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Standard Seven pupils at Mwale Primary School in Ilala municipality, Dar es Salaam, in buoyant mood during tea break yesterday. They were on the first day of their final exams - being held across Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

'Cost of living to drop, after EWURA fuel price revision'

By Henry Mwangonde

CONSUMERS have generally received with hope the recent drop in fuel prices announced by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), saying this signals a general diminution of commodity prices.

Interviewed consumers said the drop in fuel prices for two consecutive months was a welcome trend, likely to relieve the public pressures stemming from the rising cost of

living.

EWURA on Tuesday set cap prices at 7.4 percent, 3.9 percent and 1.9 percent lower for petrol, diesel and kerosene respectively, compared with July 2022 cap prices, with Dar es Salaam registering a petrol price drop to 2,886/- from 2,969/-.

Goodluck Mmari, executive secretary for the EWURA consumer consultative council said that fuel pricing has a sharp bearing on inflation, therefore the drop signals relief to

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UN: World is more aware of Tanzania's attractions

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

Tanzania is among countries with the best tourist attractions worldwide and more people are now aware of existing attractions due to the launch of 'The Royal Tour' documentary, a top United Nations official has declared.

Zurab Pololikashvili, secretary general of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) told delegates at the 65th meeting of the agency's regional commission for Africa here yesterday that she is among people who have watched the film and appreciated its contents.



The film aftermath saw earnings from tourism rise by 81.8 per cent from \$714.59m in 2020 to \$1.3bn in 2021

"I have seen a lot including the culture of Tanzanians and available tourist attractions," she stated, reviewing current UNWTO ideas on global tourism.

"We recently celebrated the tourism week themed 'Rethinking Tourism' with hopes of reviving the sector so that it continues to support host countries' economic growth and create more jobs," she affirmed.

Ambassador Pindi Chana, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister, said the conference is being attended at ministerial level by 33 UNWTO member countries in

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'Varsities should offer fewer lectures, discuss challenges'

By Francis Kajubi

HIGHER learning institutions in the country should change teaching methodologies and allow students to discuss real challenges facing the society and come up with possible solutions.

Dr Laurean Ndambaro (pictured), permanent secretary for the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance) issued this appeal yesterday when officiating at the commemoration of 57 years of the

College of Social Science (CoSS) at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM).

Participating in a panel discussion he was of the view that there should be fewer lectures and more argumentative problem-solving.

It is high time for the college to revisit its teaching curriculum so that it aligns with problems stemming from changes in social behaviour, with youth brought up into technology advancements.

The anniversary was themed '60 Years of Excellence of Social

Science' in teaching, research and community services,' where the former lecturer said such a review is crucial bearing in mind that social media are key drivers of social behavior.

"We need new approaches in teaching social sciences. The generation is changing as technology becomes a new driver of today's lifestyle especially for the youth," the top civil servant intoned.

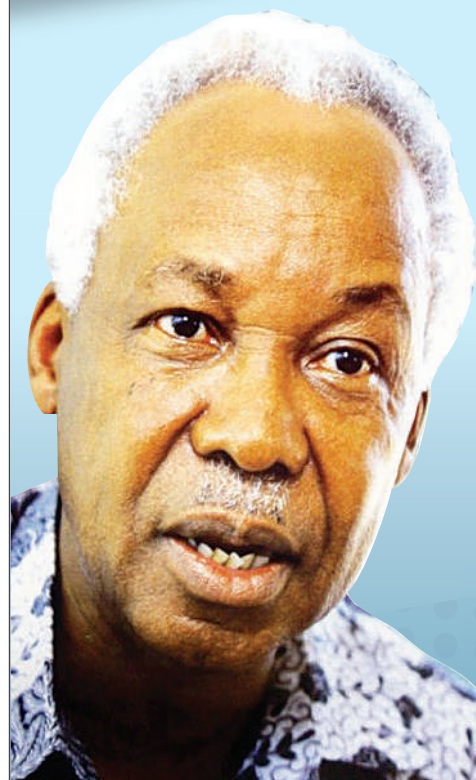
Teaching methodology must change to less lecturing but more

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This was expected as the hike in global fuel prices was temporary, tied to the war in Ukraine and lingering effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Both were projected to come to an end after a while.

Future trends show that fuel prices will continue to drop while prices of goods in the next month may not drop in tandem with fuel price decline, he pointed out. A slight drop was expected but as quickly as people wish, "but still the future is bright," he said.

Sadock Tuya, logistics manager at Yaate Investment Co. Ltd said the drop has a positive impact on their business as it lowers the cost of living for its employees.

Transportation costs have remained the same, so when prices drop it offers a relief to our businesses in compensating expenses incurred in transportation, he explained.

Hassan Hassan, a motorcycle passenger rider at Tabata suburb, said the drop in fuel prices has been received well as it will improve to

some extent the revenue which riders generate at the end of the day.

"Our customers were used to the old prices hence they refuse to pay new prices caused by the fuel price increase, so we are happy with the move," he said.

Joseph Nkya, a rider at Ubungo Riverside, said the drop in prices means a lot to the rider businesses as in the past few months the work was challenging, owing to the rising cost of living.

EWURA said the impact of price decreases is outweighed by increases in premiums for retailers by 50 percent minimum and up to 163 percent depending on the port of landing and the kind of fuel product, compared to assigned premiums for September 2022 pricing.

He also pointed at the decrease in subsidy funds from the Treasury to lessen the adverse effects of high fuel prices to the public and impact on the economy, as the Treasury issued a subsidy of 59.58bn/- for October 2022 imported fuel pricing.

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the zone, examining links of tourism and natural resources.

The meeting was slated to discuss destiny in the development of the tourism sector in Africa, in the wake of halving global tourism visitations in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, she said.

The conference will also involve experts in local and regional tourism and the hospitality sector, helping UNWTO put in place strategies to improve the sector as it struggles to outgrow the effect of the global pandemic.

Officiating at the occasion, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa asked Tanzanian and foreign investors to grab opportunities in the fast-recovering tourism sector after three years of disruptions.

He said statistics for 2022 shows that the sector is gathering strength especially in the wake of the launching of 'The Royal Tour' documentary starring President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The number of tourists visiting the country rose by 48.6 percent from 620,867 in 2020 to 922,698 in 2021, with pre-pandemic earnings in 2019 standing at \$2.6bn, with 1.5m regular jobs contributing 17.5 percent in GDP.

"The film aftermath saw earnings from tourism rise by 81.8 percent from \$714.59m in 2020 to \$1.3bn in 2021," he stated, pointing out

various efforts to revive the sector. The documentary spurred the increased level of tourist visitations, he remarked.

He used the platform to reiterate the open arms policy to invite investors to the tourism sector as Tanzania is a peaceful and stable country with scores of profitable areas for investment.

This year's conference is centred on rebuilding Africa's tourism resilience for inclusive socioeconomic development, where the premier lauded the UNWTO leadership for supporting Tanzania's efforts in environmental conservation through tree planting.

The premier said that inviting Tanzania to host the conference comes at the right time as the country's vast tourism resources are being increasingly appreciated, praising the head of UNWTO secretariat for leading a panel of conference participants in support of Tanzania's efforts in environmental conservation.

Hosting international conferences was a strategic product tied up with tourism, the premier remarked, inviting international institutions to use any opportunity to bring such meetings to Tanzania.

The conference will have a marketing forum to examine ways of empowering tourism stakeholders in the country, especially in management and transportation, he added.

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and deep discussions that will make higher learners bring up solutions to social challenges, he emphasized.

He expressed support for plans at the college for reviving the UDSM School of Thought that facilitated wide ranging discussions and debates on current affairs that reverberated within the campus and far beyond.

Prof William Anangisy, the UDSM vice chancellor, said that gender parity has gradually been improving over the years, nearly 50 percent of admitted students at the college in the new academic year being female, which fosters gender equality especially at the higher learning level.

UDSM set the one year period from October 2021 for its colleges to come out and share insights on institutional achievements during the past 60 years.

Prof Christine Pallangyo, the college principal, said the former Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), (later CoSS) was established in 1964 as the second academic unit after the Law School came up at the time of independence in 1961, becoming the Faculty of Law when

the main campus was set up in 1964. In 2009, the arts faculty became the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS).

Following growth in terms of departments and programmes, in 2013 the new college was split into the College of Social Sciences (CoSS) and the College of Humanities (CoHu).

The principal said the College was a real success, with over 5,000 higher learners graduating from the college on an annual basis for slightly over a decade at present.

CoSS is formed by four departments, namely Geography, Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology and Anthropology plus Statistics. It also has four operational units, namely Information Studies in the Library, plus Social Work, Anthropology and Psychology based in the Department of Sociology.

During the past decade research centres increased from one to five, with the college currently offering nine undergraduate programmes, 14 Masters programmes, five doctorate programmes by thesis and three doctorate programmes, with a preliminary coursework programme, she added.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan holds talks in Doha yesterday with Qatar's Finance minister and Katara Hospitality board of directors chairman, Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari (R), and members of his delegation. Photo State House

CMSA launches world investors' week in Dar

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) has launched the world investors' week (WIW) to increase public awareness on the opportunities and benefits of using capital markets in the country.

Speaking at the official launching of WIW in Dar es Salaam, CMSA Chief Executive Director, Nicodemus Mukama said this year's WIW theme is "Investor Resilience and Sustainable Finance".

Mukama said the WIW will kick off from October 3rd to 7th this year and that it will help them in realizing competitiveness and industrialization for human development.

He said it also aims at increasing investors' participation in the capital markets thereby facilitating implementation of the National Financial Inclusion Framework

and National Financial Sector Development Master Plan.

Mukama said CMSA and the Global Standard Setter for capital markets are collaborating with other capital market regulators worldwide in participating in a World Investor Week (WIW) from 3rd to 7th October 2022.

"The WIW is a global campaign to raise awareness about the importance of investor education and protection by highlighting various initiatives of capital market regulators in these two important areas," he said.

WIW involves all International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), securities regulators and other IOSCO members on six continents providing a range of activities, including launching investor-focused communications and services.

Others are promoting contests to increase awareness of investor education initiatives, organizing workshops and conferences, and conducting local/national campaigns in their own jurisdictions.

According to him, WIW will offer a unique opportunity for IOSCO members to work in collaboration with all stakeholders at National, Regional and International levels.

CMSA boss said the participation of CMSA in the WIW is also enshrined in the vision of the government which aims at creating an enabling environment for development of the financial sector for spurring economic development and growth in the country.

He said in its endeavour to commemorate the WIW, CMSA will undertake various activities focusing on awareness, accessibility, usage and protection of investors

interests in the capital market.

The programme further aimed at enhancing knowledge about the capital market and thus contributes to the National agenda of improved financial inclusion and economic development.

The Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) is a regulatory Authority established by the Capital Markets and Securities Act Chapter 79 R.E. 2002 of the Laws of Tanzania with the responsibilities among others, to develop, promote and regulate the capital market in Tanzania.

Currently (2021), As of November 2021, there are 28 companies listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) with a total market capitalization of 15.4trn/-.

The DSE All Share Index (DSEI), which comprises all listed companies at DSE, reached TZS 1,858.26 on 29th November 2021.



Public Service Social Security Fund public relations and education manager James Mlowe (3rd L) presents PSSF membership guidelines pamphlets to The Guardian newspaper managing editor Wallace Mauggo (2nd R) and Nipashe newspaper managing Editor Beatrice Bandawe (R) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are PSSF principal public relations officer Abdul Njaidi (2nd L) and IPP clients relations manager Nancy Mwanyika. The PSSF officials were on a familiarisation tour of The Guardian Ltd offices. Story on Page 3. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

EFFORTS by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to advertise the country's tourist attractions and investment opportunities through the Royal Tour documentary film have started to bear fruit as substantiated by Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) Eastern Zone, revealing an influx of visitors to its national parks.

TANAPA Assistant Commissioner for Conservation for Eastern Zone, Damian Saru said in the period of July-August this year, 4.3bn/- was earned in revenue from visitors who visited the national parks.

Saru revealed this in his contribution to the debate on 'Environment, Tourism, Achievements and Challenges at a

'Royal Tour' film has boosted tourism earnings, forum told

forum that discussed agriculture, livestock and environmental conservation held here at the weekend.

He explained that during July-August this year a total of 51,103 tourists visited the area compared to 23,493 in the same period the previous year.

He added that TANAPA Eastern Zone incorporates Nyerere, Mikumi, Saadani and Udzungwa National Parks.

He said in the period between July-August 2021 only 1.5bn/- was

earned hence earnings for the same period this year at 4.3bn /- represents an increase of 174.25 percent.

"No doubt this increase has to a large extent been contributed by the efforts of President Samia to advertise our tourist attraction via the Royal Tour film which she starred in," said Saru.

Meanwhile, speaking at the same forum, Kilosa Member of Parliament Prof Palamagamba Kabudi advised Tanzanians to come forward and invest in modern five-star tourist

hotels in Morogoro Region.

Prof Kabudi said the hotels will enable tourists to spend more time when visiting our national parks, as opposed to now when they are forced to spend only a day or so and return to Dar es Salaam.

Earlier, opening the forum, Morogoro Regional Commissioner, Fatma Mwasa instructed authorities involved in the protection of water sources to at once remove all invaders to make sure areas around water sources remain safe.



Bank of Africa customer service officer at Posta branch, Emmanuel Aristide explains to Xiaodan Xiang on services provided by the bank during the customer services week in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Researchers tasked to design alternative energy for cooking

By Guardian Reporter, Same

RESEARCHERS have been tasked to design alternative energy for cooking that will relieve women and reduce large consumption of firewood, which leads many areas to become semi-desert due to climate change.

Gemma Akilimali, Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP)'s board chairperson made the call yesterday when speaking at the three-day northern zone gender festival held at the Kwasakwasa grounds in Same District, Kilimanjaro Region.

Themed Economic Justice: "Making Resources Work for Marginalised People for Sustainable Livelihood" the festival brought on board women rights organizations, community based organizations and other grassroots groups. It meant to deliberate on how they can utilize available economic opportunities for their development.

She said: "I'm more relieved to know that this Festival along with others aims to discuss the effects of climate change, something that is important for the future of our country as it is an undeniable fact that the change in the situation has a great impact on the issue of food security."

Gemma said: "It's obvious that this discussion comes at the right time because the world is facing many challenges of climate change where Tanzania is also a part of it."

"It is an undeniable fact that a woman is the first victim in every challenge especially climate change because when there is a drought, she is the one who will struggle to find water and the big responsibility of preparing food."

She stated that reckless tree felling has most affected most parts of the country and Same District has no distinction, it's high time for researchers to design alternative energy for cooking to reduce large consumption of firewood. "By doing that, we will be able to deal with the drought that threatens food security in our country. I call upon everyone to try to plant trees when they have the opportunity to do so."

Opening the festival, Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner, Nurdin Babu said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has increased the number of women in decision-making and leadership positions, giving the example of ministers increasing from 21.7 percent to 36 percent.

He said that the move increased the

opportunity for students who stopped studying for various reasons, including pregnancy, to continue their studies and to provide opportunities to empower women and the marginalized groups.

"I have been informed that this year's festival carries the message of Economic Justice: "Making Resources Work for Marginalised People for Sustainable Livelihood", which is an important topic at this time the country has entered into a middle economy that requires the participation of women and men," he said.

Babu said that together with women, more than 50 percent of the people have not yet been able to participate fully due to various reasons including gender violence, wrong traditions and customs, poor education, not owning productive resources and being burdened with work to serve the community and family.

Lilian Liundi, Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) executive director said that Tanzania has a lot of resources and for a long time TGNP and its stakeholders have been running national campaigns that the country is not poor but it needs to look at how resources are used equally for sustainable and inclusive development.

She mentioned that these resources are land, water, natural resources, minerals and people and that for a long time a large amount of the budget is directed to infrastructure, communication technology, minerals and industries

"These sectors are very important in stimulating economic growth. However, the agricultural sector employs more than 58 percent of Tanzanians, of which 80 percent are women and small farmers who have been representing this country. The growth of this sector has been small 5.2 percent and Agriculture has been contributing more than 28.2 percent of the national income," he said.

Lilian lauded the government on the agricultural budget for the year 2022/23 which doubled from 294bn/- to 751bn/- an increase of 155.34 percent compared to 2021/22.

"This budget has specified that women, youth and other groups will be a priority in the opportunities brought by the increase. This festival will give us the opportunity to discuss the existing and new opportunities that are emerging in the agricultural sector and how women and marginalized groups can use them for the prosperity of their lives," Lilian said.

PSSSF spending 60bn/- monthly to pay more than 150,000 eligible pensioners

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) spends 60bn/- monthly to pay more than 150,000 eligible pensioners, an official said yesterday.

The funds' Public Relations Officer, James Mlowe said in an interview when the latter conducted a media tour at The Guardian Limited offices located in Mikocheni, Dar es Salaam.

He said the fund started paying pensioners soon after merging in 2018 saying however that there were challenges including delays in payment which were as result of the merging process.

"There no period of transition during the merging process, we were supposed to work within the same location and serve pensioners who were waiting during the period," he said.

He added that currently the fund has 820,000 members of whom many are teachers adding that in recent years the fund has invested 7.8trn/- in real estate.

He said the fund also has other platforms including health where it collects up to 140bn/- monthly in revenue and real estate where members may access home mortgages from banks using their benefit entitlements as collateral.

Explaining further on the mergers, he said recently President Samia Suluhu Hassan issued a 2.17bn/- as subsidy to expand the fund's capital and clear debts the fund owed pensioners.

In 2018 the government enacted the Public Service Social Security Act, 2018 which aimed to merge all the pension funds into just two major entities, under this move the entire workforce is now served by the PSSSF and the National Social

Security Fund (NSSF), which would now cater for the public and private sectors.

Mlowe said the merge brought a number of advantages including cutting down costs giving an example of the 128bn/- which was being spent on operational before the merging process.

"This also helped to minimize mobility of employers paying member fees because now we have developed a special app for employers to pay the fees digitally and remove manual errors," he said.

The management of The Guardian Limited assured the officials from the pension fund that doors were open for collaboration on various platforms.

"This is a good platform we need to promote, though it has been existing, we only need to strengthen it," said The Guardian Managing Editor Wallace Mauggo.

By Guardian Correspondent,

Kagera

HEALTH minister Umyy Mwalimu has visited Kasenye, a border post with Uganda, in Misenyi District, Kagera Region and mobilised the people in the area to take all precautions against Ebola, the infectious deadly disease.

She also pledged to put up tents and send health experts in all informal border crossings that have big human interaction as a measure against the disease.

The Minister made the remarks on Tuesday this week at Misenyi during her inspection visit regarding the readiness of its residents to protect themselves against Ebola.

She said apart from giving priority to the area in educating the residents' adequate education on the disease, it is essential, she said to have a health centre in the ward with over 6,000 residents.

"I think there is a need to concentrate in this area whose border with Uganda is not formal, it was created since colonial times, there is a huge interaction of people from both sides of the border, both Presidents Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Samia Suluhu Hassan said they will not close the border, hence economic activities should go on," Umyy added.

Residents of the area thanked Health minister Umyy Mwalimu for being the first to visit them and appealed to the government to educate the residents about Ebola saying it is the same

Minister urges Misenyi residents to take precautions against Ebola


border area that introduced the first sufferer of HIV/Aids when the disease erupted.

Anastazi Mathias, a Misenyi Ward


resident, said the border post was established over 58 years ago, hence the government has the responsibility to educate the residents about the disease.



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Tanzania faces a shortage of edible oil and wheat due to meagre production coupled with the effects of ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine which has led to spiralling prices of the two commodities in the world market. AGRA sees this challenge as an opportunity to strengthen the country's capacity to achieve self-sufficiency in edible oil and wheat production. This call for concept notes on the Emergency Deployment of certified Sunflower and Wheat Seeds in Tanzania is an initiative which will mainly focus on strengthening downstream delivery systems in the country to increase availability and accessibility of high - quality seed that will assist to boost performance of sunflower and wheat value chains.

AGRA therefore invites submission of grant applications from interested and qualified institutions/companies operating in agriculture and or related sectors. institutions/companies contemplating submission of applications in response to this Request for Concept Note (RFCN) must determine whether they meet the requirements to be eligible for AGRA grant award. The eligible criteria will be found in the provided link.

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<https://agra.synisis.com/agraservice/v1/agra/common/shared/c8e31141-cd65-4f1d-978e-63300a043e50> and submit on or before the deadline of **October 24, 2022**

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Seven regions to benefit from beekeeping value chain support project

By Correspondent Allan Ntana, Tabora

SEVEN regions are set to benefit from a Beekeeping Value Chain Support (BEVAC) project anticipated to improve beekeeping activities through enhancing quality production of bee products, value addition, market access and strengthened trade.

Speaking at the closing ceremony held recently at the Tabora Beekeeping Training Institute (BTI) Daniel Pancras, assistant director of the department of forest and beekeeping in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism hailed the project saying it was going to improve and promote beekeeping activities.

The benefiting regions are Tabora, Kigoma, Katavi, Singida, Shinyanga and two regions from Pemba Island where 24 District Beekeeping Officers (DBO) have undergone a two weeks training on upgrading beekeeping value chain.

The training will help to build institutional capacity, develop a good environment for beekeeping value chain actors hence improve their actions.

He added that the knowledge shared will also improve their skills, capabilities, promote actions and enhance good management of bee reserves, product market access and strengthened trade.

"The project will encourage and promote participation of many people in beekeeping activities in the region, hence increasing production of bee products to meet the market demand," he said.

