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'World focuses too much on Africa's natural wealth, too little on its youth'

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THE world commonly focuses almost exclusively on profiting from Africa's wealth of natural resources while almost entirely overlooking deploying the world's most critical resource of all - Africa's Youth.

This is according to a son of former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, serial entrepreneur and investor Kojo Annan (pictured), using a keynote address by his late father at the 9th Annual Africa-Australia Research Forum held here recently.

He was out to call upon the Global African Community to realise that "we are the village that must raise the child".

He quoted his father as having once declared: "Young people - with their dynamism, their energy and their inherent understanding of our interconnected world - have much to teach us... I am convinced more than ever that any society that does not succeed in tapping into the energy and



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creativity of its youth will be left behind."

Kojo said his father would be delighted to see so many people coming together at the forum, supporting his call for bolder action in driving forwards and implementing Africa's own agenda for transformation.

"We have ample opportunity to shift Africa's story from one of poverty and corruption to one of abundance, equity and powerful, modern, all-pervasive humanitarian style leadership," he noted.

"However, despite this plethora of opportunity, Africa has remained resource-rich and outcome-poor," said Kojo, adding: "Gold, silver, diamonds, oil, copper, timber, etc. - all are abundant, and yet, these resources haven't been enough to lift the continent out of poverty."

He said the African continent was literally teeming with young people, most of whom were under 21, comprising up to 60 per cent of their respective populations.

"As my father so eloquently put it, any society that does not succeed in tapping into the energy and creativity of its youth will be left behind," he noted.

Kojo lamented that, despite being the

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Agriculture deputy minister Hussein Bashe (L), NMB Bank acting managing director Filbert Mponzi (R) and Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank managing director Japhet Justine (2nd-L) in Dar es Salaam yesterday moments after a meeting at which they declared the formation of a partnership under which NMB will issue loans to cashewnut farmers, with TADB standing as guarantor for half of the amount disbursed. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

"We want to ensure that every phone user is registered by the set deadline and we insist all simcard users to biometrically re-register them using the National ID before the deadline in a bid to reduce congestion and other disturbances which may arise as a result of many people showing up when the deadline approaches"

By Henry Mwangonde

AS the December 31 deadline for biometric registration of mobile telephone lines nears, telecoms operators yesterday acknowledged that the speed is slow with only five million out of the 44 million phone users having been biometrically registered.

At a joint press conference to sensitize phone users to turn up for registration, telephone operators decried the slow turn up of the phone users attributing it to little knowledge on the essence of the process and slow issuance of

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Govt orders two new, special Airbus planes

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Government Flight Agency and Airbus yesterday signed a purchase agreement for two new Airbus 220-300s fitted with additional ultra-modern features.

The implementation of the pact will increase Air Tanzania Company's (ATCL) fleet of operating aircraft from the current six to eight, apart from two other planes expected to arrive in the country within two months.

"We are signing today to mark an official legal agreement with Airbus for the purchase of two more planes, but they will be modified to give more comfort to our customers," said ATCL Director General Ladislaus Matindi, who



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witnessed the signing.

The new planes will feature a screen different from current ones which have individual small screens for each seat.

TGFA chief executive officer Dr Benjamin Ndimila, who signed the agreement on behalf of the government, said ATCL was making history under the leadership of President John Magufuli.

Airbus Vice President for Sales for Africa, Hadi Akoum, said he was happy to see the headway made by ATCL and noted that the partnership had just started.

The manufacturing of the planes usually takes one and half years but this may take

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UN engages MPs on climate change, global peace efforts

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE United Nations system in Tanzania yesterday convened members of Parliament to share knowledge and awareness creation on the effects of climate change, ahead of the International Day of Peace tomorrow.

Speaking during the meeting, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Representative in Tanzania, Clara Makenya (pictured), said that it is important to equip lawmakers with the right knowledge and awareness to enable them advocate, locate



resources from the national budget. They must be equally able to establish strong policy direction, debate and enact laws that can protect the environment as well as addressing climate change.

"It is important for MPs to ask tough questions, demand answers and hold government and other related authorities accountable on the set regulations on environmental standards compliance and enforcement, as well as climate action commitments," she said.

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CORRECTION

Report about KIA scanners

IN yesterday's issue, The Guardian ran a front-page piece headlined: KIA luggage scanners 'not in use for last three years'. It was in connection with what sources had described as challenges faced by passengers in the face of the reported breakdown of a luggage scanner at Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA).

The piece was wholly based on the proceedings of a joint meeting of tourism stakeholders commonly using the airport, Natural Resources and Tourism ministry officials and their Home Affairs counterparts as well as Arusha and Kilimanjaro regional officials.

In remarks at the said meeting, Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) chairman Emmanuel Mollel spoke about some arriving passengers losing their baggage and having to stand in queues sometimes for a long as three hours as they waited for their visas to be processed.

Mollel publicly blamed the problem on the scanner, claiming that it had been faulty and therefore out of use for three years running.

Although our correspondent attended the full length of the said meeting, we have since realised that there were professional deficiencies in the raw report submitted to the News Desk.

Soon after government authorities raised complaints regarding the content of the published version of that report, we dispatched another reporter to KIA for clarification - only for the authorities there to prove to us that the scanner in question was in good working condition.

Accordingly, in the spirit of abiding by the professional ethics The Guardian consistently observed over the years, and to which even the Office of the Registrar of Newspapers can attest, we sincerely regret this rare and unfortunate error of judgment and apologise to the KIA authorities, our readers and all others it will have inconvenienced.

EDITOR





Finance and Planning minister Dr Philip Mpango (3rd-L) inaugurates a revised version of the code of conduct guiding the operations of banks in Tanzania at the Tanzania Bankers Association's conference on Financial Inclusion held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. He is with, among other dignitaries, Tanzania Bankers Association chairman and CRDB Bank Plc CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela, Industry and Trade minister Innocent Bashungwa and Bank of Tanzania governor Prof Florens Luoga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Finnigan wa Simbeye

Minister cautions rogue micro-lenders to observe bankers' code of conduct

A NEW bankers' code of conduct which was unveiled by the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Dr Philip Mpango in Dar es Salaam yesterday should cover all lenders including rogue micro-lenders who are preying on consumers.

Addressing members of the Tanzania Bankers Association before unveiling the code of conduct which has been developed by the bankers in collaboration with the Bank of Tanzania, Dr Mpango said rogue micro-lenders are charging consumers who include civil servants high interest rates of over 30 percent.

The minister affirmed that a few days ago he was summoned by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa about a micro-lending firm that charged civil servants 30 percent interest rate after borrowing from banks at 20 percent.

"These micro-lending loan sharks should abide by this banking industry code of conduct," he stated, ordering

BoT to undertake a countrywide audit of such institutions preying on the poor who cannot access bank loans.

"When I asked this micro-lender why he was charging such a hiked interest rate, he said it's because of a large percentage of defaults and his small capital," the Exchequer in chief noted, warning that the Treasury will reign in all rogue lending institutions, including banks.

"This code of conduct is the best thing to have happened because it will restore the public's confidence in the banking industry," the minister declared, elaborating that BoT should also work with banks to ensure that current interest rates are lowered as they are prohibitive to anyone wishing to borrow for investment.

Bank of Tanzania Governor Professor Florens Luoga and Tanzania Bankers Association chairman, Abdulmajid

Nsekela backed Minister Mpango's orders and promised to work together to ensure that ethical behaviour and professionalism are restored in the banking industry.

Prof Luoga said despite the fact that the country has over 50 banks many being foreign, consumers are not transacting through the banking system because of a number of factors which BoT is currently studying.

"Banks need public confidence and this code of conduct is an important milestone towards such a goal," the governor asserted, stressing that many people borrow money and wire money abroad through nonbanking systems.

"Globally, the banking industry is facing issues of public scrutiny," he said, pointing out that the Swiss banking industry is shrouded in the controversy of keeping looted money from various countries.

Nsekela who is also CRDB Bank Plc's managing director said the idea of the code of conduct was jointly developed with BoT collaboration because of the need to restore public confidence in the banking industry. This is crucial in supporting modern economic growth through investments, he stated.

He said banks should come up with products and services demanded by consumers backed by professionalism if the government's financial inclusion agenda is to be realised.

"None of us should ignore this code of conduct because any violations will have consequences as it has been agreed by all of us," the TBA chief underlined. Among other things, the code denounces money laundering, poaching and other forms of organised crime whose proceeds have for sometime been channelled through banks.

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longer because of the features that are to be included and the fact that Airbus has received more than 200 orders owing to high demand.

Three years ago, Tanzania developed a programme to revitalise the national carrier, including the purchase of six new aircraft from 2016 to 2018, payment of debts and provision of start-up capital, improvement and modernisation of business.

The acquisition of the additional

aircraft constitutes part of government plans to grow Air Tanzania's operations across Africa and other international destinations.

Air Tanzania was established as Air Tanzania Corporation (ATC) in September 1977 after the collapse of the regional East African Airways. It was privatised and operated as a limited company, while retaining the acronym even after the government repossessed its shares and restored its original name.

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national identity cards by the National Identification Authority (NIDA).

TCRA head of the Corporate Communication Unit, Frederick Ntobi said by August mobile phone operators had registered 5,222,721 which was just 12-percent of all the 44,258,937 listed mobile phones in the country.

"We want to ensure that every phone user is registered by the set deadline and we insist all simcard users to biometrically re-register them using the National ID before the deadline in a bid to reduce congestion and other disturbances which may arise as a result of many people showing up when the deadline approaches," he said.

The Tanzania Mobile Network Operators (TAMNOA) in collaboration with the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) launched a massive joint biometric registration campaign in a bid to ensure that no one is left unregistered ahead of the 31st December 2019 deadline.

Vodacom's Tanzania Public Relations Manager Alex Bitekeye said that telecom companies decided to come together in ensuring that all eligible phone users are timely registered.

"As service providers, we need to make sure that all phone holders are registered ahead of the deadline which is 31st December. This will ensure that they do not miss out on communication and thus avoid some unnecessary disturbances later," he said.

Speaking on documents needed during registration, Zantel Corporate Communications Manager Rukia Mtingwa affirmed that a client needs to have either a National Identification Card or its number.

Early this year, TCRA ordered that all simcard holders to be registered biometrically. Biometrics are becoming increasingly used as a "know your customer" tool for keeping fraudsters out of the customer base, particularly for telecoms.

In March last year, TCRA launched a pilot project to register simcards using the technology.

The exercise was conducted in Zanzibar and Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Coast Region, Singida, Tanga and Iringa regions.

The move was meant to get rid of dishonest simcard users and registration agents who harbored malicious intentions, including committing crimes, the regulator had stated.

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world's player makers, every 24 hours over 22,000 young Africans join the ranks of the world's unemployed.

"Is this really how are we going to treat the children of mother Africa? Is this how we expect them to win at the game of life?" he wondered further.

The younger Annan has founded an organisation called Africa10 (A10) to help unlock the potential of the continent's youth through sport and education.

"We must turn our attentions to creating an A10 generation of champions both on and off the field who are fit enough to steer the continent forward," he said, adding: "It's time to turn our large youthful unemployed population into our strength. We have to equip them, educate them, and unleash them."

"So let's as Africans and friends of Africa come together in my father's honour and change the story of Africa, from poor and impoverished to successful and abundant. The spirit of the Africa Progress Panel must continue," pleaded Kojo.

Perth's Murdoch University hosted the Forum in association with Africa Down Under to support the university's Third Commission, an initiative meant to strengthen Murdoch's links with Africa across research and innovation expertise, strategic interest and networking capabilities within Australia, in Africa and globally.

The Third Commission focuses on the six themes firmly rooted in the agenda for action identified by the Africa Progress Panel as being in need of more signification research attention, bolder policy innovation faster implementation on the ground, enhanced political leadership, and the conceptualisation and rollout of innovative research solutions.

In her opening address for Africa Week, Murdoch University Vice Chancellor Prof Eva Leinonen pressed the importance of collaboration in reaching shared global goals.

"It is only through researching together that we can create new knowledge and address issues of global importance," said the professor,

adding: "Through initiatives like Africa Down Under and the Africa-Australia Research Forum, we can better understand the effective structures that harness the formidable African brain power globally."

APP consisted of ten distinguished individuals from the private and public sectors who crusaded for equitable and sustainable development for Africa, with Nobel laureate Kofi Annan chairing it and closely involved in its day-to-day work.

After ten active years, it ceased its activities at the end of 2017, its work taken over from 2018 by a new entity, provisionally named the Africa Progress Group. This was to be established by one of the APP members, former Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo.

The APP's final report was primarily a call to action. It presented a bold agenda for African progress, to be taken forward by leaders on the continent and abroad to accelerate Africa's transformation in the coming decades.

Three core priorities for action highlighted in the report revolved around the need to mobilise sufficient financial resources for Africa's "green and blue" (agriculture and fisheries sector) revolutions; rapidly boost investment in Africa's energy and transport infrastructure; and fight against illicit financial activities and the mismanagement of Africa's resources.

In addition to effectively addressing the climate change challenge, the report recommended that the continent proactively rethink the relationship between energy and development, and leap into a new era of low carbon efficient modern energy systems that provide affordable electricity to all Africans.

It was also emphatic that, alongside gender equality, a culture of accountability, with zero tolerance for corruption at all levels supported by transparent institutions, especially with regards to financial activities and tax regimes, were also fundamental to achieving progressive change and positive transformation on the continent.

• AGENCIES



Jenista Mhagama (2nd-L), Minister of State in the Prime Minister Office (Policy, Parliament, Labour, Youth, Employment and People with Disabilities) presents a certificate to Third Cohort Female Future Programme graduate Veronica Muumba in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Witnessing the event are Norway's Ambassador to Tanzania, Elizabeth Jacobsen (R), and Association of Tanzania Employers chairperson Jayne Nyimbo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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mark the International Day of peace on September 21, whose theme is Climate Action for Peace.

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, within and among all nations and peoples.

The United Nations member states adopted the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 as they understood that it would not be

possible to build a peaceful world if steps were not taken to achieve economic and social development for all people everywhere, and ensure that their rights were protected.

Ahead of that day, UN Environment, under the overall commitment on knowledge sharing and awareness creation on environmental management systems, partnered with United Nations Information Centres (UNICs) and other key stakeholders to provide a platform for exchange of information and awareness creation.

MPs who participated at the

awareness creation event on environmental management systems and links to peace belong to the Parliamentary Committee on Industries, Trade and Environment, led by the deputy chairman, Masoud Ally Khamis.

Makenya said that the workshop was set to provide a high-level overview of how the use of environment management systems (EMS) can reduce climate change impacts on the environment.

"At the end of this workshop, MPs will be in position to understand the nexus on Climate Action and Peace,

and the purpose of an environmental management system including requirements and a legislative framework relevant to EMS," she elaborated.

The chief guest, Dodoma Regional Commissioner Dr Binilith Mahenge said lawmakers were key stakeholders in environmental issues as they are the ones who ratify international protocols related to environment.

"I believe that you will discuss and come up with key recommendations on how to improve the country's environmental management systems," he told the MPs.



Zanzibar President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein swears in newly appointed South Unguja regional commissioner Ayoub Mohamed Mahmoud (R) at Zanzibar State House yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

Stakeholders want minerals, oil and gas in school curricula

By Getrude Mbagi

STAKEHOLDERS in the extraction industry have underscored the need for the government to incorporate issues concerning minerals, oil and gas resources in primary school curricula for the country to produce more experts to work in the sector.

Speaking yesterday in Dar es Salaam during training which brought together legal professionals and stakeholders, Elizabeth Kalua, a lawyer from Geita Gold Mining (GGM) said that it is high time for the country to improve curricula by making sure that key issues like natural resources protection are out in the syllabus.

Organised by the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) through the Supporting Inclusive Resources Development (SIRD) project, the two-day training brought together advocates working in government, civil society and private sector to equip them with prerequisites on best practices and standards for natural resource management for the country's development.

Incorporating the minerals topic in school syllabus will facilitate production of more competent local experts ready to work in the extraction industry.

"Currently the number of local experts in the sector is low especially for women... so by incorporating the topic in the syllabus will encourage the children grow up knowing well the extraction industry and its importance for the economy," she stated.

She commended TLS for organizing the training saying that for the past five intensive sessions they have been taught many things including on how to educate the public, especially women to know their rights and encourage them to participate in the extraction industry.

"These sessions also considered resource extraction impacts on the environment and examined the legal and policy frameworks governing environmental management and protection from the national, regional and international perspectives.

"They explored monitoring and enforcement mechanisms, best practices for environmental impact assessments and strategies for addressing health and safety risks faced by communities and employees affected by extractive industry operations."

TLS programme manager Stephen Msechu said that the training brought experts from Canada to grill local legal professionals to widen their understanding of extractive industries.

He said more efforts are needed to ensure there is increased involvement of marginalized women in the extraction industry, as that will see them benefit from the country's mineral resources.

In order to ensure that there is increased participation of women in the extraction industry, TLS in collaboration with the Canadian Bar Association was implementing the SIRD project to increase the capacity of legal professionals to engage in national law reform for increased transparency, gender sensitivity and accountability in the governance of extraction activities.

Jennifer Johnson, the director of international initiatives for the Canadian Bar Association, said the project will increase engagement of East African law societies in advocating law reforms to reflect the principles of transparency, gender sensitivity and accountability in extractive industries.

This will increase community participation, particularly for women, in consultations, dialogue, negotiations, advocacy and other initiatives to advance rights related to extractive activities.

"Our mandate is to seek improvements in the law and the administration of justice and in our work internationally we seek to develop the capacity of legal institutions, support human rights and particularly the rights of women, children and vulnerable minorities," the director asserted.

SIRD is supported by Canada through Global Affairs Canada, a government department which handles international cooperation and foreign affairs.

Dar resident in court for posturing as TRA officer

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

A Dar es Salaam resident Kitareti Mwita Muhuti has been arraigned at the district court here for impersonating as an officer of the Tanzania Revenue Office (TRA) and soliciting money.

The accused appeared in court yesterday to hear the charge read by State Attorney Miyango Kezilhabhi, assisted by TRA attorney Hadija Senzia before Magistrate Rachel Magoti.

Reading the charge in the case No 170/2019,

State Attorney Kezilhabhi alleged that the accused committed the offence at different times by impersonating as TRA officer and soliciting money. This offence falls under Sections 35 and 100(b) of Criminal Procedure Act, he said.

Kezilhabhi requested the court to set the date for mention as investigations were not complete. Magistrate Magoti adjourned the case to October 3 and said bail for the accused was open.

The accused pleaded with the court to reduce the severity of bail conditions because he said he

was not a resident of Dodoma.

Magistrate Magoti denied the request and claimed the bail conditions will remain as set by the court in which he was required to have two sureties who are Dodoma residents.

Speaking outside the court, TRA Attorney Senzia said the accused was arrested in Iringa after searching for him for a long time following several incidents of conning people including businessmen in Dodoma, by pretending he was a TRA officer.

By Marc Nkwame, Arusha

Police chiefs ink pact on arms, narcotics, human trafficking

THERE should be more to the Ngorongoro Crater than meets the eye and possibly that is why top police officers from across Eastern Africa chose the conservation area to hatch new security arrangements for the region.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Simon Sirro, who yesterday took over the chairmanship for the Eastern Africa Police Chiefs' Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO), led a group comprising 14 other heads of national police forces in the region for a full day working tour on Wednesday.

"Apart from taking our distinguished guests around the country's leading tourist destination which also tops the bill when it comes to revenue collection, they will also observe how the Ngorongoro Crater management is successfully ensuring that the conservation area is protected, as it is a vital area for its wildlife and natural environment," he explained.

After the three-hour long game driving in the crater, police chiefs from Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Comoros, South Sudan and the hosts held a series of closed-door meetings in the longue.

"Tanzania hatched special peace agreements with Rwanda and Burundi signed today, right here in Ngorongoro after touring the crater and other parts of the conservation area," the IGP remarked.

Together with the outgoing EAPCCO chairman, Adil Mohammed Ahmed Bashir, director general of the Sudanese Police Force, IGP Sirro said a new agreement was reached during the crater trip.

"The EAPCCO delegation

used the Ngorongoro excursion as platform to ink another continental agreement with the Central African Police Chiefs Committee (CAPCCO) to address illegal arms proliferation as well as drugs and human trafficking," he stated.

The agreement also provides for a common, cross-regional approach to preventing and combating transnational organised crime, terrorism and violent extremism. It is the outcome of a high-level meeting of regional security organs ahead of the 21st EAPCCO Annual General Meeting taking place today in Arusha.

Speaking of the police chiefs' decision to visit the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the Acting Public Relations Manager of NCAA Joyce Mgaya said that the precinct has set a record of being a poacher-free area for decades, striding ahead in balancing tourism and environment protection and maintaining its position as the country's most favored destination.



