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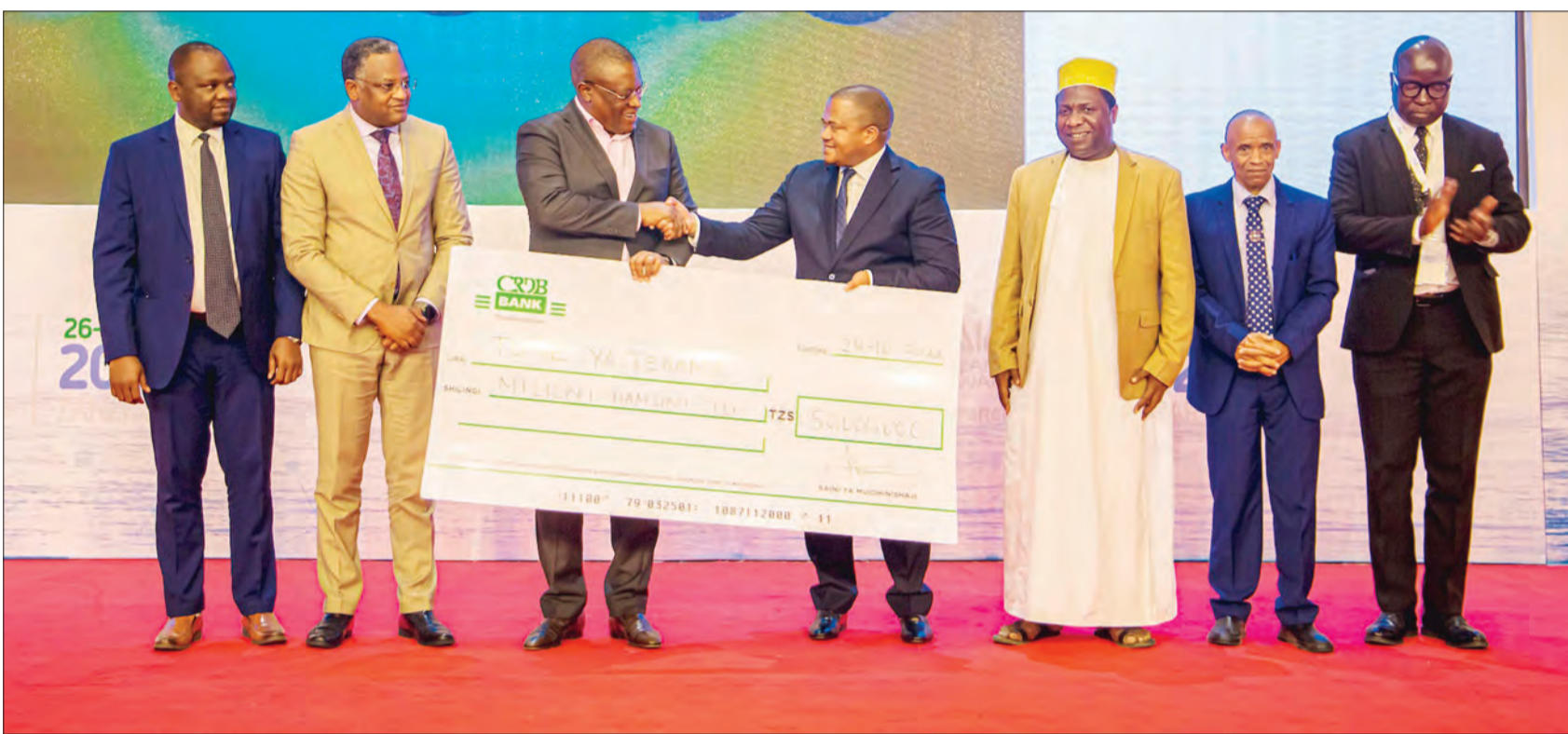
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By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

A TOTAL of 15.2bn/- has been used to compensate Dodoma residents vacating their plots to pave the way for construction of Msalato International Airport.

Rogatus Mativila, the Tanzania Roads Agency (TanRoads) chief executive officer said at a national event to lay the foundation stone for the project that the area covers 4500 hectares and compensation has largely been paid out.

