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By Correspondent James Kandoya

A NEW bill is set to be tabled during the ongoing parliamentary meeting to help to regulate the real estate industry, reduce tax evasion and control unscrupulous middlemen.

Jerry Silaa, the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister, laid out this intention in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, at the launch of an affordable housing project in Morocco area in the city.

The project is being executed by RE/MAX Coastal and Coral Property Holdings, where an online entry says that RE/MAX, short for Real Estate Maximums, is an international real estate company that operates through a franchise system.

The law changes will enable the government to regulate the sector, avoid loss of money from unscrupulous agents, and further help the government increase revenue collections. Agents and developers will enjoy more trust to facilitate further investment, he declared.

The ministerial real estate director has been directed to finalise the draft so that it can be read for the first time during the Budget session, he said, underlining that the role of the ministry is to develop the sector to contribute to the economy, enabling people to access affordable housing at low prices.

He praised the two institutions companies for the initiative, saying it shows a commitment to providing high-quality, accessible housing solutions. "By aligning their goals with the national housing agenda, the firms are set to transform the real estate sector and enrich the lives of many Tanzanians," he stated.

He also approved the mortgage financing adopted by the firms, explaining that the development "complements government efforts to ensure affordable and quality housing for most people."

James Prevost, the RE/MAX Coastal regional director, said that the launch discount is an invitation to experience luxury at an unprecedented value, explaining the joint venture as a sales and marketing partnership with Coral Property Holdings.

The Sky Royal development allows

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MPs: Bring wharfage collecting back to TPA

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

THE Infrastructure Development standing committee of the National Assembly has urged the government to review the Ports Act Cap 166 R.E. 2017 to restore the responsibility of the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) for wharfage revenue collections.

Selemani Kakoso (Mpanda Rural), the committee chairman, raised the issue yesterday when tabling the committee's report on operations of the Ministry of Transport for 2023/24 and recommendations on the ministry's estimates for the year 2024/25

He said that the change will help TPA to improve its performance and enable efficiency in revenue collection, seeking abrogation of amendments made in 2017 shifting wharfage collections to the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), for depositing in a special account at the Bank of Tanzania (BoT).

This way, the port authorities have been compelled to submit applications for the funds for various operational purposes from

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Police officer Monica Sehere (L), head of the Police Gender Desk in Shinyanga Region, serves as a facilitator at an education and sensitisation session on sexual violence for residents of Nyamalogo village in Shinyanga District on Sunday. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

PM: RCs should eliminate bylaws oppressing people

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

BY-LAWS passed by local authorities should not hurt people, like laying multiple levies and charges, the government has declared.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa issued this caution when opening a working session for RCs and regional administrative secretaries, directing regional commissioners to supervise adoption of recommendations of the Criminal

Justice Commission formed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The workshop is aimed at enabling the regional administrators with clear understanding on improvements expected in the criminal justice procedure, as regards commission recommendations which do not need new laws.

He said that President Samia has worked hard to ensure that there is smooth access to justice, thus forming a

special commission to investigate the situation and come up with recommendations.

Regional administrators and other government executives need to have enough understanding on the matter for them to supervise implementation of the recommendations, he said.

Citizens have complained a lot about the challenge of some bylaws which are formed in regions, districts, as they often contravene major laws, like charges initiated by

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ATCL plane enables 87.78pc cargo haulage rise since July

Three new aircrafts were paid for during the past financial year, with the government expecting to receive a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner later this month

By Francis Kajubi, Dodoma

CARGO haulage by Air Tanzania Co. Ltd (ATCL) has surged by 87.78 percent as of March this year, in the wake of starting operations of the Boeing 767-

300F.

Prof Makame Mbarawa, the Transport minister, made this observation when tabling fiscal 2024/25 budget estimates pegged at 2.76trn/- in the National Assembly yesterday, noting that the air-

craft commenced operations back in July, flying from Dar es Salaam to Dubai through Nairobi once a week.

The aircraft also flies to Mumbai, Eldoret, Mombasa, Bujumbura, Kinshasa, Bangui, N'Djamena, Entebbe and Lusaka, covering most of east and central Africa as well as the key Indian commercial hub.

"The aircraft alone during the period transported 2,085 tonnes of cargo, an equivalent of 41.41 percent of the total cargo transported between July 2023 and March this year," he said, pointing out that ATCL

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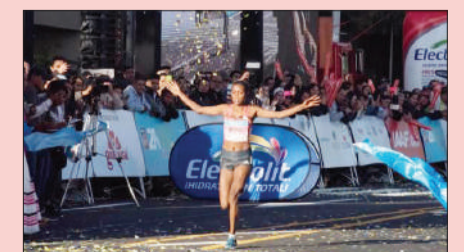
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the firm to bring a refined, yet accessible living experience to Dar es Salaam," he said, affirming that the project is designed "not just as a place to live but as an investment in a lifestyle of convenience, luxury, and sustainability."

"The development's strategic location and comprehensive amenities provide an ideal setting for young professionals, families, and business operators," he said.

Li Jun, CEO of Coral Property Holdings said the firm aims to provide not just homes, but "sustainable and efficient living solutions that contribute to the well-being of Tanzanian families."

Coral Property Holdings is committed to eco-friendly and sustainable building practices, with the Sky Royal project "integrating green technologies and smart home features to ensure an environmentally friendly and efficient living environment."

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handled 5,034.2 tonnes of cargo during the period compared to 2,681 tonnes for March 2023, implying an 87.78 percent growth.

ATCL was serving 24 destinations, 11 of them beyond our borders, he said, citing the datum that the Boeing 767-300F has a 54 tonnes capacity at a time.

Domestic destinations are Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Bukoba, Dodoma, Kilimanjaro, Kigoma, Geita, Mpanda, Songwe, Tabora, Songea and Zanzibar, while international destinations are Bujumbura, Dubai, Entebbe, Comoro, Guangzhou, Harare, Lubumbashi, Lusaka, Mumbai, Nairobi and Ndola, he elaborated.

Three new aircrafts were paid for during the past financial year, with the government expecting to receive a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner later this month, he said, noting that this will bring to 16 aircrafts ATCL maintains.

Hailing the firm's competitiveness in the country and the region at large, he said that in the next finan-

cial year ATCL seeks to make the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) into an auxiliary hub.

The firm had cleared its debts to pension funds, he stated, highlighting last month's 18.58bn/- having been paid for pensioners' claims. This brings to 148.95bn/- or 64 percent of overdue payments, with 82bn/- outstanding (36 percent), he stated.

ATCL had 792 employees as of late March, up from 689 workers a year earlier, with nine more pilots, from 108 to 117, engineers standing at 178, up from 139 earlier. It also employed 55 other staff members, reaching 497 at present.

Hinting at port operations, he said that up to March this year TPA had handled 20.72m tonnes of cargo compared to 14.56m tonnes in July 2022 to March 2023, a 42.31 percent increase.

TPA was still pursuing openings for conducting more shipping services for Rwanda, DRC, Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe, having registered 8.87m tonnes of cargo from these markets in 2023, up from 8.24m tonnes in 2022, he added.

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the Treasury, he stated, adding that wharfage collections have been growing, with expectations that by fiscal 2026/27 wharfage collections will reach 1.4trn/-.

During 2023/24 estimated collections are placed at 592bn/-, projected to climb to 792.49bn/- in the next financial year, with the committee feeling that TPA is one of the main

sources of government revenue collection, piling up 22.6trn/- during 2022/23.

Key collections include customs charges, standing at 9.354trn/- being 41 percent of total collections at the port, in which case TPA needs to collect wharfage charges to have the ability to develop port infrastructure like building a new berth to increase the volume of cargo handling, he added.

Msalato airport to start business next year, says official

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MSALATO International Airport in Dodoma Region will be completed by October next year, it has been revealed.

Mahona Luhende, project manager at the Tanzania National Road Agency (Tanroads) said recently that the airport, will have the capacity to serve huge aircrafts and 1.5 million passengers annually, was on high stages of implementation.

He said the project until its completion will cost 360bn/- which is a loan from the African Development Bank while the Tanzanian government provided compensation to the people who were living in the area.

He said the airport is being built by two companies, Beijing Construction Engineering Group Co. Ltd that builds the buildings of the field and Sinohydro Corporation Ltd that builds the road infrastructure.

He said the building construction for the airport, Beijing Construction, started in November 2022 and

has reached 22.5 percent and is expected to complete the construction in October 2025.

He said the road infrastructure contractor for the airport Sinohydro Corporation Ltd has reached 56 percent of construction.

"The rain caused some activities to stop and without the rain, the stadium building contractor would have reached 60 percent, but we are happy to see that the airport road contractor has reached 56 percent," he said.

He said that the airstrip has reached a good point and that they expect until October this year that some planes will begin to land at the airport as part of the test.



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Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and former prime minister Joseph Warioba (L) exchange greetings in Dodoma city yesterday shortly after the opening of a workshop for regional commissioners and regional administrative secretaries on the implementation of recommendations by the Criminal Justice Commission. Looking on (2nd-L) is the commission's chairman, former CJ Mohamed Othman Chande. Photo: PMO

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councils on billboards, parking as well as supervision of road use, he pointed out.

Other issues are land conflicts; abusive use of power in conducting arrests, as well as wasteful conduct of taking security detail and scores of officials in official tours. This prevents from expressing what ails them for fear of exposure by entourage members, he said.

Regional secretariats need to allocate buildings and other infrastructures for criminal justice institutions in the new districts being established, he said, noting that a number of such areas lack criminal justice services like the

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police and prisons.

The public faces challenges in accessing such services either by walking or travelling for long hours, he said.

Dr Festo Dugange, the PO-RALG deputy minister, said the department will oversee the implementation of directives and instructions given during the working session to ensure President Samia Suluhu Hassan's desire to see justice is accessed by the public is

achieved.

Former chief justice Mohammed Othman Chande, the commission chairman, said the commission's report had 333 recommendations on the improvement of the performance of the criminal justice institutions in various areas.

He said statistics show that crime was rising every year and that major efforts have been placed to combat crimes instead of identifying the causes and pre-

venting incidents, pointing at the preparation of a national strategy to identify and prevent crimes.

Agenda items listed for the session include building understanding on the commission's recommendations, building understanding and follow-up by leaders and executives, plus adherence to professionalism, ethics and combating corruption to ensure efficiency in the rendering of justice.



Barrick Tanzania supervisor (learning and development) Elly Shimbi pictured at the University of Dodoma on Saturday addressing students attending a capacity building workshop meant to help them confidently withstand competition when seeking employment. The event was organised by AIESEC Tanzania and sponsored by the mining firm. AIESEC is a global platform for use by young people to develop their leadership potential through practical experiences. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Getrude Mbago

THE Dar es Salaam Rapid Transport (DART) plans to adopt cashless services as it has commenced installation of smart turnstile gates at boarding stations to allow smooth passing of passengers.

The project started in the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) phase one route which runs from Kimara to Ubungo ending at Kivukoni/Morocco/Gerezani.

DART's chief executive (CE), Dr Athumani Kihamia made the remarks during the weekend when members of the Parliamentary Committee on Regional Administration and Local Government toured to inspect BRT infrastructure of

DART to adopt cashless services

phase two and three.

The members also inspected the consignment of the smart gates which have been kept at the Gerezani BRT station.

According to Kihamia, the contractor will install a total of 360 gates in the project in various stations and by June, this year, the job will be completed where passengers will be using smart cards to swipe and easily enter into stations.

"The gates have been purchased in Roma, Italy and are strong to last long; the installation has started at Korogwe BRT station before going in

other stations. We are sure that once the gates start operation, passengers will experience first ever smooth services in our stations," he said.

The contractor will not only install the gates and go, but will for two years be there to monitor their efficiency, repair when there is a challenge along with transferring skills to local experts for continued smooth operation.

"At DART, we have a total of 18 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) staff who are currently receiving training for the supervision of the gates, the facilities

will be run by power, so we will ensure that there is alternative power source-backup generators to facilitate operation of the gates all the time," he said.

He said the smart gates will go parallel with the use of smart cards, will greatly heighten services and revenue collection.

Amani Mafuru, assistant Dar es Salaam Regional Administrative Secretary said the implementation of the BRT project has acted as a huge transport relief to thousands of Dar es Salaam residents since it commenced in 2016.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister Jerry Slaa (2nd-R) cuts the ribbon in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to launch the city's Sky Royal affordable housing project. From-R: Coral Property Holding Co. Ltd managing director Zhou Tao, Lands director (in the ministry) Upendo Matotola and Hainan International Ltd director general Li Jun. Photo courtesy of Lands ministry

Dar wins praise for investing heavily in cardiac treatment

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

A Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health and Sanitation delegation has hailed the government's major investment in cardiac treatment, something which attracts people from various African countries to come for the service.

The delegation yesterday visited the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) to learn where it expressed intention of bringing in Tanzania heart patients for treatment at the Institute.

It is led by Sartie Kenneh, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Sierra Leone's Ministry of Health and Sanitation who, during his remarks, expressed happiness to come to JKCI and learn the great work of heart treatment which is backed by major investment in medical equipment.

Keneth praised the government for the large investment made at JKCI to facilitate the treatment of diseases for citizens from various African countries and promised to continue to cooperate with Tanzania to establish such treatment.

"We have learnt many things in the way of providing quality medical services to patients, the cooperation between the employees of the JKCI institution to achieve the goal of quality services, so we will continue to strengthen cooperation," he said.

He said that due to the quality of services they saw at JKCI, their country will bring their patients to be treated there to reduce the cost of transporting patients to Europe and India.

Dr Peter Kisenge, JKCI executive director said the visit aims to develop cooperation in heart treatment between Tanzania and Sierra Leone, which is the mission of President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan to

promote medical tourism.

He said the delegation arrived in the country to learn about the investment in heart treatment and the distribution of medicines and medical equipment from the Medical Store Department (MSD).

Dr Kisenge further said the experts have learned great and strong work practices from JKCI staff, including how to care for patients in critical condition.

He explained that the visit was a big step that fulfils the goals of the President Samia to promote medical tourism in the country due to the large investment the government has made in the health sector.

Dr Delila Kimambo, JKCI director of integrative medicine said the success of the institute is triggered with great collaboration between employees with the institute.

"These achievements seen in the provision of high quality services are not the efforts of one person, but are the result of the cooperation of all employees to ensure that we reach the intended goals," she said.

She said they will continue to strengthen cooperation with various countries to attract them to bring patients to be treated at the institute.



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By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

'Good policies, better aspirants will make CCM win in election'

CCM Vice Chairman (Mainland) Abdulrahman Kinana has revealed the party's secret to winning an election, saying putting in place good policies and fielding strong candidates was the key to success and not depending on electoral reforms as it is believed by opposition leaders.

Speaking to Dodoma residents, Kinana said there are countries which demanded constitutional and electoral reforms for decades and managed to get them but did not win elections.

"We know Tanzanians need a new constitution that is a fact, but the opposition party—Chadema want the constitution now which is not the way things are supposed to

be, we will all sit down and agree to calls for constitutional reforms," he said.

Kinana said the party was open to criticism saying however that it was not ready for allegations which the opposition party has levelled against them that it was hijacking the political reform negotiations.

He said among the issues which were taken to the negotiating team by some political parties was that the President should not be involved in the appointment of electoral commission members, a point which CCM supported.


"There is no issue which was brought forward which has not been taken into consideration, because in our research i have not seen any country in the world where the President is not involved in the appointment of members but, here in Tanzania we want to sideline the Head of State," he said.

In addition, he said what Chadema was discussing mainly was the issue of the new Constitution and they tried to make this issue be discussed between them and CCM and not to involve other opposition parties which is not the right way.

"Their main argument was that they are the main opposition party and other parties should be kept aside, which is not right," he said.

On the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar, Kinana said that it was an exemplary one despite going through challenges, but it has survived due to the foundations which it was built on.

"Let's not allow Tanzanians to be divided by regions, because if we do that, we will later be divided by religion, Tanzanians should continue to reject this argument," he said.



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WFP COUNTRY STRATEGIC PLAN 2022 - 2027


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

B. Eligibility Criteria

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


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

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


D. Submission and Contact Information
Interested organizations should submit their expressions of interest electronically to the WFP Dar es Salaam through Tanzania.partnership@wfp.org or in the UN Partner Portal (for organizations already registered in the UNPP), specifying Expression of Interest - WFP EOI - Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in the subject line. The deadline for submission is **20th May at 23:59** (Midnight EAT). Only short-listed NGOs will be contacted.



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Minimum Requirements.
Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- a. Company Profile;
- b. Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA).
- c. Certificate of incorporation (BRELA), TIN Certificate, Valid Business license and permits.
- d. Recent Registered Company Detail Information (BRELA Standard Search) with the Shareholding Structure
- e. Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- f. CRB with Civil Class 1
- g. Suitable resources availability including equipment, qualified Personnel
- h. Copy of ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001(ISO45001:2015) or equivalent certificate.
- i. Proven track record experience list for similar services supplied in the last Three (3) years
- j. Evidence of organization HSE Management Systems & policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Industry standards for similar works.
- k. Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
- l. Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017, and Local Company Definition of this Regulation.

Interested companies with the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest in English language by sending the above documents to pq@docgi.cn (not exceeding 20 MBs) on or before 17:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on **20th/May/2024**. Subject of the email should be **MST-TZ-20240407-EOI- [COMPANY NAME]**.

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

DOCG reserves the right not to consider companies that submit an incomplete dossier.

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive invitation to submit bids in furtherance of the call for tender process.

MSMEs set to benefit from 18.5bn/- soft loans scheme

By Guardian Reporter

THE government and NMB Bank yesterday signed 18.5bn/- for financing micro, small, and medium-size enterprises (MSMEs) in the country.

Dr Doroth Gwajima, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups

yesterday signed the deal to facilitate the soft financing arrangement in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking before inking the agreement, Minister Dr Gwajima said the soft loans from the new government credit facility will be extended to MSMEs at an interest rate of seven percent.

"18.5bn/- is a lot of money to start with but more funds will be allocated in the future since the intention of the government is to make this lending sustainable," she noted, calling upon borrowers to fully repay the loans for that to happen and benefit more people.

Dr Gwajima said that if the loans are invested diligently and used for the intended purposes, they have huge potential not only to stir up the national economy but also help to boost household incomes.

According to her, the novel lending arrangement is part of the government's new approach to empowering special groups and ensuring only the intended beneficiaries gain from such support.

"The MSMEs sector plays a pivotal role in national development hence the government's decision through the ministry to embark on various initiatives to empower it, including making available the soft loans NMB has started providing today."

Dr Seif Shekalaghe, permanent secretary in the ministry, said the signing of the agreement with NMB culminates the ministry's process to pick the partner bank in extending soft loans to special groups.

He noted that the credit facility will be replenished annually, he added that the exercise to identify and register all eligible MSMEs has started and all those qualifying are provided

with special IDs to enable them access the loans.

Ruth Zaipuna, bank's chief executive officer said the contractual engagement with the ministry was a good example of NMB Bank's contribution to efforts of the Sixth Phase Government to improve the business environment for all enterprises in the country, including MSMEs.

She said the bank's MSMEs financing experience which has won international accolades such as Best SME Bank in Tanzania and the Best SME Financier for the year 2024 qualifies it to better manage the soft loans facility.

"Between 2020 and 2023," the seasoned banker noted, "NMB Bank issued 129,540 loans worth about 2trn/- loans to SMEs to cater to their various financing needs. That was an average of 42.3bn/- and 2,699 loans a month."

She told Dr Gwajima that the financing deal extends the bank's scope of reaching out to more MSMEs whose empowerment is part and parcel of the success story of NMB and its rich impactful history.

The NMB leader thanked the government for engaging the bank in SMEs' prosperity initiatives to enable them to contribute meaningfully to national building efforts, saying the sector plays a decisive role in the growth of African and other economies in the world.