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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE

The Kingdom of Belgium through Enabel and the Government of Tanzania through the Ministry of Water, are implementing a water and sanitation project in Kigoma region. This is a 5-year project which runs through June 2022 and aims to promote provision of sustainable water supply services in the region. This intervention has three key result areas namely: 1) sustainable water supply operations and maintenance, 2) water supply scheme rehabilitation and extension and 3) promotion of safe hygiene practices in domestic water management. Under the first result area, the Water and Sanitation Kigoma Region Project (WASKIRP) is now inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals to provide professional support to the project in establishing and developing community-based water supply organizations (CBWSO), pursuant to the Water Supply and Sanitation Act (No. 5 of 2019).

Main objective of the assignment: Working with the Rural Water and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA), facilitate the establishment of 6 community-based water supply organizations and build the capacity of these to operate as professional entities in managing the operations of their respective water supply schemes.

Specific objectives: There are five specific objectives (each with a set of tasks to be accomplished) to this assignment as follows:

- Through a participatory process, establish and register CBWSOs, one in each of the 6 rural districts of Kigoma.
- Facilitate establishment of operational systems and develop the CBWSO members' capacity to manage them.
- Working with RUWASA District Managers, analysis of financial requirements of schemes and support setting up of tariff guidelines and revenue collection system.
- Support RUWASA in developing a system for monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning for the CBWSOs.

Duration: The assignment is for 120 days spread across a one-year period beginning as soon as possible.

Location: The assignment will be carried out in Kigoma Region, and so the consultant, if not Kigoma-based, shall be prepared to travel back and forth from their base; travel arrangements shall be agreed upon.

Qualifications: The consultant shall have the following qualifications

- A graduate (Master degree level) in social and economic sciences, and/or equivalent
- A minimum of 10 years of practical experience in community work in social development projects including water, sanitation and hygiene projects
- At least 5 years working with community-based organizations and NGOs in areas of institutional strengthening and capacity building at local government level;
- Proven experience in facilitating training workshops, coaching and nurturing newly established partnerships
- The successful candidate will provide a traceable record of relevant experience in establishing community-based including cooperative societies, community-based organizations (CBOs), Water User Associations or Community water boards or local NGOs particularly those related to water supply/WASH, public health or small-scale business entities.

Method of application and details of this consultancy are available at:
<https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>

Tigo Chief Commercial Officer visits IPP media houses



ITV/Radio One channel director Macharia Koigi (gesturing) briefs Tigo chief commercial officer Tarik Boudiaf, who visited IPP media houses in Dar es Salaam yesterday.



ITV/Radio One's Koigi shows the Tigo executive how news bulletins are aired.



ITV/Radio One managing director Joyce Mhaviile (2nd-R) has a word with the Tigo executive.



Capital Radio deputy director Abdallah Mwaipaya (L) briefs the Tigo executive on the airing of radio programme at the station.



EATV programme manager Sophia Mng'anyi (gesturing) introduces the Tigo executive to the station's daily routine.



The Guardian newspaper managing editor Wallace Mauggo takes the Tigo chief commercial officer (L) through Newspaper Production. This was in the publishing company's Newsroom.



Capital Radio deputy director Abdallah Mwaipaya (2nd-L) makes a briefing on Radio One's programmes.



Tigo Chief Commercial Officer Tarik Boudiaf 2nd-L) on a tour of IPP media houses yesterday, accompanied by ITV/Radio One managing director Joyce Mhaviile (3rd-L, foreground), IPP director Joyce Luhanga (L) and EATV officers. Photos: Selemani Mpochi

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

PMO: Councils must allocate land for youth agro-projects

DEPUTY Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youths and Employment), Anthony Mavunde, has ordered district councils to put aside land to enable youth ventures in various sectors such as agriculture, livestock keeping and fisheries as a way of creating employment.

Mavunde said this shortly after a tour of various youth development projects in Dareda village in Babati District in Manyara Region and Hurui village in Kondoa District in Dodoma Region. The projects in question are sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Netherlands Development Organization (SNV) through Oye Project.

The Prime Minister's Office in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture teamed up and came up with the project aimed at involving youths in agriculture by creating an enabling environment, training and advocacy for attitude change as many youths underrate agriculture, he said.

"The first step in this mission will be to work in collaboration with the Sokoine University of Agriculture to train youths on modern methods of agriculture and help them change their attitudes," he said.

The second step will be a massive investment on youth and to start with we have a strategic plan for capacity building for 100 youths from various regions, out of which 80 will be trained on vegetable farming in greenhouse mode, which have already installed in 12 regions. About 20 youths will be trained in building green house," he said.

The third step is to enable youths to benefit through youth development funds where four percent of district council revenues would be allocated to that purpose.

"Agriculture has potential to solve financial challenges and provide solution to unemployment among youths. Therefore district councils should create enabling environments and we in the Prime Minister's Office will ensure that through various development funds, youths are supported to achieve their goals," he stated.

He called on institutions all over the country to assume the responsibility of making sure that the youth unemployment agenda is given due attention and thus support

youth to employ themselves through agriculture.

"Such a move would give a boost to industrial economy philosophy," he declared. "Buildings with machines is not all it takes for a country to be industrialized. We need raw materials and livestock, agriculture, fisheries and even forests are crucial for an industrial economy to be sustainable. For example, youth farming tomato gardens can provide raw materials to tomato sauce factories," he said.

The Oye Project Programme Manager, Jean Muthamia-Mwenda said there has been tremendous achievement in furthering that course, as youths have changed their lives through agricultural activities.

The Oye Project Business Advisor, Faustine Msangila said the project has supported over 8000 youths, above the targeted 6500 in the first phase of the project which started in 2016 in Shinyanga, Manyara, Singida, Tabora, Dodoma and Morogoro.

The target was to reach over 20,000 youths in the second phase which will be done in collaboration with the government, the consultant added.

Govt happy with ATE efforts for women inclusion in boards

By Aisia Rweyemamu

THE government has acknowledged efforts by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) and the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI) in shaping women from different industries to take up top positions as well as take their seats on various boards.

Jenista Mhagama, the Minister for State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy Parliamentary Affairs, Labour, Employment, Youth and e Disabled) made this acknowledgment when opening the second annual leadership conference themed 'The future of work for women: Are the workplace policies ready?'

The minister told the conference that the female future program by ATE has managed to increase the number of women in senior leadership positions in the country. "The program goes hand in hand with government efforts to ensure that the number of women in leadership positions increases, that they have more representation in boards of directors of various companies," the minister said.

Mhagama noted that the government has continued to oversee and ensure that there is a strategic plan for the development of gender equality, which is set out in the National Development Vision 2025.

She said the government is committed to support the plan to ensure there is gender equality in all fields. "Among the great achievements that as a nation we are proud is having the first female vice president Samia Suluhu Hassan and giving us the message that we should work collectively and recognize women so that they can achieve," the minister declared.

Despite the increase in the number of women in senior leadership positions, there is still much work to be done to put in place effective plans to ensure the gender equality goals are achieved, she further noted.

Speaking at the conference, the National Senior Program Officer for the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Anthony Rutabanzibwa said gender equality makes the workplace more productive. "Current world business is no longer for men only - women participation is most important," he emphasized.

For his part the Global Compact Network Tanzania chairman Simon Shayo called for inclusion of diversity and inclusiveness policy at work places, saying that here is no excuse for companies not to include women in their governing bodies.

The conference organized by the Association of Tanzania Employers (ATE) in collaboration with the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprises (NHO) brought together leaders from different organisations to discuss methods to increase the number of women in higher positions in business.

ATE Executive Director Dr. Aggrey Mulimuka explained that since the launch of the program in 2016 by Vice President Samia Suluhu, around 111 women had successfully graduated.



Inspector General of Police Simon Sirro (L) receives the East African Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation flag in Arusha yesterday from his Sudanese counterpart, Abdi Mohammed Bashir. The latter was officially handing over EAPCCO's rotating chairmanship to the former. Photo: PMO

TARI embarks on soil analysis to enable farmers to better harvests

By Beatrice Philemon

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) in collaboration with a Moroccan based- firm OCP Africa have embarked on soil analysis and testing programme to enable farmers use the right type of fertilizers so as to boost key commercial and food crops in the country.

Speaking during the inspection of 12 plots involved in the programme at the Bagamoyo Irrigation Development Project in Coast Region on Wednesday, the director of Tanga-based TARI Mlingano centre, Dr Catherine Senkoro said TARI has decided to embark on this programme after discovering that most farmers across the country are not knowledgeable on soil types and what kind of fertilizer is required to add before starting to grow or planting their crops.

"TARI Mlingano in collaboration with OCP Tanzania will continue to conduct soil analysis and testing, including soil research in different areas across the country to help farmers access fertilizer in accordance with their soil type, crop requirement and soil health," he stated.

To start with, this year TARI-Mlingano in collaboration with OCP Tanzania have distributed four fertilizers that include NPS, NPS Zinc, DAP and UREA from OCP Africa to farmers engaged in paddy production in Bagamoyo district to test it in their farms.

"As TARI-Mlingano we are very glad for the results which we have got from farmers because NPS Zinc and NPS fertilizer has brought positive results for farmers to improve soil fertility, boost paddy production and increase yields than in past years," she asserted.

"Before we give them those fertilizers, we take soil samples in 12 plots at the

Bagamoyo Irrigation Development Project in Coast Region for soil analysis and testing.

The main goal was to understand soil problems existing in such areas and what kind of fertilizer is suitable for farmers engaged in paddy production, in accordance with the soil type they have. Under the programme farmers were trained on modern agricultural practice in their farming activities and how to use correct fertilizer in accordance with the soil type.

Among other things, the farmers were given 25kg of NPS fertilizer, 25kg of NPS Zinc, UREA 100 kg and SARO 5 rice seeds to plant in their farms.

She expressed gratitude to farmers at the Bagamoyo Irrigation Development Project (BIDP) for allowing them to take soil from their farms for analysis and testing that in turn has helped farmers to obtain fertilizer with high nutrients and more suitable for their paddy production.

For his part OCP Tanzania Country Manager Dr. Mshindo Msola said that OCP Tanzania will distribute all fertilizer to farmers in accordance with their soil type and crop requirements in Bagamoyo district and across the country.

So far OCP Africa has already brought a total of 10,000 tons of NPS and NPS Zinc fertilizer to help farmers for farming activities.

Farmers are keen to use fertilizer from OCP Africa as OCP Africa produces different fertilizers including NPS, NPS Zinc and UREA DAP for farmers engaged in paddy production or other cash crops.

The company also produces NPK14:23:14 fertilizer for farmers engaged in cotton production, he added.



The bank that listens

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT OF A USER NETWORK FOR NEW HEAD QUARTER FOR CRDB BANK PLC

- CRDB Bank Plc has set aside funds for its operations during the financial year 2019. It is intended that part of these funds will be used to cover eligible payments under the contract for design, implementation and support of a user network for its New Headquarters building.
- The Bank is seeking Expression of Interests from qualified Firms or Consortia to Supply and Implement Network for its New Head Quarters. The scope of work will include but not limited to Data Network, Unified Communication, Wireless LAN, and Audio Visual System.
- Interested firms or consortia must provide information indicating that they are qualified to plan, design, supply the necessary equipment and implement an enterprise office network by submitting documents covering the following information - company profile, relevant experience, description of similar assignments undertaken, availability of qualified staff with requisite skillsets, knowledge and experience, and business partners / sub-contractors that will be engaged in the project.
- CRDB Bank Plc is now inviting all eligible, competent and experienced firms to express interest plan, design and implementation of an enterprise office network for its New Headquarters building. At the minimum the scope is expected to cover the following :
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Grand master plan envisions Mbeya City splendour by 2039

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

MBEYA City is expected to become among most modern cities in Africa by 2039 after

completion of implementation of a huge re-settlement master plan that aims to rectify flaws in land use.

For over 15 years the city lacked a proper

master plan after the earlier one was discontinued in 2004, a situation that saw residents construct houses without proper planning, including in reserved areas.

Speaking to this paper, the City's Land Officer Esau Pwele said the grand master plan is being prepared by a local firm - Urban Solutions Limited that will take 18 months to complete, at a cost of 900m/-.

He said the implementation of the master plan incorporates the region's various stakeholders like residents, councilors and public institutions.

The city authorities are at assessment stage of the city's present look and for stakeholders to air their proposals on how the city should look like in future.

Pwele said if necessary, during the implementation of the master plan, some of the residents' houses will be demolished so as to give way to properly planned residential areas, and modification of certain infrastructures particularly roads so that every area becomes reachable.

Some areas will remain as they are, including open areas, gardens and even farming areas so as to maintain its "green city" status, he ventured to suggest.

Pwele said the master plan is being financed by the World Bank, through town development planning strategy and promised that it will be a solution to people who build without following procedures.

RC warns rogue house builders

Apart from the master plan, the city will continue with its project of land surveying in Iziwa under the Mbeya Peak Project which costs 600m/- -- a loan without interest from the Ministry of Land and Human Settlements Development, he said.

From the project 500

land plots have been surveyed for various uses including business, residences and community services such as schools and health centres.

Some city residents claimed that their city is badly planned due to incompetence of officials, especially the land office.

Kaseke Wambali, a resident of Sokomatola in the old town said city officials often delay to issue building permits, a situation that hinders them to make improvements to their houses.

He said if the city implements its Master Plan as it should, there is a possibility for it to become among the

modern cities in the region.

On his part, Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila cautioned people who build houses in open areas to prepare themselves psychologically because he has already commissioned officials to inspect such areas, 'after which he will unleash his demolition gang.'

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL OF TANZANIA AT DAR ES SALAAM

APPEAL NO. 8 OF 2019

BETWEEN

TORCH GENERAL COMPANY LTDAPPELLANT

AND

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.....RESPONDENT

(Notice Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Fair Competition Tribunal Rules, 2012).

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Chief Inspector of the Merchandise Marks Act, the Respondent herein, dated 10th July, 2019 in respect of electronic bulbs bearing Torch Trade Marks which were found by the Respondent to be counterfeit products and accordingly seized.

The Appellant contends, among other things, that the Respondent erred in law by failing to evaluate all evidence provided by the Appellant hence reaching an erroneous conclusion and decision. Thus, the Appellant prays that the decision of the Chief Inspector of the Merchandise Marks Act be quashed and that the seized goods be released without further delay.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest in the outcome of the appeal may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 9th Floor, Ubungo Plaza, Morogoro Road, P.O. Box 79650, Dar es salaam.

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Tribunal this 20th day of September, 2019.

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Right: Chadema deputy secretary general Salum Mwalimu (Zanzibar) followed by Mtama legislator Nape Nnauye, ACT-Maendeleo leader Zitto Kabwe and other mourners pay their last respects to senior journalist Godfrey Dilunga at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Dilunga, until his death at Muhimbili Hospital on Tuesday a senior editor with the Kiswahili weekly newspaper Jumhuri, is expected to be buried at his birthplace in Morogoro Region today. The weekly Jumhuri Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala



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Govt instructs mining companies to extend tenders to local firms

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

Mining companies in the country have been directed to give priorities to indigenous businessmen when they issue service contracts in mining sites instead of giving contracts to foreign firms.

Minerals minister Doto Biteko (pictured) gave the directive early this week when opening a two-day training workshop in Geita town bringing together business people of Geita Region, and sponsored by Geita Gold Mines (GGM).

The minister also warned GGM in its habit of issuing of service provision contracts to foreign firms instead of giving priority to local firms in accordance to the requirements of the Mining Act of 2017 (Act No. 8).

Biteko said GGM leads in paying taxes to the government than any other mining companies in the country, but on the issue of business conducted inside the mine there are still challenges as local people are sidelined.

He said from a recent inspection conducted in various mining companies, they found one mining company to have been operating 54 smaller companies.

He urged hence called upon GGM to give priority to local business people in the region especially in the issue of employment because one day the mine will cease to exist, leaving Geita residents poor.

"It is true that GGM pays huge amounts of taxes to the government than other mining companies and is the first to adhere to the 2017 Mining law on the community social responsibility (CSR) payment to district councils but on its business sector there are still many challenges as Geita business people are sidelined," said Biteko.

Explaining the training workshop, GGM Director Richard Jordinson said the aim is to increase performance of existing service providers, and to improve communication between them and those expected to be incorporated.

He said the goal of the training is to educate participants on the chain of values and the work undertaken in the mine - all in the aim to support the government on the need of purchasing local products.

He said the workshop primarily aims at the service providers in the community, to enhance their capacity in comprehending and satisfying the norms and standards in doing business inside the mine, including procedures in obtaining GGM tenders.

On his part, GGML Vice President Simon Shayo said the aim is to ensure that the community in Geita town benefit from cooperation between GGML and Anglo-Gold Ashanti.

He said in 2018 the GGML service provision network increased and numbered 305 Tanzanians who own businesses, which translates to 76 percent of the company's total purchases as directed at local producers.

Earlier the Deputy Minister who is also MP for Geita constituency said the situation is different from what prevailed in 2015.

Visitors coming to Geita town had difficulty to realize it is surrounded by riches from gold, and praised the government of President John Magufuli for amending the Mining Act.



Minister gives three months to sort out beef export challenges

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has said it will ensure in the coming three months various challenges confronting the country in its export markets for beef are resolved so that livestock owners earn money from their livestock.

The Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Abdallah Ulega made this affirmation at Kikukula ranch in Karagwe District, Kagera Region when speaking to investors wishing to take blocks at the ranch. It was during the first day of his tour in the region.

He said some of the foreign markets fail to buy our beef for technical reasons, including that our livestock suffer from various diseases.

He said in the coming three months the solution must be found on obstacles we face in the foreign markets of our beef.

He said foreign inspectors who come to inspect our livestock should be given correct information so as to enable us to get markets outside the country.

The Kikukula ranch must be developed to be an example by laying out strategies so that it becomes productive for livestock owners and the nation in general, if the necessary infrastructures are built, he said.

On their part some investors at Kikukula ranch asked the government to resolve various challenges they are faced like inadequate grazing area, but also praised it on how it is bent in improving the country's livestock sector.

Responding to their concerns, the National Ranching Company Ag General Manager Prof. Philemon Wambura called upon the investors to ensure they obtain the blocks by following laid down procedures.

Earlier, when he arrived in Bukoba, Deputy Minister Ulega had an opportunity to meet Kagera Regional Commissioner Brig Gen Marco Gaguti who asked the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries to conduct research on how business people can benefit from fish leftovers (mabondo).

During his first day of tour Ulega visited Kikukula and Mabale ranches as well as speaking to investors in those ranches, including a public rally at Katanda village at Kihanga Ward in Karagwe District.

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Buckreef Gold Mine Development Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 16, 2019

Buckreef Gold Company Ltd. Board of Directors is pleased to announce several updates on the Buckreef Project including:

- the release of a new surface geological map;
- a summary of the down-the-hole geophysical survey; and
- an update on the Northeast Zone that is still open on strike

One of our primary objectives behind the 2019 drill program has been to pull together data from previous, sometimes patchy and isolated drilling campaigns, and to combine this with new data from the 2019 campaign, and then to pull all the data together into one interpretation of what we have at Buckreef.

As shown on the simplified map, we have now defined a continuous zone of gold mineralization at Buckreef that is at least 1,200 meters long and that extends to depths of at least 450 meters below the surface. This mineralized zone is still open at depth.

Our systematic Phase I and Phase II drilling this year has encountered both lower grade areas, as well as higher grade areas. This kind of distribution of gold, or for that matter the distribution of any other metal, is typical in most orebodies like Buckreef. We have also encountered quite a number of wider intersections of gold mineralization as we drill deeper. Within these wider intersections are narrow zones of very high grade and areas of lower grades. All of this information is now in our Data Base and our Model.

The Pre-Feasibility study has demonstrated that we already have an attractive open pit project in part of the mineralized zone. Our new Model will help us to improve what we expect to recover from the open pit. Our deeper drilling below the pit bottom is pointing us in the direction of looking to include production of gold possibly from ramps going below the pit bottom.

We will be starting a new more comprehensive metallurgical testing program as well as testing the rock mass characteristics below the current pit bottom. Information from these tests will facilitate an updated Scoping Study of the Buckreef Project.

And once we complete the Phase II drilling, we will initiate a Phase III drill program that is designed to test the ultra-deep areas at Buckreef and thereby extend the mineralized zone even deeper down dip.