Project Manager, Martin Mgallah said the project is implemented by the Belgium Development Agency in collaboration with the Government of Tanzania and is financed by the European Union (EU) and will end in 2026.

He said apart from providing

training to District Beekeeping Officers in Local Government Authority who are within the area of the project, they will also renovate BTI infrastructures by building a new girls dormitory which can accommodate 300 students, to encourage participation of women in the project.

Highlighting the importance of the training, Tabora Regional Natural Resources Officers, Goshashy Nyasary said it will help to renovate the activities, safeguard the environment, and enhance quality production, value addition, strengthened trade and access to local, regional and international markets.

Project Coordinator Magdalena Muya, urged all DBO's to make thorough use of the knowledge shared during the training so as to benefit both youth, women and the entire community within the district.

She added that they have also taught on how to use new equipment to promote beekeeping activities, hence promising the best use of the gears to produce quality honey and other bee products at large amounts.



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Exim Bank celebrates 'Customer Service Week in style, pledges innovative services

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has joined the rest of the world to celebrate the 2022 Customer Service Week as it promises to continue being closer to its customers through its most innovative services in the financial sector.

As part of the actions to extol the patronage and loyalty virtues of their esteemed customers, senior officers of the bank led by the Bank's Chief Executive Officer, Jaffari Matundu lined up several unique and special activities to appreciate the customers, including washing customers' cars, surprise visits and giving rewards to customers and employees as well as serving them snacks as they transact their banking business.

"Customer Service Week is an international event devoted to recognising the importance of customer service, appreciating our customers, and honouring the people who support customers with the highest degree of care and professionalism," said Matundu during his goodwill message to the bank's customers and employees in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

According to the CEO, as the bank continuously strives to remain committed to delivering excellent service there is need to diligently protect customers and bring to the market innovative products that will help sell the bank as a strong brand.

"Taking time to celebrate the customers and thank them for their business is what makes Exim Bank a unique bank for real people," he disclosed.

During the event there was also a customer engagement session with the bank's Head of Departments. The session allowed customers to

get direct information from the bank on salient issues and the opportunities available for personal and business growth.

Speaking during the occasion, the bank's Chief Finance Officer Shani Kinswaga said the Customer Service Week has again provided a good opportunity for the bank to exhibit the importance of teamwork and leadership in customer care in the financial industry through well-coordinated and professional customer delivery.

According to him, Exim Bank's staff should build trust and team spirit, foster creativity and learning and encourage a sense of ownership.

"Working toward achieving the bank's goals allows you to feel connected to the bank. This builds loyalty, leading to a higher level of job satisfaction," he insisted.

While stressing that every day is customer service day at Exim Bank, the bank's Head of Customer Service, Frank Matoro said the lender has remained committed to rendering the gold standard of services to its customers and stakeholders alike regardless of their status or where they may be across the country.



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Tigo Tanzania managing director Kamal Okba (R) explains about internet services to a customer Tony Sindukile who visited Tigo Mlimani City shop in Dar es Salaam yesterday as part of the ongoing customer service week 2022. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt dishes out 3bn/- for building 156 classrooms in Ruvuma Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

THE government has provided 3.12bn/- for the construction 156 classrooms for secondary schools in Ruvuma Region.

This was disclosed here yesterday by Ruvuma Regional Commissioner, Col Laban Thomas at a task meeting regarding the construction of the classrooms which will receive Form I students in January next year.

Addressing the meeting that brought together officials from all districts in the region, Col Thomas praised President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her efforts to solve the issue of classrooms shortage in secondary schools.

"Construction work should be completed by December 15 this year or 75 days from today, hence there is no option but to work day and night," stressed Col Thomas.

He instructed officials from all levels on strict supervision and follow up to ensure the classrooms are built to acceptable quality standard.

Ruvuma Regional Administrative Secretary, Stephen Ndaki said Ruvuma Region has already received the money from the central government for the construction of 156 classrooms in 68 secondary schools.

Ndaki said construction work should be completed by December 15 this year and should be of high

quality standard.

Assistant Ruvuma RAS (Planning), Jumanne Mwankoo said out of the 3.12bn/-, Songea Municipality has received 1.52bn/- for the construction of 76 classrooms.

Mwankoo said Mbinga District Council has received 220m/- for the construction of 11 classrooms, Namtumbo District 340m/- for construction 17 classrooms and Nyassa District 240m/- for 12 classrooms.

He said Mbinga and Madaba districts have each received 200m/- for building 10 classrooms each.

In the financial year 2021/2022, Ruvuma Region received 10bn/-

from Covid-19 funds that enabled the construction of 500 classrooms for both primary and secondary schools.



Construction work should be completed by December 15 this year or 75 days from today, hence there is no option but to work day and night



Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa and Swiss ambassador to Tanzania Didier Chassot inaugurate the coordination desk of Non-Governmental Organisations in Dodoma on Tuesday. Left is the Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Dr Doroth Gwajima. Photo: PMO

Biteko reveals dirty tricks on gold smuggling

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

THE government has identified new methods used by gold dealers to lower the value of the mineral in the local market and later sell the same at higher prices in foreign countries aimed at evading appropriate tax.

Minerals Minister Dotto Biteko revealed this Monday this week at the opening of the 5th Minerals Technology and Investment

Exhibition held here.

Biteko said the act by those who lower gold prices at the market and later sell them at higher prices in foreign markets is economic sabotage and that the government is now aware of the dirty tricks.

"We have managed to tame gold smuggling after the government reduced taxes, but I must tell you that the government is closely following on all strategies used by miners in regard to declaring low

gold prices and we shall in no time catch them and deal with them accordingly," he said.

"If you think the government will remain silent on this issue, just try to sell your minerals by declaring low prices and once we catch you will be fined thrice the value of the gold in question as well as forfeiture of the means of conveyance used," Biteko added.

He added that the government has lowered taxes in the minerals

sector hence there is no reason for smuggling as the practice might cause poverty among miners through huge fines as well as forfeiture of their property.

The government statement follows complaints from the Chairman of Geita Region Miners Association, Christopher Kadeo who claimed that the region is faced by rampant smuggling of gold and asked for government assistance to tame the situation.

Govt to review its tourism policies

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is planning to review its policies on tourism in order to make the sector go in tandem with the present environment and expectations of economic sectors.

Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Planning Lawrence Mafuru told the online meeting in Arusha with stakeholders from the private sector that focused on gaining more understanding regarding issues of tourism.

"We in the Finance Ministry our main task is to create or organise economic and budget or financial policies. To a large extent our budget policies have either positive or negative effects on various other sectors.

"When we want to develop the economy, we realise that the policies we made were going against us," Mafuru said.

He said the meeting will provide

the opportunity to learn and understand challenges in the private sector in order to take appropriate steps to reach intended goals.

He added that this has to take into consideration the effects of Covid-19 to the world as well as the Ukraine war that followed.

Mafuru said many sectors were adversely affected as a result, including production, business and tourism, the latter of which was more affected because many citizens from the worst affected countries could not visit the country as tourists.

"President Samia Suluhu Hassan had already said, and continues to stress, that we should create an enabling environment which would spur the private sector growth in order to create jobs and other development gains," he added.

"But even president Samia herself participated and starred in the Royal Tour film despite having many other state responsibilities.

"It should be recalled that in the past four or five years the tourism sector used to contribute nearly USD 2 billion, a no small sum to enter the economy," Mafuru added.

Commissioner of Policy in the Ministry, Elijah Mwandumba said the meeting has enabled those in attendance to identify challenges including those regarding high levies at the local councils "Gates" and the delay from the collection system of various taxes and levies.

"We in the Finance Ministry, which is the sectoral ministry will sit together to look into the issue as it is the one with the responsibility to establish the "gates" as well as the levies, but also we will collaborate with the natural Resources and Tourism Ministry who oversee the tourism sector, and the Ministry in the President's Office -Regional Administration and Local Government (PORALG) to make sure challenges regarding the "Gates" are removed," Mwandumba said.



KCB Bank Tanzania Ltd managing director Cosmas Kimario (L) addresses staff and clients during the official launch of this year's customer service week in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others from (2nd L) are the bank's head of marketing and communications Christine Manyenye and the company secretary Anthonia Kilama. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

THE East African Community (EAC) is setting up a diaspora desk that will focus on facilitating East Africans living in the diaspora to invest and trade in the region, Secretary General, Dr Peter Mathuki has said.

He said the secretariat is currently developing a Diaspora Engagement Strategy, providing a framework for interacting with the diaspora community.

The SG was speaking during the East Africa 17th Annual Trade and Investment Conference, organised by the East Africa Chamber of Commerce in Irving, Texas - USA.

The meeting saw hundreds of East Africans residing across the USA and East African-focused investors converge to explore areas of investment and deliberate on solutions to overcome investment and trade challenges. The diaspora community highlighted a lack of trust in local financial institutions as one of the challenges deterring investment in East Africa.

EAC to set up desk to help diaspora community to invest, trade in region

Responding, Dr Mathuki urged them to establish financial institutions such as an EAC diaspora bank, located in one of EAC's partner states, where they can access credit and transact business.

Dr Mathuki shared that the diaspora community will also be incorporated in EAC signature events, such as pre-summit retreats, offering them an opportunity to engage with EAC Heads of State, ministers and the regional business community.

The Secretary General urged the diaspora community to take advantage of EAC's online investment guide portal <https://www.eac.int/investment-guide> which highlights investment procedures, incentives and opportunities; and increases transparency on access to relevant information required by investors.

"The EAC trade information

portal available on our website also provides a step-by-step guide on licenses, pre-clearance permits and clearance formalities for the most traded goods within, to, and from the East African Community," he added.

He noted that the diaspora community has a huge role to play, adding the EAC recognises the role of diaspora remittance, which continues to outpace Foreign Direct Investment (FDIs) to become the largest source of external financing.

The inflow of funds from the diaspora has been on an upward trajectory in recent years. For instance; in 2021, the Kenyan diaspora remittance stood at \$3.718 billion, while remittances from Uganda stood at \$599.3M. The inflow of funds from the Tanzania diaspora stood at \$569.5 while Rwanda diaspora remitted \$246 million.

Government to engage telecom companies and financial institutions to boost public awareness on levies collection

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE government has launched an initiative to involve telecom companies and financial institutions to increase public awareness to facilitate collection of more levies from land.

Dr Allan Kijazi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements told journalists yesterday in Dar es Salaam shortly after opening a dialogue with stakeholders that the initiative is aimed at collecting more revenues from land.

He said despite great achievement recorded by the government in collecting revenues more efforts are needed to eliminate challenges hindering the government initiative.

Dr Kijazi said experience has shown that mobile companies and financial institutions have a bigger role in increasing awareness to the public therefore it was vital to involve them.

Dr Kijazi said once the public is aware, the government would collect more revenues through land levies contrary to what it is now doing.

Dr Kijazi mentioned some of the challenges that contribute to the low collection of revenues as low awareness to the public on the importance of paying land's levies and poor network systems of collecting revenues.

He said experience has shown that most of the financial institutions and mobile phones companies have low networking especially in rural places.

The stakeholders also have low awareness on the importance of collecting revenues adding that the government wants the public to know about estimation of levies.

In doing so, it will enable the government to collect and improve its systems of serving the people.

He however admitted that the mobile phones have not been

utilized fully to increase public awareness saying the new initiatives will help increase revenues.

"We want the mobile phones and financial institutions to be part and parcel of these initiatives to increase public awareness on the importance of paying land levies," he said.

According to Dr Kijazi, the government plans to use mobile phone companies' packages to increase awareness to the public in the ongoing campaigns.

He said the stakeholders' views will further be used by the government to set a strategy to collect more levies from land.

He said mobile phones and financial institutions can play a major role since they can train their mobile agencies working up to the rural places.

PS added that the government plan is to collect over 60 percent of the target set annually from the last year target of two hundred billion.



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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF LABOUR FOR LIFTING MACHINERY EXAMINATION AND TESTING AT GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of procuring a service of labour for machinery examination and testing and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of this service as detailed below.

NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS SERVICE/WORK. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.

Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01497	PROVISION OF LABOUR FOR LIFTING MACHINERY EXAMINATION AND TESTING TO GGML

I. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	20%
COMMERCIAL	
Company Profile	1.54%
Company Code of Conduct	1.54%
Company Code of Ethics	1.54%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.54%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.54%
Copy of 2021 BRELA search Registration Documents	1.54%
Copy of Company Memorandum and Article of Association	1.54%
Copy of Latest BRELA Application of Annual Returns	1.54%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.54%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.54%
Company Shareholding Structure (ownership of shares in percentage (%), Share certificates and Passport/Voter or National ID card for Management & Shareholders	1.54%
List of Directors	1.54%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.54%
FINANCIAL POSITION & TERMS OF TRADE	
Audited & certified financial statements (2020-2021)	2.5%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Environmental Management Plan / Programme / Policy	1.25%
Health and Safety Programme	1.25%
OTHER POLICIES	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
PAST EXPERIENCE	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01497)	
Proof document and Certificates must be accredited to a national/international Lifting engineers examination association to carry out load test and calibration of load monitoring indication system on mobile cranes, telehandler, boom truck and forklifts	15%
Proof of having experience on mobile crane wire rope inspection and replacement if required (full experience).	15%
Proof of having experience on Hydraulic pressure test and maintenance and roof of having experience on Auto rigger adjustments and repairs.	15%
Proof of having experience on crane and rigging equipment's safety inspection.	15%
Total	100%

Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the SERVICE DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01497) of the service they intend to express interest on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com not later than 8.30AM 17TH October 2022 (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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UDSM offers food items worth 4.8m/- to NGO dedicated to help drug addicts

By Francis Kajubi

THE College of Social Sciences (CoSS) at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) has provided food items worth 4.8million/- to Muungano Recovery Centre (MRC) a non-government organisation dedicated to helping drug addicts.

The centre, which is based in Kigamboni district of Dar es Salaam runs seven sober houses with almost 210 drug victims from the city.

The food items were handled yesterday at a special visit by Prof Christine Noe Pallangyo, Principal CoSS who was accompanied by lecturers from the college.

According to her, the food items include bags of rice, sugar, beans, maize flour, cooking oil and water. However, the college provided boxes of soaps.

Addressing participants at the handing over event, Prof Pallangyo said that the aid is part of the college activities that involves promotion of social wellbeing apart from teaching sociological and psychological studies.

"All that is taught at the CoSS is intended at building a responsible and civilised society. A lot of this is happening in our society related to behavioural change attributed to globalisation and lifestyle in general.

Under the department of Sociology and Anthropology, we dedicate a special focus to social groups such as drug addicts," said Prof Pallangyo.

According to her, the aid is part of CoSS celebrations of its 57th anniversary that meets its climax today.

Accepting the aid, MRC Director Ali Doo said that the not for profit organisation was established in 2017. As of today, almost 950 drug victims from the streets of Dar es Salaam have been helped to quit drugs through its seven sober houses located in Kigamboni district.

"As of now there are 210 drug victims accommodated in our seven sober houses of which 36 are female. I had lived as a drug addict until September 2013 when I decided to change my ways from drugs.

It was not easy for me as it took me almost three years to quit drugs. We need a drug free society if we really need human-centered developments," said Doo.

Musa Kambaya, MRC Operation Manager said that he had lived as a drug addict for almost three years before he quit.

Musa and his friend Doo decided to establish the organisation so that they can work with development partners and the government in helping youth who have lost their way into drugs.

"I was married before I got into drugs. Because of drugs my marriage had to break and I was left with a six-month old child that has to be raised by my relatives. I'm looking forward to building my life and all that happens is a history to me," said Kambaya.



All that is taught at the CoSS is intended at building a responsible and civilised society



Education, Science and Technology minister Prof Adolf Mkenda who is also Rombo MP (2nd L) gets a briefing from Maua Mazuri firm during the launch of banana production training at Mamsara Ward in Rombo District yesterday organised by Tanzania Horticultural Association (TAHA). Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

TAHA lures agriculture stakeholders to focus more on bananas farming

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

TANZANIA can earn more money from bananas than what it is earning from maize currently if given more focus, an official from the Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA) has said.

Speaking during the official opening of the special 8-days banana production training to small farmers at Mengwe ward, Rombo district, in Kilimanjaro region yesterday, Business Development

Manager for TAHA, Anthony Chamanga said the crop can be grown for food security as well as cash crop.

"Our research shows that Rombo district is the main banana producer and supplier in the country as they are producing a total of more than 230,000 tonnes of bananas per year," he explained.

He added that, a total of 2.7 bn/- revenues were collected per year in the district from bananas.

The event was graced by the Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Adolf Mkenda who is also Rombo legislator and several attracted agriculture stakeholders from different parts of Northern Zone regions.

Chamanga added that, it is advisable to find buyers who are willing to provide transport for your bananas saying the most important thing is for farmers to work out the cost of expected inputs and the expected yield and

expected profit.

According to Chamanga, TAHA has also supported banana farmer's groups in the district by providing to them high yield banana siblings, training on modern banana production as well as markets of their products.

Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Adolf Mkenda explained that he will collaborate with TAHA to construct a factory for supporting value chain addition for shared prosperity in bananas and horticulture.

He applauded the role played by TAHA in Rombo district by supporting smallholder banana producers.

Z'bar ministry to hand over water projects by December

By Guardian Correspondent, Zanzibar

DEPUTY Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals Mwanajuma Majid Abdullah has said his ministry is set to hand over water projects by December this year.

Mwanajuma unveiled this here yesterday when speaking shortly after participating in a joint visit in various areas of the projects with the Zanzibar's House of Representatives' land, communications and energy committee.

She asked the people to be patient as the projects have reached 80 percent of their implementation, including the drilling of wells, laying of pipes and construction of water tanks.

The PS asked Zanzibar residents to continue receiving water service on a ration basis because it will not be long before the water problem ends in Zanzibar.

Mwanajuma said that water problem in Zanzibar is due to the presence of few water wells that are used together with the wear and tear of water infrastructure

but through the efforts of The President of Zanzibar, Dr. Hussein Mwinyi, to solve the water problem of his people the Ministry of Water continues to properly manage the projects where by January, 2023 water will be available in many areas of Unguja and Pemba.

"We have made progress, we thank the government for implementing water projects with Covid-19 funds, and the Exim Bank of India funds will be handed over to the government in December, I have seen for myself that Zanzibar Water Authority (ZAWA) has done a great job, so the problem of water shortage will be resolved within a short time, I ask the people to support the president by just being a little patient," he said.

Director of Water Services Department Mudrik Fadhil Abbas said that the completion of the projects will help various areas of the people to get water because the water tanks built are not less than 300 in Unguja and Pemba so a large percentage of the people will get water. He also said that each tank has already been assigned places to send water.

She informed that the wide water pipes laid from each tank will help deliver water quickly to the intended areas so that the people can continue with their economic and social activities and completely forget the water problem in Zanzibar.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF LIGHTING FIXTURES AND LIGHTING POLES

REF : ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-EI-0001

BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:

Design, Supply and Delivery of Lighting Fixtures & Lighting Poles.

The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.

As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:

- Design, Supply and Delivery of Lighting Fixtures & Lighting Poles

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

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

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbnjv.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before **20th of October 2022, 18:00 hours Tanzania Time.**

Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process.

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.

- Warranty period of 24 months and 5 years on latent defects after expiry of the warranty period.
- Company profile with proof of sufficient financial capabilities (2021-2022 Financial Inspection report) and sufficient and capable resources.
- An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required fabrication and transport as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market.
- Design and selection of product should be done according to "National Light Pollution guidelines-wildlife"
- Selected products should comply with Project Specification
- Lighting Pole HDG coating should be minimum 85 microns
- Lighting Fixtures should be compatible with Zone 2 Hazardous Area Classification
- Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018) or equivalent certificates.
- Product should comply with IEC Standards;
- Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania.
- Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.



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PRE-QUALIFICATION FOR PROVISION AND MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) SERVICES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE CLIENT FROM TIME TO TIME ON NON-EXCLUSIVE BASIS.

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

Now Mantra Tanzania Ltd invites eligible Human Resources (HR) firms to express their Interest (EOI) for the provision and management of Human Resources services as may be required by the company from time to time on non-exclusive basis.

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

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

The interested bidders should submit a soft copy of their Expression of Interest (EOI) via e-mail address: mantra@uranium1.co.tz and the hard copy to the below address latest on 17th October 2022 at 16.00 hours.

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Shinyanga District Commissioner Jasinta Mboneko, (R) helps Mwandutu villager Rahel Rutonja to balance a bucket of water in the district yesterday when she made a visit to inspect implementation of water services in the village. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

Registrar counsels NIC to go extra mile, meet customers' expectations

By Guardian Reporter

TREASURY registrar Mgonya Benedicto has said that the National Insurance Corporation (NIC) is an organisation that is doing well, including making profits four times in a row and giving dividends to the government to provide services to the people.

Mgonya said this in Dar es Salaam during the celebration of Customer Service Week and the launch of Customer Service Agreement, which is an important International Celebration of Customer Service Week with the aim of strengthening the relationship between NIC and the customer and improving service.

He said the purpose of the customer service contract is to inform stakeholders about the availability, types and quality levels of services provided by NIC, to build a culture of making employees have a caring attitude and to serve customers at the best levels, to increase the responsibility of employees in serving customers professionally.

Mgonya said the attitude of the NIC Executive Director Dr Elirehema Doriye said that this agreement specifies a clear system for receiving comments/complaints and returning feedback to customers after work has been done.

He said that employees should follow the promise made in the contract and there should not be any employee who acts contrary to the contract because he will be taken action in accordance with the Public Service Law and Guidelines and those who do well will be commended.

