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Director of Criminal Investigations Commissioner of Police Ramadhani Kingai presents a certificate to one of 13 police officers awarded for outstanding service. This was at a prize-giving ceremony held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Maulid Mmbaga

TPDC, private sector to build 28 natural gas filling stations

"Approximately 5,000 vehicles are using gas so far and this has helped significantly to reduce foreign currency needs for oil importation"

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

THE Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) has been tasked with increasing compressed natural gas (CNG) filling stations for motorists in Dar es Salaam and Coast regions from the current two stations to 30 during the current financial year.

Felchesmi Mramba, the Energy permanent secretary, aired this intention yesterday in remarks to journalists when visiting pavilions linked to the ministry at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF 2024).

Areas where the stations will be installed include Muhimbili, Kibaha, Sinza, Mwenge, Goba, Mbezi Beach, Mbagala and the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) where TPDC will take lead, col-

laborating with the private sector.

Filling stations stocking CNG are fed by trucks to filling stations at the Muhimbili National Hospital and Ferry station at Kigamboni.

Initial plans provide for installing gas stations in different areas of the region, to amplify on the Buguruni and Ubungo Maziwa filling stations apparently referred to by the ministerial top executive.

"In Dar es Salaam, we expect to have them by next year, we also expect to have stations and mobile filling stations to serve those who want to fill cars with gas at specified places," he stated.

He expressed optimism on progress in the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project from Hoima in northern

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Ministers: EAC framework in DRC peace drive crucial

By Guardian Reporter

THE Foreign Affairs ministers of East African Community (EAC) member countries have expressed their commitment to address the humanitarian and security challenges in the Eastern DRC.

The gathering stemmed from directives of the 23rd EAC summit seeking consensus on measures to enhance regional stability and more effective integration initiatives.

The ministers wrapped up their retreat in Zanzibar yesterday, having deliberated on the current status of peace, security, inter-state relations and the EAC integration process, welcoming the fragile humanitarian truce handled by the United States, seeking its indefinite extension.

Veronica Nduva, the EAC secretary general, delivered the joint statement of the ministerial retreat, stressing that sustainable peace and security in the

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Canada, UNICEF, UNFPA team in C\$14.7m girls support fund

By Guardian Reporter

GLOBAL Affairs Canada, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have signed a five-year programme to improve equitable access to quality sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services for adolescent girls.

Supported by a C\$14.7m (28bn/-) investment placed by Canadian authorities, the programme will be jointly implemented by UNICEF and UNFPA in a multi-sector approach, targeting over 1.2m adolescents aged 10 to 19 years in Zanzibar, Songwe



These issues are further exacerbated by poverty, deep-rooted cultural and religious beliefs and negative gender norms

and Dodoma regions.

Kyle Nunas, the Canadian high commissioner, said at the signing ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday that building on Canada's ongoing health commitments in Tanzania, the new programme with UNICEF and UNFPA will improve equitable access to quality sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The programme is intended to reduce maternal deaths, reduce unwanted pregnancies, prevent or treat sexually transmitted infections and improve economic empowerment of women and girls, he

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PBZ branch links Isles, Morogoro rice farmers

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By Guardian Reporter

SERVICES of the Morogoro branch of the People's Bank of Zanzibar (PBZ) will help in uniting rice farmers in Morogoro Region and those in Zanzibar as the majority of commercial farmers in the region come from Zanzibar, top officials affirm.

Hamza Hassan Juma, the Policy, Coordination and the House of Representatives

state minister in the Zanzibar Second Vice President's Office, made this affirmation in remarks at the opening of the PBZ branch, in a ceremony graced by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa.

PBZ managing director Arafat Haji said the launch of the branch will improve business between the Mainland and Zanzibar as Morogoro is a major producer of the key staple, rice.

Zanzibaris cultivating rice and other stakeholders will not have to travel to Dodoma, Dar es Salaam or other places to seek out appropriate banking services as Morogoro is now the connecting centre, he said.

In his remarks, the premier credited the significant strides made in the financial sector to good policies set by the government, bringing services closer to the people.

Through policy review, financial services have trickled down to the people in remote areas through a wide array of latter day financial institutions, he said, asserting that opening the new branch is part of efforts to advance the agenda championed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to further elevate financial inclusion.

Lending and other facilities offered by the branch will spur economic growth and improve lives of the people in the

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explained.

Demographic surveys show that Tanzania has a predominantly youthful population, with adolescents comprising 23.2 per cent, with high rates of child marriage and teenage pregnancies, he stated.

The 2022 Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) says these challenges contribute to 104 women dying for every 100,000 live births in pregnancy-related complications, the envoy noted.

Upwards of 22 per cent of adolescent girls aged 15 to 19 were seen to have been pregnant at least once, he said, pointing out that this occurs within a wider context of a high unmet need for family planning, a heavy HIV burden, domestic violence, malnutrition, school dropping out and limited access to economic opportunities.

"These issues are further exacerbated by poverty, deep-rooted cultural and religious beliefs and negative gender norms," he said, affirming that this highlights the urgent need for investment in adolescent health and well-being.

Lawrence Oundo, the UNICEF country director of operations, said that adolescence is a critical development phase and decisions made during this time significantly impact the future health, well-being and productivity in later years.

"This agreement with Global Affairs Canada will allow UNICEF and UNFPA to work together to reach more girls with coordinated and integrated responses," he stated.

The government and UN agencies recognize the critical needs of ado-

lescents, particularly girls, which require concerted efforts from multiple sectors, he said, affirming that this joint effort comes at a crucial time as investments in adolescent programming are needed to transform adolescents' lives in a positive way.

Mark Bryan Schreiner, the UNFPA representative said that investing in adolescent girls benefits everyone, because when girls flourish their subsequent families and communities flourish as well, even for generations to come.

"This is a future that works for all," he said, highlighting that the five-year programme will primarily focus on gender-transformative approaches, strengthening gender-responsive initiatives and enhancing adolescent-friendly service delivery.

Increased use of rights-based, gender-responsive and adolescent-friendly SRHR information and services for adolescents, especially adolescent girls in the targeted regions, he said.

It is similarly expected to enhance the ability of adolescent girls and boys to claim their SRH rights in the targeted regions, creating an enabling environment for the realization of adolescent SRHR at the national and sub-national levels, he specified.

This programme aligns with national priorities that emphasize the crucial role of adolescent health and well-being in sustained socio-economic development, thus prioritizing the needs of adolescent girls is a critical step to ensuring a healthier, more prosperous future for Tanzania, he added.

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area, he said, highlighting that along with offering bank services, the branch will contribute to new job openings, facilitating economic growth.

"This is due to the fact that bank-

ing services are important to spur economic growth and improve economic capacities for the public in general, so this is an opportunity for the people of Morogoro," he stated.

Residents in the region need to use bank access opportunities to improve their lives, he added.

Elephants in South African park trample Spanish tourist to death

JOHANNESBURG

ELEPHANTS trampled to death a Spanish tourist at a South African wildlife reserve after he left his vehicle and approached a herd to take photographs, police and local government authorities said Tuesday.

The 43-year-old man was killed on Sunday at Pilanesberg National Park in North West province, about 180 kilometers (111 miles) from Johannesburg, police said.

The elephant herd included young calves. Wildlife experts often warn that elephants are especially protective of their young and can react aggressively to a perceived threat.

Police said the man's fiancée and two other women, all from Johannesburg, were also in the vehicle and unharmed.

Piet Nel, acting chief conservation officer for the North West Parks and Tourism Board, said guests at Pilanesberg are told they are not allowed to leave their vehicles while driving through the park and must sign forms showing they understand the rules.

"In some cases, people are oblivious to the dangers in the parks," Nel said. "We must remember that you are entering a wild area." Elephants killed two American tourists this year in separate attacks in the southern African nation of Zambia.

China willing to promote modernisation with African nations, states vice premier

GUANGZHOU

CHINA is willing to provide new opportunities for Africa concerning its development and to join hands in promoting modernization, Chinese Vice Premier Liu Guozhong said on Tuesday in Guangzhou, capital city of south China's Guangdong Province.

Liu, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks when addressing the opening ceremony of the 5th Forum on China-Africa Local Government Cooperation.

Liu said China and Africa have worked together to deepen and consolidate relations and the two sides have entered a new stage of jointly building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era.

Noting that the world today is intertwined and chaotic, with changes unseen in a century accelerating, Liu said China and Africa need to

strengthen solidarity and cooperation more than ever.

Liu said the local governments of China and Africa should treat each other as equals for mutual benefit and win-win results, and expand the dimensions of opening-up and cooperation.

Stressing innovation, Liu called on both sides to speed up green transformation, while upholding inclusiveness and mutual learning to boost people-to-people exchanges.

China is ready to promote alignment between the high-quality joint construction of the Belt and Road, the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, the African Union's 2063 Agenda and the development strategies of African countries, Liu added.

About 350 political leaders from African countries and officials of local governments and relevant institutions from China and Africa attended the conference.



Zanzibar Second Vice President Hemed Suleiman Abdulla (with microphone) issues a directive to the contractor overseeing the implementation of Zanzibar Social Security Fund's affordable housing project yesterday. Photo: ZSVPO

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Uganda to Chongoleani port facility in Tanga, noting that it is about 30 percent complete. Upwards of 600 kilometers of pipes had arrived towards the end of last year and were being laid out.

He reiterated the government's wish that the private sector invest in gas filling facilities to increase the speed of available service centres, urging greater collaboration with

TPDC without explicitly setting out the commercial arrangements for mainstreaming that effort.

"Through TPDC and the steps that the ministry has been taking, we believe the private sector will involve itself so that we do not exclusively rely on TPDC," he said.

Visiting the EWURA pavilion he said that the agency has helped to stabilise the price of fuel and exercised oversight on the quality of electricity supply services.

As for natural gas, EWURA has helped to manage the resource and ensure the quality of supply services provided to the public, he said, with Dr James Mwainyekule, EWURA director general, pointing at agreements with electricity suppliers on its services.

EWURA had last month signed a contract with the Tanzania Electric Supply Co. (TANESCO) to measure efficiency, its performance and the way it carries out

its work.

"Investment is being made by the government where until June 30 the quality of fuel had reached 97 percent," he specified, pointing at its monitoring of prices on the world market for clues on what can be done locally.

"Approximately 5,000 vehicles are using gas so far and this has helped significantly to reduce foreign currency needs for oil importation," he added.



Dr Selemani Jafo (L), until only days ago Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment) but now overseeing the Industry and Trade ministerial docket, receives working tools in Dodoma city yesterday from his predecessor in the latter position, Dr Ashatu Kijaji. The two have swapped portfolios. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

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region hinges on a political process.

They recommended the convening of an EAC summit to revitalize the Nairobi process that was augmented by the Luanda process on attaining peace in the DRC, affirming that institutionalizing peace support operations within the EAC framework was a priority.

Agreements were reached on the need for expediting the EAC mutual defence pact and activating sessions of the EAC council of ministers on peace and security, she said, elaborating that these steps are designed to provide timely guidance and coordination on critical security matters affecting the region.

The ministers further addressed interstate relations, acknowledging their impact on regional integration efforts, the communique indicated, specifying that the ministers encouraged using existing frameworks to resolve disputes.

They referred particularly to commitments made by Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo under the Luanda process, as well as between Rwanda and Burundi

set for October.

The retreat reviewed progress on the implementation of EAC integration pillars, laying emphasis on political commitment and goodwill to achieve shared goals, the communique noted.

The ministers recommended prompt settlement of arrears owed by partner states to the EAC secretariat, to help resolve financial constraints it faces, while exploring sustainable funding mechanisms to be discussed jointly by Finance ministers, the secretariat and Foreign Affairs ministers.

They shall work on building on the financing model adopted during the 23rd ordinary summit last November, the secretary general indicated.

Praising Tanzania for hosting the retreat, they wished Rwanda well ahead of its upcoming election as vital for solidarity and cooperation among the member states.

On the whole the retreat underscored commitment to regional peace, security and integration, including a positive trajectory for collaborative efforts in the months ahead, she added.



Regional enrolment coordinators, enrolment officers, constituency assistants, electoral officers, supplies officers and IT officers pictured in Tabora municipality yesterday swearing before Kundia Robert, Commissioner of Oaths from the High Court in Tabora Region, to opt out of political party memberships and to observe confidentiality and secrecy. It was shortly before the start of two-day training for various officials lined up for upcoming elections. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

Register for PVR, govt tells Kigoma residents

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has urged the residents in Kigoma Region to turn out in large numbers to register during the upgrade of the permanent voter's register (PVR) to participate fully in electing competent leaders in the forthcoming elections.

He made the call yesterday when addressing residents in Uvinza District, commending his official tour in the region, saying that registering in the PVR update will enable citizens to exercise their right to vote and be voted.

The VP also emphasised the public to actively participate by providing their views in the drafting of the country's Development Vision 2050.

He highlighted the importance of

prioritizing education for children to foster national development, stressing the need for educated citizens to ensure competent leadership and workforce.

According to him, for any nation to achieve development goals, it needs a well-educated populace who later turn to be competent leaders and workers.

"Education is crucial for national development," he added, stressing the need for a well-educated populace.

He also instructed Kigoma Region leadership to discuss with the contractor of Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) in the Uvinza segment to allow citizens with alternative identification cards to work in the project while the Ministry of Home Affairs addresses the issuance of their national identity cards.

He also directed the district leaders to supervise the full restoration of natural vegetation in the district, including tree planting

to meet the set environmental protection goals.

While at Kazuramimba ward in the district, Dr Mpango addressed a public rally directing the Ministry of Water to ensure that it completes a water project at the area by August this year in order to address challenges facing residents in the area.

While in Kigoma, Dr Mpango will inspect various development projects as well as listen to people's challenges.

Samia Legal Aid Campaign teams start assisting inmates

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

IN efforts aimed at improving access to justice for all, the Samia Legal Aid Campaign has commenced visits to various prisons across the country to offer legal assistance to remandees and inmates.

The initiative has so far managed to serve more than 7,000 of remandees and inmates. Ester Msambazi, Acting Director of Legal Aid Services in the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs unveiled this yesterday when speaking at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF-2024).

Msambazi said that the initiative aims to assist people who may find themselves in remand due to a lack of legal representation or guidance in navigating their legal challenges.

"We understand that there are some people who are in prison solely because they lacked proper legal guidance. With the right support, they could secure bail or resolve their legal issues through constructive dialogue of both parties," she remarked.

Regarding inmates, Msambazi highlighted that the campaign not only aids in legal matters but also seeks opportunities for them to contribute positively to society, such as through community service or appealing in higher courts if they are not satisfied with their sentence.

"The provision of legal aid services to those in detention is crucial. We regularly visit police stations and prisons, offering education on criminal justice processes to empower inmates to seek relief from their sentences," she added.

The campaign also includes educating detainees on their rights and responsibilities during

arrest, investigation, and court proceedings. It assists individuals in understanding the processes of obtaining bail and appealing sentences handed down by various courts across the nation.

"In our outreach, we provide personalized advice to remandees and inmates, supported by legal professionals who prepare necessary documentation for their cases. This approach is essential, especially for those who have been in custody for prolonged periods," Msambazi explained.

The legal team operates in collaboration with officials from the Prosecutor's Office, Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs, Police Force Headquarters, Prisons Headquarters, and the Human Rights and Good Governance Commission.

Their joint efforts aim to expedite cases and ensure timely justice for those affected by prolonged legal proceedings.

Furthermore, regional directors of criminal offenses and other justice delivery agencies are involved in discussions with prisoners and inmates to address their specific legal needs.

She said Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign has also been providing legal aid to illegal immigrants whose cases have been heard and decisions have been made to return them to their country but they lack a means to leave the country.

"Through the Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign, we have also extended support to illegal immigrants whose cases have been reviewed, facilitating their return to their home countries when they lack the means to do so," Msambazi concluded.

The campaign has made significant strides, spanning seven regions thus far, and continues to provide essential legal aid to those in need across Tanzania.

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MWANGA HAKIKABANK

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Notice is hereby given that, the 04th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Mwanga Hakika Bank Ltd will be held on Saturday 10th August, 2024 at Boabab Retreat Hall, in Mwanga - Kilimanjaro commencing at 10:00 a.m and the following will be transacted:-

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 03rd Annual General Meeting.
4. To discuss matter arising from the 03rd Annual General Meeting.
5. To receive, discuss and approve Board of Director's Report for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

5.1 Director's Report.

5.2 Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

5.3 Capital Position as required by law.

5.4 Managing Director's Report

6. To receive, discuss and approve Statement of the External Auditors for the year 2023
7. To appoint External Auditors for the year 2024/2025
8. To appoint and retification of the Board Member for the year 2024/2025
9. Discussion, questions and suggestion from Shareholders.
10. Any Other Business (AOB) as approved by Board Chairman.
11. Closing of the Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- ✓ All Shareholders are reminded to come with their National Identity Card (NIDA) or voting ID or Shareholder Membership ID.
- ✓ Any member who is eligible to attend is entitled to appoint one proxy to attend the meeting and vote on behalf.
(Proxy Form is available in all MHB Branches, and a duly - filled in form must be submitted at least a day prior to the meeting)

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By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE annual headline inflation rate for the month of June, 2024 has stagnated at 3.1 percent as it was recorded in May, 2024, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) has revealed.

In a statement released yesterday, NBS said the stagnation of headline inflation explains that, the speed of price change for commodities for the year ended June, 2024 has remained the same as the speed that was recorded for the year ended May, 2024.

The overall index went up from 112.81 recorded in June, 2023 to 116.30 recorded in June, 2024. Food and non-alcoholic beverages inflation rate for June, 2024 has decreased to 0.9 percent from 1.6 percent that was recorded in May, 2024.

On the other hand, the annual inflation rate for all items without

NBS: Headline inflation remained 3.1 pct in June

food and non-alcoholic beverages for June, 2024 has increased to 4.0 percent from 3.7 percent that was recorded in May, 2024.

"NCPI has shown a relatively stable price movement from June, 2023 to June, 2024 ranging between 112.81 and 116.30.

In addition, annual headline inflation rates over the same period have shown a stable trend that ranges between 3.0 percent and 3.6 percent" reads the statement.

The national consumer price index between May, 2024 and June, 2024 has increased by 0.1 percent.

The increase of the overall index is attributed to price increase for some non-food items. Some non-food items that contributed to an increase of the index include: car

batteries by 1.1 percent, motorcycle fares as taxi by 3.1 percent, gymnastic and sports equipment by 6.9 percent.

Others are industrial fruit juices by 4.8 percent, kerosene by 9.3 percent, firewood by 5.7 percent, clothing materials by 0.7 percent, school uniforms by 1.9 percent, male footwear by 0.8 percent, refrigerators by 0.6 percent, and charcoal by 7.3 percent.

In comparison with other East African countries of Kenya and Uganda, the former recorded a decrease of inflation rate from 5.1 percent in May, 2024 to 4.6 percent in June 2024 while Uganda recorded an increase of 3.9 per cent in June, 2024 up from 3.6 percent in May, 2024.



Christina Mndeme, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment), attends the 11th United Nations Environment Programme meeting in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, on Sunday. Story on Page 6.
Photo: VPO

Women group in Iringa to install rice processing mill

By Marc Nkwame, Iringa

MEMBERS of the Jijenge Community Group in the Tungamalenga Village of Iringa District are investing in an ambitious project of establishing a modern rice processing mill, complete with packaging and labeling facility with intention to start exporting farm produce.

Jijenge Group Chairlady, Shani Richard, revealed to journalists visiting the area, that the envisaged rice factory is being realized through support from the Resilience Natural Resources for Tourism Growth (REGROW) implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism with funding from the World Bank.

"We want to add value to the rice grown in the area in addition to branding the consignment with trademark seals of origin, so that wherever our produce goes, be it to other regions, neighboring countries or even abroad, the rice will be known to have originated from farms Iringa District," explained Shani Richard.

Tungamalenga village, qualifies for the support from the Resilience Natural Resources for Tourism Growth, because it is located adjacent to Ruaha one of the recipient National Parks in the program,

other being Mikumi, Nyerere and Udzungwa.

Apart from infrastructural development and tourism boosting, REGROW also works to improve the lives and economies of local communities living adjacent to the protected areas.

There are several community groups in the rural precincts of Iringa, bordering Ruaha National Park, being supported under the ambitious program, Jijenge with 15 members, is one of them and the rice processing venture happens to be one of their various initiatives.

"This is a rice producing precinct but farmers have been sending raw and unbranded agricultural produce to other regions and neighboring countries, thus losing revenues and sense ownership," added the Jijenge Group leader.

Apparently it will cost over 53m/- the machinery will take over 42m/- while the housing structure may be built at the cost of 11m/- as of initial calculations.

Shani says REGROW will support them with funds for procuring the equipment, while the mostly women group members are to foot the cost of construction.

According to Shani, cereal dealers have been procuring rice and maize from Iringa then take the products for processing and

packaging elsewhere, before branding the same with their own trademarks, while the Tungamalenga farmers who actually produced the foodstuffs get no credit.

The planned rice processing plant will be erected next to the Tungamalenga giant grain silo constructed by the government at the cost of 776 million/- as part of the 'Big Results Now' initiative.

"The facility is capable of holding over 5000 tons of grain, but in this case much of it happens to be rice," explained Jacob Bartholomew Nzilanu the officer in-charge of the community grain silo.

According to Nzilanu, local rice growers are currently compelled to take their harvests to as far as Iringa Town, located some 95 kilometers from their paddy farms, for grading, processing and packaging.