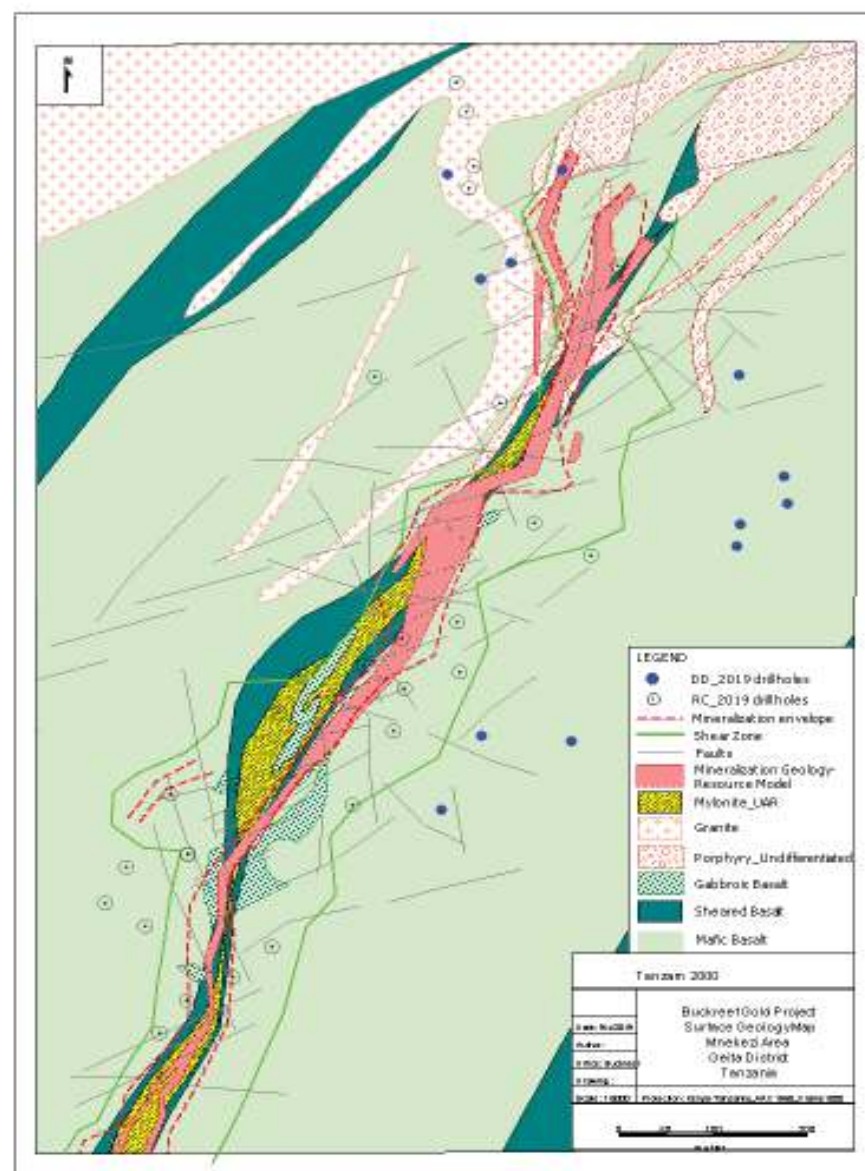
Mr. James E. Sinclair Chairman of The Board, Buckreef Gold Company Ltd. commented "I hope those reading this release can appreciate the extensive amount of work being undertaken on the Buckreef Gold Project as we continue development of our mine. We are not engaged in the exercise of poking holes praying to hit the glory hole. What is taking place now is a step by step progressive plan that's been researched, designed and implemented by our technical team, their work has been exemplary and are providing the company with spectacular results".

New Surface Geological Map

A new surface geological map of the Buckreef Project is now available on the Company's web site at <http://www.tangoldcorp.com>. This map incorporates the drill results from the recent Phase I and Phase II drill campaigns, as well as advances made in completing the new Geology-Resource Model that was referred to in a press release dated August 1, 2019. The map shows the three main zones of the Buckreef Project and the principal rock types and structures hosting gold mineralization along an estimated strike length of 1200m. The map also shows the surface expression of gold mineralization within an envelope determined by natural cut-off that is an important feature of the Geology-Resource model. See map at the end of the release.

Down-The-Hole Geophysical Survey

The geophysical survey announced in the Company's press release dated August 1, 2019 has been completed. At total of 20 drill holes were surveyed



amounting to 5,178m of data thus exceeding the estimates that were the basis of the August 1 press release. Each of these holes was surveyed to determine apparent resistivity, chargeability, spontaneous potential (SP) and lithology.

The gamma ray delineated all the major rock types with great accuracy as well as the degree of shearing in these units. Some of this data is presently being entered in the Company's 3D Geology-Resource model to facilitate greater accuracy in projecting the zones of gold mineralization.

In addition to receiving a detailed geophysical log for each hole from surface to the end of the hole, the Company has also received a Summary Report. This Report indicates that over 30 "moderate" to "very strong" IP Conductivity Anomalies were found in 6 holes. These anomalies appear to correspond to significant sulphide mineralization that often accompanies gold mineralization. The Company will be initiating a follow-up processing of these anomalies based on more detailed calibrations from core samples.

Northeast Zone

Based on the results from several recent drill holes as well as new structural interpretation, the Northeast Zone now appears to have a number of unique attributes not encountered elsewhere at the Buckreef Project, such as a bifurcation of the Main Zone of gold mineralization into two branches.

The Northeast Zone is also characterized by two styles of gold mineralization. One style is typical of shear hosted gold occurrences that includes a suite of alterations in which

there are intercepts of gold mineralization, including smaller intercepts of higher-grade gold mineralization. This style is the most common type found at the Buckreef Project.

The second style of mineralization, which has to date only been found in the Northeast Zone, consists of very wide intercepts of alteration and gold mineralization (sometimes over 100m) often at a grade of less than 1.0 g/t Au within which are much narrower zones of higher gold grades. Very high gold grades are uncommon in this style of mineralization.

The Company believes that the second style of mineralization is a manifestation of the degradation of the more typical style of mineralization by post emplacement alterations, due in part to the emplacement of nearby large bodies of granites and porphyries.

A typical drill hole showing this second style of gold mineralization is Hole L21.3-3. This hole shows alteration mineral assemblages and sulphides associated with gold mineralization over approximately 170 m. Within this envelope the hole encountered;

117.07m at a grading 0.8 g/t Au from 295 m to 412 m, including

7.2m grading 3.2 g/t Au at 384m, including

5.3m grading 4.68 g/t Au at 384m which included 1.0m grading 6.2 g/t Au

Hole U20.5-1 encountered 102m of lower grade gold mineralization in two

distinct zones that included 68m grading 0.8 g/t Au from 545m to 615m that included 16.0m grading 1.8 g/t Au starting at 557m and 9.0m grading 2.8 g/t starting at 565m;

Hole L23.3 encountered alteration mineral assemblages and sulphides over 380m which included several smaller intersections of higher gold grade including 3.0m grading 2.0 g/t Au; 2.0m grading 3.3 g/t gold including 1.0m grading 4.2 g/t Au and 5.0m grading 1.2 g/t Au; and

Northeast Zone Still Open

The recent drill holes in the Northeast Zone have demonstrated that gold mineralization occurs over considerable vertical distances of alteration mineral assemblages, and that there are several distinct mineralized zones. At present, the company is drilling to test the extension of the gold mineralization as the Northeast Zone is still open along strike.

Looking Ahead

Phase II of the current drilling program is currently focused on completing several more holes in the Northeast Extension and in the South Zone. Information from these holes will help to complete construction of the Geology-Resource model. The bulk of the model extends from surface to about 200m below the open pit bottom as defined in the June 26, 2018 Pre-Feasibility Study.

The Company is planning to initiate a Phase III drill program to test the extent and continuation of gold mineralization to much deeper levels. Phase I of the program was infill drilling within the open pit. Phase II focused on mineralization up to 200m below the pit bottom. Phase III will be testing the ultra-deep potential of the Buckreef Project. Completion of the Geology-Resource model will help to finalize details of the Phase III drill program.

The Company has also started work on several Requests for Proposals (RFP). The first two RFPs will focus on determining rock mass characteristics to help in underground mine design; and follow-up metallurgical testing including pilot plant campaigns. Results from these evaluations will assist in determining the scope of project to take to Final Feasibility.

Buckreef Gold Company Ltd. is a Joint Venture Partnership between State Mining Company of Tanzania (STAMICO) - 45% holding and Tanzam 2000 - with a 55% holding. Our partnership is unique in the mining industry, where we share not only the profit, but the asset as well. It's our belief that the host country should fully participate in the process and not be left at the end with just a hole in the ground, and very little to show for it. Our agreement has set the standard for other countries to follow, and will prove to be a great benefit to Tanzania and her citizen's

Respectfully Submitted,

"James E. Sinclair"

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Let's guarantee 'spotted' young zebra and its mother protection

WILDLIFE experts in Kenya and Tanzania are said to be busy examining a young zebra with rare colours spotted and photographed in Kenya's Maasai Mara Game Reserve.

The calf is an interesting phenomenon at least in that it is unclear if its birth is due to a genetic mutation or some sort of disorder. However, it is evident that it will likely attract immense interest in scientific, tourism and various other circles.

And this is precisely why the calf and its mother can't - and shouldn't - be left to nature to ensure their protection.

Experts noted that while zebras are known for their black and white stripes, this particular calf has all-black body with some white spots, reason for its gradually becoming a sensation in East African wildlife reports.

Spotted skin isn't typically zebra type but is the natural one for leopards, tigers and hyaenas in particular, which raises the possibility of a genetic disorder in the case of zebras. But it might as well be a rare mutation rather than a disorder, which provides it with the same survival ability like the usual species, only that this will take time to confirm.

While the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) says that authorities there have contacted their Kenyan counterparts to track and establish the whereabouts of the young zebra, time may be running out.

This is in part because, depending on the specific location and its environment, the calf runs the risk of being savaged by predators like wild dogs, hyenas and lions.

So the first task in explaining the mystery mutation or potential disorder is to cart the calf to safety along with its mother by placing them in a zoo, as no

part of the wild is safe.

An auxiliary issue here relates to whether the calf has anything to do with migratory wildebeests and zebras or is resident in that area in the Maasai Mara.

Researchers did not have an answer to that right away and it may be irrelevant because the risk of predators falling prey to some superior animal is nil, a zebra of whatever age or size is constantly at risk.

So, this debate as to whether it is Kenya or Tanzania which 'owns' the calf should be put aside so that TAWIRI and their Kenyan counterpart track the calf and its mother and guarantee them safety. If the strange colour is a disorder, then it may not easily be replicated, but if it is a mutation, scientists may even think of harnessing the genes for good use.

Earlier, some researchers were moving towards dismissing the reports as baseless - that, with advanced technology, anything can be created. But they soon shifted their sights to thinking about verifying those reports.

One concern is whether, guided by such doubts at first and likely to leave it to particular institution or authority to take the initiative, the calf shall not have been devoured by predators before salvation comes its way. To make this novelty sustainable, speed is this essential.

But it also appears that the onus might still be with Kenyan wildlife authorities to act, which they can do with some push from Tanzania.

Tanzania's Serengeti National Park and Kenya's Maasai Mara Game Reserve make a contiguous ecosystem, which means that there is a common resource benefiting both sides. But any potential increase in part hinges on resolving the puzzle over the status of the "spotted" young zebra.



By Special Correspondent

A new report from the Coalition for Urban Transitions, supported by 50 leading institutions, shows that national governments that invest in low-carbon cities can enhance economic prosperity, make cities better places to live and rapidly reduce carbon emissions.

The report finds that implementing low-carbon measures in cities would be worth almost US\$24 trillion by 2050 and could reduce emissions from cities by 90 per cent.

'Climate Emergency, Urban Opportunity: How national governments can secure economic prosperity and avert climate catastrophe by transforming cities' is the most comprehensive report thus far to examine how national governments can achieve equitable and sustainable economic development in cities.

These are home to over half the world's population and produce 80 per cent of gross domestic product and three-quarters of energy-related carbon emissions.

The report says only 30 per cent of Tanzania's population now lives in urban areas but this is expected to rise to 50 per cent by 2050, adding that trillions of dollars will be invested in urban infrastructure to meet the needs of these new urban residents.

It says the coming decades are therefore crucial to shape the country's cities into sustainable, equitable and resilient places where residents enjoy a high quality of life and access to opportunities.

"As Tanzania urbanises, the national government has a unique opportunity to shape the future of cities. By nurturing inclusive, zero-carbon urban development in partnership with local authorities, the Government of Tanzania can usher in a healthy, prosperous and bright urban future for its citizens," the report quotes Prof Fortunata Songora Makene, Head of Strategic Research and Publications at Tanzania's Economic and Social Research Foundation as having said.

Science tells us that we need to reach net-zero emissions by mid-century to avoid dangerous climate change. 'Urban Opportunity' shows that it is possible to cut 90 per cent of emissions from cities using currently available technologies and practices from buildings, transport, materials efficiency and waste.

Low-carbon measures in urban centres like Dar es Salaam, Lushoto and Igunja could collectively deliver over half of the emission reductions needed to keep global temperature rise below two degrees Celsius.

These low-carbon measures would deliver a significant economic return. They would require an investment of US\$1.8 trillion (approximately 2 per cent of global GDP) per year, which would generate annual returns worth US\$2.8 trillion in 2030, and US\$7.0

New report stresses need to strive for zero-carbon cities

trillion in 2050 based on cost savings alone.

Many of these low-carbon measures would pay for themselves in less than five years, including leading to more efficient lighting, electric vehicles, improved freight logistics and improved solid waste management.

The report demonstrates that compact, connected and clean cities provide a higher standard of living and greater opportunity for all, noting that investments in low-carbon measures in cities could support 87 million jobs annually by 2030. These measures will also reduce choking air pollution, cut chronic traffic congestion, and improve worker productivity.

Many city governments are already playing an active role in tackling the climate crisis: nearly 10,000 cities and local governments have committed to setting emissions-reduction targets. However, even the largest and most powerful city governments can only deliver a fraction of their mitigation potential on their own.

Urban Opportunity report shows that, excluding decarbonisation of electricity, local governments have direct power over less than one-third of the emissions-reduction potential in their cities.

National and state governments have power over a further one-third, with more than one-third depending on different levels of government working together to cut emissions, making the future of cities a vital collaborative effort.

Launched just ahead of the UN Climate Action Summit in New York next Monday (September 23), the report provides the evidence and confidence that governments need to submit more ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in 2020, and to propel inclusive, zero-carbon cities to the heart of their national development strategies.

Worldwide, fewer than two in five countries have an explicit national strategy for cities, and only seven countries currently have both a National Urban Policy and a Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) that specifically address climate mitigation in cities.

Urban Opportunity offers case studies from around the world where national and local governments have worked together to rapidly and profoundly transform their cities for the better within two or three decades, among them Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, Germany, India, Indonesia, Namibia, Rwanda and South Korea.

The report also presents six key priorities for actions that national governments can take to seize this

opportunity, one being the need to develop an overarching strategy to deliver shared prosperity while reaching net-zero emissions - and place cities at its heart.

The idea is to guide all line ministries to incorporate urban development into their approaches, de-risk low-carbon investment by providing clear signals to private actors, and empower local governments to go farther and faster.

Second: aligning national policies behind compact and connected, clean cities. Examples include removing land use and building regulations that limit higher, livable density; banning the sale of fossil fuel-powered vehicles; and adopting green alternatives to steel and cement.

Third: funding and financing sustainable urban infrastructure. Examples include eliminating subsidies for fossil fuels and establishing a carbon price of US\$50-100 per tonne to sharpen investment incentives; reforming land and property taxes; and shifting national transport budgets from road-building to public and active transport.

The report finds that Tanzania spends twice as much of its national transport budget on roads as it does on rail investments, which would be cleaner and more efficient.

Fourth: coordinating and supporting local climate action in cities. Examples include authorising local governments to introduce climate policies and plans that are more ambitious than national policies; and allocating at least one-third of national R&D budgets to support cities' climate priorities.

Fifth: building a multilateral system that fosters inclusive, zero-carbon cities. Examples include placing cities at the heart of enhanced NDCs in 2020 and 2025 and ensuring that all international development assistance is aligned with national urban strategies compatible with the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Sixth: proactively planning for a just transition to urbanisation. Examples include using revenues from carbon taxes or fossil fuel subsidy reform to compensate those bear the costs of climate action; supporting community-led upgrading of informal settlements to reduce poverty and enhance climate resilience; and anticipating, protecting and supporting the workforce of the future, including by developing transition plans for fossil fuel-based workers and industries.

'Climate Emergency, Urban Opportunity' is underpinned by a three-year research effort by a coalition of 50 of the world's foremost research institutes, networks of national and city

governments, investors, infrastructure providers, strategic advisory companies, non-governmental organisations and social movements.

Together, they call for national governments to prioritise compact, connected and clean cities in order to secure economic prosperity and tackle the climate crisis.

The report is a foundational document for the Infrastructure, Cities and Local Action track of the UN Secretary General's September 23 Climate Action Summit.

The Coalition for Urban Transitions is, meanwhile, the leading global initiative supporting national governments to unlock the economic power of inclusive, zero-carbon cities.

It equips national governments with evidence-based research and policy tools with which to prioritise more compact, connected, and clean urban development.

The coalition's in-country programmes in China, Ghana, Mexico and Tanzania provide models for other countries on how to effectively develop national urban policies and infrastructure investment strategies.

Founded in 2016 and guided by an Urban Leadership Council, the coalition comprises 36 diverse stakeholders across five continents. A special initiative of the New Climate Economy, the coalition is jointly managed by the World Resources Institute Ross Centre for Sustainable Cities and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group.

The centre is a programme of World Resources Institute (WRI), a global research organisation that spans more than 50 countries, with offices in the Brazil, China, Europe, India, Indonesia and the United States.

It works closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain our natural resources as the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being.

For its part, the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group connects 90-plus of the world's greatest cities which have committed to tackling climate change.

It brings together mayors from around the world to learn from one another in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating resilient, sustainable and low carbon cities.

C40 represents more than 700 million urban citizens and their economies account for 25 per cent of the global GDP, while its 'Deadline 2020' report sets out the critical role that the world's major cities have to play in delivering the Paris Agreement to prevent catastrophic climate change.

A Coalition for Urban Transitions dispatch filed from New York.

Nature of present-day diseases calls for deeper research, more awareness

TAKING note of all the dangers the world faces before one shifts to the economy and pandemics often tied to environment is becoming increasingly complicated.

This is in evidence when one looks at a recent warning by the World Health Organisation and associated agencies on what an influenza outbreak could do around the world if it broke out as it did in 1918.

The UN agency said such an epidemic could run around the world within 36 hours and kill as many as 80 million people - and what a calamity that would be! Was it given so that we prepare for it?

To be sincere, apocalypses of all hues and stripes have been imagined around the world from time immemorial and took a sharp turn after the Industrial Revolution. Every catastrophe that hit a number of countries at some point in history stoked morbid fears for centuries.

After the Industrial Revolution took effect, noted economist and preacher Rev Dr Thomas Malthus came up with a theory on population that held the world in a trance virtually up to the 1980s.

That is when social security had stabilised for more than a generation in Europe and was taking root in the Far East, while population growth rates were in sharp decline all over the industrial world.

A new menace emerged that is slowly taking root but is partially being solved by emigration, and it is that of ageing societies, where roundabout two-thirds of the Japanese population

will be over 60 years of age by 2030.

This sort of scaring assertion has a proviso: if everything remains equal and nothing changes in the way Japan or other Far East states run their societies.

The latest fears around viruses have plenty of similar threats around, an example being the H1N1 (bird flu) virus that took the world by storm around ten years ago.

The Spanish influenza model is still strong and most scaring in that the virus infected a third of the world's population and killed 50 million people. If this were to happen today - and God forbid that the world would witness such a recurrence - infection rates and deaths would likely rise.

WHO and the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB), a team of health experts led by an ex-WHO top executive, say the death rate could reach up to 80 million people.

One can see that the rate is not consonant with the global increase in population since 1918, which means that its effects would be less severe in ratio of dead to living but might lead to more fatalities.

That is plausible but is a remote possibility, as the bird flu of ten years ago did not have such a reach. So, maybe, we don't know enough about epidemics to say what sort of diseases can spread out or their effects.

This further explains the urgent need for more rigorous and intensive research into - and greater public awareness on - the contagious and other diseases commonly holding humankind to ransom.

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Continued from yesterday edition

transparent and accessible privacy policies are made available so that children have a better chance of offering informed consent, can understand their rights and know what the intended usage of the collected data is. Equipping young people with the knowledge and skills to claim their digital rights is essential.

Private sector internet service providers and social media platforms have a crucial role to play in strengthening protections for children. They must develop transparent, ethical standards and implement heightened scrutiny and protection for the full range of data concerning children, including information on children's location and browsing habits and especially regarding their personal information.

And some new regulatory frameworks, such as the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), represent a promising attempt at progress. The EU GDPR says that internet users, including children, have the right to be provided with a transparent and clear privacy notice, which explains how their data will be processed, that they should be able to get a copy of their personal data and have incorrect information about them rectified.

Global Pulse is a United Nations initiative that explores how new, digital data sources and real-time analytics



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by UNICEF's Executive Director Headlax in Rome
on the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

technologies can provide a better understanding of changes in human well-being and emerging vulnerabilities, with the potential to support development. Responding to legitimate concerns about privacy and data protection, in consultation with privacy experts, Global Pulse has developed a set of privacy principles which ensure transparency about the purpose of data use, protect individual privacy, acknowledge the need for proper consent for use of personal data and respect a reasonable expectation of privacy, while making all reasonable efforts to prevent any unlawful and unjustified re-identification of individuals.