He said the contract is to improve the relationship between the organisation and its customers but also aims to increase awareness about the type and quality of services provided, the rights and responsibilities of the customer and how he can communicate. A Customer Service Agreement is an agreement between you service providers and your customer as a promise to provide excellent service to the customer.

Mgonya said that the contract directs and specifies the levels of service that your customers expect to get in order to achieve their goals and to ensure that the contract is alive and that is used in practice and to live it, not to be a matter of having documents gathering dust in the cupboard.

However, he said the employees are hardworking and that is why they have been

able to make profits for four years in a row.

Mgonya said; "the Customer Service Agreement, encourage success so you should continue to make a profit 100 times more than the profit you made in the financial year 2020/21 by doing so you will continue to give dividends to the government for the construction of development projects in the country. Work hard, be professional while focusing on the basics of your profession."

"I would like to assure you personally, the Executive Director of NIC, Dr Elirehema Doriye and your team that the Treasury Registrar's Office and the government in general are ready to give you the cooperation you deserve only if you put effort into your work and improve services beyond what they are now," said the Treasury Registrar.

The registrar of the treasury commended the management and all the employees for the good work to help the organisation run profitably, and more to give dividends to the government.

He said the launch of the Customer Service Agreement for NIC will strengthen a good relationship with customers to the extent of becoming an attraction for new and existing customers.

NIC executive director said the organization has been making changes in serving customers where they have been improving services to match the competition in the market, which attracted customers to buy their insurance products and made them have a profit growth of more than 100 percent in four consecutive years.

"One of the principles that guide our NIC is to recognise that we are always "Customer First", this means that our customer is our number one priority in service delivery," said Dr Doriye.

Dr Doriye said in celebrating this week and recognising the importance of customers, the corporation has launched a Customer Service Agreement "as our promise to customers that we will provide them with the service they deserve according to the promise we gave them."

Dr Doriye said that during the customer service week, they are going to provide training to the employees to provide customer service to the standards that are specified in the contract in order to build the image that the government wants.

Mining company spends 1bn/- to build a carbon filtration plant

By Guardian Reporter, Geita

IN implementing a plan to protect the environment as well as supporting the government's efforts to make Tanzania an industrial country by 2025, the Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML) Company purchased and built a plant worth 1bn/- to filter carbon generated in gold mining activities.

The move makes Tanzania the first and only country in the East and Central Africa region to have the plant as previously the company got that service in South Africa.

Minister for Minerals Dr Dotto Biteko said this recently when he visited the mining company in Geita region aimed at knowing the progress of GGML after starting underground mining activities in its three mines.

Welcoming the minister, GGML Vice President for Sustainability, Simon Shayo

said the project will increase income for the government and the company as a whole.

"This carbon removal project helps us to ensure that we don't throw away gold and carbon dioxide residue into the environment... because the whole world is fighting to reduce carbon dioxide," he said.

Speaking on the project, Biteko said previously the carbon that was produced in the existing mines in the country was being exported abroad.

"We stopped people from thinking that we are doing something wrong, now GGML has installed a new plant that has cost one billion shillings to reprocess the gold carbons and get pure gold instead of transporting the carbon abroad," he said, noting that apart from income benefits that the country gets, many people have also been employed in the plant and improve their wellbeing.

"But secondly, the technology of these carbons that are produced in other mines will be processed here, considering that the carbon contains gold. In some places you can see that the carbon has been thrown away as wastes, but according to the information given to us, it will produce more than 80,000 grams, which is more than 80 kg of gold for this carbon. Therefore, we will get more income," he said.

He added: "There is no other mine that has developed a plant to filter carbon in East and Central Africa, so we have become leaders of this technology, I commend GGML for this idea."

Geita Urban MP, Constantine Kanyasu (CCM) praised the company for the steps it took to ensure that it expands the scope of access to employment for Tanzanians.

"For example, when we talk about local content, we want it to be local, I can see that influence is successful because now in many places I have seen the participation of Geita people in various activities of the mine economy," he said.

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

Majaliwa lauds CCBRT services

PRIME Minister Kassim Majaliwa has commended the CCBRT Hospital for supporting the needy people with disability, saying the sixth phase government under stewardship of President Samia Suluhu Hassan recognize contributions of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) in the country.

Speaking shortly after visiting the CCBRT pavilion during the NGOs Annual General Meeting here yesterday, Premier Majaliwa said the hospital was playing a key role in provision of health services in Tanzania and that its contribution in the health sector was significant.

"We salute you (CCBRT Hospital) for your support to the needy people with disabilities. We acknowledge that the government alone cannot do everything without NGOs involvement," he explained.

During the meeting, CCBRT Hospital donated nine wheel chairs to different needy people with disabilities.

He said it was an undoable fact that CCBRT has been working very closely with the government for the growth and betterment of the health sector.

Earlier, CCBRT Hospital Managing Director Brenda Msangi said her institution in collaboration with its partners would continue to improve the infrastructure of health

service delivery and support the needy people.

"CCBRT Hospital is taking the NGOs Annual General Meeting as an important platform to showcase our services and products to Tanzanians," she said.

Speaking, one of the beneficiaries of wheelchairs donation, Chipegwa Zayeye thanked CCBRT Hospital assistance, saying that the assistance was timely and helpful for her school life.

"I am very happy and thank God for this wheelchair. It will be very useful for my life," Chipegwa said, calling for other institutions to borrow a leaf from CCBRT.

Apart from treating different types of

disabilities, CCBRT Hospital provides a wide range of specialized treatment including kidney dialysis, dentistry, ear, nose and throat (ENT) services, optical services, laboratory examination, gynaecology services, and physiotherapy as well as skin diseases.



I am very happy and thank God for this wheelchair. It will be very useful for my life



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REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ) FOR GOODS/SERVICES

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ASUTA is looking for vendors who are capable of providing the following goods or services for its head office in Dar es Salaam, Lindi and Katavi Mlele District.

Category No.	Items for supply
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2	Vehicle Hires
3	Catering Service
4	Office space in Dar es salaam Temeke Area with 300sqmts
5	Office space in Lindi Town Council Area with 150sqmts
6	Supply for mobile and telecommunication service
7	Supply of Office Furniture and fittings
8	Supply for staff medical cover and asset/property insurance

Deadline and Additional Information

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 60,000.00 (Sixty thousand Tanzania Shillings) for each category except supplier for Mobile and telecommunication service and Insurance service will be TZS 100,000.00. The payments can be made by cash or through ASUTA bank account number: 009 001 8005 with EXIM Bank. Bidder can also pay through LIPA NAMBA # 8 083 614 both in the name of ASUTA. The bidder must provide proof of deposit(s) to enable ASUTA to issue the detailed RFQs.

The interested bidder should pick the detailed RFQ at ASUTA offices for respective category or categories stated above from 10-14 October 2022 from 10:00 to 16:00 hrs. A prospective bidder having any questions regarding the detailed RFQs shall contact ASUTA at: asuta@asuta.org.tz three (3) days prior to the due date and time for submission of quotes. The deadline for submission of the proposal is 19th October 2022 by 15:00hrs (East Africa Time). Please quote respective RFQ category number on the envelope.

All responses should be submitted in hard copies, no electronic or email copies will be evaluated. Responses to our RFQ should be sent to the physical address below

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Pre-qualification Criteria

Reference No.	Description	Pre-Qualification Criteria
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	Field Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A qualified geophysical operator/Geophysicist for data collection and processing.

Expression of interest

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Key Dates

The Last date to submit EOI 12th October 2022

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Converging government work with NGOs thrust no easy task

THERE will be more rounds of discussion between the government and non-governmental organisations as to what precisely NGOs should be doing, and in what manner they ought to relate to what the government is doing. This was altogether too visible in remarks by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa at an annual meeting of a board created to oversee the work of NGOs. Even with the board in place, NGOs activities are to be directed by ministerial departments responsible for community development in the various regional jurisdictions.

What that will actually imply is not easy to explain, or to figure out what was grasped by participants at the annual meeting, as it didn't specifically say that before they start anything they should make out a plan for submitting to regional authorities. That procedure applies to obtaining support from funding organisations; they have specific missions for their citizens in various countries join to set up aid agencies to help alleviate misery in Africa and other poor zones of the world. They fund projects in that design, not just development.

Again, it isn't just the fact of misery that qualifies a project for funding but the design of what needs to be done, that it reflects what such organisation would have found out, via research, as the most effective way of doing things. The issue of how far it relates to government plans is likely to be rather hyped up, as NGOs exist due to drawbacks in development all over the place. In that case, virtually any NGO project is helpful for development, and disputes about what comes first is unnecessary as it is just an auxiliary role from government work.

Officiating at the NGOs' 2022

annual forum, the premier praised NGOs for their good work in supplementing government efforts to uplift conditions in various parts of the country. That said, it is noticeable that emphasis was also laid to having community development agencies and regional administrations casting a glance to ensure that programmes undertaken by NGOs are squarely within the framework of government working plans. Assuming that this wasn't the case earlier, and NGOs assisted with development, is it a big drawback?

There may be hidden implications when NGOs' activities are being coordinated by the relevant government officials in community development or regional authorities. One possible benefit is that projects ought to be scattered in a wide area rather than focusing on some concentrated spots, perhaps for ease of access to funds as the issues, and the zone, would be quite interesting. In the Loliendo emigration issue, it was said that dozens of NGOs were in that area rather than elsewhere, with a singular vocation of frustrating that exercise. It can be tricky.

Given this sort of accentuated activism, it may well appear that putting in line NGOs work with government plans is not easy, but there is another side to it. Even when the work of this or that NGO, or a host of them, isn't relevant to what the government is doing, it usually can't stop government carry out its projects. It may be a nag, but it has positive inputs; it is healthy for democracy as forming NGOs is one way in which concerned citizens' groups in other countries advocate various issues in Africa and elsewhere. We may have points of discord but convergence is paramount

Same gender festival gathering will do better to rise above being just a festival

WHAT is in policy terms expected to be a low key event is taking place at an upcountry town, with more than 600 people from across the country listed to take part in the northern zone gender festival, 2022. The little known Kwasakwas grounds in Same town of Kilimanjaro Region is hosting that event, with the Tanzania Gender Networking Programme (TGNP) saying its theme is economic justice, seeking that resources should benefit marginalised women for sustainable livelihoods. There isn't much debate about its relevance.

The regional secretariat will be well represented, with the festival seeking to discuss at a popular level women's rights and gender equality, backed by big donors like the Canadian Embassy, Sweden, Coady International Institute and Seed Change. The two latter organisations are based in Canada, relating to community issues and the equality theme, being marginally academic and more about involvement of groups towards defined goals. TGNP officials said the festival is meant to celebrate success, what is already gained and expected.

Focus was expected on how to use emerging economic opportunities to increase availability or access to decent jobs, to ensure sustainable livelihoods. Participants will exchange views on challenges to realise these objectives and what strategies are suitable to deal with the challenges. It can be suggested that reality is the best teacher, so it is a matter of figuring out what women can do at present, independently of conjugal obligations, to realise those objectives.

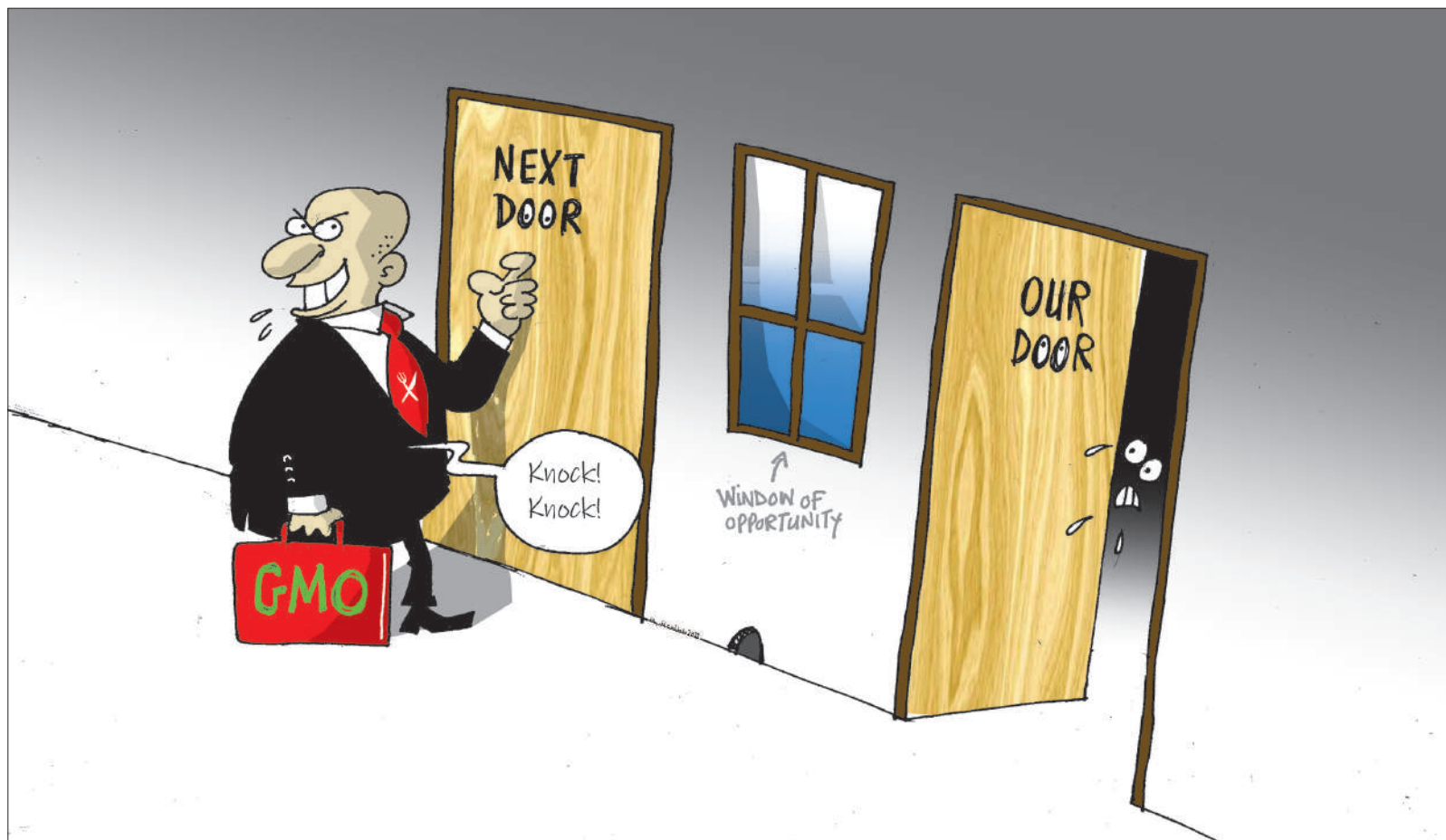
It is hence noticeable that the northern zone gender festival is

expected to be a catalyst for fronting the breadth of economic rights and sustainable involvement of those seen as marginalised. A lot of work has been done in defining which groups fall in this category and how they can be accessed. With current changes like social funding, health insurance or bank digital methods the sky is the limit.

Yet there will be areas of dispute or debate, or perhaps skirted by sections of participants depending on their persuasions, like the need to remove traditions which are an obstacle to economic rights for women. This is similarly tied to improving access to reproductive health facilities for all, on the basis of recent remarks, but perhaps the real target is adolescent groups. They are somewhat confused by the breadth of contesting images of life or loyalties, on their minds.

Assuming that the main participants will be adult activists and the vital target group will be confined to schooling, but some are on holidays and not yet back to college or are preparing to join colleges, a breadth of vital participation could be expected. It is even possible the date itself wasn't haphazardly picked and thus could see many of the vital segment where awakening on rights and the use of opportunities are present during presentations, panel discussions, exhibitions and workshops. Officials said the last day will see the various ideas being put together on issues that emerged in various discussions during the three days of what is likely to be a profoundly deliberative or thinking festival. TGNP is persuaded that based on the issues raised, participants will develop strategic plans ready for implementation. How that is subsequently taken up is different.

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We need urgent commitment, resources and action to tackle hunger crisis

By Abby Maxman

LAST week, as world leaders gathered in New York for the 77th United Nations General Assembly, one topic came up more than most: looming famine. That's because despite a global commitment to make famine a relic of the past, it is once again knocking at our door.

In Somaliland two weeks ago, I witnessed communities past their breaking points. Grandparents there told me they could not recall a drought like this in their lifetimes.

At UNGA, I was honoured to take part in many discussions on this and other topics - in particular a panel about the urgent humanitarian needs in the Horn of Africa. The region is facing several interlinked issues, including hunger, conflict, climate, and COVID-19. As we discuss - and more importantly, respond to - the crisis, we should keep in mind three themes: the urgency of the moment, the need for more access and more funding, and the implementation of a systemic solution.

The humanitarian crisis in the Horn needs to be at the top of the international agenda, and we need commitment, resources and action urgently. We have seen the warning signs that famine is coming for quite some time - and now we have been warned that it could be declared in Somalia as soon as next month.

Often, the international community is reactionary to crises, but this time we must also be anticipatory in assessing and responding to the needs of the region. In my trip to Somaliland, I spoke to farmers, pastoralists, and visited communities impacted by conflict, climate, and COVID-19. It was my first visit back to Somaliland in more than 20 years, which offered an interesting perspective of the arc of change.

Their shared experience is clear: their livelihoods and way of life - and that of their ancestors - are in danger and the need for action now is more urgent than ever. It is dispiriting that these preventable tragedies continue to repeat when the world has the resources and know-how to prevent them.

I spoke with Safia, a 38-year-old divorced mother of eight children, who lost 90% of her livestock. She stayed as long as she could in her community until she felt unsafe as the weak and dead livestock attracted hyenas at night,



The Horn of Africa is facing several interlinked issues, including hunger, conflict, climate, and COVID-19.

compelling her to make the five-day journey to reach the Dur-Dur IDP (Internally Displaced Person) camp near Burao.

At Dur Dur they were welcomed with clean water, some food, and materials to build a shelter. She and her children have been there for about three months. They are struggling to get enough food and might eat one meal a day, if they can. Oxfam and others are there offering support, but it's not nearly enough to meet their basic needs.

Safia's experience was just one of countless more of those who are bearing the brunt of the dual global hunger and climate crises that has been brought on by distant forces who are prioritizing profits over people and planet.

Earlier this year, Oxfam's research estimated that one person is dying from acute hunger in the region every 48 seconds. Since then, the situation has only gotten worse. We have a narrow window of opportunity to stave off hunger in the horn. It is not too late to avert disaster, but more needs to be done immediately.

We know that anticipatory action saves lives, livelihoods, and scarce aid money, and across Oxfam and with our partners we have been sounding the alarm of this slow, onset emergency at local, national, and global levels for the past two years. Yet we are witnessing a

system that is failing the people who are least responsible for this crisis.

We need more access and a lot more funding that supports frontline organizations and leaders. During the panel, it was encouraging to hear Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Second Martin Griffiths put such emphasis on funding local organizations and leaders who have the knowledge, access, and courage to make real impact.

Local organizations know where the most vulnerable people are located, they can reach disaster zones quickly, and they understand the languages, cultures, geography, and political realities of the affected communities far better than outsiders.

These local leaders should be given the resources and space to make decisions to have the most effective response that will save lives now and in the long run. This may mean that international donors and organizations need to be more flexible in how they coordinate, fund, and implement a humanitarian response. The old way may not be the most effective - in fact we know it is not - especially where there are access challenges.

Finally, we must take a systemic approach in tackling these issues. We know that hunger, climate, and conflict do not happen in silos - they

are inextricably linked. We must make sure we are fighting these interlinked crises, especially hunger and climate, together.

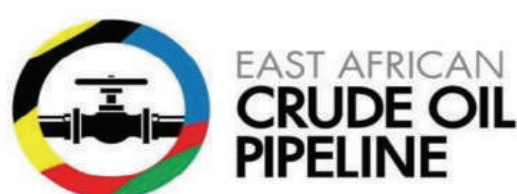
Climate change is causing more extreme weather events like droughts, floods, and heatwaves, which devastate crops and displace vulnerable communities. In fact, hunger has more than doubled in 10 of the worst climate hotspots in recent years.

Countries that have contributed the least to emissions are bearing the worst impacts of the climate crisis, while fossil fuel companies see record-breaking profits. Less than 18 days of profits from fossil fuel companies could cover the whole UN humanitarian appeal of \$48.82 billion for 2022.

These conversations and convenings are important, but we must do more than raise the alarm - we must see action to follow them up. I hope that leaders recommit the political will to fulfill their moral obligation to meet this crisis in the Horn head on.

Safia is doing all she can to ensure her family's survival - we must see leaders do all in their power, right now, to make sure she and millions more get the urgent aid they need now to survive, and see their right to a safe, healthy future recognized and realized in years to come.

Abby Maxman is President and CEO Oxfam America.



REQUESTS FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Wasco-ISOAF Tz Limited is a Tanzanian-incorporated company with its head office in Dar es salaam and its plant in Nzega District. The company is a Thermal Insulation System Contractor for East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project.

