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Ministry initiates livestock electronic branding model

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

ELECTRONIC identification of livestock without piercing the skins, by fixing electronic earrings will enable regular updating of data to get correct livestock statistics and sector requirements.

Stanford Barozi, an assistant director in the Livestock Department said yesterday that the livestock identification exercise would not be conducted by inscribing the animals as in the countrywide livestock census in 2017.

The exercise was beset with many problems thus failing to meet the desired objective, hence the government resolved to come up with the new strategy, he stated, underlining that the Ministry of Livestock Development said the earlier exercise caused damage to the animals' skins thereby reducing their market value.

In the circumstances, the government has decided to come up with the electronic earrings system that contains all details



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of the livestock including the district the animal was registered, he said, elaborating that earrings shall identify all livestock countrywide, incorporating all essential livestock details.

Reuben Mfunu, the Mbarali district commissioner launched training for ministerial officials who shall oversee the exercise, along with livestock stakeholders in Mbeya Region, asking the experts to utilise the new system to expectations.

While the livestock branding method is new its supervision will be based on existing legislation as in the earlier inscription system, he stated, specifying that electronic earring identification will assist better livestock planning and land use.

The method will permit updating of countrywide livestock population; covering districts and regions this shall facilitate control of rustling as every animal will be tracked from its details in the earrings. That could also facilitate loan insurance to livestock keepers, he suggested, just as it helps in fighting infectious livestock diseases. The government and livestock stakeholders will be able to liaise with accurate data on the need for better veterinary services and recovering lost animals, the DC asserted.

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NMB Bank's chief of retail banking - Filbert Mponzi and the Jubilee Life Insurance director Karim Jamal exchanging contract papers after the signing of a partnership agreement for the NMB Fanaka Plan at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on, from right is the NMB head of bancassurance Martine Massawe and the Jubilee Life head of bancassurance - Dereck Rwezaura (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NMB, Jubilee Insurance in savings synergies pact

By Guardian Reporter

NMB Bank PLC in collaboration with Jubilee Life Insurance has launched Fanaka Insurance plan—an endowment plan targeting middle income earners and the business community.

An endowment plan is basically a life insurance policy which, apart from covering the life of the insured, helps the policyholder save regularly over an agreed period to be able to get a lump sum amount on the policy at maturity in case he/she survives the policy term.

NMB Bank's chief of retail banking, Filbert Mponzi told a press conference in his office that in the prevailing uncertain scenario, with a large section of individuals experiencing financial worries and stress, it is necessary to safeguard one's investment portfolio with a financial solution that offers guaranteed payouts.



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Under this arrangement, Jubilee Life Insurance will offer an endowment plan enabling a customer to build a fund over a period to meet financial needs like building a family home, purchase of a dream car or provide seed capital for a new business.

'Fanaka' is designed for customers opting for a middle to long-term investment horizon, the regular accumulation of wealth to achieve long-term goals with low or medium appetite for risk. This is taken up in a policy term option of five to ten years middle term horizon, or 11- 20 years long term horizon, he explained.

The plan allows the customer to save small amounts of money as the premium, adopting a disciplined and systematic way to save their finances where the sum is assured. Premiums are determined at the start and they remain fixed throughout the term of the policy, he elaborated.

On maturity of the policy term, the policy holder receives a survival benefit of guaranteed returns on the investment form a range of 10% up to

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JK recalls August 1998 bombing of embassy

By Getrude Mbago

FORMER President Jakaya Kikwete yesterday explained how he spent his tenure as foreign minister and Head of State to strengthen diplomatic relations with countries across the world, to enable Tanzania to achieve its targeted development endeavours.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam at a symposium to examine the US- Tanzania partnership through the decades, dubbed 'The Pamoja Sixty Conference Series,' Dr Kikwete said that for any country to succeed socially and economically, creating close and peaceful relations with other nations is a matter of paramount importance.

The symposium was organized by REPOA and the US Embassy, where the retired president was a special guest, citing development cooperation as an important dimension of international relations.

Diplomatic efforts are meant to ensure that

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Wildebeest's tail, poacher's trophy

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Manyara

WILDEBEESTS, the legendary epicenter species for Serengeti, precisely due to their spectacular annual migration episodes, are now facing new danger; new reports indicate that poachers are currently craving for the ungulates' tails.

Allen Mgaza, an expert from the

wildlife trade specialists Traffic (East Africa) told a journalists' sensitization workshop held at Babati in Manyara Region that of late people have been hunting for the tails of wildebeests for a variety of reasons.

Traffic (EA) is a leading non-governmental organization with global links on trade in wild animals and plants in the context of biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. The NGO

works with governments and other agencies in finding solutions to reduce wanton exploitation and illegal trade of wildlife.

While rhinos have always been killed for their prized horns, elephants for their tusks, wildebeests are now being slain for their tails, he said, noting that wildebeests' tails have emerged as a new type of game that poachers target in their quest to supplement trafficking rackets with wildlife species and trophies.

In a paper, 'Overview of Illegal Wildlife Trade' showing highlights from recent studies, he explained that in some cases the highly sought after ungulates' tails are believed to be used in occult activities.

On his part, Dr Alfan Rija of the

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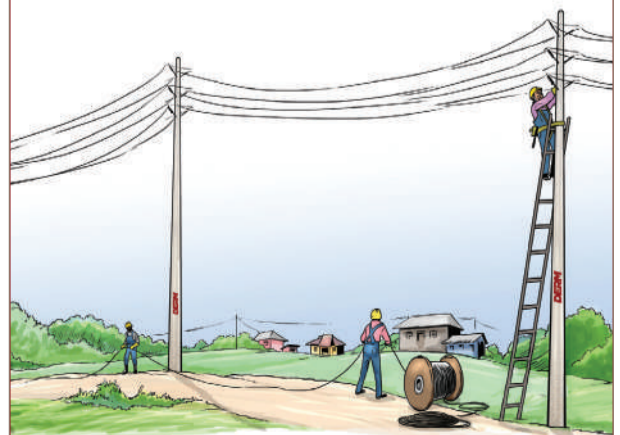
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international relations are nurtured to maintain peace and security as well as maximize benefits to the people of the respective states, he declared, acknowledging that the past 60 years has seen a strong relationship between Tanzania and the United States.

It has brought about landmark outcomes in several areas including in the education sector, he stated, recalling how the US government has since independence support the country's development endeavours in education, health, water and agriculture, along with democracy and human rights concerns, adding to infrastructures and technology.

Dr Kikwete insisted on Tanzania building a good relationship with the rest of the world, which beefs up its ability to maintain internal cohesion and security against any outside threats, including incursions across the country's borders.

"When I was foreign minister my focus was building relationships which I continued when I became president, ensuring that we were friendly with the rest of the world," explaining how he put effort into building a concentric circle with neighbouring countries, SADC member states, the African continent and the international arena.

He vividly recalled the ordeal of the August 1998 bombing of the American embassy, saying that despite that the incident took lives and maimed a number of other people; it strengthened US-Tanzania cooperation in security matters.

This incident illustrated the importance of a country having good relations with the rest of the world to protect its borders from threats. "I remember that day very well. I was supposed to travel to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe with President Mkapa when I got a call about the incident," he told participants.

"I was at home preparing to go to the airport, but I had to leave everything and rush to the incident area to console the victims," he said, explaining that he then went to the airport and flew to Victoria Falls.

There he received a call from the US government informing him that a unit from US security organs was flying to the country and nobody should pick a metal from the place, after which he called the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to inform him of the development.

"The bombing brought up the need for closer relationship and cooperation between security

organs of Tanzania and the US," he affirmed.

Dr Donald Mmari, the REPOA executive director said the conference marks many years of cooperation and US connections with Tanzania, but also the beginning of even stronger connections in the years to come. "We are here to revisit the two countries' relations in the research aspect," he stated.

The need for connections and cooperation in the diplomatic front remains critical, as diplomacy today has become more proactive, multidirectional and innovative than it was in the past, he said.

"The world is becoming increasingly interconnected, as evidenced by how external events exert impacts on the domestic economic, social and political aspects of life. The international agenda is constantly changing, with new subjects emerging and occupying the attention of global leaders and global governance structures," the director underlined.

The conference will not only reflect on many years of cooperation and U.S. connections with Tanzania, but also how to further strengthen these connections in the coming years, he reaffirmed.

US Ambassador Dr Donald Wright stressed that all projects implemented by the US government and other agencies in Tanzania for the past 60 years have brought positive changes that will continue impacting other generations.

He commended Tanzania for using diplomacy and mediation to resolve conflicts among neighbours, noting that founder president Julius Nyerere played a huge role in promoting peaceful resolutions to conflicts.

Tanzania also provides vital stability for the region through its troop contributions to peacekeeping missions under the auspices of the United Nations, he added.



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Passengers wait for transport heading to various regions for Christmas and New Year season at Muheza bus stand in Tanga region yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

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Agencies of the United Nations wildlife department at the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), said that over 300,000 wild animals disappear from the Serengeti ecosystem annually, mostly from poaching.

"The Serengeti ecosystem includes the Maswa Game Reserve, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the Loliondo Game Controlled Area and the Serengeti National Park, with the Maasai Mara Game Reserve across the border complementing that ecosystem.

The loss of 300,000 animals relate to wildlife population dynamics in the entire zone, the researcher noted, elaborating that some illegal killings are done by people living around the game parks and reserves, while international wildlife trafficking rackets are similarly at work.

Illegal trade is mostly done underground, maybe for fear of law enforcement. The racket runs within a closed network of people who know and rely on one another," the Traffic expert noted, indicating that wild meat, traditional medicines, cultural practices and prized ornaments are the main movers of poaching activities.

Agencies of the United Nations estimate that illegal wildlife trade stands at \$7bn and \$23bn, with prominent wildlife species such as the rhino and elephant the main targets, but many other animals are regularly hunted, stolen and exported overseas, he further stated.

Also fueling illegal trade are pangolins, snakes, turtles, chameleons and various bird species, in addition to various types of plants being smuggled out of the country, mostly to Far Eastern markets, he stated.

The workshop was organized by the NGO in tandem with the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET), as an aspect of conserving natural capital and enhancing collaborative management of transboundary resources in East Africa, a project supporting the East African Community to implement its commitments to conserve wildlife and habitats in the region.

Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the project is implemented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Traffic and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF).

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20% of the sum assured and yearly accrued bonus depending on the policy term.

Upon death of the policy holder, the family receives up to 175 per cent of the sum assured and yearly accrued bonus depending on the nature of the policy holder's death. In case of permanent and total disability, the policy holder receives double payment of the sum assured and waiver of premium.

The plan offers an extension of life insurance from its maturity for up to 90 years, where successor of the policy holder continues with the plan and payment of premium.

Fanaka Plan gives customers peace of mind and income protection in case of unfortunate events such as death or permanent disability, where the policy makes available assured amounts of earnings for loved ones.

"NMB Bank is committed to continually investing and partnering

strategically with companies to enhance our ability to deliver to the market. The market environment in Tanzania is very competitive, but we always go a step further to introduce new products that add value to our customers," the banker intoned.

Jubilee Life Insurance director Karim Jamal said the insurer is confident that by leveraging the strong NMB branch network, the firm is granting more customers access to life insurance policies.

"Fanaka is a unique plan that has a strong combination of guaranteed savings for future and guaranteed protection for loved ones. This is in line with our philosophy of enabling customers across various income segments to insure their lives and provide security to their dependents," he stated.

"We're proud to add another tailor-made product for businessmen, traders and middle-income employees and at the same time unlock yet another big revenue stream for the company," he added.

Police assure residents of peaceful celebrations

By Correspondent James Lanka, Moshi

POLICE in Kilimanjaro region have assured residents of their security during the holiday season, insisting security has been tightened in all areas.

Addressing journalists at his office yesterday, Kilimanjaro Regional Police Commander (RPC), Simon Maigwa said the force is determined to ensure security of people's life and their properties during Christmas and New Year eve.

He said police officers will be deployed at all congested areas such as churches, dancing halls and night clubs to make sure people celebrate Christmas peacefully.

"We will make sure that people celebrate peacefully; but my appeal to Kilimanjaro residents is that you should make sure that there are some people remaining at home when going at night and New Year's celebrations eve," said the RPC.

He, however, reminded road users especially motor vehicle drivers to observe traffic regulations to avoid road accidents as the number of cars have increased in recent months.

"Drivers must avoid drinking when driving; there will be police patrols across the region," he said.

The RPC also appealed to the residents to collaborate with the police force by sharing information that would lead to the arrest of criminals.

Kilimanjaro Regional Traffic Officer (RTO), Zauda Mohammed called upon drivers especially those driving along the Arusha-Dar es Salaam highway to be cautious and observe road signs to avoid

unnecessary accidents.

"We have experienced an increase in the number of vehicles in our region, particularly private cars. Drivers must adhere to traffic regulations to ensure safe and peaceful celebrations," said the regional traffic boss.



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Manyara regional commissioner Charles Makongoro Nyerere speaks to regional consultative committee members in Babati yesterday. Left is regional administrative secretary Caroline Mthapula and CCM regional chairman Simon Lulu. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey



New Tanzania electrical, mechanical and services agency executive officer Lazaro Kilahala (R) receives office documents from former Temesa acting officer Monica Moshi at the handing over ceremony held in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt directs councils to utilise land experts from land colleges

By Guardian Reporter, Tabora

THE government has instructed all local councils to use land experts from the country's lands colleges in lands planning, surveying and formalizing for people's ownership including farms and other land plots.

The instructions were given here at the weekend by Mary Makondo, Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development Permanent Secretary, when officiating the 39th graduation of Ardhi Institute Tabora (ARITA).

The graduation involved a total of 1,248 graduates in map formalisation, lands management and registration and arts, creativity and publishing.

Makondo said ARITA and Ardhi Institute Morogoro (ARIMO) should be used in making land evaluation and publishing services of various literatures at low cost and at short time aimed at satisfying the needs of the people and alleviate inconveniences they face.

She stressed that land experts in the country's various areas should continue to protect open land areas for eventual surveying and formalisation to the local government Executive directors, and for land owned by government institutions should be formalised to those institutions.

"I call upon all the people in the country to continue owning their land legally that have been surveyed as it enables them to access loans from financing institutions," she stressed.

She called on the graduates that for those who will get government employment or in other public institutions should perform their duties by adhering to guidelines regarding their profession and shuns theft, corruption and fraud.

She said the land that is not officially planned, un-surveyed and not legally formalisation was dead land.

For his part, ARITA Board Chairman Prof Gabriel Kassenga congratulated all graduates and

called on them to abide by the laws, regulations and other procedures and shun corruption at work places.

Meanwhile, it has been reported that formalisation of unplanned land areas continues whereby a total of 2,264,743 land plots have been identified in all areas of the country.

In addition, so far 5,252 urban plans have been prepared and endorsed involving 2,051,678 plots of land and 58.9 per cent of initial survey has been completed while 903,340 plots were surveyed and endorsed, equivalent to 44.2 per cent.

Acting Assistant Director of the formalisation of informal land areas, Paul Kitosi said during the opening of the ARITA organised workshop that brought together various experts at the weekend that so far 380,590 invoices have been issued to the people, equivalent to 18.16 per cent, for the preparation of title deeds, while 128,517 title deeds, or 6.3 per cent were in various stages of preparations.

Kitosi said the main aim of land formalisation exercise is to prevent unplanned settlements and that is why, he said, the government dished out 50bn/- for the entire project countrywide.

By Beatrice Philemon

Productive employment, decent work key elements to achieving a fair globalisation

TRAINING on decent work has brought in positive changes to employees and employers in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar, thanks to ActionAid as they are both aware of their rights at workplaces.

This was said over the weekend by Senior Labour Officer, President's Office, Labour Economic Welfare and Investment -Zanzibar, Rashid Othman when speaking at a one day national reflection dialogue on decent work organized by ActionAid Tanzania.

Right now, workers can demand for their rights; something which was not the case in the past," he said, adding that employees working in the tourism industry, tour companies as well as domestic workers in Zanzibar are aware of the labour law.

Through president's office in Zanzibar, employers and employees were trained on Zanzibar Employment Act No.11 of 2005, Labour Relations Act No.1 of 2005, Occupational Safety and Health Act, No.8 of 2005, Workers' Compensation Act and Zanzibar Social Security Fund Act which was amended in 2005.

Through the knowledge and skills gained from the training, employers can sit together with their staff and discuss the various challenges as well as ways to resolve them.

"We are currently witnessing a number of domestic workers joining the Domestic Workers and Allied Union (CHODAWU) where they can push for their rights and be informed on labour standards," said Othman.

As a result of the training, the labour commission in Zanzibar received a total of 200 complaints from employees in various sectors, he said. The training was conducted jointly by the Zanzibar Employers Association (ZANEMA), Zanzibar Trade Union Congress (ZATUC), ActionAid Tanzania and Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA).

A member of Kilwa Youth Development Initiative (KIYODI), Lailat Haji who is among beneficiaries of the training, said the training on decent work has brought in positive results because employers are now issuing

employment contracts in both Kiswahili and English languages.

She lauded ActionAid and Tanzania Union of Industrial and Commercial Workers (TUICO) for training employees in the district because things have changed for the better.

KIYODI Treasurer, Rehema Ulaya expressed thanks to TUICO for visiting Kilwa District and providing them with the necessary skills which have enabled them to know their rights at the workplace.

"They were visiting different offices and conducting meetings with employees working at hotels, bars and industries. Workers were then trained on decent work in collaboration with ActionAid.

ActionAid Tanzania Livelihoods and Local Right Programme Manager, Elias Mtinda, urged employees to make sure they report their challenges to labour officers at their specific offices.

"When you see things are going wrong at your workplace, please report the matter immediately for actions to be taken," he said.

Deputy minister Silinde hails Songea Municipality for 'COVID-19' response

By Guardian Reporter, Songea

DEPUTY minister in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government (RALG), David Silinde has hailed Songea Municipal Council for the completion of national development projects in alleviation of the effects from Covid-19.

He made the remarks here on Monday during his one-day visit in Songea Municipality to inspect the implementation of the projects and the effects from Covid-19.

He was accompanied by Songea District Commissioner, Songea Municipal director, various experts and other municipal officials.

Silinde said the aim of the visit is to inspect on the projects to make verification of the funds provided by the government totaling 660m/- for

the construction of 29 classrooms for secondary schools.

He added that a total of 304bn/- was provided to various local councils countrywide for the construction of education infrastructures that have enabled the building of 15,000 classrooms.

He congratulated the Municipal Director Dr Frederick Sagamiko, schools' headmasters and building committees for the good supervision of the projects as part of the national development plans against Covid-19 effects.

For his part, Songea Municipal director Dr Sagamiko said among strategies that helped in completing the projects at 100 per cent include the convening of introductory meetings of the said projects to the people, meeting with schools' heads and building committees aimed at

discussing on how to implement the projects in time.

Others included meeting with business people and dealers of building materials in Songea Municipality to simplify procurement thereof and establishing of teams for projects' follow up.

For his part, Acting Ruvuma Region Education Officer, Juma Fuluge said the region received more than 10bn/- for the construction of 448 classrooms and three dormitories for secondary schools.

He said Ruvuma Region has 214 secondary schools and i818 primary schools and that the Covid-19 project has alleviated challenges on classrooms shortage in the region by more than 80 per cent.



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A grader levels unpaved runways at Musoma airport in Mara region which is under construction at tarmac level yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Minister Jafo calls on Tanzanians to plant 276 million trees each year

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

MINISTER of State in the Vice President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment) Selemani Jafo has called on Tanzanians and their leaders to plant a total of 276 million trees countrywide, and for the 184 districts, each one of them should plant 1.5 million trees per year.

He made the remarks here yesterday during his visit to Ruvuma region during which he visited the modern abattoir project and the water source located in Songea Municipality.

He praised experts and government officials for the good supervision of the abattoir project that has the capacity to slaughter over 300 cattle per day and which has begun operation by slaughtering 40 cattle per day.

Regarding the issue of environmental conservation, he said: "environment agendas are important agendas as without controlling environmental destruction, our country will be in great disaster."

He added that recently Tanzania was faced by a huge challenge regarding water shortage and electricity especially in rural areas, the location of hydro power stations whose water levels depleted due to drought.

The drought also saw livestock dying for lack of water; hence, he called on Tanzanians to abandon misleading beliefs in wanton setting fires to forest to chase away deaths stalking them.

For his part, Ruvuma region acting Environmental Officer Deogratius Sibula said the region has been monitoring various issues in the management of environmental policies including cleanliness and conservation for the better health of all the people.

He added that solid water generation from all districts in the region totals 39,596,000 per year much of it generated from homes, factories and markets.

He added that much of the waste is disposed in dug out pits and burning whereas Songea Municipality alone generates 71.7 tonnes of solid waste per day.

For his part, Songea Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (SOUWASA) water Engineer Francisco Mapunda said his authority has 9 water sources including Mt Matogoro, Lipasi, Luhira B, Luhira A, Mahilo with the capacity to produce 11.5 million litres per day during rainy season and 1.438 million litres during dry season while the actual water needs for Songea Municipality was 17.9 million litres per day.

Indian hospitals team up with MNH to perform bone marrow transplant

By Guardian Reporter

INDIA'S HCG cancer hospitals, in collaboration with Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) has performed the first bone marrow transplant (BMT) and set up an advanced BMT unit at the hospital.

The association aims at strengthening health care facilities and bringing world-class excellence to the patients in Tanzania.

Autologous stem cell transplantation was performed to 5 patients aged between 34 and 55 years who were suffering from multiple myeloma. An autologous transplant can nearly double the cancer-free period for patients and increase quality of life.