You might be the least trusting generation of citizens ever

Why I'm worried: Every child has the right to actively participate in their societies, and for many of you, your first experiences of civic engagement

will be online. However, the majority of you will grow up as natives of a digital environment that is saturated with misinformation and so-called 'fake news,' which undermines trust and engagement with institutions and information sources. Studies indicate that many children and young people today have a hard time distinguishing fact from fiction online and as a consequence, your generation is finding it more difficult to know who and what to trust.

A United Kingdom Parliament-backed Commission on Fake News, run in partnership with Facebook, First News and The Day, found that only a quarter of the children reading online news actually trust the sources they are reading. It is tempting to see this as a positive sign of healthy critical thinking skills at work, but the same study also found that just 2 per cent of children and young people in the United Kingdom have the critical literacy skills they need to tell if a news story is real or fake. Worryingly, almost two thirds of teachers said they believe fake news is harming children's well-being by increasing levels of anxiety and skewing children's world view. And a study in the United States on schools from 12 states of the United

States assessing 'civic online reasoning' - or the ability to judge the credibility of online information - found that when evaluating information on social media, children and young people are easily duped.

We know the impact of misinformation is pernicious and has real-world impacts. For example, thousands of the current generation of parents have been misled by misinformation spread through social media and mobile messaging apps about the safety of vaccines, prompting a wave of vaccine hesitancy and a worrisome resurgence of measles in high- and low-income countries alike, including the Philippines.

Misinformation campaigns have duped children into handing over money, giving away their data and being groomed and exploited for sex. And in the past few years, we've seen how misinformation can skew democratic debate, voter intentions, and sow doubt about other ethnic, religious or social groups - creating division and unrest. This is a global issue, with reports emerging from countries as diverse as -and-partners-conduct-country-wide-media-literacy-lesson-ukraine" 'Learn to Discern' classes in schools. And in Myanmar, it has been alleged that a "misinformation campaign

played a role in inciting horrific violence against the Rohingya minority.

This is only the tip of the post-truth iceberg. As the technology to deceive improves, and verifying content becomes more difficult, the potential for lowered trust in institutions and social discord grows exponentially. For example, with sophisticated video manipulation technology using AI-generated synthetic media, it is becoming easier to distort and manipulate reality, making it seem as though individuals have said things they have not, in so-called 'deep fakes'. If these technologies advance, with no mitigating action to help the next generation root out fakes, they have the potential to fundamentally undermine confidence in science and medicine, erode core institutions and beliefs, divide communities, and pose a grave threat to our democracies.

We can no longer rest on the naïve assurance that truth has an innate upper hand against falsehood in the digital era, and so we must, as societies, build resilience against the daily deluge of falsity online. We should start by equipping young people with the ability to understand who and what they can trust online, so they can become active, engaged citizens.

Why there is hope: There

is some evidence to suggest that adults should place their trust in children and young people not to fall for fakes. A recent research study published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science found that social media users over 65 shared nearly seven times as many articles from fake news domains as the youngest age group. While the reasons for this are as yet unexplained, it may indicate that a higher level of digital and media literacy among 'digital natives' acts as a protective filter. Nonetheless, it is clear we need to work harder to prepare savvy young citizens to resist manipulation and retain a trusting connection to reliable and verifiable information and institutional knowledge.

While social media platforms appear to be serious in their attempts to combat misinformation and work with news organizations to clearly label trusted sources, we cannot rely on the supply side for solutions. Children have a right to an education that prepares them for the world they will live in, and today, this includes much improved digital and media literacy, critical thinking and weighing up evidence. The Director of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is

including questions about distinguishing what is true from what is not true in the next round of the influential international PISA tests, seeing critical judgment as a global competency, and similar initiatives could help to mainstream education and training in digital literacy skills that could be among the most important for the next generation. Moreover, we must work hard to build meaningful connections between young people and institutions, rebuilding trust, if we are to preserve democratic societies in the future.

A final word...

Finally, the biggest reason for hope is because you - the children and young people of today - are taking the lead on demanding urgent action, and empowering yourselves to learn about, and shape the world around you. You are taking a stand now, and we are listening.

Just as the children of 1989 have emerged as leaders of today, you the children and young people of 2019 are the leaders of the future. You inspire us.

We want to work together with you to find the solutions you need to tackle the challenges of today, to build better futures for yourselves and the world you will inherit.



KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is looking for a fulltime: Regional Technical Officer (2 positions) and M&E Officer (1 position)

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the fight against tuberculosis (TB), still the deadliest infectious disease in the world. KNCV is an international center of expertise for TB control that promotes effective, efficient, innovative and sustainable tuberculosis control strategies in a national and international context. We are an organization of passionate TB professionals, including doctors, researchers, training experts, nurses and epidemiologists. We aim to stop the spread of the worldwide epidemic of TB and to prevent the further spread of drug-resistant TB.

ASCENT Project Background:

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation (KNCV) leads the ASCENT (Adherence Support Coalition to End TB) project, the new Unitaid-funded 3.5 year project that will implement digital adherence technology (DAT) interventions in five key countries (Ethiopia, the Philippines, South Africa, Tanzania, and Ukraine) in order to enable innovative new patient-centered, optimized TB care pathways for all types of TB (DS-TB, DR-TB, LTBI) and support the growing global momentum towards the use of these technologies.

KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation is recruiting the following positions:

1. Regional Technical Officers (two positions) for the regions Arusha, Mwanza, Geita and Mbeya, Tanzania

As a Regional Technical Officer, you will support the implementation of the ASCENT project activities in the region. You will provide first line technical support to the health facility in-charges and the first point of contact for regional health management team. You support the project with the planning and facilitating of all trainings and workshops.

What are we looking for?

You have a relevant degree in public health, project management, IT systems, or another related field. Experience in implementing and/or use of digital technology solutions. You have affinity with digital technologies and experience providing technology support and/or background in IT. Experience working with a wide range of stakeholders at local community, district, and regional levels is a must. Knowledge on TB and experience working on health-related projects is preferred. You are a strong communicator to partners & stakeholders at all levels.

2. M&E Officer (one position), duty station Dar es Salaam

As the M&E Officer you are responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of project implementation to improve performance and impact, as well as to document and communicate project achievements and lessons learned. You provide overall coordination and implementation of project's Monitoring and Evaluation activities, oversee and execute M&E activities included in the Country Operational Plan (COP) and overall project logframe and ensure alignment with project strategy, annual targets and incorporation of M&E activities in the COP. You gather information about the project and transform this into content appropriate for multiple audiences and stakeholders and adjust/modify for different multimedia channels (e.g. success stories). Further you initiate and coordinate the production of photo's, video's and graphics and act as the first contact for local media.

Who are we looking for?

You have a Masters' degree in relevant field and knowledge of and experience in Monitoring & Evaluation of projects/programs in the field of Public Health. Demonstrated experience in data analysis and reporting results using analysis packages from basic Excel (pivot tables) to more robust statistical programs (e.g. SAS, SPSS, Stata, R, etc.) and other platforms (NVivo, mapping software, ODK collect, etc.) Experience in training and facilitation and knowledge of the field of media, communications and public relations, including communication strategies, -processes and -resources. Experience in writing engaging success stories that can be directed and tailored to different audiences. You love to write and delve in to complex ideas and you have an ability to take those complex ideas and turn them into engaging and understandable content. Knowledge of filming, editing, photography, vlogging is considered a great plus.

What do we offer?

- A full time (40 hours) fixed-term contract for a year, with the intention to extend the contract;
- An informal work atmosphere in an international environment where initiative is appreciated;
- A highly-motivated team of experienced, self-driven colleagues;
- The salary is dependent upon education and relevant working experience;
- KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation has its own HR Manual.

Application and Information

More information can be found on www.kncvtbc.org/vacancies. You can apply for this position by submitting your CV, including a motivation letter and 3 professional references, via the link: www.kncvtbc.org/vacancies before 4th October 2019.



11th TEN/MET Annual Quality Education Conference (QEC) - 2019 "Quality Education, My Right" Call for Abstract

Background

Tanzania Education Network/Mtandao wa Elimu Tanzania (TEN/MET) envisions 'a national education system through which every Tanzanian child has the opportunity to engage in quality and inclusive education'. This vision is achieved through its mission of 'Coordinating and strengthening vibrant Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Tanzania through networking, capacity building, research and advocacy. The main focus areas for the organization are: Access, Equity and Quality inclusive education. TEN/MET uses different strategies to achieve its goals, conferences inclusive which are conducted at different levels on different educational agenda. For the past 11 years TEN/MET has been conducting national Quality Education Conference (QEC). The conference aims at providing key education stakeholders with a forum to discuss issues that affects achievement of quality education in the country and collectively chart a way forward on how to address. To this end, TEN/MET is inviting papers and abstract for its 12th Annual Quality Education Conference (QEC) to be held in Dodoma from 27th - 29th November 2019. The conference theme for this year is "Quality Education, My Right" as emanated from the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) as the Global agenda. The theme contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) number 4 & 5.

The conference will;

- Provide a platform for education stakeholders from all levels to share experiences on education issues.
- Produce more evidence on alternative ways of achieving quality education for all in Tanzania.
- Widely inform policymakers, media (local and international) and other stakeholders on children's right to quality education.
- Come up with Policy recommendations on how to improve the provision of basic education that ensures every Tanzanian child get the right to access to quality and hence education for all in Tanzania.

CONFERENCE AREAS AND/OR SUB-THEMES

I. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Relevance of ECED in the Tanzanian context for children and the community at large
- Stakeholders' (Parents, Government, Development partners and NGOs) participation in ECED
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
 - Role of technology in ECED
 - Teacher Education and ECED
- Policy and advocacy on
 - ECED in Legal perspective
 - Inclusive ECED
 - Children Protection and Safeguarding
 - Financing of ECED
 - Access to quality ECED programmes and services in Tanzania

2. INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- Inclusive Education with the focus on
 - Girl child
 - Boy child
 - Special education needs/Children with disabilities
 - Marginalized children
 - Gifted and Talented children including left handers

3. GIRLS EDUCATION

- Girls access and transition
- Expulsion of school girls
 - Dropouts
 - Early pregnancies
 - Early marriages
- Gender-Based Violence
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Girls safety and protection
- Girls Hygiene
- Girls Headed Families

4. QUALITY TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Infrastructure
- Learning Resources and Facilities
- Water and Sanitation (WASH)
- Teacher -Pupil ratio
- Learning technologies

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Abstracts of 250-300 words should be emailed to: coordinator@tenmet.org copy pm@tenmet.org
- The abstracts should include the names of the of the author(s), affiliations, email and telephone contacts.
- The full paper should be 5000-8000 words prepared in Times New Roman, size 12 font, spacing of 1.5 and in editable text format.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The conference is open for all and participants have to register to the secretariat via email: qec@tenmet.org.
- All submitted papers will be peer reviewed.
- All presented papers will be published in the conference proceedings and will also be placed in an open access online conference archive.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Call for abstracts & registration: 16th September, 2019
- Abstract submission deadline: 30th September, 2019
- Notification of acceptance: 10th October, 2019
- Deadline for submission of full papers: 30 October, 2019
- Conference dates: 27th - 29th November, 2019

For more information, visit the website www.tenmet.org or contact the conference secretariat via Email: pm@tenmet.org.

By George Muntu

China loans, aid, investment good for Africa, not debt trap

SINCE the first Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) that took place in 2000, China has grown from bit player in Africa to the source of nearly \$205 billion in trade.

From 2001, China also committed more than \$100 billion in aid to the continent, about 25 percent of the \$404 billion total that the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Development Assistance Committee calculated for the period.

The United States promised about \$90 billion in the same period. Unlike Western countries' assistance, which comes mainly in the form of outright transfers of cash and material, China's assistance consists mostly of export credits and loans for infrastructure (often with either little or no interest) that are fast, flexible, and largely without conditions.

Thanks to China for such loans, African countries have been able to reduce infrastructure shortages by building vital infrastructure that has stimulated development and economic growth in the continent.

Several Western countries' leaders, especially those from U.S. President Donald Trump administration, have been making threatening statements and warned that the Chinese lending undermines African sovereignty and U.S. interests in the region.

In remarks made by then U.S. Secretary of State, Rex



Tillerson, for example, he acknowledged that 'Chinese investment does have the potential to address Africa's infrastructure gap'.

He, though, at the same time lamented that the investment's approach has led to mounting debt and few, if any, jobs in most countries even as it 'encourages dependency using opaque contracts, predatory loan practices, and corrupt deals that mire nations in debt and undercut their sovereignty, denying them their long-term, self-sustaining growth'.

"The so called 'Debt Trap or Predatory' has now become the motto of the Western countries' people trying to spoil China's reputation and to intimidate the African nations to stop borrowing from China.

Tillerson's remarks do not contain any truth, rather, they were based on the Americans' fear of losing

their influence in Africa. The cause of the U.S and the West losing their influence in Africa is due to their oppressive policies that undermine the African countries' economy.

The West and the U.S know for sure that, they cannot compete with China on Africa's issues because China has good policies that address many of Africa's problems.

They are also afraid that they have no policies aimed at freeing Africa from poverty.

As a result, they are suffering from the guilt consciousness of their oppressive policies aimed at exploiting and destabilizing African countries.

Western countries' leaders fail to understand that, when African nations were struggling to request for loans and aid from their nations, they placed stringent conditions that made it impossible for African coun-

tries to either implement or be forced to obey.

But when African countries ask for help and credit from their main trade partner, China, the former are offered without stringent conditions.

African countries, therefore, should not be intimidated by Western countries' threats that China wants to rule Africa through loans the country provides for building infrastructure.

African countries should rather work together to build stronger relations with China so that the former can achieve sustainable development goals.

In order for Africa to achieve its goals of building adequate infrastructure for economic development, it needs at least \$100 billion annually.

Although Western countries accuse China of burdening African countries, the Western countries do

not have the ability to provide such loans.

China has the capacity and willingness to provide loans to help African countries reduce the infrastructure shortage. China is, thus, African countries' only saviour.

China began to support African countries from the time the latter were struggling for independence until this time of struggle for economic reform.

It is therefore the responsibility of Africans to recognize the importance of their cooperation with the West and China.

Through loans provided by China, African countries have been able to build more infrastructure for transport, communication, energy, health, education and the introduction of modern agriculture.

Because of China, Africa, the then so-called dark continent is no longer dark.

Transport from one place to another in Africa has become easy.

Economic growth for some countries is about 6% + due to large and huge investment made by China in the continent.

The West and the U.S are asserting a bad reputation about China, saying China lends bad loans with a view to nationalizing African countries' assets once the latter fail to repay their debts.

In fact, the loans provided by China are very important

and needed to help African countries address their infrastructure gap. Most loans offered by China are also not as stringent as those offered by Western countries.

So, Africans must open their eyes and refrain from listening to the propaganda remarks given by the Western countries' media and their leaders that China intends to colonize Africa just as they did.

Africans should understand that, the Chinese did not invade Africa, the way European nations did, but Africans welcomed the Chinese.

Africans should also note that, China is not stealing African countries' natural resources as claimed by Western countries' leaders.

China is, instead, helping African countries recover from poverty and develop an independent economy.

Loans offered by China are very good, but they need good management to make them profitable and achieve their intended goals.

If African nations are more strategic about the use of Chinese aid, then the aid could not only help the continent build necessary power and road infrastructure but also spur economic growth.

The World Bank estimates that if the region could just close its infrastructure gap with the median of the rest of the developing world, the GDP per capita would

increase by 1.7 percentage points per year.

Unlike loans offered by China, Western countries' aid always comes with too many conditions.

African countries should therefore let Chinese aid and investment become a full replacement for Western countries' assistance which not made any impact on Africa's development and economic growth.

So, the United States and its partners should not be naive about China's advance across the continent, but they should learn from their failure and bad policies that do not address Africa's needs.

They need to understand that, China is the only global actor that is realistically capable of relieving (or, at least to date), has even shown interest in tackling Africa's enormous infrastructure deficit, especially in power and transport, which will cost the continent a staggering \$100 billion every year for the next decade to come.

Generally, Chinese loans are important and beneficial to African countries' governments because, Africa is confronted by a huge infrastructure gap estimated at around \$100 billion annually. To address this, African countries' leaders launched the Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA).

The PIDA naturally dovetails with China's focus on infrastructure assistance

and the Belt and Road Initiative, providing an opportunity for Africa to reduce its infrastructure deficit.

In connection to that, several African and foreign countries' leaders agree that, China's broader assistance to Africa breaks away from past development assistance models to Africa that were based on stringent austerity measures.

It differs from the approach deployed by other partners who market themselves as experts in African countries' problems.

China is, therefore, not trying to lead African countries into a debt trap, but it provides financial aid and investment to funding gap for crucial infrastructure projects on the continent.

African countries should also note that, there is no deliberate plan by China to indebted any of the former as claimed by Western countries' leaders.

China is, rather, fulfilling its very important role, which is in terms of infrastructure support.

Also, Chinese investment is mutually beneficial to both China and Africa.

Africans should not be intimidated by Western countries' propaganda. African countries should, instead, continue partnering with China, which is committed to helping African countries build their infrastructure for their development and economic growth.

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Commonwealth Climate fund lines up \$27m, seeks more for credits

LONDON

A COMMONWEALTH facility designed to assist smaller and more vulnerable countries tackle the damaging effects of climate change has helped them access USD 27 million of funding.

A statement released yesterday by Commonwealth said the figure marks a milestone for the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub and is more than 35 times the original start-up in-

vestment of AUD 1 million from Australia. A further almost half billion USD has been applied for and is in the pipeline for climate action projects across the Commonwealth.

Secretary-General Patricia Scotland has described the initiative, which is currently managing 50 projects in 10 Commonwealth developing countries, as a "lifeline for the small and vulnerable".

She said: "There is a relentless assault

from climate change on countries in every region of our Commonwealth. Again and again media headlines have been dominated with strong adjectives such as "apocalyptic", "record-breaking", "monstrous" and "life-changing" when describing the cyclones and hurricanes, sea-level rises, and scorching droughts which are claiming lives and livelihoods, destroying homes and diverting countries from their development

pathways.

"Today, in the wake of Hurricane Dorian, the death toll is rising in The Bahamas, where thousands are homeless and parts of the islands are demolished. This is why the Commonwealth has been working tirelessly since 1989 on critical solutions such as the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub."

Hosted by the Government of Mauritius, the Hub was created following

the findings and recommendations of a 2013 Commonwealth Expert Group on accessing climate finance. In 2015 leaders endorsed the initiative in their joint statement.

"We had a situation where, despite the set-up of multi-billion dollar funds for climate action, countries seemed unable to meet the onerous conditions required to access financing for climate change projects," the Secretary-General noted.

"The Hub pays for top international climate finance specialists to join government departments and help them navigate the red-tape and make successful applications for projects to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change."

The Commonwealth has received numerous enquiries from non-member states about the Hub and is exploring how it can extend the scope of its services.



Edward Mpogolo (R), District Commissioner for Ikungi in Singida Region, has a cup of coffee at a small trader's kiosk together with residents of Isirywa ward shortly after addressing a meeting earlier this week. Photo: Correspondent Dotto

Somaliland authorities block critical website

NAIROBI

THE Committee to Protect Journalists has declared that authorities in the breakaway region of Somaliland should immediately release two HadhwanaagNews employees and unblock the outlet's website.

On September 3, a court in Hargeisa, the capital, ordered internet providers to block HadhwanaagNews, a privately owned political news website, throughout Somaliland following the outlet's August 18 publication of an opinion article that leveled corruption allegations against Ali Ibrahim Jama, the governor of Somaliland's central bank, according to a copy of the court order reviewed by CPJ and Ahmed J. Farah, the Canada-based owner of HadhwanaagNews, who spoke to CPJ via phone.

Following the September 3 court order, the outlet's

website was blocked in Somaliland, Ahmed said, but CPJ was able to access the website from Kenya and the United States.

On September 10, police arrested Abdikani Abdullahi Ahmed, also known as Asporo, the website's chief editor, and on the following day arrested Abdirisak Gooth Nur, the outlet's general director, according to Ahmed J. Farah and court documents seen by CPJ.

Police detained Abdikani and Abdirisak on allegations of publishing false news, anti-national propaganda, and insulting a public officer, but no formal charges have been filed against them, according to the court documents and Yahye Mohammed, executive director of the Somali Journalists Association, a local rights group, who spoke to CPJ via messaging app.

"Somaliland's government has made a habit of cracking down on media that ex-

poses alleged misconduct by the region's political elites," said CPJ's Sub-Saharan Africa representative, Muthoki Mumo. "Journalists should be allowed to cover allegations of corruption without intimidation. We call on the government to immediately release Abdikani Abdullahi Ahmed and Abdirisak Gooth Nur, and to allow HadhwanaagNews to operate without interference."

Prior to blocking the website, police questioned HadhwanaagNews editors at the publication's Hargeisa office on September 1, Ahmed told CPJ.

On September 15, a Hargeisa court rejected a bail application filed on Abdikani and Abdirisak's behalf by the Somaliland Journalists Association, according to a copy of the court order seen by CPJ. In its ruling, the court argued that the defendants did not qualify for bail due to the nature of the allegations

against them.

