with Iran in different areas will "definitely" continue with greater

He voiced Ankara's willingness to continue regional cooperation with Tehran to achieve "positive and effective" outcomes in terms of ensuring stability in the region.

Erdogan also voiced his country's interest in expanding economic and trade cooperation with Iran.

Erdogan was re-elected Türkiye's president in a runoff election on Sunday by winning 52.14 percent of the votes, securing another five-year term.

Raisi on Sunday sent a congratulatory message to Erdogan on his election victory, expressing confidence that the bilateral "friendly" relations will be further strengthened during his new term in office on the basis of the two countries' strong historical, cultural and religious links, good neighborliness, mutual respect for one another and common interests.



This handout photograph taken and released on July 19, 2022 by **Turkish Presidential press office shows Turkish President Recep** Tayyip Erdogan (left) and Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi giving a press conference after the 7th Meeting of the Turkey-Iran High Level Cooperation Council at the Sadabat Palace in Tehran, Iran. The two leaders on May 30, 2023 expressed willingness and determination to expand bilateral relations and regional coop-

India to host SCO summit in virtual format in July

NEW DELHI

INDIA will host a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in a virtual format in July, the external affairs ministry said on Tuesday, adding that heads of state of all members, including Russia, China and Pakistan were invited.

The eight-member bloc's defense and foreign ministers attended in-person meetings in India earlier this year. China's defense minister came to India in April for a meeting of the SCO's defense ministers. Pakistan's foreign minister also visited India earlier this month.

During his visit to India earlier this month, China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang put forward a five-point proposal to build a closer SCO community with a shared future. Qin said China is willing to expand coop-



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang (fourth right) attends the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) foreign ministers' meeting in Goa, India, May 5, 2023. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

eration with other SCO member and revitalization, and work to-

states, jointly move forward on gether toward building a commuthe path of national development nity with a shared future for man-

Participants at the meeting spoke highly of the contributions to regional security and develop-

ment made by the SCO as a major regional cooperation platform.

The SCO members said they support Afghanistan in achieving national stability and reconstruction, back the SCO to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations and BRICS countries, defend the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and uphold multilat-

They agreed to further strengthen security cooperation and jointly combat terrorism, separatism, drug production and trafficking, and cyber crimes.

They also pledged to enhance cooperation in such areas as transport, energy, finance, investment, free trade, digital economy and environmental protection so as to achieve common development.

The ministerial meeting made full preparations for the SCO summit to be held in New Delhi this summer. India has been the chair since September. Xinhua

Time is now for Sweden to join NATO - Blinken

THE United States has urged Turkey to approve Sweden's NATO membership, with Secretary of State Antony Blinken declaring that "the time is now" for the northern European country to join the

alliance, Al Jazeera reported.

On Tuesday, the senior US diplomat said Sweden has been eligible to join NATO "from day one" and has made considerable steps to address Turkev's "legitimate" security concerns. He was speaking alongside Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson. Blinken (pictured) told reporters in the northern Swedish city of Lulea, "From the perspective of the United States, the time is now to finalise Sweden's accession."

Following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine last year, Sweden and neighbouring Finland began seeking NATO membership. The alliance is commanded by the United States, and has a collective defence pact, meaning an attack on one member is considered an attack on all.

To allow new countries into NATO, all members must agree. Finland joined the alliance officially last month, while Sweden's application is still pending, according to Al

Hungary and Turkey have yet to ratify Sweden's accession, though Ankara is considered as the primary hurdle.

Turkey has accused Sweden of harbouring members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which it regards as a "terrorist" group. Turkey, Sweden, and Finland signed a so-called trilateral memorandum in June of last year to address Ankara's concerns about banned armed organisa-

Turkey, on the other hand, claims that Sweden has not met all of its commitments under the agreement. An Islamophobic Quran-burning protest in Stockholm in January, which the government condemned, further soured relations between the two countries, as per Al Jazeera. **ANI**

Russia to send fertilizers to Nigeria for free – Lavrov

BUJUMBURA

MOSCOW intends to deliver a shipment of Russian fertilizers to Nigeria free of charge in the near future, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Tuesday at a press conference following his visit to Burundi.

"Last September, President [Vladimir] Putin announced that we were ready to deliver 300,000 tons of our fertilizers,



illegally seized in EU ports, to African countries free of charge. Fully in line with colonial practices and habits, the EU leadership blocked this initiative.

first shipment of 20,000 tons to Malawi, and just recently another shipment of a similar amount of fertilizer was delivered to Kenya.

The same shipment is scheduled to go to Nigeria soon," he said.

All of this comes at the cost of enormous efforts by the World Food Program and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to "overcome the openly Rus-It took us 6 months to get at least the sophobic position of EU members who oppose any initiatives that in one way or another will help developing countries, if such assistance is provided by the Russian side."

Agencies

Zambian start-up installs public charging stations to accelerate sustainable transportation

LUSAKA

IT is an established fact that one of the answers to climate change is the switch from gasoline-powered

vehicles to electric vehicles (EVs). This is because EVs are known to be environmentally friendly unlike internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs), whose emissions affect air quality and contribute to global

Despite the benefits of EVs to individuals and the environment, many people in Zambia still prefer buying gasoline-powered vehicles.

One of the reasons for this is the lack of access to public charging facilities for EVs. It is against this backdrop that Subilo Energy, a start-up company specializing in the manufacturing and selling of green and renewable energy products, has so far put in place two public charging stations in Lusaka, Zambia's capital.

The stations are the first-ever to be built in Zambia that operate on a pay-as-you-go basis.

According to Gregory Chama, the CEO of Subilo Energy, the setting up of public charging stations is meant to make access to charging facilities for those with EVs easier and to encourage more people in Zambia to buy EVs.

"We did a study prior to installing public charging points in January this year, and results revealed that a good number of people were willing to purchase EVs if they can be assured of accessing efficient charging stations," Chama said.

Chama further revealed that Subilo Energy plans to set up about 10 public charging stations in Lusaka in the next years and later roll out the program to other towns and cities.