Dr Ajai Kumar, Executive Chairman, Healthcare Global Enterprises Ltd said: "Given the installation of this advanced BMT unit, Tanzania will now be able to effectively address the growing incidence of cancer cases in the region.

"Patients requiring bone marrow transplants will no longer need to travel out of the country for treatment. Through this pioneering initiative, HCG will extend its world-class healthcare services to enhance the quality and sustainability of cancer care in Tanzania, primarily through early detection and targeted therapies."

He said that HCG delivers the best outcomes of bone marrow treatment at the most affordable cost.

Dr Sachin Jadhav, Group Head, Haematology and BMT department, HCG Cancer Hospital, Bengaluru, India said: "We are pleased to offer our best services to enhance the health and well-being of Tanzanians. Cancer treatment when done in the early stages has immense success rates. The BMT unit here will be a boon to patients affected with thalassaemia, leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, and other diseases."

Dr Jadhav said the whole procedure of bone marrow transplant needs meticulous planning. He said the new bone marrow unit will take care of the

patient's pre-transplant evaluations, conditioning chemotherapy, stem cell infusion, as well as long-term monitoring after the transplant.

He further added: "In recent years, cancer treatment has improved by leaps and bounds across different types of cancers. As a result, patients have a far better likelihood to return to normal after treatment. There are a lot of patients in need of BMT. People must come forward for bone marrow donation and help save more lives."

Prof Lawrence Museru, MNH Executive Director, said: "We are delighted to be collaborating with HCG cancer hospitals India for the bone marrow transplant initiative at our hospital. The state-of-art BMT unit will offer best facilities to patients throughout the treatment from evaluation and preparation to the transplant followed by long-term monitoring after the transplant."

Prof Museru added that the bone marrow transplant can now be performed at much affordable costs, while earlier a patient would spend 250m/- to get a bone marrow treatment outside the country but at the MNH, one pays about 70m/-, saving at least 180m/-.

"This brings new hope to patients battling with cancer cells. We are fortunate to have this facility supported by the expert specialists from HCG Cancer Hospitals, India," he said.

With the launch of the facility, HCG hospitals become the first institution in the region to provide a standalone dedicated facility for bone marrow transplantation.

This collaboration is in line with India's support to Tanzania in developing a self-sustainable healthcare service model and help in easy accessibility of the medical treatment for the citizens without having to travel to other countries.

As a part of this collaboration, specialists from HCG cancer hospitals, India will be visiting MNH to perform complicated BMT procedures and train and empower medical professionals at Muhimbili to treat patients suffering from blood-related disorders.



Tanroads Consultant of Engineering Consulting Unit (TECU) Mbaraka Shafi (L) briefs Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (C) on Wasso - Sale (km 49) road project in Arusha region yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt vows to construct Sale-Ngarasero road at tarmac level

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

WORKS and Transport Minister Prof Makame Mbarawa has said the government vows to construct the 50km Sale - Ngarasero road at tarmac level to open up the Ngorongoro economic potential, reduce transport costs and boost tourism.

He also instructed TANROADS to start feasibility studies of part of the 10km Wasso - Loliondo road to be

built at tarmac level.

Prof Mbarawa made the remarks at the weekend in Ngorongoro, Arusha Region when inspecting the 217km Mto wa Mbu - Loliondo road, part of the 49 km Wasso - Sale road at tarmac level and called on the Chinese contractor, China Wu Yi to complete the road early next year.

"The government knows the importance in constructing this road in phases, we are finishing 49 kms now and we are starting the 50

kms to enable the people travel on tarmac road," explained the Minister.

He also called on residents in the area to protect the road by not allowing to be used to move the livestock on it as well as the road signs to enable the road last longer.

Submitting his report on the project, Projects Engineer from TANROADS Engineering Consulting Unit (TECU) Eng Mbaraka Shafi said the project was 97 per cent complete and expected to be finalised in April

2022. For his part, Ngorongoro District Commissioner, Raymond Mangwala told Prof Mbarawa about challenges they face including that whenever they advertise tenders many people do not go to the area due to the district's trying geography.

Meanwhile, Prof Mbarawa lauded Tanzania Building Agency (TBA) in Arusha Region for its supervision and construction of the Ngorongoro district headquarters and called for its completion as soon as possible.



Janet Manoni founder of Mwanangu Special Day Care & Camp; Rehabilitation Centre situated at Vikindu in Coast region speaks with parents and education stakeholders over the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Bagamoyo

THE national environmental management Council (NEMC) has suspended salt mining project in the vicinity of Saadan National park.

The salt mining project at Buyuni village, Mkwaja Ward, Pangani district, Tanga region is claimed to threaten the wellbeing of the wildlife in the park as well as causing environmental destruction.

Buyuni village borders Saadan national Park and has allocated 50 hectares to the investor of the salt project who also bought another 100 hectares from other neighbouring villages.

Speaking to reporters here yesterday after visiting the project, NEMC Director General Dr Samuel Gwamaka said they have suspended the project and called on the investor to report to NEMC offices with all documents that permit him to continue with the project.

NEMC suspends Saadan Park salt mining project

Dr Gwamaka said the investor is supposed to obey the suspension order and cease all production activities and called on to abide by all directives provided by the Council, failure of which legal steps would be taken against him.

He said they received reports from environment stakeholders on the existence of the salt project that threatens the wellbeing of the wildlife inside the park, and after making a follow up, the found out that some procedures for the establishment of the project were flouted.

"After going through various documents shown by Park officials,

we discovered that the investor has not made any environmental impact assessment (EIA) in regard to the project while other stakeholders in the area were not incorporated," he said.

He said the investor was supposed to make EIA before the establishment of the project and added as an example that even if he legally owns the land, he cannot construct even a toilet that faces his neighbours.

Dr Gwamaka said the project was being run in a hazardous area, the prime habitat of elephants and that the project could cause their desertion from the area.

For his part Saadan national Park Assistant Conservation commissioner, Ephraim Mwangomo said they were surprised by the establishment of the salt project near the wildlife area.

Mwangomo said the project site is the area highly dependable by the Park as it is home to huge elephant herds, and stressed that Park authorities were never involved in the project as they would have said the area was not fit for the project.

He said they once met with the investor and advised him to establish a tourist hotel project to go in tandem with the park's environment.

Rains, strong winds leave households without shelter

By Guardian Correspondent, Tandahimba

MORE than 57 households in Kwanyama Ward, Tandahimba district, Mtwara region are without shelter following heavy rains and strong winds while one person has been reported dead.

Speaking to reporters at Kwanyama village, Tandahimba district commissioner Col. Patrick Sawala confirmed the incident saying the one and half hour downpour on Saturday evening flooded homes, blew off roofs, leaving 57 households without shelter and others reported injured.

The DC called on all victims

from the disaster to remain calm saying that the government was in the process of providing various assistance to them.

"The rains have created untold havoc in the Kwanyama Ward, there are some who have been injured and admitted to hospital, but were now doing well and there was one person who was struck by lightning and died, the government is doing all that it can to assist the victims," he added.

Ramadhani Karimu, Kwanyama villager said rains and strong winds begun at noon and by evening they became strong enough to create untold havoc to the area.

He thanked the government for the assistance provided to them in

food and said it was doing all that it can to make the situation return to normal.

Speaking to this paper the coordinator of Red Cross Society, Oliver Liviga said so far, after evaluation, 57 households were identified to have been destroyed from the rains.

He said the Society that has been working in collaboration with the government continues to make assessment on the destruction and see how the victims can return to their normal lives.

For his part, Kwanyama ward Councillor said the rains have created great havoc including the death of a woman who was struck by lightning.



Special Seat Councillor of Chikukwe ward in Masasi district, Mtwara region Grace Chipiteje attends to abandoned child at Mkomaindo hospital in Masasi yesterday. Photo: Hamis Nasri

Do not hide disabled children, parents urged

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PARENTS and guardians who are hiding children with disabilities should stop doing so and instead send them to school for obtaining education that will help them realise their potentials.

Founder and guardian of Mwanangu Special Day Care & Camp; Rehabilitation Centre located in Vikindu Coast Region, Janeth Manoni made the call yesterday when speaking at a meeting of parents and stakeholders who met to discuss the issues this year and set strategies to address the challenges next year.

Janet was responding to various arguments raised by parents that their children are being bullied in many schools and even those who accept them, do not have a friendly infrastructure for children with various disabilities.

"Parents should stop the practice of locking children in, hiding them and isolating them from their peers, as doing so deprives them of their basic rights and also violates children's rights and human rights in general," she said.

She wanted the sanctions not to discourage them, as the government insists that there be no obstacle to access to education for all children, and urged them to send their children to school.

"We have real examples of the children in front of us who were brought here to the center for the

first time and could not afford anything but within a year, you see their progress," she said.

She said they can do their own thing, including hygiene, sports and even the classroom have made great strides, calling for co-operation to raise more children on the streets so that they too can get an education.

For his part, Sukaina Esmail Vice President of Lion Club Uhuru branch Dar es Salaam handing over various equipment provided by his institution, commended the efforts made by the center to educate children especially the disabled.

Materials provided include mattresses,

sheets, mosquito nets, pillows, milk, sugar, hand sanitizers, toothpaste etc., as part of preparations for the 2022 study season.

"We are aware of the challenges in raising a child with a disability. There are parents who are frustrated by the poverty or barriers caused by the society in which we live so the presence of such schools is a savior not only for the parent but also the nation as every child has the right to education," said Sukaina.

He said, they are aware of how the center deals with children with cancer, big head and open back also manages the environment, to promote the well-being of people and the world so we do not have to support them.

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

**IN THE FAIR COMPETITION TRIBUNAL OF TANZANIA
AT DAR ES SALAAM**

APPEAL NO. 14 OF 2021

BETWEEN

JOHN BINDER APPELLANT

AND

MIC TANZANIA PLC 1ST RESPONDENT

**TANZANIA COMMUNICATIONS
REGULATORY AUTHORITY 2ND RESPONDENT**

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

TAKE NOTICE THAT an appeal has been lodged in the Tribunal against the whole decision of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) dated 19th March, 2021 in which TCRA found that the 1st Respondent had acted negligently by deducting the Appellant's airtime with value of TZS 4650 as payment of *Tigo Nivweshe* Loan while he had already settled the loan and also failed to address the Appellant's grievances in a timely manner, thus, ordered payment of compensation of TZS 1,500,000.

The Appellant contends, among others, that TCRA erred in law and in fact in not awarding the claimed amount of TZS 200M for reasons of lack of sufficient evidence. Thus, the Appellant prays that the decision of TCRA be varied and quashed with costs.

BY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE any person who considers that he has sufficient interest may apply to intervene in the proceedings within seven days of the first publication of this notice to the Fair Competition Tribunal, 2nd Floor, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology Building, Janhuri Street, Dar Es Salaam.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of the Tribunal this 21st December, 2021.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR GOODS, WORKS, AND SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2022 / 2023
REF. SOS/PREQ/2021/001

INTRODUCTION.
SOS Children's Villages Tanzania is a non-government organization affiliated to SOS Children's Villages International, a worldwide childcare and protection organization that provides orphaned and destitute children with a permanent home and educational opportunities. Established 70 years ago, SOS Children's Villages International - the umbrella organization, currently has Children's Villages and other projects in 135 countries around the world. Globally, it runs the SOS Children's Village Programme, which has two main arms, i.e. Family Based Care based at SOS Children's Villages and Family Strengthening Programmes supporting families in local communities. SOS Children's Villages has been working in the United Republic of Tanzania since 1991 and implements its programs in Zanzibar, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Iringa.

SOS Children's Villages Tanzania invites applications from competent firms for pre-qualification for supply of goods, works and services listed below for 2022/2023 financial years. Interested eligible suppliers are invited to apply for pre-qualification, indicating the category number and Category name of goods, works or services they wish to be considered for its offices and programs located in Zanzibar, Pemba, Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Iringa and Mwanza as indicated below.

A. REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY No.	ITEMS DESCRIPTIONS
LOT. 1	Supply of general office supplies/ Groceries
LOT. 2	Supply of general office and schools stationeries
LOT. 3	Supply of Office furniture and fixtures
LOT. 4	Supply of general ICT equipment's and devices/computers & IT Services including printers, laptops, cameras, desktops, computer hardware, software, teleconference facilities, routers, toners and accessories)
LOT. 5	Supply of vehicle Tires for 4 x4 vehicles and accessories
LOT. 6	Supply and maintenance of Generators and water pumps
LOT. 7	Supply and maintenance of air-conditions and Refrigerator repairs
LOT. 8	Supply of school uniform and school shoes
LOT. 9	Supply of household appliances and cutleries
LOT.10	Supply of school desks and library furniture
LOT. 11	Supply of fishing equipment's
LOT. 12	Supply of sports gears
LOT.13	Supply of cleaning and sanitation equipment/ materials.
LOT. 14	Supply of Medical Equipment's and medicine
LOT. 15	Supply of various building renovation and construction materials
LOT. 16	Supply and installation human resource management software
LOT. 17	Construction and/or renovation and minor repair of classrooms, school library, school toilets and playground facilities.
LOT. 18	Provision of catering services in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Iringa, Zanzibar, Pemba.
LOT.19	Provision of Conference/Venue, Hotel and Accommodation services in all regions.
LOT. 20	Provision of Office cleaning and fumigation services.
LOT. 21	Provision of maintenance and service of photocopiers, laptops, printers, UPS, servers and other electronic items.
LOT. 22	Provision of Vehicle servicing, maintenance and repair.
LOT. 23	Provision of Car Rental/Hire services in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Iringa, Zanzibar, Pemba and Dodoma.
LOT. 24	Provision of General Insurance services for Vehicles & Motorcycles
LOT. 25	Provision of Staff Medical Insurance
LOT. 26	Provision of Fleet Management/Tracking Systems and car alarm services
LOT. 27	Provision of Air travel agency services
LOT. 28	Provision of Transportation of household goods, packaging of printing materials and Courier Services (parcels and goods/materials).
LOT. 29	Provision of Printing of promotional Materials (T-shirts, Brochures, Booklets, Posters and related products
LOT. 30	Provision of Legal Services
LOT. 31	Provision of Staff Recruitment Agencies Services
LOT. 32	Provision of Event Management services
LOT. 33	Provision of Photography, filming and production of documentaries/ Recording Studios/Audio Production Services
LOT. 34	Provision of Services for computers, printers, local area network (LAN) and other office machines
LOT. 35	Provision of General office maintenance and repairs
LOT. 36	Provision of Security Services for Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Arusha, Iringa, Zanzibar, Pemba Offices
LOT. 37	Supply of fuel – gas, petrol and diesel
LOT. 38	Gardening and landscaping service
LOT. 39	Supply, Installation and maintenance of Fire appliances (fire extinguishers) / Fire Hydrants, Training and Safety Services
LOT. 40	Provision of School bus services
LOT. 41	Provision of Website development and maintenance
LOT. 42	Provision of Clearing and forwarding service
LOT. 43	Provision of Telephone closed user group (CUG) services
LOT. 44	Hire of tents, tables, chairs and accessories (PA system & Décor)
LOT. 45	Provision of asset valuation and verifications services
LOT. 46	Provision of Capacity Building, Team building, Training and Development Services
LOT. 47	Provision of Consultant services in areas of Communications and Advocacy, Carrying out financial/project audit, Baselines, Midterm and End Term Project Evaluation, Proposal Writing Facilitation, Research services, Translation Services.

NOTE:

- Pre-qualification is open to all eligible National Suppliers/Contractors/Service Providers with proven experience and capacity and prices are not required at this stage.
- Existing Suppliers who wish to be retained MUST apply afresh and submit up-to-date information.
- Clearly indicates Lot # and names; failure to comply will disqualify your application.
- SOS Children's Village reserves the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- The bid evaluation processes will be conducted as per SOS Children's Village internal Procurement Guidelines.
- The cost of responding to this Expression of Interest (EOI) is to be entirely born by the suppliers, whether they will be prequalified or not, and whether they will be invited or not to participate in further bidding procedures.
- Late expressions of interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances
- Attach price list of all services offered, materials or items to be supplied and you wish to be considered at each categories.

B. QUALIFICATION PROCESS:

Interested suppliers should send the below listed qualification documents and information to the address as indicated in section C:

- Company details with company profile like name, position, telephone contacts, email address, full details of the physical location, the company website and official email address.
- Pre-qualification registration documents including Copy of business License, TIN certificate, VAT registration certificate, certificate of incorporation, power of attorney.
- Financial positions/ investments indicating your company turnover for the period 2018, 2019 & 2020 (financial statements). Please attach copies of audited books of accounts for the indicated period.
- Past Performance and Experience, please provide at least three letters of recommendation from organizations where you company has supplied similar services in the last three years. The letter should state on the recommending organization's letterhead, type of goods and services you supplied, comment on performance of your company, number of years they have done business with your company and attach documentary evidence of existence of contract e.g. Purchase Order, Contract etc.
- Sworn statement to declare that to the best of your knowledge the information's submitted in this pre-qualification process (and any supporting documentation) are correct.

C. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI):

Expression of Interest should be submitted in a PLAIN SEALED ENVELOPES (not indicating supplier's name) marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR..... (Indicate Lot. Number and Item)" addressed to:

National Director
Attn: Procurement committee,
SOS Children's Village Tanzania, National Office,
White Star Tower, Ground Floor Wing B, Kiko Avenue, Mikocheni,
P. O. Box 80462, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
The deadline for submission is at 13:00 p.m. Tanzania Time on 6th January 2022.

Bids Prequalification documents are available and interested and eligible candidates/bidders may obtain further information and the tender documents at national.office@sos-tanzania.org
No tender fee is charged for this invitation and only the successful suppliers will be contacted.

For any enquiries/questions please call +255 716 880076 or
Email national.office@sos-tanzania.org

IFM unveils plan to establish fully-fledged business school

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Institute of Finance Management (IFM) has unveiled grand plan to establish a fully-fledged branch and business school in Dodoma, calling upon the government for support.

The institution's deputy rector, Professor Immanuel Mnzava made the remarks here at the weekend, noting that the move is part of the strategy to increase enrolment and expand courses across the nation.

Speaking at the IFM's 47th graduation ceremony and the 2nd graduation of the Dodoma branch, he said the institution has acquired over 776 hectares of land at Nala area for the main branch college and 14 hectares at Njedengwa area for the business school.

During the graduation, over 60 students were conferred with master's degrees in accounts and banking while several others were conferred certificates in banking and accounts.

He said the main campus will provide all courses, currently offered at the main campus in Dar es Salaam while the business centre will offer tailor made courses and evening classes, targeting mainly working class.

Prof Mnzava noted that the institution currently have campuses in Simiyu, Mwanza, Dodoma and main campus in Dar es Salaam with a total enrolment of 14395 students in 2020/2021.

"While the future in Dodoma looks very bright, we appeal to the government for support to help put in place the needed infrastructure" said the professor.

Prof. Emmanuel Mjema, IFM's Governing Council Vice Chairman,

also reiterated the call for the support in order to fulfill the demand for provision of training within the new campus in Dodoma.

He explained that the plan is to build the business school using own sources of fund while the support from other stakeholders will go towards building the campus.

"We request the government and other stakeholders for support in putting up the Dodoma campus, bearing in mind that the management cannot do it all alone" he said.

He cited key areas that need support as human resources, noting that there is increased demand after the government relocation to the political city.

Speaking while officiating at the graduation ceremony, the deputy minister for Finance and Planning, Hamad Masauni said the government acknowledges contribution of IFM in providing trainings in different fields.

He noted that the government is doing a lot to help improve provision of education in the country, notably increasing budget to the education sector, specifically increasing budget to higher education students' loan board (HESLB).

The deputy minister called on the management to ensure graduates from IFM meet the job demands and can also able to employ themselves, adding that there is need to have professionals that can help bring national economic revolutions.

"Translate the education you have got into the real environment, be creative, innovative and patriotic" he told the graduates, calling on them to have in mind that corruption is enemy of development.



A representative from a non-governmental organisation sanitation and water Action which accesses integrated hygiene, sanitation and water supply services for potable and improved livelihoods across Tanzania communities funded by United Nations Children's Fund, Joachim Asenga talks with Shisyete villagers in Mbeya council on the project to improve Shisyete primary school infrastructure over the weekend. Photo: Nerbat Msokwa

African IT experts call for increased safety of children online

By Special Correspondent

AFRICAN information technology experts on Tuesday called for intensifying measures to ensure that children are safe on the internet as COVID-19 pushes many online.

Ezra Chiloba, the director-general of the Communication Authority of Kenya (CA), noted that with socialization limited and schools closed for some periods, children have turned to digital

solutions for play, communication and pastime increasing exposure to online risks.

"This calls for enhancing measures that guard children online from exploitation or abuse. We must empower them with skills to use the internet safely," he said during a webinar on child protection and online safety.

Caroline Mbugua, a senior policy manager for sub-Saharan Africa at GSMA, said over the past years,

Africans have experienced a lot of progress toward digital innovation but little has been put on online safety, particularly for children.

Mbugua said countries need to ensure they have policies that not only ensure the safety of children but also do not stifle their rights.

She believed public awareness is the first line of defense for both parents and children, calling for the development and use of apps and other tools that can take down

content that is offensive.

During the COVID-19 period, the experts identified cyberbullying, cyber grooming, identity theft and sharing of explicit images and content as some of the risks children have faced.

According to Interpol, between 5 and 13 percent of internet-using children, aged 12-17, in Kenya reported experiencing online child sexual exploitation and abuse in 2020.