He said that in 2015 the government obtained a concessional loan from the African Development Bank (AfDB) for feasibility studies and preparing detailed designs, while the Tanzania Airports Authority (TAA) had in 2017 contracted a Tunisian firm to do the job, priced at \$1.8m, ending in 2019.

This airport will optimally serve 32m passengers per year, but this level of turnover isn't expected to be reached this century, he said.

Large aircraft such as Airbus 380 carrying 500 passengers will be able to land, with initial passenger service facilities being designed for 1.5m passengers per year to start with.

Construction will be done in phases to the level that a large Boeing 787 Dreamliner carry 350 passengers can land, with this phase being financed with concessional loans from the African Development Bank (AfDB). The loan contract sets out \$329.64m, where two contractors will be involved.

Mussa Mbura, the TAA director general, said that until March last year there were 435 airports, with the government

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CRDB Bank Plc CEO and managing director Abdulmajid Nsekela presents to Information, Communications and Information and Technology minister Nape Nnauye a dummy cheque for 50m/- at celebrations to mark the 6th Information and Technology anniversary held in Zanzibar on Friday. The money is meant to empower well-performing young digital start-ups through the bank's just-launched 'IMBEJU' programme that targets young people and women. Witnessing the event are Mjini Magharibi regional commissioner Idrisa Kitwana Mustafa (3rd-R); Information, Communications and Information and Technology ministry permanent secretary Dr Jim Yonazi (2nd-L); Deputy Permanent Secretary in the ministry, Mohammed Abdul (L); IT Board Chairman Prof. Leonard Mselle (2nd-R) and IT Commission director General Dr Nkundwe Mwasaga. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt ups surveillance as ebola hits Kampala

ACT: Borrow 2trn/- yearly to ease water access pains

By Francis Kajubi

SOLVING the current water supply crisis may require that the government seeks more than one trillion shillings from the development partners each year for half a decade, an opposition party said at the weekend.

Ester Thomas, the Water and Environment spokesperson for ACT-Wazalendo, told a press conference that if the government could mobilise up

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By Correspondent James Kandoya

BORDER and entry point surveillance is being strengthened against the ebola viral disease after the Ugandan capital, Kampala, recorded five new cases last week.

Ummu Mwalimu, the Health minister, said this at a press conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday after inspecting an isolation centre in Tembe District, to see if medical personnel there are prepared in case an ebola outbreak is reported.

She emphasized on improving surveillance at the Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) and

the Magufuli Bus Terminal to test travellers coming from Uganda.

She said that Dar es Salaam region was threatened with an outbreak due to direct link with Kampala through bus and air transport, with the Ugandan authorities reporting five case in the capital.

That lifted the number of those infected to 55 people and 32 deaths, with 12,183 contact cases, she said.

The disease was initially reported in Mubende district, nearly 300 kilometres from the capital but cases started being

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Forest converted to village land, to earn carbon credits

By Guardian Reporter

MUNGULI forest in Mwanzeza Ward in Mkalama District, Singida Region has been converted into a portion of customarily owned land so that it can be included in the carbon trade and become a source of income for villagers in the area.

This move is tied up with handing traditional occupancy documents to over 550 residents of

Mpambala village in the district, as part of a project implemented by Reversing Land Degradation and Increasing Food Security in Tanzania (LDFS). The unit is a government agency carrying out the work of the Global Environment Fund (GEF) whose projects are embedded in World Bank activities worldwide, online sources noted.

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Joseph Kihale, the LDFS national project coordinator in the Vice President's Office (Environment) said in VPO statement yesterday that land occupancy documents are also intended to end land use conflicts and ownership disputes.

Noting that Tanzania and Niger are two among 12 countries in Africa doing well in issuing customary land occupancy documents, he urged other local authorities to pursue occupancy title projects given the success registered in the region.

Some countries have even declared interest in coming to observe or benchmark the title issuance process, he said, pointing out the protected forest will be part of global carbon dioxide absorption programmes.

This will give title holders to the forest land the relevant credits for its role in carbon absorption, he said, elaborating that planned land use and provision of titles eases investor take up of investment opportunities and acquiring land for the purpose.

So far upwards of 750 customary land occupancy documents have been issued in Magu District, Mwanza Region, along 600 such titles in Nzega District of Tabora Region, he said.