The EACOP Project development involves the engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of a crude oil export pipeline crossing Uganda and Tanzania and an onshore Marine Terminal in Chongoleani, near Tanga Port in Tanzania.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL SERVICES (ELECTRICAL) TO WASCO ISOAF TZ

ISOAF/PROC/01/0922

Wasco ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in provision of **INDUSTRIAL SERVICES (ELECTRICAL)**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Able to supply and provide services not limited to Electrical Assembling.
- Must demonstrate a good experience in similar services and supplying related supplies for a project, hence know the client's needs
- Able to provide references in the expression of interests

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF CATERING SERVICES AT WASCO ISOAF LIMITED SOJO SITE IN NZEGA

ISOAF/PROC/02/0922

Wasco ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Service providers to express their interest in Provision of **CATERING SERVICES** at its site project in Sojo Village Nzega not limited to breakfast, lunch and dinner.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Provide continental meals and local meals at site: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Should prove OSHA compliance.
 - Staff with medical certificates
 - Company profile
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO WASCO ISOAF TZ

ISOAF/PROC/03/0922

Wasco ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in Providing **ELECTRICAL SERVICES**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Be able to provide Electric Installation and Automation Services
- Have a good experience in relevant scope of services
- Registered with respective bodies

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 - A copy of their own and main suppliers ISO current certification if available.
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF TEMPORARY PAINTS TO WASCO ISOAF TZ

ISOAF/PROC/04/0922

Wasco ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Contractors to express their interest in Supplying **TEMPORARY PAINTS**.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Proven capacity to supply different types and quality temporary paints. Syntactic paints of different colours (to be used for the identification rings)
- Call of Off orders for delivery at agreed time
- Supply customized paints as per Wasco Isoaf Specifications

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
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 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Company profile
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF THERMOPLASTIC PRODUCTS TO WASCO ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/05/0922

Wasco ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Suppliers to express their interest in Supplying **THERMOPLASTIC PRODUCTS**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Supply different types of Thermoplastic products of high quality. PE Film Stretch (any colour) of less than 50 microns and PE Film (black) 150 microns (Quantity between both: 200 Tons)
- Delivery meets project demand.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below

documentations:

- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
- Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
- A proof of product quality
- Company profile
- Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF LIGHT MECHANICAL TOOLS TO WASCO-ISOAF TZ LIMITED

ISOAF/PROC/06/0922

Wasco ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable suppliers to express their interest in Supplying the **LIGHT MECHANICAL TOOLS**.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE

- Supply different types of quality light mechanical tools as will be requested by Wasco Isoaf Tz Limited.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
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 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Company profile
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PROVISION OF HARDWARE MATERIALS AT WASCO ISOAF LIMITED SOJO SITE IN NZEGA, TABORA

ISOAF/PROC/07/0922

Wasco ISOAF Tz invites experienced and reputable Suppliers to express their interest in supply of **HARDWARE MATERIALS**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE:

- Able to supply of wide range of Hardware Materials
- Must demonstrate a good experience in supplying hardware materials for a project, hence know the client's needs.
- Deliver quality and on time
- Provide quality assurance of the products.
- Able to provide references in the expression of interests

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- The companies or organizations expressing their interest are required to submit the below documentations:
- Compliance with Petroleum (Local Content) Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition for Tanzania.
 - Registration on EWURA's Local Suppliers and Service Providers (LSSP) Database is highly recommended
 - Company Profile
 - Proven experience in similar hardware supply
 - Letter of interests clearly indicating the Tender Reference Number.

Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the equipments/services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to: procurement@isoaf.com. (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 11:00 hours East African Time (EAT), on 27/10/2022. Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will receive, subject to the signature of a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a detailed pre-qualification questionnaire for further evaluation by Company.

EACOP project reserves the right not to consider companies that submit incomplete dossiers.

Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.

Push to improve curricula should go along instilling reading culture

By Thomas Lyimo

“A READER lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one.” American novelist George R.R. Martin gave us this fantastic quote about the importance of reading in his epic novel *A Dance with Dragons*.

There is raging debate on how to improve the quality of our education so that learning institutions produce competent and productive individuals for not only the internal job market but regional as well as international ones. Many commentators have agreed that one of the areas that we can start with is improvement of curricula from primary to university.

It is encouraging that the debate has drawn the attention of Minister for Education, Science and Technology Prof Adolf Mkenda who recently warned that if we keep on changing curricula without building a reading habit, it won't take us anywhere.

Reading culture is said to be poor in Tanzanian. Although there are school libraries, regional libraries and book shops, people rarely read books that contain knowledge. Reading books becomes even more difficult in this digital era of social media where people are bombarded by all manner of information via mobile devices.

Reading should be distinguished from schooling which is dictated by some conditions. There should be a habit of reading among individuals that is not motivated by, let say examinations or acquiring certificates.

A forceful reading cannot bear fruit because learning is not a punishment but a pleasure. The bad thing is that forceful reading is what characterizes Tanzanian society. People do read under certain conditions. The mandatory reading is without interest and creativity.

People who read because of force fail to retain what they read for a long time and as a result less impact of education to the society, something which causes endless debates in the national assembly that may discourage students to learn as some may wrongly be convinced that studying is a waste of time and resources while it is not so.

The nature of reading of majority Tanzanians from childhood to adulthood is the imposed one. People cannot read unless some force is applied. At homes, there are some parents who use gifts to encourage their children to read. This is not bad as it is extrinsic motivation but what about intrinsic motivation? Reading is not a fashion but an activity which must have deliberate intentions.



In colleges and universities, the situation is the same. The students read because of assignments, tests and examinations. This is again extrinsic motivation but what about intrinsic one?

There are some university students who wonder how a person needs to read more at university. This kind of thinking is due to poor orientation to reading since childhood. With that vision by the minister of education, we hope something can be done to save the Tanzanian society from the nightmare of theorizing from theories instead of theorizing from practical performances as it should not be forgotten that there are many Tanzanians who have excelled academically and economically from the same curricula that we challenge.

This means improving our education should go beyond changing curricula, meaning building a reading culture which may supplement what is missing in our curricula. WhatsApp and other social media platforms are useful but real knowledge is hidden in books.

Today, let us look at some tips which can bring about intrinsically motivated reading. The tips are only two but they can make a big difference if valued and applied effectively.

The first one is identifying the knowledge gap. This situation will motivate someone to find a book containing the areas of their interests. You should not get exposed to new knowledge or realities by chance but you should know exactly what you are looking for.

One scholar once said “if you don't know what you need, you will get what you don't know”. The scholar was in another way trying to say that if you don't realize when you acquire something, you will lack motivation to make you move forward because one step creates other steps.

The second one is understanding the purpose of the reading you attempt to do. What will be the benefit of your reading? You should not read without a clear purpose. How one will use the knowledge received to transform their life and that of the society is very important before one decides to read. Setting an objective or purpose before one reads will evoke an interest and one will read and read as an investment for their life and not for

pleasing others.

The importance of reading as an investment is the rise of creativity and innovation of the readers who are the society. Socioeconomic progress is a result of creativity and innovation. With the very appealing reality that reading is essential for our development, let parents at home, teachers in schools, lecturers at colleges and universities promote reading as an investment.

The discussions on how to improve our education should be inspired by reading so that even our contributions are valid. No research, no right to speak.

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By Francis Markus

WHEN it comes to learning how to nurture seedlings to grow into trees, improving your surroundings and restoring the land around you, you're never too young to make a start. That's the thinking behind a project in Tanzania, supported by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and its partners, setting up more than 30 clubs in primary and secondary schools to impart these skills to children from an early age.

The students have already started to transform the dry, dusty and wind-swept degraded lands around their schools into greener, shadier and more pleasant places to be. In the long run, they hope to be able to harvest fruit from the trees and prune the branches for firewood.

As well as engaging in practical work to change their surroundings, the children, aged eight to 16, are also learning about landscape management, techniques for mitigating climate change, using mulch to save water and, for the older kids, linking up with parents to learn

how to use biogas instead of firewood. The aim is for new generations to grow up with a practical knowledge of how to restore and conserve forests and confront a growing climate crisis.

The programme, in the northern Arusha and southern Njombe regions, is run by local farmers' organisations and supported by the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF), a partnership between FAO, the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the farming organisations' alliance, AgriCord.

The impact of the initiative goes far beyond the surroundings of the children's schools. “We have acquired skills on how to protect planted trees by watering, applying manure and mulching. We also apply the same skills at our individual homes,” said Prisca Reginald Gibesh, a 10-year-old student at Arusha's Simba Milima Primary School.

Under the project, FFF provides funding to two forest and farm producer organisations' regional networks, called MVI-WAARUSHA and MVIW-WAMA, their acronyms in Kiswahili. Their staff

Nurturing trees from early age good for current and future generations



Pupils plant trees in a forestry and land restoration school clubs project supported by FAO which seeks to impart skills to children so that they grow up with practical knowledge of forest restoration and conservation. Photo courtesy of FAO

deliver services such as business incubation training, entrepreneurship methodology and community microfinancing to the adults in the community. They organize tree-planting campaigns and have started tree nurseries supervised by

environmental teachers. FFF has further encouraged the organizations to engage with schools on restoration programmes, working in partnership to raise awareness together with district and regional governments.

These efforts form part

of the Pan-African Forest Landscape Restoration Initiative, or AFR100, in which Tanzania pledged to restore 5.2 million hectares of its degraded land and forests by 2030. Tanzania joined in 2018, setting up a national task force led by their National

Forest Service and the Tanzanian Vice President's Office.

“The effects are already there for all to see,” says Lotha Paulo Zairiam, head teacher at Prisca's school. “When we started this project, the school was bare, no trees in this area. It was dry, windy and dusty. We planted trees for many purposes, for example fruit trees, timber trees, shade trees and many other trees.” He says the trees are already growing rapidly and helping to mitigate the wind and dust around the school. But “the most important things we gained are skills and knowledge to plant trees and contribute to sensitizing villagers in environmental protection.”

FAO's involvement in the programme testifies to its commitment to help reverse the widespread land degradation and deforestation affecting many parts of the world. The Review of Forest and Landscape Restoration in Africa 2021, published by FAO and the African Union Development Agency - NEPAD, shows that more needs to be done to tap into the continent's potential to return land to sustainable production, protect biodiversity and shield livelihoods in the

battle against climate change.

Up to 65 percent of productive land in Africa is degraded, while desertification affects 45 percent of the continent's land area, according to the review. And while there is overall improvement in the trend of desertification and land degradation, net loss of forests is still increasing in Africa, with four million hectares of forest disappearing every year.

“It is clear that FAO's work together with our partners in FFF to promote practical skills and understanding among school children in Tanzania is doubly important in helping to address present issues and lay the foundations for a more sustainable future,” said Nyabenyi Tito Tipo, FAO Representative in Tanzania.

Hope and purpose are clearly visible as these Tanzanian school children get their hands dirty and their ideas broadened by the work of cultivating trees and restoring their surroundings.

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By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

Govt urged should not table mining bills under the certificate of urgency

THE government has been urged to not table mining bills under the certificate of urgency as the situation denies citizens an opportunity to air their views and enable the country to have strong and inclusive laws.

The Tanzania extractive industries (transparency and accountability) Act 2015 emphasises citizen participation in the management of mineral resources.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during Policy Forum's breakfast debate on Extractive Industry Governance, Policy and Governance Advisor, Joram Rugina said sending the bills of law in the National Assembly without taking people's views isn't good.

The debate was themed 'Strengthening Policy Reforms to Promote Social Accountability in the Mining Sector, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)'.

He said: "Since 1997 all laws in the mining sector have been passed under a certificate of urgency, which effectively means that communities and civil society are left with limited or no opportunity to participate in and shape law making for the mining



sector."

He said the fact that mineral and other natural resources are nationally owned and defined as only extractable to the benefit of all citizens has meant that an inclusive and appreciable mineral sector governance cannot realistically be achieved.

According to him, in

order for the mineral sector governance to be inclusive and appreciable, communities and other stakeholders should have practical opportunities not just to participate but also to shape and determine the agenda.

He said that for quite a long time in Tanzania, policy and law making in

the extractive sector have remained a closed area. There have been instances where the government has insistently dubbed those calling for inclusion and participation of communities in shaping mineral sector governance as selfish and anti-national development.

He said that Article 8(1)

(d) and Article 27(1) of The Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania read together with section 95(b) of the mining Act gives a platform to the community to participate in utilization of its natural resources through thorough consultation.

"This right can be exercised through community leaders as well as direct participation from the community."

Rugina further noted that in Tanzania, minerals are public property held by the president in trust for all citizens of Tanzania. To engage in any form of activity in the mining sector, whether it be prospecting or mining, one is required to obtain the appropriate mineral right from several that can be issued by the Commission.

Project Coordinator form Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT), Clay Mwaifwani said that according to Article 8 of the Constitution Tanzania, the primary objective of the government is the welfare of the people.

"The welfare of the people is enhanced by participation of the people; the people, means all Tanzanians."

The mining policy was adopted to enhance participation of the people in mining projects and encourage companies to increase Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

He noted: "Public Participation is among guiding principles in enforcing the Environmental Management Act, 2004, Section 7(3)(e)." People have the duty to manage the environment assiduously as masters of their country's destiny, Art 27 of the Constitution.

Findings show that Tanzania is endowed with plenty of minerals and natural gas deposits. Statistics indicate that the country possesses enormous proven quantities of tanzanite (12.6 tonnes), gold (2,222 tonnes), diamond (50.9 million carats), copper (13.65 million tonnes), nickel (40 million tonnes), uranium (35.9 million pounds), coal (1.5 billion tonnes), iron ore,

and over 57 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The presence of such resources has attracted many foreign and local companies to extract these high-value resources.

Furthermore, the Africa Mining Vision (AMV) has nine clusters covering issues such as revenues, artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), geology, human resources and institutions, mineral sector governance, and environmental issues. Cluster five is one of the nine clusters that focus on mineral sector governance.

In 2021, Policy Forum examined five main goals including how it is being domesticated and what are the impacts on the country.

The analysis probed how the activities and outcomes as outlined in the AMV action plan have been implemented and achieved in the country as well as identifying advocacy gaps and recommendations that can help in attaining full domestication of the AMV cluster 5.

The findings from the analysis show that Tanzania has not developed a Country Mining Vision (CMV) to domesticate the AMV and provide a context-specific roadmap for the implementation of the AMV Action Plan.

Some information on the mining sector, especially on revenue receipts from mining companies is publicly accessible. However, contract and beneficial ownership information disclosure remain a nightmare.

Further, even the disclosure of information on revenues is not that much accessible to all because it is only those that are proficient in English and have access to the internet that can access it. No specific policies, laws, and regulations on public participation in mineral sector legislative processes have been developed in Tanzania.

The existing laws, policies, and regulations only provide for public participation in local content, CSR, primary mining licenses, and equity participation. These, however, do not entail participation in legislative processes.

Community and other stakeholder participation in policy-making processes and mining projects remain wanting.

NIT former student: My dream was to be a pilot but...

OUR Staff writer has caught up with AUSTRIDA MASSAWE, a former student at National Institute of Transport (NIT) who is currently working as a member of Cabin Crew for Tropical Air, an airline based in Zanzibar. Austrida reveals her journey and what it was like working for Tropical Air and what the benefits are of a career as a member of Cabin Crew. Read On:

Question: At a young age, did you wish one day to be a member of the cabin crew?

Answer: At my young age I was not dreaming of becoming a cabin crew, my dream was to be a pilot but due to some reasons, I landed on being a cabin crew which was a fabulous choice for me because it's in the aviation industry

Q: Where did your career take you?

A: My carrier took me from one stage to another one, since I met a lot of people in this carrier and gained a lot from them and I'm still learning.

Q: What is the strangest thing a passenger ever asked you?

A: Hahahahaha, I have not yet encountered any strangest thing as a member of the cabin crew.

Q: How about something nice a passenger did to you?

A: Something nice I received from passengers is the appreciation for the good services that I offered to them which made me more courageous, happy and keep doing a tremendous job.

Q: What advice are you telling the National Institute of Transport on increasing women's enrolment in aviation particularly in the cabin crews' programme?

A: I advise the NIT to increase more chances for women and courage them that everything is possible and what every woman should have is confidence and believe in their dreams and what they want to archive.

Q: What do you like about your

job today?

A: Obviously, this is the best job for me; it gives me the opportunity to travel to new and exciting destinations. Another thing I like about my job is ensuring other people's safety.

Another great perk is that I get cheap (or sometimes free) airline tickets to use during vacation time and days off! Often I get discounts not just from the airline I fly for, but for other airlines too.

Q: How successful are you in the cabin crew arena?

A: The cabin crew has helped me meet a lot of people so far and learn a lot from them too, I met a senior cabin crew who took me well and gave me more experience and teach me a lot in my cabin crew arena.

Q: Are there any advantages and disadvantages of becoming a member of the cabin crew?

A: Yes there are advantages and disadvantages of being a cabin crew, I'll start with the advantages:

Meeting new people

Being a flight attendant is perfect for those who love meeting people as you meet so many new people in this job every day! Passengers, the crew and the local people you meet on my layovers! They often have very different cultures and backgrounds from me and will tell me some fascinating stories about their countries. I learnt so much about different cultures during my time as a cabin crew.

In light of the aforementioned positives, it is, of course, also important to consider any downsides of the role.

Away from home a lot

As a flight attendant you are away from home a lot, and away from your family and friends.

You need to accept, but sometimes being away for important holidays such as Christmas, or miss important family events, because I was flying. And it sucked but you got to get over it. The airline does not revolve around you and your social life.

Being away from home a lot may be great if you are young and have no commitments. But if you have a partner, children or pets it can be quite difficult to be away for several days at a time. And maintaining a relationship is hard in this job. It's not impossible, but it's hard.



World's tallest timber apartment tower to be built in Zbar

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR is planning to construct the highest green building in the world, a 28-storey apartment tower designed in hybrid timber technology.

Named Burj Zanzibar—'burj' meaning tower in Arabic - the spectacular high-rise is designed to reach 96 metres in height.

Dubbed "vertical green village", it would represent an iconic landmark not only for the island but for the whole of Africa and a global environmental milestone, being the first timber structure worldwide of such proportions.

The design of the mixed-use apartment and commercial building, in a playful beehive style with breath taking ocean views, was unveiled to the public in Muscat, Oman on 1 October.

Dutch-born architect Leander Moons, responsible for the concept, said: "Burj Zanzibar is not just an outstanding building but a new ecosystem for the future of

living".

The residential tower with 266 residences is to be located in Fumba Town, East Africa's pioneering eco-town developed by German-led engineering firm CPS.

Categorised as a strategic investment and fully supported by the Zanzibar government, the growing city near the capital, where foreigners are allowed to buy, stretches along a 1.5-kilometre seashore on the southwest coast.

"Burj Zanzibar will be the highlight and natural continuation of our efforts to provide sustainable housing in Africa, thereby empowering local employment and businesses", elaborated CPS CEO Sebastian Dietzold in Muscat.

Dietzold said the tower is set to promote locally available wood as a building material, Tanzania and its vast land resources for agroforestry would also benefit from the ambitious green mega tower.

"A large forest development in central Tanzania near Iringa al-

Online registration has simplified business formalisation -BRELA

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

BUSINESS Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA) has said that online access of its services has made it easy for the people to formalise their businesses and to receive important reports wherever they are.

Head of BRELA information communications department, Rhoida Andusambile made the remarks here yesterday as she briefed reporters at the 5th national minerals technology exhibition held in Geita Region.

Andusambile said since the establishment of the Online Registration System (ORS) there has been a great response from Tanzanians to formalise their businesses.

"ORS has to a great extent enabled the people to get BRELA services wherever they are," she said.

She added that apart from using various media outlets, they still

use social networks to educate the public on BRELA services.

"We are not behind in the issue of social networks, we use them accordingly to make sure members of the public understand our services," she added.

She also called upon Tanzanians in general to formalise their businesses through ORS by visiting BRELA's website.

For his part, Assistant BRELA registration officer, Bethod Bangahanoze visited traders participating at the exhibition saying those who had already registered their businesses and companies names should make sure they pay their annual fees and integrate their details in order for them to conduct business without any hindrances.

Bangahanoze called on traders who use trade mark names without registering with BRELA to make sure they use the occasion to register them in order to get legal protection.

ready covers twice the size of New York; "an enlarged forest industry could create hundreds of thousands of jobs in the East African country", said Dietzold.

He added: "As a global architectural highlight the Burj Zanzibar will be setting a new benchmark of building in the 21st century."

With turquoise seas, white sandy beaches and a UNESCO-protected historic Stone Town, Zanzibar recorded 15 percent annual growth in tourism in recent years and 6.8 percent economic growth.

Earlier this year, the semi-autonomous archipelago, 35 kilometres off the coast of Tanzania, stretched its wings also into another direction, launching an initiative to attract African tech companies with a total worth of six billion dollars.

Timber is the oldest building material in the world. As timber technology, it currently enjoys a renaissance because of its environmental benefits and longevity.

New timber products such as

cross-laminated timber (CLT) and glulam are considered the building material of the future. One cubic metre of wood binds half a ton of carbon dioxide, whereas conventional concrete construction is responsible for 25% of CO2 emissions.

Burj Zanzibar will be the highlight and natural continuation of our efforts to provide sustainable housing in Africa, thereby empowering local employment and businesses

Once realised, Burj Zanzibar would be the highest timber building in the world and Africa's first high-rise ever in this innovative technology.

A few weeks ago the 86.6-metre Ascent Tower in Milwaukee, US, was certified as the world's tallest timber hybrid building by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH). Africa's highest conventional skyscraper is a 385-metre office tower named "Iconic Tower" in Egypt, still under construction.

Successful climate solutions require investment in the lives of adolescent girls

On December 19, 2011, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 66/170 declaring October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child.

WASHINGTON DC

This year commemorates the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl Child. While the last decade has seen greater attention on the positive development needs of girls, we must move beyond documenting the barriers that girls face to investing in and prioritizing girl-centered solutions to the critical development challenges of our world.