By Correspondent James Lanka, Monduli

AJISO in Monduli launches awareness campaign against Gender Based Violence

Non-government organisation (NGO) Action for Justice in Society (AJISO) has launched an awareness campaign against Gender Based Violence (GBV) for primary and secondary pupils in Monduli district, Arusha region.

Speaking in an interview with this paper during the launching ceremony the agency's official executive director for AJISO, Virginia Silayo said the organisation's awareness campaign was aimed at combating child abuses, child violence, and protect their rights.

According to Michael the project is sponsored by the German-based charity organisation called PROBONO. "We started by creating child protecting committees in districts of Kilimanjaro region, and now we are here at Monduli district before spreading the knowledge

to primary and secondary school pupils," she said.

She added that, the implementation of the project aims at joining government's efforts to eliminate gender based violence (GBVs) through national action plan to end violence against women and children.

She said they introduced the child protection project in Monduli district after experiencing high number of child abuse and violence cases.

The Monduli district social welfare, Hendrich Emmanuel explained that, the awareness training to child protection committees and to the children themselves comes at a right time

following increases of child abuses and gender-based violence against women and children.

She explained that, rapid increase of early pregnancies and number of cases related to the gender-based violence as well as children's rights violence (including raping and sodomism) particularly for the young boys and girls in Kilimanjaro and Arusha regions.

It is claimed to be fueled the some parents from the district who shifted from their home villages different urban areas for green pastures, abandoned their kids to their elders in their home villages who cannot take care of them.

Her organisation, she said, has various

projects meant to eliminate women and children violence as well as empowering women through micro financing.



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EMEDO in campaign to make Mwanza city free from litters

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

MWANZA-based Environmental Management and Economic Development Organization (EMEDO) have embarked on campaign to collect plastic materials littered on streets in Mwanza city with a view to protect the environment including Lake Victoria.

That remarks were made in Mwanza yesterday by EMEDO director Editrudith Lukanga when speaking to journalists on the importance of the campaign to environmental protection for the benefits of present and future generations.

She said that during the rainfall some of the materials are being washed away and discharged into the lake adversely impacting on the environment of the water body that provides drinking water to human beings and other living organisms also home to different aquatic species.

In the recent days we received a flip flop boat from Lamu in Kenya made of plastic materials and passed it in different areas on Lake Victoria to send the message to people that materials are a problem to the environment, noting that they take up to 400 years to decay, she said.

She pointed out that when people use plastic materials they should not litter them instead they should have them put in special areas where they can easily be taken for recycling to obtain or produce other products.

It should be noted that environmental pollution among communities around the lake also pollutes the water body and negatively impacts on its biodiversity, hence failure to support living organisms depending on it in the long-run, she said. She said that currently they conduct training to women groups to build capacity for them on how they can use plastic materials for different purposes and therefore protect and keep the environment clean.

The targeted people in this project are young women because you cannot talk about the environment without mentioning women who are big producers of plastic materials in their daily activities to generate income, she said. She noted that with such efforts the community will change and stop to litter the materials in a bid to protect the environment for sustainability of living things, not only on the dry land but also in the lake providing employment opportunities to thousands of people engaging in fisheries.

She has asked decision and law makers to give adequate consideration to the issue of plastic materials when discussing environmental pollution as a way stop littering the materials.

Director of EMEDO said that apart from a campaign to protect the environment, NGO also deals with a programme to manage natural resources, enabling women to benefit from fisheries sector in the world's second fresh water lake, after Lake Superior in the US.

If enabled in the sector, women can play a big role to reduce poverty in community around the lake as they are important in taking care of families.

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Media Institute of Southern Africa Tanzania chapter acting director Andrew Marawiti elaborates the importance of journalists to abide by journalism ethics and freedom of the press. The event was held in Shinyanga region yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Marco Maduhu

D'Salaam traders want proper drainage system to ease rainwater flow

By Omar Kabandika, Uoi

TRADERS in Mwananyamala ward, Kinondoni Municipality have appealed to the government to build drainage systems to ease the flow of rainwater.

In separate interviews, they suggested the need for local government authorities to put in place a proper drainage system so that when it rains water doesn't stagnate in front of their businesses as it is now.

One of the traders at Mwananyamala market, Erick Dioz said the situation becomes worse during rainy season.

"This makes business environment horrible as after a while stagnated water start stinking,

chasing away customers," he said, calling on the government to work on the challenge that leads to health risks.

One of the customers who preferred anonymity said the running waters are full of garbage and sharp objects inside which make customers to go to others shops for fear of being injured.

In reaction to the problem Councilor for Makumbusho ward Mohammed Ally Mohammed said his office was aware of the problem and that already plans were underway to address the matter.

On draining rainy waters, the councilor said the project is under the Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project (DMDP).

AfDB appoints Yacine acting VP, regional development, integration, business delivery

By Guardian Reporter

THE African Development Bank Group (AfDB) has appointed Yacine FAL, currently Director General, Cabinet Office of the President, acting Vice President, Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery of the African Development Bank Group.

Her appointment is effective from 17 December, 2021.

In her current position as Director General, Fal oversees the administrative and operational work and activities of the Cabinet Office of the President. This includes providing oversight of all units and departments reporting directly to the President. She ensures enhanced delivery, efficiency and effectiveness for all Presidential initiatives and Bank operations, as per agreements with respective Vice Presidency Complexes. She also oversees the work of senior staff to improve overall coordination and engagement of the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors with the Board.

Ms. Fal, a Senegalese citizen, is a seasoned and results-oriented business development and service delivery professional with over 20 years of experience in the banking, legal and procurement fields.

Fal joined the African Development Bank as Principal

Legal Counsel in the procurement unit (1998-2007) and subsequently served as Manager in charge of the reform implementation team in the office of the President (2007-2008). She was appointed Officer in Charge of the Procurement and Fiduciary Services Department (2010-2011); and Manager of the Procurement Services Division (2008-2013). Ms. Fal later served as the Resident Representative of the Bank's Morocco Office (2014-2017).

In 2016, African Development Bank President Dr Akinwumi A. Adesina appointed Ms. Fal Deputy Director General of the North Africa Business Development and Service Delivery Office. She was appointed Director General, Cabinet Office of the President, in November 2020.

Commenting on her appointment, Fal said: "I am greatly honoured by the confidence reposed in me by President Adesina in appointing me into this role as Acting Vice President for Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery. I will bring my extensive knowledge and experience of the Bank's operations and on-the-ground experience working in various countries and regions to support our director general and country managers. I will also work closely with the Bank's operational complexes and

the Senior Management team, to build on our achievements and further enhance effectiveness in the delivery of quality operations for the Bank."

Fal holds a Master of Law degree (1984) from the University of Dakar, where she specialized in corporate and tax law, and a postgraduate degree in International Law (1987) from the University of Paris X.

Dr Adesina said: "Yacine Fal is one of the most experienced leaders in the African Development Bank Group. She has managed large and complex African Development Bank operations involving several countries. She was Country Manager responsible for the Bank's operations in Morocco and later in Tunisia, where she was Deputy Director General in charge of operations in several countries. Until her appointment, she has been Director General in the Cabinet Office of the President. Yacine is an astute and effective leader who builds and inspires teams to work effectively in delivering results. She will deliver quality leadership for the directors General and country managers and work effectively with all other vice presidents of the Bank to further enhance the delivery and quality of our operations until a new substantive vice president is appointed."

By Special Correspondent

AT the Turkey-Africa partnership summit 2021, representatives of Turkey and African nations discussed how to cooperate to deliver "Enhanced Partnership for Common Development and Prosperity" across crucial sectors such as health care, education, and agriculture - all of which Turkey is a world leader.

It is a demonstration of how international cooperation is fundamental to solving global problems. This year's theme is appropriate because never before have the notions of "development" and "prosperity" been challenged and redefined as they have with climate change and health being so central to global welfare.

Over the past 20 years, Turkey's economy has been one of the fastest growing in the world. This is no surprise - geographically, it is a bridge between Europe, Asia and North Africa, but most importantly it has maintained a consistently high level of quality in its investment decisions - investments that grow the Turkish economy and deliver quality jobs and improve the fabric of the community. Turkey has an ambitious and advanced private sector supported by its government - a system that puts people and the economy first, together. This is what our organization, the Africa Investment Forum (AIF) is trying to replicate, and we need Turkey's support, cooperation and investment to deliver on our ambitions.

At the core of all economies are decisions made by the private sector. Countries across Africa

Africa needs Turkey to support development ambitions - summit

need investment from the global community of companies, banks and philanthropists at least as much as they need political cover and development assistance. This is why the AIF is scrutinizing and shortlisting deals across Africa that meet specific criteria, including a positive environmental and social impact.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Africa was home to the world's five fastest growing economies. The continent also has the fastest growing population and possesses an overwhelming proportion of critical resources needed by the present and future global economy. This leads to a fundamental reality, which all investors and policymakers must understand. Only with Africa's important minerals, fertile agriculture and human power can the rest of the world meet its carbon reduction targets while also maintaining and improving living standards. Above all other of Earth's continents, Africa has the most growth potential and will be the home of a great majority of the world's future economic assets, including factories, farms, mines, banks, power plants, fintech companies and, most importantly, people.

Balancing these demands is why it is vital investment into Africa is done with high-quality decision making that meets targets across social welfare, sanitation, agriculture, climate change and a great many others. Developed countries such as

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Time for thanksgiving after 'Omicron variant' swept by with far less damage

HEALTH authorities have been somewhat on the guard as to assessing the public health situation over the past few weeks, but social media and casual awareness of what has been happening with many families tell the story. Someone gasped in social media that 'if one hasn't suffered from fever this week he must be a witch,' which wasn't factually correct but it shows the extent to which many people felt a wide range of pains, sickness, ill health, indisposition, whose main symptoms included headache, chest pains, loss of voice and dizziness, though the symptoms differed from one person to another. There were showers in the week or so while the health disorder swept through, and in many cases people also suffered from malaria.

The micron variant of the Covid-19 pandemic was spreading out, lacking the fatal characteristics of the earlier variants of the pandemic, abroad and here. Reports in international media have over the past two weeks made it plain that the Omicron is far more infectious but its symptoms are milder, with far less hospitalisation. In the local context one person who had those symptoms and was hospitalised appeared to have her case complicated by a bout of malaria, which may have affected other people in like manner.

The reason it is a fairly convenient guess that this was the Omicron variant is that the wave of infections started in Botswana (seemingly) but was confirmed around the world to have originated from South Africa

and was fast spreading in the region and worldwide.

Thus the absence of any other evidence of the spread of the variant, meanwhile as thousands of people were being hit by a bizarre combination of flu-like symptoms, usually not leading to hospitalisation, appeared to fit the bill. It was rapidly infectious too.

Noticeably this wave has not led to any noticeable impact in terms of public tragedies of the death of any prominent personalities, unlike what was experienced in the past. Still such events may occur without there being any pandemic or limited epidemic locally or regionally, the way some prominent political leaders died towards the general elections in 2015 and slightly later, where age wasn't a uniting factor at all. But when such a situation occurred late 2020 and early this year, the pandemic was there to explain it.

Earlier variants of the Covid-19 pandemic led to numerous instances of death among families and in various regions, on the basis of sparse experience related to those known to each one of us. Still by any comparisons we fared much better compared to what was seen in other countries, even in the region, such that we could do without lockdowns, didn't remove people from sports arenas and few were infected. We thus need to be thankful for the clemency which reigns over the country, and continue being righteous in what we do so that the level of grace isn't put in peril.

International Human Solidarity Day reminds each one of universal standards of ethics, care

ACTIVISTS around the world observe the International Human Solidarity Day (IHSD) on December 20, which chroniclers say is an international annual unity day of the United Nations, created to enhance the need for recognizing the universal value of solidarity. Member states are urged to take profound note of global objectives and initiatives to reduce poverty, to formulate and share poverty reduction strategies that can be used among countries and continents around the world. IHSD is promoted by the World Solidarity Fund and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). They are focused on achieving goals set for the pursuit of worldwide poverty eradication, hopefully by the end of this decade, that is, by late 2030.

The principal targets for organizational and individual involvement is either by contributing to education or in helping the poor, along with the physically or mentally disabled. Governments are on the other hand encouraged to respond to poverty and other social barriers through the Sustainable Development Goals project, the single most important economic agenda around the world, apart from climate change. In a sense these goals are interrelated, as backward agro-sector practices ruin the environment, worsening the global climate situation.

Chroniclers elaborate that the International Human Solidarity Day was established under the United Nations Millennium Declaration that sets out the civil and political rights of individuals. This quest for applicable standards of civic and social rights of individuals all over the world is essential for solidarity, as their

observance facilitates sympathy in a country's development endeavours. When there is a situation of warfare and the victory of a political organization which holds these values in a certain level of contempt or denial, it becomes difficult for international solidarity to be extended, as in Afghanistan.

We have seen how in the past nine months since the start of the sixth phase government led by President Samia Suluhu Hassan gestures of solidarity have been directed to the country in a regular manner, apart from rapidly increasing willingness to do business in the country. Solidarity isn't about treating foreigners fairly in a country, but foreigners will not have much to do in a country when they feel that it isn't making sufficient effort in that direction. A country lacking cohesion based on civil and political rights that bind the people together risks exploding at any moment, thus endangering foreigners' activities there.

The International Human Solidarity Day is meant to be a day to celebrate unity in diversity, globally and really, within a country, end vestiges of discrimination, intolerance in society. It is a day to remind governments to respect their commitments to international agreements, as few countries can raise sufficient standards without a measure of international pressure. It similarly seeks to raise public awareness of the importance of solidarity, encourage debate on ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals including poverty eradication. It is thus a day of action to encourage new initiatives for civil rights and poverty reduction worldwide.

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OAU at 60: Celebrating a worthy legacy

By Chris Adetayo

HAPPY diamond jubilee, Great Ife! All said, OAU should be proud of its 60-year journey. It is one for which the impact has been felt in the lives of many. However, as it winds up the celebrations, this is the time to start thinking of the next 60 years. A master plan to that effect, following adequate consultations with relevant stakeholders, will be a good starting point. It is an opportunity that should not be missed.

Since the 8th of June, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), otherwise known as Great Ife, has been in a celebratory mood. This is for good reason. For the year 2021 marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of this citadel of learning that, over the decades, has churned out brilliant products and impacted Nigeria's development in many ways.

The University of Ife, as it then was, was founded in 1961 by the government of the then Western Region of Nigeria under the leadership of Chief Ladoke Akintola. This followed the report of the Ashby Commission that carried out a needs assessment of post-secondary education in the country in 1959. It was a timely decision, for the previous decade had seen the exponential growth of primary and secondary school enrolment across the Western Region as a result of the introduction of "Free Education" by the Region's government, then led by the unforgettable Chief Obafemi Awolowo. The need to find spots for many of these young minds in tertiary institutions, and to produce skilled manpower that will drive the development of post-independent Nigeria, was especially high.

The University has witnessed multiple changes since its founding. Perhaps the most important of these is its ownership. In 1975, the Federal Military Government, through the instrumentality of a Decree, took ownership of the school (along with others) and brought it under its purview. The impact of the nationalisation of the institution is a debate that continues to rage, and forms a sub-text of the national debate on the over-centralisation of powers and institutions in the Federal Government. This is, in itself, a legacy of the long years of military rule, the shackles of which remain with the country till date.

The change of name, from the University of Ife to Obafemi Awolowo University, effected in 1987, is another important one. This was done to immortalise the memory of the man considered as its spiritual founder. Few quibble with this decision, given the contributions



As Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Eyiotope Ogunbodede, has assured members of the institution's community that its legacy will be sustained.

that "Awo" made to the education sector in the country in general, and in the South-West in particular.

Despite the changes that OAU has witnessed in its 60-year history, it retains a number of attributes that set it apart from others and form the basis of its celebrations. Perhaps the most well-known of this is the school's planning and architecture. A drive through the school shows a well thought through and deliberate plan to fuse nature into the school's ecosystem, and to ensure a patron's journey that is seamless. All these are accentuated by the beauty of the edifices that form the core of the campus, from faculty buildings to staff quarters to student hostels. It is for this that the school earns its well-deserved reputation as "Africa's most beautiful campus".

From a student number of only 244 at inception, OAU now serves over 25,000 students annually. Its staff strength has also grown, from less than 100 academic and senior administrative and technical staff in five faculties at inception, to over 4000 staff in two colleges and 13 faculties today. All these signpost a university that has not stood still, but rather continues to move with the times.

In hand with its aesthetic reputation is the reputation of Great Ife as a hotbed of liberalism and protest. Arguably, no institution in Nigeria comes close to OAU when it comes to fighting for human and societal rights. The reputation of its students for Aluta dates back to the early years of the institution and carries forth till date. More importantly, this attribute remains with OAU's products beyond its gates, and explains why many of Nigeria's most renowned human rights activists, from Femi Falana to Mike Ozekhome to Ebus Olu-Adegboruwa (to mention a few), count it as their alma mater. In a country direly in need of citizens who will hold leadership to account,

OAU stands tall in producing them.

The bond between OAU, on one hand, and its students and alumni on the other, is also worth celebrating. Across the world, and especially in Africa, few schools generate, much less retain, the sort of emotional affinity with its students and alumni that OAU does. Its products express a special pride in their school in ways that are hard for others to comprehend. For example, it has become an unwritten rule that wedding parties, featuring a graduate of the school, are considered inchoate until the school's awe-inspiring anthem is belted out by OAU alumni in attendance. This generally draws the admiration and envy of others.

Another cause for celebration is the growth that OAU has witnessed over the years. From a student number of only 244 at inception, OAU now serves over 25,000 students annually. Its staff strength has also grown, from less than 100 academic and senior administrative and technical staff in five faculties at inception, to over 4000 staff in two colleges and 13 faculties today. All these signpost a university that has not stood still, but rather continues to move with the times.

Along with its growth and expansion has been their contribution to national development. Examples of these abound. In the field of Law, OAU is reputed to have produced around a third of all Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SAN). In Medicine, the first successful separation of Siamese twins in Africa was carried out in at the OAU Teaching Hospital, the same institution where kidney transplants were also pioneered in Nigeria. Its Faculty of Agriculture, with arguably the largest university farm in the country, has blazed the trail in tropical agriculture. Around the world, its alumni are reputed achievers in various walks of life, from the military to the diplomatic

corps to governance, technology and the Liberal Arts. Their strides have helped in keeping the OAU reputation for learning and culture alive and well.

...it is gratifying that the authorities of OAU, in tandem with a group of reputed Alumni, have set up the "Great Ife Advance Foundation" with a view to raising funds from its teeming alumni scattered around the globe. This is evidently the way to go, as it is quite clear that funds from the Federal Government can no longer meet the needs of the institution. It is to be hoped that the Foundation's impact will soon start to be felt.

In spite of the aforesaid, there is still a lot that OAU can improve upon. Indeed the reality of today is that Great Ife, like its contemporaries across the country, is living largely on its past glories. The famed beauty of the campus is fading. The architectural masterpieces that dot the campus are increasingly looking tired and in desperate need of renovation. Facilities are strained from over use and poor maintenance. There is so much more that needs to be done so that the worthy legacy of the school is not wasted.

In this wise, it is gratifying that the authorities of OAU, in tandem with a group of reputed Alumni, have set up the "Great Ife Advance Foundation" with a view to raising funds from its teeming alumni scattered around the globe. This is evidently the way to go, as it is quite clear that funds from the Federal Government can no longer meet the needs of the institution. It is to be hoped that the Foundation's impact will soon start to be felt.

The authorities of OAU must also remain vigilant to the negatives that continue to blight tertiary education in Nigeria. These include issues of sexual harassment, bullying and cultism. Reputations take a long time to build but can easily be wasted in a short period of time. As it commences the hard work of engaging its alumni with a view to getting support from them, it is important that social ills that may hinder such efforts are quickly and decisively nipped in the bud.

All said, OAU should be proud of its 60-year journey. It is one for which the impact has been felt in the lives of many. However, as it winds up the celebrations, this is the time to start thinking of the next 60 years. A master plan to that effect, following adequate consultations with relevant stakeholders, will be a good starting point. It is an opportunity that should not be missed.

Happy diamond jubilee, Great Ife!
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Green gas: Energy as a by-product of sugarcane in Brazil

NARANDIBA, Brazil

First came sugar. For four centuries, it was the main sugarcane product in Brazil. But since the 1970s sugarcane has grown and diversified as a source of energy: ethanol, electricity and biogas.

"Sugarcane is the green oil," said André Alves da Silva, commercial and new products director of Cocal, as the company Comércio Indústria Canaã Açúcar e Alcool Ltda. is better known, which started large-scale production of biomethane, i.e. refined biogas, a renewable and clean equivalent of natural gas.

"We have a biofactory here," he told IPS in an interview in the Cocal plant in Narandiba, a municipality located in the west of the southern state of São Paulo.

Referring to the plant whose scientific name is *Saccharum officinarum* as "sugarcane" has become obsolete in this region.

In addition to sugar and ethanol, electricity is generated from sugarcane bagasse, and biogas and other by-products are also created, such as biofertilizers, carbon dioxide gas and dried yeast, leftovers from alcohol fermentation, which, when processed, serve as protein-rich animal feed.

Biomethane in place of gas

The big novelty is biomethane, produced since June, as the starting point of a project that will bring gas to three closely grouped cities: Narandiba, Pirapozinho and Presidente Prudente, with a combined population of 264,000 people.

GasBrasiliano, a company of the state-owned oil conglomerate Petrobras, will be in charge of distribution and is building a 65-kilometer gas pipeline, which is scheduled to be inaugurated in June 2022.