If charged and convicted, the journalists could face up to six months in prison for publishing false news, up to two years for insulting a public officer, up to three years for insulting an administrative or judicial body, and up to five years for anti-national propaganda, according to the court documents and Somaliland's penal code.

CPJ emailed Somaliland Attorney General Hassan Aden, and sent him a message via messaging app, but did not receive a response. CPJ called Deputy Police Commissioner Abdirahman Libaan Fohle and Information Minister Mohamed Muse Dirie, but neither was reachable on their phones. CPJ also sent a text message to the information minister but did not receive a response. The Ministry of Information did not reply to CPJ's email.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE IN HEALTHCARE MAPPING IN TANZANIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – CONSULTANTS FOR WASH IN HEALTH MAPPING

WaterAid Tanzania is the country's leading development organization in the water, sanitation and hygiene sector. Over the past 33 years, we have worked closely with partners and the government to ensure Tanzania's poorest communities gain access to WASH, contributing towards the achievements of national targets. Shifting our focus from direct service delivery, we work to influence policy and practice in order to bring about large scale and lasting changes in the sector.

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Background:

Tanzania has committed to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2030) alongside the National Development Vision 2025, as well as National five-year development plan 2016/17 – 2020/21. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) is at the centre of these commitments. Water Sanitation and Hygiene (SDG 6) significantly contributes to the achievement of related goals, including Goal 1-No poverty, Goal 3-Good health and Wellbeing, Goal 4- Quality Education, Goal 5- Gender Equality, Goal 10-Reduce Inequalities and Goal 11-Sustainable Cities and Communities. Expediting the attainment of WASH targets, by the Government of Tanzania (GoT) in partnership (Goal 17) with the bilateral, National and Global stakeholders, will fast track the achievement of the rest of the SDGs.

Access to sustainable WASH services in Health Care Facilities (HCFs) is a fundamental component towards the achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), as it underpins the delivery of safe and quality health care services for all, especially for women, children and girls. Lack of safe water, accessible and functional toilets and handwashing facilities in HCFs can have significant health risks to patients, healthcare workers, and nearby communities. It is evident that a clean, safe and private environment to give birth is essential to reduce the risk of infections, including sepsis to mothers and their new-born babies. WASH contributes to the reduction of risks to both patients and staff especially in the wake anti-microbial resistant infections. Access to sustainable WASH services in HCFs ensures dignity to mothers, girls and female health care workers.

WaterAid Tanzania is inviting bidders from registered and competent consultants for undertaking this WASH in Health mapping. All eligible interested bidders should find the complete ToR of this assignment from the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2a7qxss>

Bidders should provide documents to evidence their qualifications including but not limited to:

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- Company profile

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The opening will be on 02nd October 2019 from 11:00am at WaterAid Tanzania Offices located at Plot No.1469 Rufiji Street: Off Haile Selassie Rd - Msasani Peninsular, Opposite Namibian Embassy in Masaki Area, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Bidders and/or representatives are welcome.

All electronic bids and enquiries relating to this advertisement should be sent via e-mail to AgnesGondwe@wateraid.org copy to ZuenaMasumay@wateraid.org and TwahaMubarak@wateraid.org

By Beatrice Philemon

A US\$14 million (over 32.2bn/-) fertiliser manufacturing factory will be built on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam soon as negotiations between the government and Morocco based OCP Africa are at advanced stage.

OCP Tanzania Country Manager, Dr Mshindo Msola told Bagamoyo district officials and representatives of farmers that will manufacture Nitrogen Sulfur and Phosphorus and NSP Zinc fertilizers with high nutrient content suitable for paddy rice production in the seaside district.

"Negotiations with Tanzania Fertilizer Company and Ministry of Agriculture are at advanced stage and we will soon make an official announcement as to where the factory will be located," Dr Msola said while noting that the product to be made will conform to soil types and crop needs.

The plant which will have capacity of over 40,000 metric tons per annum will create thousands of jobs and save the country billions of shillings currently being spent to import artificial fertilizers which local farmers need.

Currently OCP Africa produces different fertilizer that includes UREA and DAP which are used by cereal farmers and also those engaged in cotton production, vegetable and fruit production, among other commodities.

"We have decided to invest in this project after discovering that currently Tanzania fertilizer consumption

COMPANY BASED IN MOROCCO TO BUILD 32BN/- FERTILISER FACTORY IN TANZANIA



OCP Tanzania Country Manager Dr Mshindo Msola explains to Bagamoyo District Commissioner Zainab Kawawa (in black blouse) on how farmers in the district will access high quality fertilizers from the Moroccan based investor once production starts locally in the near future. Photo: Beatrice Philemon.

is much higher at about 600,000 tons most of which is imported," the OCP Africa Country Manager added.

On her part, Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute's Mlingano Centre researcher, Dr Catherine Senkoro said TARI will work in partnership with OCP Africa to ensure farmers obtain fertilizer that is suitable for their soil type and crop needs.

Dr Senkoro expressed appreciation to farmers at Bagamoyo Irrigation Development Project for allowing TARI researchers take soil from their farms for analysis and testing that in turn has helped to provide them with suitable fertilizers.

"TARI Mlingano in Tanga region will continue to conduct soil research as well as testing from different region across the country to help farmers choose appropriate crops for cultivation while also applying appropriate fertilizer," she noted. With the OCP African factory, the TARI researcher said it will be much easier to work with farmers because unlike with imported fertilizers, locally manufactured ones will have higher quality as the manufacturer will products as per market demand.

Rwanda to get gold-rated green complex

KIGALI

As Rwanda positions itself to become a regional technology, financial services and conference hub, demand for the right infrastructure is growing.

Ultimate Developers Limited (UDL), one of the market leaders in real estate, says it is responding to that need and will soon make Rwanda home to Africa's first gold-rated green, mixed-use complex. UDL is in the process of building a 16-storied complex that will combine smart and green concepts.

It is expected to sit on a 40,000 square meters land in Kigali's Commercial Business District (CBD) at the former Centre d'Echange Culturel Franco-Rwandais, the company disclosed. A gold-rated green building is a building that has been designed, constructed and operated so as to have a low impact on environment.

It is basically designed to maintain substantial

reduction in energy and water consumption, low carbon foot print (emissions), and reduced impact on natural resource consumption. Such buildings also ensure there is complete elimination of hazardous waste as well as reduction in operational costs, among other things, which in turn provides productivity and the well-being of the occupants through better indoor environment quality.

"As real estate developers, we see opportunities in combining smart and green concepts to establish new complexes because this has proven to be attractive to many people and companies. We want to be the first to have such standards," Alice Ntamitondero, UDL's acting Chief Executive Officer, told The New Times.

While the work around the establishment of the complex is at its early stage, Ntamitondero said they have already received bids for the design, finance and construction of the complex.

"We are at an early stage. We have received prospective bidders, including international bidders, and are still reviewing their offers," she said. UDL is keen to complete the construction of the complex within three years. The facility will have for offices, residences, entertainers spots and retail stores, Ntamitondero said.

Once complete, the CEO says, Rwanda will become the first country in Africa to have such a complex that combines gold certification, green and smart concepts. "There are many commercial complexes but studies have shown that people want comfort and those concepts bring about that. We think more people and international companies will come to Rwanda," she noted.

They say it will increase the aesthetic value and brand of the Central Business District of Kigali, as well as showcase Rwandan character and architectural talent. Earlier this year, the Government approved a ministerial order

that, among other things, establishes the Green Building Minimum Compliance system, a system that will help property owners and developers choose indicators based on the applicability to the building type, usage and the benefits associated.

The green building indicators address the basic green features any building should possess such as appropriate orientation, daylighting, natural ventilation, rainwater harvesting, efficient plumbing fixtures, low-impact refrigerants, greenery protection, paints not harmful to the occupants, to name a few.

According to UN Environment, buildings accounted for 30 per cent of global final energy consumption and 28 per cent of global CO2 emissions in 2015, and UN-Habitat estimates that in Africa, energy used in buildings is an estimated 56 per cent of the total national electricity consumption. Green buildings and green cities have been recommended to reduce that stagnant rate.



An aerial view of Kigali's Central Business District.



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3	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	113	609sqm
4	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	110	613sqm
5	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	114	611sqm
6	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	123	11057sqm
7	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	94	566sqm
8	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	87	489sqm
9	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	109	664sqm
10	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	105	612sqm
11	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	124	735sqm
12	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	117	584sqm
13	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	108	517sqm
14	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	112	608sqm
15	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	116	571sqm
16	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	106	605sqm
17	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	121	855sqm
18	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	99	645sqm
19	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	96	614sqm
20	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	98	598sqm
21	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	104	652sqm
22	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	122	11024sqm
23	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	103	607sqm
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26	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	95	622sqm
27	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	90	599sqm
28	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	92	600sqm
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33	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	107	628sqm
34	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	111	614sqm
35	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	118	536sqm
36	MOSHONO AREA ARUMERU DISTRICT	RESIDENTIAL	91	600sqm
37	BLOCK "A" NJIRO, ARUSHA MUNICIPALITY	RESIDENTIAL	92,94-97	3150sqm



Block No 92, 94 and 97 on a photo

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- 4. Bids should be submitted in physical sealed envelopes only and delivered to the address below by or before 3.00pm on Monday 30th September, 2019, and be clearly marked eg. "BID FOR SALE OF BUILDING/PLOTS".
- 5. All applications should be addressed to: THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, BANK OF AFRICA TANZANIA, OHIO STREET/KIVUKONI FRONT, P.O.BOX 3054, DAR ES SALAAM.
- 6. Alternatively, Bids can be submitted physically at Arusha Branch, ACU Building Sokoine Road.
- 7. For more Information call: 0699 000184.

NIT HAPPY WITH DR MAGUFULI AS TRANSPORT SECTOR REJUVENATES

By Correspondent Prosper Makene

FOR the last four years in power, President John Magufuli has rejuvenated the country's transport industry with institutions such as National Institute of Transport (NIT), playing a key role.

Aviation

All areas of transportation including aviation, air, sea and land have received massive investments to modernise and expand services so that goods and people can move around with ease.

Soon after coming to power in November 2015, President Magufuli made it clear that the national carrier, Air Tanzania Company Limited needs to be revived and went on to purchase new planes starting with two Bombardier dash 8-Q 400, followed by two Airbus A220-300 and later a Boeing 787 Dreamliner. Two more are expected to arrive later this year.

As a result of the ATCL's revival, NIT swung into action by introducing various aviation courses such as aircraft maintenance engineering and cabin crew courses so as to cater for emerging aviation industry which was all but left to die.

"Already, the two batches of students have graduated from aircraft maintenance engineering and cabin crew courses. 32 graduated with bachelor's degrees in aircraft maintenance engineering and 40 graduated in cabin crew management that took three months," said NIT Rector Professor Zacharia Mganilwa.

"The aircraft maintenance engineering and cabin crew courses offered at NIT are of international standards hence graduates obtained accreditation from National Council of Technical Education and Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority respec-



NIT aircraft facility in Dar es Salaam. File photo.

tively," said Prof Mganilwa.

"We believe by introducing these important courses, we are contributing immensely towards alleviating shortage of qualified aviation engineers and inflight personnel in the country," he said.

Apart from introducing aircraft maintenance engineering and cabin crew courses, the National Institute of Transport will start offering pilot program in the 2020/21 academic year, through a World Bank funded project.

This, NIT initiative has come at the right time to cater for the high demand of pilots in the country where by the aviation as it currently is growing at 12 percent annually. "We want to produce more aviation experts especially pilots who are very

few in the country compared to market needs. We have completed all procedures to offer the pilot courses up to the level of Commercial Pilot License (CPL) at the upcoming academic year," the NIT Rector added.

Added: "We have already bought the latest plane simulators an important teaching facility for pilot courses."

With the US\$21.5 million World Bank loan, the NIT will become a one stop centre of excellence in aviation and transport operations in East and Central Africa.

Railway transport

In supporting President Magufuli's mega Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project, the NIT has also been at the forefront of introducing courses to train personnel that will serve rail-

way transport.

"In 2019/20 academic year, we will introduce new courses that will produce students who will be appropriate to work in SGR trains because one of the aspects of the new courses to equip students with modern Intelligent Transport System (ITS).

For example, in electrical engineering, students will get knowledge and skills that will help them in making maintenance of modern electric locomotives with low-carbon emissions.

Maritime transport

President Magufuli has also invested heavily in the growth of the maritime transport around major sea and lakes ports.

Last year the Dr Magufuli's government signed a contract to build

a new ship to ply on Lake Victoria, a move that will increase trade with neighbouring countries in Uganda and Kenya. The ship is currently under construction by Korean companies.

In supporting the move, the NIT will start training maritime students that will acquire skills and knowledge in ship building and servicing. "After reports said that have shortage of ship builders in the country, we decided to introduce a diploma in ship building and repair programme," the NIT Rector added.

Apart from introducing maritime diploma courses, the NIT will also debut bachelor's degree in naval architecture aimed at producing local technicians and engineers who will be capable designing ships.

Acса avoids Eskom pitfalls to post profit

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa's airports operator posted its eighth consecutive annual profit, setting it apart from other key state-owned companies in the country that need government bailouts to keep running.

"We are a state-owned company that pays dividends, so what maybe can happen is for other companies to come and learn from us," Acting Chief Executive Officer Bongwiwe Mbomvu said in an interview in Johannesburg on Tuesday. The company has made improvements to how decisions are made and who is held responsible for them, she said.

"What you see today, the health of the balance sheet is exactly because of that," Mbomvu said. "We haven't asked for any bailouts." That contrasts with the situation at many of South Africa's other state-owned firms, with management at power utility Eskom, South African Airways, arms maker Denel and the state broadcaster regularly seeking financial support to stay operational.

Acса, which operates South Africa's nine largest airports, reduced its interest-bearing debt by R2.3 billion (\$156 million) to R6.6 billion, even as rising costs and operational challenges reduced its profit. Net income declined to R227 million for the year to end-March from R552 million.

NHC to pay US company Sh119m for housing delay

NAIROBI

A US-based contractor has won Sh119 million from the National Housing Corporation (NHC) as compensation for delays in building 230 housing units in Nairobi's Lang'ata estate.

American firm Lemna International had filed a claim of Sh505 million but an arbitrator ruled that NHC pays the Sh119 million in compensation for the delay in completion of the housing project. NHC entered into a contract with the US construction company in 2011 to develop 230 housing units at Sh902 million. The 230 houses are part of the NHC's Lang'ata Housing Scheme Phase IV.

"M/s Lemna claimed Sh505 million for four extension of time claims. An arbitrator ruled in favour of the contractor and ordered NHC to pay Sh119 million. "There is also an arbitration fee of Sh1.6 million to be paid equally by both parties. The lawyers who represented NHC in the arbitration has also forwarded a fee note of Sh18 million out of which Sh5 million has been paid as deposit," Andrew Saisi, the NHC managing director told the National Assembly's Public Investment Committee (PIC).

Mr Saisi said the NHC is considering the arbitrators award "with the possibility of paying the Sh119 million or appealing the same to the High Court." The Auditor-General had questioned the implementation of the project whose contract had lapsed in 2013 when the works done was 25 percent.



A ferry boat loaded with people and property in Likoni Power lines connecting pylons of high-tension electricity are seen from the power substation at the Lake Turkana Wind Power project (LTWP) in Loiyangalani district, Marsabit County, northern Kenya. channel, Mombasa.

East, Southern African power grids to be connected in next 2 to 3 years

NAIROBI

The power grids of East and Southern African countries will be interconnected in the next two to three years after completion of various high voltage lines, paving the way for regional trade, a senior Kenyan energy official said on Tuesday.

Power shortages and outages are common across both regions and businesses often complain that poor or erratic supplies discourage investors

and push up prices of local products, as many firms end up relying on costly diesel generators.

Connecting national grids would provide a bigger pool of energy resources and mean one country can tap idle supplies in another. Joseph Njoroge, the principal secretary in the energy ministry, said high voltage lines linking Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda to Kenya were expected to be ready in at most the next three years.

"In the next two to three years, we will have interconnections with several neighbouring countries in the region," he told an East African power conference. "Thereafter, we will be able to come up with a configuration that enhances demand in terms of the region."

The Kenya-Ethiopia link will be a 500 kilovolt (kV) line, while the lines to Uganda and Tanzania will be 400 kV. The power line to Uganda would thereafter link Rwanda and

then Burundi. All the states, except for Ethiopia, are part of the East African Community trade bloc.

Njoroge said the Kenya-Tanzania line was also expected to connect to Zambia, making it possible to trade power with Southern Africa, which already has a series of connections between South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, allowing them to trade electricity. Previously, the Kenyan energy ministry had said the line connect-

ing Ethiopia and Kenya was expected to be completed in 2017, while that between Kenya and Uganda was to be ready in 2016, and the Kenya-Tanzania one was scheduled to be finished last year.

Njoroge told Reuters after his presentation the missed timetables was due to difficulties with land acquisitions on some sections for putting up the lines, known as wayleaves. "Some of them (delays) have been caused by wayleaves. We have had some challenges

with wayleaves," he said. "But there is none which would have been concluded (in that time)."

Kenya had installed generation capacity of 2 712 MW as at end 2018, against total power demand of 1,800 MW. Ethiopia's installed capacity is about 4 300 MW. Next year Uganda is expected to commission a 600 megawatt (MW) hydropower project that will boost the country's generation capacity to about 1 600MW.

CONSTRUCTION

UK'S THOMAS COOK AGREES RESCUE DEAL WITH FOSUN

LONDON

British travel operator Thomas Cook Group said on Wednesday it had agreed the main terms of a rescue package that will see Hong Kong's Fosun Tourism take over its tour operations and creditor banks and bondholders acquire its airline.

The world's oldest travel company, and pioneer of the package tour, has struggled with intense competition in popular destinations, high debt levels and an unusually hot summer in 2018 which reduced its last-minute bookings.

The debt burden meant the company had to sell 3 million holidays a year just to pay the interest, it said last month. Thomas Cook also said in July that it was working to secure new investment from shareholder Fosun Tourism which would see the Hong Kong group take control of the business, along with its lenders whose debt would be converted into equity.



Thomas Cook plane preparing to land in Hong Kong last week.

The terms announced on Wednesday will see Fosun - whose Chinese parent owns all-inclusive holiday firm Club Med - contribute £450 million of new money in return for at least 75 per cent of the tour operator business and 25 per cent of the

group's airline.

Thomas Cook's lending banks and bondholders will stump up a further £450m and convert their existing debt to equity, giving them in total about 75 per cent of the airline and up to 25 per cent in

the tour operator business, the group said.

The recapitalisation plan, which is subject to a legally binding agreement between the parties, will result in a significant dilution in existing Thomas Cook shareholders' interests, the company

said, but it had decided it was the best way to secure the future of the group for all its stakeholders.

Shares in Thomas Cook, which were trading at 150 pence in May 2018, fell 15 per cent to just under 6 pence in early deals on Wednesday. AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould said shareholders in the troubled travel company may have to accept that their investment could be worthless.

"Investors are simply trying to cash out and crystallise any value left in their investment before the refinancing, for fear there could be nothing left if they wait," he said. Earlier this year, Thomas Cook said it was exploring a sale of its airline business, which consists of German carrier Condor and UK, Spanish and Scandinavian

operations, but a further profit warning in May left management seeking a more radical solution to save the business.

Fosun Tourism's parent Fosun International was co-founded by billionaire Guo Guangchang and is one of China's biggest conglomerates. It has spent billions of dollars over the past decade on health care, tourism and fashion companies in the United States and Europe.

As well as Club Med, Fosun International also owns English Premier League football team Wolverhampton Wanderers FC. Fosun said earlier this year it would adopt an asset-light strategy and run Club Med resorts it plans to launch in China and other countries under management contracts.

Japan-South Korea 'trade war': Has Tokyo shot itself in foot?

SEOUL

Tokyo has been angered by a South Korean court decision last year that ordered Japanese firms to compensate the victims of forced labour, as it believes the matter was settled by a 1965 treaty that normalised ties with the South.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said restricting imports had become necessary on "national security" grounds after South Korea failed to find a "satisfactory solution" to the wartime labour issue. He denied the move was "retaliation" against South Korea, saying that it was because the "mutual trust" that underpinned the exports system had been eroded.

From Thursday, Japanese manufacturers will need to file individual applications for South Korea-bound exports of fluorinated polyimide, hydrogen fluoride and resists, which are used in the manufacturing process of chips and displays for smartphones and televisions.

"[This] will deal a blow to Korean chip makers," said Ahn Ki-hyun, a senior official at the Korea Semiconductor Industry Association, noting that Japan was a dominant supplier for these materials and would be hard to replace.

Japan produces about 90 per cent of the world's supply of fluorinated polyimides and resists, and 70 per cent of its etching



LG Display is one of South Korea's biggest firms. Along with Samsung and SK Hynix it could be among the hardest hit by Tokyo's restrictions on exports to the country.

gas. Under the new controls, Japanese authorities can deliberately delay the reviewing process for shipments of the three materials for as long as 90 days, thus disrupting the supply chain of South Korea's semiconductor and display industry.