Composing 95 percent of all formal businesses globally, she explained, SMEs account for 50 percent of GDP in sub-Saharan Africa and 80 percent of all the jobs in the whole of Africa.

"Apart from the soft loans, the targeted entrepreneurs will also benefit from other financial services provided by our bank to grow commercially," Zaipuna noted.

She said eligible SMEs for the new credit line will be those approved by the ministry and the loans will be available according to need. To ensure fiscal discipline, the borrowers will be thoroughly enlightened on money matters, she added.



Prof Hozen Mayaya (L), rector of the Dodoma-based Institute of Rural Development Planning, pictured in Dodoma city at the weekend gifting the US Ambassador to Tanzania, Michael Anthony Battle, Sr. (R), books published by the Dodoma-based institute. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

US CDC, Amref team up in strengthening infectious disease prevention in Hanang

By Carlos Banda

US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with AMREF Health Africa - Tanzania have handed over four hand washing facilities to schools in Hanang District, Manyara Region worth 40.4m/- (\$15,592) to strengthen infectious prevention practices at public facilities.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Dr Florence Temu, Country Director for Amref Health Africa in Tanzania said that the move is in line with guidelines from the Ministry of Health.

She emphasized the importance of the integrated approach of strengthening Event-Based Surveillance (EBS) and WASH in the

district, highlighting the significant progress made in early warning and response to public health threats in the region, thanks to the support of US-CDC Tanzania.

Dr Temu also expressed gratitude for the collaboration between Amref Tanzania and US-CDC Tanzania, which has played a crucial role in providing mentorship and sensitization on alert detection and reporting, ultimately leading to the prevention of infectious diseases in the region.

Dr Wangeci Gatei, CDC director of the Division of Global Health Protection at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reiterated the commitment of CDC Tanzania to strengthening infectious prevention practices in

Tanzania through collaborative efforts with the government and local partners. She emphasized the goal of assisting the Government of Tanzania in complying with the International Health Regulations (2005) through the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) 2024 targets.

"CDC Tanzania has been working closely with the government to strengthen and follow-up outbreak patients and events which are hazardous to health at societal level and across the nation," she said.

The handover ceremony was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, US CDC, Amref Tanzania, as well as local government officials, community health care workers, teachers

and students. The collaboration between Amref Tanzania and the U.S. CDC aims to strengthen infectious prevention practices at public facilities and contribute to the overall improvement of public health in the region.

In the wake of the devastating mudslide in the Manyara region, which left thousands displaced and caused numerous casualties, Amref Tanzania, with support from US CDC Tanzania, continued to collaborate on WASH practices to prevent infectious diseases in Hanang District, including strengthening the integration between EBS and WASH at various levels and providing support for early warning and response to public health threats in the region.

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Students devise new system to enable direct electricity payment into meters

STUDENTS from Zanzibar schools have designed a system that enables electricity payments to go directly into the meter without the buyer having to enter the token into the electricity meter.

Demonstrating how the system works at the International Girls in ICT Day celebrations held recently in Arusha, these students said the system will help streamline electricity services for users and improve the services provided by the Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO).

Those students are from Laureate school, Bububu primary school, Turkey Primary school and Turkish Marif school all in Zanzibar.

Explaining the solution, student Salina Sharif from Zanzibar's Laureate school said they designed the system after observing the problem of people struggling to connect electricity through the networks. They named the system Power Pals, which provides a solution for electricity users to input the meter numbers without having to physically add the recharge token numbers into the

meter. "Power Pals enables you to add electricity online at the tip of your fingers (using your mobile phone) without a hassle," she said.

Salina further said that to use the system, the user must already be connected to the electricity service, have the electricity meter device, and be linked to the online payment system via mobile phones.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) director general explained that the authority, in collaboration with the Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH), support technological innovations by providing the required, valuable communication resources for free of charge over a period of three months so as to empower and enable the innovators and elevate their innovations.

Dr Bakari stated that in the past, it was difficult for innovators to conduct research on their technological innovations as they had to purchase communication resources such as frequencies and numbering resources, which now

TCRA facilitates the innovators by providing them at no cost for a period of three months.

He added that COSTECH plays a role in determining whether the innovative idea will benefit society if given these resources and developed in order to use technology to solve various challenges. They also provided guidance on the proper procedure to be followed so that students and other innovators can benefit from their work and help them in their general life advancement.

Dr Bakari urged various innovators to fully utilize this opportunity to stimulate technological developments that will help boost the digital economy.

The International Girls in ICT Day is celebrated every last Thursday of April to encourage girls to pursue science-related studies.

This day stems from the agreement of member countries of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and this year's theme is "Leadership."



Deogratus Ndejemi (C, in black cap), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disabilities), and Geita Gold Mining Ltd's Health, Safety and Environment senior manager Dr Kiva Mvungi (L) pictured in Arusha at the weekend presenting protective gear to a bodaboda taxi operator (in green coat) and his colleagues who had just attended road safety training in the city. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVISION OF BANKING SERVICES

WHO WE ARE:

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is an independent child-based non-governmental and social development organization registered in Tanzania under the law of the Non-Governmental Organization Act, 2002 with registration No. I-NGO/R2/0005 and affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International based in Innsbruck, Austria.

It is committed to protecting abandoned, destitute, and orphaned children who are exposed to insecurity and hopelessness. For the last 30 years, SOS Children's Villages Tanzania has been working in providing Family-Like Care (FLC) to children who have lost parental care; and working with communities to strengthen families of children who are at risk of losing parental care. In addition, SOS Children's Villages Tanzania also implements associated programs such as Serviced Independent Living (SIL), Other Alternative Care (OAC), Early Childhood Care and Development (ECD), Employment and Entrepreneurship Training (EET) and, Child and Youth Care Practitioners Training (CPT)

At present, SOS Children's Villages Tanzania runs its programs nationally through its physical locations in Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Iringa, Mwanza, Unguja and Pemba.

OBJECTIVES:

Over the years, the banking industry has evolved tremendously offering tailor-made services to their clients and for that reason, SOS Children's Villages Tanzania would like to invite you to express interest in providing banking services that will help us in increasing efficiency in our programs and carry out transactions in the most cost effective manner.

The development in the banking industry have direct impact to the banking services, therefore, it is deemed necessary to conduct thoroughly a review of various banks on services they offer.

The following are the objectives of conducting quick scanning on the market.

- Assess all requirements and implications involved in changing the current service provider to determine benefits and drawbacks.
- Explore availability of quality online banking services that can be offered which align to the SOS Children's Villages Tanzania financial procedures.
- Assess possibilities of reducing banking charges offered on transactions on monthly basis and other service fees.
- Conduct a thorough analysis of the benefits that can be offered to both organization and staff.
- Explore the potential for joint partnerships in the areas of community interventions through corporate social responsibility (CSR) example; collaborative projects, Capacity-Building support to program participants engaged in economic activities and volunteer opportunities for program participants.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Assessment of the proposals from each bank will assist the Management to have enough information on selecting a bank that will meet the requirements of SOS Children's Villages Tanzania to bring efficiency in carrying out transaction in most cost effective and secured manner, while improving the socio-economic livelihoods of the communities especially women, children and the youth.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Banks are requested to confirm availability and provide details of the following services:

- Online / internet banking and charges for different transactions.
- Types of accounts that are favorable for SOS Children's Villages Tanzania (product for Non-Governmental Organizations).
- Mobile payment services and their related charges.
- Bulk salary processing services and related fees.
- Facility for staff loans and applicable interest rates.
- Competitive exchange rates on all foreign currency conversions.
- TISS charges.
- Insurance broker services.
- Coverage of banking services in regions where SOS Children's Villages Tanzania exist.
- Track record of CSR activities supporting social causes.

Manner of Proposal Submission:

The proposal must be submitted physically to the address below not later than **Monday, 20th May 2024 at 11:00am.**

National Director
SOS Children's Villages Tanzania,
National Office,
Plot 871 Msasani, Mwai Kibaki Road,
P. O Box 80462,
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Late Eol, portion Eol and Eol not received within the stipulated deadline shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of circumstances.



Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Local Governments view smart gates which Dar Rapid Transit (DART) has started installing at the respective bus stations under the first phase (Kimara to Kivukoni) of Dar es Salaam's Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) project. They were on a tour of the project's offices in the city's Gerezani suburb on Saturday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

Unesco commission: Recommend heritage site aspirants before 2027

By Guardian Reporter

THE United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) National Commission has urged stakeholders who want to record their areas in the world heritage list to start processes before 2027.

Speaking during the commemoration of the African Heritage Day, head of heritage programmes at the UNESCO National Commission Eric Kajiru said it is important for the stakeholders to submit the area proposals now because procedures may change and become more difficult in the future.

Kajiru said Tanzania has a lot of attractions which may meet the set requirements and status, but lack of seriousness in starting the process has been holding the nation back.

On the preparation of the proposal, Kajiru wanted stakeholders to ensure that they closely engage all stakeholders involved in the development of the areas in order to simplify the process as well as putting attentive elements of the area is needed for other use.

"The commission is always there to provide needed support, so stakeholders should not hesitate

to contact the commission when they need guidance to achieve the process," he added.

He cited an example of when they were listing the Selous Game Reserve in the list in 1982, the organisers described that the government was planning to build a dam, which helped the project to be approved easily even at a time when activists wanted to prevent it.

Currently, Tanzania has 7 world heritage sites Kilimanjaro National Park, Kondo Rock-Art Sites, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Ruins of Kilwa Kisiwani and Ruins of Songo Mnara, Selous Game Reserve, Serengeti National Park and Stone Town of Zanzibar.



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Residents propose means to end GBV, early marriage and teenage pregnancies

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

RESIDENTS of Mwamala ward in Shinyanga Rural District have devised means of curbing gender-based violence (GBV), early marriage, and child pregnancies among young girls.

They have agreed to check the age of everyone who gets married by looking at her birth certificate issued by the Registration Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency (RITA) and the clinic card.

The residents also agreed to ensure that everyone who gets married, be it traditional, religious, or governmental, tests their health status and the results of the screening be conveyed to their relatives and the focus is on reducing HIV transmission to young people and family members who are exposed to sexual misconduct.

Mwamala ward executive officer, Suzana Kayange unveiled this here recently when speaking to the reporter on how the ward is prepared to end GBV, early marriages, teen pregnancies, and HIV infection among young girls.

She said that earlier before the system was put in place, many girls under the age of 18 were getting married without following the procedure and many marriages were being concluded quietly between parents, but after the system, the situation is no longer there.

She further said child marriages and HIV infection have decreased to a large extent because the day before the marriage they check the birth certificate to check the age, and the clinical cards are brought to the hospital or clinic to check if it has been faked or not and those who meet the criteria are allowed to get married.

Ramadhani Mahona, a member of the National Programme for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Children committee in the ward said that for those parents who are found to be marrying a child who does not have the age qualification, they first educate him about the consequences of early marriage and if the married person was a student, they send him back to school.

Last year, we showed an example in one of the families when we got information about the marriage, we took the couple who expected to get married and checked their birth certificates and their clinical cards and luckily the girl and the young man were found to be 19 years old and the marriage was endorsed," added Mahona.

Bunonga village resident, Monica Lembo said child marriages were being fuelled by greedy parents who want money, "but now this procedure has helped to tighten them and now they are afraid of being taken to court."



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Refurbished Kariakoo market set for opening in three months' time

By **Getrude Mbago**

THE refurbished Kariakoo Market in Dar es Salaam Region which its construction budget stood at 28.6bn/- is now set to be opened in August, this year benefiting over 3000 traders, the government has said.

The country's famous Kariakoo market was burnt in 2021 affecting hundreds of traders, something which made the government invest funds for its fresh look.

Zainab Katimba, Deputy Minister of State, in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government unveiled this during the weekend saying that construction work had now reached 93 percent and that technicians were on final touches.

He was speaking when members of the Parliamentary Committee on Regional Administration and Local Government toured to inspect progress of the market.

She reminded the contractor that the government will not provide any extension time, so they should work hard to ensure that the project is completed within the scheduled timeframe.

"The government has spent billions of money to renovate the old building that was burnt down. We have also built another building with six floors, President Samia Suluhu Hassan approved 28.6bn/- and the hope is that as soon as the contractor hands over the project in August, this year, people will start using the structures," she said.

Katimba wanted responsible leaders to ensure that there is fair distribution of stores once the market commences operation.

"We will monitor to ensure that distribution of stores to traders is conducted fairly, all traders

who were here before should be considered the first, leaders at the market need to supervise this," Katimba insisted.

Vice chairman of the committee, Justin Nyamoga hailed the government for the good work which is going to restore joy to thousands of traders in the country who incurred losses when the market was burnt.

He said apart from restoring joy to the traders, the market will also stimulate trade and economic development in the country.

He wanted the contractor and supervisors to ensure that the project is completed and opened on time.

"We want to see those who were once working in this market given priority when the new market commences," he said.

Kariakoo is the nerve centre of all manner of commerce in Dar es Salaam. Under the concrete roof of the edifice are sellers of farming equipment and seeds; fresh meat and fish; home appliances; cereals and fresh farm produce from all corners of Tanzania.



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Asma Mwinyi Foundation director Asma Mwinyi (L) joins students on Pemba Island yesterday shortly after presenting them with sanitary pads. It has now reached a total of 30,000 students across Tanzania with the items. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

By **Guardian Correspondent, Arusha**

MORE than 200 bodaboda riders in Arusha have received special health and safety training to improve their ability to identify accidents and health risks in their daily work.

In collaboration with the Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA), the training was organised recently by Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML).

The training is part of the safety and health education programmes for various groups of small-scale entrepreneurs that took place during the just-ended OSHA exhibitions.

Dr Kiva Mvungi, GGML's senior manager of health, safety and environment urged the motorcyclists to develop the habit of regular health checks, including for non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and

New dawn as 'bodaboda' riders in Arusha trained on safety measures

heart disease, so that they can do their jobs with peace of mind.

Kulwa Simba, miner's health and safety officer, said the training was designed to help riders identify risks and protect themselves to avoid unnecessary accidents. Motorcyclists were also taught how to help someone involved in a bodaboda accident. This was a significant change as there was a prevailing culture of accepting accidents as part of life. However, we emphasised the importance of safety and reminded riders that they have families, relatives and friends who depend on them. So it is important to be careful.

In addition to the training, the Geita-based miner distributed some protective equipment to

the participants, including 300 reflective vests.

Deogratius Ndejemi, Minister of State in the Office of the Prime Minister (Labour, Youth, Employment and Disabled) lauded participants for recognising the importance of the training and turning out in large numbers, where he urged them to use the knowledge they had gained to improve the way they approached road safety.

"After this training, I don't expect any of you to join the ranks of motorcyclists who break the rules of the road, including overtaking other vehicles without caution. Let me assure you that your government under our President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, appreciates you and will continue to provide you with

training and capital opportunities to enable you to improve yourselves economically," he said.

OSHA Chief Executive Officer, Khadija Mwenda, also congratulated the trainees for dedicating themselves and their time to the day's training.

Okelo Costantine, President of the Bodaboda Union in Arusha District, thanked the government for continuing to fight for the youth to be able to do their work in peace and for providing them with various opportunities, including training.

The training covered various topics, including how to identify safety and health hazards in transport activities and how to provide first aid to victims of road accidents.



Ezekiel Lesenga alias Maridadi (R), councillor for Loiborsiret in Simanjiro District, pictured on Saturday addressing a meeting on progress in the implementation of development projects in the ward. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

US envoy for stronger ties with Dodoma-based IRDP

By **Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma**

US government has pledged to continue strengthening working ties with the Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) to support the government's various development programmes. US Ambassador to Tanzania Michael Battle made the pledge at the weekend here when he visited the institute.

He expressed delight on the professional manner in which the institute has been hosting various programmes initiated by USA Embassy for empowering students with entrepreneurship and innovation skills.

"USA and Tanzania have a long history of relationships and success in many areas, including education," he said.

The US embassy and IRDP have maintained working relationship for seven consecutive years now, yielding what he termed remarkable results.

"I am impressed after realizing that you always acted professionally and very committed to ensuring the project that the US embassy is introducing at your college fetches good results, especially the Academy for Women in Entrepreneurship," he said.

"I am here for encouraging and assuring you that we at the embassy

will continue working with you in the implementation of more key programmes."

Chad Morris, cultural affairs officer, public affairs section at the embassy, said that they were very happy with the outcome of their work with IRDP.

"IRDP very graciously hosted our academy for women entrepreneurship programme here; the programme has been designed to train local women on entrepreneurship and business development and planning. The programme managed to fetch fruitful outcomes," he said.

IRDP Rector Prof Hozen Mayaya said the development signalled

positive future relationships between the institute and the US embassy.

The don said that seven years of cooperation saw implementation of the Academy for Women in Entrepreneurship as well as hatching of Mipango Entrepreneurship and Innovation Centre.

Prof Mayaya said that they had a fruitful conversation with ambassador Battle meant to improve cooperation between the two parties. "We discussed possible ways through which the embassy can link our library with the cloud-connected ones in US universities," he said.

Chodawu due to start special training for domestic workers

By **Polycarp Machira, Dodoma**

THE Tanzanian Conservation, Hotels, Domestic and Allied Workers' Union (CHODAWU) plans to start special training to domestic workers in effort to make them more skilled and gain professional recognition.

The anticipated training is to be conducted through Vocational Education Training Authorities (VETA) will help improve their capacity and understanding of their basic rights in order to ensure they are valued and given the rights they deserve.

Said Wamba, Union's secretary general made the revelation here recently during a stakeholders meeting, calling on the government to support the initiative.

"The intended training project will help domestic workers to be aware of their rights and increase their professional skills and quality hence gives them a chance to serve better with standards" he said.

He added that this is a national issue because it touches every one, stating that domestic workers serve people, children at homes and elsewhere.

Wamba also said that funds to implement the training project have already been obtained from various donors but they are waiting for VETA to develop and design the curriculum where he asked all members who attended the session to contribute their ideas on what should be included in the curriculum.

For her part, the Special Seats MP, Dr Tea Ntale (CCM) urged VETA to design and develop a special curriculum which will consider all necessary parts like their rights, their professionalism, working environment, Obligations and what to do when they encounter problems.

"Domestic workers especially girls are abused in their work places, they are abused by the father, mother, children even with relatives of their employee" she said.

The lawmaker also argued that

they are abused psychologically, physically and socially, the society does not recognize that they are also human beings who need to be respected and valued.

"We need VETA to design and develop a curriculum that will help them realize their rights and obligations as workers, and that will provide all the necessary skills, they should be experts in their profession being able to be employed anywhere with a reasonable salary" she added.

The Manager of Nyumba Salama from Wote Sawa Project Mwanza Cluster, Jackline Ngalo said that, many domestic workers have been experiencing economic, sexual and emotional violence, others at a very young age, thus the training will help them understand who are they, what their rights are and what their professional is.

She also vowed that training will help them see and recognize economic opportunities available in their working environment and how they can use them to improve and develop their economic status.

"The training along with their rights should help them analyse, identify and look for opportunities so they can increase their income out of their monthly salary," said Ngalo.



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Vodacom Tanzania Plc staff hold the trophy presented to the firm for emerging winner in the Information and Communication category at Occupational Safety and Health Authority exhibition held in Arusha city recently. Photo: John Badi

By Guardian Reporter

DC calls for collective efforts in achieving SDGs on clean energy

ILALA district commissioner, Edward Mpogolo has underscored the need for collaborative efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal by ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

DC Mpogolo made the remarks in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at the launch of an initiative to expand its asset financing support for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)-powered three-wheelers across Tanzania. The initiative is championed by Watu

Credit (T) Ltd. The move is part of Watu's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability, with the goal of financing at least 1,000 CNG-powered three-wheelers by the end of 2024, intensifying efforts to transition the transport sector to cleaner energy sources. "The SDGs include that every Tanzanian can access affordable and clean energy by 2030," DC

Mpogolo said. Rumisho Shikonyi, Watu Credit (T) country manager said: "Transitioning to cleaner energy is essential, and we are dedicated to financing this project to help the commuters, drivers, and the community adopt clean, safe, and sustainable transport. This commitment helps safeguard our environment because the future of our entire planet depends on the

actions we take today." He said that the credit firm has been working towards this goal, financing over 200 CNG-powered three-wheelers worth 2.2bn/- in the past two months alone. This campaign will further amplify their impact, helping them achieve the target of financing at least 1,000 more vehicles and advancing the clean mobility agenda across the continent.