"It is our first biomethane project, the first among many," Alex Gasparetto, director-president of the distributor that holds the concession for piped gas in the west and north of São Paulo state, an area encompassing 375 municipalities and 9.2 million inhabitants, told IPS.

São Paulo, the richest and most populated state in Brazil, home to 46 million of the 214 million inhabitants of this enormous country, accounts for more than half of the national sugarcane production, in more than 150 agroindustrial sugar or ethanol plants next to sugarcane plantations, most of them in the GasBrasiliano concession area.

"The potential is huge, sugarcane biomethane can replace all the diesel and liquefied petroleum gas (for cooking) consumed in the state, a privileged situation," said Alessandro Gardemann, president of the Brazilian Biogas Association (ABiogás).

"Cocal is a demonstration project, which goes from sugarcane cultivation to the final consumer with the supply of biomethane for the entire year," he told IPS by telephone from Londrina, a city in the southern state of Paraná where his technology services company, Geo Biogas & Tech, which promoted biogas in the sugar-energy sector, is headquartered.

Solution for seasonal limitations

Geo's technological contribution was decisive for the Cocal biomethane project to take off. It has long been known how to make biogas from vinasse, but this liquid residue from the ethanol (or alcohol) distillery can only be used during harvest season, generally from April to November.

The vinasse is bulky and smelly, impossible to store for many days in the ponds built to collect it before it is put into the horizontal biodigesters where the organic material is broken down in an anaerobic process that produces biogas.

To ensure a year-round supply, Geo adapted a German technology to incorporate into biodigestion another waste product, cachaça or filter cake, a dark sludge resulting from the processing of sugarcane juice to make sugar. Cachaça, for Brazilians, is the name for sugarcane brandy.

A treatment process that removes impurities and part of the moisture converts this waste, which used to be discarded, into raw material for biogas. It has "10 times more organic matter than vinasse," which is why it is more productive, Eduardo



The biodigester and part of the biogas plant of the Cocal company, surrounded by a sugarcane plantation on all sides, in the municipality of Narandiba, in the west of the southern Brazilian state of São Paulo, where sugarcane has replaced cattle ranching as the main economic activity. CREDIT: Mario Osava/IPS

Baptista, supervisor of industrial production at the Cocal biogas plant, told IPS.

This innovation made it possible to overcome seasonality, as it is stored in four open-air tanks next to the two vertical biodigesters, specifically for the cachaça. "During the harvest, we use the vinasse and between harvests, the cachaça," avoiding interruptions in the production of biomethane, explained Alves, the company's commercial director.

A second factor in favor of the project, he said, was that there is local demand for gas that could not be met by the GasBrasiliano pipeline, whose nearest point is more than 100 km from Presidente Prudente, the main city in the region, with a population of 230,000.

Extending the existing network to this limited market would not be economically viable, but a 65-kilometer gas pipeline from Cocal is, said Gasparetto, GasBrasiliano's director-president.

The third factor is environmental. With biomethane, Cocal seeks to reduce the greenhouse gases emitted in its ethanol production. Replacing diesel with green gas decarbonizes the activity by 95 percent. Additional reductions can be obtained with the new fuel in trucks and agricultural equipment, an alternative that is currently being tested.

In addition, the waste from which the biogas is extracted is converted into clean biofertilizers, which emit 75 percent less carbon than chemical fertilizers, said Cocal's commercial di-

rector.

Lastly, the decision was also based on the dual use of biogas: electricity or biomethane.

"Having two options reduces the risks," the proportions can be modified according to demand and prices, Alves said. Currently, 53 percent of the biogas is refined into biomethane and 47 percent is used for electricity generation.

Cocal has also been generating energy by burning bagasse since 2002. Today it can supply electricity to a city of 730,000 inhabitants, the company reports.

Social contributions

For all this energy production, Cocal has two industrial units, each with its own sugarcane fields around it.

The first was installed in 1980 in Paraguaçu Paulista, 135 kilometers from Narandiba.

It employs a total of 5,500 workers in 22 municipalities and has 125,000 hectares planted to sugarcane, mostly on land leased under 20-year contracts, according to Alves. The harvest reached 8.7 million tons of cane last year.

Narandiba currently has about 6500 inhabitants, after 2000 arrived, attracted by the local operation of Cocal, inaugurated in 2008, said the town's mayor, Itamar dos Santos Silva, who estimated at 600 the direct and indirect employees of the sugar and alcohol plant a year ago - almost 10 percent of the population.

The municipality, which had stagnated when cattle ranching dominated its economy in the last decades of the last century, has prospered again. "Sugarcane totally changed the social and economic situation in the region," the mayor said in a meeting with IPS in his office.

In addition to offering more jobs, Cocal pays even the lowest-earning employees double what a ranch worker used to earn, he said. With the rise in purchasing power, "every day a new house is built in Narandiba" and commerce and the demand for schools, health services and recreation has grown, Dos Santos Silva said.

Tax revenue also increased, but it lagged behind the immediate demands created by the influx of new residents, lamented the mayor, whose plans include attracting industry and stepping up the training of young people for the new supply of technical jobs in the sugarcane agro-industry.

Environmental sustainability was the main motive for Liane, a company that makes food products such as biscuits and pasta, to sign the first contract for the purchase of biomethane distributed by GasBrasiliano in Presidente Prudente.

Biomethane does not pollute like fossil fuels and probably has lower costs than "the natural gas that comes to us by truck from far away," Maurício Calvo, Liane's industrial director, told IPS by telephone from the company's headquarters.

Initially, biomethane will go to companies, fuel stations, shopping malls, hotels and large restaurants, i.e. large consumers.

The supply of piped gas to households remains a long-term goal, Gasparetto told IPS by telephone from Araraquara, a town 280 kilometers from São Paulo.



Sugarcane is the "green oil," says André Alves da Silva, commercial and new products director of Cocal, an agroindustrial company located in Narandiba, in southern Brazil, which uses almost everything from sugarcane to produce electricity, biogas, biomethane, biofertilizers, yeast as animal feed and other gases, in addition to sugar and ethanol. CREDIT: Mario Osava/IPS



The vinasse pond at the Cocal plant, in the Brazilian municipality of Narandiba, feeds the biodigesters that produce biogas, later purified and refined for use in electricity generation or conversion into biomethane, a renewable and clean fuel equivalent to natural gas. CREDIT: Mario Osava/IPS



A sea of sugarcane plantations flood Narandiba and its neighboring municipalities in the southern state of São Paulo, where the agroindustrial company Cocal grows it as the raw material for its biofactory for energy, fuels and agricultural inputs. CREDIT: Mario Osava/IPS

In Africa, vaccine delayed is development denied, warns UNDP head

UNITED NATIONS

The 21-month-long corona virus pandemic has triggered three new phrases in the UN lexicon: “vaccine famine, vaccine apartheid and vaccine nationalism”.

And the largest number of victims facing the triple threats are from developing countries, mostly in Africa, as reflected in grim statistics.

Dr Richard Mihigo, coordinator for the WHO’s Immunization and Vaccines Development Programme in Africa, is quoted as saying that high-income countries are administering more booster doses than even vaccines that are being given in developing countries.

“Remember that we only have 8%–8%– of people who have been fully vaccinated in this region,” he said, referring to Africa. “This represents around 103 million people in a continent of 1.3 billion.”

Achim Steiner, Administrator, UN Development Programme (UNDP), says that vaccines delayed is “development denied” for Africa. “Therefore, we must ensure vaccine equity which is the fastest way to end this pandemic”.

Rallying around the unifying strength of the UN, he pointed out, “we need the urgent cooperation of vaccine manufacturers, vaccine-producing countries and countries that already have high vaccination rates to tackle the acute vaccine supply shortage.”

Doing so will help to open-up economic and social opportunities across the (African) continent – boosting GDP and driving forward human development,” Steiner told a recent African Economic Conference in Cabo Verde.

Worldwide, says the New York Times, about 73% of shots that have gone into arms have been administered in high- and upper-middle-income countries, according to the Our World in Data project at the University of Oxford. Only 0.8% of doses have been administered in low-income countries.

Dr Djibril Diallo, President & CEO of the African Renaissance and Diaspora Network Inc, told IPS Article 25 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, ratified in 1948, recognized that the right to health is a human right.

“Now is a time when nations claiming to respect and uplift human rights are being tested. But, more so, it is in their own national interest to pass the test,” he said, pointing out that low inoculation rates are a root cause of the mutation of COVID-19 into new variants.

“From our experience with Delta, and now Omicron, we have seen, in our globally connected world, how swiftly and



Patients wait for their COVID-19 vaccination at a health centre in Kabale District, Uganda. More than 5.7 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered globally, but only 2% of them in Africa, says WHO chief, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. Credit: UNICEF/Catherine Nt-abadde

uncontrollably new variants spread’.

“It is a political fiction to believe that these variants can be contained before they reach a nation’s shore. Instead, we need to shift towards reducing the risks of new variants developing by ensuring that no one is left behind in receiving vaccines,” said Dr Diallo.

As a new COVID-19 variant has just been discovered, says UNDP, flights are being cancelled, travel bans are reinstated, and several countries are closing their borders, African countries are once again most directly affected by the impact of the pandemic has on economies, particularly most vulnerable people.

Despite calls from various international institutions, African countries are still facing critical inequality regarding access to COVID-19 vaccines, leading to what many have called a “COVID-19 vaccine famine”.

According to the World Bank, African countries are still struggling to inoculate all eligible citizens, and vaccine delays are costing Africa \$14 billion in lost productivity each month.

When they need additional resources to protect their citizens and plan for a post-pandemic recovery, the cost of borrowing for African countries has increased. African countries pay more than five times more in interest payments for commercial lending than the rest of the world.

“There is an increasingly looming risk of losing more than a decade of efforts to strengthen African countries’ economies and human capital”, the UN agency said.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters December 14:

- 77 countries have now reported cases of Omicron, and the reality is that Omicron is probably in most countries, even if it hasn’t been detected yet. Even if Omicron does cause less severe disease, the sheer number of cases could once again overwhelm unprepared health systems.
- Let me be very clear: WHO is not against boosters. We’re against inequity. Our main concern is to save lives, everywhere. It’s really quite simple: the priority in every country, and globally, must be to protect the least protected, not the most protected.
- There remains a vast gap in rates of vaccination between countries. 41 countries have still not been able to vaccinate 10% of their populations, and 98 countries have not reached 40%. If we end inequity, we end the pandemic. If we allow inequity to continue, we allow the pandemic to continue, he warned.

Asked about WHO trying to have 60/70 percent of the world population vaccinated by next June, and whether this is possible?, British Ambassador Barbara Woodward told reporters December 13: “I think it is possible. As we’ve discussed before, there’s really three elements to this.”

“The first is the manufacture of

vaccines, and we are seeing that come on stream now much faster. The second is shipping the vaccines and that is happening, although sometimes with quite short lead-in times”.

“Then the third is the simple logistics of health systems getting needles into people’s arms. And that’s an area where we still need to accelerate work. But again, an area where we can work with UN agencies and with NGOs to help that happen,” she declared.

In a statement released November 29, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres commended the Government, scientists and the health community of South Africa for acting early to identify the emergence of a new COVID-19 variant.

He is deeply concerned about the isolation of southern African countries due to new COVID-19 travel restrictions. Low vaccine rates are a breeding ground for variants

“The people of Africa cannot be blamed for the immorally low level of vaccinations available on the continent – and they should not be penalized for identifying and sharing crucial science and health information with the world,” Guterres said.

He appealed to all governments to consider repeated testing for travellers, together with other appropriate and truly effective measures, with the objective of avoiding the risk of transmission so as to allow for travel and economic engagement.

Samantha Power, Administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) told a virtual meeting on December 6 that for the past

year, the story of COVID-19 around the world has been a struggle for vaccine equity—rich nations replete with doses while poorer nations fought to secure vaccines for their people.

But thanks to the efforts of many people and many institutions and nations, including the United States, thanks to the tireless work of COVAX, the African Union, and other regional leaders, that story is now changing fast, she said.

Over the past year, she pointed out, the United States has committed 1.2 billion vaccines to partner countries and delivered more than 290 million of those.

“We have invested in vaccine production capacity in countries like India, South Africa, and Senegal, so that in the future, fewer people would have to depend on vaccine donations from wealthy countries. All of this has been done with no strings attached or expectations—we do it because it is the right thing to do but it is also, we know, the smart thing to do.”

Today, at this critical inflection point, Power said: “I’m pleased to announce that the U.S. is building on this work by introducing a new effort to get a shot in every arm: the Initiative for Global Vaccine Access”.

“We’re going to spend an additional \$400 million to double down on our efforts to help countries raise vaccination rates and save lives. This money will speed efforts both to get shots in arms and to support vaccine manufacturing in low-and-middle-income countries,” she declared.

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Africa's leaders reaffirm the importance of sexuality education for adolescents

By Special Correspondent

ON December 6, in Johannesburg, ministers of education, health, gender, and youth in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) expressed overwhelming support to continue their joint efforts towards creating a better future for adolescents and young people in the region by empowering them and protecting their health and well-being.

The recommitment is a clear response to young people's call for more information and education on sexual health: less than 50% of young people in the ESA region demonstrate accurate knowledge about HIV prevention and transmission, resulting in HIV infections, unintended pregnancies, and gender-based violence, mostly affecting girls and young women.

At the Ministerial Meeting, Dr Regina Mhaule, Deputy Minister of Basic Education in South Africa said: "Africa has a large population of young people, and we must do all in our power to make opportu-

of this demographic dividend. Our young people are our hope for the development of our continent, Africa. As leaders of today, we need to prioritise the health and wellbeing of young people for the betterment of Africa."

The high-level virtual Ministerial Meeting, held during the International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Africa (ICASA) 2021, reaffirmed and expanded the commitment first made in 2013, where Ministries of Health and Education from 20 countries in the ESA region joined forces with regional UN organisations, therein UNESCO, UNAIDS and UNFPA, to agree on a joint commitment to promote adolescent sexual and reproductive health (SRH) known as the ESA Commitment.

Recognizing the need for a more systematic scale up of good quality education and health services in the region, the aim of the ESA Commitment was to increase the coverage of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) and provide access to

sexual and reproductive health services thereby reducing unintended pregnancies, and eliminating child marriage and gender-based violence among young people in the region by 2020. The renewed commitment, which runs until 2030, upholds the same objectives whilst also including new issues such as mental health and the pandemic.

As young people we commit to holding our ministers accountable and we are ready to engage to ensure that they live up to their commitments and fulfilling their promises to us.

Joyce Ouma, Influence and Engagement Advisor from Y+, the Global Network of Young People living with HIV, said at the Ministerial Meeting: "As young people we commit to holding our ministers accountable and we are ready to engage to ensure that they live up to their commitments and fulfilling their promises to us."

The renewed commitment reflects the needs of governments, adolescents, young people, commu-

nities, and development partners in the region

An evaluation of the 2013 ESA Commitment revealed progress in reducing new HIV infections, increasing comprehensive HIV knowledge and creating a conducive policy environment, but it also revealed that significant gaps and barriers still exist to the full realization of the ESA Commitment targets, therefore requiring accelerated efforts to reduce early and unintended pregnancies, gender-based violence, school dropouts, and HIV infections as well as curb the effect of humanitarian emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Extensive consultations at national and regional levels with governments, adolescents and young people, communities, faith leaders and development partners across sectors has now led to a new updated regional commitment and targets for 2022-2030. This renewed commitment by the Ministers of Health, Gender, Education and Youth is expected to accelerate investments to

the education, health and well-being of adolescents and young people in the ESA region.

Prof Mbulelo Dyasi, President of the South African Pentecostal Bishops Council and the National Chairperson of the South African Network of Religious Leaders living and affected by HIV/AIDS (SANERELA) spoke to the assembled Ministers saying:

"Young Africans must have the facts and confidence to stay safe and healthy, live a dignified life and contribute positively to their community and countries. They must trust us, their elders, to tell them the truth. Therefore, as Religious Leaders we pledge our support today to the ESA Commitment that seeks to enhance efforts in ensuring the health and wellbeing of our children and young people."

Sexuality education and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

UNESCO's framework for action on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, includes life skills-

based HIV and sexuality education as part of quality education towards achieving SDG 4. Comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) facilitates the development of accurate and age-appropriate knowledge, attitudes and skills that contribute to positive relationships, health and well-being, and respect for human rights and gender equality.

Through its Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future (O3) Programme, UNESCO plays a key role in supporting education, health and other relevant authorities in developing local programmes in sub-Saharan Africa that aim for all adolescents and young people to attain positive health, education, and gender equality outcomes.

In collaboration with UNAIDS, UNFPA, UN Women, and WHO, UNESCO published the International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education, which outlines the key concepts, topics and learning objectives which should guide the development of locally-adapted curricula for learners aged 5 - 18+.

Eliminating GBV key in achieving gender equality

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

TANZANIA has joined other countries across the globe to celebrate the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV), which has been a 'thorn' mainly to women, girls and children, globally.

The campaign was initiated by the Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991 and is supported by the United Nation's initiative to end GBV by 2030.

Speaking last week in Dar es Salaam during a symposium that was organized by TGNP, the organizations' Executive Director Lilian Liundi said that, since its establishment in 1993, they have been working jointly with other players from the community, up to the national levels, so as to attain zero gender based violence.

She further said that this year their Knowledge Centres located in 15 districts across the country organized and carried out various campaigns against gender based violence (GBV) faced by women and children.

According to Liundi, this year's slogan is "citizen end gender based violence now." Internationally the slogan was "Orange the World: End violence against women now."

While commemorating this, TGNP is focusing at evaluating and seeing how the available funds set aside to implement the national work plan are distributed to end gender based violence to women and children.

"These celebrations give us a rare opportunity to think, discuss and incorporate one another the achievements attained in waging war against gender violence.

Also discussing the challenges and lessons we get from those challenges.

And eventually establish common strategies and have a unison voice on how to address this GVB calamity against women and children.

GBV has become a national calamity, especially among African countries where we see many deaths, disabilities, humiliation and impoverishing the dignity of women, girls and children."

Due to gender based violence practices, including acts of raping, one third of women face this violence from their partners or friends.

Liundi noted that GBV has a major negative impact not only to women, but also to the national economy, development and social welfare in general.

According to findings by the World Bank Tanzania loses 1.2 per cent of its national GDP over gender based violence.

African countries lose around USD 105 million over lack of gender equality.

"GBV is preventable and we can end it if all of us will join hands and if everyone fulfils his/her responsibility.

We should not forget that gender equality is a foundation in building the world we want. And the world we want is that one which is free of gender based violence against women and children."

The guest of honour, Minister for Industry and Trade, Prof Kitila Mkumbo said that anything that tries to remove the dignity and right of a person should be dealt with seriously.

He said among other things, the powerful weapon to end gender based violence is education and life skills. "When



Minister for Industry and Trade, Prof Kitila Mkumbo (third left) in a group photo with some participants at the GBV symposium in Dar es Salaam last week. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Semberya.

women/girls are empowered with skills that will make them be financially stable, they will be liberated from gender based violence and harassment from their partners," he said.

Nasioku Kisambu, from the Swedish Embassy in Dar es Salaam, whose portfolio is on governance, the rule of law, gender equality and sexual and reproductive health rights, commended the government for the efforts, progress so far made in collaboration with civil society organisations and other key stakeholders on addressing gender based violence in the Tanzanian community.

"We commend the opening of space and commitments towards gender equality. Our work on gender equality is core.

We are mindful and strategically aligned to the agenda 2030 on sustainable development goals (SDGs), Beijing Declaration and platform for action and other regional and international commitments."

She said: "We are honored to be part of this symposium today! This is because this agenda is our core business and because TGNP has been our key partner contributing to our flagship result area on gender equality."

She further noted, the embassy of Sweden is guided by the Sweden's Feminist Foreign Poli-

cy which aims to ensure women and men have same powers to shape society and their own lives.

"Our current bilateral strategy Tanzania has four result areas including: Human rights, democracy, the rule of law and gender equality... we featured 16 champions committed to fighting inequalities, toxic masculinities, and all kind of violence against women and girls."

Kisambu further noted that, they know that even after the 26 years of Beijing, too little has changed. "We are committed to taking an intersectional and right based perspective in addressing discriminatory socio norms, legislations, measures, and behaviours.

And we are happy that TGNP is one organization that leads transformative feminism in the country."

Transformative feminism which challenges patriarchy and recognises the intersectionality of gender and other exclusionary social relations like ethnicity, age, marital status, disability, rural-urban.

"We are aware of the increasing incidence of violence against women and girls. And we are also of the same view with many of us here that the COVID 19 has sharply worsened the situation."

This calls for broad efforts,

through a multi-sectoral approach to normatively and operationally address the root causes of violence, focus on prevention, promote accountability sexual violence, engage men and boys, supporting women rights organizations, feminists' movements and civil society organisations.

"We all need each other to address this agenda, we need good laws and policies, we need prevention strategies and norms, we need adequate financing, we need accessible and available services, we need Data and Accountability and we need education among other things."

Canada's Head of Cooperation, Helen Fytche said that her country was proud to join the 16 Days of Activism Campaign, to reaffirm their commitment, to support action, and to add their voice to the countless activists, women's rights groups and organisations working to end gender-based violence.

"Canada strongly believes that advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is both the right thing to do and the most effective way to reduce poverty and inequality, and build a more peaceful, inclusive and prosperous world."

This year's theme: "Orange the world: End violence against women now" speaks not only to

the urgency of ending gender-based violence, but also to the fact that gender based violence has been a reality for women and girls for too long.

According to her, in Tanzania, which has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, this means that almost 2 out of 5 girls will continue to be married before their 18th birthday.