"It is quite expensive and cumbersome, because it costs 8000/- to process a single 100 kilogram sack of raw rice and here you haven't counted transport and handling," pointed out the Nzilanu.

On his part, the REGROW focal person for Iringa District Council Frederick Chotamasege said the proposed Jijenge Group's Rice Milling and Grading facility was a welcome project but they have advised the members to invest in larger machinery that can handle large consignments.

"Because we want their project to be sustainable and future proof; a bigger mill means they will be able to process all the rice harvested in the area, therefore there will be no need for farmers to look elsewhere or for other investors to bring competition against the women group," he said.

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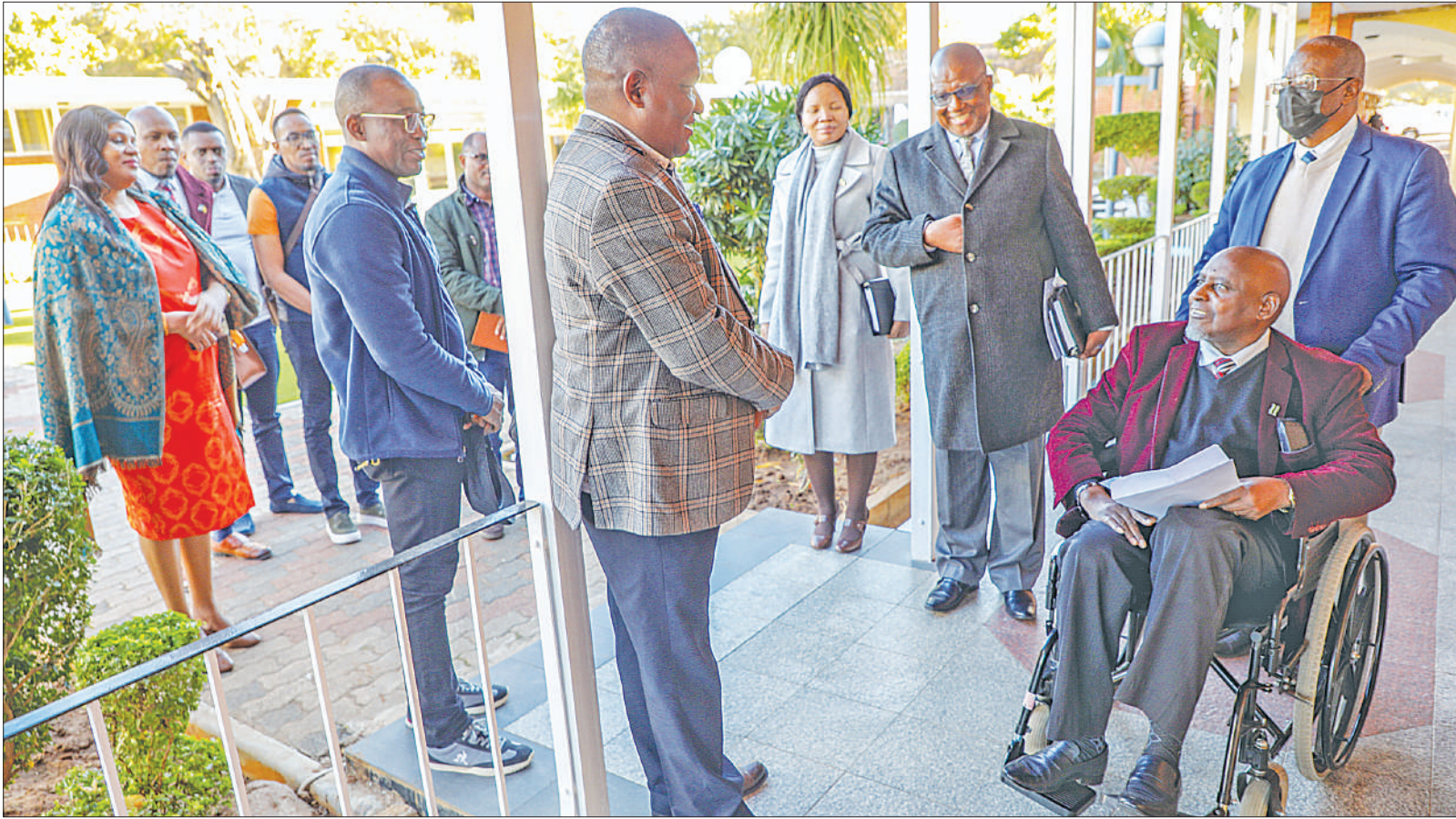
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Daniel Eliufoo (C, in checkered jacket), Regional Assistant Secretary of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Associations (Africa Region) Secretariat doubling as Director of Communications and International Relations of Tanzania's National Assembly, leads a delegation out to pay a courtesy call to the Speaker of Botswana's National Assembly, Phandu Skelemani (in wheelchair), in Gaborone yesterday. Photo: Special Correspondent

UDSM to sign MoU with Chinese varsity to enrich academic, cultural experiences

By Correspondent Zuena Shame

THE University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) through the Department of Creative Arts is poised to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Northwestern Polytechnical University of China with an aim to enrich academic and cultural experiences for both students and faculty members.

Dr Daines Sanga, Head of the department made the announcement in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the China-Tanzania Youth Cultural Exchange Gala held at varsity's Chinese Library. The gala forms part of a series of activities to commemorate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania.

She emphasized the potential benefits of the MoU, highlighting opportunities for UDSM's students and teachers to receive specialized training in areas such as proposal writing, academic publications and cultural exchange.

Dr Sanga underscored the importance of exposure for UDSM students, many of whom lack opportunities to study abroad. This collaboration promises to provide them with invaluable educational experiences.

"We anticipate that these relationships will foster productive academic and cultural exchanges, enabling our students to cultivate cultural tolerance, which is one of the essential components of international relations," Dr Sanga remarked.

She added that during this period where Tanzania and China have strong relations, cultural tolerance is very important, as many Chinese people are in Tanzania and many Tanzanians are in China.

Dr Sanga stressed that following robust Tanzanian-Chinese relations, understanding each other's cultures is crucial, especially given the significant presence of both Tanzanians in China and Chinese nationals in Tanzania.

She also highlighted the potential for UDSM's visibility to increase through enhanced educational opportunities, including faculty development in proposal writing and academic publications.

Zhang Qingjiang, Director of the Art Education Centre at Northwestern Polytechnical University emphasized the

longstanding diplomatic ties between China and Tanzania, which have facilitated substantial economic and cultural exchanges.

Qingjiang expressed confidence that the MoU would deepen educational cooperation, academic research, and cultural heritage preservation between the universities, stressing the importance of nurturing global-minded talents and contributing to both countries' scientific and social development.

He said that the strong support from the Chinese embassy and companies in Tanzania have helped to build broader space for communication, which has promoted closer cooperation and deeper friendship between the two sides hence the concerted efforts and joint efforts.

He added that the cooperation between China and Tanzania in the field of education will surely bear fruitful results, bring more benefits to the people of the two countries, and inject continuous vitality into the development of the two countries.

John Zheng, Chairman of the Shaanxi Chamber of Tanzania, echoed support for the MoU, noting its potential to formalise and expand educational cooperation between the universities.

He emphasized the significance of youth exchanges in strengthening bilateral ties and fostering future leaders.

He said that youth are the hope of the country and the hope of the world and the exchange of students from the two universities stand a powerful testament to the deep friendship between China and Tanzania.

The signing of the MoU represents a pivotal step towards fostering enduring friendships and mutual cooperation between the University of Dar es Salaam and Northwestern Polytechnical University, setting the stage for a vibrant cultural and academic partnership.

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TBS destroys 4.5 tonnes of counterfeit products in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) in the Eastern Zone has destroyed counterfeit products which were penetrated into the market via illegal means.

The products were destroyed over the weekend after being seized from various warehouses, hotels and shops in Dar es Salaam, Coast and Morogoro regions.

Majority of the products which

were destroyed were food products and other expired products which if left were being sold to the public.

Speaking during the exercise at Pugu area in Dar es Salaam, acting manager for the eastern zone Francis Mapunda said the products were seized in shops during an operation which the agency conducted.

He said that in that food group, there is baby milk that is not registered in the country and is

imported into the country through unofficial means whose quality and safety for consumers is not known.

According to Mapunda, the cargo destroyed weighs 4.5 tonnes and is worth more than 91m/-.

"Most of the businessmen have been selling products which the usage date for the products has already passed and this has mostly been done by unscrupulous business people," he said.

The side effects of counterfeit

goods on the market were that they affect the economy and put the lives of the general public at risk.

Mapunda called on traders to check their products regularly to be satisfied with its quality, asking them to take care of the products in accordance with the procedures of the producers, to avoid selling cosmetic products with toxic ingredients and to immediately stop editing the information of the expiration date.



Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology marketing officer Agnes Kimwaga elaborates on the benefits of running motor vehicles on compressed natural gas instead of other fuels. This was at the institute's pavilion at the ongoing 48th edition the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Institute to roll out e-learning system to lift training quality

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo

THE Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRD) is contemplating to start rolling out training through E-Learning System (ELS), the development which targets to expand the college's students enrolment scope.

Prof. Provident Dimoso, IRDP's deputy rector, academics, research and consultancy unveiled this yesterday when speaking at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DIFT-2024)

The envisaged digital system will place the state-owned varsity to attract students from more regions, and from outside the country, apart from improving training quality.

Dimoso said the move is part of concerted efforts by the facility to digitize its training formats.

Having acquired enough budget from the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET), at least 6bn/-, he informed that the

college with its headquarters in Dodoma Capital City has already installed cloud-connected facilities in readiness to venture into the constructive training system in the forthcoming academic year.

He was briefing over the achievement attained by the varsity since its inception 45 years ago under the shadow of the Finance Ministry.

"We have already trained our staff professionally to provide training through the digital-based education system," he said.

With the advanced system, he said the students from within and outside the country who wish to join the college will be able to register and undertake various courses offered by the facility while basing on their own destinations, not necessarily attending at the varsity's learning theatres in Dodoma or Mwanza.

"The coming system will create a comfortable opportunity and podium for the civil servants and

traders who wish to advance their academic status to study courses of their wishes while continuing with their daily works, as well as businesses," he observed.

"After registering through the tailor-made online portal and being approved, the students will be receiving the relevant course's notes and vital publications, and will be attending live training sessions through their laptops, smart phones and other gadgets, as well as doing their exams," Prof Dimoso added.

He further said the varsity has entered into fruitful cooperation with a number of famous universities abroad, including the Colombia University of USA, and others in Japan, China and Korea.

"Through the training cooperation, there will be a number of exchange programs between teachers and students, this will open prestigious opportunities for our students and trainers to go abroad and acquire more skills and

knowledge," he informed.

He hailed President Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan for injecting the college with enough budgets to facilitate implementation of key projects to facelift training and office structures, the move which incorporated construction of modern dormitories.

The Don unveiled that a total of 60,975 students at the institute have so far graduated from various courses pertaining to rural development planning.

Prof Dimoso said the college is mandated to accomplish three major tasks, including to roll out development planning courses, conduct research and to provide technical (Professional) advice.

"We're very proud as the majority of the college's alumni are currently managing high-ranked positions at different levels within the country's regional administration and local government, central government, as well as international organisation," he said.

Moro, Arusha schools get support to enhance academic development

By Guardian Reporter

KILAKALA and Victory secondary schools in Morogoro and Arusha respectively have been given \$20,000 (53m/-) to boost academic development projects after performing well in creativity.

In the support given by NOS Vies en Partage Foundation (NVeP) in collaboration with Barrick Gold Corporation, each school has been given \$10,000.

The support is provided by NVeP, which was established by Barrick Gold President and CEO Mark Bristow to support special groups like women, children and others who are benefitting less from Africa's economic growth.

Every quarter of the year, the NVeP provides productive aid to benefit various communities in need in Africa. More than 20 non-governmental organizations benefit from the aid and it has already brought positive changes in society especially in the education and health sectors, directly bringing positive changes to women and children.

Mary Lugina, Kilakala Secondary School Headmistress thanked the miner for the support and explained

that it will help to improve projects at the school and increase the performance for students who are facing various challenges.

Ruth Muruve, a representative of the Arusha-based Victory Secondary School was grateful for the support, saying it will help to achieve career development programmes for students who study at the school, especially those who come from less fortunate families and those who are living in challenging environments.

Handing over the donation in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Barrick Gold Tanzania Country Manager Melkiory Ngido congratulated the schools for getting the support in this phase.

He said that the NVeP will continue to support non-governmental organizations and institutions that provide services to the community in line with the goals of bringing about positive changes in society.

"We're proud to see that the funds provided by Barrick Gold in collaboration with NVeP are helping to bring changes in society and we believe that the beneficiaries of this support today will use these funds for the intended purpose," said Ngido.

Tanzania wants more support from UNEP on carbon trading

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has asked the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to heighten its cooperation and support to Tanzania on the clean cooking energy agenda, an initiative which will help address environmental destruction.

Christina Mndeme, the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Vice President's Office (Environment), made the appeal during the 11th Annual Subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives of UNEP

commenced yesterday in Nairobi, Kenya.

Mndeme emphasized the importance of supporting the agenda, highlighting its significant benefits for environmental conservation by promoting the transition away from the use of firewood and charcoal, which greatly contribute to deforestation.

She also called on UNEP to support Tanzania on carbon trading and the blue economy, areas that contribute to increasing income for citizens and the nation at large.

Regarding the meeting, she stated that Tanzania, as a member country,

will understand more on the UNEP's activities over the past one year but also outline the country's priorities from them to be included in UNEP's plans for the next implementation period (2024-2025).

Dr Berdard Kibesse, High Commissioner of Tanzania in Kenya expressed gratitude to UNEP for its ongoing support to Tanzania, particularly in climate change, biodiversity, and environmental pollution issues.

Dr Kibesse pledged Tanzania's continued efforts in addressing global environmental challenges and their significant impacts.

The five-day meeting aims to review UNEP programmes for the period 2022-2023 and to discuss the work plan and budget for 2023-2024.

Here, delegates will assess UNEP's implementation of activities, especially in climate change, biodiversity, and environmental pollution, while preparing for the upcoming meetings of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7).

The Committee of Permanent Representatives is an interessional subsidiary organ of the UNEP that regularly reviews the

implementation of the outcomes of the UN Environment Assembly, guides the development of the programme of work and budget and monitors its implementation and provides oversight regarding the work of the secretariat.

The Committee of Permanent Representatives, in accordance with Governing Council decision 19/32, comprises accredited representatives of all the States Members of the United Nations, of the specialized agencies of the United Nations and of the European Union, whether based in Nairobi or elsewhere.



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CALL FOR INVESTMENT PROPOSAL FROM POTENTIAL INVESTORS FOR THE PALM OIL PLANTATION AND OTHER CROPS AT TIC FARM No. 205 AT BASANZA (3,249.76 Ha) IN KIGOMA REGION

1. Overview

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, through the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), invites both domestic and international investors to submit proposals for investment in agro-processing and cultivation of palm oil, grains, pulses, and other crops. The allocated land, Farm No. 205, spans 3,249.76 hectares and is located in Basanza, Uvinza District Council, Kigoma Region.

2. Strategic Initiative

This initiative aligns with Tanzania's Five-Year Strategic Development Plan aimed at enhancing food security and reducing the domestic supply gap in edible oils, horticultural crops, and enhancement of food security. The government offers this land to suitable investors to implement a comprehensive agricultural project.

3. Application Process

Interested investors are invited to submit Investment Concept Notes and Project Proposals showcasing their qualifications and plans to develop and operate sections of the agricultural farm in Basanza to establish land for cultivation of Oil palm, grain, pulses, fruits and vegetables and agro processing project.

4. Evaluation Criteria

Project proposal for the farm project indicating project scope, implementation timelines during establishment and operations, investment capital breakdown, evidence of sufficient funding for the project, projected financial statements and other project economic benefits.

The Investment Concept Notes will be evaluated based on the TIC competitive approved land bank allocation manual. TIC therefore invites potential domestic and foreign investors to submit information and project proposals indicating that they are qualified to invest in this land with the following criteria:

- Certified documents of legal entity/company registration and business license.
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- Quantity of current land area under cultivation;
- Quantity of agricultural commodity cultivated;
- Quantity of agricultural commodity processed/produced;
- Linkages with the market to sell value-added agricultural commodities and quantity of processed commodities sold
- Approved project will have to be commenced within 24 months by signing a performance contract and submitting a Bank Guarantee the sum will be agreed upon between TIC and the prospective Investor
- Alignment to the Tanzania Development Vision 2025 and National Five-Year Development Plan.
- Value for money in terms of benefits to the Government of Tanzania including, Economic development stimulation, increase of exports /import substitution, Employment and economic boost, Development of resources and Resource transfer, Increased production, and Increase in a country's income:
- Evidence of the financial capacity of investors by submitting five years of audited financial reports
- Investor track record or experience in undertaking similar projects.
- Plan to involve out-growers scheme with examples from good experience. (where applicable)
- Capacity to develop an agricultural city with important agricultural infrastructures and facilities, to serve as model farms
- Proposed annual rental fee to be paid to TIC
- Land fee suggested should exclude tax.
- One-year performance guarantee.

5. Successful Bidder

Successful Developer upon payment of statutory government land fees preferred developer shall be granted a long-term lease "as is, where is" basis that will feature specific project agreed development conditions and timelines. Moreover, the developer shall arrange financing for the project without providing recourse to land unless the project development has attained 60% of the TIC-approved total investment cost as per Certificate of Incentives. The proposal should therefore indicate the lease rental fee to the landlord.

6. The Developer, for the performance of its obligations during the Implementation (Phase I) and Operation (Phase II) periods shall provide an irrevocable and unconditional performance guarantee from a Bank (Bank Guarantee) for a sum to be agreed between TIC and the Developer.

7. Applicants who had earlier submitted their proposal for the same farm are also invited to submit their application in line with the requirements of this notice.

8. The deadline for application submission is on **Monday 10th August 2024 at 14:00 hours EAT. The hard copy of the proposal should be marked Investment Concept Note for TIC Farm No. 205 at Basanza (3,249.76 Ha) in Kigoma Region submitted to:**

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Tanzania Albinism Society chairman Godson Mollel (L) addresses journalists in Mbeya city yesterday on recent cases of acts of violence against people with albinism reported in Mbeya Region. With him are some of society leaders. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

By Guardian Correspondent, Uvinza

Govt enables better land-use plans in 45 villages in Uvinza

THE government has facilitated better land use plans in 45 villages out of 61 in Uvinza District, Kigoma Region hence reducing unnecessary conflicts as well as stimulating economic development.

Geophrey Pinda, Deputy Minister for Land, Housing and Human Settlement Development, made the remarks yesterday before Vice President Dr Philip Mpango who has commenced an official tour in Kigoma.

Pinda highlighted the rapid growth of Uvinza town and emphasized that his ministry in collaboration with the National Land Use Planning Commission and development partners will undertake the implementation of land use plans to reach all villages

in Uvinza. He said the plans involve designating areas for agriculture, livestock keeping, and other purposes.

"Our major aim on this is to mitigate conflicts over land use, and efforts will continue in the remaining 16 villages as per our action plan," Pinda stated.

The Deputy Minister said that they also addressed a conflict between Mpeti village residents and the Tanzania National Ranching Cooperation (NARCO), triggered by dissatisfaction over the allocation of

2,500 hectares from the ranch.

Pinda confirmed that the government has responded by allocating an additional 5,240 hectares to meet the community's needs.

He urged Uvinza district executives to coordinate with other district leaders to ensure equitable distribution of the allocated land.

Regarding the dispute between Kasulu and Uvinza districts over a hunting block assigned to an investor, Pinda informed the Vice President that the map of the block had inaccuracies and he

has directed the assistant land commissioner for Kigoma region to work with respective district councils to rectify the map and resolve the conflict.

He also highlighted the importance of prioritizing education for children to foster national development, stressing the need for educated citizens to ensure competent leadership and workforce.

During his tour in Kigoma, Dr Mpango will inspect various development projects including electricity and road infrastructure.

TWCC members want more platforms to expand markets

By Guardian Reporter

MEMBERS of the Tanzania Women Chamber of Commerce (TWCC) have expressed their desire to access more platforms to market products locally and globally.

They expressed their wish yesterday during discussions with NMB Bank officials at the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF). The discussions dwelt on financial opportunities and solutions that contribute to their growth and national development.

TWCC participants are leveraging this renowned platform to market and sell various products, including processed foods, tailoring services, cosmetics and beauty products, health and medical supplies, and traditional medicine, among others.

TWCC's Executive Director, Mwajuma Hamza, lauded the financial experts for acknowledging women's efforts in uplifting businesses and stimulating economic growth.

"We're recognizing and valuing the bank's efforts to our members, who have long benefited from the bank's services, with many holding accounts, loans, and insurances provided by the institution," she said.

"On behalf of the TWCC Board and Women Entrepreneurs of Tanzania, we deeply appreciate NMB for continuously supporting our economic growth by closely assisting our members," Mwajuma acknowledged.

She urged TWCC members to take advantage of the opportunities presented by Mwantumu's visit, including financial education, loans, and insurance services, which significantly contribute to accelerating their economic growth through their businesses.

One TWCC member, Janeth Muniisi, shared her experience as a beneficiary of the bank's loans for small, medium, and large-scale

entrepreneurs, attributing her economic stability and ability to employ other women to the bank's support.

"As a businesswoman and TWCC member here to exhibit our processed products, I have greatly benefited from NMB, having received numerous loans and participated in seminars, conferences, and NMB business clubs," Janeth noted.