"Zambia and other African countries are home to millions of gasoline-driven vehicles, which, on a daily basis, emit tonnes of carbon emissions into the atmosphere and cause global warming and adverse

weather patterns. Having a lot more EVs than ICEVs on our roads can help address these my vehicle's electric propulsion sys-

challenges," Chama explained.

Jonathan Mulinda, a Lusaka resident who owns a hybrid car and has been using the Subilo Energy charging station for about four months. said the experience has been excel-

Mulinda, 33, lauded Subilo Energy for setting up the charging stations, saying the idea is helping him to cut down on transport costs.

"I use only 9.5 Zambian Kwacha (about 0.49 U.S. dollars) to charge

tem. With that, I am able to cover a distance of 70 kilometers. With gasoline, I would use 125 Zambian Kwacha to cover 70 kilometers." Mulinda said he was prompted to buy a hybrid vehicle almost a year ago because of the need to cut down on transport and vehicle maintenance

"I also care about the environment. I know hybrid vehicles and EVs are a bit more expensive when buying, but it's worth it in the long

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Hosting G20 meeting in Jammu and Kashmir will put Union Territory on International tourism map - Report

SRINAGAR

INDIA hosting a G20 meeting in Srinagar is an effort to restore the legacy of the Kashmir Valley as a destination for international tourism which also offers extraordinary touristic delights, according to Scoop.

Scoop is a New Zealand Internet news site run by Scoop Media Limited According to Scoop, the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting from May 22 - 24 in Srinagar came at a critical time when the Valley of Kashmir has been making persistent efforts to bounce back on the map of international tourism as an abode for domestic and international travellers.

During the meeting, Srinagar was lined with fluttering posters, welcoming the delegates from different countries to what is aptly described as a paradise.

Kashmir, because of its scenic beauty, has been a favorite among domestic and international tourists. Its mouthwatering delicacies and, most importantly, an eclectic mix of cultures presents the region as an enchanting cultural mosaic.

However, in recent years, the geopolitical din and the shadow of extremism have prevented Kashmir from making the most of its tourism economy, necessitating efforts to overcome the hurdles that keep Kashmir from thriving as "the warmest place on earth", according to Scoon

As per Scoop, the G20 Tourism meeting was a step in the right direction. As the first international, "big-ticket" event to be organized in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370, the messaging could not have been any clearer.

From the calming rides on the wooden shikaras to sensing the whiffs of fresh, blooming tulips, experiences that had, unfortunately, been confined to old photos and memories, are now once again open for public consumption with the successful conclusion of the G20 meeting.

Meanwhile, talking about the G20 meeting in Srinagar, a resident of Ganderbal said, "We hope this will promote tourism...We also hope that such programs are held frequently and that people come here often...Foreign tourists will come and this will end unemployment here...Now, the entire country knows that Kashmiris are good hosts and we welcomed the delegates openhantedly."

Kashmiris welcomed the G20 meetings which will boost the tourism and business sector in Kashmir. The delegates are scheduled to visit the various famous places in Srinagar. **ANI**

Nato to send 700 more troops to Kosovo after clashes

LONDON

NATO is to deploy an additional 700 troops to Kosovo after 30 Nato peacekeepers and 52 protesters were hurt in clashes on Monday. Nato Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said the

attacks were "unacceptable" and "must stop".

Police and Nato troops clashed with Serb protesters in north Kosovo, where there has been unrest

over the installation of ethnic Albanian mayors.

Protesters had tried to invade a government building in Zvecan.

The crisis dates back to April, when ethnic Serbs boycotted local elections in north Kosovo - allowing ethnic Albanians to take control of local councils

with a turnout of less than 4%.

Both the European Union and United States have accused the Kosovan authorities of destabilising the situation in north Kosovo, and warned against any actions that could inflame ethnic tensions there.

Kosovo declared independence from Serbia in February 2008, after years of strained relations between its Serb and mainly Albanian inhabitants.

It has been recognised by the US and major EU countries - but Serbia, backed by its powerful ally Russia, refuses to do so - as do most ethnic Serbs inside Kosovo.

While ethnic Albanians make up more than 90% of the population in Kosovo as a whole, Serbs form the majority of the population in the northern region.

Their injuries included fractures and burns from improvised explosive incendiary devices. Three soldiers were also wounded by firearms.

Serbia and Kosovo's leaders have traded accusations over the violent scenes.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said Kosovan PM Albin Kurti "alone is responsible" for the disturbances.

In return, Mr Kurti claimed the protesters in Zvecan were "a bunch of extremists under the direction of official Belgrade". Mr Stoltenberg of Nato said the military alliance

strongly condemned "the unprovoked attacks against KFOR troops", in reference to Nato's peacekeeping force in Kosovo.

But ethnic Serbs in north Kosovo have criticised

KFOR for failing to prevent armed Kosovo police from forcing their way into municipal buildings and removing Serbian flags.

Tuesday's announcement from Nato provides a significant boost to KFOR's numbers. The 700 additional troops will join the 3,800 who are already on duty in Kosovo.

An additional reserve battalion has been placed on standby and will be ready to deploy within seven days, if required.

KFOR's mission is to guarantee the safety and freedom of movement of everyone in Kosovo, regardless of their ethnicity.

So the new troops will face considerable expectations from both sides after this week's disturbances.

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China's economic rebound, technological development will benefit more Africans

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CHINA'S rapid economic recovery and technological development will bring more benefits to African people, a Ghanaian politician has said.

Speaking to Xinhua in a recent interview, Kwaku Amponsah Asiama, the executive and political assistant to the general secretary of Ghana's ruling New Patriotic Party, said the viewpoint is anchored in his close observation in China, life and work experiences in Africa, and confidence in the evolving cooperation between the two sides.

In April, Asiama participated in the 7th China-Africa Youth Festival held in China as the sole representative of Ghanaian youths, during which he visited different Chinese cities and projects for the first time and shared his thoughts on China-Africa cooperation with other representatives.