Loan officers trained on better ways to issue productive loans to farmers

By Carlos Banda

TANZANIA Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) in collaboration with the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has trained 52 loan officers from 20 banking institutions through a programme dedicated to enhance their knowledge and awareness on how to effectively issue productive loans to farmers in the country.

Speaking at the conclusion of the first cohort of certified professionals in agricultural finance programme in Dar es Salaam, Dr Kaanaeli Nnko, TADB acting director general, that the programme intended to ensure many farmers across all regions are reached and that 270bn/- from the guarantee fund had been issued by cooperative banks.

He also said that the training programme targeted to build the awareness of financial institutions in the agricultural sector to contribute to the increase in accessibility of funds, loans and human resources in agriculture, livestock keeping and fishing sectors.

Dr Nnko said agricultural loans are different from normal loans, a factor which caused the programme to focus heavily on knowledge on loans to help banks and financial institutions from incurring losses.

"To this moment, we have managed to reach 24,000 farmers. Through the training programme and the participants, we believe we can reap positive outcomes in agriculture. Until now, cooperative banks have issued loans at 11 percent and the target is that by 2030, the lending sector should have reached 30 percent of loans issued," he said.

Dr Ephraim Mwasanguti, the vice chancellor of BoT academy said TADB gave it the task to prepare a programme for small scale farmers with the objective to empower loan officers from cooperative banks who supervise TADB loan schemes to issue loans that are payable.

"The issued funds belong to the public and at the end of the day,

they have to be repaid and bring out positive results in the country's agricultural sector," he said.

Salvatory Sylvester, CRDB agribusiness relationship manager, who also participated in the training programme said the programme has helped to open their perspective on the Agri-sector, adding that banking institutions used to view agriculture as a sector with many risk factors.

"We are now able to see the opportunities available in agriculture and how the private sector can financially help to provide loans which can aid farmers to farm better," he said.

The first cohort of the programme was trained by instructors from BoT Academy, experts from Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT) from April 22 to May 03, this year.



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION PACKAGE: ENGINEERING AND SUPPLY OF FIVE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) FOR EACOP FACILITIES. - REFERENCE REQ-00000526

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in undertaking the Engineering and Supply of the Battery Energy Storage Systems of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania. In Tanzania the pipeline will traverse eight (8) regions comprising of Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, 27 administrative District Councils, and 231 Villages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The scope includes the engineering, supply and shipment of 5 (Five) 33kV Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) including Battery Container (LFP), Power Conversion System (With Ongrid/Offgrid Seamless Transfer), Transformer Stations, Battery Management System, Power Plant Controller of the following rating:

- 22MVA/20MWh for EACOP's Marine Terminal in Tanga
- 16MVA/16MWh for EACOP's Pumping Station 6 in Singida
- 16MVA/16MWh for EACOP's Pumping Station 5 in Shinyanga
- 16MVA/16MWh for EACOP's Pumping Station 4 in Shinyanga
- 12MVA/12MWh for EACOP's Pumping Station 3 in Bukoba

The BESS systems will be installed by an EPC Contractor selected by EACOP. BESS supplier will provide in country assistance for commissioning and start-up of the systems.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
- Details of similar projects or activities undertaken which provide evidence of qualified and available team, knowledge of pipeline regions, and track record of the above listed experience.
- Business License.
- Certificate of Incorporation and recent BRELA search (Attach copy).
- Proof of Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is **strongly recommended**.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.
- Specialized in Engineering and Supply of Battery Energy Storage Systems.
- Where appropriate proof of registration with professional bodies eg Engineers Registration Board or Contractors Registration Board.

Companies or organizations which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending an Expression of Interest (EOI) via email, together with the above listed documents through an email to **procurement.tz@eacop.com** (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **06th June 2024** Email subject shall be: **REQ-00000526 Carbon Footprint Reduction Package: Engineering and Supply of Five Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) for EACOP facilities.**

Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long.

All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies or organizations that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies or organizations will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies or organizations. Only the pre-qualified companies or organizations will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company or organization and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company or organization concerned.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION PACKAGE: ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE GRID CONNECTIONS AND BESS SYSTEMS OF THE EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE (EACOP) PROJECT. - REFERENCE NO. REQ-00000527

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies or organizations to express their interest in undertaking the Engineering Procurement and Construction of the Battery Energy Storage Systems and the 33kV Grid Switch Stations of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from Lake Albert area in Uganda to eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula in Tanga, Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 296km will be in Uganda and 1,147 km in Tanzania. In Tanzania the pipeline will traverse eight (8) regions comprising of Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga, 27 administrative District Councils, and 231 Villages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

The scope includes the Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commissioning of:

- The 33kV grid connection stations and associated control systems and utilities including 33kV/33kV transformers and 33kV variable shunt reactors.
- The 33kV BESS systems and its control systems (to stabilize grid power and perform seamless on grid/off grid transfer).
- The overall electrical control systems named Power Management System to control and prioritize the power supply to EACOP.
- All associated power and control cabling.
- All associated civil works (access road, foundations, trenches, etc.)
- All associated telecom and security systems (CCTV, Fencing, Gates, etc.)

For pumping station 3 located in Bukoba, pumping station 4 located in Shinyanga, pumping station 5 located in Shinyanga, pumping station 6 located in Singida and Marine Storage Terminal located in Tanga.

The BESS systems will be free issued by EACOP and will be installed and commissioned on site by the EPC contractor. As an option, the EPC Contractor will have the possibility to submit an offer for the Engineering and Supply of the BESS systems including Battery Containers, Battery Management Systems, Transformer stations and Power conversion systems.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Brief description of experience, expertise, and capacity to deliver the required scope of services.
- Details of similar projects or activities undertaken which provide evidence of qualified and available team, knowledge of pipeline regions, and track record of the above listed experience.
- Business License.
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- Proof of Registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database or an approved application at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is **strongly recommended**.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the past three years.
- Evidence of a QHSE Management system, organization, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.
- Specialized in Engineering, Procurement and Construction of Electrical Works including extensive experience in Battery Energy Storage Systems.
- Where appropriate proof of registration with professional bodies eg Engineers Registration Board or Contractors Registration Board.

Companies or organizations which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending an Expression of Interest (EOI) via email, together with the above listed documents through an email to **procurement.tz@eacop.com** (max. email size 20Mb) on or before **17:00** hours East African Time (EAT), on **6th June 2024** Email subject shall be: **REQ-00000527 Carbon Footprint Reduction Package: Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commissioning of the Grid Connections and BESS systems.**

Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long.

All Expression of Interests should be submitted in the English Language

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies or organizations will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies or organizations. Only the pre-qualified companies or organizations will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company or organization and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company or organization concerned.

Buses for Mbagala BRT route: LATRA should put up tenders

A NUMBER of legislators have lately visited the second-phase Bus Rapid Transit project works in Dar es Salaam city. They were far from impressed by the DART management's plans for February 2025 schedule of starting to offer services.

DART - Dar es Salaam city's Bus Rapid Transit - operates half as a state agency and half as a private firm and is seen likely to be waiting for a large loan or subsidy from the Treasury to buy 700 buses - or half of those to start with or at least 100 new buses to roll out services.

This is hardly surprising as virtually all parastatal sector managers want the Air Tanzania model to be rolled out everywhere, as state sympathy of sorts.

That isn't what the government has strongly advocated over the past year in particular - that is, using public-private partnerships instead of burdening the government with appeals for subsidies or finding foreign loans.

Heads of various public organisations seek to pay lip service to this directive at times with rather unworkable contractual suggestions, as happened with 49 per cent to 51 per cent privatisations at the start of the century, much of which are out of memory for the generation of executives in their thirties or forties.

Rather curiously, DART has signalled as much, asking a Gulf-based company to bring in buses for DART to collect the fares and pay the firm for whatever costs it will incur. The bus firm ought to collect fares and pay taxes, not 'royalties'.

In that case, DART is giving itself until the end of this year to complete negotiations with the Gulf bus company - with, hopefully, the buses starting streaming in by early next year.

The MPs were understandably upset over this schedule, calling on the government to ensure that the second phase of BRT's operations - from Gerezani to Mbagala - start within the next three months.

SUA pursuit of green technologies skips DNA alteration, and might take too long

RESEARCHERS at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) have embarked on a trail-blazing four-year research project on 'green technologies'.

It is intended to enhance biological figuring of alternatives to threats on ecosystems and crops in the face of climate change impacts.

The title is disarming enough for starters: 'Mobility in Innovative Green Technologies for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Bio-economy', where a summing up as 'Interact-Africa' is given, less as an abbreviation but a reflection of their wider networks.

Funded by the European Union and focusing significantly on mobility, the project involves five universities in the East African Community zone working with a university in the Czech Republic.

The initiative's key operating sphere will be to provide support for the consortia of African institutions of higher learning in their research efforts in that direction.

It is also meant to roll out scholarships for capacity building among trainees, students and staff of the five universities.

The designers expect to see the project coming up with results that will help in resolving challenges that have tormented farmers for a long time.

While there is keen interest in the practical output of the project, the coordinators are under no illusion that it will all be smooth sailing.

For instance, the SUA-based project coordinator is optimistic that the initiative will promote opportunities for learning by strengthening capacity building in higher education based on training and education in green chemistry, biology and information technology.

That is a positive new sphere of learning, as it is not very promising for farmers to sit up and hope to come up

with key responses to fall armyworms or wilting diseases any time soon.

There is so much of learning activity and comparing notes that it is unclear when real research on a particular climate-related problem, like pest resilience, could likely come true.

Experience with medical researchers shows that finding the right drug for a particular disease and controlling its effects for all sorts of situations is tedious work that can take well up to a decade.

In some cases, for instance, malaria research produces hasty and limited-result vaccines seemingly incapable of closing all relevant gaps before they are rolled out.

One illustration of the project strategy is that in the implementation of the project at SUA, it will also focus on the development of a bio-fungicide fertiliser formulation for a cost-effective eco-friendly innovation.

It will target soil-borne plant diseases and soil fertility issues, two fairly different preoccupations, with intent to find green solutions to crop diseases such as wilting in tomato, egg plants and spices.

Here the purpose will be to reduce the use of industrial chemicals to protect the health of consumers as well as biodiversity.

Evidently, all this would be the best-case scenario if it promised solutions here and now rather than in the far future.

It is unclear what successes lie ahead for African countries after their having opted to ditch the United States' DNA alteration method to end pest woes.

They have instead followed the EU green technology 'panacea' within the background of a smallholder farming economy, which implies that the level of capitalisation needed will be forbidding.

Charting the way ahead may mean much more than just saying time will tell and so people should, at best, keep hoping for a better tomorrow.

That would imply placing the routes under the Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) just like the others, especially if it gets the 'special hire' air-conditioned staff buses on fares that permit rather enhanced profitability.

But there is really no need to wait for DART to bring in their 700 buses and operate non-competitively, as that would surely be a raw deal.

For one thing, there is an impression that the BRT lanes are DART infrastructure, as if this was a gift from the government to the city-based public firm, while trusting that the government respects its right of monopoly on servicing the rapid bus route.

There is however a sphere in which competition can be exercised, hoping that DART will itself eventually bring in buses which are likely to operate on the same model as their phase one services - that is, ending up with dangerously congested buses.

With a fare markup, it is possible to introduce air-conditioned 'special hire' buses operating free of congestion while and the more 'popular' lower-fare buses operate as well.

It was surprising that officials of the respective ministries did not accompany the MPs during the visit - Works, which is supervising BRT construction; Transport, which is overseeing the operations of bus systems; and PO-RALG (the Regional Administration and Local Governments wing of the President's Office), whose committee members were the ones visiting the BRT project.

One is left guessing whether the ministries in question did not wish to commit themselves on the issues, leaving the DART chief executive to revel in thanking the committee for the visit and promising that all the recommendations issued would be seriously considered.

In all seriousness, things could have easily gone a lot more smoothly and promisingly.

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Get gender equality right in Africa, and prosperity will follow

By Kouassi Yeboua

RIISING global fragility fuelled by conflicts, Covid-19, the Russia-Ukraine war and climate change have worsened gender disparities worldwide.

In Africa, women often face greater vulnerability to climate change due to their social roles, economic circumstances and limited access to resources. They are more likely to rely on climate-sensitive sectors like agriculture, making their livelihoods susceptible to changing weather patterns, droughts, floods and other climate-related risks. And women are disproportionately represented in the informal economy, which was seriously impacted by Covid-19.

Gender inequalities in Africa are rooted in social and cultural norms and traditions. Despite progress in policy and legislation, the continent is far from achieving gender equality. Sub-Saharan Africa is the worst-performing region in the United Nations Development Programme's Gender Inequality composite measure reflecting the disparity between women's and men's achievements in reproductive health, empowerment and the labour market.

African women are more likely to die from communicable diseases such as HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and nutritional deficiencies than men. Although maternal healthcare on the continent has improved in the past two decades, sub-Saharan Africa accounts for around 70% of global maternal deaths, due to gender bias in healthcare access.

Women and girls in Africa also bear the greatest burden of unpaid care and domestic work. They face a higher risk of violence especially at home, and are under-represented in the labour market and politics, governance and decision-making. In 2019, women made up 56% of Africa's average labour force, compared to men's 73% - an improvement from a 23 percentage-point gap in 1990.

Regionally, the greatest gap is in North Africa, where the female labour force participation rate was about 22% in 2019 compared to 70% for men. Although North Africa has lower gender inequality in education, this hasn't meant progress for women in the labour market. In 2021, the World Bank reported that women in the region face unfair laws that economically disempower them. Countries such as Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia prohibit women from working in certain industries.

Political representation

In African parliamentary bodies, women hold on average 24% of seats, while their presence in top



Shoprite opens at Matsamo Mall, creating 107 new jobs, many for women desperate for employment. Photo: Shoprite Media Team

executive roles is just 7%. Despite local governments being perceived as entry points for women in politics, women hold only 21% of African council positions. Of the few examples of progress, Rwanda, Namibia, South Africa and Senegal rank among the top 10 nations globally for female parliamentary representation.

Even in education, where Africa has made significant progress in reducing gender inequality, girls in sub-Saharan Africa are still the most disadvantaged compared to other global regions. Widespread child marriage, teenage pregnancy, poverty and the social norm of valuing boys over girls are among the factors that constrain women's access to education.

Climate change compounds these inequities. African women - constrained by societal roles, economic status and restricted resource accessibility - are disproportionately vulnerable to climate change impacts.

Closing these gender inequalities would have major benefits. New research by the Institute for Security Studies' African Futures and Innovation programme shows what Africa's development could gain from more gender inclusion.

Closing the gap

Using progress made by other countries or regions at similar levels of development as a benchmark, the study models the impact of an ambitious but realistic reduction in gender inequalities (Gender scenario) on Africa's development prospects to 2043. The report also includes an illustrative Gender Equality scenario that models the effect of full gender equality by 2043, with the full knowledge that

this isn't practically achievable.

In the Gender scenario, the 2043 African economy is about \$259-billion larger than in the business-as-usual forecast. The services sector greatly benefits from reduced gender inequality, gaining \$174-billion in added value compared to the current growth trajectory by 2043.

Reduced gender barriers in the scenario accelerate women's movement from agriculture to other sectors, particularly the service sector. While most women are still employed in agriculture, those in Africa's service sector have been increasing in number partly due to shifting social norms. In the Gender scenario, Africa's GDP per capita is \$355 more than the business-as-usual forecast by 2043, and there are 53 million fewer extremely poor people.

Even more impressive is the illustrative full Gender Equality scenario. It shows an African economy \$1-trillion larger than the Current Path forecast. GDP per capita is 12% higher, and Africa has 80 million fewer people in extreme poverty compared to the Current Path forecast in 2043.

These findings imply that aggressively implementing policies to reduce gender inequality and create a level playing field for all could significantly enhance African growth and development.

Policies must confront deep-rooted cultural and traditional values as the primary cause of gender inequality. Governments should prioritise implementing international and regional conventions to decrease gender disparities, especially in rural areas where discriminatory practices persist unchecked. Involving

religious and traditional leaders in awareness campaigns and education is crucial.

Investing in free education up to secondary level could significantly promote gender equality in education.

Governments should combat child marriage and teenage pregnancies, ensuring a minimum marriage age of 18 and improving access to contraceptives and sex education. Encouraging girls and women to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics programmes through scholarships and role models can narrow the gender gap in lucrative sectors.

Reproductive health services, legal reforms to address land ownership disparities, and gender-sensitive agricultural programmes are also vital. Removing legal barriers to women's employment, investing in infrastructure that reduces time spent on household production, and extending paternity leave can enhance women's participation in labour and mitigate wage inequality.

Adopting mandatory quotas for female candidates, gender-responsive electoral processes, and mentorship programmes can boost women's political participation. Education on domestic violence and victim support, and legal consequences for perpetrators are essential.

Implementing these measures could decrease gender inequalities in Africa, fostering development and prosperity.

Dr Kouassi Yeboua, Senior Researcher, African Futures and Innovation, Institute for Security Studies (ISS).



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS STATIONERY ITEMS – GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for the Supply and Delivery of various stationery items and is, therefore inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these items as detailed below.

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

Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01692	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS STATIONERY ITEMS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and Updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA Search, and the latest BRELA Application of Annual Return.	3%
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years	2%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01692)	60%
Proof of Specialization/knowledge on Stationery business (being in stationery business for not less than four years)	15%
Proof of Capability of keeping required stationery in stock in terms of Audited financial statements (Adequate storage facility)	15%
Proof of letter of recommendation from reputable company especially mining industry	10%
Proof of competent staff with experience.	10%
Proof of Quality assurance and control process	10%
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested Applicants must quote **"GGME01692 – SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS STATIONERY ITEMS" on the subject of the email** for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

IV. All LOIs and supporting documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com without copying any individual from the Company. Submission must not be later than **8.30AM 9 (EAT) on 20th May 2024**. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 150MB per email. In case the size of the email with attachments exceeds 150MB, applicants must split the submissions into multiple email.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF VARIOUS CHEMICALS, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for the Supply and delivery of various chemicals and is, therefore inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these chemicals as detailed below.

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Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01832	SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF VARIOUS CHEMICALS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and updated organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business license	2%
Copy of Certificate Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN Certificate	3%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	5%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Proof of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01832)	60%
Certification by Government Chemistry Laboratory Authority (GCLA) for the chemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide evidence of registration with GCLA as a manufacture, importer, or distributor ○ Provide evidence of transportation registration permits. 	15%
Provide Technical Data Sheet for the chemicals (Caustic Soda, Calcium Hypochlorite, Sulphamic Acid, Floc Builder, Algae Floc).	3%
Provide evidence of storage facility approved by GCLA (in line with chemical requirement).	15%
Provide evidence of ability to supply sufficient stock per operational requirement.	10%
Provide evidence of Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) in the production process of the product.	10%
Note: Floc builder and Algae floc are subject to site test passing	
Provide updated/latest relevant Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the chemicals (Caustic Soda, Calcium Hypochlorite, Sulphamic Acid, Floc Builder, Algae Floc).	3%
Provide a typical packaging and labelling of the chemicals (photos) indicating relevant information including expiry dates.	4%
TOTAL	100%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF BRANDED ITEMS, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for Printing and Supply of Branded Items and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply of these items as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SUPPLY. SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01838	PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF BRANDED ITEMS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and Updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Letter of Local Content Plan.	3%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the last three years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01838)	60%
Distinguished ability to produce high quality products to give GGML a competitive advantage in brand visibility. (A profile illustrating previous products supplied to large companies is required)	20%
Notable ability in producing mass quantities of products (above 2000PCS) in the shortest possible lead time without compromising quality of ordered materials. (Provide Local Purchase Orders/Previous Contracts showing lead time, quantity ordered and delivery notes.)	20%
Proven experience of company in undertaking similar branding services with proficiency for large companies, including in the mining industry. (Provide recommendation letters from previous companies supplied)	20%
TOTAL	100%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR DECORATION & BRANDING OF ITEMS FOR EVENTS, GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying service providers for decoration and branding of items for events and is, therefore inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for this service as detailed below.