Mwantumu Salimu, bank's company secretary, emphasized the bank's recognition and appreciation of women's contributions to economic expansion.

She highlighted the bank's commitment to supporting and collaborating with them by providing friendly financial solutions to aid their economic growth.

"We recognize your tireless efforts as women entrepreneurs. You serve as an exemplary model for many women across the country, inspiring young girls to gain confidence and commit to their work, businesses, education, and other endeavours.

"Your unwavering dedication, professionalism, and high level of trustworthiness have been pivotal in empowering women across various business sectors. TWCC stands as a testimony to the significant progress we witness today," Mwantumu stated.

She encouraged the women to visit the NMB booth to access comprehensive banking services, including financial education, loans, and diverse insurance products, such as the "Machinga" insurance tailored for businesses, through their experts, assuring substantial benefits for attendees.

"We also offer accounts like NMB Jiwekee, NMB Pesa, and NMB Kikundi, which seamlessly connect to the NMB mobile service, allowing customers to borrow from 1,000/- to 1 m/- without collateral or visiting our branches," she elaborated.

JKCI team takes medical camp to Namtumbo DC

By Correspondent Gideon Mwakanosya, Namtumbo

the sixth phase government has significantly reduced maternal and infant mortality rates.

He emphasized the investment in modern health infrastructure in the district has enhanced provision of quality healthcare services, especially given the remote locations of some villages, which are more than 200 kilometers away from Namtumbo district headquarters and health facilities.

"This is the third time the government is organising this important camp here in our district bringing specialists to bring salutation to people's health challenges, this is very big and we really appreciate it," Dr Hyera said.

Dr Baraka Ndelwa, leader of the JKCI medical team explained that the heart disease diagnosis and treatment camp will be conducted for one week at Namtumbo District Hospital, Lusewa Health Centre and Mputa Health Centre.

The initiative involves screening for heart diseases and diabetes, alongside educating citizens on preventive measures against non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and patients who will be identified with serious conditions will receive referrals to Muhimbili National Hospital.

He encouraged residents in Namtumbo to take advantage of the opportunity to undergo health screenings and know their health status.



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Shinyanga district commissioner Julius Mtatiro (L) makes an inspection tour of progress in the construction of roads and bridges yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

By Correspondent Christina Mwakangale

Grab opportunities in energy sector, REA challenges youth

BOARD Chairperson for the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) ambassador Jacob Kingu has called youth to tap opportunities into loans issued by various institutions to open up filling stations as part of investment into the energy sector.

He said those needing to invest are given up to 70m/- at an interest rate of 5-percent while the criteria being owning land which is recognized legally.

"The loans are issued to an individual who has a 20 by 20 plot to open up a filling station, as part of investment into the energy sector," he said.

Kingu made the remarks when speaking to journalists when he visited the REA pavilion at the ongoing Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF-2024).

"We have also entered into an agreement with the Tanzania Prison Service to ensure that they stop using dirty energy and instead use gas.

"We encourage all schools, and other institutions to start using clean cooking energy. We will collaborate with development

stakeholders in supporting our clean energy efforts," he said.

In March this year, the government, through REA, initiated a program to facilitate the construction of new low-cost stations for fuel products (petrol and diesel), in rural areas to deal with unsafe ways of acquiring the products.

These effects include the high cost of acquiring these products in rural areas, contrary to the indicative prices and high transportation

costs, especially in rural areas.

Also, other effects mentioned by REA are the sale and storage of oil products that are not clean and safe (barrels and plastic containers inside the house); Fire explosions that can cost people's lives.

The move is also aimed at enhancing environmental protection by reducing effects caused by those products being spilled in different areas due to improper storage; depriving the government of the revenues.

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Immense consequence in raging debate on relative relevance of use of language

THESE are situations in private life and public activities like mass communications which serve as a reality check on the truthfulness or validity of a certain orientation.

Such moments, which at times come as a shock, are admittedly more pronounced in private life as public events have a welter of perspectives to choose from and seldom bring up a single facet of issues or sentiments summing up the whole event.

It is thus not surprising if some nerve-racking moments in public life fail to make an impression on particular interested parties, since admitting the opposite would throw off balance the proverbial 'apple cart'.

Something of that sort was in the air over the past two weeks or so in Kenya. It is not clear how many of those engaged in language policy and postulating as to the significance of Kiswahili in the region and beyond took note of the situation - or wished that the public would just forget it.

The reason is that, in their proper lives, Kenyans are unified by English, while Kiswahili stands as an auxiliary language known or spoken by most people but not a 'first choice' language.

One of the key hindrances to an East African common market in its clause for free movement of labour has always met with Tanzanian resistance, where it is known perfectly well that those proficient in English will be better and more easily placed in the market.

But that is not publicly or readily admitted by various policy makers, and critics talk in low tones as they become dissidents in the popular outlook of 'modernisation through the national language'.

However, protectionism will

constantly be necessary if the command of English at the school level does not improve.

There is much hesitation in making English the medium of instruction in public schools from Standard III as some experts fear that pupils will not understand.

While a major policy plank for Kiswahili wishes that all laws be translated into the national language, hardly anyone picks thick printed volumes of any text but find it in Google.

Not surprisingly, expecting predominance of Kiswahili reference materials or students eager for such materials is exceedingly unlikely.

There are similarly few professional outlets for law graduates adequately versed in translated Law volumes, while all reference books are in English - with French for some EAC member states and Arabic for Somalia and South Sudan.

Looking at the sphere of strategic design relating to national language policy or propagating a language around the world, there are people identifying Kiswahili with being African.

This obtains even in Tanzania in part because the German colonialists used literate coastal people as administrators across the country.

There were already pockets of the language upcountry owing to inland trade, which many identify with the slave trade, whereas it was only an aspect of it and not the mainstay.

Otherwise, we aren't different from other countries in our language capacity, outside the deliberate sidelining of English or hesitating to offer tuition or courses of instruction using English from Standard III rather than learning or reading it from Std III.

Sugar producers' dialogue, Kariakoo Market lobby still fall short of target

FOLLOWING parliamentary efforts to find clues to forestalling periodic sugar shortages in the country and 'bell the cat' without abandoning some crucial prerogatives, there has been an edgy dialogue involving sugar producers and the Planning ministry.

That is in itself a kind of background dialogue as to laying plans on who has the market at what period and in what manner if one goes through the 'consensus' reached between sugar producers and the Planning minister.

Whether that will go down well with other authorities whose work is part of implementing decisions announced at the time of the Budget is a different matter, though.

The good news was that investments in the sugar sector has reached 3trn/-in the past few years, which the minister said was a clear indication that policies in the sector are predictable and friendly.

A rapid look at how the dialogue was organised and the terms of reference it proceeded with as reflected in the consensus reported at the end, shows that the sugar producers are walking a tightrope.

There was significant emphasis on the need for reviewing the Sugar Act, 2001 either in line with removing sugar importation from producers (or the Sugar Board of Tanzania) to the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) or to make it clear that no sugar is imported if some is still in supply.

Again, there were issues like sugar producers being put to a 'performance contract' which

those with a track of policy watching know just can't work.

The market, or competition, compels producers to do their best to survive, while a contract with the government is tied to a least common denominator - a protection pretext.

What is significant about large-scale sugar production projects coming up is that there is an East African market that has never been too captivating as sugar production is cheaper in places like Brazil and it easily floods the regional market.

What is more useful is the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and whether sugar meant for that market can be separated from local demand or sales in order to keep the monopoly system - if only for six months, as the meeting agreed.

That way, sugar would have to be produced in a special economic zone, fully stamped and packed as 'for export'. It is just imaginary.

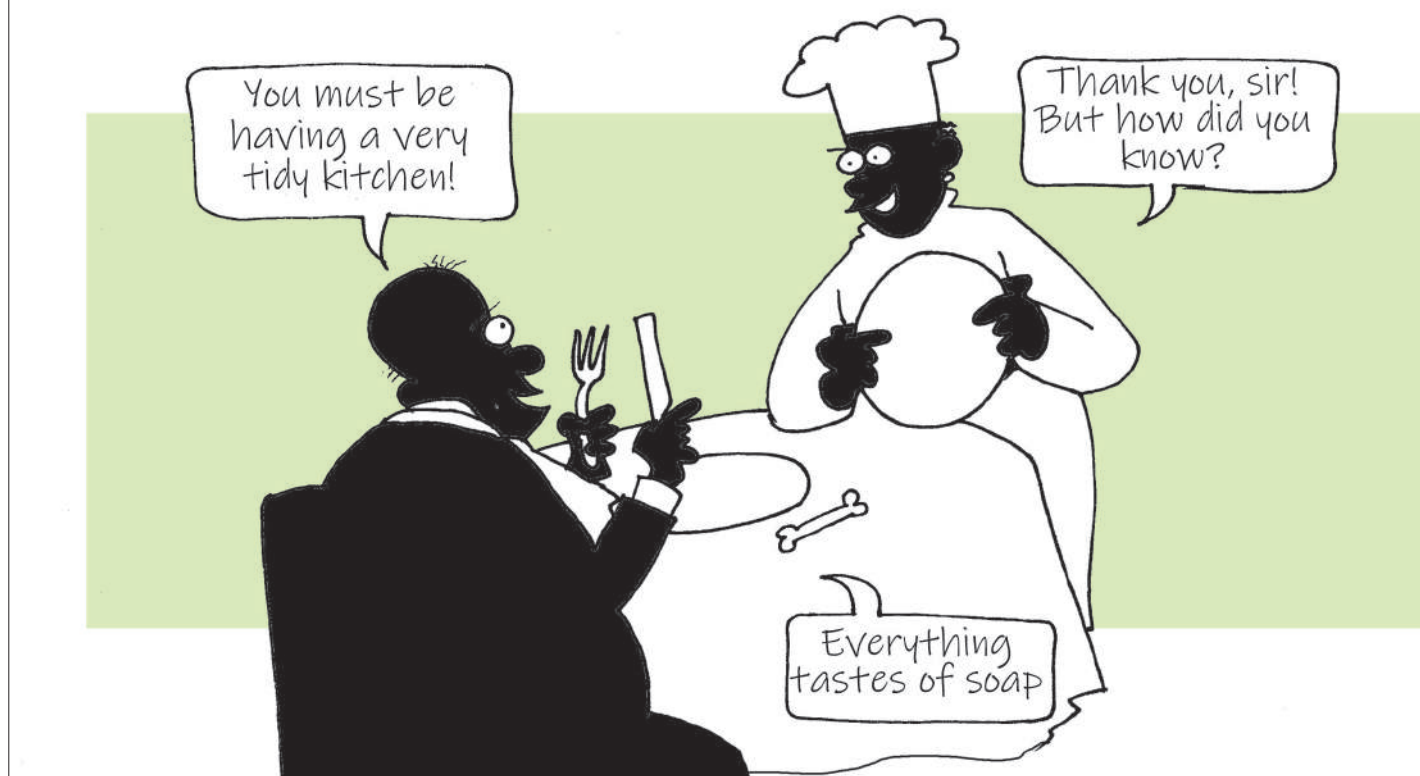
The sugar producers appear to be worried about importation in much the same way as Dar es Salaam's Kariakoo Market wholesalers seem to be worried about other international trade centres in the country's commercial capital.

This is even as the city has seen immense growth since Kariakoo started becoming a wholesale hub.

While Kariakoo traders are worried about competition from other importers like sugar producers, the latter also need to stand to competition from multitrillion-shilling investment plans, some of which is in shops.

When there is adequate sugar in the local market and for export, plans for a six-month import ban won't be altogether helpful.

Towards Cleaner Cooking Energy



The IMF is failing countries like Kenya: Why and what can be done about it?

By Danny Bradlow

THE recent Kenyan protests are a warning that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is failing. The public does not think it is helping its member countries manage their economic and financial problems, which are being exacerbated by a rapidly changing global political economy.

To be sure, the IMF is not the only cause of Kenya's problems with raising the funds to meet its substantial debt obligations and deal with its budget deficit. Other causes include the failure of the governing class to deal with corruption, to spend public finances responsibly and to manage an economy that produces jobs and improves the living standards of Kenya's young population.

The country has also been hammered by drought, floods and locust infestations in recent years. In addition, its creditors are demanding that it continue servicing its large external debts despite its domestic challenges and a difficult international financial and economic environment.

The IMF has provided financial support to Kenya. But the financing is subject to tough conditions which suggest that debt obligations matter more than the needs of long-suffering citizens. This is despite the IMF claiming that its mandate now includes helping states deal with issues like climate, digitalisation, gender, governance and inequality.

Unfortunately, Kenya is not an isolated case. Twenty-one African countries are receiving IMF support. In Africa, debt service, on average, exceeds the combined amounts governments are spending on health, education, climate and social services.

The tough conditions attached to IMF financing have led the citizens of Kenya and other African countries to conclude that a too powerful IMF is the cause of their problems. However, my research into the law, politics and history of the international financial institutions suggests the opposite: the real problem is the IMF's decline in authority and efficacy.

Some history will help explain this and indicate a partial solution.

The history

When the treaty establishing the IMF was negotiated 80 years ago, it was expected to have resources equal to roughly 3% of global GDP. This was to help deal with the monetary and balance of payments problems of 44 countries. Today,



A police officer walks after using tear gas to disperse protesters during a demonstration over police killings of people protesting against Kenya's proposed finance bill in Nairobi, June 27, 2024. Credit: Voice of America (VOA)

the IMF is expected to help its 191 member countries deal with fiscal, monetary, financial and foreign exchange problems and with "new" issues like climate, gender and inequality.

To fulfil these responsibilities, its member states have provided the IMF with resources equal to only about 1% of global GDP.

The decline in its resources relative to the size of the global economy and of its membership has at least two pernicious effects.

The first is that it is providing its member states with less financial support than they require if they are to meet the needs of their citizens and comply with their legal commitments to creditors and citizens. The result is that the IMF remains a purveyor of austerity policies. It requires a country to make deeper spending cuts than would be needed if the IMF had adequate resources.

The second effect of declining resources is that it weakens the IMF's bargaining position in managing sovereign debt crises. This is important because the IMF plays a critical role in such crises. It helps determine when a country needs debt relief or forgiveness, how big the gap between the country's financial obligations and available resources is, how much the IMF will contribute to filling this gap and how much its other creditors must contribute.

When Mexico announced that it could not meet its debt obligations in 1982, the IMF stated that it would provide about a third of

the money that Mexico needed to meet its obligations, provided its commercial creditors contributed the remaining funds. It was able to push the creditors to reach agreement with Mexico within months. It had sufficient resources to repeat the exercise in other developing countries in Latin America and eastern Europe.

The conditions that the IMF imposed on Mexico and the other debtor countries in return for this financial support created serious problems for these countries. Still, the IMF was an effective actor in the 1980s debt crisis.

Today, the IMF is unable to play such a decisive role. For example, it has provided Zambia with less than 10% of its financing needs. It has been four years since Zambia defaulted on its debt and, even with IMF support, it has not yet concluded restructuring agreements with all its creditors.

What is to be done?

The solution to this problem requires the rich countries to provide sufficient finances for the IMF to carry out its mandate. They must also surrender some control and make the organisation more democratic and accountable.

In the short term, the IMF can take two actions.

First, it must set out detailed policies and procedures that explain to its own staff, to its member states and to the inhabitants of these states what it can and will do. These policies should clarify the criteria that the

IMF will use to determine when and how to incorporate climate, gender, inequality and other social issues into IMF operations.

They should also describe with whom it will consult, how external actors can engage with the IMF and the process it will follow in designing and implementing its operations. In fact, there are international norms and standards that the IMF can use to develop policies and procedures that are principled and transparent.

Second, the IMF must acknowledge that the issues raised by its expanded mandate are complex and that the risk of mistakes is high.

Consequently, the IMF needs a mechanism that can help it identify its mistakes, address their adverse impacts in a timely manner and avoid repeating them.

In short, the IMF must create an independent accountability mechanism such as an external ombudsman who can receive complaints.

Currently, the IMF is the only multilateral financial institution without such a mechanism. It therefore lacks the means for identifying unanticipated problems in its operations when they can still be corrected and for learning about the impact of its operations on the communities and people it is supposed to be helping.

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Terms of Reference

Competitive procedure for an expenditure verification audit of a three-year project on Multi-Actors-Partnership implemented by Christian Social Service Commission (CSSC).
Reference Contracting organizations abbreviation No. 7000158-2024-02 -CSSC-BMZ

Contracting Organization /	action medeor e.v & CSSC
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Funded by	action medeor e.V. & BMZ (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)
Procurement Procedure	Competitive procedure with the option of negotiation
The application shall be sent to: With subject:	TZ MAP Audit procurement@cssc.or.tz and copying director@cssc.or.tz
Place of delivery	Dar es Salaam

Planned schedule

N°	Description	Date	Time
1	Publication date	2024/07/10	
2	Latest submission date	2024/08/05	04.00 pm (EAT)
3	Opening date of offers	2024/08/06	11.00 am (EAT)
4	Awarding Process	2 Weeks	
5	Notification of contract award	2024/08/21	
6	Contract preparation and signing process	2024/08/21 – 2024/08/28	
7	Kick-Off at CSSC	2024/09/23	
8	Time frame for Audit	2024/09/23 – 2024/10/28	
9	Expected Draft Report	2024/11/04	
10	Expected Presentation of Final Report at CSSC	2024/11/18	

Preamble

In the course of project cooperations with action medeor e.V., external audits are conducted by default. This is part of an internal process of action medeor e.V. which applies to first projects and following projects. Audits can be performed in the pre-and post-contractual stage as well.

These Terms of Reference describe the breakdown of required audit services:
This is an **expenditure verification according to donor regulations at the end of a three-year project**, co-financed by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The expenditure verification shall cover the project implementing period from 2021/05/01 to 2024/08/30 and shall be conducted from 2024/09/23 – to 2024/10/28. The expenditure verification shall be conducted at the headquarters of CSSC. Contracting partners are action medeor and CSSC. Results shall be presented to action medeor e.V. and CSSC by 2024/11/18. The costs of the expenditure verification will be covered by CSSC according to the contract. Details of the expenditure verification of project 7000158 are outlined in **Chapter 3. Scope of work**.

In the course of the project verification audit, specific questions have to be answered by the auditor(s). In case answering the questions requires access to sensitive data of the partner organization, action medeor commits itself to compliance with privacy.

The external auditors are contracted by action medeor and CSSC, and the local project partner is included in the temporal planning and is informed in advance about the ToR. Concerning the implementation of the audit, the local project partner is responsible for providing the necessary resources (time, personnel, premises).

Project Expenditure Verification

The **objective of the expenditure verification** is the examination and assessment of the contractually agreed administration of the project funds of the project **Establishment of Multi-Actors Partnership (action medeor project number: 7000158)** financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Project title Multi-stakeholder partnership for improved healthcare through more qualified pharmaceutical assistants and technicians as well as better qualified hospital pharmacists in Tanzania.

Project number action medeor	7000158 MAP
Project duration	2021/05/01 – 2024/08/30
Total project budget	1,655,016.66 €
Financing partner(s) (share %)	1,489,515.00 € (BMZ/90%); 165,501.66 € (action medeor/10%)
Project Location	Tanzania

2. Background/Partner Organization

Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC) is an ecumenical body jointly established by the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) and Christian Council of Tanzania (CCT) in 1992 to facilitate social services with the main focus on education and health services provided by member churches.

Organisation of CSSC

The organizational and management set-up of CSSC consists of **three key organs**, namely the **Annual General Meeting, the Executive Council and the Secretariat**. CSSC has a **Board of Trustees**, composed of 12 senior Church leaders from member Churches, who are mandated by the Constitution to hold in trust all funds, assets, and property movable and immovable of the Commission.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM is the supreme organ of the Commission and is responsible for policy approval and the issuance of overall guidelines and directives. The Executive Council (EC). The Executive Council is responsible for overseeing the management of affairs by the Commission, and its members are elected by the Annual General Meeting. The EC is responsible for formulating policies, approval and review of operational plans and budgets, and monitoring progress. In discharging its functions, the Executive Council may establish committees, standing or otherwise, in pursuit of the provisions of the constitution of the Commission. Currently, there are three standing committees and two technical advisory committees. Committees: Policy and General Management Committee, Finance and Programmes Committee, Trust Fund Committee, Technical Advisory Committee (Health Sector), Technical Advisory Committee (Education Sector).

3. Scope of work

3.1. Procedures to be followed

The Auditor designs and carries out this verification by the objective and scope of this engagement and the procedures to be followed as specified below.

The Auditor obtains sufficient and appropriate verification evidence to be able to draw up a report of factual findings and to give recommendations. For this purpose, the Auditor shall refer to the International Standard on Auditing (ISA), in particular to the paragraphs relating to "sufficient appropriate audit evidence" (ISA-500) and "internal control" (ISA-315). The Auditor exercises professional judgment as to what is sufficient and appropriate verification evidence where she/he believes that the guidance provided by ISA 500, the terms and conditions of the Partnership Agreement, and the TOR are not sufficient. In complying with the ISA, the Auditor is expected to especially pay attention to "Fraud and Corruption" (ISA 240) as well as "Risk" (ISA 330).

The Auditor will assess the extent to which the recommendations from two previous audits of two predecessor projects have been implemented.

Besides the financial statements and the management letter, the auditors shall prepare a filled-in Statement of Accounts according to **Annex A. Statement of Chartered Accountants**.