"It was one of the best experiences I've had in my life as an individual. I was quite impressed with everything that I saw in China, and how things have been put in place in China," he said, praising the country for its hospitality, amicable environment, and vibrant economy.

Asiama said he is struck by the splendor of the Great Wall and Mount Taishan, and the scene of tourists at home and abroad now flocking to those well-known tourist attractions, mirroring a boom in China's tourism industry.

According to him, the recovery of the tourism sector bodes well for China's economy as it could fuel growth in many other sectors such as catering, hospitality and transportation.

"I must commend China for this; it is obviously still one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. Things are back on track, and they're moving with a very high speed to make sure that things get to the very normal level," Asiama said.

Describing China's high-speed train as top-notch, Asiama said he was amazed at how Chinese people have leveraged their wisdom and creativity to solve residents' travel problems in the process of urbanization, which also offered a valuable experi-



Kwaku Amponsah Asiama, the executive and political assistant to the general secretary of Ghana's ruling New Patriotic Party, speaks in an interview in Accra, Ghana, on May 10, 2023. China's rapid economic recovery and technological development will bring more benefits to African people, a Ghanaian politician has said. Xinhua

ence to Africa, a continent with huge numbers of people facing various challenges in transportation.

"If you look at the quality of roads being constructed (by Chinese) in most of these African countries, there is no difference from what we see in China," he said, stressing that this trip bolstered his idea that Chinese-built projects always deliver one of the best qualities under the Belt and Road initiative.

As a crop science major, Asiama has always been itching to study China's agricultural technology and how it is being applied to feed a country with a population of 1.4 billion. Finally, the trip allowed him to take a closer look at China's agricultural development

"China has the machinery, technology, and equipment to be able to cultivate arable crops, vegetables, or fruits in large quantities or on a large scale production," Asiama said, noting that China's advancement in agriculture could benefit African countries like Ghana, which urgently needs to revamp its traditional farming.

"We have the rainy season and the dry season here in Ghana. So once we are out of the rainy season, how could we be able to irrigate our lands? It will need a huge irrigation system and technology to be able to cultivate (the crops)," he said.

Asiama voiced his hope that more agricultural cooperation could be achieved between the two countries to enable more low-income Ghanaian farmers to benefit from the boom in modern technol-

ogy.

Asiama said the trip also reinforced his idea of being a narrator of Chinese stories in Africa. "I think that the best thing is to talk about it. The more we talk about it, the more people get to know about China."

Xinhua

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arrives in San Francisco as part of his 10-day US tour

SAN FRANCISCO

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi arrived in San Francisco, US on Tuesday.

Rahul Gandhi is on a 10-day visit to the country. He will cover three cities-- San Francisco, Washington DC, and New York. During his visit to San Francisco from May 30-31, Rahul will interact with the Indian diaspora, venture capitalists, tech executives and students at Silicon Valley.

As per the itinerary of Rahul's visit, shared with media persons, he will interact with senior technology executives from Silicon Valley on artificial intelligence.

He will also address a lecture at California's Stanford University before meeting with the Indian diaspora in the evening on May 31.

In Washington DC from June 1-2, he will speak at the National Press Club on the future of Indian democracy, freedom of speech, and sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

He will also hold meetings with the lawmakers and think tanks in Washington DC.

Rahul Gandhi will attend a din-

ner hosted by Indian-American entrepreneur Frank Islam and top business leaders, Senators and Congressmen.

During his visit to New York from June 3-4, he will hold meetings with thinkers at the Harvard Club at Harvard University, participate in a lunch event and meet a set of successful Indian-Americans in the creative industry, and address a public gathering at the Javits Center in New York.

This comes soon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-nation-Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Australia-concluded.

Earlier on Sunday, the Congress leader had received a new ordinary passport, after surrendering the old diplomatic passport issued to him when he was a member of Parliament.

On Friday, the Rouse Avenue Court of Delhi partly allowed an application moved by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi seeking a No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the issuance of a fresh ordinary passport

ance of a fresh ordinary passport. The Court granted No Objection Certificate (NOC) for a Passport to Rahul Gandhi for 3 years.

ANI



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arrives at party president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence, in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

Volatile ceasefire extended in Sudan as relevant parties seek to resolve conflict

KHARTOUM/RIYADH

THE Sudanese Army and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on Monday agreed to a five-day extension of a cease-fire agreement they signed on May 20, as relevant parties, including the African Union (AU), are hammering out a road map to ending the protracted conflict.

While the two hostile sides affirmed commitment to allowing the safe passage of civilians from conflict areas and protecting civilian supplies, the truce has been constantly breached during the cease-fire period, impeding humanitarian access and restoration of genuine stability.

The Agreement on a Short-Term Ceasefire and Humanitarian Arrangements was reached through negotiations that started on May 6 in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah under a Saudi-U.S. initiative with the aim of ending the conflict in Sudan and facilitating access of humanitarian aid to civilians.

The seven-day truce, which entered into force on May 22, was scheduled to expire at 9:45 p.m. local time (1945 GMT) on Monday. Not long after the agreement took effect, sporadic clashes were reported between the army and the RSF.

In a statement last week, Saudi Arabia and the United States, two brokers of the agreement, said that the cease-fire monitoring mechanism detected serious breaches of the agreement. As relevant parties were working on the extension on Monday, violent clashes broke out in Sudan's capital Khartoum.

According to eyewitnesses, the clashes took place in Omdurman and Bahri (Khartoum North) cities, where the Sudanese Army launched airstrikes on RSF sites in the two cities, while the RSF responded with an-



This photo taken on April 15, 2023 shows smoke rising in Khartoum, capital of Sudan. (Photo by Mohamed Khidir/Xinhua)

ti-aircraft missiles.

Saudi Arabia and the United States said in a statement after the extension was agreed upon that even though the ceasefire was "imperfectly observed," an extension still can provide time for further humanitarian assistance, restoration of essential services, and discussion of a potential longer-term extension. To help restore peace in the country, the AU adopted the Roadmap for the Resolution of the Conflict in Sudan.