In light of the triple planetary crisis of climate change, air pollution and biodiversity highlighted in UN Common Agenda consultations in August, the vital role adolescent girls can play in climate-responsive solutions should not be underestimated.

Adolescent girls are among the most vulnerable to climate stress, natural disasters, and environmental degradation. With women, they are an estimated 80% of those displaced by climate-related disaster and represent 60% of the global population facing chronic hunger due to food insecurity.

Recent UNFPA studies have established the links between climate change, reduced and lost access to resources, and the pressures that result on households to survive. Families affected by climate change often have limited resources to begin with and even less after an acute weather-related disaster.

For those dependent on the environment for nutrition, health and



Adolescent girls collecting water, Luweero, Uganda. Credit: Esther Nsapu/ Education Development Center (EDC)

household resources, this pressure results in early marriage or trafficking of girls for the sake of generating a source of income and/or reducing a household burden.

When climate change exacerbates existing inequities or the exclusion of girls - including their protection and access to functional, soft, life and technical skills development - household, community, and national level health and education outcomes are negatively affected; sometimes even

for generations.

But what if we could change this harmful dynamic? What if we could effectively link the resilience, optimism, and resourcefulness of adolescent girls to new ways of investing in climate-related mitigation strategies? What if we could turn existing environmental threats into "tipping-point" opportunities for better approaches to and investments in adolescent girls' social and economic development?

With the most to lose from

the harmful effects of climate change, girls and women also have the most to gain from climate-friendly development strategies that allow them to be active participants in and key contributors to community-led responses.

Adolescent girls can be the strongest catalysts for behavior and systems change if we understand their existing assets, the spaces they occupy, and the influence - invisible or otherwise - they have within households and communities.

Findings from an econometric study spanning four decades from the 1960s to early 2000s showed that adolescent girls' rates of enrollment and retention in school significantly reduced weather-related death, injury and displacement at community level.

This is because with every year of education or skills training, adolescent girls' self-confidence, leadership, communication, life and livelihoods skills increased.

As these more educated and skilled girls enter adulthood, they have greater decision-making power and create demonstrably healthier, safer, and more productive households.

There is a clear opportunity to connect the dots for those who occupy and are best placed to protect the land and its resources, as well as reinforce the health and safety of their households. In rural areas, especially, adolescent girls will become the next generation's agricultural labor force.

If women worldwide are 40% of the agricultural labor force and responsible for more than half the world's food production, and if education and skills training are prioritized for them, households will move beyond subsistence level farming to engage more as micro-businesses supporting farm-to-table supply and value chains.

This strengthens women-led engagement in diversifying agricultural

approaches, through aquaculture and apiculture, and the connection of these innovations to economic development, as well as better health and nutrition outcomes.

To this end, climate-adaptive food systems can have a virtuous relationship, sustaining local suppliers and reinforcing local food security, and effectively weather-proofing communities by ensuring that everyone - in particular women and girls - has access to the knowledge and skills to save lives and sustain livelihoods.

We can take steps to harness the strength and resilience of adolescent girls everywhere even as we act urgently to mitigate the deleterious effects of climate-risk.

First, we must invest more in secondary education where the highest rates of dropout for girls occurs between lower and upper secondary level. This investment should include building context-relevant climate-smart skills for the resilience of households and communities.

Second, we must support the start-up of environmentally-friendly and climate-adaptive small businesses as part of workforce development and smart-financing strategies inclusive of adolescent girls and young women, especially in rural areas where green jobs can strengthen rural to urban supply chains and overall food security.

And finally, we must build community development plans that include ways young people, in particular adolescent girls, can support conservation and climate-risk reduction efforts as part of civic engagement - which will continue to reduce death, injury and displacement.

Without these forward-thinking investments in adolescent girls as key stakeholders in community development, harmful social and cultural attitudes that pit a woman's role as a mother or wife against learning and livelihoods (and dismiss her right to own land) will continue, continuing a trend of lost opportunity on the grandest of scales.

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WORD-FIT

3 letters: RAT, EAT, BYE
 4 letters: MERE, MENU, OSLO, OMAN, REIN, HATE, MEED, ORES, BULL
 5 letters: AMPERE, RACHIS, DINER, NOBLE
 6 letters: BUCKET, PLENARY, SOMALIA, TEASED
 7 letters: BROWSER, BULGARE, OMADHAUN
 8 letters: EMINENCE, DYNAMITE
 9 letters: CALAMITY

CROSSWORD

CLUES: Across

- the sixth day of the week
- bring about or perform
- Country of a thousand hills
- tala
- quite, gentle and submissive
- Togo's Capital
- fever marked by severe internal bleeding
- ethnic group in Chamba district
- move towards the land
- hinnies
- a light meal
- a narrow passage of water connecting two seas
- a stiff bristle growing from the ear or flower of barley and rye

Down:

- a public meeting place and market square
- angry
- an illicit drinking place in India
- man's wide brimmed hat
- cannabis
- without clothes
- let someone do something
- remove from a place of danger to a safer place
- alkene
- legal prohibitions
- Russia's Capital
- energy, style and enthusiasm
- a pigsty

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Central banks are stocking up on gold

NEW YORK

Central banks globally added to their net gold holdings for the fifth consecutive month in August, according to the latest data released by the World Gold Council.

On net, central banks added 20 more tons of gold to their reserves. Three banks drove buying in August and there were no notable sellers.

So far this year, central banks have added over 300 tons of gold to their goldings.

Turkey was the biggest buyer in August and has added more gold than any other country in 2022 to date.

With its 8.9-ton purchase in August, Turkey has increased its gold reserves by 84 tons year-to-date. Turkey now holds 478 tons of gold between its central bank and treasury holdings, the highest level since Q2 2020.

Uzbekistan added 8.7 tons to its reserves in August, roughly the same amount as the previous five months. This brings its y-t-d net purchases to over 19 tons despite having begun the year by selling almost 25 tons in the first quarter. Gold reserves account for just over 60% of Uzbek's total reserves.

After being the only notable seller in July, Kazakhstan bought 2 tons of gold in August. Total Kazakh gold reserves stand now just shy of 375 tons, down almost 28 tons since the start of the year. It is not uncommon for banks that buy from domestic production - such as Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan - to switch between buying and selling.

Mexico and Serbia both made small 0.1-ton purchases in August.

Qatar was the biggest gold buyer in July with an addition of 14.8 tons added to its reserves. Preliminary data published by the Qatar Central Bank suggests a further addition to



its gold reserves during August, but the data has not been reported but the IMF IFS database.

The WGC said it decided to exclude the Qatar purchase from their data until the IMF reports the official numbers.

India's lack of gold purchases in August was notable. India had been buying gold consistently for months.

India now owns 781 tons of gold, ranking it as the ninth largest gold-holding country in the world.

Since resuming buying in late 2017, the Reserve Bank of India has purchased over 200 tons of gold. In August 2020, there were reports that the RBI was considering significantly raising its gold reserves.

Central banks purchase a net 270

tons of gold through the first half of the year. This fell in line with the five-year HI average of 266 tons.

"This is a continuation of the strong buying that we saw last year and we now expect full-year central bank demand for 2022 to be on a par with 2021 levels," a World Gold Council report said.

Central banks added 463 tons of gold to global reserves in 2021. That was 82% higher than in 2020.

A WGC survey found that "gold's performance during a time of crisis and its role as a long-term store of value/inflation hedge are key determinants in the decisions of central banks to hold it."

Last year was the 12th consecutive year of net purchases. Over that time, central banks have bought a

net total of 5,692 tons of gold.

After record years in 2018 and 2019, central bank gold-buying slowed in 2020 with net purchases totaling about 273 tons. The lower rate of purchases in 2020 was expected given the strength of central bank buying both in 2018 and 2019. The economic chaos caused by the coronavirus pandemic has also impacted the market.

Central bank demand came in at 650.3 tons in 2019. That was the second-highest level of annual purchases for 50 years, just slightly below the 2018 net purchases of 656.2 tons. According to the WGC, 2018 marked the highest level of annual net central bank gold purchases since the suspension of dollar convertibility into gold in 1971, and the second-highest annual total on record.

Akiba targets to establish Visa card services, own PoS

By Guardian Reporter

Akiba Commercial Bank (ACB) is targeting to launch Visa card services, establish its own Point of Sale (PoS) machines to enable its customer to conveniently make payments for purchases, as part of expanding its footprint in e-commerce.

This was revealed by the bank's managing director Silvest Arumasi during the official launch of the International Customer Week (ICW) commemoration at the bank's Ubungu branch, Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Speaking with customers attended the event, Arumasi said, as part of expanding customer services, the bank is also targeting to increase 4,500 agents across the country, improve banking applications and launching internet banking before the end of this year.

"We are expecting to establish Visa card services to enable our customers to have a wide range of accessing ATMs services, as well as making purchases online locally and internationally as well as having our own Point of Sale (PoS) machines," he explained.

He said the bank will continue to invest on the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to its branches to phase out withdrawal paper forms and later accounts opening forms for individual customers.

"We therefore invite our customers to continue giving us feedbacks on the best way of serving to your satisfactions," he said.

He said the bank is always measuring its customer satisfaction through independent



Akiba Commercial Bank managing director Silvest Arumasi (R) cuts a cake to inaugurate the commemoration of International Customer Service Week (ICSW) at Ubungu branch yesterday. Centre is a bank customer and left is the bank staff PHOTO/COURTESY

customer satisfaction survey in each two years, which is conducted by private and an independent consultant, who has no relationship with the bank, to measure the lev-

el of services offering.

"For this year, our survey will start during this International Customer Week. I urge our customers who will be involved in this year's survey

to fully participate in giving feedback, advises, challenges and to enable us to improve services," he said in his speech.

"I would like to thanks

our customers for continued trust on our bank and I assure you that will continue to improve our customer services systems through improve existing and introducing new services, in accordance with your feedbacks and market demands."

During the last one year, he said the bank managed to increase agents from 900 in October last year to 2,000 this month, improving credit services, reduce interest rates, reducing loan processing procedures and period, revising loan repayment period and types of loan securities by accommodating government securities or equities ownership certificates.

"We increased number of credits, including personal loans for employees in private sector and governments, vehicle loans, insurance loans, housing finance (housing construction and housing improvement) and salary advance for employees," he said.

During the last one year period, the bank also introduces assurance department through entering an agreement with ten insurance companies, improve letter of credit as well as bond and guarantee for contractors.

"We have launched customer services department which is closely following all challenged facing our clients and resolving them immediately as possible," he said. "We have improved our branches services and change the role of loan officers to relationship officers to increase our involvement with customers."

Barclays reshuffles leadership to boost investment banking

LONDON

Barclays has appointed Tim Main to lead its investment bank in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, as part of a broader reshuffle of senior bankers.

The London-based bank said on Tuesday that Main, who was hired under former Barclays chief executive Jes Staley in 2016, would replace Reid Marsh in the role.

Marsh is being made global chair of investment banking and will join a group of executives that focus on fostering relationships with the bank's top global clients.

The leadership changes come as Barclays seeks to expand its corporate and investment banking business especially in Europe, and across healthcare and technology sectors, according to a person familiar with the matter.

It will also focus on growing its advisory business to generate high fees, and is planning to build further on its sustainable finance capabilities, as corporates shift capital from industries that exacerbate global warming.

"Expanding our Emea franchise is one of our clearest opportunities to grow our investment banking business globally - which is a strategic priority that underpins our delivery of sustainable growth in the corporate and investment bank," said JF Astier, global co-head of investment banking.

He said the reshuffle "will enhance the seniority of our regional leadership, create more capacity for senior coverage of our client relationships and expand the resources for management of our franchise in the region."

The move follows criticism of Barclays' investment bank by activist investor Edward Bramson, who had tried to pressure management into scaling back the division to focus on retail banking, a failed pursuit that lasted for three years until 2021.

Barclays has since generated high returns from its investment banking business, although the market has had a tough year so far as dealmaking has slowed amid economic uncertainty.

The bank made a record £8.4bn profit last year, of which £5.8bn came from its corporate and investment banking unit, fuelled by fees and equities income.

TBA launches bank's customer satisfaction survey

By Francis Kajubi

IN a bid to improve banking services delivery, Tanzania Bankers Association (TBA) has launched a two week online survey targeting customers' response regarding offered services.

Dubbed 'TBA Customer satisfaction survey' is starting today to October 20th, where banks' customers will share their experiences on services offered from ordinary to digital banking services.

TBA Executive Director Tusekelele Joune, said that the survey is part of the association's International Customer Week's commemorations.

"The survey will be conducted through TBA's social media include Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, blog, website and WhatsApp groups. It will feature 20 questions intended to find how bank customers are satisfied by offered banking services," said Joune.

According to her, this is the first time TBA is conducting such a survey and it will be sustained on the way forward. The survey targets at receiving feedbacks from consumers such as challenges they face in accessing

banking services.

It also intends to receive opinions of how banking can be improved to satisfy customers.

"The survey is part of TBA's Five Year Strategic Plan 2023/27 to commence early next year covering a range of areas such as financial inclusion, research projects, sustainability and customer connection," said Joune.

She asserted that the association will after the two weeks survey disseminates questionnaires to different social groups such as entrepreneurs, white collar workers and in institutions such as colleges and universities to get their opinion on banking services.

However, the same approach will be applied in getting feedback and opinions from people who are not on social media due to different reasons.

She said currently the association is organizing a 'Niko Fiti' financial literacy program in collaboration with the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) designed to enhance financial literacy in Tanzania.

Niko Fiti apart from providing financial literacy awareness and education,



TBA Executive Director Tusekelele Joune speaking during past event FILE PHOTO

INTERVIEW

Stanbic Bank is enhancing SMEs financing in Tanzania

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) play a major role in economic growth and job creation. However, access to finance has remained the major challenge for their growth, despite of the major efforts to ensure access to credits among small businesses. The Guardian Reporter spoke to Stanbic Bank Tanzania's Head of Business and commercial clients Fredrick Max (pictured), who gives an insight on the role of the bank in enhancing SMEs financing in Tanzania, through newly launched financing scheme.



providing corporate and Investment banking services are unmatched, we want to extend these services to SMEs, to support the growth and sustainability of the sector.

We cannot underscore enough the importance that the sector has on the Tanzanian economy. Employing more than 5 million people and contributing about 35% to the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the sector has huge growth potential.

We intend to be part of that growth, as a partner in business that supports the entire SMEs ecosystem through building capabilities, financial inclusion and tailored beyond banking solutions.

new scheme, namely Mpambanaji and other SMEs offerings in the market?

After years of research to understand the intricacies of the SME sector, we chose to adopt a holistic approach to creating a banking solution that caters to them. This simply means that we have created a full-suite solution that addresses challenges that hinder the growth and participation of SMEs in utilising investment opportunities in the country.

Through the Mpambanaji solution, we will provide SME-centred accounts (Mpambanaji account, Vikundi, and Saccos)-whose opening procedures have been streamlined and simplified to increase the SMEs' access to formal banking systems. Also, our clients will have access to the Stanbic Biashara Incubator program which is a capacity-building-centred programme that will equip SMEs with the tools they need to establish sustainable and profitable businesses and thereby increasing their regional and global competitiveness.

Other services include Borderless Banking, Vehicle Asset Finance (VAF), Insurance services, Biashara Exchange, and cash management through Stanbic Wakala and the bank's branch network, digital platforms and debit cards (ATM and e-commerce).

Mpambanaji proposition target?

There is a wide range of SMEs, from the funky FinTech start-up to family-owned Kioski shops (Duka la mangi), Street hawkers (Wamachinga), Self-employed Masons, Artisans, and other specialised crafts to street food sellers (Mamantilie). We are looking to service each one in their own capacity, to drive inclusive growth and spur financial inclusion across the country.

The solution is aligned with the aspirations of the National Financial Inclusion Framework, which acknowledges financial inclusion, as one of the key drivers of economic growth. We believe our solution will assist in reducing economic vulnerability for individuals and households, poverty alleviation, and improving quality of life for all people in Tanzania.

Q: What is the rationale between access to finance and SMEs growth?

Access to finance has been identified as a key element for SMEs to succeed in their drive to build productive capacity, compete, create jobs and contribute to the country's economy. Without finances, SMEs cannot acquire or absorb new technologies nor can they expand to compete in global markets or even strike business linkages with larger firms.

This is why as a financial institution, we made it our mission to provide solu-

tions that will assist SMEs in addressing their financial challenges as well as exposing them to knowledge and information through financial academies, all to enable them to create a good portfolio that will make them be seen as credible to the lenders.

Q: As the government gears the nation to ensure the achievement of industrialisation, how is Stanbic Bank set to ensure that the national goal is attained.

We are committed to supporting and driving the development of this vital sector in order to complement the government's efforts in transforming Tanzania. Our Mpambanaji solution aligns with the country's ongoing agenda of ensuring local businesses are equipped with tools to participate in the country's strategic projects.

For example, through our incubator program, currently, 50 SMEs are in training, and acquiring; Leadership, Finance & Accounts, Taxes, Laws, Contracts, Marketing and Procurement knowledge. All these topics are critical in building and increasing their ability to enter the competitive market and utilise the opportunities available in the country's strategic projects.

Q: As a bank that is vastly known for its corporate capabilities, why venture into SMEs offering?

This is an interesting question to pose because that is a perception worth addressing. While our expertise and experience

Q: What is the difference between the

Q: Which SMEs categories does the

Bad loans shrink in Kenya as banks ramp up recovery

NAIROBI

The ratio of non-performing loans to the total loan book in the banking sector shrank to 14.2 percent in August from a high of 14.7 percent in June when the total bad loan portfolio hit Sh514.4 billion, reflecting heightened recovery efforts by lenders.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) disclosed last week that the key sectors, which had been driving up bad loans through exposure to a few large clients had recorded improved repayments.

This suggests that the new tact by banks of renegotiating terms or seeking private settlement for defaulting accounts rather than chasing recovery through auctions, is paying off.

Lenders have been seeking to recover their money through private treaties—where borrowers and financiers work together to liquidate collateral to recover money—after increasingly finding it difficult to get buyers in auctions due to the high cost of living and a tough economic environment.

Auctioneers say asset seizures are up this year, but they are having problems disposing of the assets in

a market witnessing a glut of repossessed vehicles, land, homes and office equipment.

Bankers had identified infrastructure, hospitality and manufacturing sectors as key drivers of non-performing loans in the first half of the year, partly due to delayed payments by the government and reduced demand for goods and services due to biting inflation.

These sectors, the CBK said in its monetary policy committee meeting brief, have been leading in recoveries thus the lower overall NPL ratio in the banking sector.

"The ratio of gross non-performing loans (NPLs) to gross loans stood at 14.2 percent in August 2022, compared to 14.7 percent in June. Repayments and recoveries were noted in the building and construction, manufacturing, and transport and communication sectors. Banks have continued to make adequate provisions for the NPLs," said the CBK.

For manufacturers, the cost of inputs has also been a problem, due to the high price of imported raw materials on the back of global supply constraints, coupled with a weaker

shilling to the dollar, which has raised forex costs for importers.

Some have also complained of difficulties accessing dollars from banks in the local market, due to what dealers have said is a reluctance by banks to sell the greenback to one another, creating inefficiencies in the market that have hurt clients of smaller lenders.

Some of the loan repayment woes hurting businesses also stem from large pending bills owed to the private sector that the government holds in its books.

They stand at an estimated Sh500 billion leaving businesses struggling for working capital, rendering them incapable of servicing obligations to banks.

At the same time, businesses are taking a hit from the jump in inflation—which reached a 63-month high of 9.2 percent in September—that has squeezed household budgets and demand for goods and services.

It means that firms, which tapped loans based on higher projected cash flows are struggling to meet the repayment obligations.



Absa Bank Alpha House Branch Manager, Nicholas Mukanya (left) shakes hands with one of the banks customer, Bishop Sylvester Gamanywa at the Absa's branch in Dar es salaam yesterday. Absa together with most of financial institutions are now celebrating the customer service month. Looking on is Absa Bank Head of Retail Banking Analytics, Denis Kessy PHOTO/ COURTESY

Ukraine central banker quits on health reason

KIEV

Ukrainian central bank Governor Kyrylo Shevchenko unexpectedly resigned, citing health reasons as the country battles to fend off Russia's invasion and stabilize an economy devastated by war.

Shevchenko submitted his resignation letter to President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, according to a statement posted on the central bank's website on Tuesday. His departure is subject to approval by parliament. Once the assembly accepts it, his first deputy, Kateryna Rozhkova, will take over as the acting governor, according to the bank's press office.

"Due to health-related reasons, which I cannot continue to ignore, I made a difficult decision for myself," Shevchenko said in the statement.

Until his resignation is processed, Shevchenko said that the central bank board will "continue to perform its



functions and manage the activities of the National Bank in its current composition."

His departure comes as International Monetary Fund officials prepare to assess the country's financial needs later this month. Ukraine seeks to get a large-scale loan program from the

lender apart from a \$1.3 billion in a single unconditional disbursement the IMF is already considering.

"It's not a tragedy for the National Bank of Ukraine, as Shevchenko hasn't proven himself in this post, though it's worth paying tribute to him for not yielding the central bank's independence," said Oleksandr Parashchii, research director at Kyiv-based Concorde Capital.

A new governor may be appointed quickly given the president's backing in parliament, he said. Parliament is to debate Shevchenko's resignation on Thursday, lawmaker from the president's Servant of the People party Andriy Gerus said by phone.

The central bank hiked interest rates to 25% in June, citing the "shift in the fundamental parameters" of the country's economy during the war. It also had to devalue the hryvnia, calling it a 25% correction, in July to protect its

foreign-currency reserves.