There are 351 customary land occupancy documents out of 901 that are expected to be given to Mwangeza Village residents involved in the land uplifting project, which has reduced the challenge of land use conflicts, he elaborated.

James Mkwega the Mkalama district council chairman, commended VPO for coordinating the project, underlining that project benefits have started being seen, including the improvement of rice farming and beekeeping.

Customary land occupancy documents will help to reduce land use conflicts in the areas, as villagers often spent innumerable work days following up consultations on land use and demarcations instead of working on their farms.

He urged the residents to observe details of the land use plan best practices for sustainable use of the land.

Regina Edward and Simon Mluta, villagers who obtained customary land occupancy titles, said the villagers will benefit from credit opportunities, enhancing productivity and development prospects.

They paid gratitude to the LDFS project for digging wells and sinkholes, ending water shortages owing to drought.



Dr Zubeida Mohammed Hussein (R), a paediatrician with Zanzibar's Mnazi Mmoja Referral Hospital, pictured at the facility yesterday briefing Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman (L) on the handling of measles patients admitted there. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

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reported in Kampala after nearly two weeks, raising fears of a stray passenger landing the outbreak in Dar es Salaam.

Out of 300 buses, arriving in the city from interior routes, ten buses board passengers in Kampala, raising risks of transmission, as the disease spreads by touching.

Initially the focus was Kagera Region but with cases diagnosed in Kampala, Dar es Salaam is also exposed were cases to continue rising in the Ugandan capital, she said.

Consultations are being engaged between health authorities in the two EAC partner states on the situation, to forestall cases of

infection the border, she said.

The Ugandan authorities submitted names of contact persons with the reported cases, for use by immigration posts in Kagera Region, to prevent moving across the country's borders, she said. The World Health Organisation (WHO)

is ready to provide experts with experience in ebola control missions in Liberia, DRC and Sierra Leone to share their experiences with local health personnel. Dr Rashid Mfaume, the regional health officer, said the department had received equipment to protect health

officers from contacting the disease. The staff will also be trained on how to handle person suspected to have ebola and remain safe. The Temeke district council had also been directed to put up arrangements where one hotel facility will be available for isolation were any

contact person to avoid transmission. Dr Joseph Kimaro, the top medic at the Temeke Regional Referral Hospital, said that trained health staffs were ready in case of any case surfacing, with its isolation centre fitted with observatory and clothing equipment for staff charged with any suspected cases.



Indian Navy Ship Tarkash delegation head and Defence Attaché Captain Nitesh Garg in a group photo with Tanzania People's Defence Forces officers at the weekend. The warship arrived at Dar es Salaam Port last week and was engaged in a bilateral maritime partnership exercise between the two countries. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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to 2trn/- yearly for the purpose the problem could be solved by 2027, even with continuing problems of climate change impacts. This would enable the government to accomplish delayed water projects across the country, she said, noting that some envisaged water projects appear to have been abandoned. Addressing the press on Friday said that the government is supposed to mobilize an average of 2trn/- on an annual basis to make its water projects a reality with direct impact to the public.

She pointing at the Same-Mwanga-Korogwe project intended to yield 103.7m liters of water and the Mwanga Town Council project billed at \$36.7m, with the first project pegged at \$35.25m started in 2014 and still not finished. She also urged the government to mobilize funds to complete the Kidunda dam construction project along with the Mpera and Kimbiji 20 drilled-wells project. The government needs to develop new water supply systems as loss and leakages pile up from the deteriora-

tion of water supply infrastructure, she said, calling for electronic monitoring of water supply channels. Public water demand was rising by seven percent annually while supply is augmented by up to two percent, the spokesperson lamented, underlining that low water supply arises from the "limited capacity of the Ministry of Water to manage various water projects." This contributes to some projects being unproductive and not aiding the supply of water countrywide, while poor access to clean and safe water in rural areas helps to hinder rural people from getting out of poverty, she said. The cost to water access incurred by rural residents is so high in comparison with their per capita income, she said, citing the case of Gehandu village in Hanang district of Manyara region. People buy a 200 liter barrel of water for 7000/- and a family has to restrain its water use as such barrel may not suffice for routine needs in a day, she said, projecting that up to 2.5m/- per year will be needed by a family to pay for this kind of access to clean water.

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operating 194 airports. Private sector airports numbered 241, meanwhile as international standards of protection and security were realised at 69 percent of airports at present.