The roadmap was adopted during the AU

Peace and Security Council meeting that was held at the heads of state and government level on Saturday, focusing on the situation in Sudan, the AU said in a communique issued on Sunday.

The roadmap outlined six elements that

include the establishment of a coordination mechanism to ensure all efforts by the regional and global actors are harmonized and impactful; an immediate, permanent, inclusive and comprehensive cessation of hostilities; and an effective humanitarian response. overriding importance of a single, inclusive and consolidated peace process for Sudan, coordinated under the joint auspices of the AU, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the League of Arab States and the United Nations, along with like-minded partners.

The high-level meeting underscored the

"The council, with deep concern, strongly condemns the ongoing senseless and unjustified conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces, which has resulted in an unprecedented dire humanitarian situation, indiscriminate killing of innocent civilians," the statement said.

The deadly armed clashes which erupted on April 15 have inflicted heavy loss upon the country. According to a report of the Sudanese Doctors Syndicate on Sunday, the casualty toll of civilians since the beginning of the clashes has climbed to 866 deaths and 3,721 injuries.

The United Nations said in a statement on Monday that the Sudan conflict is already driving displacement and hunger.

"More than one million citizens and refugees are expected to flee the country, while an additional 2.5 million inside its borders are set to face acute hunger in the coming months," said the statement, requiring "urgent" action from the international community.

According to media reports, more than 350,000 people have already fled into neighbouring countries, with most heading to Egypt, Chad, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi said on Saturday that Egypt has received so far 150,000 Sudanese citizens fleeing the ongoing conflict, besides already hosting five million Sudanese

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Yanga goalie, Djigui Diarra

Diarra strong favourite for 2022/23 NBC Premier League golden glove award

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's keeper Djigui Diarra has automatically won the race for the 2022/23 NBC Premier League golden glove prize after yet another impressive season.

The Malian shot-stopper has, once again, recorded more clean sheets than any other goalie in the showdown this season with two games left.

For the second season running, Diarra boasts 16 clean sheetsoutshining six-time winner Aishi Manula now with 12 clean sheets.

Manula sustained an injury halfway through the season to drop from the race for the prize.

Had Manula been fit, the chase for the golden glove award could have been tight.

Manula and Diarra are lately role models in the NBC Premier Leagueinspiring the up-and-coming shotstoppers.

The Malian goalie has had a tremendous run since he landed at the Jangwani Street side and besides making saves, soccer pundits acknowledged him for his sharp footwork.

Moreover, he can orchestrate his outfit's build-ups- he is a complete package and it is not surprising he recently sealed a two-year deal to continue serving the club.

With two games left before winding up the eventful season, Diarra enjoys 16 clean sheets to his name, making

him a key contender for the top accolade presented to the top-flight best keeper.

Vying for the best goalkeeper award in the upcoming TFF Awards is Diarra with 16 clean sheets, Aishi Manula (Simba SC) 12. and Benedict Haule (Singida Big Stars) that has posted six clean sheets.

Since Manula picked an injury and was out of action for the rest of the season, his counterpart Diarra extended his chances to win the

Azam FC's Ali Ahamada enjoys eight clean sheets to occupy the third place, while Yanga's other goalkeeper Metacha Mnata is sitting fourth with seven clean sheets.

Benedict Haule (Singida Big Stars), Mohamed Mroivili (Coastal Union), Fikirini Bakari (Ihefu SC), and Saidi Kipao (Kagera Sugar) have recorded six clean sheets each.

Finishing the game without conceding a goal is not an easy taskfulfilling the feat is a cumbersome responsibility bearing in mind that the opponents are also hunting for the achievement.

The mentioned goalies have helped their teams win matches at the ending season, which is good for them.

Next season, the marathon for the golden glove honour will likely be competitive as goalkeepers will be keen on efficiently battling for it by ensuring that they record as many clean sheets as possible.

Does Yanga have Fiston Mayele's replacement?

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, was recently asked if the club will be able to keep Congolese talisman Fiston Kalala Mayele after the goal-getter had yet another impressive season.

Mayele's future was also a subject of discussion, with football big guns in several parts of the continent rumoured they are after his signature.

The Yanga coach revealed: "I am happy for him and how he is performing. I signed him from (DR Congo's) AS Vita, and I am glad he has repaid the faith I had in

"He has a year left on his contract, and of course, there is so much interest in him, but hopefully, he can stay," Nabi stated.

Nabi is aware of the threat Yanga faces in either losing Mayele to soccer big guns or having to pay him more when he sees off his contract next season.

Big teams with great financial muscles will look for his stats in his previous seasons, they will analyze and see Mayele boast six goals in the 2022/23 CAF Confedera-

They will realize that he is a top goal scorer in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League. This season he is leading the race for the top flight's top goal scorer's prize.

Last season he was just Mpole then featuring for Geita Gold FC- that notched 17 goals to grab the prize.



Yanga's goal-getter, Fiston Mayele.

Before arriving in Tanzania, Mavele finished second in the goal scorers' list in his last season with AS Vita Club. The past is probably just adding to his profile.

Above all, if a person has the footballer's goals in one video clip, he/she will realize that the outand-out striker is a pure

Yanga should prepare to receive a good offer from a club wealthier than it that will need Mayele.

When I say a club above Yanga, I hardly mean a club that was founded before it, I imply a club that has a bigger income than Yanga.

Such a club is not the one that has won more titles in its country than Yanga has done in Tanzania, the outfit may be a new club like Pyramids FC but has more money than Yanga.

one goal adrift of Tanza- Yanga's leaders- they will Street side has taken up nian goal-getter George desire to do business but to this point has brought problem in Tanzania's cer club lets its top goalwill be keen on retaining

will prompt the officials player's terms.

to be keen on sealing the deal is the fact that they probably got Mayele cheaply and then suddenly someone puts 700, 000 dollars on the table for the forward.

They will ask each other about the goal of staying with a player like him, right away it nevertheless should be remembered that the player has interests.

The club seeking his services can offer him a salary of 30,000 dollars per month (69m/-). Is Mayele paid such an amount of money at Yanga? What about his terms? What would Yanga do should the attacker ask for 200, 000 dollars?