Could it backfire? This is bad news for South Korean companies such as Samsung Electronics, SK Hynix, and LG Display, which are heavily reliant on Japanese products, but could also spell trouble for Japan further down the road, analysts say.

After South Korean companies work through their stockpiles, which could last a few months, any further restrictions could force them to rethink their supply chains and diversify sources. At present, Japanese products are chosen for their high quality, but could be swapped out for

US- or Chinese-made components.

"Japanese companies would find it hard to restrict exports for an extended period, as Korean companies contribute to a considerable share of their earnings," said Eo Gyu-jin, an analyst at eBEST Investment & Securities. Even Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga appeared to acknowledge this was a risk in Japan's strategy, saying the government would "closely watch the impact on Japanese firms."

Meanwhile, KB Securities analyst Kim Dong-won warned there could be knock-on effects for other countries across the world. He noted that Samsung, SK Hynix and LG Display - three of South Korea's biggest firms - were leaders in the global supply of DRAM and NAND flash memories and displays for mobile handsets and other IT prod-

ucts.

Samsung and Hynix together supply 70 per cent of DRAM chips worldwide and 50 per cent of NAND flash memory chips. Semiconductors account for 20 per cent of South Korea's total exports. "Japan's export restrictions would lead to price hikes in parts and components, hitting not only Korean companies but other global handset makers," he said.

No end in sight

Analysts warn a swift resolution of the matter is unlikely because Japan has been considering the move for months and has already received much support from the public, while South Korean President will not want to lose face ahead of legislative elections next year.

"Japan has hit South Korea where it hurts the most," said Professor Ha Jong-moon at

Hanshin University in Seoul, as he warned there was "no end in sight to this game of chicken." Tokyo's move may have rang alarm bells in some quarters, but it has been largely backed by supporters of Japan's conservative administration, headed by.

"Japanese conservatives have for some time been calling on Abe to take bilateral measures that make South Korea feel pain, and that is exactly what he has done," said Yoichi Shimada, a professor of international relations at Fukui Prefectural University.

"These measures are very focused, very targeted and they are appropriate given that South Korean courts have targeted Japanese companies," he said. "There is also a growing section of South Korean society that is vocally opposed to the Moon administration's attitude towards

Japan on historical issues because they can see that it is damaging trade and security relations," Shimada said.

Jun Okumura, a political analyst with the Meiji Institute for Global Affairs, said the dispute was not on the same scale as the US-China clash over, but both sides would be "seriously inconvenienced".

"Maybe the Japanese bite is not as bad as its bark in this situation, but this is still a significant move because it is the first time that Japan has ever done this to one of its major trading partners," he said. "In some ways they do not have to back down at this point as the pain is not too great but I don't see any workarounds coming out and we may very well be locked into a series of tit-for-tat reactions from the two governments," he said.

MIT scientists demonstrate carbon-free method for making cement

MASSACHUSETTS

A team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has developed a way to make cement without heating, potentially eliminating the carbon produced in the process.

Portland cement, the most widely used variety, is made by grinding up limestone then cooking it with sand and clay at temperatures of up to 1,500°C, releasing carbon from the fuel used to obtain the heat energy and the limestone itself.

Altogether, this accounts for an estimated 8% of global carbon emissions, and the development of low-carbon production is presently one of the most urgent challenges facing the industry (see Further reading, below). The MIT team's idea is to use electrochemical processes rather than heat. Limestone is first dissolved in acid, then placed in a tank with an electric current passing through it.

This splits water molecules into oxygen and hydrogen, creates an acid at the positive electrode and an alkali deposit of calcium hydroxide at the negative. This deposit, which forms in flakes, can then be used to produce Portland cement.

The findings were published yesterday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, in a paper by Yet-Ming Chiang, professor of materials science, and researchers Leah Ellis, Andres Badel and others.

Chiang commented in MIT News: "About 1kg of carbon dioxide is released for 1kg of cement made. That adds up to 3-4 gigatons of cement and of carbon dioxide produced annually, and the number of buildings worldwide is expected to double by 2060, which is equivalent to building one new New York City every 30 days."

So far, the team has demonstrated the process at laboratory scale, with the process looking "a bit like shaking a snow-globe" as lime precipitates out of the solution. The researchers said it could be scaled up to an industrial process, but warned it would be difficult to change such a basic process in such a large industry.

Researcher Leah Ellis said that a typical cement plant produced about 700,000 tons a year. "How do you penetrate an industry like that and get a foot in the door?" Chiang says the team wants to "get people in the electrochemical sector to start thinking more about this" and come up with new ideas. "It's an important first step, but not yet a fully developed solution," he adds.

Draft private sector law will drive investment in Saudi projects

RIYADH

A new draft private sector law proposed to make investment in Saudi Arabia more attractive will exempt those looking to get involved in infrastructure and real estate projects from some of the kingdom's existing rules, according to Moody's Investors Service.

The new Private Sector Participation law "will exempt infrastructure investors from certain existing Saudi laws and ease real estate ownership restrictions", Moody's said in

a report issued on Tuesday. It also argued the new law would improve credit quality by making public sector actions and legal processes more transparent.

"While the new laws will boost investment in established sectors like power and water, they will be especially beneficial for transactions in new sectors such as social infrastructure because they will reduce uncertainty for creditors," said Kunal Govindia, an analyst at Moody's. Saudi Arabia has some ambitious

targets for boosting infrastructure and real estate investment under Vision 2030 - its plan to increase non-oil government revenue to one trillion riyals (Dh979bn) by 2030.

This includes adding 59GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030, compared to the 75GW of conventional power capacity in the kingdom currently, according to Moody's. It also said the kingdom's first social infrastructure public-private partnership (PPP) programmes are being tendered for projects in

the healthcare and education sectors, although the report said investment proposals for the airport sector are currently on hold, despite one PPP project having already been completed at Madinah airport in 2012.

A draft of the new law was issued in July last year for consultation. It is set to regulate the kingdom's privatisation programme and its PPP programme. The draft law states that foreign entities should be treated equally to Saudi companies and

sets out certain freedoms regarding international remittances from projects. It also allows for contracts to be written in laws other than Arabic, and provides exemptions from certain aspects of both competition and procurement laws.

Some restrictions over real estate have also been lifted. Under the law, foreign investors can lease real estate within the two holy cities of Makkah and Madinah for PPP projects. They will also be able to own real estate in other cities.

WORLD

US and Gulf allies discuss response to Saudi oil attack

JEDDAH/DUBAI

THE United States was discussing with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf allies possible responses to an attack on Saudi oil facilities they blame on Iran and which Secretary of State Mike Pompeo described as an act of war on the kingdom.

U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday struck a cautious note, saying there were many options short of war with Iran, which denies involvement in the Sept. 14 strikes that initially halved Saudi oil output. He ordered increased sanctions on Tehran.

"This is an attack of a scale we've just not seen before," Pompeo told reporters before landing in Jeddah for talks with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. "The Saudis were the nation that were attacked. It was on their soil. It was an act of war against them directly."

The Saudi ambassador to Berlin said "everything is on the table", telling Deutschlandfunk radio that options need to be discussed carefully.

Riyadh, which described the assault has as a "test of global will", on Wednesday displayed the remnants of 25 Iranian drones and missiles it said were used in the strike as undeniable evidence of Iranian aggression.

The United Arab Emirates on Thursday followed its main Arab ally Saudi Arabia in announcing it was joining a global maritime security coalition that Washington has been trying to build since a series of explosions on oil tankers in Gulf waters in recent months that were also blamed on Tehran.

Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement, which is battling a Saudi-led military coalition, claimed responsibility for the assault on two Saudi oil plants, including the world's largest processing

facility. U.S. and Saudi officials rejected the claim, saying the attack had not come from the south.

The Houthis on Wednesday said they had listed dozens of sites in the UAE, the Middle East's financial and tourism hub, as possible targets, a threat that could further strain a tense political atmosphere in the region.

Fellow Gulf OPEC producer Kuwait, which said earlier this week it was investigating the detection of a drone over its territory, has put its oil sector on high alert and raised security to the highest level as a precautionary measure.

Pompeo headed to the UAE on Thursday for talks with Abu Dhabi's crown prince after meeting Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed on Wednesday.

"These subversive attacks aim to destabilize the region's security and damaging the global energy supply and the global economy," state media quoted Prince Mohammed as telling Pompeo.

Oil prices, which soared following the attack, steadied after Saudi Arabia pledged to restore full production by the end of the month.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION

Proof of Iranian responsibility, and evidence that the attack was launched from Iranian territory, could pressure Riyadh and Washington, which want to curb Iranian influence in the region, into a response. Trump has previously said he does not want war and is coordinating with Gulf and European states.

Pompeo said the attacks would be a major focus of next week's annual U.N. General Assembly meeting and suggested Riyadh could make its case there.

"There is an international investigation, let's wait for its results," France's foreign minister Jean-Yves Le Drian told C News television, adding that the General Assembly meeting presented an opportunity to de-escalate tensions.

The French army spokesman said it sent seven experts to Saudi Arabia to join the investigation. U.N. officials monitoring sanctions on Iran and Yemen are also helping probe the attack, which exposed gaps in Saudi air defenses despite billions spent on Western military hardware.

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Tokyo court clears former Tepco executives of negligence over Fukushima disaster

TOKYO

A TOKYO court cleared yesterday three former Tokyo Electric Power (Tepco) executives of negligence for the 2011 Fukushima disaster, the only criminal case to arise out of the world's worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl in 1986.

Former Tepco Chairman Tsunehisa Katsumata (pictured) and one-time executives Sakae Muto and Ichiro Takekuro were all found not guilty by the Tokyo District Court. Dressed in dark suits and ties the defendants sat in silence as Presiding Judge Kenichi

Nagafuchi read the judgment.

A woman sitting in the public gallery, where about 100 people were seated, shouted "unbelievable", on hearing the verdict. Outside the court were displaced residents and protesters.

The trial, which started in June 2017, was conducted by state-appointed lawyers after prosecutors decided not to bring charges. Legal experts had said it was unlikely the three former executives of Japan's biggest power provider would be found guilty, given prosecutors had decided not to take the case to trial.

The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear



station, located about 220 km (130 miles) northeast of Tokyo, was rocked by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami in March 2011, sparking three reactor meltdowns and prompting Ja-

pan to shut down its entire fleet of nuclear reactors.

More than 160,000 residents fled nearby towns in the aftermath as radiation from the reactors contaminated water, food and air.

Lawyers acting as prosecutors said the three executives had access to data and studies anticipating the risk to the area from a tsunami exceeding 10 meters (33 feet) in height that could trigger a power loss and cause a nuclear disaster.

Judge Nagafuchi ruled that to hold the executives responsible for criminal negligence the pros-

cuting lawyers had to prove it was possible to predict tsunamis.

Nagafuchi said that, while the executives may have been aware of the risk of a major tsunami before the disaster, it was not established that they could have completed preventative measures in time.

A commission appointed by Japan's parliament concluded in 2012 that Fukushima "was a profoundly manmade disaster - that could and should have been foreseen and prevented, (while) its effects could have been mitigated by a more effective human response." Agencies

Canada's Trudeau apologises for dressing up in brown face, election chances could suffer

OTTAWA

CANADIAN Prime Minister Justin Trudeau apologized on Wednesday for wearing brown face make-up in 2001 after an embarrassing picture emerged less than five weeks before an election in which he faces a tough fight.

The image of a 29-year-old Trudeau with his face in dark make-up is a major challenge for a leader who often speaks about the need to fight racial discrimination and who has three prominent ministers of Indian descent in his cabinet.

"I should have known better then, but I didn't and I did it and I'm deeply sorry," Trudeau, 47, told reporters on his campaign plane in Halifax, Nova Scotia, after Time magazine published the image.

Time said the image was provided by Vancouver businessman Michael Adamson earlier this month. Adamson was part of the West Point Grey Academy community where Trudeau, then 29, worked at the time, the magazine said. The picture was in the Van-

couver private school's yearbook.

"I dressed up in an Aladdin costume and put make-up on. I shouldn't have done it," a grim-faced Trudeau said in comments carried live on Canadian television. The picture shows him wearing a turban and a white robe, with his face covered in dark make-up.

"This picture runs completely contrary to the image of tolerance the prime minister has so scrupulously cultivated. It can't be good for him or his party," said Darrell Bricker, chief executive officer of polling firm Ipsos Public Affairs.

Canada has an official policy of multiculturalism and about one in five Canadians were born overseas, according to Statistics Canada.

NECK-AND-NECK

Donning dark make-up is particularly sensitive in the United States, given its long history of slavery. In February, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam resisted calls to step down over a racist photo in his 1984 medical school yearbook.

Trudeau, questioned by reporters,



also admitted he had dressed up in make-up when at high school and performed "Day O", a traditional Jamaican song about people loading bananas onto boats.

Trudeau is locked in a neck-and-neck battle with Conservative leader Andrew Scheer ahead of the Oct. 21 federal election. Scheer said he was "extremely shocked and disappointed" by the photo.

"Wearing brown face is an act of open mockery and racism. What Canadians saw this evening is someone with a complete lack of judgment and integrity and someone who's not fit to govern this country," he told reporters in Quebec.

Trudeau has seen his once sky-high popularity hurt by a series of missteps, including a ruling last month by a top watchdog that he had breached

ethics rules by pressuring the former justice minister to ensure a major construction firm avoid a corruption trial.

Trudeau brushed off suggestions he might quit.

"I am going to be asking Canadians to forgive me for what I did ... it was a dumb thing to do. I'm disappointed in myself. I'm pissed off with myself for having done it," he said.

The ruling Liberals are competing for left-of-center votes with the New Democrats of Jagmeet Singh, a practising Sikh, who is the first person from ethnic minority descent to lead a major party in Canada.

"The people who see this image are going to think about all the times in their life that they were made fun of, that they were hurt, that they were hit, that they were insulted, that they were made to feel less because of who they are," a visibly upset Singh told reporters.

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China, Egypt achieve leap-forward development of pragmatic cooperation - Chinese ambassador

CAIRO

THE China-Egypt pragmatic cooperation has borne rich fruits since the bilateral ties were upgraded to a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2014, Chinese Ambassador to Egypt Liao Liqiang said.

"The two countries are achieving leap-forward development of pragmatic cooperation either in width or depth," Liao told Xinhua in a recent interview.

China is now the biggest trade partner of Egypt, and tops other foreign investors in terms of the growth rate of investment in the Arab country, the Chinese envoy noted.

The trade exchange between China

and Egypt hit a record high of 13.87 billion U.S. dollars in 2018, while Egyptian exports to China rose to 1.8 billion dollars for the first time, according to official statistics.

Liao, who assumed office in June, has so far held meetings with more than 20 Egyptian officials at deputy ministerial level and above. He said he was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and strong will of the Egyptian officials to boost the ties with China and learn from China's experiences in achieving great successes in national development.

"For the three months since assuming office in Egypt, what impressed me the most is that there exists vast potentials for advancing the China-Egypt ties," the



ambassador said.

Liao attributed the rapid development of the China-Egypt ties to the guidance and great efforts made by Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Egyptian counterpart Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi, who maintain close contact through regular meetings.

The latest Xi-Sisi meeting was held in late June within the framework of the China-Africa leaders' meeting held on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan. So far, President Sisi has held nine meetings with President Xi, and has paid six visits to China, which is his most-visited foreign country since assuming office in 2014.

Also in June, Egyptian Speaker of House of Representatives Ali Abdel-Aal visited China, the first such visit in 12 years, Liao mentioned.

Cultural, military and scientific exchanges between China and Egypt have also picked up the pace in the past five years, bringing the two nations much closer, the ambassador said.

On Sept. 8, Egypt and China announced the start of the implementation phase of the China-funded MisrSat II satellite project. The first Chinese-Egyptian Renewable Energy Laboratory produced the first Egyptian-made photovoltaic solar panel, while the navies of the two countries held a joint training drill recently. A total of 364 Egyptian students have gone to China to study for the 2019/2020 academic year, funded by Chinese government scholarships.

Liao noted that Egypt highly endorses China's road and concepts of development, as it faces a familiar situation like China did at the beginning of its opening up, including deepening the reforms, developing economic zones and actively at-

tracting foreign investments.

Egypt is also making great efforts to fit its development plan with China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which was proposed by China to build a trade and infrastructure network connecting Asia with the Middle East, Africa and Europe along the ancient trade routes of the Silk Road.

"President Sisi has said that Egypt, which was among the first group of countries to express support to the BRI, is a natural partner of the BR construction. This is the strategic choice that Egypt has made to seek stability, development and national rejuvenation following the regional turmoil that swept through the Middle East and North Africa," the Chinese envoy said. Xinhua

What will Robert O'Brien bring to US foreign policy?

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday tapped Robert O'Brien, the State Department's chief hostage negotiator, as his fourth national security advisor, a choice experts say will likely bring the post back to its traditional coordinator role with Trump as the ultimate decider.



"I am pleased to announce that I will name Robert O'Brien, currently serving as the very successful Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs at the State Department, as our new National Security Advisor," Trump said in a morning tweet.

O'Brien (pictured) will replace John Bolton, the third US national security advisor during the Trump administration, who ended his tenure over a week ago, as his relationship with Trump frayed over policy differences.

O'Brien was a founding partner of a Los Angeles-based law firm before taking several government posts. He once worked with Bolton when the latter was the US ambassador to the United Nations.

In both the Bush and Obama administrations, O'Brien worked on a project to train lawyers and judges in Afghanistan. He got his current post as the special presidential envoy for hostage affairs in May 2018. During the tenure, he managed to bring back Andrew Brunson, a pastor held by Turkey for two years, among others.

Experts see obvious differences between O'Brien and his predecessor. For Wayne White, former deputy director of the Middle East Intelligence Office of the State Department, O'Brien appears to be roughly "the opposite of Bolton."

"His impact on US foreign policy should be a stabilizing element compared to the garrulous, demanding John Bolton," White told Xinhua.

Brett McGurk, who once served in the national security team led by Bolton, told National Public Radio that Trump's new choice may bring back the role a national security advisor is expected to play.

"John Bolton carried an agenda into the West Wing. Often, it contradicted the president's own agenda. And the policy process broke down, so it led to a lot of dysfunction," he said.

"With Robert, you'll be back to the more traditional coordinator, facilitator role," he added.

Choosing O'Brien, who has relatively limited influence in the foreign policy area, is also seen as a move that will give Secretary of State Mike Pompeo a bigger say in diplomatic and national security issues.

Elevating a relatively unknown figure appears to solidify Pompeo's role as the most influential foreign-policy figure within the administration, according to an article in the Foreign Policy magazine.

Xinhua

Iraq holds no talks with Russia on purchasing S-400 - ambassador

MOSCOW

MOSCOW and Baghdad at the moment are not in talks over the possibility of Iraq's purchasing Russia's air defense systems S-400 Triumf, Iraqi ambassador in Moscow Haidar Mansour Hadi told a news conference on the platform of the international discussion club Valdai yesterday.

"We are not holding such talks. Not a single hint at that," Hadi said, adding that he has been asked this question at each public event.

During his visit to Moscow in February 2018 Iraqi Foreign Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari noted that Baghdad was closely studying the possibility of purchasing the S-400. In the middle of May, the Iraqi ambassador stated that Baghdad had made up its mind to purchase the S-400 from Russia.

Relationship with Moscow

Baghdad is grateful to Moscow for its support in the fight against the Islamic State terror group (IS, outlawed in Russia) and considers Russia to be a true partner in the war against international terrorism, Haidar Mansour Hadi told the news conference.

"Iraq views Russia as a true partner in the fight against terrorism," he pointed out. "Iraq is grateful to Russia for its military support in the fight against the Islamic State," the ambassador added.

According to Haidar Mansour Hadi, relations between Baghdad and Moscow are progressing, the two countries' governments plan to boost cooperation in all areas.

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Chinese Premier Li Keqiang meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia on Wednesday XINHUA

China, Russia to forge stronger ties

ST. PETERSBURG

CHINESE Premier Li Keqiang on Wednesday wrapped up a successful and fruitful visit to Russia, with the two neighbors reaffirming their commitment to closer cooperation and multilateralism.

During his three-day trip, Li co-chaired the 24th regular meeting between Chinese and Russian heads of government with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in St. Petersburg. He also met with President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

The two countries, standing at a new starting point after establishing diplomatic ties 70 years ago, agreed to cement strategic mutual trust and work together to raise practical cooperation to a higher level.

TO EXPAND TRADE TIES

Both China and Russia are strong advocates for a multipolar global system and a more open world economy. As economic globalization is facing headwind, the two countries pledged to grow trade ties by expanding opening-up to each other and scaling up cooperation in various fields such as energy, innovation and agriculture.

In a joint communique signed by Li and Medvedev, the two partners agreed to improve their trade structure, foster new growth areas and develop new types of trade including e-commerce and service trade.

They will create favorable conditions for closer bilateral cooperation in trade and investment and strengthen cooperation and coordination to better protect intellectual property, it said.