The bank has flagged a pause in monetary tightening until at least the second quarter of 2024 as long as the impact of war on the economy doesn't deviate from their expectations.

Ukraine was forced to ask investors to defer all payments due under its sovereign eurobonds for a period of 24 months and to amend the payment terms on its GDP-linked securities.

The 49-year-old Shevchenko led the central bank since July 2020 and was criticized by Zelenskiy and the IMF in the early days of his tenure after loss of key staff from the central bank. The barbs eased after Russia invaded on Feb. 24, as the monetary authority has played a key role in supporting the wartime economy.

His predecessor, Yakiv Smolii, also unexpectedly quit in the middle of 2020, citing political pressure to lower interest rates.

SWIFT to present a framework for central bank digital currencies

LONDON

SWIFT, the interbank messaging system facilitating cross-border payments, has presented a framework for a global central bank digital currency (CBDC) system, claiming to have solved the challenge of interoperability between different networks.

Following experiments involving the central banks of France and Germany as well as HSBC, NatWest, Standard Chartered, UBS and Wells Fargo, SWIFT said it has carried out transactions between different blockchain networks, using both CBDCs and fiat currencies.

With the vast majority of central banks exploring development of digital currencies, attention has turned to how the CBDCs of different countries could interact when using different networks.

The experiments demonstrate that "blockchain networks could be interlinked for cross-border payments through a single gateway, and that SWIFT's new transaction management capabilities could orchestrate all inter-network communication," SWIFT said Wednesday.

SWIFT is a messaging system that supports international bank transactions. Its network is used in more than 200 countries by over 11,000 financial institutions.

However, there have been suggestions that digital currencies in the form of crypto, stablecoins or CBDCs could turn SWIFT into an also-ran.

SWIFT therefore embarked on a series of experiments in December 2021 to demonstrate that it was ahead of the digital currency curve.

Alongside its work on CBDCs, SWIFT also explored tokenized assets, whereby assets like stocks and bonds are transformed into tokens which can be issued and traded in real time.

SWIFT said it can serve as a single access point to different blockchains and that its infrastructure could be used to create and trade tokens across tokenization platforms.

Earlier this week, CoinDesk reported that SWIFT was working with Chainlink, a provider of price feeds and other data to blockchains, on a cross-chain interoperability protocol to facilitate token transfers across all blockchain networks.

Best and worst digital banks in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG

InSites Consulting South Africa has published the results of its eleventh annual SITEisfaction survey, highlighting the best digital bank as rated by customers.

Launched in 2012, the report is an annual measure of customer satisfaction with digital banking services in South Africa. It rates banks' internet- and mobile-banking platforms with a score from -100 to +100, combining two scores from internet and mobile banking. The two combined scores create the Best Digital Bank category.

Capitec has claimed the top spot as South Africa's Best Digital Bank for the second time in a row, with a score of 80.

The bank placed first in 2021 as well, with a score

of 81. And similar to 2021, FNB is only slightly behind Capitec with a score of 78. Nedbank claims third place this year with 73 points, followed by Standard Bank (70), TymeBank (65), and Absa (64).

Capitec ranks first in the Mobile Banking category, but FNB claims the top spot in Internet Banking, where the bank edged out Capitec slightly (77 points vs 76.9 points).

Three-quarters (68%) of consumers claim to have been targeted by fraudsters - an 8% increase since 2021, the data shows.

As in previous years, FNB and Capitec are still battling for first and second places since SITEisfaction was introduced in 2012. Both banks receive plaudits for providing trustworthy platforms, but Capitec's are seen as easier to use whilst



FNB is seen as more innovative - a narrative we've seen play out year after year.

Additionally, FNB's users appreciate that they never have to visit a branch and can do almost everything online, whilst Capitec's users mentioned they welcome the extent to which they can

personalise their accounts.

TymeBank is a mere two points behind FNB in the Internet Banking category (75 points vs 77 points). Standard Bank, meanwhile, claimed second place in the Mobile Banking category (78.9 points), ahead of FNB (78.4). Standard Bank received applause

for its online customer service and user-friendly interface.

Nedbank has also displayed a positive performance: in the Internet Banking category, the bank has increased its score from 63 points in 2021 to 69 points in 2022. Users attribute this to a reliable and trustworthy

platform, as well as the bank's improved communication updates, features, and security measures.

Nedbank has also placed greater emphasis on digital inclusivity in 2022 - the notion that all individuals, regardless of their situation, should have access to technology and online content and that banks should empower these individuals to use the platforms autonomously.

While Absa has shown a consistent performance year on year with no shifts in any direction in 2022, the bank still shows the most impressive five-year trend across both the Internet Banking and Mobile Banking categories.

Over this period, the bank's Internet Banking score has increased by

13.7 points (48 points vs 62 points), and its Mobile Banking score by 8.2 points (59 points vs 67 points).

SITEisfaction also placed greater emphasis on digital inclusivity in 2022 - the notion that all individuals, regardless of their situation, should have access to technology and online content and that banks should empower these individuals to use the platforms autonomously.

The results revealed that there are three As of financial digital inclusivity which banks should aim to fulfil: access, ability (or information inclusion, which relates to educating and informing consumers about how to use a platform), and affordability.

Truss backs Bank of England on interest rates



LONDON

Prime Minister Liz Truss backed the Bank of England's authority to set interest rates independently, dropping previous mentions of a review into the central bank's policy-making.

In her highest-profile speech on the economy since she took office in September, Truss didn't mention themes she touched on during her Conservative Party leadership campaign - including the prospect of setting a new target for the central bank.

Instead, she offered robust support for the BOE's Monetary Policy Committee to rein in inflation, which is lingering near a 40-year high. The remarks leave open the question whether Truss and her Chancellor of the Exchequer Kwasi Kwarteng will follow through on a promise to review the bank's work, a suggestion that had unsettled markets in the past month.

Her comments also echo the line taken by ministers in recent days as they try to distance themselves from a surge in mortgage costs.

"It's right that interest rates are independently

set by the Bank of England and that politicians do not decide on this," Truss said in a speech at the Conservative Party conference in Birmingham on Wednesday. "The Chancellor and the Governor will keep closely co-ordinating our monetary and fiscal policy, and the Chancellor and I are in complete lock-step on this."

Truss expressed concern about the scale of increases in interest rates around the world, pledging that her government will do what it can to soften the blow on households.

She blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin's attack on Ukraine for adding to pressures on inflation. She noted the Treasury already has cut stamp duty on property purchases to bolster the property market.

"We are seeing rising interest rates world wide in the wake of Putin's war and Covid, the Federal Reserve has been hiking rates in America and has signaled more rises to come," Truss said. "Inflation is high across the world's major economies, we will do what we can as a government to support homeowners such as cutting stamp duty.

During the leadership campaign, Truss's allies called for a review into the BOE's current framework, which was set up in 1997 by Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown.

"It's about reevaluating the role of the Bank of England and whether the remit is suitable enough for the economic situation," Gerard Lyons, a senior fellow at Policy Exchange and supporter of Truss's plan for the UK, said in early August.

Truss said little about the matter herself but didn't discourage her allies from criticizing the central bank. Since taking office, the BOE review slipped from the agenda, with the government focusing on aid to households struggling with spiraling energy bills and tax cuts for workers and businesses.

Kwarteng may revisit the issue in his budget statement later this year, when the Treasury usually confirms or adjusts the BOE's remit. The central bank currently is told it should keep inflation based on the Consumer Prices Index to 2% at all time. It's currently running about five times that level.

Bankers hope to end Asia M&A slump

BEIJING

Asia's financial hub is letting people go on a proper holiday for the first time since the pandemic began. For bankers in Hong Kong, the chance to take a break also speaks to a steep fall in dealmaking activity - in the city, and across the region.

While the decline has been global, it's been particularly acute in Asia Pacific. The volume of mergers and acquisitions in APAC plunged by more than 40% from last year to about \$156 billion in the third quarter, the worst such period since 2014, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

In China, Asia's biggest market, M&A activity was the weakest of any third quarter in a decade.

Global economic and geopolitical uncertainty, along with a rollercoaster stock market, are making deals harder to come by, particularly as financing them has become more expensive.

A potential \$13 billion takeover of Australian hospitals operator Ramsay Health Care Ltd. by a KKR & Co.-led group fell apart after series of derailed proposals.

Rising financing costs were among the reasons the deal didn't proceed, Bloomberg News has reported.

With a string of banks facing losses from buyout debt, dealmakers are adjusting their strategy.

Some boards are taking a wait-and-see approach before pursuing transactions, particularly big acquisitions, and have instead shifted their focus towards small-to-mid sized deals, said Kerwin Clayton, co-head of M&A for Asia Pacific at JPMorgan Chase & Co.

"Despite the macro uncertainty, companies continue to evaluate M&A options as a tool to boost growth," Clayton said.

Several firms have been busy hunting for deals outside the region, according to Clayton.

"There's an increasing appetite from businesses across Asia Pacific to expand overseas, with heightened interest in the US," he said.

Singaporean sovereign wealth fund GIC Pte teamed with Oak Street to acquire Store Capital Corp., a real estate investment trust in the US that counts Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. as an investor, in an all-cash deal valued at about \$14 billion.

SATS Ltd., another Singaporean firm, agreed last week to acquire Paris-based air cargo handler Worldwide Flight Services at an enterprise value of €2.25 billion (\$2.1 billion).

The availability of debt is playing less of a role in getting deals done, especially in the more developed Asian economies, said Jung Min, co-head of M&A at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. in Asia ex-Japan.

"Strategics are now finding valuations attractive," Min said. "They are looking beyond the cycle and positioning for the long term, and asking themselves what they want to be after it has passed."

Banks financing Musk's Twitter deal face hefty losses

NEW YORK

Elon Musk's U-turn on buying Twitter Inc could not have come at a worse time for the banks funding a large portion of the \$44 billion deal and they could be facing significant losses.

As in any large acquisition, banks would look to sell the debt to get it off their books. But investors have lost their appetite for riskier debt such as leveraged loans, spooked by rapid interest rate hikes around the world, fears of recession and market volatility driven by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

While Musk will provide much of \$44 billion by selling down his stake in electric vehicle maker Tesla Inc and by leaning on equity financing from large investors, major banks have committed to provide \$12.5 billion. They include Morgan Stanley, Bank of America Corp and Barclays Plc.

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc, BNP Paribas SA, Mizuho Financial Group Inc and Societe Generale SA are also part of the syndicate.

Noting other recent high-profile losses for banks in leveraged financ-



ing, more than 10 bankers and industry analysts told Reuters the outlook was poor for the banks trying to sell the debt.

The Twitter debt package is comprised of \$6.5 billion in leveraged loans, \$3 billion in secured bonds, and another \$3 billion in unsecured bonds.

"From the banks' perspective, this is less than ideal," said Wedbush Securities analyst Dan Ives. "The banks have

their backs to the wall - they have no choice but to finance the deal."

Leveraged financing sources have also previously told Reuters that potential losses for Wall Street banks involved in the Twitter debt in such a market could run to hundreds of millions of dollars.

Societe Generale did not respond to a request for comment while the other banks

declined to comment. Twitter also declined to comment. Musk did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Just last week, a group of lenders had to cancel efforts to sell \$3.9 billion of debt that financed Apollo Global Management Inc's deal to buy telecom and broadband assets from Lumen Technologies Inc.

WORLD

Uganda removes president's son from army role

KAMPALA

PRESIDENT Yoweri Museveni has removed his son, Muhoozi Kainerugaba, as commander of Uganda's land forces, the military said on Tuesday, after Kainerugaba repeatedly threatened on Twitter to invade neighboring Kenya.

Kainerugaba, widely regarded as the de facto head of the military and his father's chosen successor, later said the comments were made in jest.

In the statement announcing his replacement as land forces commander, the military said Kainerugaba had been promoted from lieutenant general to full general and would remain a senior presidential adviser for special operations. It gave no reason for the decision.

Kainerugaba is outspoken on social media, frequently trading barbs with opposition figures and weighing into politics, despite his military role barring him from doing so.

On Monday and Tuesday he sent a series of provocative messages on Twitter, including proposing the unification of Kenya and Uganda, and offering cows to marry Italy's likely next leader.

"It wouldn't take us, my army and me, 2 weeks to capture Nairobi," Kainerugaba wrote, referring to Kenya's capital.

"Union is a MUST! No honourable men can allow these artificial, colonial borders anymore. If we our generation has men then these borders must fall!"

His comments drew angry reaction



Lt. General Muhoozi Kainerugaba, the son of Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni

from Kenyans on social media.

Without making direct reference to Kainerugaba, Uganda's ministry of foreign affairs said in a statement on Tuesday that it pledged its "peaceful co-existence" with neighbouring Kenya.

A Kenyan government spokesman said he had not read Uganda's statement and would respond later.

After the military issued its statement on Tuesday, Kainerugaba retweeted a series of congratulatory messages, including several saying he should stand for president in the next election.

"We are going to have a celebration down Kampala Road for this rank. I thank my father for this great honor!" Kainerugaba tweeted.

Ugandan analysts and opposition leaders have long accused the 78-year-old Museveni of grooming his son to take over from him, but Museveni, who has been in power for 36 years, has repeatedly denied doing so.

On Monday, Kainerugaba asked his more than 600,000 Twitter followers how many cows should be offered as a bride price for Giorgia Meloni, the right-wing politician expected to be named Italy's prime minister this month.

"I would give her 100 Nkore cows immediately! For being fearless and true!!," he wrote.

Francesco Lollobrigida, a close aide to Meloni, told reporters Kainerugaba's offer was not a serious topic. **Agencies**

Bahrain pulls out of UN human rights body election

GENEVA

BAHRAIN will no longer run in an election to the UN's top human rights body later this month, a UN website showed.

A UN site showed that Bahrain withdrew its candidacy on Sept 26 to run for a three-year seat at the Geneva-based body, without giving details.

A Bahrain government spokesperson told Reuters in a statement that the deferral of the Gulf Arab state's candidacy "results from ongoing consultation with its geographical group", describing that as a standard practice.

"Bahrain remains fully supportive of the Human Rights Council, to which it has been elected three times, and will

continue to work with other UN member states to promote global human rights best practices," the spokesperson added.

A memo circulated among council members by the London-based Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy drew attention to allegations of arbitrary detention as well as reprisals against individu-

als, as cited in a UN report last month. The non-profit organization also held a series of meetings with UN officials and diplomats in August to urge states not to support Bahrain.

A scorecard published by the International Service for Human Rights gave Bahrain a green tick for just three of 16 criteria, one of the low-

est scores among candidate countries.

The rights council does not make legally binding decisions but it carries political weight and can authorize investigations which sometimes help international trials. Elections are due to take place later this month at the UN General Assembly in New York. **Agencies**

Biden, doctors say new abortion laws have chilling impact

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden and top White House officials announced new guidelines and grants to protect abortion and contraception rights on Tuesday, and said women's rights have already been curtailed since the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade 100 days ago.

Speaking at a meeting of the reproductive rights task force, with Vice-President Kamala Harris, Biden (pictured) said the decision that rescinded women's constitutional right to an abortion has had frightening ripple effects in some states, include restricting a teen's access to medicine she needed for arthritis. "We're not going to sit by and let Republicans throughout the country enact extreme policies," he said.

Abortion bans have gone into effect in more than a dozen states since the court overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling on June 24. Nearly 30 million women of reproductive age now live

in a state with a ban, including nearly 22 million women who cannot access abortion care after six weeks, it said.

The meeting, held with doctors, lawmakers and White House officials, focused on how millions of women cannot access abortion services, face shrinking access to contraception, and how doctors and nurses are facing criminal penalties for providing abortions.

"It's clear the Dobbs ruling has sown fear and confusion on our college campuses," Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said.

Officials spoke about new guidelines for universities from the Department of Education to protect students from discrimination on the basis of pregnancy and \$6 million in new grants to protect access to reproductive healthcare services from the Department of Health & Human Services.

"I am forced to turn away patients," Dr. Nisha Verma, an obstetrician based in Georgia.



"I have had teenagers with chronic medical conditions that make their pregnancy very high risk, and women... who receive a terrible diagnosis of a fetal anomalies cry when they learn that they can't receive their abortion in our state, and beg me to help them," she said.

Democrats are increasingly hopeful

that the Supreme Court decision will boost voter support in November's midterm elections.

About 71 percent of Americans - including majorities of Democrats and Republicans - say decisions about terminating a pregnancy should be left to a woman and her doctor, a Reuters/Ipsos poll in June shows.

US supplies of heavy weapons to Kiev seal its status of conflict party - ambassador

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON'S decision to continue its arms supplies to Kiev seals its status of a participant in the conflict, Russian Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov said yesterday.



"The administration's decision to continue pumping the Kiev regime with heavy weapons only secures Washington's status as a participant of the conflict," he said in a statement. "We perceive this as an immediate threat to the strategic interests of our country."

According to the Russian diplomat, "the supply of military products by the US and its allies not only entails protracted bloodshed and new casualties, but also increases the danger of a direct military clash between Russia and Western countries."

"We call on Washington to stop its provocative actions that could lead to the most serious consequences," he added.

The Pentagon press service announced on Tuesday it was allocating another package of military aid to Ukraine, including four HIMARS and ammunition for them. In addition, Washington is giving Kiev 16 155mm Howitzers and as many 105mm Howitzers; 75,000 155mm artillery rounds; 1,000 155mm rounds of Remote Anti-Armor Mine Systems; 500 precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds; 30,000 120mm mortar rounds; 200 MaxxPro Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles; 200,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; obstacle emplacement equipment; and Claymore anti-personnel munitions. The equipment will be drawn from Department of Defense inventories.

On February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that, in response to a request from the Donbass republics, he made a decision to carry out a special military operation in Ukraine.

He underscored that Moscow does not plan to occupy Ukrainian territories, instead planning to demilitarize and denazify the country.

In response, the West started introducing sweeping sanctions against Russia and shipping weapons and military vehicles to Kiev already worth tens of billions of dollars at this point.

US national debt exceeds 31 trillion USD amid rising interest rates

WASHINGTON

THE U.S. national debt has surpassed 31 trillion U.S. dollars for the first time amid higher interest rates, raising concerns about fiscal sustainability.

The total public debt outstanding reached 31.1 trillion dollars on Monday, including 24.3 trillion dollars in debt held by the public and 6.8 trillion in intergovernmental holdings, said the U.S. Treasury Department's daily treasury statement released on Tuesday.

"This is a new record no one should be proud of," said Maya MacGuineas, president of budget watch group the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, noting that it was only five years ago that the United States marked 20 trillion dollars in gross debt. Just roughly eight months ago, the total public debt outstanding exceeded 30 trillion dollars, hitting a fiscal milestone.

The current federal government's debt limit is about 31.4 trillion dollars, after the U.S. Congress passed legislation in December last year to raise the limit and avert a looming debt default. "In the past 18 months, we've witnessed inflation rise to a 40-year high, interest rates climbing in part to combat this inflation, and several budget-busting pieces of legislation and executive actions," said MacGuineas.

"While much of that new borrowing was necessary to combat COVID, we are now past the most severe challenges of the pandemic, and it is time to budget responsibly - yet we are still borrowing," she said. "We are addicted to debt."

MacGuineas noted that in 2022 alone, the U.S. Congress and President Joe Biden have approved a combined 1.9 trillion dollars in new borrowing, and Biden has approved 4.9 trillion dollars in new deficits since taking office. In an article published on Tuesday, the Peter G. Peterson Foundation noted that 31 trillion is more than the value of the economies of China, Japan, Germany and Britain combined, and amounts to 236,000 dollars of debt per household in the United States.

Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy provides fundamental philosophy, guide to action for China's diplomacy in new era

CHINA has raised a series of far-reaching initiatives and visions over the recent years, bringing new inspirations, vitality and hopes to the world that has entered a period of new turbulence and transformation.

These initiatives and visions have triggered broad attention and received active responses and wide support from the international society.

Some said that major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics has provided a new worldview featuring holistic thinking, global mindset and humanity.

Some said that China, opposing the law-of-the-jungle mentality, all forms of power politics and hegemony, and zero-sum games, has paved a new path of win-win development.

Since the 18th Communist Party of China (CPC) National Congress in 2012, facing the turbulent international situation, the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at its core has put forward a

series of new ideas, new propositions and new initiatives with Chinese characteristics, which grasp the pulse of the call of our times and lead the trend of human progress. They are what constitute Xi Jinping Thought on Socialist Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, or Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy for short.

As an important part of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy has given clear answers to a series of key questions in theory and practice, namely, what kind of world and what type of international relations China should promote; what kind of foreign policy best serves China, and how China is to conduct diplomacy in the new era.

The Thought provides the fundamental philosophy and guide to action for China's diplomacy in the new era, contributes China's wisdom and proposals to solving major global problems, and builds

consensus and pools strengths for promoting human development and progress.

Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy shows a profound understanding of historical rules and the trend of the times.

It charts the course for advancing major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics. It follows historical and dialectical materialism, adopts a right approach to history, to the overall picture and to China's role, and reveals the innate laws of human progress amid international vicissitudes.

Facing the changes of the world, of our times and of history, China has drawn a series of important conclusions, including that the world is undergoing changes unseen in a century and has entered a period of new turbulence and transformation.

As China's relationship with the rest of the world is changing, the country has had a science-based analysis of the changing external environment. China is still in an

important period of strategic opportunity for development, but there are new changes in the opportunities and challenges the country faces. Opportunities are more strategic and malleable, while challenges are more complex and overarching.