A soccer lover can agree with Yanga if they reject such an offer, such a decision should come about because Mayele is one of the reasons why the club garnered a lot of money from CAF so far. There will be a test for Every step the Jangwani in a lot of money.

The problem will boil One of the reasons that down to fighting for the

is forced to let its footballer go where he wants to because the squad cannot compete with the teams that have offered a salary of 25,000 dollars per month for the footballer.

This is where the big fish eats the small fish, it has also been like this even in domestic foot-

Modest clubs are forced to lose their best players to Simba SC, Yanga, and Azam FC because they cannot pay what these prominent sides put on the table to settle such footballers' terms.

The worst thing for Yanga when it comes to Mayele is that there are few attackers in the world recently.

Few strikers can guarantee an outfit six goals in the CAF Confedera-

Yanga cannot hide Mayele for long, lately, several teams are looking for his signature.

He has successfully promoted his potential, recently he enjoyed the spotlight during Yanga's rematch for the 2022/23 Confederation Cup last-four tie against South Africa's Marumo Gallants that took place in the latter's backyard.

fits that do not have fearsome attackers...the likes of South Africa's Kaizer Chiefs, Mamelodi Sundowns, Orlando Pirates, and others.

There are wealthy out-

The worst thing for Yanga is that if the side sells Mayele, it will have trouble filling the void left by the attacker.

This is the biggest football market at the moment, a club might sell well but will then face the problem of get-

Most of the time a club ting a better replacement.

This problem exists especially when clubs have strikers like Mayele and agile goalkeepers. Finding mature players that can quickly adapt to the environment is rare.

After enjoying success in the CAF Confederation Cup, Yanga will be out to keep on enjoying success for a long time.

One of the biggest battles the squad will face is keeping the best players like Mayele.

This is where the club is judged on whether it has entered the list of prominent clubs or not.

There is a difference between a high-profile club and an old club. The oldest club is the one that was established long

Simba SC and Yanga were lately assessed when prominent outfits on the continent- RS Berkane of Morocco and Al Ahly of Egypt knocked on the former's door asking for Luis Miquissone, Clatous Chama, and Tuisila Kisinda, neither Simba SC nor Yanga dared to stop the ballers from leaving.

Domestic soccer followers hardly know what will happen if the door is knocked right now, especially if an outfit will seek Mayele's sign.

Yanga members and followers will want to know if the side's leaders have what it takes to ensure the team continues flourishing without a striker of his caliber.

There are few competent attackers in both domestic football and Africa. If a domestic socgetter leave, it should not expect to easily find an equally efficient forward.

Morogoro junior tennis players shine in Arusha tourney

By Correspondent Joseph . Mchekadona

MOROGORO junior tennis players have performed well in the just-ended Eddies Kiddies showdown which took place at Arusha Gymkhana Club recently.

coach Harun Tennis Samwel, who trains the Morogoro juniors, said his charges performed well in the tournament which attracted more than 100 juniors.

He said the Morogoro juniors emerged winners in U-6 Boys and Girls categories and U-8 Boys category.

The coach mentioned Amatullah Bhaijee as the winner in the U-6 Girls Burhanuddin category. Dossaji as the winner in U-6 Boys, and Saifguddin Bhaijee as the winner in the U-8 Boys category.

"We are happy with the performance of our junior players, it means that we are doing well in grooming our juniors who will be future players of the national team," he said.

This was the 15th successive year the showdown took place, involving U-6, U-8, U-10, U-14, U-16, and U-18 categories for both boys and girls.

The Eddies Kiddies junior tournament is vital to the development of the sport in the country, with the

organizers saying it allows juniors to compete against each other.

Tennis is a racket sport that is played either individually against a single opponent (singles) or between two teams of two players each (doubles).

Each player uses a tennis racket that is strung with a cord to strike a hollow rubber ball covered with felt over or around a net and into the opponent's court.

The object of the game is to maneuver the ball in such a way that the opponent is not able to play a valid return.

The player who is unable to return the ball validly will not gain a point, while the opposite player will. Tennis is an Olympic sport and is played at all levels of society and all ages.

The sport can be played by anyone who can hold a racket, including wheelchair

The original forms of tennis developed in France during the late Middle Ages.

The modern form of tennis originated in Birmingham, England, in the late 19th century as lawn tennis.

It had close connections both to various field (lawn) games such as croquet and bowls as well as to the older racket sport today called real



Morogoro tennis youngsters are pictured with their coach, Harun Samwel, when they took part in this year's Eddies Kiddies tournament that took place in Arusha. **PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT**

Juventus fined, avoid points deduction in false accounting trial

JUVENTUS escaped an additional Serie A points deduction but agreed to pay a fine of more than 700,000 euros (\$751,000) for lying about players foregoing wages during the Covid-19 pandemic after a plea bargain approved Tuesday by the Italian Football Federation tribunal.

The plea deal, which Juventus had requested, brings to an end a series of cases in Italy's sporting courts involving the Turin club.

Last week they were given a 10-point deduction in Serie A after a revision of their initial 15-point penalty inflicted on the club over illicit transfer

Juventus have agreed not to appeal that penalty as part of Tuesday's deal.

The disciplinary tribunal of the Italian federation (FIGC) said in a published decision that it had fined the troubled club 718,240 euros, while seven of its management figures were ordered to pay fines ranging from 47,000 euros to 10,000 euros.

Excluded from the plea agreement, however, is former chairman Andrea Agnelli, who jointly requested along with prosecutors that his hearing be postponed to June 15, given what the tribunal called "advanced talks" on potential sanctions.

The federation had been tasked with considering the deferred payment of certain players' wages by the club and its key figures, as part of a wideranging scandal involving false accounting and transfer trickery that has rocked Italian football.

Newspaper La Stampa, which, like Juventus, is owned by the Agnelli family, wrote on Tuesday that the club had accepted the deal to avoid another points deduction, which could have pushed it further away from the European places in Serie

Juventus are seventh in Serie A with one game of the season remaining, after the imposition of the 10-point deduction.