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Scope of Services:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01852	DECORATION & BRANDING OF ITEMS FOR EVENTS

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and Updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
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Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the last three years.	2%
bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
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Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01852)	60%
Creative and innovative firm with demonstrable ability to use cutting-edge technology to give the Company a competitive advantage in communications, public relations, and brand visibility. (Provide a link with audiovisual content of previous work undertaken)	20%
Experience of undertaking similar works over the last 2 years. (Provide a profile/Purchase order/Contracts showcasing similar work undertaken in the past 2 years)	10%
Ability and experience to organize or utilize PR events to showcase, cultivate and broaden Company's corporate image and best practices for purposes of network and stakeholder enlightenment. (Indicate expertise of staff by sharing their CVs)	10%
Strong ability to amplify the impact of the Company presence at events and exhibition booths with excellent social media and other online expertise. (Provide a PowerPoint slide of a social media campaign undertaken recently in the past two years)	10%
TOTAL	100%

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SPECIALISED ENGINEERING STUDIES TO CONFORM WITH GLOBAL INDUSTRY STANDARD ON TAILINGS MANAGEMENT (GISTM), GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED.

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying service providers for Specialised Engineering Studies to Conform with GISTM and is, therefore inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expressions of Interest for this study as detailed below.

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

Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01853	SPECIALISED ENGINEERING STUDIES TO CONFORM WITH GLOBAL INDUSTRY STANDARD ON TAILINGS MANAGEMENT (GISTM)

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile and Updated Organogram	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business License	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA Application of Annual Return.	3%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Workers' Compensation Fund Certificate	2%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	3%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Letter for Local Content Plan.	3%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for most recent three years.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Applicants active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	5%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Safety and Environmental policy	2%
OTHER POLICIES	5%
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01853)	60%
Experience in conducting detailed dam breach assessments in alignment with the Canadian Dam Association Tailings Dam Breach Analysis Guidelines as well as GISTM Requirements.	10
Conducting Risks Assessments Specifically Probable Failure Modes Analysis (PFMA) and Failure Modes and Effects Analysis (FMEA).	10
Hydrological modelling experience.	10
Experience in compiling Design Basis Reports and Deviance Accountability Reports.	10
Geotechnical in situ and laboratory test analyses and interpretation and detailed stability analyses.	10
Experience in compiling Closure Plans as per the GISTM Requirements.	10
TOTAL	100%

III. Interested Applicants must quote **"GGME01853 - ENGINEERING SPECIALISED STUDIES REQUIRED TO CONFORM WITH GLOBAL INDUSTRY STANDARD ON TAILINGS MANAGEMENT (GISTM)" on the subject of the email** for submission of Letters of Interest ("LOI"). Letters of Interest must indicate Applicant's full name, contact details and name of the principal contact. The LOI signed by an authorized representative must outline what the Applicant has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the Company.

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I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying Service Provider's for Office Cleaning and Laundry Services and is therefore, inviting eligible and interested applicants to submit expressions of interest for this service as detailed below.

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Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME1861	PROVISION OF OFFICE CLEANING AND LAUNDRY SERVICES

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA Search, and the latest BRELA Application of Annual Return.	2%
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	2%
Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate.	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	5%
FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years (1%) , At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding the supplier's credit position. If any. (1%) , All bank statements of the applicant's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date (0.5%) and A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds. (0.5%)	3%
Provide Insurance evidence for General Liability and Third-Party Insurance - USD5,000,000. Provide Insurance evidence for professional indemnity insurance - USD5,000,000	2%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	6%
ISO certified on:	
45001:2018	0.50%
9001:2015	0.50%
14001:2015	0.50%
HACCP Certification	2%
OSHA Compliance Certificate	0.50%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	0.50%
Environmental compliance certificate	0.50%
OHSE Management System & Plan	1%
OTHER POLICIES	4%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance & disciplinary Procedure	0.50%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
Recruitment policy/Procedure	0.50%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least three (3) names of the applicant's industrial/organisation clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	60%
Proof of Skilled Personnel i.e. (Housekeeping Supervisor, Laundry, and dry-cleaning Machine Operator).	10%
Provide cleaning plan to meet our scope, detailing processes and methods for monitoring and evaluating quality. (10%)	10%
Provide List of cleaning Tools/equipment and Supplies and demonstrate capacity to Supply and maintain stock of quality cleaning & laundry agents needed for the Job.	20%
Proof of ownership of Staff Bus & Admin vehicles.	20%
TOTAL	100

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Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME1862	PROVISION OF COMMISSARY AND BAR SERVICES

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
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Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, the most recent BRELA Search, and the latest BRELA Application of Annual Return.	2%
Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	2%
Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate.	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	5%
FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE	5%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years (1%),	
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding the supplier's credit position. If any. (1%),	
All bank statements of the applicant's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date (0.5%) and	3%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds. (0.5%)	
Provide Insurance evidence for General Liability and Third-Party Insurance - USD5,000,000.	2%
Provide Insurance evidence for professional indemnity insurance - USD5,000,000	
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	6%
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OHSE Management System & Plan	1%
OTHER POLICIES	4%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance & disciplinary Procedure	0.50%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
Recruitment policy/Procedure	0.50%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least three (3) names of the applicant's industrial/organization clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	60%
Food safety certification (e.g., TBS/TFDA)	5%
Proof of Skilled Personnel i.e. (Chef, Sous Chef, Pastry Chef, Kitchen Assistant, Shop/Bar Manager.	8%
Hygiene & food safety control plan (control of food supplies, the processes and methods for monitoring and evaluating quality including Food Quality & Tasting Options).	5%
Provide List of Reputable Suppliers for food stuff and Supermarket consumables.	6%
Proposed Menu for Restaurant	6%
Proposed Menu items for Tuck Shop, must include Bites, Fruits, snacks, and soft drinks.	6%
Proof of ownership of Certified Food vans for (distribution to remote tuck shops outside the preparation area), Frozen Food Trucks, Staff Bus & Admin vehicles.	8%
Demonstrable capacity to supply bottled drinking water (reputable brands) in volumes for all employee's daily consumption.	4%
Demonstrable capacity to supply tea & coffee ingredients in volumes for all employee's daily consumption i.e., milk powder, sugar, coffee, tea bags, etc.	4%
Demonstrable evidence of Capacity to supply and replenish standard crockery and cutlery, aluminium / packaging containers (disposable) and other kitchen utensils.	8%
TOTAL	100%

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I. INTRODUCTION

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The Company is in the process of prequalifying Service Provider's for Catering and Camp Administration Services and is therefore, inviting eligible and interested applicants to submit expressions of interest for this service as detailed below.

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Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME1858	PROVISION OF CATERING AND CAMP ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
COMMERCIAL	20%
Company Profile	2%
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Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
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Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	2%
Current NSSF Compliance Clearance Certificate.	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	5%
FINANCIAL POSITION AND TERMS OF TRADE	3%
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years (1%),	
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding the supplier's credit position. If any. (1%),	
All bank statements of the applicant's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date (0.5%) and	3%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds. (0.5%)	
Provide Insurance evidence Liability and Third-Party Insurance - USD5,000,000.	
Provide Insurance evidence for professional indemnity insurance - USD5,000,000	2%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	6%
ISO certified on:	
- 45001:2018	0.50%
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OHSE Management System & Plan	1%
OTHER POLICIES	4%
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Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance & disciplinary Procedure	0.50%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
Recruitment policy/Procedure	0.50%
PAST EXPERIENCE	5%
At least three (3) names of the applicant's industrial/organization clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	2%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	3%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA	60%
Proof of Food safety certification (TBS/TFDA)	5%
Proof of Skilled Personnel i.e., C.V. of key staff to be assigned for this project including (Executive Chef, Chef, Sous Chef, Pastry Chef, Kitchen Assistant, Nutritionist, Housekeeping Supervisor, Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Machine Operator.	8%
Hygiene & Food Safety control plan (Control of food supplies, the processes and methods for monitoring and evaluating quality including Food Quality & Tasting Options).	5%
Proof of Food Menu.	
a) varieties sample for all staff / all mess b) varieties sample for (Breakfast & dinner) for Village Residents & Visitors (Continental wide food and beverage offers).	8%
Demonstrable evidence to manage events / functions e.g., corporate dinners / galas.	4%
Demonstrable evidence to manage camp / hotel facilities including having skilled personnel on Hotel / Camp management. This also include ability to host high profile dignitaries.	6%
Proof of ownership of Certified Food vans for (distribution outside the preparation area), Frozen Food Trucks, Staff Bus & Admin vehicles.	8%
Demonstrable evidence of capacity to supply and replenish standard crockery and cutlery, aluminium / packaging containers (disposable) and other kitchen utensils.	8%
Provide cleaning plan to meet our scope, detailing processes and methods for monitoring and evaluating quality.	4%
Provide List of cleaning Tools/equipment and Supplies and demonstrate capacity to Supply and maintain stock of quality cleaning & laundry agents.	4%
TOTAL	100%

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Using fiscal measures in campaign to promote cleaner cooking energies

By Mnaku Mbani

It is hard to convince ordinary Tanzanians, especially those living in rural areas, that the use of firewood and charcoal is bad for their health and the environment.

This is due to the fact that, the two sources of cooking energy have forged the 'livelihood bond' with almost all Tanzanian communities, through traditions and overall human development.

Charcoal and firewood are being popular cooking energies because of their availability and affordability into the localities.

In certain rural areas of the country, firewood is just being collected from the bushes for free.

It has been estimated that more than 90 percent of the biomass energy consumption comes from forest sources in the form of charcoal or firewood.

Inefficient charcoal production, utilization and trade are

known to contribute significantly to deforestation and forest degradation in Tanzania where the annual deforestation rate is estimated to be 460,000ha/year, according to the ministry of natural resources and tourism study conducted in 2019.

According to the new report titled "Impact of access to sustainable energy survey 2021/2022: Access to electricity and modern cooking solutions" by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and Statistics Norway, around seven out of ten households in Mainland Tanzania use firewood as their main source of energy for cooking, compared with eight households in the National Sample Census of Agriculture (NSCA) 2019/20.

The survey shows that in Tanzania mainland, six out of ten households use three-stone firewood stove, while five out of ten use other stove firewood.

Also, two out of ten households use improved charcoal burner and the remaining eight out of hundred households use other stoves.

In rural areas, the survey shows 97.9 percent use firewood and charcoal as the main sources of cooking energy, while in other urban and Dar es Salaam, the rate of the uses of firewood and charcoal stand 83.7 percent and 65.4 percent respectively.

Top five regions which their households mostly depended on firewood as their main source of cooking energy, according to the survey are Simiyu (94.1 percent), Singida (92 percent), Geita (91.7 percent), Tabora (87.2 percent) and Dodoma (84.7 percent).



A lorry carrying charcoal to the market

The low rate of the use of firewood as the main source of cooking energy were recorded in Dar es Salaam (6.1 percent), Tanga (43.6 percent), Katiwa (45.4 percent), Songwe (49.3 percent) and Mwanza (56.4 percent).

Anna Senyangwa (58), resident of Mbande village, Kongwa district in Dodoma region believes that despite their impact on health environment, the use of charcoal and firewood can't be quickly avoided.

"Since we grew up, our mothers have been using firewood and charcoal for all household's cooking. I think it might be a myth when people are saying that biomass are bad for health and environment," said Senyangwa.

Senyangwa said the use of firewood and charcoal is cheaper and accessible than other new forms of energies, which are believed to be safer for human health and environment.

"I should give you a confession that since I was born, my mother has never complained about her health when using firewood. And if they want us to abandon these forms of traditional cooking energy solutions, where are the gases and to what economic capability people will afford?" she questioned.

A mother of two, Asha Musa (34) resident of Mwananyamala in Dar es Salaam, a food vendor, says she has been using charcoal to prepare food for her customers for ten years now, the lifetime of her business.

"I have been using charcoal in preparing food and I had never thought of migrating into other sources of energy, specifically Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), because of the high initial costs of buying filled cylinder and the stove," she said.

Musa said charcoal is plenty at the next door, where she can buy on cash or sometime she can obtain charcoal on credit and pay the next day morning.

"I am spending at least 8,000/- in buying charcoal each day, of which I assuredly get good returns from my daily food vending business. I have never regretted using charcoal," Musa, who earns at least 45,000/- as gross income per day said.

"Depending on the level of my income, it is hard for me to raise 95,000/- to buy a filled 30-kilogramme's LPG cylinder and 70,000/- for a stove at once. If I do that, it will be the end of my business, because of my little capital I have."

When asked whether she understands the effects of using charcoal or firewood to the environment and health, Musa said, "as far as they are sold legally, in accordance with the laws and regulations, there is nothing bad".

Senyangwa and Musa are among millions of women in both rural and urban areas, who have been unknowingly, prone to respiratory and visual diseases or contributing to forests clearance and degradation.

According to Dr Paul Dotto Kuhenga, the lecturer, University of Dar es Salaam School of Journalism and Mass Communication and environmental expert, a total of 300,000 acres of forests are cleared each year in Tanzania due to increased economic activities and energy use.

Although agriculture accounts for nearly 80 percent of forests clearance, the increase of urbanization and demands for energy, timber and food are also main factors lead to deforestation.

Dr Kuhenga believes that with the abundant natural gas reserves amounting to 57.54 trillion cubic feet (tcf), of which are found in both onshore and offshore, Tanzania has the greater advantage of serving its forests from clearance by promoting the use of "God Given" resources in cooking.

He says there is a need of increased awareness as well as put up enabling infrastructure to ensure many people use gas to alternate biomass, specifically trees.

However, Dr Kuhenga is worried about the slow pace by the government to enable the setting up of enabling infrastructure to exploit natural gas.

He also said as far as policies, law and regulations recognizes firewood and charcoal businesses as they are taxed.

He recommends for more research should be conducted that will led into review of the regulations promoting the use of biomass for cooking energy.



Women are supplied with LPG cooking stoves in discouraging the use of charcoal and firewood

In 2014, according to the government, charcoal generated at least US\$1 billion per annum in revenues, supporting the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of suppliers, transporters and traders.

It was estimated that about 5 million tonnes of charcoal will be consumed in Tanzania by 2030, according to the ministry of energy.

"We have fears of establishing the new thing that makes us to only dealing with crosscutting issues; we need to take risk," he said recently in Dodoma. "The biggest elephant in the room is the government's mindset change."

Looking forward, Dr Kuhenga said there is a need of increased awareness campaigns to promote the use of gas in order to protect forests, enactment of proper regulations as well as promote gas supply chain transparency.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister responsible for energy sector Dr Doto Biteko said the government has started an aggressive measure that will ensure the increase of the use of gas in cooking, to alternate firewood and charcoal.

One of the measures that will enable the reduction of deforestation, in search for cooking energy, according to the minister is increase distribution of LPG cylinders in different parts of the country.

However, the deputy PM believes that the cost factor for cylinders and burners are remained the major challenge to ensure the increased use of gas for cooking.

Dr Biteko therefore said the government is expected to implement fiscal measures during the next financial year starting in July, to enable the reduction of the initial costs of obtaining LPG facilities among Tanzanians.

Although he did not give more details,

he said the fiscal measures will also go hand in hand with sensitizing LPG suppliers to open more supplying points in different parts of the country.

All these measures, he said, will enable the country to reach the target of using gas as main source of cooking energy to eight out of ten households (84 percent) by 2034.

The Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) aims to increase access to affordable, reliable, and modern energy services to the world's population by ensuring universal access to affordable, clean cooking solutions by 2030.

Other SGD Goal 7 include integrate clean cooking into national and city energy planning and NDCs and implement through coordinated delivery mechanisms, create favorable and stable policy and fiscal environments to accelerate sustainable clean cooking markets, dramatically scale public funding and private investment for clean cooking and put people at the center of clean cooking solutions.

Yet, with fewer than ten years until 2030, the world remains far off track to meet SDG7 – ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all as the level of funding and investment in the clean cooking sector has not matched the global magnitude of the challenge. According to Cleaner Cooking Alliance (CCA), approximately one-third of the world's population today (2.6 billion people), still lack access to clean cooking solutions, costing trillions of dollars in damage to the climate and local economies and contributing up to 4 million premature deaths each year.

"It is the moment to prioritize access to clean cooking solutions in global and national arenas and dramatically scale up public and private financing," the alliance notes.

By Guardian Reporter

THE International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank has certified the CRDB Bank's headquarters in Dar es Salaam as an Excellent in Design for Greater Efficiency (EDGE) green building.

The EDGE certification has the goal of reducing the environmental impact of buildings in terms of direct energy consumption, water consumption, and the energy footprint of construction materials, according to a press statement issued yesterday.

Through EDGE, the IFC has set a metrics-driven definition of what constitutes a green building, rewarding property developers for building green, increased regulatory pull, and promoted direct investment.

The certificate recognizes the bank's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint and a special focus on transitioning to invest in low-carbon emission activities as the construction sector is said to significantly contribute to greenhouse gas emissions and resource consumption.

"Green building practices offer a sustainable solution to these challenges by promoting energy and wa-

IFC certifies CRDB headquarters as green building

ter efficiency and reducing embodied carbon in building materials," the statement said.

Handing over the certificate to Abdulmajid Nsekela, the Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of CRDB Bank, the Green Building Lead of the IFC, Dennis Quansah said there are several factors to consider before awarding a building.

"At the IFC, we are very proud to certify your building and make it the first in Tanzania. The certificate will attract all the major green financial institutions from across the world, as it will make you known all over. Water, energy, and embodied carbon in materials are some of the key parameters we take into consideration when evaluating a building before certification," says Quansah.

The lead emphasized that the bank has set an example that others in the country will have to take as a challenge to improve their buildings to make them environmentally friendly and join the world community in conserving Mother Earth.



CRDB Bank Group CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela (L), receives a plaque from Dennis Quansah, the Green Building Lead at the International Finance Corporation, certifying the bank's headquarters building as green. The certification ceremony took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

In consideration of how construction contributes to polluting the environment, in 2013 IFC introduced EDGE, a green building certification

system focused on making new residential and commercial buildings more resource-efficient by bringing together those who design, develop, finance, and incentivize green buildings.

Receiving a plaque and a certificate, Nsekela lauded that their efforts to protect the environment have endured a long time, leading them to convince the Environment Fund of the United Nations (GCF) to accredit CRDB Bank to become the first financial institution in Eastern and Central Africa in November 2019 to facilitate the financing of green projects.

"On behalf of the management and CRDB Bank staff, I am very proud of the recognition that CRDB is currently the only green building in Tanzania, and we have already achieved significant savings in all three key indicators. Our energy consumption has decreased by 21 percent, water usage by 27 percent, and embodied carbon in materials by 28 percent.

These results not only meet but exceed the minimum efficiency requirements for Level 1 certification," says Nsekela.

Looking ahead, he said they are committed to advancing to Level 2 certification by 2026, aiming for an average consumption efficiency of 40 percent. This commitment underscores our dedication to sustainability and responsible environmental stewardship.