These strategies provided the solid theoretical basis for developing major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics. They created a broad space for combining the interests of the Chinese people with the common interests of the people in the rest of the world, and for promoting China's development while advancing China's interaction and win-win cooperation with other countries.

Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy bears in mind global development and steers the trends of the times.

Guided by the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, China maintains peaceful cooperation in the

new era, stays committed to a development path with Chinese characteristics, and opposes the beaten track of big powers in seeking hegemony.

China works actively to build a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, equity, justice and win-win cooperation, blazing a new trail in relations between countries and fostering a global network of partnerships.

China has always advocated peace, development, equity, justice, democracy and freedom, which are the common values of humanity, which is beyond the historical limitations of the so-called universal values.

The country put forward the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), advocates extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and guides the reform of the global governance system with equity and justice. It abandons the outdated zero-sum games and the "winner takes all" approach.

Given the sudden outbreak of COVID-19, geopolitical conflicts with global impacts and other challenges that have emerged in recent years, only by building a community with a shared future for mankind can the international society respond to current changes and promote historical progress.

Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy upholds justice and makes clear the missions of major-country diplomacy with Chinese characteristics.

China in the new era steadfastly calls for solidarity over division, inclusiveness over exclusiveness, win-win cooperation over monopoly, cooperation over confrontation, and stability over conflicts. China follows true multilateralism and promotes democracy in international relations. It has set a good example of solidarity against the COVID-19 pandemic and is taking concrete actions to build a community of common health for mankind. **People's Daily**

African Union invites Ethiopia's warring parties to peace talks

NAIROBI

THE African Union has invited Ethiopia's government and rival Tigray forces to peace talks in South Africa this weekend aimed at ending a two-year conflict, according to a letter seen by Reuters.

Three diplomatic sources speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed the authenticity of the Oct 1 letter, written by AU Commission Chair Moussa Faki to Debretsion Gebremichael, who leads Tigray's ruling political party.

The sources said an identical letter had been sent to the Ethiopian government, while two of them said neither side had yet confirmed its participation.

Ethiopia's government and the leaders of the northern Tigray region have both said they are prepared to participate in AU-mediated talks to end fighting that has killed thousands of civilians and uprooted millions since November 2020.

But no formal talks have taken place, during a five-month ceasefire between March and August, and intense fighting has since resumed across Tigray.

Getachew Reda, a spokesman for Debretsion's Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), said he was not aware of imminent talks.

There were no immediate responses

to requests for comment from Ethiopian government spokesperson Legesse Tulu, the prime minister's national security adviser Redwan Hussein, and the prime minister's spokesperson Billene Seyoum.

Ebba Kalondo, the spokesperson for AU Commission Chair Faki's office, declined to confirm the authenticity of the letter.

The letter said Olusegun Obasanjo, the African Union's High Representative for the Horn of Africa, would lead the negotiations with support from former Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta and former South African deputy president Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka.

Tigrayan forces said last month they were ready for a ceasefire and would accept an AU-led peace process after previously raising objections to AU proposals.

Ethiopia's federal government said in June that the AU should facilitate the talks.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government accuses the TPLF, which dominated Ethiopia's ruling coalition until Abiy came to power in 2018, of trying to reassert Tigrayan dominance over Ethiopia.

The TPLF accuses Abiy of over-centralizing power and oppressing Tigrayans. Both dismiss each other's accusations.

Agencies

Kenyan dairy farmers adopt improved animal feeds to cope with stresses

NAIROBI

IN her vast wealth of experience in farming, Rosemary Muthini from Masii town, located some 63 kilometers southeast of Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, has fed her dairy cattle native grass, maize stover, and portions of animal concentrate.

Her feeding technique appeared to yield high milk production and promote good animal health until it stopped. At present, Muthini's five cows rarely produce enough milk for subsistence consumption, let alone for sale at the local market.

With this new reality, the dairy farmer is now adopting improved dietary practices to achieve peak milk production and sustain her livelihood.

"I come from a semi-arid region where drought has become frequent and that is why I have to plant animal feeds that will survive to get more milk and reduce the time it takes the animal to be on heat," Muthini said during a recent interview at her farm.

Many dairy farmers like Muthini are now keen to plant forage that requires low soil fertility, drought resistance, and nutrient-dense crops like sorghum, millet, and lucerne varieties.

"On top of giving the cows the variety of greenery, I have been advised by experts to harvest the forage at the right age and give the right ratios for good results," Muthini added.

An alliance of private sector entities including Corteva Agriscience, Land O'lakes venture 37, Bidco, and Forage Genetic International has partnered with the Nairobi-based International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) to improve the livelihoods of dairy farmers in the country by teaching them climate-smart



technologies and improved agronomic practices.

"Our farmers do not know how to properly feed the livestock. You will find many giving the animals basic grass alone. We are showing small-holder farmers there is diversity in the green matter and linking them with producers of certified forage seeds," said Ian Mutua, the lead agronomist, Kenya nourishing prosperity alliance.

The program which is now in its third season across the towns of Eldoret, Kericho, and Nakuru has successfully managed to help farmers increase milk production, cut overreliance on animal concentrates and greatly save on fertilizer usage.

Kenya's dairy sub-sector is dominated by small-holder farmers whose output constitutes 57 percent of the total milk production, according to statistics from the ministry of agriculture and livestock development. Local farmers produce more than 5 billion liters of milk per year, placing them among the highest producers in the Sub-Saharan African region, according to government data.

Further, the industry provides livelihood to over two million households while supporting local per capita milk consumption averaging 100 liters per year.

With a soaring demand against low production, ex-

perts are advocating for more investments to improve the quality and quantity of milk available in local markets. Joseph Nzioka is a dairy farmer hailing from a semi-arid village in southeastern Kenya, where rains have been erratic and sparse.

Before the climatic conditions became harsher, Nzioka witnessed farmers making sufficient earnings from supplying milk to their local milk society. He is now working towards restoring that lost glory by advocating for better feed practices among the farmers.

"Those of us who have adopted new ways will teach the rest how to plant fodder that requires little water," said Nzioka.

In May, humanitarian agencies said that the East and Horn of African region was experiencing its worst drought in 40 years with the October-December rains predicted to be depressed, and likely to worsen an already dire situation.

Xinhua

Putin gives final approval to accession move

MOSCOW/KYIV/PRAGUE/TEHRAN

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin yesterday signed federal laws formalizing the accession of Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson.

Putin also signed federal constitutional laws on forming new regions within Russia.

The relevant documents have been published on the country's official legal information portal.

Russia's upper house of parliament, the Federation Council, and the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, ratified accession treaties earlier this week.

On Friday, the Kremlin held a treaty signing ceremony to incorporate Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson into the Russian Federation.

Zelensky rules out negotiation

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky signed a decree to put into effect the decision of the National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), which rules out holding any negotiations with President Putin, Zelensky's press service reported on Tuesday.

The document, published on the president's website, said Ukraine's NSDC deemed holding talks with Putin "impossible."

With his decree, Zelensky also instructed the government to prepare proposals for the creation of a multi-level security guarantee system designed to boost Ukraine's defense potential.

On Sept 30, the NSDC adopted a decision aimed at guaranteeing Ukraine's security and restoring its territorial integrity following Moscow's formal recognition of four Ukrainian regions, which are partially controlled by Russia, as Russian territory.

Ukrainian and Russian negotiators held the latest round of face-to-face peace talks in Istanbul, Türkiye, on March 29.

EU leaders to discuss Ukraine

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic that currently holds the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU), will host an informal EU summit later this week.

On Friday, the leaders of the EU member states are set to discuss the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the rising costs of energy and its economic ramifications.

In his invitation letter to EU member states for the Prague summit, European Council President Charles Michel said the leaders will discuss ways to continue providing "strong economic, military, political and financial support" to Ukraine, while strengthening "our restrictive measures to further increase pressure on Russia".

The European Commission last week proposed the eighth round of sanctions against Russia. The proposed sanctions package will further restrict trade to "isolate and hit Russia's economy even more," and includes additional export bans on key technologies used for the military.

The EU countries are reportedly getting close to agreeing on the package, which is expected to be approved this week.

Last week, the EU member states' energy ministers reached a political agreement on a series of emergency measures, including reducing electricity use and capping the revenues of electricity producers, in a bid to mitigate the current high energy prices. However, the member states remain divided on capping natural gas prices.

EU leaders will also examine ways to protect their countries' critical infrastructure. Several leaks have been detected recently on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea near Denmark and Sweden, an incident reportedly being investigated as probable sabotage.

Iran denies drones claim

Iran's foreign ministry on Tuesday denied that the country had delivered drones to Russia for use in the Ukraine conflict.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran considers news published on the delivery of (Iran's) drones to Russia for use in the Ukraine conflict as baseless and does not confirm it," ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani was quoted as saying in a post on the foreign ministry website.

"Since the beginning of the (Ukraine) conflict, we have always announced our principled and clear policy on active impartiality and opposition to war, underlining the necessity of a political resolution to disputes between the two sides, and away from violence," he said.

Besides, Iran has always reiterated the need for resolving the differences in a peaceful manner through dialogue, added Kanaani.

Xinhua



UK COVID-19 inquiry begins, vowing to expose culpable acts

LONDON / WASHINGTON

A PUBLIC inquiry into Britain's response to and handling of the COVID-19 pandemic got underway on Tuesday, with a promise it would get to the truth, and expose any wrongdoing or culpable conduct.

Britain has recorded almost 20 million COVID-19 infections and more than 166,000 deaths - the seventh highest fatality total globally - and former prime minister

Boris Johnson and his ministers have faced criticism for their handling of the crisis.

Last year, Johnson ordered the inquiry to look into the preparedness of the country as well as the public health and economic response.

The investigation is being led by former judge Heather Hallett, who held a minute's silence at the beginning of the hearing in memory of those who died.

"The inquiry will analyse our

state of readiness for the pandemic and the response to it ... and to determine whether that level of loss about which we've just been reflecting was inevitable, or whether things could have been done better," she said.

She said she was determined the inquiry would not "drag on for decades" and her aim was to produce timely reports and recommendations "before another disaster strikes". Hugo Keith, the lead counsel who provides legal advice to its

chair, said the inquiry would be an unprecedented and vast undertaking. It will be divided into a number of modules, beginning with the how prepared Britain was.

Its duty was "to get to the truth, to ensure that the full facts are revealed, that culpable and discreditable conduct is exposed and brought to public notice, that plainly wrongful decision-making and significant errors of judgement are identified, and that lessons may be properly learned," he said.

Rwanda looks at tourism recovery on the back of meetings industry

KIGALI

RWANDA has been on track for a tourism boom following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions as more than 80 percent of businesses in the tourism sector have recovered, according to the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) and sector players.

Ariella Kageruka, the head of Tourism and Conservation at RDB, said Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Events dubbed the MICE sector has been driving the country's tourism recovery process.

"People in the sector have returned to their jobs, more careers have been created and the number is higher than it was in 2019," she said, adding that entrepreneurs and partners are enabling the recovery process. Rwanda hosted several conferences and sports events when COVID-19 cases subsided, such as the Basketball Africa League (BAL) playoffs in May this year.

Andrew Gatera, the owner of the G-Step Tour Company, said the past three months have been the best for tourism. "The tourist numbers have been recovering after opening up -- to almost the levels before the pandemic. We witnessed a peak in the last three months, though it is going down again, it might stabilize later."

Gatera told Xinhua during an event to mark World Tourism Day on Tuesday in Rwanda's capital of Kigali. Gatera, whose customers



Two giraffes are running in Akagera National Park, Rwanda, on March 2, 2022. (Photo by Huang Wanqing/Xinhua)

were previously mainly foreign tourists, also concurred that promoting domestic tourism should be key. He noted that small and medium-sized enterprises were badly hit by the pandemic but they were bringing some traffic to the sector and they would need some push in terms of incentives.

After registering its first coronavirus case in March 2020, Rwanda like other countries swiftly banned tourism and hospitality activities.

The East African country lost 10 million U.S. dollars, or 10 percent of estimated revenues in 2020, after about 20 conferences scheduled between March and April that year were canceled due to COVID restrictions.

The country generated 498 million U.S. dollars in tourism revenues in 2019, employing about 165,000 people before the coronavirus lockdown grounded activities. Meanwhile, about 18,000 jobs were adversely impacted during the

COVID-19 pandemic, according to official data. Despite the signs of recovery, Carmen Nibigira, a Kigali-based tourism analyst, warned that while COVID restrictions have eased, tourism may not return to pre-pandemic levels anytime soon due to the source market going through other shocks, citing recession and high inflation.

"The recovery from a two-year stop in the business sense of activity for tourism is very complex to understand due to other shocks. We thought COVID was overcome but we entered the source market going through recession, high inflation and the world economy not doing well," Nibigira told Xinhua. She urged the country to continue to support the private sector and incentivize small and medium size enterprises in the tourism sector so that businesses don't collapse.

Nibigira said policymakers should see how tourism is integrated into the

country's business strategy since tourism is dependent on other sectors.

Tourism depends on agriculture, transportation, fuel costs, therefore as policymakers do some adjustments in the economy, they should factor in the fact that the tourism sector could be affected again, she said. While it is a delicate balance to finance and tourism ministries to recover the sector, the monetary and fiscal policymakers have to bear in mind that this sector employs many people, mainly women and youth, according to Nibigira.

World Tourism Day was marked under the theme "Rethink Tourism." A recent report by the United Nations World Tourism Organization showed that an estimated 474 million tourists traveled internationally in the first seven months of this year, equivalent to 57 percent of the number of international tourist arrivals in the same period prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also said the "uncertain economic environment" has reversed prospects for a return to pre-pandemic levels in the near term.

Xinhua



Azam FC's midfielder Kipre Junior (L), attempts to outfox Singida Big Stars FC's fullback, Yasin Mustapha, during a 2022/23 NBC Premier League duel between the two clubs held at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Monday. Azam FC defeated Singida Big Stars FC 1-0. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

Coach explains Edinho's omission in Azam FC's victory over Singida Big Stars

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

AZAM FC's head coach Dennis Lavagne has revealed the decision behind the continuous sidelining of the club's midfielder Tape Edinho from his match-day squad.

The Ivorian attacking midfielder was left out of the Azam FC squad for last Monday's Premier League game against Singida Big Stars played at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

In the previous league matches against Tanzania Prisons and Mbeya City FC, which took place in Mbeya, the midfielder was an unused substitute.

Edinho's last league appearance came in Azam FC's 2-2 draw with Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, in Dar es Salaam early last month, a game which had coach Lavagne watching from the stands a day after he was appointed to replace American coach, Abdihamid Moallin.

In his post-match press conference, Lavagne explained his decision to leave out Edinho who was signed last July from Ivorian top-flight side, ES Bafing, on a three-year deal.

The French tactician noted: "Tape Edinho has to work hard to improve because, for me, he is a talented player but he has to understand in football you have to attack and defend."

Lavagne stated: "You have to play for the team, use your talent for the team, and not wait for another player to work for you."

The coach revealed: "He has to change his mind and understand in football you have to give your all and play for the team, defend for the team, attack for the team then maybe he can play in the future."

A first-half thunderbolt unleashed by defensive midfielder Sospeter Bajana ensured the spoils went to Azam FC, and the French coach was delighted to deliver the result they craved after losing 1-0 to Prisons in their previous league outing.

Lavagne pointed out: "I think it was a good game, we deserved to win. Singida Big Stars had no opportunity, only one shot on the crossbar which was from a set piece, free kick while we had many chances but just missed the finishing. Our final decision making, last passes were not always good."

The tactician revealed: "I think the players played seriously and defended well together, pressed together. We had a good game and deserved to win. I wanted us to score another goal but maybe the players did hold back."

Lavagne noted: "Maybe we have to change the mentality of the players because when we are winning they think they have to stay back to try to hold on to the lead."

"We have to change step by step. You have to change this mentality, that when you are leading you have to continue to play the same way."

The gaffer noted: "Sometimes it is difficult for the player. The first half was good and I think step by step we can play two good halves."

TGU Chairman elected as Africa Region IV Director

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA Golf Union (TGU) Chairman Chris Martin has been elected as the Director of Africa Region IV golf body in the election which took place in Egypt at the end of last month.

Martin's election for the regional body has made him make history as the first Tanzanian to hold such an important position in the sport.

Speaking shortly after returning home, he said the election was held Egyptian region of El Gouna.

Martin noted after having been elected he will lead the countries that constitute Africa Region IV, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Comoros, Seychelles, Madagascar, Reunion, and Mauritius.

Commenting on the election, the TGU Chairman said that his victory was not easily achieved due to the existence of conspiracies that were being perpetrated by his predecessors that include the president and

his secretary-general.

He said that the Africa Region IV president is a Mauritian national with French citizenship, and the secretary-general is a Namibian.

Martin claimed the two leaders did not like to see the African Golf Confederation (AGC) dominated by black people. The TGU boss disclosed: "We had to prepare ourselves perfectly until we won, a victory which surprised them because they didn't count on that."

"Since it is the first time for a Tanzanian to hold this position, I assure my compatriots that I will not let them down," Martin revealed.

The TGU leader pointed out: "We will have a program to ensure that each federation trains 300 children per year, we will start a Regional Junior Championship for boys and girls."

Martin revealed that he and his fellow leaders will look for long-term AGC sponsors to help all five regions and make the confederation independent in everything financially.

NBC Premier League fixture re-scheduling can be ended

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

THIS season's NBC Premier League began after arch-rivals Simba SC and Yanga opened it with the Community Shield match bringing together the two clubs held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on August 14.

The Premier League matches later started and the topflight was then put on hold to pave way for an international break as national squads featured in various assignments.

There are many questions about the Premier League schedule, especially due to some teams starting three matches either away or at home consecutively and the situation will continue the same way until the season ends.

It is obvious that Tanzania's football authorities are not the founders of development, they are content with sitting back and waiting for their colleagues in other countries to come up with initiatives, which are imitated by the former.

The country ought to go ahead whenever there is room for doing so, and emulate well-coordinated endeavours supervised by other countries, should there be a need for the former to do so.

A vivid example is that Simba SC has started two games at home in Dar es Salaam while the game against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC played on September 7 was the third for the Msimbazi



Mtibwa Sugar's winger, Ismail Mhesa (R), negotiates his way past Ruvu Shooting's fullback as the clubs took on each other in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash held in Morogoro last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MTIBWA SUGAR SC

Street squad at home.

From November 19-26, Simba SC will be away playing in various regions, it is quite awkward.

That is an example of a club like Simba SC, what about other clubs? They must be countering a situation like this.

The schedule for England Premier League, as is the case with the ones for the other three divisions in the country, is organized by the Atos Company which deals with communication technology services.

In an interview with the English Premier League website, the company's official, Glenn Thompson, talked about issues they consider in scheduling league fixtures.

Preparation begins at the beginning of the year, they start looking at FIFA's annual calendar, then the UEFA club championships', then England's Football Association (FA)

releases schedules for its competitions, namely the FA Cup and the League Cup.

Thompson revealed he also communicates with representatives of the Federation of Fans, and other stakeholders to get their opinions.

As of March, the Premier League sends a questionnaire to the league's clubs to ask which dates they would like to play away, a question which is answered jointly by the local police.

The sides moreover are asked if there is a team that would like to play at home on December 26.

After knowing each of the outfits' grades, then the important information is entered into the computer, which already knows which teams will be playing at home and away, based on the way it receives information

from the forms filled out by the club.

The expert noted that the factors to be considered in planning are one team not playing more than two matches in a row either at home or away and when possible the team will be playing home and away when there are FA Cup matches.

The club is also not required to either start or finish with two consecutive matches at either home or away.

On Boxing Day, if an outfit is playing at home on December 25, then such a club will have to be away on the New Year. The issue of playing matches on Saturday is further very much looked at.

Planners consider transport issues to see if clubs can meet on the train or the road and also reduce travel on Christmas Day so fans

are not bogged down by schedules.

Another thing to consider is teams in the same city like Manchester United and Manchester City FC or Liverpool and Everton FC.

Other issues are the ones that raised controversy the previous season and need to be solved.

The important information is entered into the computer for processing and later the schedule is issued without complaints.

The biggest problem is when the matches are close and the coaches are heard complaining about the situation.

It should be said that our country has yet to reach England's level, using a computer that can be fed a lot of information and be able to process it, but human work is deployed.

England reached that level of thinking then they were able to develop software with such competence.

It cannot be said that our environment is different from England's, the country's environment is what made football authorities think like that and make innovations that relieve them of problems that can be solved.

Tanzania's football authorities cannot sit and let problems continue to disturb the league's schedules just because, supposedly, they have yet to reach such technological development. A lot of work ought to be done.

Poor venues still an obstacle to successful hosting of NBC Premier League

By Geoffrey Mgwane, TUDARCO

THIS season's NBC Premier League is back in action after the completion of the international break that paved way for national squads' participation in international friendlies and other competitions.

Tanzania's senior national soccer side, Taifa Stars, played two international friendly duels in Libya, cruising to a 1-0 victory over Uganda and conceding a 2-1 defeat to hosts, Libya.

Much as the domestic top flight has resumed, some stadiums have yet to meet the criteria for hosting the league's clashes.

All outfits which are battling it out in the league have home stadiums but the venues used by some clubs have poor pitches, with the venues' other facilities also being below standard.

Most of the players have complained about the condition of some of the stadiums and said that they face lots of trouble when they play on pitches, which are not favourable to them.

Stadiums are an important component of a tournament. In this season's NBC Premier League three stadiums are not favourable to footballers, according to comments issued by the players.