The two sides will also enhance cooperation within such multilateral frameworks as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, BRICS and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, so as to help the two countries develop in a more comprehensive and balanced way.

China has been Russia's top trading partner for nine years running, and is also Russia's largest source of imports and destination for exports. In the first eight months of this year, bilateral trade totalled US\$70.59 billion, marking a 4.5-percent year-on-year growth.

During the regular meeting, Li said China stands ready to better align the Belt and Road Initiative with the Eurasian Economic Union, maintain the growing momentum of China-Russia trade and improve the level of trade and investment facilitation.

"China is further expanding opening up and the huge market potential will bring more opportunities to enterprises from all over the world including Russia," Li said when talking with Putin.

He expressed hope that the two countries can continue to open up to each other, broaden investment and market access and create more cooperation opportunities for enterprises from the two countries.

Both Putin and Medvedev said Russia is willing to continue to expand

trade relations with China in a bid to seek common development.

TO PUSH FOR INNOVATION CO-OPERATION

While the two countries' cooperation in traditional spheres like energy is making new breakthroughs, their cooperation in new areas like cross-border e-commerce and sci-tech innovation is also gaining steam, Li noted.

China and Russia, with a common desire for national development, are making efforts to diversify and enrich their cooperation.

When meeting with the Russian prime minister, Li called on the two sides to harness their complementary advantages, and fully tap cooperation potential in such areas as basic research, applied research as well as the application of scientific and technological achievements in production.

As China and Russia have designated 2020 and 2021 as "Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation" in each other's countries, the two countries need to take this opportunity to upgrade their scientific and technological innovation cooperation, Li told reporters after the regular meeting.

Also, Medvedev expressed his willingness to reinforce cooperation with China in high-tech fields.

Russia stands ready to deepen strategic communication and practical cooperation with China, and expand cooperation in high-tech fields such as artificial intelligence and robotics, while developing cooperation in such traditional sectors as energy, said the Russian prime minister.

According to the communique, China and Russia will jointly work to increase compatibility and interoperability of their global satellite navigation systems - China's BeiDou and Russia's GLONASS - to better serve the two countries' socio-economic development with higher quality.

They also agreed to push for closer cooperation in such fields as aviation, aerospace, telecommunication, pharmacy as well as chemical engineering.

TO FORGE STRONGER RELATIONS

Li's official visit came when the two neighbors are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties. Relations between China and Russia, two major countries in the world, bear great significance for stability and development of the globe.

During their talks, the leaders of both countries highlighted the comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era. China-Russia relations have been upgraded to a higher level since Chinese President Xi Jinping paid a state visit in June, in which he and Putin jointly drew a brighter blueprint for the future of China-Russia ties.

The sound and stable development of bilateral relations is in the interests of both sides and also conducive to human progress under current circumstances, Li told reporters.

Xinhua

Ramaphosa requests fact-finding mission to examine xenophobic violence

CAPE TOWN

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa said on Wednesday that he has requested a fact-finding mission to identify the cause of the recent xenophobic violence in the country.

Ramaphosa (pictured) told a joint sitting of parliament that he has spoken to former President of Tanzania Jakaya Kikwete and former President of Mozambique Joaquim Chissano, asking them to lead the mission. Ramaphosa called on the joint sitting of parliament to deal with "a crisis of violence" in the country where a new spate of xenophobic violence has claimed at least 12 lives in recent days.

The recent public violence exposed not only the levels of intolerance in the society, but also the extent to which many people are frustrated about their social and economic conditions, Ramaphosa said.



Earlier this week, Ramaphosa dispatched special envoys to a number of African countries to address concerns raised by reports of their citizens being attacked.

South Africa, he said, is going to work with local and international humanitarian organizations as well as various diaspora forums on an initia-

tive to tackle xenophobia and intolerance.

Such a campaign must be aimed at eradicating stereotypes, encouraging cross-cultural understanding and promoting social cohesion, he said. There is no place for xenophobia in this country, nor is there any place for criminality, whether it is committed by foreigners or locals, he said.

"We share your frustration that some South African employers are employing foreigners over locals to undercut wages, turning worker against worker," Ramaphosa said.

But he said he will not allow his country to be sucked into a maelstrom of primitive nationalism and tribalism. He called for efforts to courageously and actively resist any attempts that seek to divide Africans from each other.

Rather than retreating into a laager, Africans must embrace African integration and the benefits it will bring to all, he said.

Xinhua

Weakened Netanyahu seeks Israeli unity government with rival Gantz

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S weakened Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu invited his main rival, Benny Gantz, yesterday to join him in a broad coalition government - an abrupt change of strategy after failing to win a ruling majority in election.

Gantz (pictured), a former armed forces chief who heads the centrist Blue and White Party, planned to make a statement at 2 p.m. (1100 GMT), a spokesman said.

Making the surprise offer, Netanyahu, head of the right-wing Likud party and Israel's longest-serving leader, said in a video clip that in the run-up to Tuesday's election, he had pledged to form a right-wing government.

"But to my regret, the election results show that this is impossible," Netanyahu said. "Benny, we must set up a broad unity government, as soon as today. The nation expects us, both of us, to demonstrate responsibility and that we pursue cooperation."

In subsequent comments, at a ceremony - which Gantz also attended - marking the third anniversary of the death of Israeli statesman Shimon Peres, Netanyahu said his offer came with no preconditions. A smiling Netanyahu and Gantz warmly shook hands at the event.

Netanyahu hinted at a possible rotating premiership deal with Gantz, noting that Peres, a left-wing leader, had forged a coalition with conservative Yitzhak Shamir in which they rotated top office between 1984 and 1988.

Netanyahu's comments reflected his heightened political vulnerability after again failing to secure a parliamentary majority, following an inconclusive election in April.

President Reuven Rivlin, who commands wide respect in Israel in his largely ceremonial position, said he welcomed Netanyahu's unity call. Under Israeli law, Rivlin taps a party leader to try to form a government after the final vote tally is in.

The campaigns run by Netanyahu, 69, and Gantz, 60, pointed to only narrow differences on many important issues, and an end to the Netanyahu era would be unlikely to bring about significant changes in policy on relations with the United States, the regional struggle against Iran or the Palestinian conflict.

With Israeli media reporting more than 95 percent of votes counted in



Tuesday's election, a Likud-led right-wing, religious bloc looked poised to control 55 of parliament's 120 seats, with 56 going to a center-left alliance.

On Wednesday, Gantz said he hoped for a "good, desirable unity government". But he has also ruled out forming one with a Netanyahu-led Likud, citing looming corruption charges against the prime minister. Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing.

"MR CLEAN"

Gantz is a newcomer to politics. Many voters saw him as a "Mr Clean", an alternative to Netanyahu and the cloud of alleged criminal misdeeds hanging over him.

Netanyahu's call for a broad government preceded a scheduled visit later on Thursday by Jason Greenblatt, an architect of U.S. President Donald Trump's as-yet unveiled plan for Israeli-Palestinian peace.

Israeli cabinet minister Tzachi Hanegbi, a senior Likud member, said

he believed Greenblatt was coming to discuss the peace blueprint.

Palestinians, who seek a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital, have rejected the Trump plan out of hand, accusing the president of pro-Israeli bias.

"As to whether he (Greenblatt) will be presenting the plan, I have no idea," Hanegbi said on Army Radio.

With Israeli politics in flux, Netanyahu canceled his annual speech at the U.N. General Assembly next week, a spokesman said on Wednesday about a visit that might have provided an opportunity to meet with Trump.

Netanyahu highlighted his close ties with Trump in his election campaign. But in Los Angeles on Wednesday, Trump appeared to distance himself from Netanyahu, amid political stalemate in Israel.

He told reporters he had not spoken to Netanyahu since Tuesday's ballot and said: "Our relationship is with Israel".

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UN agency urges African countries to embrace AfCFTA towards single, unified continental market

ADDIS ABABA

THE United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) on Wednesday urged African countries to intensify concerted efforts towards building a single and unified continental market as stipulated under the ambitious African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement.

The call was made by the Andrew Mold, Director of the Eastern African region office at the ECA, on Wednesday, as he emphasized the ambitious nature of the continental free trade pact AfCFTA in terms of transforming Africa towards "a single unified continental market."

"The AfCFTA is not, as its name denotes, simply a free trade area," Mold (pictured) said, adding that the continental free trade accord "encompasses ambitions to proceed to a single unified continental market, with a lot of implications for business."

According to the ECA's eastern Africa region director, the AfCFTA, as a single unified continental market, would help African business environment "whether that is on investment, on competition, on intellectual property, or free movement," an ECA statement quoted Mold as saying on Wednesday.

The ECA estimated that the African continental free trade accord will bring about "large potential gains" for Africa as a continent.

The AfCFTA, among other things, is expected to augment the intra-African exports by over 1 billion U.S. dollars and the creation of nearly 2 million new jobs, according to the ECA.

According to Mold, the elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers and harmonization of standards as envisaged by the AfCFTA "represents a unique opportunity to boost intra-regional trade and investment."

The AfCFTA, which aspires to establish the world's largest free trade area with the potential to unite 1.3 billion people, will create a 2.5 trillion U.S. dollars economic bloc and usher in a new era of development, according to the ECA.

The free trade pact is also expected to create a continental market for goods and services, with free movement of people and capital, and pave the way for creating a customs union.

Xinhua

Johnson faces Brexit flak from EU lawmakers and top UK court

STRASBOURG

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson was accused by European Union officials Wednesday of failing to negotiate seriously and branded the "father of lies" by a lawyer in the UK Supreme Court, as his plan to leave the EU in just over six weeks faced hurdles on both sides of the Channel.

In Strasbourg, France, the European Parliament said it would be the fault of Britain, not the bloc, if the UK crashed out of the EU without a divorce deal on the scheduled Oct 31 departure day.

In London, Johnson's government battled to convince the UK's top court that the prime minister's decision to suspend Parliament for five weeks with Brexit looming was neither illegal nor improper.

The government's opponents claim Johnson illegally shut down the legislature to prevent lawmakers from scrutinizing his Brexit plans.

Government lawyer James Eadie told the Supreme Court justices that the decision to send lawmakers home until Oct 14 was "inherently and fundamentally political in nature," and not a matter for

the judiciary. He said that if the court intervened it would violate the "fundamental constitutional principle" of the separation of powers.

But a lawyer for lawmakers challenging the shutdown accused the government of being "unworthy of our trust."

"We've got here the mother of parliaments being shut down by the father of lies," said attorney Aidan O'Neill. He urged the judges to "stand up for truth, stand up for reason, stand up for diversity, stand up for Parliament, stand up for democracy."

The judges, for their part,



wondered why Johnson had refused to provide a sworn statement to the court about his reasons for the suspension.

"Isn't it odd that nobody has signed a witness statement to say: 'This is true'.

These are the true reasons for what was done?" said one of the judges, Nicholas Wilson.

The developments were the latest in a rocky week for Johnson, who pulled out of a news conference with the prime minister of Luxembourg on Monday because of noisy protesters nearby.

On Wednesday he was berated by the father of a sick child over funding cuts to Britain's health service as he visited a London hospital.

Johnson took power in July

with a vow that Britain will leave the EU on Oct 31 "come what may." He promised to break a stalemate that saw the Brexit agreement struck between the EU and Johnson's predecessor Theresa May rejected three times by Britain's Parliament, prompting May to resign.

Many lawmakers believe a no-deal Brexit would be economically devastating and socially destabilizing, and have put obstacles in Johnson's path, including legal challenges to the Parliament shutdown.

Last week, Scotland's high-

est civil court ruled the move illegal, saying it had the intention of stymieing Parliament. The High Court in London, however, said it was not a matter for the courts.

The Supreme Court is being asked to decide who is right in a three-day hearing that ends Thursday. If it overturns the suspension, lawmakers could be called back to Parliament as early as next week.

Johnson insists he is working hard to get an agreement with the EU that will ensure a smooth departure. EU leaders are skeptical of that claim.

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IAAF invites Bayi to attend awards ceremony in France

BY CORRESPONDENT JOSEPH MCHEKADONA

TANZANIA'S athletics legend, Filbert Bayi, has been invited by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) to attend the Heritage Mile Night and Athletics awards ceremony slated for November in Monaco, France.

Bayi, who is also Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) secretary general, said he has been invited to attend the two events on his capacity as a former holder of the World 1500m and one mile records.

The legendary runner described the invitation as an honour to him and his country.

"This is an honour to me and the country, the two events will attract top former and current athletes, being together with them is a good thing to me and the country as it will be an opportunity for us to share some information," he said.

According to the invitation letter, IAAF will take care of all of Bayi's expenses and he will depart for Monaco on November 19 via Dubai and arrive in Nice, France the following day.

He will attend the IAAF Heritage Mile Night and Athletics awards on November 21 and 23 respectively and return home November 25.

"Filbert Bayi Sanka (Tanzania) is invited by the International Association of Athletics

Federations (IAAF) the world governing body for track and field athletics, race walking, road running and cross country," part of the invitation letter disclosed.

"As a former holder of the World 1500 m and mile record to attend the IAAF Heritage Mile Night (November 21 2019) and IAAF athletics Awards (November 23 2019) in Monaco."

IAAF Heritage, the association said, is aimed at preserving the legacy of athletics, the sport's heroes and heroines, their artefacts, and the documents, videos and photographs that portray them and in turn engage with and inspire the stars and fans of the present and future.

IAAF Heritage celebrates and forges connections across 3000 years of the sport, telling athletics' rich story, based upon a myriad of marvelous memories and moments which few other sports can match, the association noted.

The IAAF Heritage's goal is to put athletics heroes, their records and their performances, into context, chronicling their very personal odysseys which were the very foundation and motivation of their careers.

"Heritage goal is savouring the best, promoting the present, and engaging with the future" said a report from IAAF.



Former NBA players Kobe Bryant, left, and Tony Parker talk during the first-place match between Spain and Argentina in the FIBA Basketball World Cup at the Cadillac Arena in Beijing, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019. (AP Photo)

Popularity of NBA in China seems to create endless options

BEIJING

KOBE Bryant went to China for the first time in 1998, making the trip to Beijing to help operate an instructional basketball clinic for about a dozen kids. The local coaches working with him didn't know a lot about the game. Barely anyone noticed that an NBA player was in town.

Basketball wasn't a big deal in China.

And then everything changed very quickly. The footprint of the NBA has grown at an extremely rapid pace over the last two decades in China, where more than 500 million people watched games last season and where one new streaming deal alone will pump \$1.5 billion into the league's coffers over the next five years.

"When I first came here, I never thought the game in China would get to be this big," Bryant said. "But it has. And it's not going to stop."

The possibilities seem endless.

Could there be an NBA team in China despite the travel that would be involved? Might there be two-way player contracts between the NBA and the Chinese Basketball Association? What about the NBA constructing a team to play in China or the Chinese sending a team for a full season in the U.S.?

Farfetched as all that may sound, keep in mind that 20 years ago no one envisioned the NBA-China relationship to be this big – or that it would keep growing after Yao Ming's run with the Houston Rockets ended eight years ago. The NBA has academies in China now, and the Chinese national team returned to the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas this year.

"It's a good question," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. "I think the next step will probably come when the next Yao Ming comes. That would take it to a new level, more Chinese players to reach the NBA and make

an impact."

The marriage between the NBA and the world's most populous country is stronger than ever. NBA officials say more than 300 million Chinese people play the game and 40 million are registered to play the 2K video game. Thousands showed up this summer just to watch the sons of Dwyane Wade and LeBron James play exhibitions with the rest of their high school teammates.

A trade war is happening between the U.S. and China, political tensions are escalating between the countries and it could impact the products of the league's business partners. But the game itself continues to thrive.

"I think sports transcends politics and I hope the NBA can continue to connect fans globally," Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said. "I don't have any reason to think our relationship won't continue to be positive."

Nothing seems to be able to derail the NBA's popularity.

The team that the U.S. sent to the World Cup in China didn't feature the NBA's biggest stars, yet drew sellout crowds for each of its first six games. U.S. coach Gregg Popovich was begged for autographs and selfies everywhere he went.

"We've known for a long time how big basketball has become in China, of course, but all over the world," Popovich said. "It's an international deal now. There are so many great players in so many countries. It's not a secret."

Stars like James, Stephen Curry, and James Harden have a trip to China on their annual schedules – and when Wade, the recently retired guard who has a lifetime contract with Chinese shoe company Li-Ning, visited this summer one of his events had to be halted after about 10 minutes because the mall where it was happening was overflowing with people.

Predicting how Tanzania's professionals in Morocco will fare

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

THE 2019/20 Morocco Botola Pro season got underway last week with only five matches played. Being one of the top leagues in Africa it is encouraging to see that an unprecedented three Tanzania players are set to feature in the Botola Pro this season.

So, who are these exports and how well can we expect them to do this season? Read on to find out.

Simon Msuva

The cream of Tanzania's crop in the North African country, expectations will be high for Simon Msuva to continue his goal scoring form this season.

After winning five league titles with Young Africans in Mainland Premier League, Msuva was signed by Difaa el Jadida on a reported \$170,000. He signed a three-year deal in July 2017 making him the first Tanzanian professional player in the Morocco Botola Pro.

The two-time Mainland Tanzania Premier League top scorer did not take time to settle as he ended the 2017/18 season with 18 goals across all competitions to emerge as the club leading scorer. He scored 11 goals in the league, five in the CAF Champions League and two in the Royal King Cup which is the equivalent of the FA Cup.

Last season he better his league record by scoring two more goals as he finished just three goals shy of the top scorer despite taking less penalties.

Now in his last season and hoping to make the step up to Europe, he must hope he can continue that form for the season to attract either European suitors or a bigger African club.



Simon Msuva

Nickson Kibabage

At only 19 years, Nickson Kibabage made a move from Mtibwa Sugar to Morocco after Difaa el Jadida had signed him in July 2019.

It is interesting to note that Kibabage, who was one of the mainstays of Serengeti Boys class of 2017, is yet to earn his senior cap but has already made a jump to a more competitive league and professional environment.

Difaa were so convinced by what they have seen of him that they paid \$55,000 to secure his services from Mtibwa in a four-year deal.

And it appears, this season, the young left fullback may be given his chance in the first-team, as he started all but one of their eight pre-season matches and was also on the bench in

their first competitive match of the season.

Whether he will be a big hit remains to be seen, but given Difaa selling policy even if his breakthrough does not come this season, Kibabage would be given time to blossom. The club is in many ways an example of how sustainable management and the focus on young players pay off in the long run. They have been consistently in the top half of the Botola Pro table for seasons.

No matter what happens, Kibabage should not be taken lightly. He has a big leap forward at a very tender age.

Maka Edward

The talented midfielder suffered a big blow when Zambian tactician George Lwandamina, who had begun

trusting him, left Young Africans towards the end of the 2017/18 season. Maka, as he is popularly known, never got any chance under the current Young Africans coach, Mwynyi Zahera.

His career was on the danger of ending even before it had properly started and thus it was surprising no one paid attention when he went on trial to Latvia. Things did not work out in Latvia but it happened to be a blessing in disguise as he suddenly got a big break when a Morocco top flight club, Moghreb Tétouan, signed him on a three-year deal.

Having just signed three days before, the 20-year-old midfielder was not involved in MAT Tetouan win last weekend but is expected to play some role this season as he is one of the 12 newly signed players.

Morogoro bowler shines in TCA Premier League

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

ULUGURU Stars' Augustine Meya has laid his hands on the best bowler prize in the TCA Premier League, which climaxed in Dar es Salaam recently.

The national cricket governing body hosted the league, which started last month, in an effort to step up promotion of the sport domestically.

Six outfits, namely Kilimeru from Arusha, Uluguru from Morogoro, Amboni from Tanga and Dar es Salaam-based Kinondoni Development, Upanga Warriors and Phantom competed in the competition.

Annadil Burhani and University of Dar es Salaam venues hosted the 50-over formatted tournament's matches.

Meya, in the process, saw to it his squad has something to cheer about, after having failed to win the silverware.

The talented player had the most impressive performance, as far as bowling was concerned, in the competition, posting 11 wickets in four matches.

He bowled 28 overs, had three maiden overs, leaked 96 runs and had the best bowling average of 8.73.

In his best day with the ball he posted an impressive figure of six wickets and conceded 12 runs.

Much as he lost out on the best bowler prize, pacer Ally Mpeka of Phathom was the competition's top wicket taker with 12 wickets.

He had one maiden over in 40.3 overs he had bowled in the tournament, leaked 185 runs and delivered one no ball.

In his best day with the ball, Mpeka took four wickets and conceded 30 runs.

Despite finishing the tournament with 11 wickets, Amboni's Yunus Mohamed was placed second in the list given he had an inferior bowling average.

The youngster, who played five matches, bowled a total of 31.4 overs, leaked 105 runs and had a bowling average of 9.55.

In his best bowling showing in the competition he took six wickets and conceded 20 runs.



A section of Upanga Warriors cricket team in a group picture after the presentation ceremony of the TCA Premier League that was held in Dar es Salaam recently.

Kinondoni Development outfit's Athumani was hot on the top three bowlers' heels with 10 wickets in five outings.