Nsekela says CRDB Bank collaborates with more than 200 strategic partners in green project financing, and the bank alone can extend to a single borrower a limit of up to US\$107 million or up to US\$250 million per project when collaborating with the GCF, and there is no limit on funding for projects we co-finance with other partners.

"Last year, we issued a Kijani bond and raised hefty revenue. We welcome everyone who has a green project to come to us for financing. We are capable and well-liquidated to offer a helping hand to make it possible," emphasizes Nsekela.

UN Green Climate Fund accredited CRDB Bank since November 2019.

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WHAT really excites marketers about AI? AI has been transformative for those that have or are already practitioners of it. What is AI's potential? In terms of either cost management or creativity and how does it free up resources for creativity. What really excites up about AI overall?

The macro answer is anything that can be automated will be automated. We are living on the exponential and it feels like things are coming to us like the fast and furious. Definitely there are complexities and the need for certain things to also fall into place before one can press a button and the work is done. We are so much farther away than people believe but not holistically. There are certain things that will become so much easier to do than paradigm shifts but eventually they will shift the paradigm. Technology is meaningless unless it changes the way we behave so we are bound to see consumer and business behavior change through any kind of automation.

Let us talk about Creativity and Productivity. Productivity is the key driver of economic success it is subjective and measurable. Today you produce 5 apples tomorrow you produce 10 apples one can see or measure the change in relativity in.

There are productivity stakes that come with the assistance of the likes of Co-pilot, Gemini or ChatGPT for example, then there is the competitive advantage that each company would need to forge for itself to get an immense return on its investment or its resources. AI is not a skills democratizer, it doesn't make everybody better, it is a skills amplifier. It makes marketers that are already good at their job to be much more productive. You can only get out of these tools what you bring to them.

There is creativity and execution. Hearing something in your head is where creativity is. To execute means to realize what you have in your head and then get it on paper or on film or on video or an any recorded media.



Automation will really amplify your ability to do that. It is not a creativity amplifier, but it is a production and execution amplifier. If you backup and ask, how many things in the advertising and marketing world are execution based; resizing ads, typography, the aesthetics of comparing 2 or more images to ensure right color pellets or codes are used and so forth that ran through various hands or departments that's going to get automated. Mind you it is not about losing jobs but to equip ourselves with the knowledge, training and experience to be better executors. Creativity can't be replaced.

Creativity remains AI will be innovating the workflow and its process. If you take a look at say every area across the marketing function and ask What, Where, and How can we innovate the workflow process to take advantage of these new AI productivity tools?

For example, if your data is in good shape or is presentable, tools are there to talk to the data. Currently or even previously let us say you need to update your dashboard or presentation, for example, you would need to call or email the IT department to get you updated raw data or the relevant department that holds the data of the customers, which is somehow to raw. One would need to spend a couple of days to adjust or rework it then coordinate with other departments to confirm or adjust for any errors etc. Days or weeks later your report or dashboard is ready and has taken shape.

If you opt for the AI tools currently in the market (assuming your data is named and is properly organized) you can talk to the data directly. You can ask for example,

what are the sales comparison between say Q1 and Q2 year over year for say the last 5 years. This acts as a north star for everybody. Each company is unique in its initialism, acronyms, playbooks, culture, its risk tolerance, its regulatory, its business license, its global footprint, its availability of data and so forth. Everybody is different. Once you get all of these variables into AI you will be able to get to a space that can be understood, and the quality of reasoning can be justified based on the data.

These tools basically aren't thinking about yours, mine or your marketing team's problems, their solving AGI (Artificial General Intelligence) which is their main goal. When these tools are able to reason and conclude based on the data, they would have achieved their goal. AGI learns and it work and process independently. You can request it to build a performance marketing campaign with say a specified number of parameters, you can request it to do media mix modelling with this particular wide range of media. I would like to mix my outdoor media on digital signages and hard print with my digital marketing. Let's see how it can do better by impacting sales as part of the parameters. You can build agents to do that right now and not work that hard to do it, just work smart and elevated.

As for us in marketing, we need to sit down and ask, what are the tasks that would really help us if they were super automated? And what workflow process could we augment, redesign or innovate that we could then automate after we have automated the workflow process.

Macroeconomic impacts of climate change hurt growth

By Edward Maling

AS the deadlines for the 2015 Paris agreement targets approach, the macroeconomic implications of climate change are attracting closer attention from policy-makers, risk professionals and economists. Global headwinds are tempering optimism: fiscal constraints and continued geoeconomic fragmentation threaten to slow the pace of the energy transition.

This edition of the Bulletin and the Sustainable Policy Institute Journal examines the risks - and opportunities - to the macroeconomy stemming from the green transition. It features contributions from the public and private sector on the impact of greenflation on labour markets and productivity, as well as the outlook for global growth.

The transition is expected to have significant implications for price stability - a point which has raised questions over whether central banks should look to be more accommodative when responding to future energy price shocks.

Stephane Dees, head of climate economics at Banque de France, describes how policies aimed at supporting the transition to carbon neutrality could lead to more inflation (or greenflation). The net effect will depend on both expansionary and contracting supply-and-demand dynamics. However, 'if not properly anticipated, the transition to carbon neutrality could also lead to a rapid succession of shocks, increasing price volatility'.

Price stability is also likely to be indirectly influenced by structural changes to labour market conditions. The rising severity of physical risks associated with climate change poses a threat to millions of jobs in ecosystem-dependent industries, as well as those employed in sectors incompatible with the transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

New 'green' jobs will look to make up part of this difference. However, stark mismatches exist both within and between countries, writes Joseph Feyertag, policy fellow at the Grantham Research Institute at London School of Economics. Understanding these imbalances is of critical importance for policy-makers. 'Overly tight labour markets not only represent a risk for governments attempting to achieve net zero goals, but for central banks and financial supervisors' core price and financial stability objectives.'

The impact on countries and regions will not be homogenous and the economic costs of climate change are particularly acute for emerging markets. Capacity for financing climate mitigation projects is more constrained here, while the proportion of output and employment concentrated in climate-vulnerable sectors raises the risks of economic disruption.

This is true for much of Asia Pacific, where the impacts of climate change threaten to curtail the region's high growth trajectory.

Much of Asia's growth miracle



has stemmed from an increase in polluting activities, and 'it is often said that the battle against climate change will be won or lost in Asia,' write Declan Magee, principal economist for climate change and sustainable development, and Abdul Abiad, director of macroeconomics economic research and development impact at Asian Development Bank. 'Achieving development goals while avoiding catastrophic climate risks cannot be done without transforming Asia's growth patterns.'

Facilitating a structural shift in growth drivers will require a well-formulated package of policies. Scaling up climate finance is an important lever in this mix. Marcus Pratsch, head of sustainable bonds and finance, DZ BANK AG, argues that the financial sector, by taking a more holistic view of the transition, will play a key role in the transformation process. 'We can have a much greater positive impact on the global sustainability agenda by helping to make less sustainable economic activities more sustainable rather than making already green economic activities a shade greener.'

Contributors noted that the treatment of transition minerals - critical to the development of green technologies - into strategic assets are another source of uncertainty. These challenges compound the uncertainties associated with modelling the impacts of climate change. As Sebastian Werner, head of climate risk scenario design at Citi, points out, some assessments 'ignore model uncertainty, nonlinearities and mispricing of risks'.

Insufficient data is a key obstacle here, as reflected by its persistence as the top challenge to environmental, social and governance integration for central bank reserve managers in OMFIF's Global Public Investor research.

Despite these challenges, Amirot Marion, head of climate economics, and Paul Gruenwald, global chief economist, at S&P Global Ratings, observe that improvements in energy efficiency and the promise of innovation in green technology can inspire optimism. 'The climate policy paradigm has moved from a view where the economy must be constrained to mitigate climate change, to one where growth and a sustainable environment can coexist'.

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Report highlights insolvency risks in mobile money sector

By Guardian Correspondent

THE number of mobile money accounts in Sub-Saharan Africa surged by 17 percent annually to 763 million in 2022, according to GSMA.

The World Bank highlights the need for policymakers to assess the risks faced by users in the event of an operator's insolvency.

With the growing significance of mobile money services in developing nations, the World Bank advises policymakers to reassess regulations concerning operator insolvency.

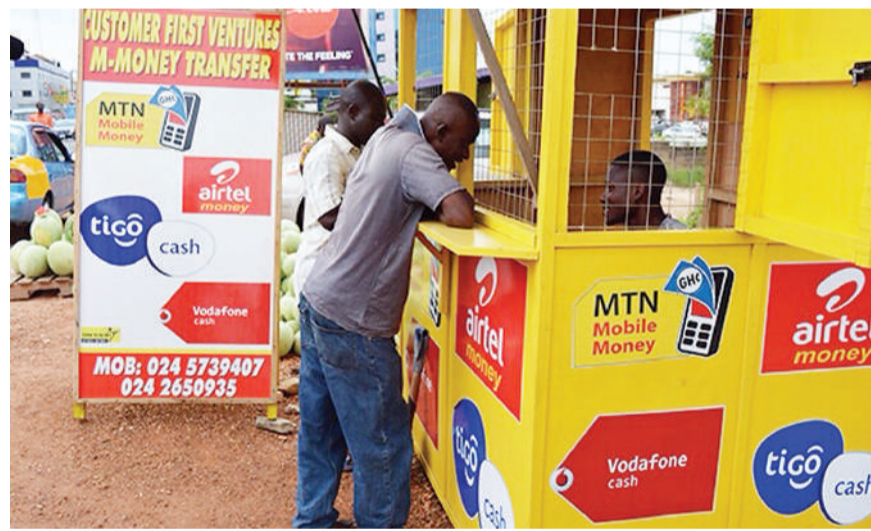
In a recent report titled "Insolvency of Mobile Money Firms in Developing Countries Overview for Policy Makers," the institution urged them to secure funds deposited in mobile money accounts and mitigate inherent risks.

While to date no major mobile money firm has become insolvent, firms providing other e-money services have failed, demonstrating the importance of clarifying fund safeguarding rules, the report said. The authors explained that operator insolvency could immediately erode trust in the financial system as users of these services often lack traditional bank access.

Another report titled "State of the Mobile Money Industry in Africa 2019" highlights that the failure of one or more mobile money operators could severely impact the overall financial and economic system of a developing country. Insolvency also exposes users to depreciation and liquidity risks.

These risks are exacerbated by users often being treated as unsecured creditors in most legal frameworks. This means they would only be reimbursed after priority creditors, and only to the extent of remaining funds.

The liquidation process can be lengthy and costly, further diminishing available funds for users. As liquidation procedures often extend over several years in developing countries, users may not access their funds for a long time, worsening their financial



situations and potentially that of their community.

Existing regulations in Africa partially address these risks. For instance, in the WAEMU zone, two regulatory frameworks oversee mobile money operator activities: Regulation No. 15/2002/CM/UEMOA on payment systems and BCEAO Instruction No. 008-05-2015 governing electronic money issuer activities.

Instruction No. 008-05-2015 aims to mitigate insolvency risks by imposing capitalization, risk management, and user fund protection requirements. For example, operators must maintain sufficient equity to cover operational and credit risks. User funds are segregated from company assets, providing extra protection in case of bankruptcy.

However, according to the report, challenges persist despite these regulations. In many cases, user funds are not classified as priority claims and are thus subject to increased risk in liquidation.

Moreover, in many countries, mobile money operator fund protection requirements may potentially conflict with other laws, particularly insolvency and trust laws.

The document notes that these challenges are compounded by few

systems being fully compliant with World Bank principles governing insolvency treatment and creditor rights protection.

The report thus offers recommendations to guide policymakers in revising and strengthening robust regulatory frameworks capable of addressing challenges posed by mobile money company insolvency.

It urges policymakers to define a clear legal status for users, determining whether they would be considered secured, priority, or unsecured creditors, or if necessary, create another appropriate classification. It also recommends reviewing regulations for compliance with international standards such as the World Bank Principles on Insolvency Regimes and Creditor/Debtor Relations.

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CURRENT NEWS

Crypto creating a new wealth effect

By Isabelle Lee

IT'S an oft-told anecdote littering social media: Those who invested early in cryptocurrencies have enjoyed life-changing wealth.

How much that extra cash gives them confidence to spend more - a phenomenon economists call the wealth effect - is a hot topic whenever crypto prices are surging.

A group of researchers tried to quantify it and determined that crypto bonanzas in the US aren't exactly spent like windfalls from winning the lottery.

And so far, the effect has been relatively modest on the \$28 trillion American economy. But if the asset class continues to boom, the study provides insight on potential game-changers in consumer patterns.

The new wealth increased households' consumption by about \$30 billion in total over a decade, the researchers estimated, with every dollar of unrealized gains leading to about nine cents of spending.

While that figure is almost double the marginal propensity to consume when it comes to stock-market returns, it's about one-third that of income shocks such as lottery winnings.

Despite all the flexing on social media, it wasn't all blown on Lamborghinis and bling: Some went toward home purchases, boosting real estate markets where crypto is popular.

"If households tend to treat crypto like gambling, then we would expect them to spend their gains in similar ways as lottery winners do," Darren Aiello, assistant professor of finance at Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Business and one of the authors of the paper, said in an interview. "In contrast, our estimates suggest that household spending out of crypto gains is more like the patterns we see from traditional equity investments."

Driving economic growth through an affordable youth connectivity

By Dinesh Balsingh

IN the dynamic landscape of Tanzania's telecommunications sector, the transformative power of technology in shaping socioeconomic landscapes cannot be overstated.

Telecommunication stands as the bedrock of innovation, fostering economic prosperity, and driving societal advancement. Mobile money services, in particular, have emerged as the cornerstone of financial inclusion, democratizing access to formal financial services for 72 percent of Tanzanians.

Despite commendable strides, challenges persist, notably, the burden of taxation & levies hindering affordability and slowing down digital adoption. It's a critical juncture that continues to demand visionary leadership and strategic foresight to overcome these obstacles.

The policy reforms that resulted in the removal of Mobile Money transaction airtime levy and the reduction in Right of Way charges, effective from July 2023 are accelerating the growth of the Telecommunication sector especially on expansion of fiber coverage across Tanzania.

Reforms in the sector signify the commitment our leaders have, coupled with improvements in cyber security and data protection, all these developments mark significant milestones toward realizing a digitally inclusive society. The growth trajectory aligns with Tanzania's ambitious development plan, aiming to increase internet users and double the communication sector's contribution to GDP by 2026.



as they get employed or employ themselves as some start their entrepreneurial journey. The quality products and services that are convenient, reliable, and affordable to this growing customer subscriber base are needed.

Through partnerships and initiatives like subsidized site constructions through UCSAF and international fiber connectivity such as the 2Africa cable, our company leads the charge toward digital empowerment.

Investments in digital literacy and access to smart devices further aim to bridge the digital divide, ensuring ICT benefits are accessible to all Tanzanians.

One point that stands out for me from the recently released report by Tanzania Communications Authority (TCRA), for the third quarter of the financial year 2023/2024.

Is the increased use of voice calls, the report establishes that in general, more voice minutes were spent on on-net calls which accounted for (53 percent) compared to off-net calls (47 percent), indicating customers' preference for calling within the

same network, building a strong, connected community.

As a service provider, offering an essential service our role becomes increasingly pivotal in supporting businesses to propel job creation, foster innovation, and contribute to tax revenue. It is even interesting to witness a crucial demographic of Tanzania's population; young people, using voice calls as well as Data. The youth will play a significant role in the growth of the country's economy.

The subsidized site construction partnership with UCSAF has seen Airtel Tanzania recently commercially launch 34 new towers as part of a contract with mobile telecom companies to build 758 towers across 713 wards in the country. Airtel was responsible for 217 towers and has completed over 75 towers, making it the first telecom company in the country to finish and operate towers under the contract.

We believe that continued collaborative action and visionary policymaking are essential to unlock the full potential of the ICT sector. Bold initiatives, such as VAT exemptions on smart devices are crucial to bridging the gap between infrastructure and utilization. Addressing barriers like the cost of acquiring smartphones is essential for ensuring that advancements in digital infrastructure translate into tangible benefits for the population.

As we embark on this journey of thought leadership and collaboration, let us pave the way for a future where technology catalyzes equitable growth and prosperity. Together, through dialogue and innovation, we can create a digitally inclusive society where opportunities abound for every Tanzanian.

Dinesh Balsingh (pictured) is the Managing Director for Airtel Tanzania

Africa needs to unlock the potential of youth in agri-food sector

By Jean Jacques Muhinda & Siki Kigongo

At over 450 million, Africans aged between 15-35 represent over a third of the continent's population. This segment of the population continues to grow rapidly and is expected to reach 850 million by 2050.

While 20 million youth enter the labor market annually, only 3 million jobs are created each year in the formal economy leaving a huge gap in employment. With unemployment rates of 25 percent in some countries and underemployment rates at 70 percent in others, the African Union's development agenda rightly places youth at its core, acknowledging that none of its aspirations can be achieved without their meaningful engagement.

However, the reality on the ground presents formidable challenges. Despite the immense potential, Africa faces a deficit of 17 million jobs for youth entering the workforce, with youth unemployment rates double those of adults. These statistics underscore the urgent need for action, but they also highlight the tremendous opportunities that lies within the agri-food sector.

The Malabo/CAADP Declaration, endorsed by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in 2014, sets forth youth-specific targets, recognizing the crucial role young people play in transforming Africa's agricultural landscape. In alignment with this declaration, the AU has developed the African Agribusiness Youth Strategy (AAYS), a continental framework aimed at unlocking the vast untapped agribusiness opportunities for youth across various agricultural value chains.

The AAYS provides a comprehensive framework for developing context-specific strategies that empower youth in decision-making and value chains. By leveraging their unique perspectives and capacity for innovation, young people can drive transformative change across all segments of the agricultural value chains, from pre-production to consumption.

The implementation of the AAYS requires a cohesive approach from all stakeholders, mainly driven by mandated institutions such as the AU's Department for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy & Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE); the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD); and Regional Eco-



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nomics Communities (RECs). By convening workshops and engaging with organizations such as AGRA and its programs like YEFFA (Youth Employment for the Future of Agriculture) which align with the AAYS, the AU aims to develop a roadmap that aligns regional priorities with the strategy's objectives. Domestication and harmonization of AAYS into regional and national agricultural strategies and investment plans shall enhance enabling environment for creation of work opportunities for youth.

One of the key challenges in realizing the potential of youth in agri-food sector is changing the perception of farming from a traditional livelihood to a viable and attractive enterprise. This shift requires addressing barriers to youth participation, such as access to finance, land, market opportunities, and skills development. Moreover, it's essential to recognize the dynamic trends shaping employment opportunities in the agricultural sector, including changes in consumption patterns, the adoption of digital technologies, and the transformation of agri-food systems to incorporate climate-smart practices and sustainable blue growth.

In Uganda for instance, initiatives like the Presidential Zonal Industrial Hubs, the Uganda Industrial Research Institute Innovation Centre, and the Youth Livelihood Programme are providing young people with marketable skills in agri-food processing and product development, ICT, agricultural mechanization, and entrepreneurship.

To augment the support for digital

transformation, the government launched the Digital Skills Acceleration Program and the Digital Transformation Program, which aim to increase access and usage of ICT by vulnerable groups, including rural smallholder farmers.

Furthermore, the success of the Youth Employment Agency Bill and the National Youth Policy in Ghana is a further example of efforts to upskill and support youth to enter the agribusiness sector. As part of its plan to industrialize agriculture, increase food security and employment opportunities, and lower poverty rates, the Government of Ghana launched the Youth in Agriculture Programme (YIAP), which promotes youth-focused initiatives to change the negative perception of farmers as uneducated, unskilled labourers with low economic returns.

In moving forward, it's crucial to build upon existing structures, institutions, and programs wherever possible, ensuring that efforts are coordinated, and resources maximized. This approach will not only streamline implementation but also foster collaboration and synergy among stakeholders at all levels. By viewing youth not as a liability but as an asset with untapped potential, we can unlock new opportunities for economic growth, social development, and sustainable prosperity across the continent.