If they hold that position on the final day, they will qualify for next season's Europa Conference League, but they still have a chance of finishing as high as fifth and going into the Europa League.

Juve faces separate criminal proceedings in the affair, with 12 current and former key club figures including former chairman Agnelli potentially facing trial.

- Losses artificially reduced -

The plea bargain agreed Tuesday relates to the Turin club having communicated that players were giving up salary payments during the pandemic in 2020, while privately assuring those players they would only miss out on a portion of what was publicly announced.

Sports minister: Djokovic must abstain from political messages at French Open

FRENCH Sports minister Amelie Oudea-Castera said Wednesday that Novak Djokovic's political message about Kosovo was "not appropriate" and warned the former top-ranked Serb player that he should not do it again.

Speaking on TV station France 2, Oudea-Castera said French Open director Amelie Mauresmo spoke with Djokovic and his entourage to insist on the principle of "neutrality" on the field of play.

"When it comes to defending human rights and bringing people together around universal values, a sportsperson is free to do so," she said. But Oudea-Castera added that Djokovic's message was "militant, very political" and "must not be repeat-

Djokovic has drawn criticism from Kosovo's tennis federation after offering his thoughts on clashes in northern Kosovo between ethnic Serbs and police and NATO peacekeepers.

After a first-round victory in Paris on Monday, Djokovic wrote in Serbian on the lens of a courtside TV camera: "Kosovo is the heart of Serbia. Stop the violence."

Kosovo's tennis federation said Tuesday that Djokovic's comments were "deplorable" because he was stoking tensions between Serbia and Koso-

A former province of Serbia, Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence is not recognized by Belgrade. Ethnic Albanians make up most of the population, but Kosovo has a restive Serb minority in the north of the country bordering Serbia.

Djokovic, who has won 22 Grand Slam titles, is scheduled to play in the second round at Roland Garros on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters in Serbian, Djokovic said Monday that he thought what he wrote on the TV camera was "the least I could do. I feel responsibility as a public figure ... as well as a son of a man who was born in Kosovo."

Without mentioning Djokovic by name, French Open organizers indicated in a statement issued Tuesday that no rules had been broken, saying: "Occasionally, discussions about international news events enter the realm of the tournament, which is understandable."

The NBA Finals are set: It's the Heat and the Nuggets for the Larry O'Brien Trophy

By TIM REYNOLDS

that ANCEL plan. Denver. Turns out, the NBA Finals are starting in the

Mile High City after all. And Jimmy Butler was proven right.

Finally, we have a title-series matchup: The Miami Heat, champions of the Eastern Conference even after getting in as only the No. 8 seed, will take on the Western Conference champion Nuggets in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. The series starts in Denver on Thursday night.

The Heat got there by winning Game 7 of the East title series in Boston on Monday night. It came one year to the day after the Celtics won a Game 7 on Miami's floor to win the East title a year ago.

"Next vear. we will have enough and we're going to be right back in the same situation, and we're going to get it done," Butler vowed that night.

The Heat made those words prophetic.

The Nuggets had a flight to Boston tentatively scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, just in case they would be facing the Celtics – who would have had homecourt advantage in the title series.

But the Heat had other ideas, won the deciding game to avoid becoming



Game 4 of the NBA basketball Western Conference Final series against the Los Angeles Lakers Monday, May 22, 2023, in Los Angeles. Denver won 113-111 to win the series. (AP Photo)

tory to fall after claiming a 3-0 series lead, and Nikola Jokic and the Nuggets now await. The Heat are in the finals for the seventh time and seeking their fourth championship: the Nuggets are in the finals for the first time in franchise history.

"When we wake up

tomorrow morning, we know who we're playing," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said Monday, a few hours before the Celtics and Heat tipped off in Game 7. "We know who we're preparing for and we can kind of turn the page and really focus in on that. The Eastern Conference finals has been a hell of a series.

Malone will try to win an NBA title for the first time, and if Denver prethe first team in NBA his- vails he'll become the 36th coach in league history to win a championship. Miami's Erik Spoelstra is seeking his third title as a head coach; if he wins it, he'd join only Phil Jackson, Red Auerbach, Heat President Pat Riley, John Kundla, Gregg Popovich and Steve Kerr as three-time champion coaches.

Denver hasn't faced any real trouble yet in these playoffs. The Nuggets are 12-3 in the playoffs, winners of their last six games – and grabbed control of their matchups against Minnesota in Round 1, Phoenix in Round 2 and the Lakers in the West finals right

Two-time MVP Jokic averaged a triple-double against both the Suns and the Lakers, and enters these finals averaging 29.9 points, 13.3 rebounds and 10.3 assists per game. One of his signature moves of late has been pointing to his ring finger while looking at his family; he's now four wins away from the piece of jewelry he wants most.

"Nikola is still a humble, selfless person and he cares about home, he cares about family, he cares about his horses -the guy is just who he is," Malone said. "I couldn't have more respect for him as a man because of that."

A week ago, Miami was in position to do what Denver did – get to the finals with a sweep. It's almost like the Heat forgot they were a 44-38 team that needed two playin games just to get into

No. 1 overall seed Milwaukee in Round 1, got past New York in Round 2 and then avenged last season's loss to Boston in the East finals by somehow going onto the Celtics' home floor and winning a Game 7 to avoid the permanent stench of being the first team in NBA history to waste a 3-0 series lead.

"Sometimes you have to suffer for the things that you really want," Spoelstra said. "And this group has shown fortitude. ... We still have more to do."

It was a hellish week, for certain. But the Heat got there, just the second No. 8 seed to ever make the finals.

"Everybody rallied around each other," Heat center Bam Adebayo

Miami has three players with championships - Udonis Haslem has been part of all three Heat titles, Kevin Love won a championship with Cleveland and Kyle Lowry got a ring with Toronto. The Nuggets have one champion on their roster; Denver's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope got one with the Lakers at the NBA's restart bubble in 2020 against the Heat.