He bowled 17 overs, had one maiden over, posted a bowling average of 5.70 and leaked 57 runs.

Experienced medium pacer, Kibwana Salum, of Uluguru took the fifth spot in the list.

Salum recorded nine wickets in five matches, had four maiden overs in 38 overs he had bowled, leaked 100 runs and registered a bowling average of 11.11.

He took three wickets and leaked 27 runs in his best day with the ball.

Off spinner, Kassim Nassor, who turned out for Upanga Warriors, came sixth after posting nine wickets in four matches.

Nassor, who is also a long serving performer for senior national cricket team, had three maiden overs in 28.1 overs he had bowled, leaked 81 runs and recorded a bowling average of 9.00.

He took three wickets and leaked in what was his best bowling showing in the competition.

Young bowler, Sadick of Amboni took the seventh spot in the list of the competition's best bowlers.

Sadick took eight wickets in three matches, he had three maiden overs in 20 overs he had bowled, leaked 68 runs and ended with a bowling average of 8.50.

Salmin Yusuf of Uluguru Stars was presented with the competition's best all-rounder prize, whereas Mohamed Omary of Upanga Warriors received the best batsman prize.

Youthful performers, Panthom's Johnson John and Kilimeru's Elimokozi Kephas were presented with the competition's best upcoming players' prize.

Big test for Lampard's youngsters as Liverpool visit Chelsea

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

FRANK Lampard's young Chelsea side face a major test of their progress when they face Liverpool at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League on Sunday.

Last week's impressive 5-2 win at Wolverhampton Wanderers showed Chelsea's potential with striker Tammy Abraham grabbing a hat-trick and two other academy products in Mason Mount and Fikayo Tomori also on target.

But it has been a mixed start to the season for Lampard's side and they have been particularly patchy at home - giving up a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 with promoted Sheffield United and losing 1-0 in the Champions League to Spanish club Valencia.

Liverpool also tasted defeat in Europe with a 2-0 loss to Napoli in Italy but Juergen Klopp's men lead the Premier League with five wins from five.

The match is Chelsea's biggest test since their opening day 4-0 loss at Manchester United and Abraham believes they will be fired up.

"Sunday is a test of character. We can take our anger out against Liverpool after the European disappointment," he said.

"It's a massive game and both teams will be going to win. We'll look forward to putting (the Valencia loss) right," Abraham added.

"We are going to have a lot of ups

and downs in a season. We've got to move on and not dwell on it."

Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk, who made a rare error for Napoli's second goal, brushed off the notion that the loss was a wake-up call for the European champions.

"It shouldn't be a wake-up call - we have been performing outstanding since the start of the season and so there is no reason to panic," he said.

Liverpool were held to a draw at Stamford Bridge last season, needing a late equaliser from Daniel Sturridge to take a point. The previous season Chelsea won 1-0 with a goal from Olivier Giroud.

Champions Manchester City, beaten at promoted Norwich City last weekend will expect to get back to winning ways when they host Watford at the Etihad on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola is without his two first-choice central defenders after John Stones joined Aymeric Laporte on the injury list.

Brazilian Fernandinho partnered Nicolas Otamendi in the 3-0 Champions League win at Shakhtar Donetsk in Ukraine on Wednesday but 18-year-old Spanish defender Eric Garcia could be in contention for a start against the Hornets.

Fourth-placed Manchester United travel to West Ham United on Sunday while Tottenham Hotspur, who are third, face a tricky trip to Leicester City.

REUTERS

Zidane rips Real Madrid for lack of intensity

PARIS

REAL Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane fumed at his team's lack of intensity after the 13-times European champions started their Champions League campaign with a chastening 3-0 defeat at Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday.

Real, record European champions, were overwhelmed, especially in midfield, and failed to muster a single shot on target at the Parc des Princes.

"Clearly they were better than us in every department -- in the way they played, in midfield," the Frenchman told a news conference.

"What upset me is that we did not put enough intensity in the game and at that level of competition, it's not possible.

"They're good at creating chances, that's not what worries me. What worries me is that lack of intensity," Zidane added after Real suffered their first defeat of the season.

With their midfield players totally suffocated by the PSG duo of Idrissa Gueye and Marco Verratti, Real struggled to bring the ball forward.

"Failing to create proper chances with the players we have up front -- Gareth Bale, Karim Benzema and Eden Hazard -- is a weird feeling," said Zidane.

"You can play badly but if you have

the intensity, if you fight for the ball, you're in the game," he added.

PSG indeed showed more enthusiasm and Angel Di Maria opened the scoring in aggressive fashion, bursting into the area to connect at the near post with Juan Bernat's cross.

Gueye then burst through midfield to set up Di Maria for the second.

Keeper Thibaut Courtois was not at his best but Zidane brushed aside any criticism of the Belgian.

"It's everybody's fault. We win together, lose together," he said.

Keylor Navas, who joined PSG this offseason after five seasons as goalkeeper with Madrid, downplayed the win over his former club.

"I am very happy as we won, not because we beat Real Madrid. My teammates did a great job. I have no particular feelings against anybody with Real. I just want to enjoy this moment with my new club.

"Everybody here is motivated and I will defend PSG's colours like I did Real's before. I will give my best. I want to continue to write my own story. What I had with Real was beautiful. Today, here, it is a new project for me. I want to be happy here, make the most of each moment and that my family feels good is absolutely vital."

(Agencies)

City defensive duo too old to always play - Pep

KHARKIV, UKRAINE

MANCHESTER City manager Pep Guardiola has suggested he will keep searching for a solution to his defensive crisis because Fernandinho and Nicolas Otamendi are too old to play every game.

Fernandinho slotted in for the 3-0 win over Shakhtar Donetsk after injuries to Aymeric Laporte and John Stones but Guardiola admitted afterwards he wants to try other options because the Brazilian and Otamendi have a combined age of 65.

"I didn't have doubts [Fernandinho] could do it," Guardiola told a news conference at MetLife Stadium. "Nico is 31, Fernandinho is 34 and next alternative is 18. For three or four months I don't know what will happen.

"Both were incredible tonight. Nico showed incredible personality after what happened in the previous game. We need another solution -- Rodri or Kyle Walker maybe -- because they cannot play every game at their age."

City were back to their ruthless best in Kharkiv with goals from Riyad Mahrez, Ilkay Gundogan and Gabriel Jesus ensuring their Cham-

(Agencies)

PSG, Man City shine in Champions League; big names struggle

GENEVA

PARIS Saint-Germain and Manchester City succeeded where storied rivals failed in their opening Champions League games.

Even with its star forwards absent, PSG eased to a 3-0 win Wednesday over 13-time European champion Real Madrid, which missed the influence of suspended defender Sergio Ramos.

The French champion relied instead on Angel Di Maria, the former Madrid winger, who scored twice with smart, first-half shots that quickly settled the outcome.

Man City was also ruthless and efficient in winning 3-0 against Shakhtar Donetsk in Ukraine.

Wins for two wealthy clubs with burning ambition to get a first European title came as the traditional Champions League powers struggled this week.

Of the nine clubs to have played in the final since 2011, only Bayern Munich won this week -- also by 3-0 on Wednesday against a Red Star Belgrade team which had to come through four qualifying rounds.

Juventus and Tottenham both let two-goal leads slip away from home, before drawing 2-2 against Atlético Madrid and Olympiakos, respectively.

PARIS SHINES
The biggest stars at the Parc des Princes were watching from expensive seats in the stands.

Neymar, who was suspended, and injured teammate Kylian Mbappe were captured by television cameras whooping and giggling at the sight of full-backs Juan Bernat and Thomas Meunier marching through Madrid's defense in stoppage time to create and score a deserved third goal.

The third PSG star striker, Edinson Cavani, was also out injured yet the French champion's victory was never



PSG's Angel Di Maria, 3rd left, scores his side's second goal during the Champions League group A soccer match between PSG and Real Madrid at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019. (AP Photo)

in doubt.

"People say we're not favorites and it can take the pressure off," PSG coach Thomas Tuchel said.

PSG has flattered to deceive too often in recent Champions Leagues, though this looked like a statement win for Tuchel over Zinedine Zidane, who lifted the trophy in each of the three seasons he first coached Madrid from 2016-18.

Madrid's biggest offseason signing Eden Hazard rarely connected with his teammates, while club veterans Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema had goals disallowed.

"Normally, with the players we have, we create a lot of chances and today it wasn't possible," Zidane said.

SPANISH STRUGGLES
It's been a tough week for the big three of Spanish football.

Madrid failed to score on the road, like Barcelona which was lucky to take a 0-0 draw from Borussia Dortmund on Tuesday.

Atlético's 2-2 draw at home showed more resolve and fight, and stopped

long-time nemesis Cristiano Ronaldo -- who was booed throughout by home fans -- from scoring for Juventus. Goals from Juan Cuadrado and Blaise Matuidi had Juve dominating deep into the second half.

Atlético fought back through Stefan Savic in the 70th and Mexico midfielder Héctor Herrera leveled in the 90th with a header from Kieran Trippier's cross.

EASTERN PROMISE

Clubs from eastern Europe are often overmatched in the Champions League, and Dinamo Zagreb had lost its last 11 group-stage games, scoring just once.

Still, Zagreb gave a painful lesson to Atalanta, thrashing the Italian debutant 4-0. Mislav Orsic scored a hat trick.

Atalanta coach Gian Piero Gasperini called it "a nightmare of a game. They were stronger in every aspect."

Lokomotiv Moscow scored a rare away win for a Russian team, winning 2-1 at Bayer Leverkusen.

Red Star Belgrade couldn't complete the hat trick of wins in Munich. Bayern controlled the game but had only Kingsley Coman's first-half header to show before late goals from Robert Lewandowski and substitute Thomas Mueller.

EARLY DRAWS

Maybe it's the unusual kickoff time -- at 6:55 p.m. in most of Europe -- but all four early evening starts produced draws this week.

Tottenham wasted a two-goal first-half lead at Olympiakos on Wednesday, taking control with a penalty by Harry Kane and a smart shot from Lucas Moura in Athens.

The Greek league runner-up struck back on the stroke of halftime before Mathieu Valbuena beat his former France teammate Hugo Lloris from the penalty spot in the.

In Belgium, Club Brugge drew 0-0 with Galatasaray, as both teams failed to make a stronger mark on Group A where PSG and Madrid are strongly favored to advance.

AP

Ansu Fati isn't just making history -- he's proving Barca DNA is strong as ever

BY GRAHAM HUNTER, ESPN SPAIN WRITER

EXACTLY a year ago Wednesday, on Sept. 18, 2018, Ansu Fati couldn't get a game with kids his own age. It was the UEFA Youth League, Barcelona in their soon-to-be-demolished Mini Estadi, against PSV Eindhoven.

Today, he has become the youngest footballer to score for the senior team in the Camp Nou. He has somehow managed to vault over Joao Felix to become the "it kid" of world football, and it'll be not only a surprise but also a disappointment to romantics everywhere if he doesn't get game time against Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Football, not to mention Ansu, is truly a remarkable phenomenon, a dream maker in the way that boxing once was.

Three hundred sixty-four days ago, it was a 10-minute cameo for a precocious then-15-year-old. On Saturday, during the 5-2 defeat of Valencia, it was announced by the Spain national team coach that Ansu is being persuaded to commit to a future with La Roja, having lived in the country long enough to qualify as naturalised.

It's last weekend's goal and assist against Los Che that are on most people's lips. But I swear, you can take your pick of the standout moments since three weeks ago, when with 12 minutes left against Real Betis, Ernesto Valverde opted to ignore the claims of Samuel Umtiti, Ivan Rakitic and Arthur on the Barca bench and introduce Ansu to what is -- now -- an adoring world.

Please take note: Valverde didn't put Ansu on because there was nobody else deserving of the remaining time against an already crushed Betis. Nor because there was a striker crisis. Carles Perez had done extremely well, and Antoine Griezmann was strutting around his new, and tinsel-strewn, stage. Nobody -- and I mean nobody -- would have complained had 16-year-old Ansu been left to remember a special day when he was called up to the first-team squad but left with nothing but memories -- rather than minutes.

Valverde put him on because he's exceptional.

Immediately, Ansu gave notice as to why Manchester United, at the head



Sixteen-year-old Ansu Fati has starred for Barcelona this season, proving that La Masia is alive and well. (Agencies)

of a long queue, devoted significant man hours and were ready to invest huge financial resources in trying to prise the striker from Barcelona's academy last June. Quite frankly, there was a stage in the spring of 2019 when United would have been forgiven for thinking they were going to get their man. Excuse me: their boy.

Back to that in a second. When he came on against Betis, Ansu played startlingly: young but patently mature; slight, as a 16-year-old should be, but tough enough to hold off grown men as they jostled and pressed him; possessed with really sharp acceleration and lovely technical skills but smart enough to pass or trot back to cover when the rules of La Masia training said he should; also confident enough to produce a little bundle of dribbles, one-v-one jousts and one sizzling shot that nearly brought him a goal.

He didn't just know the rules. He knew what he was capable of, and he felt at home instantly. That's for the

privileged of talent and mentality. It looked like football's version of Freaky Friday -- a 28-year-old in an adolescent's body.

What Ansu didn't look like was the last 16-year-old to make such a head-turning impact on world football when he burst into the first team: Wayne Rooney. Or even the physically much more powerful Kylian Mbappe.

I recently listened to Rooney admitting that if he hadn't spent his life, by the tender age of 16, around boxing -- training, understanding what constitutes real toughness, learning to hit and be hit -- then "I'd never have been able to cope with being promoted to Everton's first team so young." Rooney went on to do pretty well, if you consider 16 major trophies, including the Champions League, and becoming England's all-time leading scorer notable achievements.

But Ansu hasn't had that Golden Gloves life; no sweaty gym, no jumping rope, no gum-shields and sparring. He has had La Masia, which

is a funny old part of the Ansu story -- such as it is so far.

I was at the ceremony in October 2011 when Barca's new Oriol Tort Masia was opened -- an €11 million investment where talented kids could be accommodated, schooled, fed, kept safe, developed and, generally, taught "the Barca way." Recently, against a background of even this new, advanced and very promising facility producing precisely zero footballers for the first team in the subsequent eight years, a very long, exhaustively detailed and pretty critical report was published in the Catalan media. The reliable Xavi Torres, in the newspaper ARA, painted a pretty desolate picture: space meant for talented sports kids converted into offices; emotional well-being training courses flopping; elite kids, with home bases too far away to travel to Barcelona training, left in hotels because La Masia's rooms (accommodations for just more than 40 footballers instead of the planned 83 when the facility opened) were often occupied by young players who'd been loaned out to lower-grade local teams or who were substitute material in the Barcelona youth system. Not elite.

Anyway, you get the picture. However, it was the very existence of La Masia -- a residence that would be safe, paid for and educational and that bore the world-famous stamp of the Barca academy -- that persuaded Ansu's dad, when the family were ready to leave their original Spanish home of Sevilla, to move to the Camp Nou and not the Santiago Bernabeu.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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PSG, Man City shine in Champions League; big names struggle

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Sports tourneys should promote tourist attractions- call

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Ulanga

ULANGA District Commissioner, Ngollo Ng'waniduhu, has called on sports stakeholders, who host tournaments with the aim of promoting tourist attractions, to see to it their competitions live up to expectations.

She made the call in the district last weekend after handing over an award to a female athlete, Ignasia Makumba, who represented the district in the Selous Half Marathon held in Morogoro recently.

Ignasia laid her hands on the gold medal in the women's category of the 10km race.

"You were required to be given an opportunity to promote historical sites, located in our district, which are not known to people," she told the athlete.

The official cited tiger fish as one of unique attractions found in the district's rivers.

The fish, she noted, has sharp teeth and can harm fishermen.

Ngollo noted Ignasia was also supposed to promote the district's attraction, namely petrified wood, which seasonally changes into stone, an unusual experience to people.

"Our district also has Sali falls, historical caves found at Sali Mountains where one of Uganda leaders hid during nationalist struggles, we hope to increase visitors to the attractions, should there be good promotion," she added.

She noted the park found in the district has Christian historical site and Majimaji warriors' cemetery.

Ignasia revealed there were some weaknesses during the registration procedure for the race, noting the organizers delayed registering runners and the situation irked the latter.

"I also didn't get much time to promote tourist attractions found in my district, given Selou is now a national park," she disclosed.

"Ulanga also has conducive environment for athletes to take part in fitness training, the district has high hills and flat surfaces."



Ulanga District Commissioner, Ngollo Ng'waniduhu

Namungo FC, Mwadui FC out to stretch impressive form in VPL



Mwadui FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

NAMUNGO Football Club will be looking to take home ground advantage to a whole new level when they host Mwadui in their third Vodacom Premier League match at Majaliwa Stadium in Lindi tomorrow.

Namungo, a newly promoted side, have had a good start to the new season having secured victory in the two league games played at their home ground.

After defeating Ndanda and Singida United, head coach Thierry Hitimana has said the Lindi outfit must try and make their home venue a fortress this

season to ensure they finish in a respectable position.

He said: "Our plan is to win, there is tough competition because most teams are well prepared, but we will give our best and put prioritize on collecting maximum point at home."

The Burundi gaffer will be banking on forward Lucas Kikoti who has so far netted two goals and will be looking forward to catching up with Meddie Kagere

of Simba in the race for the golden boot prize.

Mwadui FC, meanwhile, an outfit which struggled last season and only managed to escape relegation through the playoff, have had a good start to their 2019/20 campaign.

Their last two results have been particularly impressive as they beat Singida United 1-0 before holding hosts Ndanda to a goalless draw in Mtwara after the international break.

They go into the clash full of confidence as they remain unbeaten in the two opening rounds.

Mwadui are the only team not to concede a goal among those who have played two matches and that put goalkeeper Hashim Mussa on top of the clean sheets race.

Namungos' line-up in their 2-0 victory against Singida United on September 14: Nourdin Balora; Miza Kristom, Ally Selemani,

Stephen Duah, Hamisi Faki, John Mbishe, Blaise Bigirimana, Lucas Kikoti, Reliant Lusajo, Mohamed Ibrahim, George Makanga

Mwadui's line-up in their 0-0 draw with Ndanda FC: Rogers Gabriel, Joram Mgeveke, Hassan Kapalata, Halfan Twenye, Frank Magingi, Augustino Nsata, Venance Ludovic, Omary Nassoro, Hashim Mussa, Ottu Samwel and Fabians Gwanse.

Lions' cricketers stun Jain Sangh in GP Gymkhana Shield 2019 last eight

By Guardian Reporter

LIONS' cricketers have stretched their fairytale run in this season's GP Gymkhana Shield competition, cruising to the last four with a win over Jain Sangh in Dar es Salaam early this week.

The eventual winners have joined Ismaili Community squad in the last four, with the first of the stage's matches set to take place this weekend.

Ismaili Community cricketers made it to the semi-finals with victory over Kutchi Leva in the first of the last four stage's games.

The second quarterfinal match saw the pretournament favorites, Jain Sangh, feature five players who are as well playing for the national team, in the game against Lions cricketers.

Lions had played the same opponents and at the same stage in the previous season's competition and were fairly beaten by the latter, who went on to settle for the runners-up honour.

However, Lions Cricket Club, this time around, showcased great character and resilience to pull off one of the biggest surprises of this year's tournament.

Jain Sangh went into bat first and were expected to score a massive score. However, fine bowling from Lions cricketers restricted Jain Sangh to mere 97



Jain Sangh skipper, Harsheel Shah (L), Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) Cricket Section captain, Ashish Nagawadia (C) and Lions Cricket Club skipper, Abdul Samad pictured after this season's GP Gymkhana Shield competition's last eight clash between the two outfits played in Dar es Salaam recently. Lions won the game. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA

runs in 20 overs.

Lions, in response, looked extremely confident in chasing down the total and booking their spot in the second semi-final clash which will be played on September 28, 2019.

Sajid Qureshi was Lions' best performer in the match, picking up the man of the match award for his 40 runs and two wickets.

The first of the last eight clashes, which pitted Kutchi Leva against Ismaili Community, saw the latter win by 104 runs to book their place in the first semi-final panned for Sunday.

Akbar Khan (33 runs), Harsheed Chohan (39 runs) and Abdullah Jabri (37 runs) all contributed for Ismaili Community in the match.

However the man of the match award was given to Aaryan Premji for his bowling efforts of three wickets, six runs in four overs and with that he lately holds the best bowler position in the tournament.

In the third of the last eight matches, new comers Gujrat Lions sail through to the last four after clobbering Jaat Blasters by 74 runs.

Selecting to bat first Gujrat Stars scored 206 runs for two wickets in their allotted 20 overs and Jaat Blasters managed to complete their 20 overs with 132 runs for eight wickets on the board.

Skipper Kishen Kamania was Gujrat Lions' best player in the clash, leading by example by scoring 85 runs not out and pushing himself in pole position for the tournament's best batsman award.

The tournament's defending champions, Caravans, will take on Punjabi Kings in the last quarterfinal clash on Sunday.

It will be followed by the first semi-final game pitting Gujrat Lions against Ismaili Community.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