The goal is to reach 75 percent of airports in the next inspection, during fiscal 2023/24, he said.

He referred to plans to renovate the second passenger building (Terminal II) of the Julius Nyerere International Airport start June next year as a result of agreements that President Samia Suluhu Hassan reached in a visit to France earlier this year.

Msalato International Airport will

make it the fourth international airport, attracting more airlines to make direct flights and thus contribute to economic growth.

Rosemary Senyamule, the regional commissioner, said 3,368 residents were paid 16.93bn/- while the cases of ten others whose compensation demand total 80m/- are already with Treasury.

Dr Patricia Laverley, the AfDB country manager, said the construction of the airport will cost \$271m, with the financing set out in three years.

In her remarks, President Samia warned those who will be listed for employment not to start stealing con-

struction materials and sabotage the project, as upon its completion by 2025 it promises countless benefits.

She said all projects for construction of airports are ongoing, with Msalato being among major projects whose implementation start this fiscal year.

If well supervised contractors will complete the project towards the end of next year, she said, emphasizing that the airport is being built in accordance with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

It will facilitate landing of planes like Dreamliners, Airbus and other international jetliners and promote the aviation industry in the country, she said.

Air transport was prioritised in the 2003 transport policy where each region is required to have a facility capable of handling planes carrying up to 179 passengers.

Those who will be employed at the project site should not engage in sabotaging it by stealing bags of cement, nails and iron bars, she said, directing her gaze at the crowd.

Prof Makame Mbarawa, the Works and Transport minister, assured the president that the project will be completed as scheduled, while the AfDB country manager hailed prospects of international visitors landing directly at the capital.

NMB to use MastaBata IV prizes to empower customers economically

By Guardian Reporter

THE fourth edition of NMB Bank MastaBata digital payment campaign is underway following its launch in Mbeya last Friday with part of the 350m/- prize package earmarked to uplift customers of the lender economically.

The winners of the competition dubbed NMB MastaBata, Kote-Kote! will be empowered through 173m/- in prize money and 14 brand new motorcycles.

The bank's chief retail banking Filbert Mponzi said two rewards are expected to help boost the incomes of winning customers. Instead of promoting NMB Mastercard and Masterpass QR cards (Lipa mkononi) alone, he explained, the bank is also according to customers the opportunity to improve their economic welfare and status.

"Unlike last year, this time around we have also decided to have cash prizes together with motorcycles and the reason for that is that we don't want to promote the use of NMB digital cards only," he noted in his remarks.

"We also want to be agents of economic change for our customers because we believe the motorcycles are going to be used in business and thereafter generate more income for our winners," Mponzi explained.

The promotion's jackpot will be a four-trip to Dubai for seven winners and their partners. There will be also weekly and monthly raffles during the 10 weeks campaign.

"A total of 350 m/- will be won as prizes by 854 lucky winners during the campaign," he

noted adding that the promotion principally seeks to share the bank's profitability with its loyal customers.

Every week, 75 customers will each pocket 100,000/- which adds up to 7.5m/-, which will amount to some 75m/- when the promotion winds up in January 2023.

At the end of every 28 days for two consecutive months, 49 winners will each scoop 1m/- leading to 49m/- being won during every raffle and 98m/- after the two draws. Every week a motorcycle will be won and two every month bringing the number to 14 at the end of the promotion.

The chief guest of the colourful event was Mbeya District Commissioner Dr. Rashid Chuachua, who graced it on behalf of the Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera.

According to him, the investment NMB was making in the campaign was the right thing to do in the contemporary world of digital finance and an increasingly less cash global economy.

In NMB, Chuachua noted that Mbeya and the whole of Tanzania have a committed business and development partner saying the 600 iron sheets and 400 desks the bank acquired for five schools in the region last July was a shining example of its social investments and corporate giving spirit.

NMB debuted the MastaBata campaign series in 2018 to drive increased use of its digital payment cards. Season one of the partnership with payment industry giant Mastercard was dubbed MastaBata, then followed MastaBata SioKawaida and last year it was MastaBata - KivyakoVyako.