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EPZA woos investors into cashewnut sector

By Guardian Reporter

LOCAL and foreign investors can capitalise on huge cashew industry potentials by establishing processing factories to make variety of products for exports, the Export and Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) has said.

Tanzania has one of the largest-sized nuts with a very high natural yield per hectare, providing a good export value for Tanzanian cashews in the international market.

Under the agriculture sector transformation agenda 10/30, Tanzania is projecting to raise raw cashew production to 1,000,000 tonnes per year by 2030 from the annual average of 220,000 tonnes, with intermediate targets of 400,000 tonnes in 2023/24 and 700,000 tonnes by 2026/27.

The Authority's Director of Investment Promotion and Facilitation, James Maziku said during their visit at the cashew processing factory-Tan Ko Mirae Green Company from South Korean located in Mkuranga District, Coast Region, "By investing through the export processing zone and special economic zones investors can tap a lot of attractive investment potentials in cashew nut industry with promising returns."

He said they visited six industries in Dar es Salaam and Coast Region as part of the ongoing exercise of monitoring and evaluating over 200 industries in the country that are licensed by EPZA to update its database.

Maziku said EPZA mobilises and registers large industries that produce products in Tanzania for export in order to bring foreign currency to the country, promote employment opportunities, attract new technologies, ensure that the country's raw materials are processed before being exported and

attract capital from abroad to the country.

Tan-Ko Mirae Green, Operations Manager Eric Nkanda said the factory has so far employed 45 people but also generate incomes to cashew farmers in Lindi, Mtwara regions and Mkuranga District in Coast Region where it sources its raw materials.

He said the products from this factory will be processed until the final stage where apart from cashew nut production, this factory will also use cashew nuts shell to produce oil, charcoal and fertiliser.

However, Nkanda said power shedding is one of the challenges which is contributing to increased production costs.

The 5 million US dollars facility Korean cashew factory was launched in December last year having an annual processing capacity of 3,000 to 4,000 metric tonnes of raw cashews.

The factory is also producing between 2,500 to 3,000 metric tonnes of highly sought-after cashew nut shell liquid, a critical raw material for bio-heavy oil an eco-friendly fuel.

Additionally, the facility adds another dimension to its output with the manufacture of 2,500 to 3,000 metric tonnes of charcoal flake annually and fertiliser.

The EPZA team also visited the LVDI International Enterprise limited located in Tembeke District, Dar es Salaam Region which is dealing with the processing of empty plastic bottles.

The Director of LVDI International Enterprise limited, Wang Lingang, said the factory provides contract jobs employments to 85 people and 54 labourers.

He said the major markets for the products made by the factory including the plastic strings are namely China, America, Russia, Korea and Vietnam.



Oil geopolitical risk premium vanishes

LONDON

CRUDE oil's geopolitical risk premium has vanished from the market as fast as it appeared, as the initial fear of a wider Middle East conflict faded.

With Israel and Iran stepping back from direct conflict, volatility has dropped back to multiyear lows and the skew has flipped back to favoring puts, as focus returns to the usual suspects: interest rates, OPEC+ supply and global demand growth.

"On geopolitics, the probability implied from the options market of Brent above \$100 by year end has reset back to 9 percent from reaching as high as 17 percent," said Tanvir Sandhu, Bloomberg Intelligence's Chief Global Derivatives Strategist. "The price action around tensions in the Middle East is often short-lived without any signs that it's impacting oil supply. There is a fair bit of dispersion and volatility in the commodity space which creates trading opportunities."

Now, demand growth is being called into question amid persistently high interest rates, with narrowing distillate crack spreads and weaker US data.

One caveat: US weekly product supplied – the most widely available frequent data – tends to understate consumption. Take distillates, where the weekly estimates during February lagged the monthly final data by 4 percent, or more than 100,000 barrels

a day. That may keep the skew from swinging too far in a bearish direction.

Cocoa's wild ride is showing no signs of an end, keeping options volatility elevated even as prices have taken a breather from the massive leaps higher. Still, the levels appear justified by the realized volatility, with huge swings whipsawing traders. Skew is a more nuanced story, with some short-term bearishness – or at least cover against a drop in prices – coming into the market.

July puts moved to a premium over calls, and put spreads traded Friday protecting against a 30 percent drop to below \$5,000 a ton. On the flip side, December options retain a bullish bias, and 5,000 contracts of December \$14,950/\$15,000 call spreads changing hands.

With gold volatility slipping from the highs as well, other areas that had been calm are starting to perk up a bit.

Big crop supplies worldwide have limited volatility in agriculture markets, with both corn and soybeans seeing volatility levels below five-year averages for this time of year.

That could start to change soon as the US transitions from relatively timely spring planting to the uncertainties of the summer growing season, with extended weather outlooks pointing to hot temperatures that could stress crops. Three-month corn implied volatility has risen to the highest since the end of July.

VIEW FROM THE TOP



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

Lavrov slams Europe's striving to isolate Russia as silly

MOSCOW

EUROPE'S desire to isolate Russia is silly, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, adding that the doors should remain open.

"So far, Europe wants to fence itself off from Russia and isolate us. There is no need to explain that this is silly," he said in an interview with Bosnia's ATV television channel. "It only demonstrates the quality of decisions passed by European politicians in the west of the continent. But the door should be left open."

The West is lying when it says that Russia allegedly refuses from talks on Ukraine, Russian Foreign Minister said.

"Statements that we are rejecting talks are made every day. They claim that they want but we allegedly refuse. This is dishonest. Although, we don't expect any honesty from our Western partners any more," he said in an interview with Bosnia's ATV television channel.

The minister recalled that Russia had discussed the Chinese peace initiative, the ideas of the African leaders, as well as Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's proposal. The second Russia-Africa summit yielded a relevant document outlining concrete ideas in the humanitarian sphere, he added.

The top Russia diplomat also noted that Kiev's racist law stemming from the ideology of Nazism are unacceptable in present-day Europe. "We will continue attaining the goals of the special military operation. The demilitarization of Ukraine was a necessary step. It is clear to all in the face of the belligerent clique which is in power in Kiev. Denazification is inevitable - this is clear to all as well," he stressed.

Russia will not take part in the any meetings on Ukraine promoting Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's "peace formula," Lavrov said.

"When our Swiss colleagues say that they want to invite Russia to the first conference, they are lying. We will not take part in any events that this or that way promote

Vladimir Zelensky's 'peace formula,' he said in an interview with Bosnia's ATV television channel. "Everybody knows that. We are open to talks on the basis of realities. Everybody knows that."

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Neither Ukraine nor the West are ready for serious talks on peaceful settlement, Russian Foreign Minister said.

"So far, there are no one to speak with. I have cited the examples of the statements by the Ukrainian, American, and European leaders, the political elite. No one of them is ready for a serious conversation," he said in an interview with Bosnia's ATV television channel. "They are only mocking talks in the format of a meeting in Switzerland."

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All the current global problems stem from the flagrant violation of the United Nations by Western countries.

"All the problems of the present-day world are rooted in blatant violations of the UN Charter. It is still absolutely topical if honestly obeyed, if its principles are observed. If things were this way, many of the West's actions would have been illegitimate," he said in an interview with Bosnia's ATV television channel.

Thus, in his words, the West has never been guided by the key principle of the sovereign equality of UN states. "Give me at least one example when the West speaks with anyone as equals," he added.

Agencies

Arabs pushing for roadmap leading to Palestinian state within 3 years

TEL AVIV

SIXTY foreign dignitaries from moderate Arab countries, convening at a conference in Saudi Arabia, jointly called upon the United States to chart a clear path towards the establishment of a Palestinian state within three years. This demand comes amidst growing frustrations over the protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict and a desire for tangible progress toward a lasting solution.

The call for action was underscored by the absence of Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, who was scheduled to meet with US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken

in Riyadh on Friday. Sources close to the Palestinian leadership revealed that his refusal to engage with Blinken was in protest against the Biden administration's veto of the Palestinian bid for full membership in the UN Security Council.

On April 19, the US vetoed a Security Resolution unilaterally recognizing Palestinian statehood.

State Department deputy spokesperson Vedant Patel said at the time that the Palestinians do not meet the criteria for statehood and that the Palestinian Authority needed to undergo significant reform.

Israel and the US insist that Palestinian statehood must

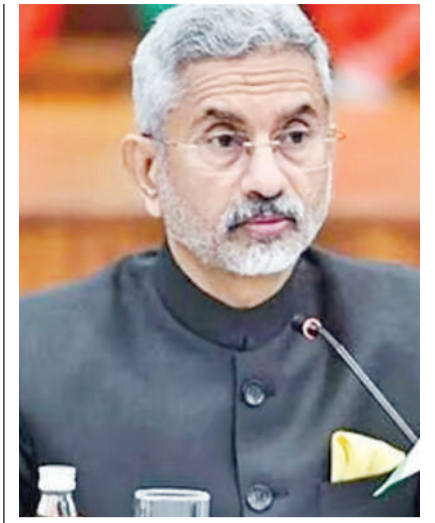
come from direct peace negotiations.

The proposed roadmap, endorsed by Arab foreign ministers and supported by European nations, outlines a phased approach towards Palestinian statehood.

Central to this plan is the restoration of Palestinian Authority control in Gaza, followed by the expansion of Palestinian-administered territories and crucial reforms within Palestinian governance structures.

These measures are seen as essential steps towards creating the necessary conditions for meaningful negotiations with Israel.

ANI



If India had not been clear on Russia-Ukraine war, petrol price would have gone up: EAM Jaishankar

CUTTACK

EMPHASISING that foreign policy today affects every citizen, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that if India had not been clear on the Russia-Ukraine war, petrol price would have gone up.

Highlighting the pressure and the problems India faced, Jaishankar (pictured) said, "Look at one example. We had this pressure on Russia and Ukraine. We were clear. Suppose we had not been clear. Suppose we had said. Sorry. You are saying it very strongly. We will not do what we did. Your petrol price would have gone up by Rs 20 because of that."

"We take a stand on foreign policy for average citizens," he said during an interactive session in Odisha's Cuttack.

Jaishankar further noted that if we had imported COVID vaccine, none of the people could have afforded it.

"So foreign policy today affects every citizen, it affects our lives," he added.

He underscored the ongoing problems in the world, noting a war in Ukraine, in the Middle East, a problem in the Arabian Sea, tensions on the China border, as well as, problems in the South China Sea.

He said, "There is terrorism in the world."

Jaishankar stressed that it is important to see who will take India through these challenges in the country.

"We have to decide how you go through this very difficult period. And more importantly, who do you trust? Who do you want to see in charge of this country? Who do you think will take this country through this challenge?" he added.

Highlighting on becoming a permanent member of United Nations Security Council, Jaishankar expressed confidence that India will become a member.

"But we will become a member faster if we have a strong prime minister to whom the world cannot say no. And that is what we are trying to do," he stressed.

Last month also, Jaishankar while speaking at the press conference in Bikaner, reaffirmed India's stance on buying oil from Russia, noting that petrol prices were lower because New Delhi had courage to purchase oil from Moscow.

Jaishankar continued, "When we talk about Ukraine if today the price of petrol is lower, it's because we had the courage to buy oil from Russia. If there are other matters related to security or the respect earned by Modi ji during the COVID times, it's because of his diplomacy that Indians stranded in the Gulf region returned home safely."

Earlier this month, during an interaction in Gujarat, the EAM had said that PM Modi gave clear instructions to keep the interest of Indian consumers on priority despite external pressure against purchasing Russian oil. ANI

Toll of Kenya's floods climbs to 228, tropical Cyclone Hidaya weakens after landfall

NAIROBI

KENYAN authorities on Sunday said nine more people lost their lives in the last 24 hours due to the devastating floods and landslides triggered by heavy rains, bringing the death toll to 228.

The Ministry of Interior and National Administration, however, said the tropical Cyclone Hidaya in the Indian Ocean has lost its strength following its landfall at Mafia Island in Tanzania on Saturday.

The ministry said a ban on beach activities including fishing, swimming and non-essential transport within the country's territorial waters remains in force until midnight on May 6 due to Cyclone Hidaya.

"The Tropical Cyclone Hidaya storm is over and forecasted to have weakened; however, heavy rainfall is still expected offshore along the coast region with strong winds and large waves already experienced in Kwale County," the ministry said.

It said that 212,630 peo-



Flood waters cover a bridge in the flooded Maasai Mara National Reserve, that left dozens of tourists stranded in Narok County, Kenya, May 1, 2024. AP

ple have been affected by the displacement of 41,526 households, and that 62,061 people have been placed in 138 camps for internally displaced people that have been established throughout 138 counties. Approximately 227,238 people have been impacted by the heavy rains while a total of 1,967 schools have been affected by the floods, the ministry said.

The government said multi-agency teams drawn from the Kenya Defence Forces, National Youth Service and humanitarian agencies are already coordinating rescue efforts and providing essential help to the displaced people.

People residing in urban areas,

low-lying areas and riparian areas have been warned of possible flooding and those in hilly areas or steep slopes have been cautioned against landslides.

Several parts of the country remained cut off and inaccessible after roads and bridges were washed away, marooning thousands of residents, disrupting business across the country and forcing indefinite postponement of schools reopening.

"The government is carrying out assessments of damaged roads and mobilizing resources to address critical sections and restore safe travel," the ministry said.

Israeli army urges Palestinians to evacuate eastern Rafah ahead of planned offensive

GAZA/JERUSALEM

THE Israeli army yesterday ordered Palestinian residents to evacuate the eastern neighborhoods of Gaza's southernmost city Rafah, ahead of a planned offensive in the area.

Avichai Adraee, the spokesperson of the Israeli army, said in a press statement that "for all people who live in the neighborhoods of Al-Salam, Al-Jeneina, Taba Zarea, and Al-Byouk in the Rafah area in blocks 10-16, 28, and 270, the army will work with extreme force against terrorist organizations there."

He added that anyone who is near terrorist organizations is putting their lives and the lives of their families at risk, and urged them to evacuate these areas immediately to avoid any danger to their lives.

He said that the army is expanding the humanitarian area in Al-Mawasi, which includes



field hospitals, tents, food, water, medicines, and other supplies.

The army, cooperating with international organizations and other countries, also allowed the expansion of humanitarian aid that is brought into the Strip, said Adraee.

The operation in eastern Rafah will move forward gradually based on the ongoing assessment of the situation that will take place throughout, said Adraee, adding that the army will distribute leaflets, send SMS messages and conduct phone calls, as well as broadcast information through Arab media.

The Israeli military noted in a statement that it will continue pursuing Hamas "everywhere in Gaza" until all the hostages that they are holding are back home. Israel considers Rafah the last major stronghold of Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

Located in the southernmost part of the Strip, Rafah shelters approximately 1.2 million Palestinians. Israel has launched a large-scale offensive against Hamas in Gaza since Oct. 7, 2023, following Hamas's surprise attack on southern Israel that killed about 1,200 people.

Xinhua

China, United States should be partners rather than rivals

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on April 26 met with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

Expounding on the lessons from the 45 years of development in China-U.S. relations, Xi said building a community with a shared future for mankind is the basic starting point for China to view the China-U.S. relationship, and stressed the importance to follow through on the San Francisco vision. His remarks charted the course for China and the United States to maintain a stable, healthy and

sustainable relationship.

Whether China and the United States will be partners or rivals is the fundamental question that must be answered first in handling their relationship. It is the "first button of a shirt" that determines whether the China-U.S. relationship can develop stably.

If the United States consistently regards China as its primary rival, the relationship between the two countries will only be plagued by constant

troubles and a multitude of issues.

China always believes that planet Earth is big enough to accommodate the common development and respective prosperity of China and the United States.

Over the past 45 years, the relationship between the two countries has gone through wind and rain, and the two sides can draw a few important lessons. China and the United States should be partners rather

than rivals; help each other succeed rather than hurt each other; seek common ground and reserve differences rather than engage in vicious competition; and honor words with actions rather than say one thing but do another.

Xi said he proposed mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation as the three overarching principles for the relationship, which are both lessons learned from the past and a guide for the future.

China views and develops China-U.S. relations from the global vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, which is responsible for the people, for the world and for the future.

The world today is undergoing transformation not seen in a century. How to respond to it is a question of the times and of the world. China's answer is to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

Xi stressed that countries live

in an interdependent world and rise and fall together. With their interests deeply intertwined, all countries need to build maximum consensus for win-win and all-win outcomes.

In the face of a complex international situation, the international community expects both China and the United States to strengthen dialogue, manage differences, and promote cooperation. As two major countries, China and the United States should undertake re-

sponsibilities for world peace, create opportunities for the development of all countries, provide the world with public goods, and play a positive role in promoting global unity.

Jointly developing a right perception, jointly managing disagreements effectively, jointly advancing mutually beneficial cooperation, jointly shouldering responsibilities as major countries, and jointly promoting people-to-people exchanges should serve as the underpinning for the mansion of China-U.S. relations.

People's Daily

Xi aims to open brighter future of China-France ties via visit

PARIS

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said here on Sunday that he hopes China and France will light up their way forward with the torch of history, open a brighter future of China-France relations and make new contributions to world peace, stability and development.

Xi made the remarks in a written speech upon his arrival here for a state visit to France.

He said during the visit, he will have an in-depth exchange of views with French President Emmanuel Macron on growing China-France and China-Europe relations under the new circumstances as well as major international and regional issues in the world today.

"I hope this visit will help cement our long-standing friendship, enhance political trust, build strategic consensus and deepen exchanges and cooperation in various fields," he said, adding that it is a great pleasure to begin his third state visit to the French Republic at the invitation of Macron.

Back in 2014 and 2019, Xi paid two visits to France, both in spring, to celebrate the 50th and 55th anniversaries of diplomatic relations together with the people of France.

"As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our diplomatic ties, I have a strong sense of déjà vu when setting foot again on the soil of your beautiful country. On behalf of the Chinese



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Paris for a state visit to France at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron, on Sunday. Xinhua

government and people, I wish to take this opportunity to extend our warmest greetings and best wishes to the French govern-

ment and people," Xi said. As important representatives of Eastern and Western civilizations, China and

France have a long history of mutual appreciation and admiration, said Xi.

French Enlightenment thinkers turned to study Chinese culture centuries ago, and great French thinkers and writers such as Voltaire, Diderot, Hugo and Balzac have been household names in China, he added.

He also noted that 60 years ago, the two countries broke through Cold War blocs and established diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level.

In the 60 years since, the bilateral relations have always stayed abreast of China's relations with Western countries, setting a prime example for countries with different social systems to coexist in peace and pursue win-win cooperation, said Xi.

In recent years, the relationship between China and France has risen to new heights, and the two countries keep making new progress in cooperation on aviation, aerospace, nuclear energy, agrifood and green development, Xi said.

He said that the two countries enjoy close coordination and cooperation on climate response, biodiversity protection and global governance, adding that activities of the China-France Year of Culture and Tourism are unfolding across the board.

"A growing China-France relationship not only brings benefits to both peoples, but also provides stability and positive energy to the turbulent world," Xi said.

The Chinese president was received by French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal at Paris Orly airport and warmly welcomed by overseas Chinese upon arrival.

Xinhua

'EU's handling of Ukrainian refugee issue could lead to new crisis'

MOSCOW

SPECULATION in the EU about sending draft-age Ukrainians back home will trigger riots and possibly lead to a new migration crisis in Europe, Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of Russia's State Duma (lower house of parliament), said.

"The campaign to mobilize Ukrainians hiding in European Union countries has failed. The Ukrainian refugee issue is becoming increasingly dangerous for Europe as it threatens to escalate into another migration crisis," he wrote on Telegram.

"This is why the EU leadership has found itself in a situation where it's better to do nothing. Any decisions on the issue are fraught with negative consequences," Volodin noted.