More girls will be subject to female genital cutting and mutilation. Statistics shows that in Tanzania 1 in 10 women have undergone the cut, and in some areas as many as 50 percent of women have undergone female genital mutilation.

And now, in this digital age, cyber bullying, abuse and harassment is yet another harm women and girls face where they are not even safe online behind a computer or a phone.

"Addressing gender-based violence requires a comprehensive approach focused not just on supporting survivors and bringing perpetrators to justice, but also healthcare, education, social protection and economic development," she said.

It requires empowerment of women so they can stand up for their rights and it requires women to be financially secure so they have the means to leave violent relationships.

According to her, worldwide,

the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an alarming increase in GBV, especially intimate partner violence.

She said: "We must continue to be cognisant of increased risks of violence during this pandemic crisis and support work on prevention and response."

Meanwhile, Fetchy commended President Samia Suluhu Hasssan for speaking out about the importance of gender equality in Tanzania.

"We recognize efforts by the Government in addressing gender-based violence such as the creation of gender desks in police stations. This is a very positive step towards addressing GBV, and creating a system to respond to violence. However, more needs to be done to prevent gender-based violence," she added.

"Canada has committed USD5 million towards our Women's Voice and Leadership initiative to support local women's rights organizations in Tanzania to advance the empowerment and rights of women and girls, including eliminating GBV," said Fetchy, adding that Canada is proud to support TGNP, as it recognizes its important role as a convener, an alliance-builder, a visionary and a reformer.

Doubling adaptation finance can be an opportunity for the world's poorest

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Amid several disappointments of the 2021 UN climate conference in Glasgow, one sign of hope was the agreement on financing for adaptation to climate change. Developed countries agreed to double adaptation finance for poorer nations by 2025, from 2019 levels.

This rapid increase—if promises are kept—could mean many different things: infrastructure upgrades in vulnerable coastal zones, tree planting to counter rising temperatures, technology and training for underfunded civil servants, and more.

Adaptation finance has been low in comparison to financing for mitigation efforts, so this outcome from Glasgow is welcome. But if this is to benefit those most in need and protect them from violations, countries and international aid donors must adopt a human rights-based approach to adaptation.

Such an approach is not only about civil and political rights (such as voting rights or freedom of assembly), but also about social, economic and cultural rights to nutritious food, water and sanitation, education, and access to health care, to name just a few that are internationally recognized.

Now, the impacts of climate change gravely threaten governments' ability to fulfil their commitments.



The low-lying archipelago, Tuvalu, in the Pacific Ocean is reclaiming land as it fights the effects of climate change. Credit: UNDP Tuvalu

Countries in the Asia-Pacific region, including Southeast Asia and small island states, are among the world's most vulnerable to climate impacts. Their coastal cities, long coastlines, and many small islands are features that expose large populations to both fast and slow-onset changes in the global environment.

Communities forced to relocate due to climate-induced changes, such as sea-level rise, may have a poorer standard of living in their new place. Women in water-scarce regions may spend longer hours than before looking for freshwater sources. Disasters and extreme weather events are already preventing children from having full access to education.

During the pandemic lockdowns, for example, children without access to computers at home could not benefit from online learning. The promise of financing for adaptation is a huge opportunity to make a difference for the world's poorest, who are

often the most exposed to climate risk. But governments so far have not adopted a systematic approach to integrating human rights in their adaptation planning. The 2015 Paris Agreement on climate was the first international environmental treaty to explicitly mention States' human rights obligations.

The Agreement also makes implicit references to rights-related issues such as gender equality, public participation, and access to information. The recent Glasgow conference finalised the 'Paris Rulebook' operationalizing the 2015 Agreement, which features human rights language under its Article 6. The new commitment to double adaptation financing is an opportunity to bring these commitments into practice.

dressed in an unsystematic way.

Intentionally adopting a rights-based process for NAPs means two things.

First, it ensures that adaptation funds do indeed benefit the most vulnerable people and communities through efforts to alleviate the impacts of climate change.

Second, it sets the scene for a truly inclusive and accessible planning process, in which disadvantaged groups are able to have their voices heard and are included in decision making about the future we share.

States are sometimes hesitant to adopt a rights-based approach, viewing this exercise as politically too challenging. But implementing human rights need not be a 'blame game.' It is possible to institute adaptation processes that celebrate everyone's inherent dignity and everyone's equal and inalienable rights.

Such a process can be helped through the use of tools, guidance, and awareness-raising initiatives. RWI is currently working on guidance for integrating human rights concerns in the NAPs. This will also look beyond NAPs to provide guidance for program implementation, supporting the policy-to-practice process.

At the 2015 climate talks in Paris, countries promised that climate finance would not fall below \$100 billion a year. This figure has so far not been met. In 2019 around \$79.6 billion in climate finance went to developing countries, and just 25% was for adaptation.

Boosting adaptation finance should mean that the world's poorest countries have additional resources to do what they urgently need. Climate change threatens access to resources, and increases the gap between the haves and have-nots in society. NAPs are an opportunity to counter this threat by adopting effective, inclusive and equitable approaches to adaptation.

The promise of Glasgow could help protect human rights in our rapidly-warming world.

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CLUES: Across

- the first black president of S.Africa
- flightless bird in New Zealand
- Islamic canonical law
- the star
- make a bleating sound
- citrus fruit
- a small restaurant
- a minister incharge of a Christian church
- an instrument for writing
- an American
- a narrow horizontal surface projecting from a wall, cliff
- citrus fruits
- celebrity
- an official order or proclamation

Down:

- Russia's capital
- Former name of Malawi
- an open area of grassy
- a woman's loose sleeveless cloak
- Valletta is her Capital
- flee
- gather in or together
- the deep-freezing of the bodies of people who have died of an incurable disease, in the hope of a future cure
- a barrier enclosing an area
- an act of urinating
- a rich fabric of silk, cotton
- blood that has been shed
- a habitual drunkard

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Hotels chief touts investment in tourist infrastructure, skilled manpower

By Smart Money Reporter

THE future of banking in the country is bright thanks to a competitive market that has forced bankers to become more innovative and aggressive.

By Correspondent Beatrice Philemon THE country needs to invest heavily in tourism promotion and infrastructure in order to lure more foreign arrivals and rival its African peers such as Kenya and Mauritius.

Hotels Association of Tanzania (HAT)'s CEO, Kennedy Edward said in Dar es Salaam last week during a debate to mark 60 years of the country's independence that although Tanzania is endowed with huge potential of natural resources such as national parks, beautiful sandy beaches of Zanzibar and Mount Kilimanjaro, it is getting less in terms of tourist arrivals.

"Just look at Dubai which is a desert country, they don't have any tourism potentials like us, but it gets more tourists than us, let us learn from countries such as Dubai, Mauritius and others on how they market their tourism potentials as



Foreign arrivals at Kilimanjaro International Airport.

well as available hospitality infrastructure," Edward said.

He suggested that as part of East Africa Community, Tanzanian students pursuing tourism and hospitality courses should go to learn from other

countries in the bloc including Kenya. "Our National College of Tourism can introduce a student exchange programs with Kenya or other countries in the region," the HAT chief executive.

Edward further noted that Kenya has tourism universities that offer different degree courses which local students can join to build their capacity and skills in managing tourists and the hospitality

infrastructure.

"You can take students and lecturers from Tanzania to Kenya and those from Kenya come over here so that we can share knowledge and skills to improve our service and achieve targeted goals," he added.

Speaking at the same debate, College of African Wildlife Management (CAWM) - Mweka's Lecturer, Moses Njole said the country urgently needs to have a Tourism Workforce Development Plan that will help train skilled manpower in the sector.

He said the plan will be a training roadmap for colleges and universities that offer tourism and hospitality courses within the country on how disburse knowledge,

skills and build attitude of people working in tourism industry.

"To start with, universities and colleges that offer tourism and hospitality courses should start to provide capacity building of academic staff members who are already in the field," Njole noted saying such people need to get exposure on what is going on in the tourism industry.

He suggested that such lecturers and tutorial assistants should also go overseas or within the country at tourist hotspots to have exposure and later on come to train students in their respective colleges.

"The ministry should also start to set standards for accreditation of service providers to

allow tourists who will visit Tanzania to access high quality facilities and other services," Njole added while noting that in addition, the country through Tanzania Tourist Board needs to invest heavily in marketing and promotion of destination Tanzania.

Commissioner General Immigration, Dr Anna Makakala said, in order to simplify and ease the process of seeking visas by foreign tourists, the department has digitised its application system.

"Right now you don't have to travel from where you're to Tanzania to get a visa because you can do so through an electronic system and immediately get it once the required documents are attached," Dr Makakala said.

Norway commits funds to IFAD for local aquaculture communities

By Smart Money Reporter

NORWAY has provided NOK45 million (US\$5 million) through International Fund for Agriculture Development to lift aquaculture communities out of poverty and lower malnutrition in Kenya, Mozambique and Tanzania.

IFAD said in a statement this week that as more people spiral into hunger and poverty due to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions, climate change and conflicts, the Norwegian Agency of Development Cooperation has committed the funding to increase the incomes and build the resilience of small aquaculture farmers in Kenya, Mozambique and Tanzania.

"This generous contribution of Norway underscores its credentials as a global leader in sustainable fisheries management and is further proof of the country's relentless determination to free the world from hunger and poverty," President of IFAD, Gilbert Houngbo said.

"The sustainable development of the aquaculture sector holds significant potential to address malnutrition and poverty worldwide. Norway's support will help thousands of small aquaculture farmers build better lives for their families and produce the healthy foods their communities need," Houngbo noted.

The contribution from NORAD will finance the Advancing Resilient and Nutrition-sensitive Smallholder Aquaculture (ARNSA) project implemented by IFAD and its government partners. With the aim to support approximately 3,000 smallholders and make increased quantity and quality fish products available to at least 100,000 people, the project will pilot and scale-up climate resilient and nutrition-focused aquaculture technologies and approaches.

It will, in particular, improve access to quality and affordable farm inputs such as seeds and feed, and to market opportunities especially for women and youth through innovation and value creation. It will also strengthen farmers' techni-



An aquaculture farmer attending his fish in Morogoro rural district.

cal skills and extension services and address post-harvest losses.

The project will focus mainly on inland aquaculture, except in Tanzania where attention will be given also to seaweed value chains. The support from NORAD contributes to IFAD's increasing attention to aquaculture in Sub-Saharan Africa, which now includes related investments in Tanzania, Kenya, Mozambique, Angola, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Ghana.

"Today, small-scale aquaculture farmers provide over 80 percent of the global aquaculture production. Worldwide

roughly 20 million people engage in full or part-time aquaculture, many of whom struggle to maintain reasonable livelihoods. With a growing demand for fish products, in particular from Africa and Asia, the sector holds a strong potential for growth, better incomes for the producers and employment opportunities especially for women," the IFAD statement said.

In addition, as a source of high-quality macro and micro-nutrients, fish and aquatic foods are irreplaceable in combating malnutrition and alleviating nutritional deficiencies. Globally, 22 percent

of children below the age of five (149 million) are stunted and 30 percent of girls and women aged 15-49 years (571 million) suffer from anaemia.

"As one of the world's leading fishing and aquaculture nations, Norway has made the establishment of secure and sustainable fisheries and ecosystems in partner countries a priority through its Fish for Development programme. It aims to provide a coordinated and effective response to increasing food demand, rising poverty and the urgency to achieve multiple Sustainable Development Goals by 2030," the statement noted.

Treasury unveils Sh95b parastatal bailouts

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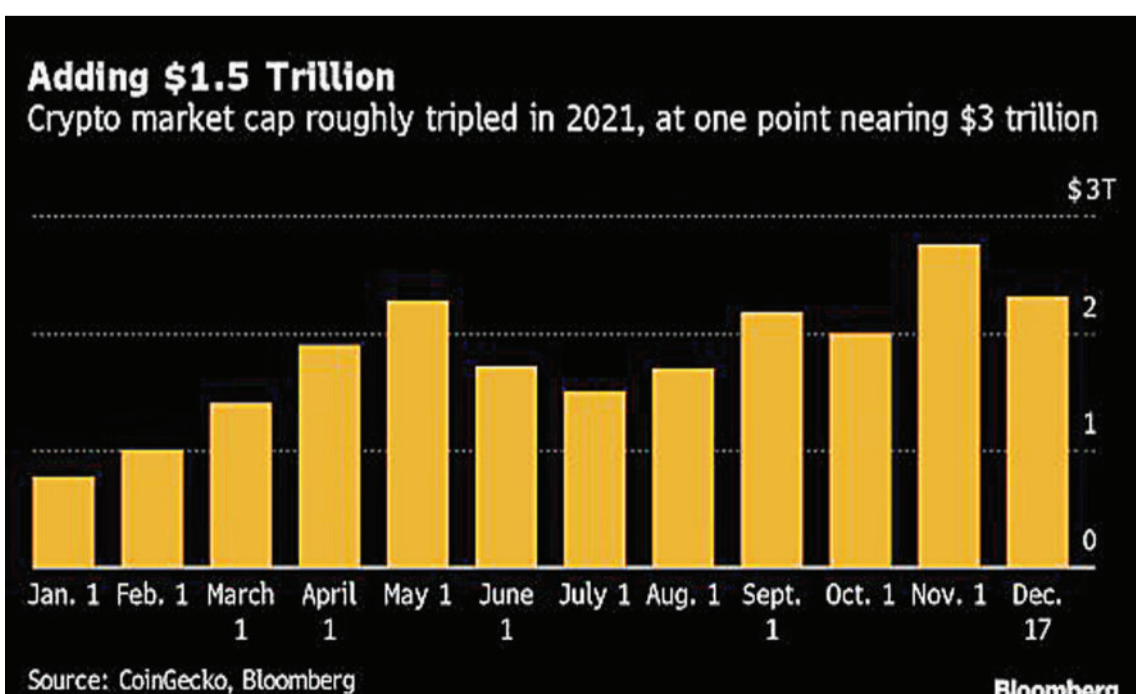
The Treasury has budgeted Sh95.5 billion to partly ease cash crunch in key parastatals in three years from July 2022, citing their strategic roles in economic development.

A fiscal risk analysis conducted early this financial year estimated 18 key parastatals face a cash shortfall of Sh382 billion in five years in the wake of Covid-19 hurting their revenue streams. The financial boost to debt-laden State-owned enterprises comprises Sh36.1 billion for the year starting July 2022, Sh36.6 billion for the one following and Sh22.8 billion the final tranche.

No bailout cash was allocated to the parastatals in the initial budget for the current financial year, which was approved by lawmakers in June, allowing the Treasury to provide the billions through a supplementary budget.

Cash-strapped State-run firms – including Kenya Airways, Kenya Power, Kenya Wildlife Service and several universities – got a cumulative Sh36 billion bailout in the year ended June 2021 after their revenue streams were eroded by pandemic trade shutdowns and travel restrictions.

Crypto barrels toward 2022 after adding \$1.5trn in value



SINGAPORE

Cryptocurrencies were peerless conduits of greed and fear in 2021, alternately minting and wiping out fortunes as they swung wildly while adding some \$1.5 trillion in overall market value along the way.

Bitcoin, up more than 60% this year, absorbed much of the attention but had to share more of the limelight with the likes of Ether and Binance Coin as well as meme tokens such as Dogecoin and Shiba Inu.

In fact, Bitcoin's share of the crypto market shrank dramatically over 2021 as other tokens rocketed, a sign of how investor interest in digital assets broadened out despite – or perhaps because of – enormous volatility.

The decline in Bitcoin's dominance will likely continue next year "given the explosion of assets in the crypto space and the various use cases," said Vijay Ayyar, head of Asia Pacific with

crypto exchange Luno in Singapore.

Here are five key charts that tell the story of the year in crypto, and point to the path ahead: The overall market value of cryptocurrencies climbed by about \$1.5 trillion in 2021 to some \$2.3 trillion as of Dec. 17, according to tracker CoinGecko, which counts almost 12,000 tokens.

Bitcoin, the world's largest cryptocurrency, began the year with a 70% share of the market. That has fallen to less than 40%, in part as Ether's popularity increased. But money has flowed into other tokens too, and for some that trend could be a sign of potentially destabilizing speculative froth.

Controversy over Bitcoin's putative role in investment portfolios continues to rage. Proponents argue it offers a hedge against some of the highest inflation in a generation. But the token in 2021 tended to correlate more consistently with risk assets,

like technology stocks, rather than inflation expectations.

The Bloomberg Galaxy Crypto Index's more than 160% climb this year far outstrips the jump in more conventional assets like commodities and global stocks, up 23% and 13% respectively. Of course, given the huge swings in crypto, the old adage of no pain, no gain also applies.

Bitcoin is now testing key technical support levels after a more than 30% drop from a record high hit just over a month ago. One is the 55-week moving average – which in the past has sometimes provided a floor for selloffs – while another is a level of about \$44,100 implied by a Fibonacci study of the rally from the March 2020 trough to the November 2021 peak. The cryptocurrency has already broken below a trendline drawn from the beginnings of its surge during the pandemic.

Coca-Cola debuts 'Real Magic' philosophy promoting love, unity

By Smart Money Reporter

THE Coca-Cola system in Tanzania recently unveiled a new brand philosophy and platform called Real Magic, which invites everyone to celebrate the real magic of humanity. Real Magic marks the first new global brand platform for Coca-Cola since 2016, when it launched "Taste the Feeling."

The platform refreshes the brand's trademark promise - to unite and uplift people every day with renewed relevance for the world we live in today. It also acknowledges the many contradictions experienced as new generations find harmony and human connection in a virtual and divided world.

"As we launch the Real Magic platform here in Tanzania, our goal is to share and celebrate the Real Magic moments in our everyday diverse lives with our consumers around the country as to unite and uplift them," said Unguu Sulay, managing director, Coca-Cola Kwanza Tanzania during the launch of the campaign in Dar es Salaam recently.

"Coca-Cola's mission has been to spread positivity and optimism for over 100 years and Real Magic continues that promise. We believe its core philosophy will resonate with people all over the globe: that we can all experience real magic in real moments when we come together. Through it we will connect and champion the diverse lives of our consumers in Tanzania through collaborations with our artists and influencers, to unite and uplift people in moments of Real Magic," Sulay said.

Real Magic is being launched alongside a refreshed visual identity for the brand, as well as a new perspective on the Coca-Cola logo. The hug' logo lifts the curved Coca-Cola trademark on bottle and can labels, to provide a universal visual signature that will embrace and frame moments of magic across the company's communications.

Coca-Cola Icon design system

The Coca-Cola Company has also introduced a new design system for its trademark that brings Coca-Cola, Zero Sugar and Diet Coke together in an evolution of the 'One brand' strategy that launched worldwide in 2016.

The new design is simplified, remov-



Coca-Cola Tanzania's brand manager, Kabula Nshimo speaks during the unveiling of a new philosophy dubbed, 'Real Magic' brand platform in Tanzania recently.

ing added elements such as the red disc, to elevate the iconic trademarks with global consistency. As a visual metaphor to uplift, the new design also proudly raises the company's logo to the top of the label.

The design begins with the brand's original and universally-recognized colour red - signalling authentic, delicious and refreshing Coca-Cola taste. Diet Coke and Coca-Cola light will also sit within the company's trademark design family, with their signature silver background and red logo. These will be consistent across all global markets that offer these lighter taste choices.

The platform will also host a brand campaign dubbed 'One coke away from each other,' which has been built for, and with, a community that demands something different than what they may have come to expect from Coca-Cola. In developing this campaign, Diageo has partnered with the best artists, influencers, and other creative.

Real Magic is not simply a tagline or a one-off campaign: It is a long-term brand philosophy and belief that will drive and guide marketing and communica-

tions across the Coca-Cola Trademark. "Through the Real Magic platform, we ultimately want to engage people very differently through an ecosystem of memorable individual experiences. Our consumers across Tanzania will also experience a variety of exciting activities through our range of Coca-Cola products with the new hug logo for the duration of this campaign," said Coca-Cola Tanzania's Brand Manager, Kabula Nshimo.

Nshimo said to keep consumers connected with the campaign, the company has lined up a series of activities which include, surprise appearances by partner artists and influencers to engage with customers on several occasions among other activities.

"Coca-Cola's mission has been to spread positivity and optimism for over 100 years and Real Magic continues that promise. We believe its core philosophy will resonate with people all over the globe: that we can all experience real magic in real moments when we come together," Nshimo added.

It is collaborating with artists, and social influencers to bring the concept of Real Magic to life through the embrace of the Hug logo. Through their own distinct and unfiltered imaginations, they will bring moments of everyday magic to life in ways that are inclusive and collective, yet also individual and expressive.

The brand will take consumers on an exciting journey which will include several launches to reveal and activate the campaign across Tanzania. These will include stores, cinema, and mall activations, with fantastic offers for customers. This will then culminate into a grand celebration that will include a Coca-Cola Christmas caravan, lit up Christmas trees in select public locations as well as taking real magic moments to commuters and those who will travel by train to be with their loved ones across the country during the festive season.

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SBL re-introduces Smirnoff Ice Black into the market as demand beckons

By Smart Money Reporter

AS demand for alcoholic beverages soars in the local market, partly due to end of year festive seasonal parties, Serengeti Breweries Limited has re-introduced Smirnoff Ice Black.

Speaking during product's launch in Dar es Salaam last weekend, SBL Innovation Manager, Bertha Vedastus said the brand is back with a bang, adding that consumers can now freely access it at their nearest pubs and outlets.

"After a long wait, we have finally brought back this great brand so that our customers can keep on enjoying its unique flavour and taste. Smirnoff Ice Black is the most ideal vodka-based RTD (ready to drink) and it's really refreshing with a crisp taste," Vedastus said.