Also back from that Heat finals team: Butler, Adebayo, Duncan Robinson, Tyler Herro and Gabe Vincent. The only Denver player besides Caldwell-Pope with finals experience is Jeff the playoffs; they ousted Green, who played in

the title series alongside Love with Cleveland in 2018.

So, most players will be seeking their first ring. Haslem is trying to end his career with a fourth, and Lowry is among the lucky few who are trying to smudge the Larry O'Brien Trophy for the second time.

He remembers how long it took him in 2019, after the Raptors won their title, to start thinking about winning his next one.

"Maybe like the day after," Lowry said. "And every champion, every NBA champion, would tell you this: There's a high that you never have felt and you want that high again. And there's nothing like that."

Denver swept both games against Miami in the regular season. And both sides will inevitably say that those games won't matter much starting Thursday.

"The Heat are playing an unbelievable high level," Malone said. "Jimmy Butler, what he's been doing since Round 1 against Milwaukee, continued that Round 2 against New York and now what he's doing against Boston is just historical in nature. And Erik Spoelstra ... obviously Spo is one of the best coaches in the league, someone who I have a tremendous amount of respect for as a coach but also just as a friend."

A year later, LIV Golf is fitting into golf landscape as an island

By DOUG FERGUSON

catchphrase at LIV Golf seems to have changed in recent months to a bolder tone. Gone is Greg Norman's tired pitch that "Golf is a force for good." More common these days is the pronouncement that "We're not going anywhere."

That appears to be true. Much to the chagrin of the PGA Tour, there is no indication the Saudi-funded league is about to fold.

But is it going anywhere?

LIV Golf in just one year has managed to fit into the golf landscape, even if it remains on an island. The majors have played the most significant role in this process by doing what's best for them – and for golf – and leaving their criteria

Otherwise, LIV Golf marches on to its own beat, a legitimate league with top players that doesn't look like any of the other tours except for 14 clubs in the bag. It's appealing to some, unappetizing to others, and the decision to watch is open to all.

LIV events in Ariand Oklahozona ma, Florida and Virginia, the same group of 48 players (with occasional withdrawals for injury and capable substitutes) playing for a \$4 million winner's check, sparkling wine sprayed for the winning team, music blaring and then it's on to the next town.



Former President Donald Trump, Greg Norman, LIV Golf CEO, right, and Paul Myler, deputy head of mission for the Australian Embassy in Washington, left, watch the second round of the LIV Golf at Trump National Golf Club, Saturday, May 27, 2023, in Sterling, Va. (AP Photo)

Golf as a whole only suffers because a small group of the best players at LIV – such as Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau and Cameron Smith don't get to compete more than four times a year against the much larger group of the best on the PGA Tour.

Koepka winning the PGA Championship – and leading after 54 holes at the Masters – was more about the return of Koepka to good health and major mojo than it was the viability and validation of LIV

Smith said it best at There have been Oak Hill: "We haven't forgotten how to play golf. We're all great golfers out there, and we know what we can do, and I think that's what we're trying to do."

It was one year ago on Tuesday that an email from LIV Golf announced its initial roster of players, with Johnson being the biggest shock because he was (is) among golf's biggest talent, who only a few months earlier said he was fully committed to the PGA Tour.

The inaugural event was a week later outside London. More defections followed (Koepka, DeChambeau), and then came the antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour by 11 players – all of whom have removed themselves as plaintiffs and turned it over to LIV.

The lawsuit and the tour's countersuit are caught up in discovery disputes in federal court. Any trial is more than a year away. To no one's surprise, attorneys might be making more money than the combined LIV Golf earnings of Danny Lee and Pat a traditional calendar Perez. It's a lot.

surprised no one: PGA Tour players are benefitting as much as anyone.

The Memorial was an hind. There will be eight a \$12 million purse last year. Now it's one of eight elevated events that offer \$20 million in prize money, and that doesn't include \$20 million prize funds at the FedEx Cup playoff events or a bump to \$25 million at The Players Championship.

Jordan Spieth was among those who saw this coming, even if he didn't know the details.

It was at Kapalua in January 2022 when Spieth said, "For us players ... it's been something that has kind of helped the PGA Tour sit and say, 'Hey, where can we look to satisfy our membership and potentially make some changes going forward?"

The tour returns to schedule in 2024 - Janu-Another thing that ary to August, with a choice to play the rest of the year without the risk of starting too far be-

elite tournament with elevated events (not including the majors or postseason) with smaller fields that are still determined by performance, keeping the crucial meritocracy in golf.

None of this would have happened without LIV.

Golf is a force for good, all right. With three months left in the season, Scottie Scheffler (\$14.9 million) and Jon Rahm (\$14.5 million) already have set the record for single-season earnings.

The issue for LIV Golf is measuring its relevance beyond money.

The problem is not a 48-man field. The Tour Championship only has 30 players, and the BMW Championship this year will have a 50-man field. But on the PGA Tour, those fields are derived from a membership of more than 150 players who start each year with no guarantees. AP



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Yanga regroups with high morale for CAF CC final rematch with USMA

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By Correspondent Michael

ANZANIA's Young training with high morale despite suffering a 2-1 defeat at the hands of USM Alger of Algeria in the first leg of their 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final on Sunday.

Following the home loss at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, Young Africans SC, nicknamed Yanga, will need a victory of more than two goals to progress, while a 2-1 normal time win will force the game to extra ime and penalties.

Yanga's team manager



Tanzania's Yanga left-back Lomalisa Mutambala (R) negotiates his way past Algeria's USM Alger midfielder Akram Djahnit during the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final which took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Walter Harrison said that ger." morale is high in the camp and the entire team remains confident in its abilities as they regroup for the second leg to be held in Algiers on Saturday.

The manager pointed out: "We have recovered a little bit and have resumed training for the return game against USM Alger. The important thing to note is that the players are focused and very positive despite losing the first leg against USM Al-

The official revealed: "They are positive, they believe they can correct the shortcomings that were exposed on Sunday and be able to do well in the return game."

"The technical bench feels the same way, they are positive and believe they are going to cooperate with the players to address the shortcomings that appeared in the first game," he disclosed.