Mbeya district commissioner Dr Rashid Chuachua (2nd-R) applauds moments after the launch of NMB Bank Plc's 'MastaBata - KoteKote' campaign in Mbeya city at the weekend. The drive is meant to promote the use of ATM card usage, payments via QR scanning and online payments. The bank has set prizes to the tune of over 300m/- on the campaign. He is with NMB chief of retail banking Filbert Mponzi (2nd-L), chief human resources officer Emmanuel Akonaay (R) and head of card business Philbert Casmir. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Census data will help to allocate funding for public health, education, transportation and much more'

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo,

Dodoma

TANZANIAN development planners will have their work reduced from today after the release of the 2022 National Population and Housing Census by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The purpose of the census is to gather information about the general population in order to present a full and reliable picture of the population in the country including housing conditions and

demographic, social and economic characteristics for development planning.

An estimated 20,000 citizens from Tanzania's mainland and Zanzibar are expected to flock to the Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma today afternoon to witness the announcement.

The event has been slated to commence at around 06:00 am and will be beamed live by at least three local television stations, including the Tanzania Broadcasting Corporation (TBC), Zanzibar Broadcasting Corporation (ZEB)

and Star TV.

According to the event's organizing committee, the intention was to see at least 30,000 residents get an opportunity to witness the event, but the Jamhuri Stadium has the capacity to accommodate only 15,000 people.

Also, the committee informed that today's launch of the event will be done in a special digital and mesmerising style including a special helicopter that will jet into the stadium displaying the results of the census in a special style, immediately after the head of state an-

nounced the current status of the Tanzanians.

"We have been well organized to give a special reception to all dignitaries, including the ambassadors that will jet in Dodoma for the event, as well as other members from the diplomatic genre," according to the committee.

As per the plan, there will be at least 33 modern buses that will carry the Ambassadors and other high-profile officials from Dodoma's newly Ultra-modern Chingali Recreational Park where they will be hosted upon their ar-

rival.

Authorities from each district within Dodoma region have organized special buses to carry a good number of citizens to the capital in readiness to feature in the event, whereby at least 400 residents from Zanzibar are already also here to witness the event.

Apart from revealing the results, the president will this afternoon launch a special guideline on how the results will be used to help stimulate diverse national development goals.

Among others, President Samia

is expected to explain the statistical and economic lessons of the preliminary results of the census, and the results to be presented today are those based on people and housing, while the auxiliary data on physical addresses are expected to be announced next month.

The to be launched guideline, among others, will dwell in indicating the best manner for the public institution, international agencies and the private sector to use the census results as a flag post for attaining the country's Economic Vision for 2030.

NHC threatens legal action as tenants hold 21bn/- in debts

By Correspondent James

Kandoyo

THE National Housing Corporation (NHC) has issued a 60-day ultimatum to its active and ex-tenants to pay their accrued debts estimated to reach 21bn/- warning failure of that legal action will be taken then.

Muungano Saguya, NHC Head of Communication said this in Dar es Salaam yesterday, adding that the decision was part of the corporation's campaign to collect debts from active and ex-tenants across the country.

Saguya said failure to settle their debts in the given time, NHC will list their names to the public

He said for active tenants who will not settle their accrued debts the NHC intends to breach their contract, vacate them and auction their properties to settle their debts.

He said for the x-tenants, are all asked to report to the nearest NHC offices to get a control number and ensure they pay their accrued debts.

"We have so far collected 5bn/ out of the 26bn/. Our campaign aims to collect the remaining debts to enable NHC to implement its development plans," he said.

He said houses belonging to NHC are just one percent of all houses in the country adding that the demand is still high.

Currently, NHC receives about 200 new applications every month from people who want to be new tenants which is equivalent to new 2400 applications annually.

According to him, that means that the demand for NHC houses was high from Tanzanians that without immediate action taken including collecting debts, it cannot realize its goals.

"The rights of a tenant will be meaningfully by tenants playing all their part - paying rents on time," he said.

Director of Property Management at NHC, Elias Msese said there are about 1000 ex-tenants adding that the corpora-

tion has taken legal measures against 30 tenants and will send them before the court.

"Failure of that, the existing tenants will not qualify to be tenants in our houses and next January will hire new tenants," he said.

NHC Collecting and Debts Recovering Manager Levinico Mbilinyi said it was illegal for tenants to inter-contract with middlemen on behalf of the corporation.