She said apart from rewarding its consumers with the refreshing taste,

Smirnoff Ice has been supporting development of youth talents such as the previous renowned three seasons of disc jockeys search emphasizing that the brand intends to do more.

Vedastus further noted that SBL's parent company, Diageo, is driven by innovation, hence the need to support products that meet more of their consumers' needs and occasions. "Smirnoff Ice Black is the mischievous, flavourful drink that complements you and your friends' upbeat vibe in all social occasions," she noted.

Being one of the leading ready-to-drink vodkas from the stables of SBL's mother company (Diageo) brands, Smirnoff Ice Black was re-introduced amid pomp and substance last weekend in Dar es Salaam.

Incorporated in 1988 as Associated Breweries, SBL is the second largest beer company in Tanzania, with its beer

brands accounting for over 20 percent of the market by volume. SBL has three operating plants in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Moshi.

Since the creation of SBL in 2002, the business has grown its portfolio of brands year on year. The majority stake acquisition by EABL/Diageo in 2010 has seen increased investment in international quality standards leading to greater job opportunities for the people of Tanzania.

SBL Brands have received multiple international awards, including Serengeti Premium Lager, Serengeti Lite, Pilsner Lager, Pilsner King, Tusker Lager, Tusker Lite Kibo Gold, Guinness stout, and Kick. The company is also home to renowned spirits such as Johnnie Walker Whisky, Smirnoff Vodka, Gordon's Gin, Captain Morgan Rum and Baileys Irish Cream.



A bucket of Smirnoff Ice Black vodka.

Traderoot Africa leads the continent in TCIB integration

JOHANNESBURG

Traderoot Africa, one of the continent's leading suppliers of back-end technology solutions to the financial industry, is proud to announce that BankservAfrica has certified it as an official TCIB integrator.

In September 2016, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) committee of central bank governors approved the development of a SADC low-value regional payments scheme in support of the acceleration of financial inclusion in all SADC member states.

Under this mandate, the SADC banking association designed the framework for the SADC low-value credit-transfer payment scheme and then worked closely with BankservAfrica to develop and bring into operation this framework into the formal low-value or retail payments scheme known today as TCIB (Transactions Cleared on an Immediate Basis).

"This certification enables Traderoot Africa to add even more value to our clients' businesses, as the TCIB integration capability extends to our core solutions," says Traderoot Africa CEO, Craig Ireland. "Our fintech solutions already give our clients a competitive advantage, but the ability to leverage the power of TCIB is likely to make a major impact in the speed of transactions while also reducing overheads."

TCIB has been created to facilitate and maximise trade between countries, businesses and individuals within the SADC region, removing many of the previous barriers and enabling instant cross-border payments. The scheme allows for immediate clearing of single-credit "push" transactions, settled on a deferred basis, and is available to a wide range of players in the financial sector.

It is the first and only platform in the SADC that enables a scalable low-cost, interoperable and fully open-loop ecosystem for authorised financial institutions to transact seamlessly and effortlessly with each other.

"TCIB is a revolutionary payments reform initiative," says Francois Roode, Traderoot Africa's head of Business Development. "The fact that TCIB is fully interoperable and multi-currency enabled will empower authorised financial institutions in SADC to breach the many barriers preventing low-cost and fully interoperable remittance across all corridors in the SADC region."

TCIB promises its scheme participants low-cost payments across the SADC region directly into the bank accounts and/or mobile wallets of their customers, hereby addressing the requirement for immediacy of payments, supporting financial-inclusion objectives and adding immense value to the economies of all SADC member states.

"Because TCIB is the formal SADC retail (low-value) credit transfer scheme," Roode continues, "there is no requirement by participants - including banks, mobile-network providers, e-money providers, retailers, and money-transfer operators - to enter into separate closed-loop or bi-lateral agreements with any financial institutions within the participant community."

"BankservAfrica has identified the enablement potential that certified TCIB integrators may offer," says Ireland, "and we are delighted to have responded. Being the first business to secure this certification, highlights Traderoot Africa's position as a market leader on the continent. I am thankful to our team for the work done to achieve this milestone and to BankservAfrica for its trust in us."



Traderoot Africa CEO, Craig Ireland.

Nigeria to reject COVID-19 vaccine donations with short shelf lives

LAGOS

Nigerian authorities have announced that COVID-19 vaccines with short shelf lives will no longer be accepted after the country was unable to use 1 million doses before they expired.

Nigeria will no longer accept COVID-19 vaccinations with limited shelf life after 1 million doses expired in Africa's most populous country before the shots could be used. While some of the dosages sent to Nigeria were close to expire, authorities have stated that some donated vaccinations had only a few weeks left to be distributed to individuals before they became ineffective.

According to Faisal Shuaib, the president of Nigeria's National Primary Health Care Development Agency, outdated vaccines that have not been used in a timely manner would be destroyed. He didn't say what Nigerian officials would consider a shelf life that

was too short.

Only 1.9 percent of Nigeria's 206 million people have been properly vaccinated. Despite the fact that at least 30 million doses are currently available, authorities claim that the rush to deliver nearly-expired ones has added to the strain.

Other African countries have likewise struggled to make timely use of supplied doses. Earlier this year, Malawi destroyed over 20,000 expired vaccines, and South Sudan stated it had to waste tens of thousands of doses.

The World Health Organization's regional director for Africa, Matshidiso Moeti, said Tuesday that the issue of expired vaccines is a worldwide one. In Africa, less than a quarter of one percent of medicines have gone unused. "It's critical to remove the perception that, even as we express concern about vaccination supply, millions of doses are being thrown away or expiring in Africa," she added. "No, that isn't true."

Kigoma fishermen, food vendors excited with construction of new fish landing site at Katonga

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

HUNDREDS of unemployed women and youth in Kigoma region have urged the government to implement its plan of constructing modern fish landing site and infrastructures at Katonga area on the shores of Lake Tanganyika to improve fishing activities.

Juma Musa a resident of Bangwe Ward in Kigoma said there are more than 60 unemployed youth who are hanging around Katonga area, without reliable income, but depending on day casual work to earn their bread.

Musa said if the government will build the new fish landing site, it will provide them with many opportunities, earn regular income and improve their livelihood. "We have many jobless youth around this area. We are requesting the government to help them because they don't have reliable income. If the new fish landing site is constructed, many will earn income from fishing and processing activities," he said.

Musa's argument was seconded by a food vendor in the area, Mwanaisha Juma who said if the fish landing site is constructed, it also help women by improving their business environment to earn more income.

Responding to the suggestions, Bangwe Ward Councillor, Hamisi Butese said the Katonga fish landing site is very important for growth of fisheries in Kigoma which will largely benefit both women and youth.

Citing an example, Butese said the area has more than 500 local fishing canoes that engage in daily fishing but substantial revenue is lost because the area has no modern fish landing site. "For many years, the area has also experienced land

conflicts, a situation that has contributed to delays to improve the area," he said.

Katonga local government Chairman, Ahmed Omari Mgunga also acknowledged that fishing activities and revenue have gone down in recent years due to climate change. "In the past, the area produced more than ten metric tonnes of fish per day but currently, the area produces half to one metric tonne per day only," Mgunga said.

Mgunga said he understands that the government is working to address the challenges through a new project called Unlocking the Potential of Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific: Lake Tanganyika sardine, sprat, and perch value chain in Tanzania (FISH4ACP).

The FISH4ACP project which is being implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries (MLF), will concentrate on improving the fisheries value chain on Lake Tanganyika.

One of the areas that will benefit from the project is Katonga fish landing site and investment will be focused on enhancement of fish handling and processing activities to limit post-harvest losses and improve products quality. It will also reduce harmful health impacts of fish smoking and accelerate efficient energy use by expanding best practice, fish smoking techniques and using kilns.

Capacity building on sustainable fishing practices and use of modern gear, strengthen value chain governance and empower institutions for sustainable fisheries management. Leader of Kigoma Regional fishermen, Francis John said the government through Ministry of Fisheries has already surveyed Katonga area

and requested local communities to leave and pave way for the implementation of the project.

"I guess that the project may start early next year. A crew of surveyors led by a Director from the Ministry came here mid this year and urged all people who were involved in land conflicts in the area to resolve them so that construction of the fish landing site can begin by February next year," John said.

He said currently due to poor fishing gears, processing and drying facilities, many fish don't meet required market standard to fetch better prices but with construction of the fish landing site and improved laboratories, things will change for the better.

Commenting on the project, Director of Fisheries, Emmanuel Magese Bulayi said Kigoma fishermen, processors along the value chain should cooperate with authorities to transform their fisheries activities.

Bulayi said the project will leave no one behind as women, youth and men who are doing fishing and processing will all be involved. "If they cooperate and work hard, their fish will fetch good prices at the international market which will also contribute towards economic growth of the country," he said.

"I ordered that we should use our experts effectively and sensitise the general public to support this project. We have agreed that fishermen of all three regions of Kigoma, Katavi and Rukwa should be well informed and sensitised on what should be done and what should not be done in their respective areas," he added while warning that the government will not tolerate illegal fishing activities on Lake Tanganyika.

According to the project which is financed by the EU and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), by 2031, Tanzania should have strengthened its position as producer of Lake Tanganyika sprat, sardine and perch. This will be made possible due to enhanced value addition based upon sustainability managed fisheries resources which will generate increased income and remunerative employment for both women and men.



Kigoma residents and fishermen wait for fish at a rundown Katonga fish landing site. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu.

Civil servants face Sh1m fine for failure to declare wealth by end year - Rotich

NAIROBI

Civil servants risk a Sh1 million fine or a jail term of two years if they fail to declare their wealth and that of their spouses and children ahead of the December 31 deadline.

Public Service Commission CEO Simon Rotich said that all the 884,600 national government, county and parastatal workers must make their wealth declarations by end of the year or face penalties and other undisclosed administrative action.

State workers who will provide incomplete and inaccurate information in their declarations face similar punishment in a move meant to curb endemic graft in government. Public servants are required by law to reveal their incomes, bank deposits and assets such as land, buildings and vehicles once every two years. The filing must also capture the wealth of their spouses and children below 18 years.

"You are expected to commence and conclude disciplinary proceedings for cases of non-compliance from January 2, 2022, in accordance with human resource policies and procedures manual," Mr Rotich said in a circular to all ministries, State departments and parastatals.

"All public officers in your institutions have a personal responsibility to comply and must therefore submit their complete and accurate every-two-year declarations." The window for civil servants to declare their wealth was opened last month and will lapse on December 31.

The last wealth declaration was done in December 2019. Those involved in business and consultancy will be required to provide details of contracts for the supply of goods and services as well as their value.

President Uhuru Kenyatta has in the past backed lifestyle audits on holders of public offices to curb corruption, which former Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) chairman Philip Kinisu estimated in March 2016 gulped about a third of the national budget every year.

Presently, public officers are expected to declare their wealth every two years, but the information contained in the wealth declaration forms remains con-

fidential and can only be accessed by those in pursuit of public interest. A Bill before Parliament aims to remove restrictions on Kenyans seeking to access information on income, assets and liabilities of persons holding public offices.

Analysts say that restrictions on public access to wealth declaration forms – which have been in place since 2003 – have done little to discourage public servants from engaging in graft or promote accountability and transparency. A number of top public servants are fighting asset freezes and seizures after investigations revealed secret bank accounts, cars, and apartments that could not match their pay.

This is a pointer that some civil servants fail to make full disclosures in the wealth declaration forms. The wealth of top State officials – including the President and his deputy – will be made public if MPs accept a fresh bid to change the law on lifestyle audits.

The Lifestyle Audit Bill, 2021 is seeking to remove restrictions on Kenyans seeking to access information on income, assets and liabilities of persons holding public office as part of efforts to fight corruption.

This is the second attempt to remove the restrictive clause that denies the public access to the information on the riches of State officers after a similar Bill was time-barred. The proposed law requires that the self-declared wealth declaration forms be made easily available to the public through a website or in an unrestricted database hosted by the EACC.

Of particular interest will be the wealth of the President and his entire Cabinet, MPs and Senators, top county officials, executives of State-owned firms and other senior civil servants whose role in the theft of billions of shillings in taxpayer money has been flagged in audit reports.

The Bill seeks to repeal section 30 of Public Officer Ethics Act of 2003 that restricts access to information on the wealth of public officers. The review of the wealth disclosure law seeks to increase transparency in the public sector and curb the practice where influential State employees enrich themselves through bogus tenders and suppliers.

Carbon Tanzania partners Kiteto community which earned 1bn/- carbon revenue profit

By Smart Money Reporter

WHILE world power are still arguing about global warming and measures to reduce activities which contribute to the scourge, a small community in Kite-to district of Manyara region is earning windfall profits from carbon trading.

Residents of Makame Wildlife Management Area who are working in partnership with Carbon Tanzania, earned 1bn/- over the past year in carbon credit revenue. These revenues are earned by communities for their work in forest protection activities that are supported by partnerships between the communities, Carbon Tanzania, The Nature Conservancy, Honeyguide Foundation and Ujamaa Community Resource Trust (UCRT).

The five pastoralist communities at Makame WMA achieved the remarkable milestone celebrated with a community event in Makame village where a bush-modified Land Cruiser, donated by The Nature Conservancy, was handed over to them to assist rangers greater mobility and reach as they continue to protect the community's land from illegal activities, including wildlife poaching.

These revenues are earned in return for the community's forest protection activities that generate certified carbon credits. Carbon Tanzania sells these forest carbon credits on the international voluntary market before delivering a share of the revenues to the communities. The community then uses the earned revenues for common development initiatives within their area.

"It is inspiring to see what has been accomplished by the communities of the Makame WMA in a relatively short period of time as a result of secure, direct investments into the community," said Carbon Tanzania Technical Advisor for Project Operations, David Beroff.

Beroff said the Makame WMA community has applied an innovative approach to benefiting from the protection of their natural resources through the voluntary carbon market and the result is the record payment earned. "We look forward to working with the WMA and our partners to enhance the biodiversity, social and economic impact of the project in the years to come," he added.

Backing Beroff's comments, The Nature Conservancy's NTRI Program Lead, Alphonse Mallya said witnessing Makame WMA's continued successes is an exciting yet humbling illustration of what The Nature Conservancy, Carbon Tanzania, Honeyguide Foundation, and UCRT can achieve in further creating an enabling environment for carbon investment. "We congratulate the pastoralist communities for attaining 1 billion Tanzanian shillings in carbon credits and look forward to supporting them reach greater heights," Mallya said.

Commenting on the feat relating to the Makame Savannah Project's success, Project Manager, Supuk Olekao said, "This carbon project is a good business that helps us to protect village land and the payment in carbon revenue shows huge success for my community and provides benefits to both this generation and the next."

Makame WMA now generates more revenues than most WMAs across Tanzania, and thanks to carbon revenues, is able to run its operations independently. This is an example of a successful nature-based solution that addresses the issue of forest degradation at its root cause.

In the Makame WMA, deforestation is caused by illegal clearance of land for agriculture in areas that are reserved for seasonal grazing of the community cattle herds. Since the establishment of the project in 2016, 1,072,000 trees

have been prevented from being cut down and 364,322 ha of dryland forest area has been protected.

The Makame Savannah Project protects 364,322ha of dryland forest in Makame WMA, northern Tanzania, an area where the Masai continue to live their traditional, pastoral lifestyle amongst wildlife. Masai villages from the Makame WMA protect their forest from shifting agriculture conducted by migrant farmers.

The forest protection project is certified by VCS and CCB, an international third-party standard, and avoids 130,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions annually. The Makame WMA is one of the largest community protected area in the country, protecting vulnerable species including elephant, ground hornbill, martial eagle, giraffe, pangolin, leopard, lion. They also protect the endangered wild dog, Egyptian and Lappet-faced vulture in addition to the critically endangered White-backed and Ruppell's Griffon vulture.



Taking carbon credit measurements at Makame Wildlife Management Area in Kiteto district of Manyara region.

VIEW FROM THE TOP



Public Service Commission CEO, Simon Rotich.

WORLD

Security forces deploy against planned protests in Khartoum

KHARTOUM

SECURITY forces blocked major roads and bridges in Sudan's capital Khartoum on Sunday against planned protests over the Oct 25 military takeover that have continued even after the reinstatement of the prime minister.

Demonstrations were also planned in other cities across the country to mark the third anniversary of protests that touched off a popular uprising which led to the overthrow of long-ruling Islamist autocrat Omar al-Bashir.

On Saturday night, Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok warned in a statement that Sudan's revolution faced a major setback and that political intransigence from all sides threatened the country's unity and stability.

Security forces sealed off major roads lead-

ing to the airport and army headquarters as well as most bridges connecting Khartoum to sister cities Bahri and Omdurman across the Nile river.

Protesters planned to march towards the presidential palace in downtown Khartoum, where security forces including joint army and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces were heavily deployed.

Images shared on social media showed protests beginning in cities outside Khartoum, including Port Sudan on the Red Sea coast and El-Deain in the western region of Darfur.

It would be the ninth in a series of demonstrations against the military takeover that have continued even after the military reinstated Hamdok, who had been under house arrest, on Nov 21 and released him and other



In this Dec 19, 2021 photo, Sudanese demonstrators raise national flags and banners as they rally against the military chief who launched an Oct 25 military takeover followed by a bloody crackdown, in the northern part of the capital Khartoum. (PHOTO / AFP)

high-profile political detainees.

The Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors says 45 people have been killed in crackdowns on protesters since the military takeover.

The military and civilian political parties had previously shared power since Bashir's removal. But the deal reinstating Hamdok faces opposition from protesters who had seen him as a symbol of resistance to military rule and denounced it as a betrayal.

Civilian parties, and neighborhood resistance committees that have organized several mass pro-

tests, demand full civilian rule under the slogan "no negotiation, no partnership, no legitimacy."

On Saturday night and early Sunday morning, people arrived in bus convoys from other states, including North Kordofan and Gezira, to join protests in Khartoum, witnesses said.

A rally on Friday by members of civilian parties, known as the Forces of Freedom and Change coalition, was broken up by tear gas from an unclear source as witnesses told Reuters there was no sign of security forces on the scene.

China issues white paper on HK's democratic progress under framework of 'one country, two systems'

BEIJING

CHINA'S State Council Information Office yesterday issued a white paper titled "Hong Kong: Democratic Progress Under the Framework of One Country, Two Systems."

The white paper presented a comprehensive review of the origin and development of democracy in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), and the principles and position of the central government.

Under British colonial rule, there was no democracy in Hong Kong, it said.

The white paper pointed out that after resuming the exercise of sovereignty, the Chinese government implemented the basic policy of "one country, two systems" and established democracy in the HKSAR.

It has since provided constant support to the region in devel-

oping its democratic system.

"The determination, sincerity, and efforts of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Chinese government to this end have remained consistent and are obvious to any objective observer," it read.

Facts have proved time and again, the anti-China agitators in Hong Kong and the external groups behind them must be held to account for impeding Hong Kong's progress towards democracy, the white paper noted.

To put an end to the political turmoil in Hong Kong in recent years, a series of major decisions have been taken by the CPC and the central government, the white paper said.

It noted that measures taken accordingly, including strengthening the central authorities' overall jurisdiction over the HKSAR in accordance with the Con-



The simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese and English versions of white paper titled 'Hong Kong: Democratic Progress Under the Framework of One Country, Two Systems'. (Photo/Xinhua)

stitution and the Basic Law, have restored order to Hong Kong, returning the democratic process to a sound footing.

"The principle of 'one country, two systems' provides the fundamental guarantee for the development of democracy in

HKSAR," it said. "To ensure that 'one country, two systems' will make steady progress, and to further the development of democracy in Hong Kong, we must remain committed to the principle that Hong Kong is governed by Hong

Kong patriots," it added.

The white paper hailed the "one country, two systems" policy as a creative innovation of the CPC and the Chinese government that has proved to be a great success in Hong Kong.

"With their political vision, the CPC and the Chinese government are certain of the long-term success of the socialist system on the mainland," the white paper said. "They are equally certain of the long-term success of both the capitalist system in Hong Kong and a form of democracy suited to its realities," it added.

Rooted in the motherland, and buttressed by democracy and the rule of law, a free and inclusive Hong Kong will continue to prosper, to enjoy enduring stability and harmony, and to open itself to the world, the white paper said.

Xinhua

UN chief urges more support for Lebanon

BEIRUT

VISITING Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres on Sunday urged the international community to increase its support for Lebanon, Lebanese TV station al-Jadeed reported.

"I believe that the international community did not offer enough support for Lebanon, Jordan and other countries that have opened their borders and hearts to receive refugees," Guterres said at a joint press conference with Lebanese President Michel Aoun at Baabda Palace.

Guterres encouraged all UN member countries to assume their full responsibilities by increasing their support for

Lebanon. "Lebanon needs increased support as it is going through very tough circumstances," he said.

Guterres added that the UN appreciates Lebanon's generous hospitality during a time when some rich countries were closing their borders to refugees.

He also called upon Lebanese politicians to deal with the current economic crisis and put an end to the collapse of institutions.

Guterres reiterated the UN's continuous support for Lebanon, pledging continued international support for the Lebanese army and other military institutions.

President Michel Aoun emphasized the need to find a so-



United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres (left) speaks during a joint press conference with Lebanese President Michel Aoun at the presidential palace in Baabda east of Beirut, Lebanon on Sunday. AP

lution for the return of Syrian refugees to their homeland, citing the crisis's significant burden on Lebanon, which is already suffering from multiple problems.

Guterres arrived in Lebanon

on Sunday afternoon where he will meet with Lebanese officials and civil society representatives, as well as pay a visit to UN forces in southern Lebanon.