3.2 Obtaining a sufficient understanding of the Project and the terms and conditions of the Partnership Agreement

The Auditor obtains a sufficient understanding of the terms and conditions of the Partnership Agreement by reviewing it and its annexes and other relevant information and by inquiry of the project partner in-country. The Auditor obtains a copy of the original Partnership Agreement which has been signed by the project partner in-country and action medeor, including its annexes (particularly Budget Control Format and Accounting Guidelines). He/she will also be provided with previous audit reports. The Auditor obtains and reviews copies of the interim narrative reports.

3.3. Place of work

The work shall be conducted at the headquarters of Christian Social Service Commission, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, Plot No 4, P.O. Box 9433 Dar Es Salaam.
3.4 Procedures to verify the eligibility of expenditure claimed by the Project partner in-country in the financial report for the Project.

General Procedures

The Auditor verifies that the financial reports of the Project partner in-country comply with the conditions of the Partnership Agreement.

The Auditor examines whether the Project partner in-country has complied with the rules for accounting and record keeping of the Partnership Agreement to assess whether an efficient and effective expenditure verification of the financial report is feasible and whether the Project partner in-country has maintained an acceptable system of accounting and control.

A Management Letter shall report important observations and weaknesses in accounting, record keeping, and internal control and documentation requirements.

The Auditor reconciles the information in the financial report to the Project partner in-country's accounting system and records (e.g. trial balance, general ledger accounts, sub-ledgers, etc.) and verifies whether the financial statements are accurate and correspond with the books of accounts of the Project.

The Auditor verifies that the correct exchange rates have been applied for currency conversions and are by the Partnership Agreement.

Where the Project generates income or involves contributions from the Project partner in-country, or other sources, the Auditor determines which controls exist to ensure completeness and performs checks to ensure that the reported income is complete.

Conformity of Expenditure with the Budget and Analytical Review

The Auditor does an analytical review of the expenditures and verifies:

- that the costs are provided in the cost and financing plan of the Partnership Agreement and comply with the principles of sound financial management; and
- whether there are budget deviations up to 30% in individual budget lines; and
- expenditures were justified and were appropriate to the course of the Project; and
- if amendments to budgets were requested and obtained.

Selecting Expenditure for Verification

- The Auditor is required to check a minimum sample amount of expenditure vouchers for each budget line which sufficiently reduces the sampling risk to an acceptably low level, by the guidelines outlined in ISA 530 Audit Sampling, but at least a minimum of 65% of the expenditure vouchers of each budget line.
- The Auditor selects high-value expenditure items to ensure coverage of expenditure to estimate the eligibility of the total expenditure and the quality and functioning of the internal control measures.
- The selection of expenditure items or classes is based on the Auditor's judgment.

Verification of Expenditure

The Auditor verifies the expenditure and reports all exceptions resulting from this verification, i.e. deviations, found when performing the procedures set out in the ToRs. In all cases, the Auditor assesses the (estimated) financial impact of exceptions in terms of ineligible expenditure. The Auditor reports all exceptions found including the ones of which he cannot measure the financial impact. Having selected the expenditure items, the Auditor verifies the selected items by testing for the criteria set out below.

Eligibility of Costs

The Auditor verifies the eligibility of costs with the terms and conditions of the Partnership Agreement. These costs must be necessary for carrying out the Project and must have occurred.

The Auditor also verifies whether the Project partner in-country applied to receive reimbursement for Value Added Tax (VAT) or to reclaim taxes of the expenditures made in the Project. If applicable, the Auditor confirms the reimbursed amount in the audited period, as well as the outstanding amount at the end of the audited period. The Auditor also reports on ineligible costs. The Auditor will provide the relevant laws and regulations, that CSSC has to comply with.

Accuracy and Recording

The Auditor verifies that expenditures for a transaction or action have been accurately and properly recorded in the Project partner in-country's accounting system and the financial report and that it is supported by appropriate evidence and supporting documents.

Reality

The Auditor exercises professional judgment to obtain sufficient appropriate verification evidence as to whether the expenditure has occurred (reality and quality of the expenditure) and - where applicable - assets exist (occurrence/existence) by examining proof of work done, goods received, or services rendered, at acceptable and agreed quality and at reasonable prices or costs.

The Auditor undertakes randomized examinations of suppliers, traders, and service providers of the project considering aspects such as the existence of companies and billed services and the appropriateness of the billed costs with market prices.

Compliance with national regulations regarding personnel costs

The Auditor examines the applicable national regulations for salary payments and verifies whether the expenditure incurred complies with national regulations (contracts, minimum wage, allowance, payment of taxes, and social security contributions).

The Auditor will provide the relevant laws and regulations CSSC has to comply with.

Compliance with procurement rules

Where applicable, the Auditor examines which procurement rules apply to a certain expenditure. The Auditor verifies whether the expenditure incurred is by the Procurement Guidelines of the Partnership Agreement and national applicable procurement rules. Where the Auditor finds issues of non-compliance, the nature of such events as well as their financial impact in terms of ineligible expenditure have to be reported. When examining procurement documentation, the Auditor (takes into account) considers the risk indicators listed below and reports, if applicable, which of these indicators were found:

- Inconsistencies in the dates of the documents or illogical sequence of dates;
- Unusual similarities in offers of candidates participating in the same tender;
- Inconsistencies in the selection and award decision process;
- The same tenderer (or group of tenderers) is invited to different tenders with unusual frequency;
- The same tenderer (or group of tenderers) wins an unusual proportion of bids;
- A tenderer is frequently awarded contracts for different types of goods or services;
- Winning tenderer invoices additional goods not foreseen in the offer;
- Details on the invoice do not accord with tender details for the good.

The Auditor will provide the relevant laws and regulations CSSC has to comply with.

Verification coverage of expenditure

The Auditor applies the principles and criteria set out below when planning and performing the procedures for expenditure verification of the sections above. The Auditor may apply statistical sampling techniques for the verification of one or more expenditure headings or subheadings of the financial report. The Auditor may refer to ISA 530 for guidance.

Expenditure Coverage Ratio

The Expenditure Coverage Ratio (ECR) is the amount of expenditure selected (for verification) by the Auditor expressed as a percentage of the amount of expenditure recorded by the Project partner in-country in its financial report. The Auditor ensures that the overall ECR is at least 75%. If she/he finds unusual expenses, the verification procedures are extended up to 87%.

Procedures to verify the working and quality of internal control

The Auditor shall prepare, in addition, a Management Letter in which she/he shall

- formulate comments on the CSSC accounting and auditing systems examined in the audit;
- identify the specific shortcomings and weaknesses in the Project partner in-country's control systems and procedures, in particular in the area of disbursements, procurement, storage, and payment operations, and shall formulate recommendations to address these;
- inform on the corrective measures adopted by the Project partner in-country's authorities and BMZ's previous recommendations in the past.

The Auditor will specifically, but not exclusively:

- assess adequate segregation of duties between approval, registration, and payment;
- check that expenses are signed off by the formal authorization levels in and in respect of the 4-eyes principle;

- verify that separate financial accounts are maintained, which register all financial transactions about the Partnership Agreement;
- verify that control mechanisms are in place that prevent possible double-funding of typical "shared costs" (staff positions, fixed costs like office rent, electricity, communication, etc.);
- verify that each transaction has a unique sequence number which allows easy access to the original supporting vouchers (i.e. 3rd party's invoices, receipts, goods receipt notes, tendering documents, payroll records, etc.);
- verify that the original vouchers are marked with the sequence number and with all relevant information such as project number, budget line code for receipt of payment, payment date, etc., and that the expenditures claimed through the financial reports are properly approved, classified and supported by adequate documentation;
- verify that cash and bank balances are reconciled every month and signed by project management;
- verify the monthly budget control made by project management;
- verify the existence of a fixed assets register and its completeness and check that control and safeguarding of fixed and current assets is assured;
- verify whether the project has an effective system of internal audit at all levels.

4. Standards to be taken into Account

- ISA (International Standards on Auditing)
- Applicable Standards of Accounting and Financial Reporting in Tanzania
 - Applicable Procurement Guidelines in Tanzania for the organizational form of CSSC
 - Funding guidelines, including the BNBEST-PI private sponsors and the BMZ's procurement guidelines (**Annex B. Guidelines for Funding BMZ**) action medeor guidelines (**Annex C. General Project Accounting Guidelines BMZ et al**)
 - Standards of Accountants by Chartered Accountant (**Annex A. Statement of Chartered Accountant**).

5. Deliverables

- Audit report according to template **Annex A. Statement of Chartered Accountant**
- Short assessment of the status of the previous audit implementation recommendations
- Current relevant national laws and regulations (tax, procurement)

6. Attestation

In addition to the examinations and verifications described under number 3, the external audit report must contain the following elements and be structured according to the format Annex A. Statement of Chartered Accountant:

- A description of the audit mandate and scope with detailed comments on the results of the audit.
- The auditor must also list and explain which documents were the basis for the audit of the appropriate use of funds and compliance with the project duration.
- Naming of recommendations if there were any objections.
- Where appropriate, comment on the follow-up of audit observations from previous years.
- The most recent version of the budget, structured according to the numerical evidence of the use of funds and presented in the same way as the model in **Annex A. Statement of Chartered Accountant**.
- The comparison of planned and actual expenditure is made in the currency in which the expenditure was incurred.
- The audit does not result in any conversion of the Tanzanian Shilling amounts Into Euro amounts.
- In the event of deviations** of the actual expenditure from the planned expenditure according to the most recent budget (target) of more than 30 % of the individual estimates (**main budget lines in the budget**), these deviations must be explained and justified separately.
- In case of deviations** of the actual expenditure from the planned expenditure according to the latest budget (target) of the **minor budget lines** of more than 30 %, this must be explained.
- The attestation should draw a **clear conclusion regarding compliance with the binding agreements set out in the project agreement**.

To ensure the quality of the attestation, the following must be observed:

Since the audit certificates replace the vouchers as proof of the appropriate use of funds, the auditing authority is obliged to include the special features (of the respective project) in the audit certificate in line with the described procedures under number 3. Concrete statements shall be made about the audit carried out in the respective project (in which income and expenditure were audited, and planned project measures implemented) and about the individual audit findings. If no findings have been made, this must also be explicitly mentioned in the report.

6. Required Profile of the Auditing Company/the Auditor

- Registered auditing company in a Chamber of Auditors and/or the German Embassy in Tanzania
- At least five years of experience in the preparation of annual accounts in Tanzania.
- Proven Experience in auditing (Tanzanian) NGOs funded by international donor agencies (min. 3 Audits conducted within the last 3 years).
- English Level C1 & Swahili spoken and written fluently.
- References of other NGOs or International Organisations.
- Proven expertise in national procurement regulations & national law on travel expenses.
- Experiences in the examination of project finances (co-financing projects BMZ, AA; EU, or similar) are an advantage.

7. Schedule

See table page 1 of the planned schedule.

8. Offer conditions

- All documents and information provided by tenderers should be unambiguous.
- Changes and additions to procurement documents, in particular the description of the service and contractual terms and conditions, are not permitted. This applies in particular to the tenderer's general terms and conditions.
- The contracting organization reserves the right, to annul the solicitation process and reject all bids at any time before award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer.
- The offer must be complete and include the price and all required information and explanations.
- The contracting organization reserves the right to request additional information and documents.
- This tender is a competitive procedure with the option of negotiation.
- Bids submitted after the submission deadline will not be accepted.
- All bids and all correspondence between the contracting organization and the tenderers will be written in English.
- Bids must be submitted in TZS, including all taxes.

9. Application Documents

Applications should be submitted electronically in a non-changeable format such as PDF to CSSC (**procurement@cssc.or.tz**) for the attention of Procurement Unit **before 2024/08/05 at 04:00 pm East African time**.

Please indicate the **tender reference "TZ MAP Audit"**.

Financial offer

Financial offers incl. information on daily honorarium, travel costs according to the number of expected working days, and taxes.

Please add to the signed offer the following documents:

- Company's profile (experience in the sector, references of other INGOs about implemented expenditure verifications and organizational audits, financial stability of the last 3 years).
- Verification of the registration of the auditing company in the responsible chamber in Tanzania and the national association of Auditors.
- Signed Self-declaration **Annex D** Self-declaration template.
- Curriculum Vitae and references about relevant experiences of the responsible auditor (if applicable, team leader).
- A schedule for the examination site incl. examination of documentation, examination, and report writing.
- Methodological approach and definition of the samples

10. Selection criteria

The offers will be evaluated according to qualification (60%) and price (40%). The contract will be awarded to the most economical offer in price and qualification.

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By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign (MSLAC), which was introduced early last year by the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs targeted to provide legal aid to the public throughout the country for three years.

Part of the campaign involves offering public education on the rights to protect human rights, respect and dignity. Since its introduction in April last year in Dodoma Region, it has extended to Manyara, Singida, Simiyu, Shinyanga, Njombe, and Ruvuma regions.

About 500,000 people from seven regions have resolved various legal disputes they encountered through the campaign since April last year whereas among conflicts heard and resolved through the free legal campaign it is land conflicts that were most pronounced.

The campaign has so far reached people in seven regions, 42 district, 452 wards and 1,348 villages. Among those assisted are prisoners and those in custody.

"The Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign has been a significant support to the marginalized who have been deprived of their rights. Aspects in which a lawyer can help a person after arriving in campaign offices include documents to open proceedings in court, to request civil administration of inheritance, litigation, child care, adoption of children and other legal issues where documents need to be presented in court," Esther Msambazi, Acting Director for Legal Aid Services at the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Ministry said.

Msambazi told The Guardian that at least 214,888 men and 200,392 women had benefited. This also includes 6,824 men and 342 women detained or serving in different penitentiaries.

She said to ensure the service reaches majority Tanzanians, the ministry is working closely with 256 organizations that have registered to provide free legal assistance to citizens.

MSLAC provides legal aid in marriage disputes, inheritance matters, governance, gender-based violence, child support, and community-wide legal education.

She added: "We provide free legal assistance to men and women facing abuse by their partners, children deprived of basic rights by parents, guardians, or their community, and disabled individuals experiencing mistreatment, along with counselling and training on protective laws."

MSLAC also offers legal aid and basic rights guidelines for prisoners, individuals in despair, the lonely, and those feel-

Mama Samia legal aid campaign strengthens justice delivery systems, promotes integrity



President Samia Suluhu Hassan with Chief Justice Prof Ibrahim Hamis Juma during the launch of Mama Samia Legal Aid campaign at the Chinangali grounds in Dodoma Region.

ing disadvantaged by the legal system, she said.

Explaining, the officer said that the ministry saw the need to introduce the national legal aid campaign, which has been named after President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The government together with stakeholders is determined to ensure that no Tanzanian lack legal aid services, insisting they are also providing similar services at the on-going 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF 2024). She appealed to Tanzanians to use the opportunity by seeking legal aid services from experienced professionals.

She said that cases in which a lawyer can help someone through the campaign include assisting them to file a case at court whereas all the submitted documents are also presented at court. She added that people are also assisted to prepare and write contracts, a service that would require someone to pay an expert to prepare them.

Since commencement of the trader fair on June 28th this year, a good number of Tanzanians have visited the MSLAC pavilion seeking legal aid services.

"The number of people seeking the service has been increasing tremendously; this shows the importance of the service we offer. There are those who only visit our pavilion to get education on various legal issues as well as their rights and procedures on how to file a case at the court," the official told The Guardian.

Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign was introduced in April last year starting from Dodoma region and until now seven regions have been reached.

The campaign contributes to good governance that includes transparency, accountability, and the participation of citizens in decisions and the implementation of laws and public policies.

Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa was quoted in March this year saying President Samia's commitment to ensure access to legal aid services to all people, enables strengthening of the use of the Kiswahili language in the provision of judicial services and in writing of legal documents, with the government completing the preliminary translation of 258 legislations.

Majaliwa said that in line with the President's vision of strengthen-

ing the justice delivery systems so that justice is accessible to all and in a timely manner, the government has established a Customer Service Contact Centre for receiving complaints, requests for legal services, information and feedback (Contact Centre) from citizens and various stakeholders on justice issues.

To expedite the hearing and conclusion of cases at the High Court and Court of Appeal level, a total of 61 judges have been appointed between March 2021 and February 2024 of whom 19 judges are for the Court of Appeal and 42 for High Court.

As of February 2024, there were a total of 135 judges, of whom 100 serve in the High Court and 35 in the Court of Appeal, compared to 74 judges, of whom 58 were in the High Court and 16 in the Court of Appeal by March 2021.

The Premier noted that the government has made improvements to the ICT systems of the judiciary services which have enabled simplification of online case registration and scheduling, timely availability of case progress and copies of judgments, reduction of hearing costs for the court and stakeholders and simplification of translation of judgments and case records.

Recognising the importance of access to legal services by all citizens the government has continued to take various steps including construction of infrastructure, human resource development and improvement of systems and specific legislations.

Innovation as an important concept in business and technological endeavours

By Correspondent-Emmanuel Onyango

INNOVATION in entrepreneurship is defined as the process of bringing about new ideas such as methods, products, services, or solutions that have a significant positive impact and value to business leaders so as to increase efficiency and work performance with minimum resources.

It involves transforming creative concepts into tangible outcomes that improve the effectiveness and address unmet needs. It reduces workload in business and other risks, thus ensuring high productivity and business models among others to better meet customer expectations.

The concept helps redefine somebody's product and service value, strengthen customer relationships, and create a distinctive space in the market. The benefits of innovation do extend to all business models, enabling companies to stand out with unique offerings.

Innovation is essential for business success because it allows companies to stand out from their competitors and offer something new and valuable to their customers. It helps organizations stay relevant in an ever-changing world whereby customers are always on the lookout for the next big thing.

Technological innovation is another string of creativity for business culture and that it can take many forms such as introducing new products or services based on technological advances, improving existing processes by implementing more efficient and latest technological trends.

For some years, business stakeholders in Tanzania's innovation scene are calling for policy and market reforms to attract more funding for startup already registered in the country to spearhead national economic development.

It is for this reason that, business stakeholders in the country established Innovation Week so as to serve as a showcase for tracking the implementation progress of diverse science, technology, and innovation policies, plans, and strategies.

Economists say that, "Identifying stakeholders and their needs is a crucial step in product innovation". Stakeholders are the people who have a great interest, influence, or impact values on products for customers, users, employees, partners, suppliers, competitors, regulators, and so on.

This year's Innovation Week which was observed within four days between 21st and 24th May was held in various locations across the country, independently organized by innovation ecosystem partners, leading towards the attainment of education and skills.

At the climax of the country's Innovation Week 2024, themed 'Innovation for a competitive economy' stakeholders discussed various ways aimed at highlighting commitment to driving economic growth through innovation.

This concept note is therefore meant to inform the innovation ecosystem stakeholders about the modality of Innovation Week in the country and welcome them to actively participate and take full advantage of the limelight that it offers to showcase their work and contribute towards building a vibrant Tanzania innovation ecosystem.

Tanzania emerged through collaborative efforts of key players within the innovation ecosystem, and continues to be guided by the Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) and UNDP Tanzania through its FUNGUO Innovation Programme that is supported by the British government and the European Union.



The innovation week in Tanzania is often overseen by the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MoEST) through the Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation (DSTI), this platform has evolved from its inception in 2015 into a distinguished national event.

The ministry is the government ministry that is entirely responsible for determining the policies and direction of the higher education system in the country. The division of higher education is the specific Ministry unit responsible for higher education policies.

Director of Science, Technology and Innovation in the ministry Prof Ladslaus Mnyone, said the government is set to establish technology and innovation desks in primary schools to nurture talents in the country.

Prof Mnyone said the government continues to emphasize on collaboration with stakeholders including development partners, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) on implementation of National Policy for Science, Technology, and Innovation as well as provision of innovation funding and support.

The policy focuses on business environment for start-ups and the government in collaboration with stakeholders is working towards developing the National Start-up Policy. This intervention is informed by a Comparative Baseline Survey on Establishment of the Start-up Policy in Tanzania un-

dertaken by Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) since 2022.

The survey involved consultation with stakeholders including Tanzania Startup Association (TSA) to identify a number of challenges from which solutions will be provided by the Policy through establishing national position, legal and regulatory framework and improved institutional structure on startups.

Despite notable achievement and initiatives to improve innovation spectrum in the country, still there are a myriad of challenges facing this area from expanding to the required level.

These include inadequate funding, limited utilization of innovative solutions into development plans and implementation, brain drain and talent retention coupled by limited awareness, proper understanding and knowledge of innovation matters.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on Global Innovation Index 2021, which monitors the state of technological advancement in 132 countries in the world, has found out that 21 out of the 32 countries in the bottom quartile are Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Tanzania included.

The latest reports on Global Innovation Index (GII) of United Republic of Tanzania fell gradually from 25.6 index in 2014 to 17.4 index in 2023. The GI is a ranking of countries based on certain indicators like their success and capacity in innovation. This index is based on both subjective and ob-

jective data derived from different sources

The innovation efficiency index is the result of dividing the number of innovative outputs into the number of inputs used to create them. The innovation input index is composed of five sub-indices like institutions, human capital and research, infrastructure, market and business sophistication.

Tanzania government has committed itself towards embracing technological progress and fostering innovation as crucial input for economic growth, job creation, and overall development, as stipulated in the Five Year Development Plan (FYDP).

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during a recently organized Tanzania Innovation Week 2024, the Executive Secretary of the Planning Commission, Lawrence Mafuru said the government in collaboration with stakeholders has been undertaking various initiatives to support innovation in the country.

According to Mafuru the initiatives include investing in digital infrastructure, such as the national ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB), which has been connected to all regional Headquarters and all major urban centers in the country and has extended to seven neighboring countries.