Nyankumbu Girls Secondary School Stadium

The facility is used by Geita's Geita Gold FC, which won promotion to the Premier League in the 2002/22 season.

This stadium during spring turns out to be tough for out-



Arusha's Sheikh Amri Abeid Memorial Stadium. PHOTO: RICHARD ALLEN, CC BY-SA 2.0

fits to play on, with several sides having issued proof of the poor quality of the venue.

The squads are complaining about the quality of the stadium's pitch, insisting it must be improved to improve the league.

Manungu Stadium

The venue, used by Mtibwa Sugar, is located on the outskirts of Morogoro. Mtibwa Sugar is one of the old soccer outfits in Tanzania

but the condition of the venue's pitch, especially during autumn rains, is always poor.

The venue's pitch becomes waterlogged during the season and becomes unplayable. It for that matter needs to be renovated for the benefit of the Premier League.

Sokoine Stadium

The stadium, located in Mbeya, is used by Mbeya City FC, Ihefu SC, and Tanzania Prisons FC all of whom are taking

part in the NBC Premier League.

The venue's playing area becomes hard because of the nature of the area, and the situation makes the venue hardly favourable.

The same can be said during spring, given the playing area becomes waterlogged. There is no doubt the stadium needs proper renovation to allow participating outfits to play comfortably.

NBC Premier League is lately regarded as one of

the best soccer leagues in Africa, and it occupies the second place in the best leagues in East and Central Africa following good showing shown by a section of the tournament's outfits in continental club tournaments.

Renovation ought to be done on all stadiums in Tanzania to see to it that NBC Premier League becomes more competitive and continue to improve its status on the continent.

Champions League: Inter beats Barça; Napoli, Bayern win big

MADRID

BARCELONA's high-powered attack faltered against Inter Milan and the Italian club gained an edge in the battle for second place in their Champions League group on Tuesday, while Bayern Munich and Napoli continued to impress and Club Brugge earned a surprising third straight victory.

Inter defeated Barcelona 1-0 at home to move into position to grab the second qualifying spot in Group C, which is led by Bayern Munich after it comfortably defeated Viktoria Plzeň 5-0 to set record of 31 straight matches unbeaten in the competition's group stage.

Napoli impressed with a 6-1 win at Ajax, while Belgian champion Club Brugge also kept a perfect record with a home victory against Atlético Madrid, which saw Antoine Griezmann miss a penalty kick.

Liverpool picked up its second win by beating Rangers 2-0, while Porto earned its first victory by defeating Bayern Leverkusen by the same score.

A moment of silence was held before all matches in memory of the victims of the stadium tragedy in Indonesia.

ADVANTAGE INTER

Hakan Çalhanoğlu scored the winner in first-half stoppage time to give Inter the win over Barcelona and sole possession of second place in the group dominated by Bayern.

Inter prevailed as its defense successfully contained striker Robert Lewandowski and Barcelona's attack, which had outscored opponents 24-4 in nine matches.

Barcelona loudly complained after it had a goal disallowed by a handball and was then denied a penalty for another handball by Inter in stoppage time.

"I'm mad because it wasn't fair," Barcelona coach Xavi Hernández said. "We don't understand anything. The referee needs to explain what happened publicly."

The victory eased some of the pressure on Inter coach Simone Inzaghi after the team's poor start to the season.

Inter now faces Barcelona at the Camp Nou in the next round. The Catalan club is three points behind Inter and six behind Bayern.

BAYERN'S RECORD

With the home victory over Plzeň, Bayern surpassed a 30-match unbeaten run set by Real Madrid in the group stage of the Champions League between 2012-17.

Bayern, which got two goals from Leroy Sané, also hasn't lost at home in Europe's premier competition since a 3-2 defeat to Manchester City in 2013. It has won 25 games and drawn one in Munich since then.

Bayern played without Thomas Müller and Joshua Kimmich because of coronavirus infections.

NAPOLI'S ROUT

Napoli kept up its momentum by handing Ajax its worst ever European defeat, surpassing its 5-1 loss to Bayern Munich in 1980.

"It was a difficult, painful evening for us. Not worthy of Ajax," said the Dutch team's coach, Alfred Schreuder.

Napoli has now scored 13 goals in three Group A matches this Champions League campaign. It leads Serie A, where it also remains unbeaten.

Liverpool stayed close in the group by reaching six points after defeating Rangers at home with goals by Trent Alexander-Arnold and Mohamed Salah. It was Liverpool's second consecutive European win after defeating Ajax and losing to Napoli in the group opener.

Ajax stayed third with three points, while Rangers had zero.

BRUGGE'S RUN

Club Brugge's dream run in the Champions League continued with the win over Atlético for an unprecedented third straight victory to start the group stage.

Ferran Jutglà scored a goal and added an assist as the Belgian club moved six points in front of all other teams in Group B.

It was the second consecutive loss in the European competition for Atlético, which dropped to last place after Porto picked up its first points with a 2-0 win against Bayer Leverkusen, which missed a penalty kick.

GOALKEEPER'S NIGHTMARE

After not scoring in two opening losses in Group D, Marseille ended Sporting's perfect record with some help by the visiting goalkeeper's blunders in a 4-1 win.

Antonio Adan made mistakes on the first two goals and was shown a 23rd-minute red card for handling the ball outside his area.

Sporting, looking for its third straight win, had opened the scoring in the first minute. The Portuguese side still leads the group with six points, two more than Tottenham and Eintracht, which drew 0-0 in Germany.

The game in Marseille, played without fans because of fan trouble last month, was delayed by more than 20 minutes after the bus carrying the visiting team's players was caught in traffic and arrived late at the Velodrome stadium.

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Sevilla are in trouble, but is sacking Lopetegui the answer?

By Graham Hunter, ESPN Spain writer

THESE are not witty, creative times at Sevilla, but paraphrasing the famous sarcastic barb written by Oscar Wilde in "The Importance of Being Earnest" offers up a critique of their recent record when it comes to managerial appointments: "To sack one manager may be regarded as a misfortune; to screw-up on seven of them looks like carelessness." I'll explain.

Sevilla might shock us all by beating Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League on Wednesday and finally give a spark of life to their, so far, utterly dismal season. But don't hold your breath. It would be a still-greater shock if any such show of defiance rescued Julen Lopetegui's job. The manager has been beleaguered for weeks, if not months; he's deeply unpopular with Sevilla's volatile, voluble, ultra-demanding fans; his players appear either uninspired or bored by him and, frankly, it might be healthiest for all concerned to turn the page ... him included.

But if Sevilla's director of football Monchi, players, fans, local media or president Jose Castro reckon that this would be a quick fix which drags the club out of the doldrums and allows all the blame to be heaped on poor old Lopetegui, they'd better think again. Sevilla's recent record on managerial appointments is pretty shocking. Since Unai Emery left in 2016, beating Liverpool in Switzerland to win the last of Sevilla's astonishing hat trick of Europa League finals, the club have made seven coach appointments -- almost immediately getting rid of six of them.

As battered and bruised as Lopetegui is now, he's been Sevilla's only success in that time. In 2020 he, too, won the UEFA Europa League, pretty thrillingly at that. But the average tenure of the six coaches appointed before him is just over five months each! Pathetic. From Jorge Sampaoli (who is now in the frame to take over again) at 10 months, through Eduardo Berizzo, Vincenzo Montella, Joaquin Caparros (twice) and Pablo Machin, this extraordinary club -- which roared back into life in 2005 having not won a major trophy for 57 years (10 since then) -- has stuttered from one failed coaching appointment to another.

When Monchi was briefly at Roma between 2017-2019 his beloved Sevilla made a complete dog's dinner of coping without him. He returned, brought Lopetegui with him, and there has been continuity, consecutive qualifications for the riches of the Champions League and another European trophy (the 2020 Europa League).

There's no avoiding, however, that Sevilla's transfer market work, since the epic business done in summer 2019 on Monchi's return from Serie A, has largely stunk



Julen Lopetegui

the house out. A fact which partly accounts for the desperate situation in which Lopetegui now finds himself.

Every single coach, great, average, or journeyman, depends on the basic quality of his assembled footballers. There are minor exceptions (since truly excellent work when Jules Kounde, Diego Carlos, Yassine Bounou and Joan Jordan were all signed in summer 2019) in how well they bring in new players isn't the only thing which has left Sevilla in the mire. Last season Los Rojiblancos were averaging eight or nine players out injured every month from December onwards. Disastrous.

Whose fault is that? The doctors? The physios? The fitness coaches? Unless Lopetegui runs atrociously poor training sessions (in which case wouldn't Monchi have intervened long ago?) he can't be blamed for never having full, or fully fit playing resources at his disposal.

One crazy example is that Marco, signed to partially offset the brutal impact of moving on Kounde and Diego Carlos in the same summer, hasn't been fit to play a single competitive minute since arriving three months ago.

Another problem outside the 56-year-old Basque's control is his "noisy neighbours." Real Betis, for most of Monchi's reign, must have thought they were in purgatory. Sevilla hit new heights, won trophy after trophy, won the majority of the passionate, aggressive city derbies, made themselves world famous and earned hundreds of millions of euros from UEFA success and unparalleled profit-making on their transfer market deals. Betis, meanwhile, bounced up and down between relegation and promotion and, frankly, sulked. But right now they're vibrant, vivacious, their stadium is full to the brim with noisy, happy supporters and, above all, they are reigning Copa del Rey holders.

All of which adds bitterness and sting to the fury of those, in red and white, who've given up on Lopetegui. It's not his fault that Betis are brilliant to watch, but he might have to pay the bill. So although Lopetegui's performance level across his three years in

charge has plummeted from "notably good" to "Sevilla have lost their verve and cutting edge" to, now, "they're in deep trouble!" there are genuine mitigating circumstances. Yet with a record of seven wins from the last 21 LaLiga matches last season, flunking out of what looked like a title challenge and only qualifying for the Champions League on the last day of the season, those circumstances probably won't save the poor chap his job.

What makes it still worse is that the impoverished performance this season means that he and his team have won only 38 of the last 84 LaLiga points in play. Last March they were in contention for the title -- sitting in second place and six points off Madrid with a game against Los Blancos to come. Now they're struggling to edge clear of the relegation zone in 17th place with five points from seven games. Europe, too, has seen a sudden litany of defeats to teams which, over the last 15 years, Sevilla would have routinely eliminated.

The final ignominy for "Mister" Lopetegui (and a brooding threat for anyone charged with taking over in the immediate future) was laid out by Papu Gomez. One of the clear, recent transfer market successes, "El Papu" returned from international duty with Argentina having been quoted as suggesting that any smart player will have his head much more focused on the World Cup than LaLiga or Champions League business until Qatar 2022 begins on Nov. 20.

"This last month before the tournament starts is going to be complicated," he said. "Let's see where everyone's mind is going to be. How focused guys are. With all due sincerity -- that's the truth of the situation."

Admirably frank. And, at the same time, alarmingly threatening.

Precisely when Sevilla, Lopetegui and Monchi require every player to be fighting tooth and nail for every header, tackle, loose ball and snarling through every 50/50 challenge -- Papu reckons that there's a temptation to put national team interests first. To protect oneself; not Sevilla.

There's something about Lopetegui and World Cups. I was there, four years ago, in Krasnodar for Russia 2018, when an effervescent and confident Spain watched their chances of challenging for the trophy

blown to smithereens by Lopetegui's naive belief that he could line up the Real Madrid job, announce it, and still keep his post with Spain throughout the tournament. Boy did he judge THAT one badly. He was sacked and sent on a plane home before Spain had kicked a ball in anger.

Now, even if Lopetegui somehow makes it through the next few games, with some senior players saving themselves for what'll happen in Qatar, he'll immediately hit that awful Bermuda Triangle for coaches when a long period of inactivity, during which most of your best players aren't with you in training, usually makes under-pressure clubs, boards, presidents and owners ultra-trigger happy. The itch to sack often becomes irresistible.

If they do dispense with one of only two coaches to win Sevilla a trophy in the last six years, Monchi's work in re-developing and improving will have to be incredibly successful. Above all Sevilla lack a killer goal scorer and a commanding, permanently fit, central defender.

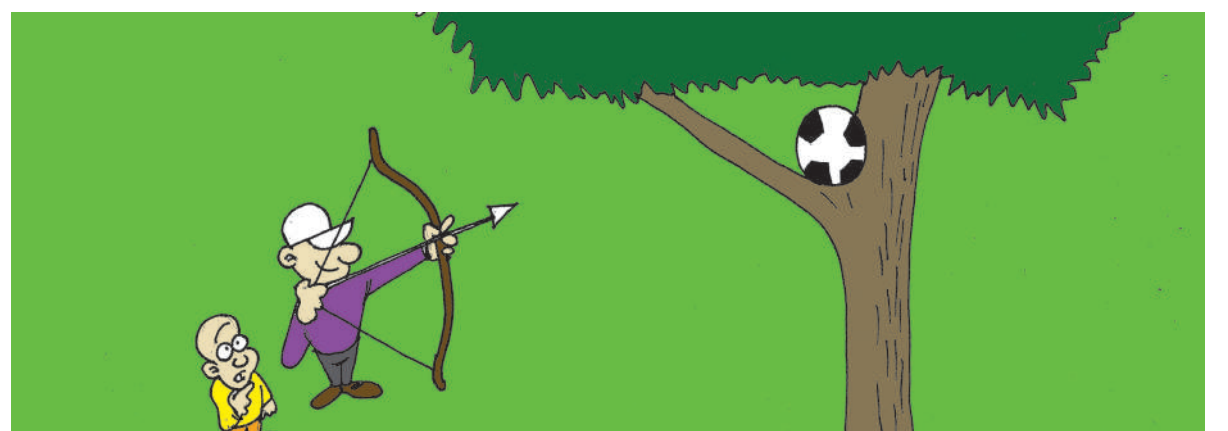
To give Monchi credit, he's a stickler for explaining his philosophy, his hit/miss rate and, generally, for lifting the lid on that dog-eat-dog transfer world which he's imperiously dominated for the last 20 years.

A few months ago he told Radio Marca: "The Sevilla we've built is now nothing like the one of 10 or more years ago. Clubs 'know' us now, know that we're looking for players who'll be burnished here, succeed then have a big re-sale profit for us. So they try to build in bigger future sell-on profits for themselves when we are negotiating to buy their footballers. That's why we're now trying to buy players who are more the finished article rather than young versions of Alves, Baptista and Adriano as we once did. That, in turn, hoists the purchase price up."

Old romantic that he is, Monchi argues that: "It's fundamental that when a footballer hears that Sevilla want to sign him I need to see his eyes shining with pride."

Not something which will happen too often if the current stagnant, injury-prone, antagonistic and under-performing situation at the club continues. It's just best that everyone understands: sacking Lopetegui won't be a panacea for all that ails them. Over to you Monchi.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Juma Mwambusi

Juma Mwambusi takes positives from Ihefu SC's draw with Prisons

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadonga

MBEYA'S Ihefu SC head coach Juma Mwambusi has taken positives from his side's one-all draw against Tanzania Prisons FC in the 2022/23 NBC Premier League duel played at Highland Estate Stadium in Mbeya on Tuesday.

Ihefu SC is still anchoring this season's NBC Premier League table with one point from six matches.

In a post-match interview, Mwambusi though said he is delighted with the one-all draw, saying it is a motivation to his side.

The coach noted: "We aimed to win the game at home against Tanzania Prisons but it did not go as planned but I'm happy that my players played according to instructions."

"The draw is a big motivation to my players, I'm sure it's a stepping stone to good results to come, we will work on the mistakes we saw and hopefully in our next game, we will be the better side," he said.

Ihefu SC will on Saturday play away to Mbeya City FC. In the Tuesday clash, Ihefu SC which was looking for a first win in this season's NBC Premier League looked well organized and played with a purpose.

It took the promoted squad's striker Jaffary Salum to score the opening goal in the 55th minute of the second half but the visitors equalized in the 81st minute through newly signed striker Ismail Mgunda.

Prison FC's head coach Patrick Odhiambo hailed his side for staging the comeback, saying they showed character.

"The aim was to collect maximum points but it did not happen as we planned, I thank my players for equalizing, it was not easy but they worked hard and managed to get a point for us," he said.

In another NBC Premier League match played at Sheikh Amri Abeid Stadium in Arusha, Geita Gold FC ended its winless streak this season when the side beat Polisi Tanzania 2-1.

Geita Gold FC's goals were scored by George Mpole and Edmund John while Polisi Tanzania's goal was scored by Hassan Kapona.

With last Tuesday's results, Polisi Tanzania, Kagera Sugar, and Ihefu SC are so far the sides that have yet to post victory in the NBC Premier League.

Azam FC leaves for Libya ahead of 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup match



Azam FC footballers, fullback Nathaniel Chilambo (L) and attacker Abdulhamisi Suleiman take part in training with teammates in Dar es Salaam recently in preparation for the first leg clash of 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup's second preliminary round against Libya's Al Akhdar slated for the weekend at the latter's home turf. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebwe

TANZANIA'S Azam FC has left the country for Libya ahead of their 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup second preliminary round match against their host Al Akhdar to be held this weekend.

A 25-man squad left for the Libyan city of Benghazi at dawn. The Tanzanian representatives will meet Al Akhdar in Benghazi on Saturday.

They aspire to return with a positive result from Libya, before hosting the return leg at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on October 16.

"The team is set to hit the

run-way tomorrow to Libya, for the weekend's CAF Confederation Cup second preliminary round match against Al Akhdar," the outfit's spokesman Thabit Zakaria has confirmed.

For the trip to Libya, there will

be no signs of either Kenyan attacking midfielder Kenneth Murguna or young goalkeeper Wilbol Maseke, who are both injured and out of the travelling squad.

Zakaria disclosed: "We are glad our game against Singida Big

Stars did not result in big injury problems. Keneth Murguna will miss out on the trip because of his ongoing injury problem, which leaves him on the sidelines alongside goalkeeper Wilbol Maseke."

The official noted: "The rest of the players are fit but because we are travelling with only 25, it is up to the coach to decide who stays behind since we can't move around with a 30 man-squad."

Zakaria pointed out: "The players are highly motivated to make it through to the CAF Confederation Cup group stage. Even new arrivals who have heard that this club has never made it into the group stage are eager to write a new chapter and make history."

"These players who come from other African countries have seen clubs with fewer resources than Azam FC making it to the group stage and believe given our status we deserve a place in the last

16." The leader said: "However, they understand it is not merely a matter of believing but it is their hard work that will earn Azam a place in the group stage. They are ready to fight for the club."

The Libyan side secured their spot in the first round of the CAF Confederation Cup by completing a 3-0 aggregate victory over Sudan's Ahli Khartoum last month while Azam FC was among the clubs that were given a bye in that round.

The aggregate winners of the duel between Azam FC and Al Akhdar will qualify for the CAF Confederation Cup group stage playoffs, where they face teams relegated from the CAF Champions League second preliminary round.

Last season, Azam FC participated in the CAF Confederation Cup but was knocked out in the first round after conceding a 1-0 aggregate loss to Pyramids FC of Egypt.

Simba SC vows to erase awful records against Angolan opponents in CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S Simba SC Head of Information and Communication Department Ahmed Ally says its 2022/23 CAF Champions League second preliminary round tie against Angola's CD Primeiro de Agosto will have two main goals.

Simba SC will play the first leg game of this season's CAF Champions League second preliminary round against the Angolan champion at Estádio França Ndalu in Luanda, and the return leg clash will be played at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on October 16.

Ally disclosed that his side's first goal for the game is to ensure that it fights and wins against the hosts, while the second goal is to erase the bad record the former has had every time the club takes part in a continental club showdown assignment in Angola.

The leader revealed: "We will leave on Saturday to Angola where we will play our clash the following day, we are going to Angola to not only play but also erase the bad history that was written earlier."

"The last time Simba SC went to Angola in the CAF Champions League, the squad lost 5-0 against Libolo FC, we are going to erase that history although we are playing with a different outfit," Ally noted.

Said Maulid, a former Tanzanian winger who played in the Angola Premier League, said that Simba SC must prepare early, especially for their away match as there will



Some Simba SC players participate in a warm-up before the club battled it out in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash that was held in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

be no obstacle for them to the CAF Champions League group stage.

Maulid played for Simba SC and Yanga before going to Angola to play for Onze Bravos between 2008-2012.

"CD Primeiro de Agosto is an army team in Angola, it is as big as either Simba SC or Yanga in the sense of dominance, records, trophies, fans, and even historically, so Tanzania's representa-

tives must go intelligently and have great caution to get good results away from home," Maulid, popularly known as 'SMG', disclosed.

Maulid added: "Besides CD Primeiro de Agosto, the

other one that stands out is Atletico Petroleos de Luanda which has many fans and has as well invested well, except for issues on the pitch, Simba SC has a strong team but Agosto is good, in recent years the club was shaken due to COVID-19 pandemic and this season the outfit is back in full swing."

Maulid said CD Primeiro de Agosto's rapid return will however not make Simba SC fail to perform well in away and even home matches, as the latter has competent players who should play seriously in both matches and avoid mistakes that will cost them.

"It is important that they prepare early before going there, as they are an experienced team with knowledge on tackling many intrigues outside the pitch, especially when they face difficult matches," the former winger who as well turned out for the senior national squad, Taifa Stars, revealed.

Simba SC progressed to this season's CAF Champions League second preliminary round following a 4-0 aggregate victory over Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets FC.

CD Primeiro de Agosto secured the second preliminary round spot by defeating Zambia's Red Arrows FC 2-1 on aggregate.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