According to him, European Union countries would like "to get rid" of refugees because supporting them has taken a toll on the economy.

Meanwhile, the number of Ukrainian refugees in European countries currently stands at about 4.3 mln, the senior Russian lawmaker pointed out. Trying to deport them "may lead to even bigger problems for these nations," Volodin said.

"Although Washington and Brussels are determined to fight to the last Ukrainian, they are running out of avenues to get people to the front. Enormous losses are impossible to hide. The Kiev regime's armed forces are demoralized.

That's why Ukrainian citizens have no wish to return home from the EU and become 'cannon fodder,'" Volodin stressed. **Agencies**



French PM greets Xi with Chinese 'Nihao'

PARIS

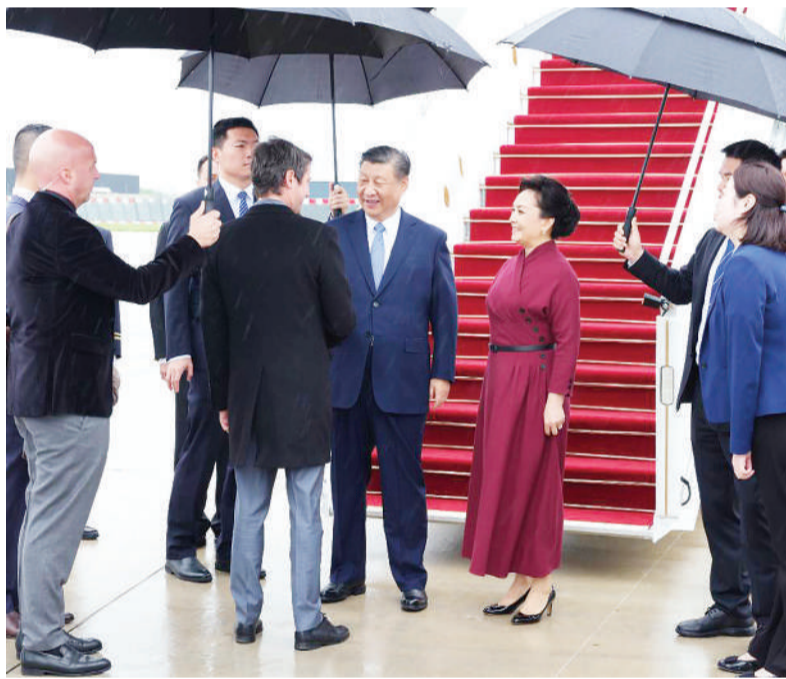
AS Chinese President Xi Jinping landed in Paris on Sunday for a state visit to France, French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal greeted him at the airport with "Nihao," hello in Chinese.

Chinese and French national flags flutter in the wind at the airport as the French side rolled out red carpet for the Chinese leader. A team of high-level French government representatives headed by Attal were waiting for Xi's arrival. This diplomatic protocol arrangement shows that the French side attaches great importance to the visit.

It is Xi's third state visit to France, and his first trip to Europe in nearly five years. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of China-France diplomatic relations. When Xi and his wife, Peng Liyuan, stepped out of the cabin, they waved to the welcoming crowds.

As Xi walked down the gangway, Attal stepped forward, and said "Nihao" to the Chinese leader.

Attal and Xi walked and chatted as he accompanied the Chinese leader to the limousine.



Chinese President Xi Jinping arrives in Paris for a state visit to France at the invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron, May 5, 2024. Xi was received

He told Xi that he once visited China when he was a lawmaker. "I studied Chinese for one year," he said. "You speak very well, very standard. Welcome to China for a visit," Xi said with a smile.

The Chinese leader is also an enthusiast of French culture,

who developed a keen interest in French history, philosophy, literature and art in his youth.

"France holds a special fascination for us Chinese," Xi said in a signed article published Sunday in French media Le Figaro.

Xinhua

Iranian, Egyptian foreign ministers discuss regional developments, boosting ties

TEHRAN

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry on Saturday exchanged views on the latest joint efforts to improve bilateral ties.

In a meeting on the sidelines of the 15th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Banjul, capital of The Gambia, the two sides also discussed the latest regional developments, said a statement published on the Iranian Foreign Ministry's website.

The two ministers exchanged warm greetings offered by Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his Egyptian counterpart Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi to each other, highlighting efforts by the two leaders to follow up on the improvement of the bilateral relations.

Amir-Abdollahian praised the efforts made and positions adopted by Egypt to stop Israel's deadly attacks in Gaza and reiterated Iran's readiness to send humanitarian aid to the Palestinian coastal enclave, asking for Cairo's assistance to that end.

He expressed gratitude towards Egypt for condemning Israel's action against the Iranian diplomatic mission in Syria's Damascus.

The Egyptian foreign minister, for his part, stressed that Egypt always paid special attention to the expansion of relations with Iran.

Shoukry pointed to the consequences of the continuation of the conflict in Gaza, hoping that the ongoing political and diplomatic efforts would help stop the escalation and restore the Palestinians' rights.

Submarine builder ASC's workers strikes may disrupt maintenance

SYDNEY

WORKERS at Australian state-owned submarine builder ASC Ltd began yesterday a campaign of strikes for higher wages that could disrupt maintenance for Australia's submarines even as

it prepares to build the nuclear-powered AUKUS fleet.

Roughly 300 workers at ASC's Osborne shipyard in South Australia walked off the job for an hour on Monday, and a separate meeting of union members voted to continue some form of strikes

indefinitely, a union official told Reuters.

Osborne is where ASC and British firm BAE Systems will jointly build Australia's fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, the core component of the 2021 AUKUS pact between Britain, the US and

Australia.

Until that work begins later this decade, the shipyard is where lengthy maintenance is performed on the existing diesel-electric powered Collins-class fleet.

Workers want ASC to match

wages across its sites. Those at Osborne earn about 17 percent less than colleagues in Western Australia, and the company has only offered a 6.75 percent raise, according to Stuart Gordon, an assistant secretary for the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union.

Displaced teachers establish 'tent school' for students in Rafah

GAZA

NOW being displaced to the southernmost Gazan city of Rafah, Nihad Badreia, a Palestinian teacher, established a "tent school" for about 600 school-age children living in a refugee camp, as the current Palestinian-Israeli conflict has deprived students of their studies for nearly seven months.

"It's too hard for our students to continue education due to the war. They also cannot meet their classmates, which would have affected their psychological states negatively," said Badreia.

Currently living in a refugee camp with more than 2,000 children, Badreia often saw teenagers playing in the streets without having any positive activities that

would develop their characters. What's worse, they were sometimes involved in quarrels or even violence, partly due to the psychological pressure caused by the long-time exposure to the war, he added.

As the sign of an end to the war is yet to loom, children "will absolutely suffer from their studies for the consequences" of the prolonged crisis, the teacher said.

This was why he decided, together with about 20 other displaced teachers in the refugee camp, to establish a school themselves with tents being its classrooms.

Maths, Arabic, Science, and the Holy Quran are among the curriculums delivered. After launching a fundraising campaign and with the help of the Palestinian Ministry of



Palestinian students are seen in a classroom at a new tent school established in the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah, on April 30, 2024. Xinhua

Education, they returned the students to school. "Despite the lack of equipment, I am so happy to return

to classrooms," Neama Abu Hajjaj, a Palestinian student in the seventh grade at the school, told Xinhua.

"It is amazing to have new teachers, but I do not know if my former teacher is still alive or not," Abu Hajjaj said,

expressing her hope to return to her house, neighborhood, school, and normal life as soon as possible.

Until then, she said, "I will enjoy my current educational life." The same happiness is experienced by Shahd al-Amasi, another student from the Gaza Strip. "I am so glad to return to school and write in my notebooks once again. I missed my lessons, friends, and teachers."

Both Abu Hajjaj and al-Amasi were among the 300 female students who went to the school three days a week, while the rest 300 male students went to the school for the other three days, according to Badreia.

"Despite that for now they will not get any certifications, the students will be learning until there's a solution to the education problem in Gaza,"

he said. Israel launched a large-scale offensive against Hamas in Gaza to retaliate against a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on Oct. 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed and more than 200 were taken hostage.

The ongoing Israeli attacks on Gaza have resulted in extensive casualties and damages, with the Palestinian death toll rising to over 34,000, according to the Gaza health authorities, which noted that out of the total deaths, there were 3,700 students and 200 teachers.

Meanwhile, the Gaza education authorities said at least 352 local schools were damaged by the Israeli attacks, while the rest of them were turned into shelters for the displaced people.

The suspects, aged between 22 and 46, were arrested in several Moroccan cities, including Casablanca

SPORT



Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Hamis Mwinjuma (Front row, 8th L) presents a champions flag to some of Dar es Salaam athletes who will battle it out in this season's Betika Mbeya Tulia Marathon, slated for Friday and Saturday in Mbeya, at an occasion which took place in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Mwana FA set to participate in 2024 Betika Mbeya Tulia Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

DEPUTY Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports Hamis Mwinjuma (Mwana FA) has revealed he is set to battle it out in the 2024 Betika Mbeya Tulia Marathon and called on athletics stakeholders in Tanzania to meet in Mbeya when the race takes place.

Mwinjuma decided that he was fit to run and finish the Betika Mbeya Tulia Marathon's seventh season, scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the Sokoine Stadium.

The Deputy Minister on Monday led hundreds of athletes in Dar es Salaam in a build-up for the coming showdown and remarked that the morale shown by the athletes proves the competition will be fierce.

The Betika Mbeya Tulia Marathon, which aims to raise funds for improving health and education infrastructure, will be led by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.

More than 5,000 runners will battle it out in marathon (42km), half marathon (21km), 10km, and 5km events on May 11, one day after the track races, namely 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m, had taken place.

Much as the Deputy Minister did not mention the event he will take part in, he said he will run a long race and does not doubt that he will do well-maintaining he is fit for the marathon and will win a medal.

National Assembly Speaker, Tulia Ackson, issued a similar statement during a build-up for the coming showdown, which took place in Dodoma recently.

Mwinjuma led hundreds of athletes to participate in the build-up race in Dar es

Salaam and handed over a champions' flag to some of the region's athletes who will travel to Mbeya to join others in the seventh season of the Betika Mbeya Tulia Marathon. The Deputy Minister stressed that they should do well in the race.

The Deputy Minister said amid deafening cheers that with the morale he had seen, this season will witness a stiff battle. Mwinjuma revealed during the build-up- which started at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Posta to Coco Beach- that he had chosen to run and finish a long race without mentioning the showdown.

"Let's meet in Mbeya, I'm fit, I have, as is the case with Dar es Salaam, run and finished a long distance, they should prepare for it in Mbeya," the Deputy Minister noted amid cheers. Some of Dar es Salaam's athletes promised to return triumphantly.

Some of Dar es Salaam athletes have secured sponsorship from Betika Tanzania, which includes travel and other expenses, to take part in the showdown in Mbeya as part of efforts by the betting company-which is the race's main sponsor this season-to promote athletics.

Betika Tanzania's Information Officer, Rugambwa Juvenalius said the Wednesday build-up will be held in Mbeya, after Mtwara, Rukwa, Iringa, Morogoro, and Dodoma had held a similar event to prepare for this season's race.

He said that Betika Tanzania will pay for 460 athletes to participate in the coming race to boost enthusiasm and provide opportunities for talented athletes.

CRDB Bank Taifa Cup tourney set for next month

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Basketball Tournament, also known as CRDB BANK Taifa Cup, is expected to start in Dodoma in June.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) Information Officer Mary Arthur said preparations for the showdown are going on well.

"Preparations are progressing well

towards the competition which will involve all regions of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar," she said.

She disclosed the tournament is held every year, seeking to unearth basketball talents and develop the sport in all regions.

The Information Officer called on the regional basketball associations' leaders to urge their respective regions' teams to enthusiastically shape up for the coming showdown.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC is now focusing on booking a place in next season's CAF Champions League, with a series of draws the outfit has notched in the NBC Premier League jeopardizing its chances to play in the continental football next season.

A 2-2 draw in a duel versus Namungo FC at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi on April 30 narrowed the Msimbazi Street club's opportunity to fulfill ambitions of playing in the CAF Champions League.

Now under interim head coach Juma Mgunda, Simba SC has seven matches that hold the outfit's fate, as far as a second-place finish is concerned.

Individual errors that cost the outfit three points, and

lack of clinicality in front of the goal, can all be addressed in these remaining games so the outfit can bounce back.

"I have sat with the technical bench, and they have addressed all tactical issues in the squad, we know that our defense has been leaking goals, we will work harder on it in the remaining games and achieve our goals," Mgunda revealed.

Simba SC is, after confronting Tabora United in Dar es Salaam yesterday, scheduled to play five games at home before the season ends while two games will be played on away venues.

Albeit triumphing in two domestic mini-tournaments this season, the Community

Shield and the Muungano Cup, Simba SC understood the NBC Premier League fixture against Mtibwa Sugar, which took place in Dar es Salaam on Friday and culminated in a 2-0 victory for the former, was crucial.

Mtibwa Sugar has, after the Friday clash, tough fixtures against Yanga and Azam FC- currently occupying the top two spots in the top flight.

In the second phase, all teams have different ambitions, especially in the remaining fixtures. Simba SC was yesterday set to entertain Tabora United, a squad yet to win an away game in the last three games and is also languishing in relegation playoff spots.

In the first phase clash between the teams, which took place in Tabora, Simba SC won 4-0. Both teams need a win to achieve their ambitions.

Tabora United is moreover slated to take on Yanga in one of the former's remaining fixtures, for that matter, losing both games will endanger their Premier League hopes for next season.

The biggest game of the season for Simba SC so far will be the one that will have the squad locking horns with Azam FC on May 9.

This tie, nicknamed 'Mzimba derby', will decide which team will represent Tanzania in CAF Champions League next season.

The two clubs' first phase

clash took place at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on February 9, 2024, and culminated in a 1-1 draw.

Azam FC will be at home, Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam, on May 9. It is a turf that has witnessed Simba SC dropping many points this season. In the last six games between the two clubs, they have won one game apiece and the others are draws.

For many years, Simba SC has not enjoyed playing at Kaitaba Stadium, a home venue for Kagera Sugar. The Kagera team has held Simba SC to a draw at home in previous seasons and they are scheduled to meet on May 12 at the same venue.

Kagera Sugar is currently

SPORTS

Our Olympic preparations need to quicken forthwith

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

WITH the epic Olympic Games set to begin imminently in late July this year in Paris, it is extremely concerning that our preparations for the Summer Games are proceeding at a sluggish pace.

Alarming, there is a distinct lack of specificity regarding which sports our sportsmen will take part in besides of course athletics and perhaps boxing, which have long been our forte at such grand festivals of sports in the past.

Indeed, the glacial pace of our Olympic preparations leaves a lot to be desired and it is disturbing to note that such foot-dragging has often resulted in our sportsmen turning in abysmal showings on the biggest stage in the realm of sports.

It is hoped then that a sense of urgency can be rapidly injected into our preparations, otherwise, our sportsmen run the risk of turning up at the 2024 Paris Games merely to make up the numbers, which would be a crying shame.

In the absence of any remedial action taken to address this potentially damaging problem, it seems then that we are on course to produce a dismal performance at the Paris Olympic Games, which would massively dent our sporting reputation.

Let us now explore the weighty matter of youth football on the continent, which is poised to take center stage when Zanzibar hosts the prestigious 2024 CAF African Schools Football Championship.

Indeed, this gem of an idea, which was the brainchild of the incumbent CAF president Patrice Motsepe is part of the president's laudable vision to invest in the



Tanzanian marathoner, Failuna Abdi, will represent the country in the 2024 Olympics, slated to take place in Paris, France from July 26- August 11. AGENCIES

youth of the continent.

The tournament, which is a remarkable first for global football will feature school boys and girls under the age of 15 earnestly jostling for top honors.

Following an emphatically successful maiden edition of the competition in South Africa last year, this year's championship promises to be even better as a tad over 800, 000 young African school boys and girls from a whopping 44 countries are all set to fiercely contest for silverware once the eagerly awaited championship kicks-off on May 21st, this year.

It is hoped then that the lovely island of Zanzibar will provide the fitting setting for prodigiously gifted youngsters to shine and put on display their inherent football talent.

Let us now change course and discuss local tennis where championships have been disappointingly few and far between thus far this year.

Indeed, the dearth of local tennis tournaments should prompt us all to feel decidedly worried about the present state of affairs in the sport.

One would like to urge the administrators at the Tanzania Tennis Association (TTA) to carefully examine

where things have gone so drastically wrong.

If the causal factor of the crisis is a lack of funds, then this writer calls upon the top brass at the TTA and other stakeholders to work in concert with potential sponsors to rectify the pesky problem.

To sum up, we have in the past witnessed how youth tennis blossomed and thrived on the local scene for many a year.

However, with local tennis facing its gravest crisis in a long while, it is hoped that urgent measures will be taken to not only defuse the crisis but to put the sport on a surer footing.

Coach Mashujaa FC's loss to Yanga, eyes survival in NBC PL

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans SC has edged closer to the club's 30th NBC Premier League title with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Mashujaa FC in Kigoma on Sunday.

The win at the Lake Tanganyika Stadium further dampens Mashujaa FC's hopes of staying in the top tier of Tanzanian football.

Following their defeat to Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, Mashujaa FC's head coach Mohamed Abdallah 'Bares' addressed the game, acknowledging their initial plan to avoid defeat.

"We had a game plan to secure at least a draw, and for the most part, we achieved that. However, small mistakes proved costly, and Yanga capitalized on them," Abdallah admitted.

Abdallah remarked: "Yanga is a formidable opponent, especially when they're in top form. But I'm also proud of my players' efforts. They fought hard and aimed to leave with a positive result, but unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be."

He observed a clear improvement in his team's performance during the second half, disclosing: "We came into the match with two different strategies, after conceding in the first half, we had to switch to a more attacking approach in the second."

He explained: "While we created chances, we weren't clinical enough in finishing them. We'll be working hard in training to address these shortcomings for the remaining matches."



Mashujaa FC head coach Mohamed Abdallah 'Bares'.

Regarding Mashujaa FC's chances of staying in the NBC Premier League, the tactician remained optimistic, revealing: "The table position indicates we still have a fighting chance to avoid relegation, we understand the extra effort required to win our remaining games and secure our place in the league."

Ivorian striker Joseph Guede emerged as the hero for Yanga, converting a pass from midfielder Mudathir Yahya in the 41st minute.

This victory extends Yanga's dominance over Mashujaa FC, having previously beaten the latter 2-1 in the first phase of the season at the Azam Stadium Complex in Dar es Salaam back in February.

The defeat is a bitter pill to swallow for Mashujaa FC, marking their fifth consecutive loss in the league. Their last win came on March 6, 2024, against JKT Tanzania (1-0) at the Lake Tanganyika Stadium.

With 25 games played, Mashujaa FC finds itself languishing in 14th place with a mere 23 points, having won just five games, drawing eight, and losing a worrying 12.

The encounter held significant weight for both teams. Yanga has, with this win, widened the gap at the top of the table in their pursuit of the NBC Premier League trophy.

Conversely, a victory for Mashujaa FC could have seen the club climb two crucial positions in the standings, potentially escaping the relegation zone.

However, with the loss, Mashujaa FC's fate hangs in

the balance. To ensure their survival in the league for next season, a drastic turnaround is required.

They must win their remaining five matches and score a significant number of goals to avoid the drop. Their current goal difference is concerning, having conceded frequently while failing to find the back of the net consistently.

This precarious position leaves them tied on points with Tabora United, further intensifying the relegation battle.

Mashujaa FC's struggles have been evident in their recent form. Their past five games have yielded three defeats (1-0 to Dodoma Jiji FC, 4-2 to Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, 3-0 to Kagera Sugar) and two draws (1-1 with JKT Tanzania and 0-0 with Geita Gold FC).