He will also pay a visit to the

Beirut port, which was rocked by two big explosions last year, killing more than 200 people and injuring more than 6,000 others while destroying a large part of the city.

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OIC decides to establish humanitarian trust fund, launch food security program for Afghans

ISLAMABAD

THE Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has decided to establish a humanitarian trust fund, launch a food security program, and facilitate to unlock financial and banking channels for Afghanistan to help the Afghan people facing looming humanitarian crisis, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said here on Sunday.

Addressing a joint press conference at the conclusion of the 17th Extraordinary Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Islamabad to discuss the situation in Afghanistan, Qureshi said that the Afghan economy cannot progress and people cannot be helped without a functional banking system.

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Around 70 delegations from OIC members, non-members as well as regional and international organizations attended the extraordinary session, according to the foreign ministry of Pakistan.

Xinhua

EU could play supportive role between Russia and US on security guarantees – envoy

MOSCOW

THE EU can play a supporting role in the negotiations on security guarantees between Moscow and Washington, Russian EU Ambassador Vladimir Chizhov said in an interview with the Izvestia newspaper yesterday.

"Obviously, the EU as a non-military organization can play its supporting role in the negotiations on security guarantees if they take place. Of course, it is necessary to speak with those countries - some of them are part of the European Union on which the fate of European security depends to a great extent. We are ready for this dialogue," he said.

Chizhov (pictured) noted that Western partners, including the US, demonstrate their willingness, although there are many different claims. "Everyone accuses us that we have 'red lines', but they are doing exactly the same - their 'red lines' are dictated not by security interests, but by negotiating positions," the Russian EU envoy added.

He believes that the EU's reaction to Russia's proposals on security guarantees may be ambiguous, the level of understanding and willingness to take into account Russia's concerns will be different. It means that the upcoming work won't be easy.



It's a correct step for Western countries to recognise Chinese COVID-19 vaccines

A number of Western countries have extended the list of COVID-19 jabs that inbound travelers must be given before entry since September this year, including France, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Ireland.

These countries now recognize all vaccines authorized by the World Health Organization (WHO). China's Sinovac and Sinopharm vaccines are also on the list.

It means that travelers who have received any of the two Chinese vaccines 14 days prior to the day of arrival are allowed to enter these countries without need of quarantine.

Finally, these countries took a correct step.

Chinese COVID-19 vaccines, since being developed, had been slandered before they are gradually recognized today. Why are these Western countries changing their tone? The answer is obvious - Chinese jabs smashed doubts with performance and won respect with credibility, leaving no possibility for these Western countries to keep on wearing their "coke bottle" glasses that transmit only ideological bias.

International studies and clinical data have



A total of 600,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines donated by China to the Philippines arrive at an airport in Manila, Feb. 28, 2021. Chinese vaccines are the first COVID-19 vaccines received by the Philippines. (Photo courtesy of the Chinese Embassy in the Philippines)

long proved the safety and efficacy of Chinese vaccines.

The Journal of the American Medical Association posted a report that shows that in the U.S.,

the two inactivated vaccines developed by the China National Biotec Group (CNBG) affiliated with Sinopharm can produce high tier antibodies 14 days after two shots are administered, and

the positive conversion rate of the neutralizing antibody reached over 99 percent.

Sri Lanka's University Of Sri Jayawardenapur also proved in a study that antibodies were detected in 95 percent of the receivers who got two jabs, and the Sinopharm vaccines are very effective against the Delta variant.

In Chile, the efficacy of Chinese vaccines reached 90.3 percent for the prevention of severe disease, and COVID-19 mortality rate among Uruguayans aged 18 to 69 who were vaccinated with Chinese vaccines fell by more than 95 percent.

Facts speak louder than words. International organizations and many countries have expressed their trust for Chinese vaccines with concrete actions. Political dignitaries took the lead to be inoculated with Chinese vaccines, and a number of countries placed orders for Chinese jabs. Besides, the WHO approved the emergency use of Chinese vaccines.

Taking COVID-19 vaccines as a global public product, China values and fulfills its promises. As a major manufacturer, the country is constantly

improving its production capacity of COVID-19 vaccines, which has alleviated the short supply of jabs around the world and filled the vaccination gap. So far, China has provided over 1.8 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines for more than 120 countries and international organizations. A total of 5.6 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered outside China, and 1/3 of them were offered by China.

Western countries have been totally aware of the fact that Chinese vaccines are safe, efficient and affordable. Then why did they wait so long before giving the green light to Chinese jabs? Profits are the only reason. Only the green light to Chinese vaccines can save their traumatized economy.

The world has been constantly advancing the vaccination drive since this year, which to a degree alleviated the pandemic. Some Western countries eased border restrictions to revitalize tourism and cross-border trade. However, the pandemic is still posing threats, with resurgence occurring one after another and the virus varying rapidly.

People's Daily

Patriotism and Xi's interaction with Macao pupils

BEIJING

YESTERDAY marked the 22nd anniversary of Macao's return to China. Two years ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping visited this special administrative region. One highlight of his itinerary was a trip to a local school.

The school is affiliated to Hou Kong Middle School, which was founded in 1932 and has the most students among Macao's basic education institutions. The school also has a patriotic tradition.

The Chinese president described the visit as "a wish come true," as he had considered the visit after an exchange of correspondence with the school's students.

In their letter to Xi, the students spoke of their understanding of the motherland and their commitment to making the motherland and Macao better when they grow up.

"At such a young age, you already realize that the motherland is Macao's staunch supporter," Xi said in his reply letter in May 2019. "I am so glad."

When visiting the school, Xi chose to observe a history lesson on the theme "one country, two systems" and Macao.

"Patriotic education lays a solid social and political foundation for Macao to implement the principle of 'one country, two systems' and guides its practice to always proceed in the correct direction," Xi told students and teachers.

He also emphasized the significance of history.

"One can easily feel a strong sense of national self-esteem and national pride after learning about our uninterrupted history spanning over five millennia," he said. "And only by knowing the nation's history of humiliation after the Opium War, can one understand the Chinese people's strong yearning for national rejuvenation."

Xi expressed confidence that today's young people in Macao will mature into "a capable generation of which we are proud of" and serve as the backbone of both Macao and the country.

"Since antiquity, it is from adolescents that heroes emerge," says a Chinese proverb. Students in the Macao school have reacted positively to the president's words.



Chinese President Xi Jinping speaks after watching a Chinese history class themed "one country, two systems" and Macao" at the Premier School Affiliated to Hou Kong Middle School, in south China's Macao, Dec. 19, 2019. Xinhua

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Russia, US unlikely to hold visa negotiations before New Year's, key diplomat predicts

MOSCOW

MOSCOW and Washington are unlikely to hold consultations on visa issues before the end of the year, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said in response to a TASS question yesterday.

"I think that it's impossible given that it's already December 20," he pointed out. "The US has so far shown no signs of willingness to at least slightly change its position on the key issues that we have repeatedly brought up," Ryabkov added.

According to the senior Russian diplomat, the United States is right now just trying "to decorate its position." "This is how we view it, so next year we will see what's possible and what's not," he added.

In response to Washington's sanctions and more expulsions of Russian diplomats, Moscow banned the US embassy from hiring Russian and third country citizens.

The US embassy said later that it would reduce the range of consular services, including considering visa applications other than those for diplomatic trips, starting on May 12.

Visa issuance to diplomatic personnel also slowed down considerably. Since August 1, the US Embassy in Moscow has been operating with only 120 employees, its lowest number in five years.

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Xinhua

Netherlands starts 'painful' Christmas coronavirus lockdown

GENEVA

SHOPPING streets in the Netherlands were closed and people's Christmas plans were in disarray as the country began a lockdown on Sunday aimed at limiting an expected COVID-19 surge caused by the rise of the Omicron variant.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte announced the sudden shutdown on Saturday evening, ordering the closure of all but the most essential stores, as well as restaurants, hairdressers, gyms, museums and other public places from Sunday until at least Jan 14.

The news came as a shock to many Dutch people as they headed into the Christmas and New Year period. Many people rushed out on Saturday to stock up on presents and food and to get a last-minute haircut.

Hospitality workers demanded compensation for lost income in the holiday season, while gym owners stressed the importance of exercise during a health crisis.

"Closing all bars and restaurants in such an important month is incredibly painful and dramatic. We need compensation and an exit strategy", the Dutch association for hospitality services said.

All schools will close a week early for the Christmas break on Monday and will remain shut until at least Jan 9, while households are recommended to receive no more than two visitors and gatherings outside



People walk past a sign outlining COVID-19 guidelines in the center of Amsterdam, the Netherlands on Dec 18, 2021. AP

are also limited to a maximum of two.

Coronavirus infections in the Netherlands have dropped from record levels in recent weeks after a night-time lockdown was put in place late last month. But cases involving the Omicron variant have increased rapidly since the beginning of December and the strain is expected to become dominant before the end of the year.

This will pose a big problem for hospitals, which have been cancelling regular care for weeks as they try to avoid running out of beds due to the high numbers of COVID-19 patients on their wards.

The government said on Saturday said it would accel-

erate the administration of booster vaccine shots after a slow start of the campaign, and now aims to deliver extra shots to everyone over the age of 60 before the end of the month.

While more than 85 percent of the Dutch adult population is vaccinated, fewer than 9 percent of adults have so far had a booster shot, one of the lowest rates in Europe.

People wear face masks as they walk, in Regent Street, in London on Nov 28, 2021. (AP Photo/Alberto Pezzali)

Britain

Britain reported a surge in cases of the Omicron coronavirus variant on Saturday which government advisors said

could be just the tip of the iceberg, and London's mayor declared a "major incident" to help the city's hospitals cope.

The number of Omicron cases recorded across the country hit almost 25,000 as of 1800 GMT on Friday, up by more than 10,000 cases from 24 hours earlier, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) said.

Seven people believed to have had the Omicron variant had died as of Thursday, up from one death in the UKHSA's previous data which ran up to Tuesday. Admissions to hospital of people thought to have the variant increased to 85 from 65.

The government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) said it was "almost certain" that hundreds of thousands of people were being infected with the variant every day and were not being picked up in the figures.

SAGE said without a further tightening of COVID-19 rules, "modelling indicates a peak of at least 3,000 hospital admissions per day in England," they said in minutes of a meeting on Dec 16.

The advisors said it was too early to assess the severity of disease caused by Omicron but if there was a modest reduction compared to the Delta variant, "very high numbers of infections would still lead to significant pressure on hospitals." Agencies

Cairo gears up for its 2022 celebrations as Islamic world's cultural capital

CAIRO

CELEBRATIONS to mark Cairo's designation as the "Capital of Culture in the Islamic World" in 2022 will boost cultural tourism in the Egyptian capital, which is known as "the city of a thousand minarets" for its historic mosques and landmarks, an Egyptian official has said.

Osama Talaat, head of Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities' Islamic, Coptic, and Jewish antiquities sector, said Cairo's tourism business is likely to benefit from the celebrations, which are set to begin in mid-February 2022.

Cairo was supposed to hold celebrations as the Islamic world's cultural capital in 2020. However, activities were postponed due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Salim AlMalik, director-general of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), who spoke at a press conference on December 7.

During the conference, the Egyptian Ministry of Culture announced it will collaborate with ICESCO to host the celebrations, which include more than 50 activities.

Seminars, lectures, conferences, publications, photo galleries and competitions, artistic shows, folklore performances, handicraft exhibitions, and the presentation of a special film about Cairo are among the activities announced at the press conference by Egyptian cultural officials.

"The choice of Cairo as the capital of culture in the Islamic world was made because it is one of the oldest and most ancient Arab capitals, as well as a witness of the depth of history thanks to the tremendous heritage it possesses," Egyptian Minister of Culture Inas Abdel-Dayem said at the press conference.

Cairo's designation "embodies Egypt's international position" and confirms Egypt's cul-

tural and historical standing among the world's states, the official said, adding Cairo's heritage expresses the fundamental characteristics of human civilization in general and ancient Islamic civilization in particular.

The celebrations coincide with the ongoing renovation projects in Historic Cairo, such as those in the areas surrounding Bab Zuweila, Bab al-Nasr, Bab al-Futuh, Al-Hakim Mosque and Al-Rifa'i Mosque, according to Osama Talaat.

Founded in the 10th century during the Fatimid caliphate, Historic Cairo is recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as a World Cultural Heritage site, being "one of the world's oldest Islamic cities."

Among the famous landmarks of Historic Cairo are Al-Azhar Mosque, Al-Hussein Mosque, the Khan el-Khalili bazaar, Al-Mu'izz Street, which was named after a Fatimid caliph and contains iconic religious and charitable buildings commissioned by Egypt's rulers and elites back then, and the three remaining gates in the walls of Old Cairo: Bab Zuweila, Bab al-Nasr and Bab al-Futuh.

Tourism in the city is not restricted to Historic Cairo but extends to Greater Cairo that includes the great pyramids of Giza, besides various museums featuring different eras of Egypt's history.

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he choice of Cairo as the capital of culture in the Islamic world was made because it is one of the oldest and most ancient Arab capitals, as well as a witness of the depth

Islamic countries pledge fund to stave off Afghanistan 'chaos'

ISLAMABAD

ISLAMIC countries pledged on Sunday to set up a humanitarian trust fund for Afghanistan as, with millions facing hunger and a harsh winter setting in, Pakistan's prime minister warned of chaos if the worsening emergency was not urgently addressed.

The crisis is causing mounting alarm but the international response has been muted, given Western reluctance to help the Taliban government, which seized power in August.

"Unless action is taken immediately, Afghanistan is heading for chaos," Prime

Minister Imran Khan (pictured) told a meeting of foreign ministers from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Islamabad.

The trust fund, announced by Pakistan's foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, will be set up under the aegis of the Islamic Development Bank.

Allowing Afghanistan access to reserves frozen outside the country would be key to preventing economic collapse, participants in the meeting - which included representatives from the United Nations, United States, European Union and Japan - said in



a statement.

But it was unclear how much the fund would contain and the meeting did not provide official recognition to the

Taliban government.

Acting Afghan foreign minister Amir Khan Muttaqi said the government had restored peace and security and done

much to address demands for more inclusiveness with respect for human rights, including the rights of women.

"All must acknowledge that political isolation of Afghanistan is not beneficial for anyone, therefore it is imperative that all support the prevailing stability and back it both politically and economically," he said.

Near-collapse

Taliban officials have previously asked for help to rebuild Afghanistan's shattered economy and feed more than 20 million people threatened with hunger.

Some countries and aid organizations have begun delivering aid, but a near-collapse of the country's banking system has complicated their work.

Qureshi said unlocking financial and banking channels was essential "because the economy can't function and people can't be helped without a banking system."

The scale of the challenge has been underlined by crowds gathering outside the newly reopened passport office in Kabul, where hundreds have been lining up for passports that would enable them to leave the country.

Beyond immediate aid, Afghanistan needs help ensuring longer-term economic stability. Much will depend on whether Washington is willing to unfreeze billions of dollars in central bank reserves and lift sanctions that have caused many institutions and governments to shy away from direct dealings with the Taliban.

Muttaqi said the Taliban would not allow Afghanistan to be used as a base for attacks on other countries and he said no reprisals would be carried out against officials of the former government.

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Azam FC's Director of Football, Jonas Tiboroha.

Azam FC has made significant contribution to Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

FOOTBALL is a science. That is a statement issued by Azam FC Director of Football, Jonas Tiboroha, who believes professionalism brings about success in the game.

In an exclusive interview with The Guardian, Tiboroha has talked about many issues related to Tanzanian football while outlining the plans and goals of Azam FC.

Tiboroha acknowledges that with Azam FC having a huge investment, it will become a force to reckon with in East Africa.

Tiboroha states Tanzania has also gained the fruits of its presence.

The official reveals: "It's not that Azam FC has done nothing, I see people ask where Azam FC is failing. I think it is not true and I oppose them because most clubs in the country have players from the outfit in various leagues."

"For me, grooming many players that are lately turning out for various sides in the domestic league means Azam FC has offered a huge contribution. Maybe the club has yet to hold sway internationally, and that's why we came here to improve the outfit," he says.

He says at the moment the main goal is to ensure Azam FC, through its academy, produces many stars who will benefit other squads in Tanzania and outside the country.

Currently, each of Tanzania's clubs is allowed to register 12 foreign players, with eight of them getting a place in the starting line-up in one match, according to regulations issued by Tanzania Premier League Board (TPLB).

The regulation is strongly condemned by various football stakeholders, believing that it is killing the national soccer team.

Tiboroha says: "We started with seven foreign players and later came up with 10, we again added the number, which side benefits from the move?"

"Now we are going to have them up to 20. After all, the youth programs that we are doing will fail and this is not good," the official notes.

Tiboroha, who is also former Yanga secretary-general, says the number of foreign soccer players is increasingly harming domestic soccer and there is no motivation, especially in the national team.

The official reveals: "The players we have to use in our national teams are the ones you find are not playing at all in their respective local outfits, but, if I was an official in the football federa-

tion, I would have seen to it we would have to do a lot of youth programs."

"Azam FC is doing that, the program would produce more talented players," he says.

The official states he prefers that each of the domestic clubs should at least rope in five foreign players.

The leader says Azam FC's main goal is to produce players who will continue to promote Tanzania, that is why they are nurturing footballers.

"To achieve goals there is no dispute you have to start with the youngsters, because we have a lot of youths teams that, if they are run professionally, the football system will make the youngsters better players."

He says he landed at the squad as a consultant and believes with his input and collaboration with his colleagues, everything will go well at the team.

"If you look at Aishi Manula, Simon Msuva, and Himid Mao, they have been nurtured by Azam FC academy and they are doing well, they are the product of Azam FC, now we are fighting to produce others," he says.

Tiboroha says this season's Premier League is tough and it is shaped by the way sponsors have ventured to invest in it.

"For example, Azam TV has invested a lot of money in the league and every team is capable of making good signings, ranging from players to coaches."

"Every team knows they are playing and fighting for something big. Even the competition looks stiff like the way it is at the moment," he says.

Regarding the club's investment, he says currently investing in football is a must due to football needing money and it is unlikely the team will complain about the difficult condition as it was in the past.

Tanzania's teams, especially Simba SC, Yanga, and Azam FC, have the opium to compete for players in registration, Tiboroha supports the move, noting it happens all over the world.

"Competing for a footballer's signature is not uncommon. If you see that the player has something in him, such a situation happens. If the footballer does not have the quality it would not happen," he says.

The official notes that there should be better foundations to increase competition for those present.

Apart from his leadership role in football, Tiboroha is a lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam's Department of Sports Science.

The official admits that in his life he loves youth football, believing it is the future.

Incoming FECAFOOT president Samuel Eto'o with lots to do

By Correspondent Lloyd Ellipoke

As a striker, Samuel Eto'o had a sharp eye for goal and an uncanny knack for scoring goals in consistently plentiful numbers.

These trademark hallmarks of his game were on full display at all the clubs he starred for, be it from Real Mallorca in the early days of his career to Barcelona, where of course he gained a reputation for being a deadly predator always on the prowl for goals.

Incontestably, Eto'o's clinical finishing has deservedly sealed his place in the pantheon of talented African football greats, which includes such football immortals like George Weah, Abedi Pele, and Didier Drogba among others.

In the wake of his retirement, Eto'o has mostly laid low and been off the football radar.

However, it appears that his days of blissfully quiet retirement are now firmly in the rear-view mirror as he recently became the new president of the Cameroonian Football Federation (FECAFOOT).

And, judging from the present state of affairs at FECAFOOT, Eto'o has a tall order on his hands in his efforts to turn around the federation's flagging fortunes.

Indeed, it is no secret that FECAFOOT's image has long been besmirched by infighting, mal-



Samuel Eto'o

administration, and damaging allegations of corruption.

As if that were not enough on Eto'o's plate, the newly-minted FECAFOOT president will have to ensure that the imminent 2021 AFCON finals, which his country is slated to host early next year, turns out to be a resounding success.

Nevertheless, one feels that fingers should be crossed that Eto'o will ably and capably

deal with all of these challenges.

After all, if the Cameroonian legend demonstrates the same hard work and meticulousness that he did to the challenging craft of scoring goals, then one feels sanguine that FECAFOOT's future will be a bright one.

Moving on, it is well-known that swimming is indisputably not one of the major sports on

our shores.

Despite that though, our national swimming team is now earning rave reviews for outstandingly finishing second in the Africa Zone Three swimming championships in the host country, Uganda.

Indeed, our swimming team also eclipsed regional swimming heavyweights, Kenya, who finished third in the pecking order of the competition.

Nonetheless, as we bask in the glow of our swimming team's exemplary success, we must keep a few pertinent issues in mind.

One such issue is the fact that domestic swimming has sadly been on the receiving end of paltry investment in stark contrast to other sports.

Another is the fact that the litmus test for our swimmers will be how to replicate their regional heroics on bigger and grander stages like the Commonwealth Games or the Olympic Games.

Though, producing sublime displays on the aforementioned stages will take some doing.

Still, since it is like sports for sports protagonists to perpetually strive to achieve greater sporting feats, one feels that the Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA) should set its sights on loftier ambitions if recent events are anything to go by.

Biashara United seeks to bounce back in NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE 2021/22 NBC Premier League continued yesterday with one match today as Biashara United confronted Coastal Union at Karume Memorial Stadium, Musoma. The game was scheduled to kick off at 4:00 pm.

The hosts have not won since stunning Prisons 3-0 at Nelson Mandela Stadium on match day Three back in October.

Biashara United was also chasing their first home victory in the Premier League this season, having lost to Ruvu Shooting and drawn with Simba SC, Mbeya City FC, and Polisi Tanzania at Karume Stadium.