He said the government has also established the Tanzania Innovation Initiative, a dynamic platform that allows innovators and entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas and receive support from different stakeholders and innovation hubs and in-

cubators throughout the country to create a supportive environment for start-ups, providing them with the necessary resources and support to thrive.

Notable examples include the Dar Teknohama Business Incubator (DTBi), located in Dar es Salaam, that offers co-working spaces, mentorship, business training, networking opportunities and access to funding specifically tailored for technology start-ups.

The incubator is also encouraging ICT innovative solutions especially in public service delivery by developing e-Government systems, whereby key services are provided through digital platforms.

At structural and policy level, Mafuru explained that the government has established research and innovation sections under the directorate of policy and planning aiming at inducing application innovation solutions into development interventions.

This initiative paves a way towards utilization of options and solutions provided by researchers and innovation hubs, development partners and the private sector to create an enabling environment for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Innovative system benefits dwellers in informal settlements with clean water

By Getrude Mbogo

ACCESS to clean water and basic sanitation has long been a challenge for a number of Tanzanians, with many forced to take long distance walks daily to fetch water that may also be unsafe for consumption.

Insufficient water supply coverage impacts most severely on the poor in both urban and rural, the poor make their own, often insufficient arrangements to meet their needs for basic survival.

According to the World Bank (WB), only 61 percent of households in Tanzania currently have access to a basic water-supply, 32 percent have access to basic sanitation, and 48 percent have access to basic hygiene.

To help reduce the challenge, a section of stakeholders have been engaging in transformative collaboration to change the narrative, ensuring residents especially in deprived settlements have access to clean water.

Some few years ago, the Centre for Community Initiatives (CCI) in collaboration with the Tanzania Federation of the Urban Poor (TFUP) embarked on an initiative to support dwellers in unplanned urban settlements with clean water by extracting boreholes especially in settlements/areas which have not been supplied with the utility water.

According to Theresia Ntanga, CCI programme officer, the project first started at Keko Machungwa Street in Miburani Ward of Temeke Municipality in Dar es Salaam and has brought positive impacts to the residents.

In an interview in Dar es Salaam recently, Ntanga said the initiative started to be implemented in 2011 in Keko Machungwa where efforts to drill a big water well started closely engaging the local communities.

In 2012, the project reached a significant milestone with the completion of a deep borehole and the estab-

lishment of some initial distribution points (DPs). The borehole, reaching a depth of 70 meters, ensured access to a clean and reliable water source. Over time, the number of distribution points expanded to seven, further enhancing the community's access to water.

She said to make the project sustainable, CCI mobilized federation groups within settlements. The groups aimed to do daily savings, loaning and addressing development issues.

"The constructed water well in Keko Machungwa benefits over 700 residents, markets and guest houses. 27 households have been connected to water and six water centres have been built under supervision of CCI, TUPF through Amka Federation Group," she said.

The water well has the capacity to pump 10,000 litres of water per hour supplying it to various connected houses and areas.

"This model involves closer engagement of the local community when implementing water projects, it enables the community to be supervisors of the projects, this promotes the suitability of the projects to benefit others in the future," Ntanga elaborated.

She said the initiative has helped the community to form saving schemes which is an entry point towards organizing communities to access water by providing loans to the urban poor.

The officer further said the access of water to the community facilitated by providing affordable loans through a revolving fund known as Jenga where the groups utilize the funds to initiate the projects along with promoting saving culture.

According to Ntanga, monitoring and water quality control is another important part of community managed water schemes. The water kiosks typically have several taps normally two to five operated by ap-



pointed attendants. They present an effective way of delivering water services to urban communities where there is a basic domestic supply network in place.

The Amka Federation Group in Keko Machungwa, one of the many federation groups in the settlement, has successfully tackled one of the most pressing challenges faced by their community on access to clean and safe water.

She said by improving access to water supply poor communities, particularly living in informal settlements have reduced the time spent in accessing water and devote that time in other development activities, it has reduced the cost spent on water, and improved the health living condition of people.

"The success of the water project is attributed to the good planning and management by the Amka Federation Group. They installed water meters at all distribution points to ensure accurate measurement and billing of water usage. There is also a dedicated water committee that oversees the daily management of the well and

ensures the smooth running of the project. Treasurers are responsible for collecting daily sales against the meter readings, ensuring transparency and accountability in the financial operations," Ntanga explained.

She said that residents now have access to clean and affordable water, eliminating their dependence on unreliable water vendors. The project's success has not only improved the health and well-being of the community but has also demonstrated the power of collective action and community-led initiatives.

The Centre further urges the government to adopt the 'Community based Water Management Model for Informal Settlement' developed by the centre in order to address water challenges facing various communities in the country.

Samwel John, CCI's water and sanitation engineer said the model which has been piloted at Keko Machungwa, has produced positive results which include increasing transparency and accountability as well as increased co-operation between leaders and community.

learnt on how to grab them through different connections at Ward, Municipal, and Ministry's level.

Antonia Lucas, one of the lead members of the Amka Federation Group at Keko Machungwa and supervisor of the project said hundreds of residents have got relief following the implementation of the water project in the area.

She said the project has brought happiness to the residents especially girls and women who are the biggest victims of the challenge as they were walking early in the morning to search for the precious liquid.

"Previously, the situation was intense, the community especially women were carrying a big burden as they are the ones who are forced to walk miles away to search for water, if we fail to walk to the water sites, we were then forced to buy a bucket of 20-litres between five 500/- and 1000/- from water vendors. We are very grateful to CCI for bringing us this water project here," she explained.

She said water kiosks/centres present a unique added advantage to the group's existing saving schemes where on top of empowering members economically through selling of water, provision of safe and clean water is made possible to the wider community and time spent on access, especially by women is reduced.

Husna Juma, one of the water centre supervisors said residents at the streets have for years lived a very difficult life and sometimes they were forced to fetch water in streams which are not safe.

"But the borehole constructed here is a great saviour and we real thank CCI, as a supervisor of the water centre here I sell water to people and required to submit collections every day to the treasurer of the group, but by doing this I am paid every month, so this is my part-time job apart from engaging in small businesses," she explained.

The World Bank says providing universal access to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) could reduce Tanzania's economic losses by \$1.9 billion (about 4.4trn/-) per year by 2030.

Invest in fertiliser value chain, TFRA urges potential investors

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority (TFRA) is taking part at this year's Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF-2024) to showcase a number of strides made by the authority to boost the fertiliser uptake in the country.

During the DITF 2024, which kicked off on June 28th up to July 13, the authority showcases a number of investment opportunities in the fertiliser value chain—production, transport logistics to storage facilities.

Joel Laurent, TFRA executive director made the call in Dar es Salaam recently when speaking on this year DITF, themed: "Tanzania: Your Best Destination for Trade and Investment," aimed to open more doors for international communities to access the markets of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the East African Community (EAC). Tanzania is a founding member of both regional organizations.

Laurent invited potential investors to make informed decisions to invest in various types of investments—production of fertiliser and its related products.

Currently, he said that the domestic factories cannot suffice the local demand which stands at 848,884 in a year 2023/2024, this calls for more investment in domestic fertiliser and fertiliser supplements manufacturing/ blending.

He stated that investors also can invest in storage and handling facilities, where they can provide facilitation on construction of fertiliser warehouses in strategic locations (along railway lines) through Tanzania Fertilizer Company (TFC) and or Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) to reduce domestic distribution costs.

He also urged investors to invest in construction of modern handling facilities at the port of Dar es Salaam to reduce time taken to off-load fertiliser from the vessels causing demurrage cost and reduce spill off.

"Investors can also invest in fertiliser distribution, whereby more distributors are required to make timely availability of fertilizers to various destinations in the country closer to farmers. Opportunities are available for investors to invest in any of the distribution networks," he noted.

They can also invest on fertiliser packaging factories such as production of fertiliser bags, cans and plastic bottles as well as bagging facilities where they can build modern bagging facilities at the port to replace the existing old one to speed-up the bagging process. According to TFRA boss investors can invest in research and development, whereby they can establish why the low fertiliser utilization in Tanzania which is about 19 kg/ha nutrient, much lower than



the target set by the African Union in the Abuja declaration of at least 50kg/ha and the global average of 135kg/ha.

"This presents an opportunity for undertaking research to upscale utilization rate and conduct various programmes campaign on public awareness on fertiliser use and other research on fertiliser sub-sectors," he said.

In this area, investing in testing and analysis services play a crucial role in the fertiliser supply chain by helping farmers and manufacturers make informed decisions about fertiliser applications—soil testing and nutrient analysis which can help optimize fertiliser use and reduce waste. It also presents an opportunity for conducting soil testing programmes to various farming communities to understand the soil health of the particular area.

"We also want investors to invest in new technologies or products related to fertilizers for example, exploring using drones, artificial intelligence and precision agriculture. It improves fertiliser application, reduces waste and provides exposure to the potential benefits of innovation in the fertiliser industry," he said.

Laurent also welcomed investors to invest in the infrastructure that supports the fertiliser

industry, such as transportation networks by joint venturing through Public Private Partnership (PPPs), which can provide a unique opportunity for growth.

He also cited some of the reasons to invest in fertiliser industry in Tanzania as availability of raw materials, whereby Tanzania has a phosphate reserve of about 375,100,000 MT and natural gas reserve estimated at 57 trillion cubic feet which are major raw materials for manufacturing of phosphate and nitrogenous fertiliser.

On Infrastructural development Laurent Said that massive investment is underway all around the country whereby roads are being rehabilitated and new constructed to connect major cities and towns to interior parts of the country. Railway lines are being repaired and upgraded to the standard gauge railway (SGR) and major upgrades and modernization are underway in all the Ports." All these will make local transportation fast, easy and cheap hence create an opportunity to fertiliser industry in moving both raw materials and fertiliser from the point of entry or manufacturing to the point of destination or consumption," he said.

On the potential market availability (local

and foreign), TFRA DG said: "There is huge local and foreign market due to demand as there is local demand for different types of fertilizer which largely depends on imports. Over 90 percent of fertilizer utilized in the country is imported while less than 10 percent is domestically manufactured."

He also stated that the geographical location of the country presents an opportunity for investment in the fertiliser industry as it is surrounded by landlocked countries that depend on Tanzania for their supply of farm input. Other reasons include membership in Region Integration - the country has access to markets through regional trade unions such as East African Community (EAC), Southern Development Cooperation (SADC) and Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). These factors present a window of opportunity to invest in the fertilizer manufacturing to exploit the untapped potential.

Increasing population has also been attributed as the reason to invest in the country, taking into account that Tanzania's population has been projected to grow by 2.8 percent from about 61 million in 2022 to about 90 million by 2035 (NBS, 2022). This population increase will require more food and hence more fertilizer will be required to increase productivity creating high fertilizer requirements which is an opportunity for fertilizer and fertilizer supplements manufacturing.

TFRA also believes that the governments' political will as another attribute, whereby the government is strongly insisting on an industrialized economy which calls for investment in different types and scales of industries including fertilizer industries. Hence, the government has made provisions for enabling environments for investors in various sectors including fertilizer industries.

Availability of power generation infrastructures such as Julius Nyerere Hydro Electric Power Plant Mtera, Kidatu and Kihansi dams ensures availability of power at lower cost which will lower the cost of fertilizer.

Laurent also noted: "There is readily available both skilled and unskilled workforce in the entire fertiliser value chain as well as accelerating the global demand for natural and organic farming and crop rotation is expected to drive the need for organic fertiliser."

TFRA is mandated towards promoting investment in domestic manufacturing of fertilisers and fertiliser supplement (FFS) using domestic available raw materials such as phosphate, limestone, coal and natural gas, to ensure all farmers timely access to fertiliser and fertiliser supplement and minimize dependence on imports and other areas in the fertiliser industry value chain.

Fertiliser industry is one of the areas identified by the government to boost agricultural productivity in Tanzania. The industry is regulated by the Fertilizer Act of 2009 and its regulations of 2011 and their amendments of 2017. Under the Act No.9 Of 2009 Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authorities -TFRA was established in 2012 with the mandate to regulate the quality and trade of fertilizer and fertiliser supplements (FFS) in the entire fertiliser value chain including manufacturing, importation distribution, storage, exportation and utilization.

BUSINESS

CMSA vows to proselytise inclusive capital markets

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) has committed to continue providing an enabling environment for promoting development of sustainable, inclusive and more diversified capital markets to stimulate the country's economic growth and development.

Nicodemus Mkama (pictured), CMSA Chief Executive Officer, said that in Dar es Salaam on Monday this week at the official launching of the Sanlam Unit Trust Scheme comprising Sanlam Pesa Money Market Fund and Sanlam USD Fixed Income Fund.

Mkama said the primary objective of those funds is to provide opportunities to small, medium, and large scale investors for pooling their resources and invest together so as to benefit from investments made by professional fund managers in the capital markets.

He urged all capital markets stake-

holders to continue collaborating with CMSA to economically empower citizens and implement the government's Alternative Project Financing (APF) Strategy.

He said the decision is aimed at enabling the government and the private sector to obtain financial resources for various development activities, thereby fostering social development and economic growth of our country.

The CMSA boss said that the establishment of the funds supports implementation of the government to expand access of financial services to a wider segment of population in urban and rural areas and economically empowering citizens.

Furthermore, he said that it was one of the key pillars enshrined in the Third National Financial Inclusion Framework (NFIF III) 2023-2028 aiming at increasing participation of retail and institutional investors including youth and women in the capital markets.



"As part of the initiatives to ensure achievements of investment objectives of these funds, CMSA has approved lowering the minimum amount for investing in these Funds from 1/-m to 10,000/-," he said.

"This is a significant step aimed at facilitating investors' access in these Funds, and thus enables increased participation of investors, including citizens with low and medium incomes."

According to him, the financial resources obtained from investors will be invested in money markets and capital markets, including investments in treasury bills, bank deposits, and shares of listed companies, government bonds and corporate bonds.

He said the objective of that type of investment is to ensure that the funds have sufficient liquidity to meet investors' financial needs as they arise.

Mkama said that investment in those funds offers various benefits for community welfare and economic development in our country.

Some of the benefits are investments made by those Funds in government bonds will facilitate raising of financial resources to finance development projects as outlined in the Government's Alternative Project Financing (APF) Strategy.

Also, investors will receive returns from investment made while simultaneously being part of financiers of projects funded by the amount raised through Government Bonds.

DSE share indices gain on week's opening

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) indices gained during the opening trading session of this week, following the increase of share prices among two cross listed and one local counter.

The DSE market report shows the DSE all-share index (DSEI) closed at 2,044.42, an increase of 11.11 points recorded during the end of last week, while Tanzania Share Index (TSI) gained by 0.36 points after

closing at 4,513.60 points.

The Bank, Finance & Investment Index (BI) also recorded similar trend, after closing at 5,332.64 points, an increase of 1.18 points, while the Industrial & Allied Index (IA) remained unchanged at 5,120.14 points.

The increase of share indices resulted from the gaining of share prices of Jubilee Holdings Limited (JHL) counter, which closed at 3,490/-, an increase of 1.45 percent, KCB Bank counter, which increased by 4.62 percent to 680/- and Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MKCB) which gained by 7.14 percent to 600/-.

The increase of share prices among three counters has also slightly increased the DSE total market capitalization to 17,066trn/- from 19,97trn/- recorded at the end of last week.

The report shows only Nation Media Group (NMG) counter

recorded the decreased trend of its share price, after closing at 370/-, a slip by 1.33 percent.

A total turnover of 275m/- was recorded during the day, following the transactions of 228,940 shares traded in 336 deals.

Banking counters emerged as top movers, headed by CRDB, which transacted 187,864 shares valued 94.3m/- traded at a weighted average price of 525/- per share in 241 deals, followed by NMB counter, which recorded the movement of 27,314 shares valued 147.5m/- traded at a price ranging from 5,350/- to 5,500/- per share in 21 deals.

The third top mover was Tanzania Portland Cement Company (TPCC), which recorded the transactions of 5,522 shares valued 22.6m/- traded at a price ranging from 4,080/- to 4,100/- per share in 14 deals.

Other active counters according to the daily market report were Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MKCB), which transacted 3,532 shares followed by NICO with 3,448 shares, Afriprise with 360 shares, self-listed DSE with 350 shares and Precision Air limited (PAL), which transacted 260 shares.

The report shows a total turnover of 1.4bn/- has so far been recorded since the start of the current quarter of which local investors dominated both selling and buying activities.

On buying side, local investors account for 99.60 percent of total value of shares bought, while foreigners' purchase amounted to 5.68m/-, while on the selling side, foreign investors have so far sold shares amounting to 168.86m/- or 11.98 percent of total value of shares sold.

Oil prices slip as hurricane damage eases

TEXAS

OIL prices slipped on Tuesday after a hurricane that hit a key US oil-producing hub in Texas caused less damage than markets had expected, easing concerns over supply disruption.

Brent crude (BZ=F) futures fell 49 cents or 0.6 percent to \$85.26 a barrel by 0852 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (CL=F) (WTI) crude slipped 54 cents or 0.7

percent to \$81.79.

Although oil refining activity slowed and some production sites were evacuated, major refineries along the US Gulf Coast appeared to see minimal impact from Hurricane Beryl, which weakened into a tropical storm after hitting the Texas coast.

"Early indications suggest that most energy infrastructure has come through unscathed," ING analysts Warren Patterson and Ewa Manthey wrote

in a client note, adding that price action in crude oil and refined fuel markets reflect little concern on supply disruption from the hurricane.

That eased market worries about the risk of supply disruption in Texas, where 40% of US crude oil is produced.

Major oil-shipping ports around Corpus Christi, Galveston and Houston had been shut ahead of the storm. The Corpus Christi Ship Channel reopened on Monday and the Port of Houston was projected to resume operations on Tuesday afternoon.

The storm has since been downgraded, but there have been power outages reported, such as in Houston.

Several key refiners such as Marathon Petroleum were also preparing to restart their refining units.

Market participants are also keeping an eye on the situation in the Middle East for more trading cues. Oil prices settled down 1 percent on Monday amid hopes a possible ceasefire deal in Gaza could reduce worries about global crude supply disruption.

Senior US officials were in Egypt for talks on Monday, but gaps remained between the two sides, the White House said, and Hamas said a new Israeli push into Gaza threatened the potential agreement.

"Crude futures were inching lower early Tuesday after a second consecutive session of losses suggested an overdue pullback from (a) nine-week high," said Vandana Hari, founder of oil market analysis provider Vanda Insights.

Markets were also waiting for the release of key US inflation data, with Federal Reserve Chair Powell set to appear before Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday, as investors wagered a slew of soft labour market data has greatly increased the chance of an interest rate cut in September to about 80 percent.



Foreigners at DITF attracted by Dar's investment opportunities

By Francis Kajubi

FOREIGN investors have said that they are attracted by investment opportunities in Tanzania, with many promised to comeback and collaborate with local investors.

AS the 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) come close to an end, foreign exhibitors, mostly companies from 26 nations, have participated in the trade fair which was inaugurated on July 3, 2024 by President Samia Suluhu Hassani.

China is one of the countries that participated in the trade fair with a wide range of participating Chinese companies namely FAW, Hong Yan and XCMG engaged in the supply of mining and construction machinery.

At the international trade fair, the Chinese company that sells and distributes construction machinery and mining machinery acknowledged to have being attracted by the favorable

investment and business environment set by the government.

The attractive business environment has been an incentive for foreign investors to continue investing reasonable capital in the country's economy in collaboration with local companies.

Speaking during the special trade fair day for Chinese products, Director XCMG East Africa, Zhang Wenyang congratulated the government for being supportive to foreign investors.

In strengthening its dominance in the local market, he said the company has reached a decision to sign an agreement with GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd, the Kibaha based vehicle assembler to supply the company's machines and equipment brands in this country.

Wenyang said the company has been a key player in supplying the market with XCMG products in Tanzania for 17 years now.

"We have signed an agreement to continue being suppliers of machines and

equipment produced by our company here in Tanzania," said Wenyang.

GF Trucks, Mehboob Karmali, Board of Directors Chairman said that the company has been trusted by the Chinese world class machinery brand due to its efficiency in assembling vehicles and machineries.

He said the company has been holding seminars for drivers and operators to address and fix technical faults in relation to machineries.

"We have deployed experts to fix machines and vehicles with technical faults in the mines of all our customers. We have also been offering technical training for machine operators to our customers," he said.

Recently, GF opened offices in the South, North and Lake Zones with the intention of reaching its customers easily.

The company has hired an after-sale service team that reaches out to the customer quickly when it faces technical challenges in the operation of the machines.



Why connectivity is crucial, not merely a luxury service

By Correspondent James Kisima

THE communication sector is one of essential infrastructures for modern human civilization.

It not only enables an interaction between one person to the another; but also a part of livelihood in facilitating social services delivery, education, security, information exchanges and business transactions.

It is so important that we cannot live without communication. Every day, we need it to receive and send information, acquire knowledge, sell and buy goods and services and many more.

For all the Tanzanian generations of up to early 1990s, they would witness that before late 1990s there was no cell phones, social media, email address or virtual meeting; but nowadays, you find all this that can make communication easy.

The digital revolution in Tanzania started to mature in late 1990s, when a huge number of people started surfing the internet and using USSD mobile phones.

By that time, opening a "Hotmail" email account or

owning a Nokia Ringo cell-phone was a privilege to many members of the society.