The upcoming five fixtures will determine Mashujaa's future in the league. They face Kinondoni Municipal Council FC, Tabora United FC, Tanzania Prisons, Mtibwa Sugar, and Dodoma Jiji FC. These crucial matches will showcase their determination and ability to fight their way out of the relegation zone.

Simba SC's remaining NBC PL fixtures hold squad's fate

Geita Gold FC is currently languishing in the relegation zone, having been positioned 15th- therefore- the clash between the club and Simba SC stands to be a tough game.

Kinondoni Municipal Council FC had Simba SC securing their second draw of the season in the first phase after settling for a 2-2 draw at Azam Complex Stadium, the same venue will be used by Simba SC for their CAF Champions League ticket's quest on May 25.

The Kinondoni-based squad is also pushing for either of the CAF club tournaments' berths. The outfit is the other contender with the most draws in the Premier League (11) alongside Namungo FC and JKT Tanzania- which will confront Simba SC in the final game.

Man City's Haaland is a 'spoilt brat', says Keane

LONDON

MANCHESTER City striker Erling Haaland has been branded a "spoilt brat" by Roy Keane as the former Manchester United star stepped up his war of words with the Norwegian.

Keane has been critical of Haaland on several occasions this season and he reignited their feud following City's 5-1 win against Wolves on Saturday.

Haaland (pictured) scored four times in the rout as City moved within one point of Premier League leaders Arsenal with a game in hand.

But the 23-year-old appeared frustrated when he was substituted by City boss Pep Guardiola in the closing stages at the Etihad Stadium. Guardiola later said Haaland was annoyed with the officiating in the match, but Keane was quick to lambast the striker.

"I think we saw Haaland yesterday brought off not too happy, behaving like a spoilt brat," Keane told Sky Sports in his role as a pundit for Liverpool's win against Tottenham on Sunday.

"I think when you have the spat as well with the manager and obviously your star man, it doesn't help that results aren't going your way.

"But because they win the game, he scores goals it's almost forgotten about."

Keane had previously blasted Haaland's general play as that of a "League Two" player this season, which led the former Borussia Dortmund star to hit back following the Wolves game.



"I don't really care that much about that man, so that's all right," Haaland said.

Keane was infamously sent off for a brutal foul on Haaland's father Alfie, who was playing for Manchester City during a derby against United in 2001.

Alfie made just a handful of appearances after that before having to retire aged just 30, although it was later claimed the injury from Keane's tackle was not the cause.

Keane admitted in his autobiography that his challenge was pre-meditated due to a prior grudge.

After Keane was hurt in a tackle with Alfie, then playing for Leeds, in 1997, the Norwegian stood over him, apparently accusing his rival of feigning injury.

But Keane had ruptured his cruciate ligament and he wrote in his book of their 2001 clash: "I'd waited long enough. I hit him hard. The ball was there (I think). Take that. And don't ever stand over me sneering about fake injuries."

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'Sound of silence' for troubled Milan as Juve inch towards Champions League

MILAN

AC Milan were given the silent treatment by thousands of frustrated supporters during Sunday's thrilling 3-3 home draw with Genoa as their disappointing Serie A season crawls to its conclusion.

Fans unfurled banners demanding improvements to the team, while the hardcore ultras stayed silent in protest throughout a match which ended all square after Malick Thiaw's 87th-minute own goal handed mid-table Genoa a point.

The entire Curva Sud section of the San Siro, which is where the ultras stand and holds thousands of supporters, missed Thiaw's unfortunate error as it emptied shortly after Olivier Giroud fired Milan 3-2 ahead in the 75th minute.

Left behind was a banner which simply read "the sound of silence".

The protest dampened the atmosphere for what was effectively a dead rubber, with second-placed Milan already guaranteed Champions League football and promoted Genoa safe from relegation.

Fan discontent stems from the 18 points which separate Milan from champions and local rivals Inter Milan, who secured their 20th league title by winning their local derby a fortnight ago.

That, and being dumped out of the Europa League by fellow Italians Roma, angered supporters and means Stefano Pioli, the man who guided Milan to the 2022 Serie A title, will be dismissed at the end of the season after nearly five years at the helm.

"The fans chose that form of protest, you have to respect it," said Pioli to DAZN.

"Our fans have always been of huge value over these years, they'll have their reasons for the way they protested."

Pioli's Genoa counterpart Alberto Gilardino is secure in his position after guiding his team to a happy return to the top flight.

Gilardino, who won the 2006 World Cup with Italy as a player, said on Saturday that he had come to a verbal agreement with Genoa to extend his contract beyond the end of this season.

Italy's oldest football club and nine-time Italian champions, Genoa are 12th in Serie A and have performed above expectations this season.

"I want to continue at a club that has given me the chance to coach and do a good job," said Gilardino to DAZN.

- "Football's a crazy sport" -

Below Milan, the battle for Champions League football continued as third-placed Juventus drew 1-1 in a hugely entertaining clash with Roma in which each team created a host of chances and struck the woodwork.

Juve stay five points behind Milan and inched towards a spot in Europe's top club competition after Gleison Bremer's 31st-minute header levelled an early opener from Romelu Lukaku.

Despite only winning twice in 14 league matches, Massimiliano Allegri's side are nine points ahead of sixth-placed Atalanta, who are at relegated Salernitana on Monday and also have another game in hand.

"Football is a crazy sport because one moment things go your way and the other everything goes against you," said Allegri.

"We could have done better this season but it wasn't to be."

Atalanta's extra match leaves Roma at risk of missing out as a win at Salernitana would move Gian Piero Gasperini's side above Roma into fifth on goal difference.

Roma travel to Atalanta next weekend for a crunch clash after having to rue a late missed Tammy Abraham chance just as they did in Thursday's defeat to Bayer Leverkusen which left their hopes of reaching the Europa League final hanging by a thread.

"A draw doesn't do us any good but I can only be proud of my team, of how they play and how they work together," said Roma coach Daniele De Rossi.

"A bit more luck and we would have won it."

Verona boosted their hopes of safety with a 2-1 home win over Fiorentina which moved them five points clear of the relegation zone.

Udinese, who sit just inside the bottom three, can escape the drop zone if they beat Napoli on Monday.

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Liverpool shatter Spurs' top four bid as Villa eye Champions League

LONDON

LIVERPOOL shattered Tottenham's hopes of finishing in the Premier League's top four with a 4-2 win that left Aston Villa on the brink of Champions League qualification despite their 1-0 defeat at Brighton on Sunday.

Needing a win at Anfield to close the gap on fourth-placed Villa, Tottenham slumped to a fourth successive league loss for the first time since 2004.

Villa are seven points ahead of fifth-placed Tottenham, who have a game in hand but will miss out on the top four if Unai Emery's men win one of their remaining two matches.

With their Champions League hopes in tatters, Tottenham boss Ange Postecoglou said: "We paid the price for the mistakes we made and that is what is going to happen at this level.

"It is disappointing obviously when you lose but at least today, I can hold on to the fact that we looked more like ourselves."

Mohamed Salah was back in the Liverpool team after being dropped for last weekend's draw at West Ham.

The Egypt forward had argued with Klopp before being introduced as a substitute at the London Stadium and fanned the flames afterwards when he said there would be "fire" if he spoke about the clash.

Klopp, in the final weeks of his nine-year reign, was celebrating in the 16th minute when Salah notched his 25th goal in all competitions this term with a clinical header from Cody Gakpo's cross. Andrew Robertson scored Liverpool's second on the stroke of half-time as the Scotland left-back finished from close-range after Salah's shot was saved by Guglielmo Vicario.

There was worse to come for woe-filled Tottenham as Gakpo headed in a 50th-minute cross from Harvey Elliott, who netted the fourth in the 59th minute with a superb curler from 20 yards.

It was little consolation for Tottenham that Richarlison reduced the deficit in the 72nd minute before setting up Son Heung-min's goal five minutes later.

Third-placed Liverpool's first victory in three league games kept them



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah scores their first goal against Spurs. (Agencies)

in mathematical contention to win the title, but in truth they have little chance, with leaders Arsenal five points ahead with only two games left.

"Anfield was a special place today again because the boys played outstanding, until we didn't," Klopp said. "At 4-0 up I made the changes and we lost organisation but the goals were outstanding."

- "It's in our hands" -

A Villa win combined with a Tottenham loss would have sealed a Champions League place for Emery's side.

But Villa were unable to fulfil their part of that equation as Joao Pedro's 87th-minute goal for Brighton condemned them to a second painful defeat in four days.

Ending Brighton's six-match winless run, Pedro headed in the rebound after Robin Olsen saved his penalty, which had been awarded for Ezri Konsa's foul on Simon Adingra.

Surprisingly beaten 4-2 by Olympiakos in the Europa Conference League semi-final first leg on Thursday, Villa were well below their best once again. Emery's men host Liverpool and

travel to Crystal Palace in their last two games as they fight to return to the Champions League for the first time since 1982-83.

"We competed but we didn't get a good result and we didn't deserve more. I don't want to know anything about Tottenham because it's in our hands," Emery said.

At Stamford Bridge, seventh-placed Chelsea thrashed West Ham 5-0 to keep alive their hopes of European qualification

Cole Palmer put Mauricio Pochettino's side ahead in the 15th minute with his 21st league goal of the season, the forward firing home after West Ham failed to clear.

Conor Gallagher doubled Chelsea's advantage after 30 minutes with a blistering volley after West Ham's Kurt Zouma deflected the ball towards the midfielder. Noni Madueke bagged Chelsea's third six minutes later as the winger turned in Thiago Silva's header from close-range.

Nicolas Jackson piled on the misery for woe-filled West Ham in the 48th minute and the Senegal striker

bagged his second with 10 minutes left.

Meanwhile, David Moyes accused his West Ham flops of failing to take "responsibility" as the pressure mounted on the under-fire boss following Sunday's 5-0 thrashing at Chelsea.

Moyes could be set to leave West Ham at the end of the season after reports that the club have held talks with former Wolves manager Julen Lopetegui.

The 61-year-old Scot is out of contract once the current campaign concludes and has been criticised throughout the season by fans unhappy with his perceived negative tactics.

Moyes, whose team conceded five goals for a second successive away league game following their loss at Crystal Palace, is set to hold talks with the board over his future at the end of the season.

But the former Manchester United manager's hopes of extending his second spell at the London Stadium were not helped by their capitulation at Chelsea, which effectively ended their slim hopes of qualifying for Europe.

Cesar Luis Menotti, football romantic who led Argentina to first World Cup

BUENOS AIRES

CESAR Luis Menotti, who led a dashing Argentina team to victory in the 1978 World Cup, has died aged 85, the country's football federation announced on Sunday.

Menotti, who was born in Rosario, Argentina, in 1938, won 11 caps for Argentina in the 1960s and then managed 11 clubs, some more than once, and two national teams in a coaching career that lasted 37 years.

He is best remembered for leading Argentina to the 1978 World Cup and the under-20 title the following year and for his commitment to a romantic ideal of football at a time when Argentina had developed a reputation for a cynical approach straying into violence.

In the 1978 World Cup final hosts Argentina defeated the Netherlands 3-1 after extra-time with flamboyant man of the tournament Mario Kempes scoring twice against a Dutch side shorn of Johan Cruyff, who had refused to play in the tournament.

The triumph was accomplished with flair but was surrounded by controversy. Many felt Argentina's repressive junta made it an unsuitable host.

Menotti also opted not to pick 17-year-old phenomenon Diego Maradona, who had made his international debut the year before.

"I did what I thought I had to do. To take care of him more than anything else, I was infatuated with Diego," Menotti told El Grafico. "He was so young, so small."

In the second group phase, Argentina kicked off their last game shortly after the final whistle in Brazil's victory over Poland, knowing they needed to beat Peru by at least three goals to reach the final.



Teacher of teachers: Cesar Luis Menotti who died on Sunday. Agencies

They won 6-0 with Kempes and Leopoldo Luque each scoring twice. Even though Argentina played well, the victory has long attracted suspicion.

Menotti, fondly known as the "Thin One", presented a memorable figure on the touchline, smoking and staring impassively from under his shaggy mane.

"I never go to the barber. I cut my own hair," he said.

Even though his father died of cancer when Menotti was 16, he too became a heavy smoker. It

was "my friend in loneliness," he said. He quit after a lung operation in 2011.

In 1979, with Maradona in the squad, Menotti led Argentina to the under-20 World Cup, beating the Soviet Union 3-1 in the final.

His reign ended after the 1982 World Cup in Spain, which kicked off just before Argentina surrendered in the Falklands War. Argentina were eliminated by Brazil 3-1 in a second-round defeat that ended with Maradona being sent off.

Menotti won two cups in two sea-

sons with Barcelona, the last trophies in a coaching career that took him to Italy, Mexico and Uruguay and back to Argentina.

He maintained a lifelong feud with coaches in the more pragmatic Argentine tradition and believed football styles are political.

"Left-wing football is generous and committed only to the public," he told German magazine Kicker in 2006. "It is sincere and does not put the result above everything."

Menotti, a striker, started his playing career with the club he supported, Rosario Central.

He moved to Boca Juniors, where he won an Argentine title, then to the New York Generals and from there to Santos in Brazil where he played alongside Pele.

He became an assistant coach at Central's city rivals Newell's Old Boys.

In 1973, he led Huracan to their only league title since 1928. He became national manager in 1974 and, despite being a member of the Communist Party, stayed on when the military seized power in 1976.

In 2018, he told El Grafico, an Argentine sports magazine, that "it was better to fight from the inside than from the outside".

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Yanga's head coach, Miguel Ángel Gamondi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

Miguel Gamondi prioritizes players' fitness in push for historic NBC PL title

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

YOUNG Africans SC is on the verge of claiming the squad's 30th NBC Premier League title after securing a narrow 1-0 victory over Mashujaa FC in Kigoma on Sunday.

This win extends the lead at the top of the table for Young Africans SC, also known as Yanga, and leaves the club needing just eight points from the remaining five matches to secure the trophy.

Following the match, Yanga's head coach Miguel Gamondi commended his team's performance.

"We created a lot of chances but we're grateful to have converted one. I want to congratulate the players for their dedication and fighting spirit. It's a pleasure to see them continue to strive for the goals we've set for ourselves this season," Gamondi acknowledged.

The tight schedule of NBC Premier League matches, with games every three days, has not deterred Yanga's ambition to win their remaining fixtures.

The Argentinian tactician addressed concerns about player rotation, noting: "We have a tough schedule with games every three days."

Gamondi explained. "That's why I rest some players for injuries or to give them time to recover. Some fans might not understand this, but the players must be 100% fit for every game."

He emphasized the importance of player fitness in maintaining their winning momentum and securing the championship title.

The Jangwani Street-based side dominated both encounters with Mashujaa FC this season, winning 2-1 at home earlier and repeating the feat with a 1-0 away win at Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma.

The hero for Yanga on Sunday was Ivorian attacker Joseph Guede, who fully exploited midfielder Mudathir Yahya's pass in the 41st minute to score his fifth goal of the season since joining the club during the recent transfer window.

With 65 points after 33 games, the 29-time Premier League champion sits comfortably in first place.

In the remaining five matches, they only need eight points to reach an unassailable total of 73. This target mathematically eliminated their closest challengers, Azam FC and Simba SC, from challenging for the title.

Even if Azam FC, currently occupying the second spot with 54 points, wins all of the club's remaining six games, the side can so far reach a maximum of 72 points.

Similarly, Simba SC, sitting third with 50 points, can all but manage 71 points even if the squad wins the remaining seven matches.

Yanga's away form this season has been impressive. The club has won nine games, drawn two, and lost only two on the road, scoring 24 goals and conceding just seven.

This has translated into a valuable haul of 29 points from the away fixtures.

Mashujaa FC coach calls for maximum support in remaining NBC PL fixtures

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MASHUJAA FC head coach Mohamed Abdallah has called on the Kigoma soccer fraternity to rally behind the club in the remaining five NBC Premier League games.

Abdallah issued his call once the outfit suffered a 1-0 loss to Yanga in the league's clash at the Lake Tanganyika Stadium in Kigoma on Sunday.

Yanga, which boosted the side's chances to win the league title for the third time in a row, needs eight points to clinch the local top-flight glory, having stretched the points tally to 65 points, 10 more than Azam FC (second) and 15 adrift of Simba SC (third).

Abdallah, alias 'Bares', said his team played well in the loss to Yanga, a positive to take in the former's upcoming games, but appealed to fans to rally behind their team to survive and play against the big names in the league next season.

Mashujaa FC, which has registered one win in the club's last five games, conceded two losses, and as many goalless draws- has dropped to 14th place in the league log.

"I am feeling proud of my players, we had a good game, only a small detail that led to us conceding the one goal, in the first half we defended deep to ensure that we didn't lose and had a good plan in the second half," Abdallah noted.

"It didn't go as planned, we played very well in the second half. We tried to create chances but, at the end of the day, the quality between the two sides was the difference at the final whistle. The last five games are crucial for us, and I won't divide them in either home or away... we need the away points as well," the gaffer pointed out.

Abdallah addressed the ongoing issue that regional teams face when playing against Simba SC and Yanga at the former's home venues, with the regional outfits witnessing soccer followers abandoning them in support of the long-time rivals.

"This has to be done with the support of our fans, our match against Yanga is over. They should take those jerseys off and put on our team's white and blue kits, they want to see Yanga again next season here at Kigoma, that's the only way," the coach remarked.

"Fans are our 12th player, we need to ensure we stay out of the promotion/relegation playoff spots too and be safe in the league standings, with this, all we need is our fans," Abdallah stated.

Mashujaa FC has now collected 23 points from 25 games- recording five wins, eight draws, and 12 losses while scoring 19 goals and conceding 29 goals to manage a -10 goal difference.

The club's remaining five games include the ones against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC (home), Tabora United (away), Tanzania Prisons (away), Mtibwa Sugar (home), and Dodoma Jiji FC (home).

Coach credits Yanga's experience for NBC PL win over Mashujaa FC



Yanga's midfielder Pacome Zouzou (L) races past Mashujaa FC's defender when the teams met in this season's NBC Premier League clash in Kigoma last weekend which culminated in a 1-0 victory for Yanga. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

MIGUEL Gamondi spoke of his huge satisfaction after Young Africans SC battled their way to a second consecutive NBC Premier League win by beating Mashujaa FC in Kigoma on Sunday.

Young Africans SC, also known as Yanga, is now three wins away from claiming the NBC Premier League title again after cruising to a 1-0 victory against Mashujaa FC at Lake Tanganyika Stadium.

Ivorian import Joseph Guede scored the all-important goal by finishing off a cut-back from midfielder Mudathir Yahya four minutes before the break.

The Premier League defending champions managed to contain

a second-half onslaught from a resurgent Mashujaa FC fighting for their lives.

After the game, Gamondi lifted the lid on how their experience helped them manage the second half against a spirited performance from their determined hosts.

The Yanga coach noted: "I think it was a nice game to watch. In the first half, we had a very good performance. The players were fantastic, we pressed, controlled the ball, created chances, and scored one very important goal."

"The second half was a bit more regulated because they needed to come out, needed points. They put long balls and crosses but did not trouble us that much, save for one shot outside the box which was a little dangerous," the Argentinian gaffer revealed.

He remarked: "I think in the second half our experience made a difference. We managed very well. I am very happy because to get three points on this pitch is not easy for any team."

After 25 matches, Yanga leads the league standings with 65 points, 11 more than second-placed Azam FC who were facing Mtibwa Sugar in Morogoro yesterday.

Eight more points will take Yanga to an unassailable mark of 73 points and a third successive league title. They can also confirm their 30th league title if Azam FC slips up in the coming three games.

The high turnover of games as the league enters the homestretch sees Yanga take back to the pitch tomorrow when they host Kagera Sugar at Azam Complex Stadium.

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