The Musoma side, which finished fourth last season, lost their last outing 2-0 to Mtwara Sugar and is aware that failure to pick maximum points could see them drop to the relegation zone at this stage of the campaign.

The Tanga-based club's head coach, Melis



Biashara United's head coach, Patrick Odhiambo.

to an exciting youngster, Dennis Nkane, and evergreen midfielder, Ramadhan Chombo, to produce their best form in the final third.

Meanwhile, Coastal Union is on a five-match unbeaten run and was set to be high on confidence in this encounter after only losing one game so far.

The Tanga-based club's head coach, Melis

Medo, led his charges to a 2-1 home victory over Mbeya Kwanza FC in their last game, and they looked intent on bringing their good form to Musoma.

Sitting eighth on the log with 11 points, a win stands to lift Coastal Union to fifth on the table after both Azam FC and Dodoma Jiji FC managed stalemates against Mbeya City FC

and Polisi Tanzania respectively.

In head-to-head meetings in the topflight, Biashara United and Coastal Union played each other six times since 2018/19 when both got promoted back.

Coastal Union has won three matches while Biashara United has registered one win. Three of the encounters have ended

in stalemates.

The most recent meetings took place on April 13, 2021, in which Coastal Union won 1-0 thanks to a second-half strike by midfielder, Issa Abushehe, and before that on 19 October 2020, Coastal Union won 3-0 at Mkwakwani Stadium.

Biashara United's lineup from their 2-0 loss against Mtwara Sugar on December 12: James Settuba, Abdulmajid Mangalo, Salum Kipaga (Christian Ziggah 45'), David Kameta, Mpapi Nassibu, Lenny Kisu, Ambrose Awio, Ramadhan Chombo, John Masasi (Aniceth Revocatus 78'), Dennis Nkane, Baron Oketch (Kassim Mdoe 45').

Coastal Union's lineup from their 2-1 victory over Mbeya Kwanza FC on December 5: Mussa Mbissa, Jackson Shiga, Amani Kyata, Paschal Kitenge, Gustapha Simon (Victor Akpan 87'), Hance Masoud, Vincent Aboubakar, Abdul Hamid, Hamad Majimengi (Issa Abushehe 51'), Adam Uledi (Rashid Mohamed 51'), Mtenje Juma.

The official noted: "Yanga currently has several players nursing injuries, Fiston Mayele, Yacouba Songne, Yusuph Athuman, and Kibwana Shomari, so registration must be done to fill in the gap and soon new signings will be announced."

"All players, who will be registered, will be introduced by Yanga's leadership and the technical bench, players that are rumoured to be roped in by Yanga have yet to be recruited."

Yanga to field new signings in 2022 Mapinduzi Cup

By Correspondent Ismail Tano

YANGA's leadership has officially revealed that there is a strong possibility that footballers that will be recruited by the team during this season's mini registration period will feature in the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup slated for January in Zanzibar.

The NBC Premier League leader has reportedly been out to recruit some players, includ-

ing Congolese striker, Jean-Marc Makusu who plays for DC Motema Pembe, and compatriot, midfielder Fabrice Ngoma, who plays for Raja Casablanca of Morocco.

Yanga's information officer, Hassan Bumbuli, made it clear that the team will register players during this season's mini registration period.

According to the leader, there are newly recruited footballers, who will be used in the Mapin-

duzi Cup, and others will not be used in the tournament according to the team's wishes.

"Yanga must register players during the mini registration period, we will head to Zanzibar for the Mapinduzi Cup after confronting Biashara United, there are newly signed players that will turn out for our club in the showdown."

"We will rope in footballers who will serve our club in Mapinduzi Cup."

What can Man United expect from life under Ralf Rangnick?

By Tom Hamilton, ESPN Senior Writer

AFTER three matches and a handful of training sessions, we're starting to see what Ralf Rangnick's Manchester United will resemble.

After news of United's new interim manager broke through, the tales of Rangnick's methods -- and his influence on world football and gegenpressing as we know it -- were well documented. From talking to players, coaches and other figures in the game who have worked with Rangnick or have been coached by him, there is one constant theme which runs through their memories or experiences: clarity.

This is what United's players and coaches can expect over the next six months working with Rangnick.

"What Rangnick is like to work with as a coach

Ernst Tanner, the sporting director at Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union, worked with Rangnick at Hoffenheim in 2010, and then linked up again with him in Austria after Rangnick became director of football at both FC Salzburg and RB Leipzig in June 2012.

"There's a nice saying in German, it's hard to translate, but it goes like: everybody's darling, is everybody's 'rindvieh' (roughly translating as 'cattle,' and also, more suitably, as 'idiot')." Tanner said. "Basically, if you want to lead without taking decisions, then it's going to go wrong.

"With Ralf he has a clear opinion and follows a clear philosophy, so you are always clear about what to do."

A coach's meeting with Rangnick would often involve him eager to hear other opinions on a specific matter, but ultimately, his decision is final. "It creates clarity, and people like that," Tanner says. The same goes for his methods when identifying transfer targets: He looks for specific characteristics and once he's found the right man, he arrows in on the process of securing him.

Rangnick's coaching tree is extensive and broad. From the players he coached during his spells at Stuttgart (1999-2001), Hannover (01-04), Schalke (04-05) and Hoffenheim (06-11) come a vast list of current coaches, sporting directors and managers that includes: Marco Rose (Borussia Dortmund), Julian Nagelsmann (Bayern Munich), Thomas Tuchel (Chelsea), Per Mertesacker (Arsenal), Adi Hutter (Borussia Monchengladbach). Extended further to coaches he's worked with during his management career and that includes Jesse Marsch, Roger Schmidt (PSV Eindhoven) and Ralph Hasenhuttl (Southampton).

While FC Salzburg manager Matthias Jaissle played under Rangnick at Hoffenheim, he also learned a lot from the man in a coaching capacity. Jaissle, the former defender, managed the RB Leipzig under-17s

from 2014 to 2017, and then FC Salzburg's U18s from 2019 to 2021. As manager of FC Salzburg now, he keeps in close contact with Rangnick as a mentor.

Like Tanner, Jaissle says one of the main things he has learnt from Rangnick is the need to "have a clear vision, in what you stand for, what's your philosophy, what your way of playing is, and how it looks ... there are no question marks," Jaissle told ESPN.

Jaissle also learned from Rangnick the importance of looking to other sports, with his mentor always keen to pick the brains of Germany's finest hockey coaches like Bernhard Peters (who became Rangnick's academy manager and adviser at Hoffenheim).

Marsch, who left RB Leipzig earlier this month, worked with Rangnick for much of the past six years, having first met him during his interview for the New York Red Bulls job in 2015.

Marsch remembers the interview being fiery, but Rangnick loved his passion. The two share a similar playing philosophy of aggressive counter-pressing football, but on a more personal level, Marsch learned from Rangnick the importance of keeping messages to players as simple as possible.

Talking to ESPN in 2020, Marsch said of Rangnick: "The beauty of Ralf is that he's really excited about new ideas.

As traditional as he is in some ways, he is also very innovative. This is the beauty of Ralf. His contrasting mentalities and his ability to, at his age, continue to grow and adjust and adapt to the younger generation. He's got a gift."

Rangnick also throws everything into coaching development and has an unrelenting attention to detail, but he expects the same dedication back. "It's definitely a challenge [to work for Ralf]," said one former colleague.

"He is focused on every detail out there, whether it be in the locker room, or the team management, scouting, video analysis ... he is questioning everybody [about] what can be done to become even better.

"Ralf is restless, relentless and always moving forward. For example, if he has an idea how to make things better at 1 a.m., he picks up the phone and calls his team manager. That is why he is so successful; he is leaving nothing to chance."

Tanner remembered one occasion where Rangnick was keen to scout a player during the off-season.

"He's not mainstream, and sometimes he does the opposite of what you expect him to do," Tanner says. "But that's Ralf and you have to accept that.

"When a coach was on holiday and we were going on a scouting trip, the coach more or less told him the family trip was a priority. Ralf said, 'yes, but you can go back on holiday af-



Ralf Rangnick

ter the scouting trip, it's just two days. The coach was a bit afraid of that, and Ralf said 'we are not working at the German post office, we're working for a club.'

While Rangnick is resolute in his views on how football should be played, those who have worked with him have adapted his own brand of rock-and-roll football, and made their own tweaks. Take Nagelsmann, who worked with Rangnick at Hoffenheim and then at RB Leipzig.

"Ralf has a special way of thinking about football," Nagelsmann told ESPN. "I used the philosophy of Ralf at Hoffenheim: counter-pressing is a very important topic.

When Ralf was manager of Hoffenheim, we became really successful in the first season by attacking and counter-attacking, and when at RB Leipzig he improved the way of soccer."

"He gives feedback to his coaches in training, and in the locker room before the game, at half-time and after the matches," Tanner says. "He always advises on how to act, and to take decisions, in line with his philosophy."

Alexander Zorniger, who was manager of RB Leipzig from 2012 to 2015 and is in charge of Cypriot side Apollon Limassol, remembers one instance from a promotion campaign where during a key match,

Rangnick asked Zorniger if he could speak to the team at half-time.

"I told him it was not a good idea," said Zorniger, who wanted the players to be under no illusions who was in day-to-day charge of the team. "He approached me the next day and said he made a mistake."

For the coaches like Kieran McKenna at United who have not worked with him before, they will be getting to understand how Rangnick's brain works.

"It is very challenging when you talk with him, as you can talk for hours," Zorniger told ESPN. "You have to be permanently on your game and follow his thoughts. He gives you a picture of his thoughts: it is a jigsaw with a hundred puzzle pieces."

"What it's like to play for Rangnick

Germany striker Gerald Asamoah played under Rangnick during his first spell at Schalke -- he managed the Gelsenkirchen side from 2004-2005, and again in 2011.

"Rangnick did things that I'd never seen before," Asamoah told ESPN.

He remembers how Rangnick's tactics were different to anything he had encountered before from his other coaches, and also his unique ways of making an entrance.

"He had some crazy ideas. I remember once before a game, we were

have a quicker recovery process, a thirst for improvement and a longer attention span.

When looking for young players, Rangnick (a qualified teacher) works off this equation when it comes to evaluating their potential, as outlined in the book "Mensch" by Jonathan Harding, and the chapter "Natural born talent + acquired skill x mentality) = competence," which is about Rangnick.

Yussuf Poulsen is the example Rangnick uses as validation for this theory: he was identified nine years ago, aged 18, as someone with huge potential when RB Leipzig were in the German third division, and the now Denmark international has since become one of the constant figures in RB Leipzig's lineup in the Champions League.

Poulsen has spoken about that first meeting he had with Rangnick in 2013 when he was told exactly how his career would evolve in tandem with RB Leipzig's success. Every prediction came off.

"Rangnick is a perfectionist, he thinks about all the little details," Poulsen said. "He is very ambitious and always tries to improve and does everything for us so we can give everything on the pitch."

Jaissle can relate to this. He recalls Rangnick visiting him at his parents' house when he was 17 to talk through his hopes and projections for his career at Hoffenheim.

"He showed me the path he wanted to go with me and where he saw my future in the next few years," he says.

"He showed me my potential, gave me a career plan and what he wanted to achieve with the team. I was impressed and after two to three years, everything he predicted was true. That's what he stands for: he can really show young players how they can develop."

Jaissle remembers how Rangnick made everything individually "relatable," no easy feat in a diverse changing room. "He knows what each individual needs to make them better," Jaissle says. Asamoah echoes this: "He was a coach who had time for everybody and was like a teacher and knew how to explain the game to you."

His man management is tailored to the individual, with no player getting preferential treatment over another, though it is through his sense of "clarity" that helps unlock a player's potential.

"Ralf has a special thing about him to get people excited and motivated," said an ex-colleague. Tanner feels Rangnick's incredible ability to bring through young players is down to his ability of "combining knowledge with empathy and having the conviction to do right. That's something quite strong and encourages people."

Germany defender Andreas Beck, who played for Rangnick at Hoffenheim, tells ESPN: "It's unbelievable how meticulously he works. He analyses every training session, and every opponent. He leaves nothing to chance. He is very detail-orientated, and a perfectionist."

"What Manchester United can expect under Rangnick

Rangnick described his philosophy to ESPN in 2020 as "pretty simple."

"[It is a] very proactive style of football," Rangnick said. "We like to press high, with a very intense counter-pressure. When we have the ball we do not like any square or back passes. The goalkeeper also should not be the one with the most contact on the ball. It is a fast, proactive, attacking, counter-attacking, counter-pressing, exciting and entertaining [style of] football."

Rangnick has so far used a 4-2-2-2 formation with United. The two strikers play narrow alongside each other, with the two attacking midfielders playing a little wider.

Then he has two defensive midfielders, operating in front of a back four where the two wing backs push high.

"He is a smart guy," Zorniger says. "He will not make the mistake of trying to change everything from day one, which he would have done had they [hired] him at the start of the season. He will adjust his style to the players, but he wouldn't have taken over if he thought the players were so far away from his playing style."

Prior to joining United, Rangnick watched a few of their matches, and pored over training sessions. Before United won against Crystal Palace, they only had one 45-minute session together, though Jaissle warns that the players will be in line for "tough" training sessions over the next six months.

Jaissle said: "They may not be long, but they'll be intense, you'd always know that you'd been training. [At Hoffenheim] it was mainly shorter repetitions at high intensity -- a lot of

sprints -- to form the basis for the way of playing he likes."

He's also well-known for innovative ideas. The well-told story of the countdown clock he installed at Hoffenheim -- it ticks down from eight seconds, the time his team are allotted to regain possession, and also from 10 seconds, the time in which he wants his team to transition from defense to a shot on goal -- is "an old one," according to Tanner, but at the time it was "unique because it was the first time somebody had that idea."

Since his time with Salzburg and Leipzig, Rangnick has continued to embrace new methods -- like bringing in the Soccerbot, a machine that simulates previous matches, and allows players to rethink their actions so they can look for alternative options.

As Salzburg, he also introduced an anti-gravity running track and Intelligence gym -- a training program anchored around improving cognitive function.

After every match, win or lose, his mentality stays the same. "He is always focused on development. Even if we were winning a number of games in a row, he was still pushing us," said Oliver Glasner, the Eintracht Frankfurt manager and another Rangnick disciple from a stint as assistant manager at Salzburg in 2012.

"He's very demanding, but it's never personal," Glasner added.

"He wants the project to move forward. I remember once winning 7-0, he wasn't totally happy. He felt we could have scored four or five more goals."

Beyond the obvious pressure at such a big club, the biggest challenge for Rangnick at United will involve juggling the short-term "manager" role (slated for six months, through the end of the 2021-22 season), with the long-term project of the two-year consultancy post that's set to follow.

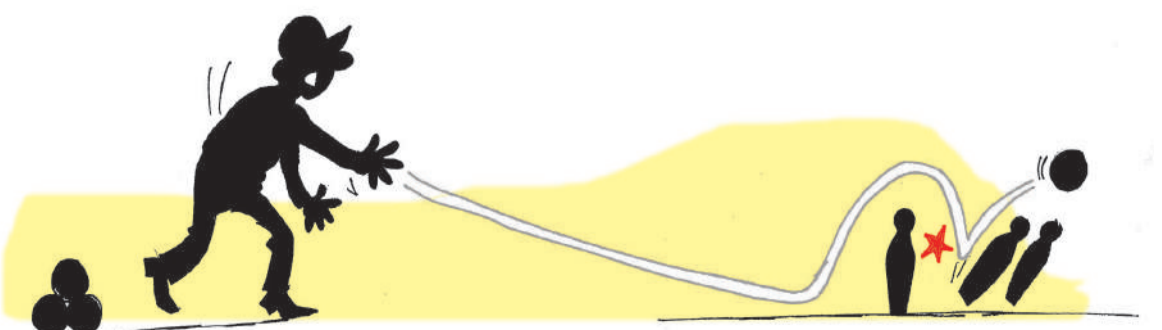
A former colleague says Rangnick will "assess the status quo and analyze the whole setup" and will try to implement solutions "not tomorrow, but yesterday."

In the long run, the goal is to make a system which works seamlessly like a "Swiss clock" -- but patience is king here.

"It is important the players are open to his new ideas," Beck says.

"If every player goes along with his way, everyone will benefit, from the 17-year-old to the world star, and in the end, the whole club."

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2022's National Paralympics Championships set for March

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Paralympic Committee (TPC) is scheduled to host the National Paralympics Championships and wheelchair races in March next year.

Ramadhan Namkoveka, TPC secretary-general, disclosed the information yesterday, saying the championships will be held on March 13 next year at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The committee expects 100 Para athletes to compete in the tournament, the official stated.

The TPC official said the championships will be organized in cooperation with Tanzania Para Athletes Association (TAAA).

He said it will involve 1500m, 800m, 400m, 200m, and 100m events, it will also include wheelchair cycling, in which cyclists are set to compete in 1500 meters.

Javelin shot put, long jump, and high jump are the other events.

He said in the meantime athletes with physical disabilities are the ones who will compete at the championships.

Namkoveka said athletes with other forms of disabilities like the visually impaired and the deaf will be communicated later.

The official noted: "After many years of having no Para Athletics Championships and wheelchair races, next year in March we will host the two events at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, TPC made this resolution at its meeting which was held last September."

"We want to revive Para sports in the country and this is in line with our motto which says 'Medals are here,'" he said.

Namkoveka said a day before the championships, TPC and TPAA technical panels and coaches will brief the athletes and other officials on rules which will be used at the event.

He said the championships will be used to select Para athletes who will represent the country at next year's World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan, and Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

The other aim of the National Paralympics Championships is to appreciate local Para athletes' talents.

Tanzanite Queens set to play against Ethiopia in U-20 Women's World Cup qualifiers' fourth-round



National U-20 women's football team, Tanzanite Queens. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S U-20 women soccer side, Tanzanite Queens, will host Ethiopia's U-20 women squad in the first leg of the fourth round of African qualifiers for the U-20 Women's World Cup.

Tanzanite Queens has qualified for the stage after cruising to a 4-3 aggregate victory against Burundi's U-20 squad in the third round.

In the first leg, Tanzanite Queens garnered a 3-2 win in Dar es Salaam, followed by a 1-1 draw in the rematch in Bujumbura, with the visitors having eight players on the pitch.

At least 11 players and five members of the technical bench of Tanzania's national U-20 women's football team tested positive for COVID-19 in Burundi, the East African nation's football federation said.

After a nervy 3-2 first leg results in Dar es Salaam, the

eight-woman Tanzanite Queens had a dream start in the rematch.

The visitors broke the deadlock 10 minutes into the match courtesy of Emeliana Isaya Mdimu's strike.

The Burundians, however, fought back to level matters later but they could not further find the back of the net as their depleted opponents held on till full time to guarantee a spot in the next round.

Having progressed, Tanzania will join CECAFA teams in a fourth-round showdown for a place in the final

stage, with Uganda facing Ghana.

Another West Africa team, Cameroon, will welcome the region's other squad, Nigeria, on January 22 for the first leg.

Senegal will seek to fancy their chances against Morocco in the fourth round.

Morocco sent the Gambia packing from the qualifying series, following the former's 9-1 aggregate victory over the latter.

Sixteen nations compete against each other for the prize with conti-

mental qualification pathways leading to an exciting finals event.

The U-20 Women's World Cup showdown has seen four past champions, USA, Germany, Japan, and Korea DPR.

The next U-20 Women's World Cup, the 10th edition of the biennial championship, is set to be hosted by Costa Rica between August 10-28 next year.

So far two slots have been allocated to Africa at this world soccer showpiece.

India's fashion designers stage show in Tanzania

By Beatrice Philemon



A model showcases a creation by a Tanzanian fashion designer at the India-Tanzania Fashion Show, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. The show is geared towards celebrating India's 75 years of independence and 60 years of India-Tanzania diplomatic relationship and cultural exchange between the two countries. PHOTO: BEATRICE PHILEMON

MORE than 100 models and 10 designers last weekend participated in India-Tanzania Fashion Show in Dar es Salaam.

The event was held to celebrate India's 75 years of independence and 60 years of diplomatic relationships and cultural exchange between India and Tanzania.

India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan, said that both Tanzanian and Indian designers got a chance to showcase their creativity in designing dresses for both children and adults.

The event took place at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in the city.

Ambassadors and diplomatic officials from different embassies also enjoyed the colourful representation of India through apparel.

"These types of events help to understand the culture of the two countries' people and also strengthens the cultural connections," he said.

According to him, the venue turned out to be packed with the audience who were enthusiastically involved and encouraged the participants.

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC)'s Director, Santhosh Raja, noted clothing traditions of two states of India that include Andhra Pradesh and Punjab were showcased

in the fashion show.

This is the first event to take place in Tanzania, allowing Indian and Tanzanian fashion designers to show their talent and creativity.

During the event, India's designers showcased wedding collection dresses, while Tanzania's designers showcased their creative works.

Indian and Tanzanian models did the catwalk with these outfits.

The event was organized by SVCC in collaboration with Agusta Fashions Tanzania.

Diaspora members actively took a role in designing and modeling the fashion show.

"On this happy occasion of our independence day commemoration, we also celebrate the historic and deep-rooted friendship between India and Tanzania and renew our gratitude to the government and the people of Tanzania for nurturing this relationship," he noted.

Indian fashion designer, Jaya Chowdhary, called on Tanzania's designers willing to design Indian clothes to see her through SVCC.

She disclosed her company has highly qualified experts who will competently train her Tanzanian counterparts.

According to the designer, Andhra Pradesh is a South Central state of India that has a very good culture, rich and educated people.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