The official noted: "They are working in training to see how they are going to analyze the previous game, look at the shortcomings and correct them so that at the end of the day, they give the players a good strategy

for the return game." He added: "Morale is high and that's what we all have, it's not just the players as we all believe we can change the results and the goal of bringing the African Cup to the country can be real-

Harrison also revealed the Tanzanian giants will fly out today and have only one training session before facing USM Alger on Saturday.

The official revealed: "We had a break on Monday and today and tomorrow we will continue training, on Thursday we will start the journey to Algeria for the return game. We are ready to make sure we regroup well to fight for the Tanzanian

In a related development, the CAF Confederation of African Football (CAF) has appointed referee Beda Dahan from Mauritania to take charge of the second leg of the CAF Confederation Cup final set to take place at July 5 Stadium.

He will be assisted by referee Garson dos Santos from Angola and Arsenio Marangol from Mozambique.

Egyptian referee Mahmoud Ashur has been appointed as the Video Assistant Referee (VAR).

He will be assisted by two Egyptian referees, Muhammad Abdel-Sayed Hussein, and Mahmoud Ahmed Abdel-Ragel.

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USMA rejects stadium change request for Yanga's game

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

USM Alger has turned down the Algeria Football Federation's request to host Tanzania's Young Africans (Yanga) at the Nelson Mandela Stadium in Algiers for the second leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup final on Saturday.

The Algerian federation proposed the 40,000-seater Nelson Mandela stadium, named in honour of the former South African President and anti-apartheid activist and is located in Baraki - a suburb of Algiers following a decision by the government of the North African country. The Nelson Mandela Stadium hosted its first of-

ficial international match on January 13, 2023, when Algeria took on Libya in the opening match of the 2022 African Nations Championship (CHAN) and also hosted the final on February 4. However, USM Alger rejected the federation pro-

posal and instead prefers to remain at the July 5 1962 Stadium where they have hosted their CAF Confederation Cup games this season.

The July 5 1962 Stadium is also located in Algiers but has a bigger capacity than Nelson Mandela Sta-

USM Alger president Ahmed Arab explained that the club refused the offer to play the CAF Cup final second leg at the Nelson Mandela Stadium in Baraki. The Algerian leader explained that the club would rather play at the July 5 Stadium.

The official pointed out: "We preferred the July 5 stadium because it's our stadium, we know it and it's big. The Baraki stadium poses a problem, especially for the supporters who cannot park there, they have to leave their cars at the beach and then take a bus, that's not okay."

USM Alger is utterly dominant at home, where they have won all seven CAF Confederation Cup games, scored 16 goals, and conceded only two this

The Algerians, who lost the 2015 CAF Champions League final to TP Mazembe of DR Congo, are seeking a first continental title and may well be on course to clinch the silverware. They need to avoid a defeat against Yanga.

Aces outfit garners first victory in 2023 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tourney

By Guardian Reporter

ALL-rounder Jeremiah Makanya starred with the bat as the E-Parking-backed Aces outfit notched its first victory in the 2023 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament, commanding a 13-run drubbing of All Season Lions last week.

The success has witnessed the Aces squad sitting third in the showdown's Group A, after garnering victory in one tie and conceding a loss in an-

Aces outfit scored 106/8 in the allotted 20 overs once the club won the toss and elected to bat in the match that was held at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC).

The batting team seemed to have got off to a slow start, given the opener Nassib Kelvin could so far record 12 runs and suffered an early exit.

The fellow opener, Ankit Baghel, endured a shorter stint, considering the cricketer notched only one run off two

A significant improvement was in view once Zimbabwean player Makanya laid his hands on the bat, with almost all Aces side's top-order performers having returned to the pa-

The all-rounder put his resoluteness to work and went on to record 32 runs not out which included a boundary.

The Zimbabwean ended



E-Parking-backed Aces side's pacer, Ally Mpeka (R), and wicketkeeper, Nassib Kelvin (L), appeal for a wicket as the squad locked horns with All Season Lions in a 2023 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup showdown tie held last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

batting spell, with captain Mohammad Ali and Aisah Chibanda posting 10 runs apiece, and Kibwana Salum ending with 16 runs.

Saleh Imran had a field day during All Season Lions' turn with the ball, notching four wickets in four overs.

The cricketer was ably assisted by promising cricketer Abubakar Selemani that took two wickets in overs.

Even though All Season Lions was presented with an with the most impressive achievable target of 107 runs,

statistics during the squad's the side frustratingly lost steam in the chase, ending with 93/4 in 20 overs.

> Experienced cricketer, Mohamed Salim, had the most significant showing in the fruitless chase, ending with 34 runs not out, blasting two boundaries.

Salim did all he could to see to it that All Season Lions end with a respectable total much it ended as the losing side, especially after the side had experienced a less impressive start to the chase.

The team had earlier seen its

opening cricketers, Gulraiz Haideri and Karim Kiseto, leaving the crease in quick succession, after failing to withstand the Aces outfit's onslaught.

Umar Shaikh, placed at number three, made his presence felt at the crease after notching runs, somewhat improving his club's score.

Goodluck Andrew was the other performer that boasted a not-out spell, as he was four runs short of a two-digit figure, and Safvan Annarathodika chipped in with 10

Azania Bank Upanga SC is sitting at the top of the group, commanding victory in two ties it has participated in and notching a 2.0750 net run rate.

Alliance Caravans, JiuZhou Gymkhana, and All Season Lions are positioned second, fourth, and fifth in the group.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup is an annual T20formatted cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, TATA Africa Holdings, ASAS, Rickshaw Travels, Ras Logistics, Pepsi, e-Parking, Remax, Flashnet, and Aurobindo.

Others are Azania Bank, Jiuzhou, All Season Hotel, General Petroleum, Honeywell, Automark, Hisense, Oman Air, Ashton Media, Mo Assurance, Aucom & Harmonic, and Car & General.

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Alliance Caravans lifted the 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament's trophy following the outfit's four-wicket drubbing of Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