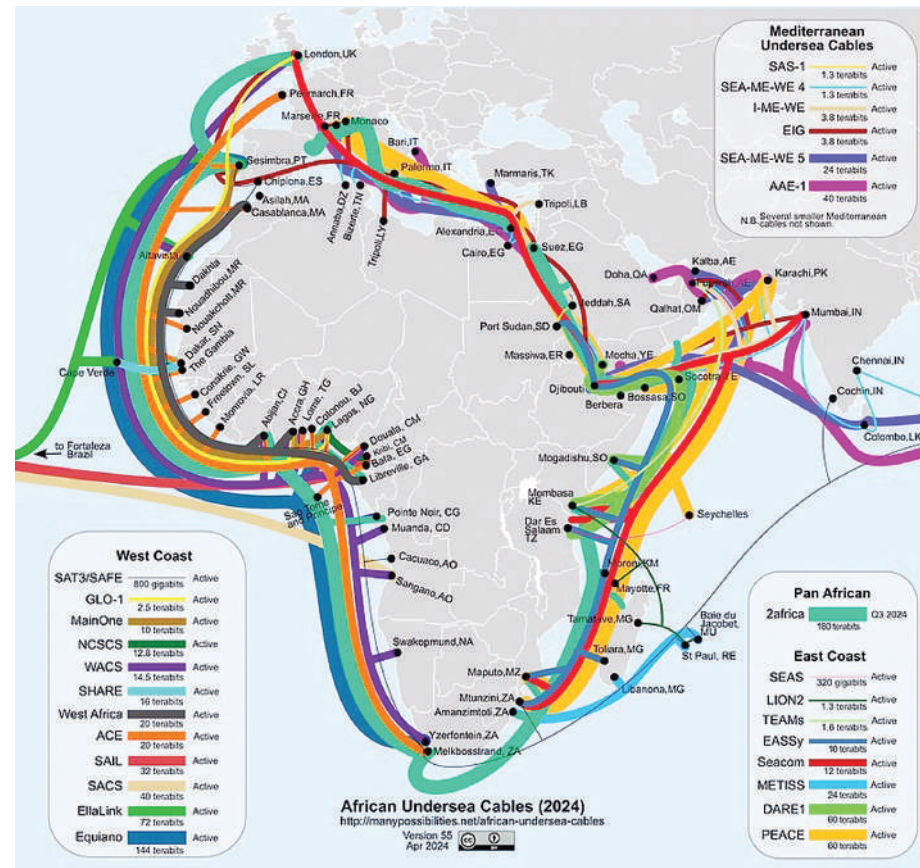
This would have not been possible without an effort by the government to open the skies through attracting foreign investments that have enabled not only the increase of mobile phones ownership, but also communication connectivity infrastructures.

Since then, the number of mobile telecommunication, the major stimulant of Tanzania's communication technology, has grown from one to five companies.

All these companies have invested heavily in both infrastructures and equipment, in order to ensure that consumers are accessing better and convenient services.

According to data by the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA), as at the end of March this year, the country has 72 active mobile phone subscribers of which 36 are internet subscribers.

Vodacom Tanzania is the leading mobile network operator with at least 30 percent of the market share, and the remaining percentages are subscribed to other operators including Airtel, Tigo, TTCL



and Halotel.

According to TCRA data, out of the 72 subscribers, 24 million people, which are equivalent to a third of all subscribers, are using 3G and 4G networks.

The 2G network connectivity coverage, which is most popular in both rural and urban Tanzania, has reached at least 100 percent of the country's territory, while 3G coverage connectivity has reached 88 percent of the territory and 4G network connectivity has covered 80 percent of the entire country.

The TCRA data also shows that the 5G, the most recent and the fastest network to

enter into the country, is covering at least 13 percent of the entire country, specifically in urban areas.

However, data show that despite covering 80 percent of the entire country, only 64 percent of the subscribers connected to the 4G network, while only one percent is connected to the 5G network.

The remaining subscribers of mobile networks are connected to either 2G or 3G, depending on the communication gadgets they own.

Through Universal Communication Services Access Fund (UCSAF), the government is partnering with mobile networks

to invest in infrastructures to ensure increased access and resilient mobile network coverage across the country.

Andrew Lupembe, the telecom's network specialist believes that having spectrum is an important tool to enhance communication connectivity between people or one machine to another in Tanzania.

For example, telecom companies have over the last 24 years operating 2G, 3G and 4G network connectivity coverage across the country and recently, the company acquired new spectrum from TCRA.

Last year, Vodacom acquired 100 percent share of Smile Communications Limited, which has enabled it to increase its 4G spectrums of between 800MHZ- 2,600MHZ, of which will enable it to extend its coverage in both urban and rural population.

Mobile networks have also been contracted to increase 700 network infrastructures to enhance connectivity in rural areas. They have been urged to have meaningful broadband services.

To ensure the effectiveness of the use of modern infrastructures including 4G and 5G network, the adaptation of modern gadgets is necessary to ensure return of investments.

Telecom companies have started to stimulate the adoption of 4G and 5G enabled gadgets among Tanzania through a post-paid initiative; whereby customers are given smartphones on credit and it is later paid on installment.

However, natural calamities such as rainfall and floods have remained the major challenges to mobile net-

work infrastructures, which also affect the resilience of the connectivity.

Tanzania is only connected to three submarine cable networks of Eassy, Seacom and 2Africa, which enabled it to connect with other parts of the world in both north and south circuits of the cables.

In May this year, when the Eassy and Seacom were damaged on the northern circuit (Djibouti), the country remained resilient through the use of the southern circuit.

However, these three cables are not enough to ensure that the country is resilient to connectivity, when it comes to any damage that may happen to the three cables.

The neighbouring Kenya is currently connected to at least six cables and the recent 2Africa cable will enable it to be connected into six cables; which increases the country's resilience against any breakdown.

It is also suggested that, instead of depending on submarine cable, the country should think of having other alternatives, including rolling out terrestrial cables through neighbouring Kenya.

Tanzania, through the National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) should think of solving the challenge of depending on submarine cable systems to terrestrial cable systems, to ensure that the country is not isolated from the world.

As a country, we need to have a strategy of creating a conducive environment that will enable us to attract more investors who will enable the country to have more connectivity routes to enable resilient communication connectivity.

Jafo calls on Tanzanians to buy locally made fertilisers

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr Selemani Jafo, has asked Tanzanians to buy fertilizers produced by local factories instead of importing due to the fact that its quality is the same as imported.

Either, Dr Jafo said he will ensure to oversee all the industries invested in Tanzania, so that they continue to produce and contribute to the economy by generating employment for Tanzanians.

Dr Jafo, who was recently appointed the industry and trade minister, said this yesterday when he visited the Itracom Fertilizer Limited Factory located in Dodoma after reporting to the new docket.

"If President Samia struggled to ensure this factory is built in the country, with the capacity to producing 66,000 tons, but only 4,238 tons have been bought. This is not encouraging as we must buy our own locally produced products," he said.

According to the Bank of Tanzania (BoT) monthly economic review for June, importation of fertilizers



The Minister of Industry and Trade, Dr Selemani Jafo, (2nd R) admires fertilize produced by the Itracom Fertilizer Limited Factory located in Dodoma yesterday. Photo by Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

slipped by 44 percent to US\$331.8 million during the year ended in May 2024, from US\$596.3 million

during the year ended in 2023.

However, on monthly basis,

the value of imported fertilizers increased to US\$41.8 million in May from US\$8 million recorded

in April. He said that the government's efforts have made it possible to increase investments, including industrial sector, and that it is the responsibility of the President's aides to ensure that they are given a good environment to continue working effectively.

Regarding the factory of Itracom Fertilizer Limited, Dr Jafo assured the investor that he will deal with the existing challenges in cooperation with the other cross cutting sectors to see that the factory works efficiently and profitably.

He said he is not satisfied to see the production made by the factory, only a small amount is bought by Tanzanians, while other countries buy fertilizer products in bulk.

The Head of the Internal Inspection Unit of the factory, Kimaramuzi Nkurikiye, said production started in December 2022 and their fertilizer reaches 21 regions.

He said so far it has produced 75,000 tons while the fertilizer sold is 66,000 tons of which 4,238 tons have been sold in the country, 52,892 tons have been sold in Kenya and 10,000 tons have been sold in Burundi.

Earlier, the head of the research unit, Elias Ulyongabo said that the factory is currently making fertilizers for planting, growing and fattening and is in the final stages of completing the research of fertilizers for tobacco, tea, avocado and grape crops.

Civil aviation centre to construct 78bn/- campus

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority's (TCAA) Civil Aviation Training Centre (CATC) is set to spend over 78bn/- on the construction of its campus which will be built in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the ongoing 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) organised by Tan Trade, CATC Principal Public Relations and Marketing In charge, Ally Changwila said that the government has already disbursed 5bn/- in last financial year that were used on feasibility study so as to take off the project.

"In this financial year, the government has allocated 23bn/- to be spent on this project this financial year 2024/25, that will cost over 78bn/- until its completion at an 18 hectares of land located in Dar es Salaam adjacent to Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA)," he said.

Changwila who is also TCAA's Principal Public Relations Officer said that the construction project will take three years into completion.

"At CATC, we aim at producing competent personnel to foster the development of the dynamic and fast-growing aviation industry. Due to high demand of aviation professional, we encourage the qualified students to join CATC and nurture their dreams to work for the industry," he said.

He added: "Our courses are na-



Architectural design of the proposed CATC campus

tionally and internationally recognized and could make students studying here can work anywhere in the world."

On her part, CATC Chief Instructor Thamarat Abeid said that the Civil Aviation Training Centre has received certification, accreditation or corporate membership from different institutions and hence making the college nationally and internationally accepted in offering

aviation training programs of high quality and standards.

"We have accreditation from ISO 9001: 2015 Certified, Full member of ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Gold, Montreal, Canada, Registered with National Council for Technical Education (NACTVET) - Tanzania, Approved Training Organization by Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority, African Training Organization (ATO) Coun-

cil Member, Corporate member of Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), London, ICAO, Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC)," she said.

Abeid noted: "Due to our quality training programmes, we have recently received students from Botswana who were here studying air trafficking management course and we have also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with

Guinean Conakry Authority of Civil Aviation so as to bring their students at CATC."

She went further to say that CATC which established as training arm of the TCAA on 10th June 1985 is now one of the best Civil Aviation Training Institute in the world.

"Due to the quality of the training that we provide, we are now ranked 9 in Africa and 35 in the world as the Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC)," she said.

WORLD

France faces coalition puzzle after left-wing surge in election

PARIS

PARIS - The French left said it wanted to run the government but conceded on Monday that talks would be tough and take time, after Sunday's election thwarted the far right's quest for power but delivered a hung parliament.

Many of France's allies breathed a sigh of relief after Marine Le Pen's National Rally (RN) failed to win the snap election called by President Emmanuel Macron.

But with the leftist New Popular Front (NFP) alliance, hastily assembled before the election, unexpectedly coming first but far from an absolute majority, the election heralded a period of volatility and possible gridlock.

"It's not going to be simple, no, it's not going to be easy, and no, it's not going to be comfortable," said Green party leader Marine Tondelier. "It's going to take a bit of time."

Possibilities include the left forming a minority government - which would be at the mercy of a no confidence vote from rivals unless they reach deals - and the cobbling together of an unwieldy coalition of parties with almost no common ground.

"We'll need some time," NFP lawmaker Pouriya Amirshahi told Reuters as newly elected lawmakers arrived in parliament to pick up their badges and settle in, adding that any option was complex.

The NFP has no single leader and, with an estimated 182 MPs, is far short of the 289 threshold needed for an absolute majority. No other group has a majority either. Macron's centrists came second and the RN third, leaving parliament split in three groups.

"The President of the Republic must call on us to run the government, to respect the outcome of the election," Manuel Bompard, of the hard left France Unbowed said before a meeting with the Socialists, Greens and Communists to decide on what strategy the NFP would take.

For Le Pen's RN, the result was a disappointment as opinion polls had for weeks projected it would win, RN lawmaker Laurent Jacobelli told Reuters, even if they increased their number of MPs by more than 50 to 143.

RN leader Jordan Bardella acknowledged that the party had made mistakes, including on the choice of some of its candidates, but assured that Sunday's ballot had sown the seeds for future victory for the far right.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, a centrist and ally of Macron, tendered his resignation but Macron asked him to stay on for now "in order to ensure the country's stability," the president's office said.

Weakened France?

A fragmented parliament will make it hard for anyone to push through a do-

mestic agenda and is likely to weaken France's role in the European Union and further afield.

"The most immediate risk is a financial crisis and France's economic decline," said the current finance minister, Bruno Le Maire.

Despite the uncertainty, some voters were happy with a three-way parliament.

"I think it's great to have a diverse assembly like this, with roughly equal groupings. They will have to get along," Valerie, who works in luxury, said in Paris.

But Jean-Eudes du Mesnil, of the CPME small and medium businesses union, was "worried because a number of things have been announced, notably by the Popular Front platform".

"We'll see whether they're applied or not, but there are certain measures that are simply unthinkable," he said, including among these a big increase in the minimum wage.

There appeared to be no consensus on the left on key questions such as whether the bloc should seek support from other forces such as Macron's centrists.

Olivier Faure, the Socialist leader, told France Info radio he expected the parties to agree on a plan this week, but sidestepped a question on whether the NFP would be prepared to negotiate a deal with Macron's camp.

France Unbowed's divisive fire-brand leader Jean-Luc Melenchon has ruled out any deal with centrists.

But the left-wing bloc, whose main proposals include reversing Macron's pension reform and capping prices of key goods, will need some kind of agreement with lawmakers from outside the bloc if they are to govern.

Macron eclipsed

The NFP's program, which if implemented would be likely to further strain France's overstretched public finances, was viewed negatively by financial markets before the election.

The euro slipped on Monday by as much as 0.4 percent as investors pondered the uncertainty.

Some prominent centrists said they were ready to work on a pact but would not work with France Unbowed, which many French centrists consider as extreme as the RN.

Macron, whose term ends in 2027, looks unlikely to be able to drive policy again, though he had already pushed through much of his agenda including increasing the pension age, a move that caused street protests, and a divisive immigration bill.

With 32.05 percent of the votes, the RN won more votes than any other single party on Sunday but alliances, tactical voting and its own mistakes prevented it winning.

responsibility for the party's election loss while Labour Party's Keir Starmer became the country's new leader on Friday.

Richard Holden, who managed to hold onto his seat by just 20 votes, also stepped down as Conservative Party Chairman, saying in his resignation letter to Sunak that "a thorough review into the General Election campaign" was needed.

"While I will obviously feed into that, this would best take place with a new set of eyes to help provide the clearest view," he wrote.

The shadow cabinet includes James Cleverly continuing to hold the home office brief, while James Cartledge would handle defence matters, the party's statement said.

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difficult election and it is important that we regroup and reflect on these results," new interim Chairman Richard Fuller said in the statement.

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UN deputy chief urges immediate action for Sustainable Development Goals

UNITED NATIONS

UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed on Monday demanded immediate commitments to bold policies and innovative solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Speaking at the 2024 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), Mohammed emphasized the urgent need for "transformative actions" to tackle major global challenges like poverty, food insecurity, and climate change.

"Although the greatest challenges before us are daunting, together we can overcome them, achieve the peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable future that all people not only need but deserve," she told delegates at the UN headquarters in New York.

Reflecting on the path towards the 2030 Agenda, Mohammed underscored the significance of the upcoming Summit of the Future.

"The summit is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to mend eroded trust and demonstrate that international cooperation -- human solidarity in the face of opportunity but also threats -- can carry us forward," she said.

Mohammed addressed the global community's multifaceted challenges, from poverty to climate change, and the distressing reality that less than a fifth of the SDGs are on track.

"But it is also fixable ... this is what this forum is about -- finding the solutions and the political will to turn our words into actions in the lives of people in the billions, reinforcing the collective capability to surmount these challenges and achieve a sustainable future for all."

This year's HLPF, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is centered on eradicating poverty through sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions amidst various global crises.

The forum, which runs from July 8 through 17, aims to assess progress towards several SDGs, including those focused on ending poverty, zero hunger, climate action, peaceful and inclusive societies, and enhancing implementation methods.

The programme features Voluntary National Review (VNR) Labs, where countries present reports on their SDG achievements, challenges, and future strategies. Additionally, the forum is enriched with various side events and exhibitions.

ECOSOC President Paula Narvaez, addressing the forum, highlighted the particular struggles of developing nations, especially those in conflict-ridden regions, underscoring the essential need for peace and stability.

"The agenda includes local and regional actions, insights from regional forums, key intergovernmental discussions, and 37 countries presenting their VNRs," Narvaez noted, linking the ongoing discussions to the upcoming Summit of the Future in September.

"It will be a space to present transformative actions and initiatives related to monitoring the Summit on Sustainable Development Goals in 2023, while also sharing priorities and expectations for the upcoming summit," she stated.

Xinhua

Egyptian PM unveils new government programme based on Egypt's Vision 2030

CAIRO

EGYPTIAN Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly unveiled on Monday the new government's program for the coming three years, which outlines a comprehensive strategy to drive Egypt towards its Vision 2030.

In a presentation to the House of Representatives, Madbouly said the new government's program will focus on national security, economic progress, and social services, especially education and health services.

He stressed the new government will continue the path of economic reform, complete the projects and initiatives that began with Egypt's development process in the past years, and strive to reduce rising prices and inflation.

The government aims to achieve a growth rate of 4.2

percent in the first year of its program, with a goal of surpassing an average growth rate of 5 percent throughout the program period, he said.

The government will also work to build about 500,000 alternative housing units in unplanned areas, while also increasing private sector involvement in infrastructure and urban development projects, according to the prime minister.

Madbouly stressed that Egyptian diplomacy will continue its efforts in various international forums related to combating terrorism, especially within the framework of the United Nations.

He also pledged to safeguard Egypt's water security, diversify energy resources, improve energy efficiency and infrastructure, and develop energy transmission and distribution networks.

Xinhua

UK's Sunak appoints 'shadow' cabinet after historic election loss

LONDON

BRITISH opposition leader Rishi Sunak set out his shadow cabinet on Monday, with some senior ministers reprising the roles they held in government prior to last week's parliamentary election, while former Foreign Secretary David Cameron resigned.

Andrew Mitchell will handle the foreign policy brief in the interim shadow cabinet, a team of senior spokespeople picked by the opposition party leader to mirror the cabinet in government.

The Conservative Party suffered a historic election defeat last week with a record number of cabinet ministers, including former Defence Secretary Grant Shapps, losing their seats.

In his resignation speech, former Prime Minister Sunak (pictured) took



Sudan stresses keenness to make Jeddah negotiating platform successful

KHARTOUM

CHAIRMAN of Sudan's Transitional Sovereign Council Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan on Monday stressed the keenness to make the Jeddah negotiating platform a success.

Al-Burhan made the remarks while receiving Waleed bin Abdulkarim El-Khereiji, deputy foreign minister of Saudi Arabia, in Port Sudan, the capital city of the Red Sea State in eastern Sudan, the sovereign council said in a

statement.

"The discussions dealt with the call to resume the Jeddah platform," Hussein Awad, undersecretary of Sudan's Foreign Ministry, was quoted in the statement as saying, noting that Al-Burhan has stressed "Sudan's keenness to make the Jeddah platform a success as a foundation to build on."

However, Awad added that Al-Burhan expressed reservations over the presence of any party supporting the "rebel militia."

The undersecretary added that, during the meeting, El-Khereiji stressed Saudi Arabia's commitment to the security and stability of Sudan, recognizing that Sudan's stability directly influences the security and stability of the region.

Since May 2023, Saudi Arabia and the United States had been sponsoring talks between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in the Saudi Arabian port city of Jeddah. Several truces were reached, but both sides have accused

each other of breaching the agreements.

The Jeddah peace talks were suspended in October 2023 over fundamental differences between the Sudanese warring parties.

Sudan has been embroiled in a deadly conflict between the SAF and the RSF since mid-April 2023, which has so far claimed at least 16,650 lives, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said in an update last month.

World Peace Forum calls for strengthening global security governance

BEIJING

GLOBAL scholars, former senior officials and diplomats have called for strengthening global security governance during a forum in Beijing.

Themed "Improving Global Security Governance: Justice, Unity and Cooperation," the World Peace Forum (WPF) was held by Tsinghua University and the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs over the weekend. Speaking at the forum, Yan Xuetong,

WPF vice secretary-general and director of the Institute of International Relations at Tsinghua, said that the pressing issue of deglobalization has

spread from the economic sector to the political realm.

"I hope countries can abandon disagreements, become more united and step up cooperation on further improving global security governance and achieving win-win peaceful development," Yan said.

Dominique de Villepin, former French prime minister, said the fragmentation of the world is linked to the deregulation of force, the acceleration of crisis, and the polarization of the international system.

The world needs diplomatic initiatives to curb the risk of war escalation and expansion, and reduce the consequences of war for all, de Villepin add-

ed. Susan Thornton, a senior fellow at Yale Law School, called on all countries to fulfill their roles and leverage their influence to promote peaceful development and establish "major power constraints" for the global public good.

The forum was held a week after China commemorated the 70th anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

In the 1950s, the Chinese leadership specified the Five Principles in their entirety for the first time -- mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs,

equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.

Delegates of the forum noted that the Five Principles have evolved into basic norms for modern international relations, showcasing increased vigor in the global landscape.

Countries must rely on the principles of the United Nations and reaffirm international rules such as the Five Principles and the Bandung Spirit, said de Villepin.

"They can serve as a basis for resolving major international crises. They also demonstrate the possible unity by the international community beyond cultural, historical and political differences."

Li Junru, former vice president of the Party School of the Communist Party of China, said the Five Principles and the concept of a community with a shared future for humanity, along with the three global initiatives on development, security and civilization, demonstrate China's sense of responsibility and commitment to the international community.

Li called on the major global powers to assume the responsibility of safeguarding global peace and security, rather than engage in containment and threats, or even fuel conflicts of interest.

"Most importantly, major

powers should think more for the Earth as it is the shared home for over 8 billion people," Li added. The attendees also called for more countries to jointly contribute to promoting global security governance and regional peace.

Former Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama said China, Japan, the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Southeast Asian countries should engage in discussions on a range of issues, build up mutual trust based on common codes of conduct, and eventually reach consensus.

He commended the trilateral summit held between China, Japan and the ROK this May, as

well as the following series of bilateral exchanges between China and Japan.

Sohail Mahmood, former foreign secretary of Pakistan and director general of the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, suggested that developing countries improve their economic and political capabilities and enhance communication through initiatives such as South-South cooperation.

Bob Carr, former Australian foreign minister, called on countries to uphold international law. "We need a world where international law is decisively supported."

Xinhua

World amazed at pace of development India has achieved in past 10 years - PM Modi

MOSCOW

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said that he has vowed to work three times more and at thrice the speed to achieve the targets for India adding that today's India achieves whatever goal it sets its mind to.

"Today, India shines as a country that is giving the world the most reliable model of digital transactions, said the Prime Minister who is on a two-day visit to Russia while addressing the Indian community in Russia at an event in Moscow.

PM Modi stated that the world is surprised to see the pace of development that India has achieved in the past 10 years. He noted that it has been one month since he took oath as the PM of India for the third term.

"It is my pleasure that my first address to the diaspora is taking place in Russia. This is my first conversation with the Indian diaspora after forming the government for the third time. Today July 9 marks a full month since I took oath as the PM of India for the third time and I took a vow that I will work with three times more strength, at triple the speed and it is also a coincidence that the number 3 is also present in many of the govern-

ment's goals" he said.

"The government's goal is to make India the third largest economy in the world in the third term. The government's aim is to build 3 crore houses for the poor in the third term. The government's aim is to create 3 crore Lakhpati Didis in the third term. We want to empower the women self-help groups running in villages in India, we want in my third phase, 3 crore women from among the poor women of villages become 'Lakhpati Didi', that is, their annual income should be more than Rs 1 lakh and it remains so forever. It is a big target but when people like you bless us, even the biggest goals can be achieved," the PM said.

PM Modi stated that people feel India is changing when they come from abroad to the country. He said that people from abroad can clearly witness transformation in India.

Highlighting India's achievements over the past decade, PM Modi said, "Today's India makes sure it achieves the target it sets. Today, India is the country that takes Chandrayaan to the part of the moon where no other country in the world could reach. Today, India is the country that is giving the most reliable model of digital transactions to the world."



Indian Community being addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi (unseen) during an event, in Moscow yesterday. ANI

"Today, India is a country that is empowering people through the policies in the social sector. Today, India is a country that has the third largest startup ecosystem in the world. When you people gave me the opportunity to serve the country for the first time in 2014, there were hundreds of startups, today there are lakhs of startups. Today, India is a country that is filing patents and publishing research papers in record numbers,"

the PM said.

He noted that the world is surprised when they see that the number of airports have doubled in the past 10 years and India holds successful events like the G20 Summit.

Speaking about the development that has happened in India in past 10 years, PM Modi said, "The world is surprised to see the pace of development that the country has achieved in the

last 10 years. When people from the world come to India, they say 'Bharat badal raha hai' (India is changing). When you all come, you are also feeling so. What are they seeing?"

They are clearly able to see the transformation of India, the redefinition of India."

"When India organises successful events like G20, the world speaks in one voice, 'Bharat badal raha hai'. When India doubles the

number of its airports in just 10 years, the world says, 'Bharat badal raha hai'. When India electrifies more than 40,000 kilometres of railway lines in just 10 years, the world also realises the power of India, they say the country is changing," he added.

PM Modi expressed gratitude to people for coming to attend the event. He stated that he had brought the fragrance of the soil of India to Russia.

He said, "I want to thank all of you for coming here. I have not come here alone, I have come with a lot of things. I have brought with me the fragrance of the soil of India. I have brought with me the love of 140 crore countrymen and their good wishes for you people."

The enthusiastic audience chanted "Modi Modi" and "Modi hai to Mumkin hai" while the Prime Minister was delivering his remarks.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, India's Ambassador to Russia, Vinay Kumar also accompanied PM Modi to the event.

Earlier on Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, held an informal meeting at the Novo-Ogaryovo residence of the Russian president near Moscow. ANI

China calls for immediate end to armed violence in DR Congo

UNITED NATIONS

A Chinese envoy on Monday called for efforts to push for the cessation of fighting to end the violence among armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, delivered a statement at the Security Council briefing on the UN peacekeeping mission in the DRC, commonly known as MONUSCO, emphasizing the urgency to address the conflict in the country.

"Last month, the new government of the DRC was inaugurated smoothly, unveiling a new chapter in the country's governance," he said. "China welcomes this. We look forward to all parties in the country uniting as one and accelerating nation-building with the government's National Action Plan as the blueprint to achieve peace and stability."

Addressing the recent violence, Geng noted, "In the past three months alone, over 500 civilians were killed by armed groups, 7.3 million forcibly displaced."

He condemned the attack on a Chinese company located in the DRC on July 3, which resulted in several deaths and disappearances of Chinese citizens. "China strongly



Britain's Labour Party leader Keir Starmer and his wife Victoria celebrate during a victory rally at the Tate Modern in London early on Jul 5, 2024. AFP

condemns such an act, and we urge that the perpetrators be immediately arrested and held accountable by law."

Geng urged all armed groups in the DRC to "lay down weapons and withdraw from occupied areas immediately."

He commended the DRC government for concluding ceasefire agreements with multiple armed groups and engaging in bilateral security cooperation with Uganda and Burundi. "A pilot (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration) DDR project in North Kivu was also completed. Such progress deserves full recognition," he said.

Highlighting the importance of respecting the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of the DRC, Geng called on the international community to "assist constructively in its efforts to maintain security and stability and improve the humanitarian situation, so as to promote an early settlement of the eastern DRC issue."

Geng also addressed the need for regional deescalation. "There has been growing divergence and discord among regional countries on the issue of the eastern DRC," he noted, citing the UN secretary-general's concern over the risk of regionalization of the conflict.

"China calls on the countries concerned to remain calm and exercise restraint and settle differences

through dialogue rather than military means." Geng praised Angola for facilitating the meeting of foreign ministers of the DRC and Rwanda in March and encouraged regional countries and organizations to "play a bigger part in advancing the Luanda and Nairobi processes".

Geng expressed hope that Bintou Keita, the UN secretary-general's special representative for the DRC, would maintain coordination with the UN secretary-general's special envoy for the Great Lakes region, Xia Huang, to continue to work for peace talks.

Geng addressed the draw-down process of MONUSCO. "The mission has successfully withdrawn from South Kivu last month," he said, urging the UN system to "assist peace-building and consolidation efforts in South Kivu".

He emphasized the need for MONUSCO to "stay engaged with the DRC Government to ensure a safe and orderly draw-down process".

Regarding the recent attacks against MONUSCO, Geng called for "a greater sense of urgency and more effective measures by the relevant actors to ensure the safety of peacekeepers".

He acknowledged the engagement of the Southern African Development Community in peacekeeping activities in the eastern DRC and supported "reasonable adjustment of MONUSCO's mandate to ensure its coordination and complementarity with regional forces".

Geng concluded by expressing China's readiness to "participate constructively in the council's deliberations on supporting regional forces".

Xinhua

Relations with cold-weather Russia never freeze over, says Indian PM

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is notorious for being a cold country, but relations between Moscow and New Delhi are always warm, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

"The first thing that Indians think about when they hear the word 'Russia,' is that Russia has stood by India's side through thick and thin. Russia is India's true friend," Modi pointed out at a meeting with members of Moscow's Indian community.

"The temperature sometimes falls below zero in Russia but the temperature is always above zero in Indian-Russian relations," he added.

Modi stressed that "Russia remains India's trusted friend in any weather." "When our students got stuck in the combat zone [in Ukraine], [Russian] President [Vladimir] Putin helped them safely evacuate," he specified.

The Indian prime minister arrived in Moscow on Monday for the 22nd Russia-India summit. Before departing, Modi said that he was looking forward to meeting Putin, whom he called a friend.

According to the Indian premier, the special and privileged strategic partnership between India and Russia has advanced over the past ten years, including in the areas of energy, security, trade, investment, health, education, culture and tourism. He emphasized that India and Russia "seek to play a supportive role for a peaceful and stable region."

The leaders of Russia and India held an informal meeting in Putin's Novo-Ogaryovo residence outside Moscow on Monday evening.

Official talks involving the two countries' delegations are expected to take place on Tuesday.

Agencies



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Novo-Ogaryovo residence of the President of Russia near Moscow on Monday. ANI

Political resolution of Ukraine crisis urged

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping said on Monday that a political settlement of the Ukraine crisis and an early ceasefire are in the best interest of all parties, and urged the international community to create conditions for direct dialogue and negotiations between Russia and Ukraine.

Xi made the remarks during a meeting in Beijing with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who arrived in the Chinese capital on Monday morning. "Peace mission 3.0" is how Orban captioned a picture posted on social media platform X soon after his arrival in Beijing.

Orban's visit to the Chinese capital comes on the heels of his trips last week to Moscow and Kyiv, where he proposed that Ukraine consider agreeing to an immediate cease-fire with Russia.

During the meeting in Beijing, the two leaders engaged in in-depth discussions on the Ukraine crisis. Orban briefed Xi about his recent visits to Russia and Ukraine. Xi commended him for his efforts to promote a political resolution of the Ukraine crisis and outlined China's views and propositions on the matter.

Xi said that priority should be given to adhering to the "three principles of no spillover from the battlefield, no escalation of fighting and no adding fuel to the fire by rel-

evant parties", in order to quickly cool down the situation.

He underlined the need for the international community to provide assistance for direct dialogue and negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. Only when all major powers exert "positive rather than negative influence" can a ceasefire occur, he said.

Xi said that China has been actively facilitating peace talks in its own way, encouraging and supporting all efforts conducive to a peaceful resolution of the crisis. Noting that the basic principles and efforts of China and Hungary are aligned, he said that China is willing to continue its communication with Hungary and relevant parties.

On Wednesday, Xi reiterated China's position on the Ukraine crisis during his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Astana, Kazakhstan. He said that China is willing to continue making positive efforts to promote a political settlement of the crisis.

Following his meeting with Xi, Orban posted on X that China is a "key power" in creating the conditions for peace in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. "This is why I came to meet with President Xi in Beijing, just two months after his official visit to Budapest," Orban wrote.

Hungary assumed the rotating presidency of the Euro-

pean Union at the start of July.

During his meeting with Orban on Monday, Xi expressed the hope that Hungary would play an active role in promoting the healthy and stable development of China-EU relations and in achieving positive interactions between them.

Xi also emphasized that there is no geopolitical wrangling or conflict of fundamental interests between China and the EU. China-EU relations are of strategic significance and global influence and should be kept stable and healthy, he said, adding that both sides should work together to address global challenges.

He emphasized the need for both sides to uphold partnership, continue to promote two-way opening-up and strengthen international cooperation, in order to contribute to promoting global peace, stability, development and prosperity.

On bilateral relations, Xi said that China will further comprehensively deepen reform, promote high-quality development and advance high-level opening-up, which will provide new opportunities for and inject new impetus into China-Hungary cooperation.

He called for maintaining high-level exchanges between

the two countries, deepening political mutual trust, and enhancing strategic communication and coordination. Both countries should continue to firmly support each other, strengthen practical cooperation in various fields, and actively participate in the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative, Xi said.

Recalling Xi's state visit to Hungary in May, Orban said his country advocates strengthening cooperation with China, and opposes forming "small circles" and stoking bloc confrontation.

Hungary is willing to take the opportunity of its rotating presidency of the EU to actively promote the sound development of EU-China relations, he said.

Orban noted that China wants world peace and has put forward a series of important, constructive initiatives amid a turbulent international situation.

China has used practical actions to demonstrate its ability as an important stabilizer in promoting world peace, Orban said. Hungary highly appreciates and values China's role and influence in global affairs, and is willing to closely maintain strategic communication and cooperation with China, he added.

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Super 4 stage starts taking shape as Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup group stage winds up

By Correspondent Japheth Kazenga

THE final week of group stage matches of the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup tournament started with simultaneous encounters held in Dar es Salaam last Sunday, with all producing thrilling action.

Aurobindo AKSC came up against Generics Gymkhana at Leaders Club ground whereas Delaware Upanga SC squared off against Azania Bank Pak Stars at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue.

The star-studded Aurobindo AKSC had already secured their spot in the Super 4 stage. At the same time, Generics Gymkhana needed a win to stay in contention for qualification, depending on the other match results.

Having won the toss, Generics Gymkhana chose to bat first and posted 150/8 in 20 overs, with Harshel Shah top-scoring with 31 runs off 29 balls.

Fellow batsmen Mohamed Yunus (25 runs), Pankaj Vats (20 runs), and Nikila Nishanga (21 runs) also put on a convincing performance in the innings.

Promising cricketer Kartik Syal (2-25 in three overs) and experienced spinner, Riziki Kisetu (2-25 in four overs), had an impressive bowling outing for Aurobindo AKSC.

In response, Aurobindo AKSC, boasting depth in batting, comfortably chased down the target of 151 runs, losing two wickets so far in 16.3 overs.

Experienced opener Abhik Patwa's explosive 63 runs off 30 deliveries, consisting of nine boundaries and three sixes, set the tone for the successful chase.

Ajith Augustin (33 runs not out off 30 deliveries) and Vishal Patel (42 not out off 32) ensured victory for Aurobindo AKSC. Generics Gymkhana's defeat for that matter confirmed their exit from the tournament.

Patwa's rapid innings earned him the Ras Logistics Man of the Match award, while Patel's composed knocks were recognized as the Medinova Moment of the Match.

Meanwhile, Delaware Upanga SC faced Azania Bank Pak Stars in a must-win match. Not only did Delaware Upanga SC require a win but also they had to ensure that the margin of victory would be substantial to ensure that their net run rate would be sufficient to garner qualification for the Super 4 stage regardless of the outcome elsewhere.

Delaware Upanga SC, after winning the toss, elected to bowl and restricted Azania Bank Pak Stars to just 68 runs all out in 16.5 overs.

Sanjay Bom and Paford Anacet starred with three wickets apiece for Delaware Upanga SC as Azania Bank Pak Stars collapsed to 19/7 at one stage. Dharminder Singh's 44 runs off 45 deliveries provided some resistance for the batting side.

Delaware Upanga SC, in response, chased down the 69-run target in just six overs with

Maker Muskesh's unbeaten 45 runs off 21 deliveries leading the charge.

Despite coming out with the emphatic win, Delaware Upanga SC's hopes hinged on the outcome of the match between Balakrishna Foundation Aces and Park Mobile Lions to see who would qualify for the Super 4 stage of the Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup showpiece.

Bom was awarded the Ras Logistics Man of the Match for his exceptional bowling figures, which included two maidens, conceding a mere six runs and taking three wickets along with two catches.

Dharminder Singh's crucial innings earned him the Medinova Moment of the Match award for impacting the match and improving Delaware Upanga SC's qualification prospects.

The tournament is an annual T20 cricket competition organized by Caravans Cricket Club.

Alliance Caravans, Aurobindo AKSC, Delaware Upanga SC, Balakrishna Foundation Aces, Flashnet Strikers, Park Mobile Lions, Harab Motors Pak Stars, Econo Lodge Lions, Azania Bank Pak Stars, and Generics Gymkhana are taking part in the showdown.

Petrofuel is the title sponsor of this tournament. Other sponsors of this tournament include Alliance Insurance, Ras Logistics, Medinova Healthcare, Automark, Pepsi, Ashton Media, MFI-Vertiv, Jiuzhou, SmarDTV, Intek-Korea, ASAS, Colourflex, and Delaware.

Aurobindo, Balakrishna Foundation, Park Mobile, Harab Motors, Flashnet, Generics, Econo Lodge, Azania Bank, Horizon Teleports, TATA, The Works, MO Bajaj, and Sealcliff Hotel are also the showpiece's sponsors.

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Abhik Patwa of Aurobindo AKSC (R) receives the Ras Logistics Man of the Match award from MeTLAOne Utility Manager, Mahesh Puthenmari, upon the conclusion of the 2024 Petrofuel TCA Caravans T20 Cup tournament's clash between the cricketer's squad and Generics Gymkhana in Dar es Salaam last Sunday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

SPORTS

Yanga's signings have given them greater strength in depth

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans won a third consecutive Premier League title in 2023/24 – and added the Federation Cup to their collection to extend their local dominance for another year.

Even after romping to the league title, Young Africans have made moves to strengthen. Instead of resting in the transfer market, they have been busy adding quality and depth to their squad.

Young Africans looked to have done excellently in the transfer market, as the players brought in all add extra quality to their squad.

When you are used to dominating, letting up is not an option and the additions of a few new faces should re-energise a team at the top of their sport.

Last season you could take one of any number of different players out of their first 11 and Young Africans wouldn't be the same, though. But now with new players coming in they should be able to rotate more and not be so reliant on the first eleven.

It could be argued that the new signings are better than the options already at the club, which is always the aim of any club in a transfer window to improve the quality of their starting line-up.

What's clear is that Young Africans have strengthened in key areas, looking at their squad on paper, they now have a better team of players.

The latest big player to arrive is DR Congo's international left-fullback Chadrack Boka, who joined the Dar club from FC Saint Eloi Lupopo this week.

The Congolese defender joins Clatous Chama, Prince Dube and Aziz Andabwile as new recruits to Miguel



Prince Dube

Gamondi's team next season.

The 24-year-old will provide stiff competition on the left for Nickson Kibabage, who has extended his stay at the club until 2026. He is likely to start the season as a first-choice left full-back.

Chama is the headline-grabbing addition to the squad, having ended his six-year stay with arch-rivals Simba.

Young Africans made a statement signing in Chama, after the Zambian had been linked with a Jangwani-based side move for some time, and that transfer has finally come to fruition.

The 33-year-old is a proven player who can deliver goals and assists. Last season, Chama scored seven goals in the Premier League and created six goals for his teammates.

In the Champions League and African Football League, he had a total of six goal involvements.

Stephane Azizi Ki goal-scoring form was

irresistible last season but having a natural striker leading the line would have given them a far better chance in the CAF Champions League.

With Dube's arrival, the best team in Tanzania have added the goal scorer they craved for some time. With the raft of attacking talent already at Gamondi's disposal, Dube (pictured) could tear up opponents in the league.

The combination of his clinical finishing and his teammates' creativity is a scary prospect.

The signs are ominous for Young Africans' opponents, especially in the league. If opponents did not have a real reason to fear Young Africans, they certainly do now.

The addition of Aziz Andabwile came as a bit more of a shock and it will be interesting to see how the big defensive midfielder performs.

Andabwile, signed from Singida Fountain Gate, adds an option in midfield. His height and frame is a big advantage.

Though there are no guarantees in football, Young Africans have every chance of retaining their Premier League crown, in what promises to be one of the most competitive campaigns for some time.

If the previous campaign is anything to go by, Young Africans are sure to add more silverware to their trophy cabinet in 2024/25.

Bradley appointed US Ryder Cup captain after Tiger Woods turns down the job

BY DOUG FERGUSON

KEEGAN Bradley is assured of making another Ryder Cup team, this time as the U.S. captain. The PGA of America announced his selection on Monday after months of talking with Tiger Woods about taking the job.

The PGA of America released the news on Instagram after word began to leak during the day that Bradley, who has played on only two Ryder Cup teams and never was an assistant captain, was chosen to lead the 2025 matches at Bethpage Black in New York.

Bradley already was in New York going through media training, with a news conference to introduce him set for noon Tuesday at the NASDAQ building. At age 38, he will be the youngest American captain since Arnold Palmer was a playing captain in 1963 at East Lake.

Sports Illustrated was first to report that Bradley would be the next captain.

Woods was the first choice of the Ryder Cup committee and had been in negotiations for months about what the job would entail and whether he had time to fulfill the duties, many of them involving promotion of the event.

While he plays only a limited schedule, Woods is the vice chairman of the commercial PGA Tour Enterprises board as it tries to hammer out an investment deal with the Saudi backers of rival LIV Golf.

He was a playing captain for the 2019 Presidents Cup when the Americans won at Royal Melbourne, and he served as an assistant Ryder Cup captain at Hazeltine in 2016.

"I'm dedicating so much time to what we're doing with the PGA Tour. I don't want to not fulfill the role of the captaincy if I can't do it," Woods had said in May at the PGA Championship.

Once Woods wasn't an option, the PGA of America went for some local flavor with Bradley. He is a New England native who played his college golf at St. John's.

"Keegan's past Ryder Cup experience, strong relationships and unwavering passion for this event will prove invaluable as he guides the U.S. team over the next year-and-a-half," PGA of America President John Lindert said. "We are confident that with Keegan at the helm, the 2025 U.S. Ryder Cup team will compete at Bethpage with the same confidence and determination that has defined his career."

Bradley has six PGA Tour victories, including the 2011 PGA Championship. Two of those victories came last season,



FILE - In this Sept. 25, 2012, file photo, from left, USA's Phil Mickelson, Keegan Bradley, Tiger Woods and captain Davis Love III have some fun as they pose for a picture with the trophy at the Ryder Cup golf tournament at Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill. Bradley was selected as U.S. Ryder Cup captain for 2025. The PGA of America announced Monday, July 8, 2024. AP Photo

and Bradley figured it might be enough for him to make another Ryder Cup team. He was devastated when U.S. captain Zach Johnson overlooked him with his four captain's picks, going with Rickie Fowler, Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth and Brooks Koepka.

The prototype of Ryder Cup captains typically is a player just outside the prime of his career, usually in the mid-40s. And ever since players gained a stronger voice in selecting captains after the 2014 matches, the model has been for future captains to first serve as assistants at the Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup.

The template also is for the immediate past captain – Johnson in this case – to be an assistant at the next Ryder Cup. With so much outside-the-box thinking on the Bradley selection, it was not immediately clear if that was still true.

Bradley last played in the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles in Scotland in 2014, when Tom Watson benched him and Phil Mickelson for both Saturday sessions in another European victory.

Bradley made his Ryder Cup debut in Medinah in 2012, teaming with Mickelson to go 3-0 before losing to Rory McIlroy in singles in what turned out to be a European victory, the largest comeback by a visiting team.

He famously did not unpack his bag from the 2012 matches and said he would not open it until he was on a winning

team. Now he might get that chance.

"My passion and appreciation for golf's greatest team event have never been stronger," Bradley said in a news release. "The Ryder Cup is unlike any other competition in our sport, and this edition will undoubtedly be particularly special given the rich history and enthusiastic spectators at this iconic course. I look forward to beginning preparations for 2025."

This is the latest the Americans have selected a captain in more than 30 years. It was never supposed to take this long or be this complicated.

Mickelson had been the logical choice for this Ryder Cup ever since Bethpage Black was announced as the venue in 2013. New York loves Lefty, and he was the sentimental favorite in two runner-up finishes in U.S. Opens at Bethpage Black.

But he became a chief recruiter for LIV Golf and joined the Saudi league in 2022, falling out of favor with several PGA Tour players because of his promotion of the rival circuit. And then it fell to Woods, and that didn't work out after several months of discussions.

Luke Donald only had 14 months to prepare for the 2023 matches outside Rome when he was picked to lead Europe after Henrik Stenson joined LIV and lost the captaincy. Europe won handily, and Donald was chosen to lead Europe again at Bethpage Black. AP

Photo of a young Lionel Messi with Lamine Yamal as a baby resurfaces after almost 17 years

BARCELONA, Spain

WHEN Joan Monfort took photos of Lionel Messi with a baby for a charity calendar almost 17 years ago, he knew the long-haired young man would make it big in soccer.

He could not have imagined the little boy would as well.

The baby in the photos – which have gone viral – was none other than Lamine Yamal, the Spanish wunderkind, who at 16 is showing such promise that he's already being compared to the greats. The youngest to have played for Spain, he became the youngest player ever in the ongoing European Championship in Germany.

The long-forgotten photo from 2007 resurfaced after Yamal's father posted it on Instagram last week with the text "the beginning of two legends."

Monfort, 56, who works as a freelance photographer for The Associated Press and others, said the photo shoot took place in the visitors' locker room at Barcelona's Camp Nou in the autumn of 2007, when Yamal was just a few months old. Barcelona players posed with children and their families for a calendar as part of an annual charity drive by local newspaper Diario Sport and UNICEF. Monfort was in charge of the photo shoots – and it just so happened that Messi was paired with Yamal's family. His mother, who is from Equatorial Guinea, is next to Messi and the baby in one of the photos.

"We made the calendar with the help of UNICEF. So UNICEF did a raffle in the neighborhood of Roca Fonda in Mataró where Lamine's family lived. They signed up for

the raffle to have their picture taken at the Camp Nou with a Barca player. And they won the raffle," Monfort said.

It wasn't an easy assignment, he recalled, mainly because Messi wasn't sure how to interact with baby Lamine, who was in a plastic tub full of water and a baby in it. It was complicated. He didn't even know how to hold him at first."

"Messi is a pretty introverted guy, he's shy," Monfort said. "He was coming out of the locker room and suddenly he finds himself in another locker room with a plastic tub full of water and a baby in it. It was complicated. He didn't even know how to hold him at first."

Messi was 20 at the time and already considered a big talent, but it would take a couple of years before he made his mark as the most outstanding player of his generation for Barcelona and Argentina.

Like Messi, Yamal has gone through Barcelona's renowned La Masia youth academy. Despite his age, he's been one of Spain's best players at Euro 2024, where his team will play France in the semi-finals on Tuesday. Yamal will turn 17 on Saturday, the day before the final in Berlin.

Monfort, 56, had no idea it was Yamal in those photos from 2007 until a friend messaged him as they started trending online.

He's had a long career as a sports photographer since 1991, following Barcelona around the world, but said he's never experienced this level of excitement around any of his photos.

"It's very exciting to be associated with something that has caused such a sensation," he said. "To tell you the truth it's a very nice feeling."

AP



German referee once linked to match-fixing will oversee England's Euro 2024 semifinal

DORTMUND, Germany

THE referee for England's semifinal against the Netherlands at the European Championship will be Felix Zwayer, who once had ties to a match-fixing scandal in Germany.

Today's game will be Zwayer's fourth of Euro 2024 and his second with the Netherlands after refereeing its 3-0 win over Romania in the round of 16.

UEFA and the German soccer federation announced the appointment Monday.

England midfielder Jude Bellingham was fined 40,000 euros (\$43,400) while playing for Borussia Dortmund in 2021 for criticizing the appointment of Zwayer.

As a young assistant referee, Zwayer received a six-month ban in 2006 over an allegation that he received money from another referee, Robert Hoyzer, who was banned for match-fixing.

A ruling in the case, which was eventually published in 2014 by German newspaper Die Zeit, stated that Zwayer accepted 300 euros (\$325) from Hoyzer ahead of a game in 2004 and had not immediately reported the incident, but said there was no evidence Zwayer manipulated a game and that he eventually provided crucial evidence.

After Zwayer oversaw a close 3-2 loss for Dortmund to Bayern Munich in December 2021, Bellingham told Norwegian broadcaster Viaplay: "You give a referee that's, you know, match-fixed before, the biggest game in Germany, what do you expect?"

Zwayer told German broadcaster Sky the following month that he received "unbelievable" emailed messages and Berlin police informed him of a death threat made against him online. He denied ever having been told of plans to manipulate games or having received money from Hoyzer to do so.

Zwayer hasn't been appointed to any Dortmund games since then but will be back at the same stadium which hosts England's game against the Netherlands.

England defender Luke Shaw dismissed a suggestion that Zwayer's appointment might cause an uncomfortable situation for his team.

"No, not at all. We have to respect UEFA on whoever they decide to pick as the ref. That won't change anything about us. We still just focus on the game in hand, not too much about what refs we've been given or this and that. So for us, it won't make any difference," Shaw said.

"Whatever ref has been picked, has been picked. We just have to be ready and not focus on that."

Slovenian referee Slavko Vincic is overseeing Tuesday's semifinal between Spain and France.

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Key battles as England now face Netherlands in Euro 2024 semi-final

DORTMUND, Germany

ENGLAND take on the Netherlands today in Dortmund in a Euro 2024 semi-final clash, bidding to lift a major trophy for the first time since the 1966 World Cup.

Here AFP Sport looks at five of the key battles in the game with the Three Lions vying with the Euro 1988 winners to reach the final in Berlin on July 14.

*Kane v Van Dijk

England striker Harry Kane has endured an underwhelming tournament, far from the goal machine he proved in his first season at Bayern Munich.

Finishing the season with a back problem, Kane clearly is nowhere close to his physical peak and now must tussle with Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk.

The giant Dutchman has not been at his best either but like his team, has improved in the knock-out rounds.

With England coach Gareth Southgate reluctant to take off his stars, keeping Kane marshalled could go a long way to stopping the somewhat limited threat England have thus far been capable of offering.

*Trippier v Dumfries

Southgate's decision to play with Kieran Trippier on the left of defence has drawn criticism for being too defensive as it denies England any width on that flank.

However if there is any match where his presence could prove vital it is against the Netherlands.

Dutch right-back Denzel Dumfries leapt to fame for his buccaneering runs down the right in Euro 2020 and he has been a menace again this summer.

The always-enterprising Dumfries set up his team's winner against Turkey in the quarter-final with a dangerous raking cross.

Trippier's primary job will be to keep Dumfries out of the game, which is no easy task.

*Dutch left v England right

Liverpool winger Cody Gakpo is the joint-top scorer at the Euros with three goals and has been the Netherlands' key attacking threat.

Most of their dangerous moves rely on his involvement at some point in the process, but in England right-back Kyle Walker he faces a tough defender to get the better of.

The Manchester City man can match Gakpo for pace and Southgate will instruct Bukayo Saka to be diligent in his tracking back to help minimise the threat down the Netherlands' left flank.

At the other end Arsenal's Saka faces off with a familiar foe in City's Nathan Ake, who has fared well against him at club level, but still names the England winger as one of his toughest opponents.

*Bellingham v Schouten and Reijnders

While England and Real Madrid midfielder Jude Bellingham has not hit top form yet, he has played a decisive role at key moments in England's run to the semi-finals.

The 21-year-old's most dramatic contribution was a stunning overhead kick against Slovakia late in the last 16 clash to save England from elimination.

Netherlands will be looking to their deeper-lying midfield duo Tijjani Reijnders and Jerdy Schouten to keep Bellingham under wraps.

The Dutch pair have fared well together and coach Ronald Koeman seems all-in on them now after starting Joey Veerman against Austria but hauling him off in the first half as the Dutch fell to defeat in their third group game.

*Southgate v Koeman

The managers' substitutions may well play a vital role in the outcome of the game, as was evidenced in both of these teams' quarter-final wins.

Southgate brought on Luke Shaw, Cole Palmer and others and England rapidly levelled against Switzerland with just 10 minutes to go.

Three of Southgate's substitutes – Ivan Toney, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Palmer – also converted their penalties in England's 5-3 shoot-out



England, France, the Netherlands and Spain are vying to reach the final of Euro 2024. Agencies

win.

Netherlands' Euro 1988 captain Koeman, meanwhile, threw on Wout Weghorst with his team 1-0 down at half-time against Turkey and secured a 2-1 win.

The six-foot-six Burnley target man put the proverbial cat among the pigeons and is raring to do so again against England, where his club career hit a bump in the road.

Meanwhile, there was a time when the two nations met regularly on the international stage, but the match in Dortmund will be just the second competitive game between the sides this century.

AFP Sport looks back at their most notable past encounters:

*Van Basten hat-trick -

The 1988 European Championship remains the only major international tournament that the Netherlands have won, and will always be remembered for Marco van Basten's stunning goal in the final against the Soviet Union.

It also remains a low point for England, the only time in which they have gone to a major tournament and lost every game.

Both sides lost their opening match before they clashed in Dusseldorf in the group phase, and the Dutch came out on top thanks to a Van Basten hat-trick.

England had chances, with Gary Lineker and Glenn Hoddle both hitting the post. Van Basten's opener for the Netherlands was cancelled out by a Bryan Robson equaliser just after half-time, but two goals in five second-half minutes allowed Van Basten to complete his hat-trick and sealed a 3-1

win.

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*Draw at Italia 90

The nations were again drawn in the same group at the 1990 World Cup in Italy, and many of the players involved in 1988 again featured in this meeting in Cagliari, among them current Dutch boss Ronald Koeman.

The sides had each drawn their opening match, with England being held by Ireland and the Netherlands by Egypt. This time England kept Van Basten quiet in a 0-0 draw, and it was England who would top the group on the way to reaching the semi-finals. The Dutch, meanwhile, were beaten by West Germany in the last 16.

*England miss out on USA 94

England have failed to qualify for just one World Cup since the 1970s, and it was the Netherlands who denied them a place at USA 94.

Graham Taylor's England had a poor campaign, taking just one point from two games against Norway, who topped the group. They squandered a two-goal lead at home to the Dutch at Wembley, but when they went to Rotterdam for the return fixture – their penultimate game in the group – England still had qualification in their own hands as they were above the Dutch.

With Paul Gascoigne suspended, England fell behind to a free-kick just after the hour mark by Koeman – who the visitors felt should have been sent off earlier on – before Dennis Bergkamp sealed a 2-0 Dutch win.

England beat San Marino in their final game but a Dutch win in Poland ensured they qualified instead. It was a disastrous campaign for Taylor,

captured in a warts-and-all TV documentary. Taylor later resigned, while the Dutch reached the World Cup quarter-finals.

*Shearer, Sheringham double act

The nations met again in the group stage at Euro 96. Both teams had taken four points from their first two matches before clashing at Wembley, where Alan Shearer opened the scoring with a penalty and added another goal early in the second half, in between a brace by Teddy Sheringham.

Patrick Kluijvert's late goal for the Dutch made the final score 4-1 as England – who had current boss Gareth Southgate in defence – won the group and the Netherlands squeezed through in second place ahead of Scotland.

The Dutch lost on penalties to France in the last eight, while England were beaten in a shoot-out in the semi-finals by Germany, with Southgate missing the crucial kick.

"Dutch win Nations League semi. The only competitive meeting of the teams since Euro 96 came in the semi-finals of the inaugural UEFA Nations League in 2019.

Southgate was already England's manager and Koeman was in his first spell as Dutch coach as the teams clashed in Guimaraes, Portugal.

Marcus Rashford put England ahead from a penalty but Matthijs de Ligt levelled, taking the game to extra time.

Kyle Walker's own goal gave the Dutch the lead and Quincy Promes sealed a 3-1 victory for the Netherlands, who would lose the final to hosts Portugal.

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Under-fire Brazil hopes Neymar and history will bring fresh hope after Copa America failure

SAO PAULO

WHEN Brazil was knocked out of the Copa America quarterfinals by Uruguay on Saturday night in Las Vegas, Neymar wept for his distressed teammates while at a samba concert in Brazil.

The squad and its all-time leading scorer weren't all that focused on the Copa when it started, but they will desperately need each other in two years if they want a different outcome at the next World Cup.

So far, there are few signs Brazil and Neymar will re-engage in time to make a meaningful difference.

Neymar was never going to the Copa after he ruptured the ACL in his left knee last October. Vinicius Junior,

Brazil's top scorer in the Copa with two, missed the Uruguay quarterfinal because of a suspension. And teenage sensation Endrick didn't find the net during the tournament.

Pre-Copa expectations of Brazil winning a first title in 17 years were low. Not with the team lying sixth in South America World Cup qualifying, not without Neymar, and not with World Cup champion Argentina lying in wait. But a goal-less draw with Costa Rica, getting outplayed by Colombia, and failing to score against 10-man Uruguay was worse than expected. "It is not the first time that they say we are finished, but believe it, we will win again," the Brazilian Football Confederation said on its social media channels on Monday, in a

rare public acknowledgement of the squad's shortcomings. "We are the national team that has won the most in the history of the game. But losing is also part of our history."

Brazilian pundits, former footballers and analysts say the team can regroup, but wonder whether coach Dorival Júnior – who has had the job only since January – is the right man to lead that process.

They also regard Neymar as wasting his talent in Saudi Arabia far from the big leagues and overly focused on his private life. They also point to Brazil wasting a full year under interim coach Fernando Diniz, allegedly because CBF executives were waiting for Carlo Ancelotti to quit Real Madrid.

AP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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KMC FC gear up for new season with intensive training camps

By Correspondent Seth Mapoli

KMC FC commenced their official training camp in Bagamoyo yesterday, signaling the start of their preparations for the upcoming 2024/2025 season.

The team is gearing up to compete in the Premier League and the Federation Cup.

The club's pre-season schedule is meticulously planned. After spending two days in Bagamoyo, KMC will head to Zanzibar for a two-week training camp. This stint in Zanzibar aims to provide the team with intensive training sessions in a conducive environment.

On July 26, the squad will return to Dar es Salaam briefly before traveling to Morogoro for a high-profile charity match against Miami Eagles FC, a club from the United States.

The charity match in Morogoro is anticipated to be a significant event, offering KMC an opportunity to showcase their new signings and fine-tune their strategies ahead of the competitive season.

Following this, the team will return to Dar es Salaam to finalize their preparations for the Premier League's opening matches.

KMC have bolstered their squad with several notable signings, aiming to improve their performance from the previous season. New acquisitions include Nickson Mosha, Jean Nyezimana from Burundi's Vital O, Oscar Paul from Kenya's Kakamega Homeboys, Fabien Mutombora, Salum Stopper, and Ajoh Austin from Cameroon's Union Sportive FC.

These additions are expected to bring fresh energy and skill to the team, enhancing both their defensive and offensive capabilities.

The club has also retained the services of head coach Abdi Hamid Moalin (pictured), extending his contract by one year.

The management expressed their satisfaction with Moalin's performance and leadership, which played a crucial role in the club's respectable finish last season.

Under his guidance, KMC secured the fifth spot in the Premier League standings, accumulating 37 points from 30 matches, with a record of eight wins, 13 draws, and nine losses.

Moalin's approach and tactical acumen have earned him the trust of both the management and the players. His ability to foster team cohesion and extract the best performances from his squad has been instrumental in their recent successes. As they head into the new season, Moalin's leadership will be pivotal in navigating the challenges ahead and aiming for a higher finish in the league.

The training camp in Bagamoyo is seen as a crucial phase in KMC's pre-season preparations. The serene environment in Bagamoyo provides an ideal setting for the team to focus on their training regimes, build physical fitness, and strategize for the upcoming fixtures. The subsequent camp in Zanzibar will further intensify their preparations, offering varied training routines and team-building activities.

KMC's management is optimistic about the upcoming season, confident that the strategic signings and the retained leadership of Moalin will steer the club towards greater achievements.

The new players have seamlessly integrated into the squad, showing promising synergy during initial training sessions.

The charity match against Mayam Eagles FC is expected to draw significant attention, serving both as a crucial preparatory game for KMC and a platform to engage with the community and promote the sport. This match will also provide fans with a first glimpse of the new signings in action, setting the stage for an exciting season ahead.

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Keeping Aziz Ki a challenge for Yanga, reveals president Hersi

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YOUNG Africans SC president Engineer Hersi Said has admitted to facing competition from foreign clubs in retaining their last season's best scorer Stephanie Aziz Ki.

The Burkina Faso international has become one of the most sought-after talents on the continent since joining the club from ASEC Mimosas and securing the Premier League Golden Boot last season.

Aziz Ki helped the Jangwani-based side reach the quarter-finals of the CAF Champions League before they were controversially knocked out by Mamelodi Sundowns in a penalty shootout.

His performance in the CAF Champions League has seen the 28-year-old linked with South African giants Orlando Pirates, Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns, and Egyptian side Pyramids in recent months.

"It's very tough for us to lose players, especially one like Aziz Ki. I'm not saying we're going to lose him but there's a lot of interest coming from a number of clubs, including clubs in South Africa," he said at the launch of the Toyota Cup on Monday in South Africa.

"But Young Africans have a very strong connection with the player and we've done our homework as leaders of the club to make sure the player stays in the club. And the discussion is going very well.

"We will come back and do the [announcement] when we finalize, but for now nothing has been finalized, even though there are a lot of clubs interested in the player. So the discussion is there, I can say, there's a big chance for him to stay but we haven't finalized yet."

When pressed on the position of the player and whether he is keen to stay with the East African giants, Eng. Said admitted he's happy, but money is what talks at the end of the day for clubs and players.

"He's been in a position of making it clear he wants to stay. You know I signed him two years ago from ASEC Mimosas and I told him about my project. We want to take this team to the next level.

"He was the key member of the project and plan I was putting in place, so our discussion was the same and he was very keen to say that, 'I need to be here in Young Africans and at least take this team to the project level we want it to be at'.

"So yes he wants to stay but football is business nowadays, you can be tempted to stay but financial approaches can change your mind... so 60 [percent chance he stays], 40 [percent chance he leaves]," he said.

Young Africans are on the verge of regrouping as they prepare for the forthcoming campaign. The Jangwani-based side have started their pre-season camp at Kigamboni and face Kaizer Chiefs in a high-profile friendly match on July 28.

Aziz Andabwile becomes Yanga's fifth signing for 2024/25 season



By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans have already completed their fifth signing of the transfer window, as they look to conclude their business early ahead of the new Premier League and CAF Champions League campaign.

Yesterday, the club announced that they had added midfielder Aziz Andabwile from Singida Fountain Gate.

Andabwile, 24, has signed a two-year contract. He is expected to be a replacement in midfield following the departure of Zawadi Mauya earlier in the week.

He becomes the club's fifth signing during the current transfer period following the addition of Aboubakar Khomeini from Singida Black Stars, formerly Ihefu SC, left back Chadrack Issaka Boka (24) from St Eloi Lupopo, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Zambian midfielder Clatous Chota Chama from Simba and Zimbabwean striker Prince Dube Mpumelelo from Azam FC.

After an impressive topflight debut season with Mbeya City in 2021/22, he earned a move to Singida Fountain Gate ahead of the 2022/23 campaign. Last season he managed 22 league appearances under three different coaches.

He previously played for Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets.

Standing 6ft 2ins, Andabwile is strong in the air and can use his physicality to retrieve the ball in midfield areas.

His strength in the passing department will also come in handy for Miguel Gamondi's side.

He was called up to the Taifa Stars squad for the first time in March 2022 and made his debut in an international friendly against Central Africa Republic.

Coach Gamondi and his first team squad are back at the Avic Town training base for pre-season just over five weeks after their final game of last season in the Federation Cup final.

The club is gearing up for a fourth successive NBC Premier League title following last season's three-in-a-row.

Young Africans fly to South Africa later this month for a high-profile pre-season friendly against Kaizer Chiefs in the inaugural Toyota Cup tournament.

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