Whenever goes wrong NHC will send eviction orders to the middlemen and not the tenants and sometimes tenants fall in trouble for unknown mistakes made by the middlemen.

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Inspector General of Police Camilius Wambura (2nd-L) in a group photo with senior members of the Geita Gold Mining Limited team. They are (from-R): Senior Manager for Security, Suleiman Machira; Vice President of AngloGold Ashanti (Sustainability) in Ghana and Tanzania, Simon Shayo; Managing Director Terry Strong and Senior Legal Counsel David Nzaligo. The delegation paid the IGP a visit in Dar es Salaam at the weekend chiefly in a move meant to enhance relations between the firm and the government through the law-enforcement organ. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

200 youths to benefit from power technology training

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 200 youth from four regions in the country are expected to undergo training on solar power technology to enable them to employ themselves or become employed in firms engaged in electricity.

The regions to benefit from the training include Simiyu, Shinyanga, Geita and Manyara and the training will be provided by GIZ, a German institution through Employment and Skills for Development in Africa (E4D) in collaboration with Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (TAREA).

Elaborating on the project in Arusha at the weekend, TAREA Executive Secretary, Dr Mathew Matimbwi said the youth will benefit from the project through their local councils and will be selected from their wards for training on solar technology.

He called on girls to come up in large numbers to the training which will involve two weeks in class after which they will be posted to various firms for practical training and those who will perform well would be directly employed by the said firms.

"In total, the training will involve four weeks - two in class and two doing practicals and the aim is for them to employ themselves or become employed in electricity firms.

For his part, GIZ-E4D Project Manager, Faustine Msangira said in collaboration with TAREA they are implementing the project with the aim of helping the youth including at least 30 per cent of girls to get employment in the energy sector as solar energy technicians.

Msangira said the training also aims to enhance the knowledge of solar installation at homes.

"The project is being sponsored by the European Union (EU), the Prime Minister's Office, and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) whose aim is to enable the youth to gain beneficial employment through the solar energy sector," he said.



In total, the training will involve four weeks – two in class and two doing practicals and the aim is for them to employ themselves or become employed in electricity firms

Govt plugs corruption avenues through TANEPS improvement

By Guardian Reporter, Iringa

DEPUTY Finance and Planning Minister Hamad Hassan Chande says the government has plugged loopholes for corruption and embezzlement of public funds contributed by deficiencies in the Tanzania National e-Procurement system (TANEPS) by undertaking major improvements.

This was revealed during his

visit to inspect improvements to the system undertaken by internal experts with the aim of removing existing challenges.

Chande said there have been challenges in getting the actual value of money in regard to goods and services due to loopholes that contribute to huge differences in costs from one same area.

"There has been great secrecy in procurement processes the situa-

tion that compels one to ask why the secrecy? The procurement should be done in transparency and fairness, hence experts should make improvements to the system to enable us to get the actual value for money that will help to make fair procurements," he said.

Chande said the government's aim to make the improvements is to make sure the procurement institutions abandon routine pro-

cesses outside the required system that invite avenues for corruption.

He also called on Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) Chief Executive Officer, Eliakimu Maswi to make sure all those required to use the system, should use it without any excuses.

He also praised PPRA for its efforts in overseeing a big transformation in the procurement system in order to enhance achievements

in the country's procurement sector. PPRA Chief executive officer, Maswi pledged that improvements to TANEPS will enable it to become more efficient and corruption free in the East and Southern Africa region.

He also said he will make sure all those required to use the system are registered with the aim of making TANEPS more transparent for the development of the people and

the nation in general.

Iringa Urban MP, Jesca Msambatavangu lauded Finance and Planning ministry for improving the public procurement system as it is not an easy thing to enter into such improvements without the help of experts from abroad.

She tasked people to make sure they use the system if they want to do business with the government because it will be easy to use.



Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd managing director Unguu Sulay (R) symbolically presents aprons to Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), in Dar es Salaam yesterday. In total, the firm presented 300 customised high-pressure gas stoves, 300 15-kg LPG cylinders, 38 food cabins, 80 food cabin tables, aprons and T-shirts to over 900 young food vendors to support their business through its youth economic inclusion programme dubbed 'Chipsika Kiajira na Coke'. Photo: Guardian Photographer

Tanzania, Turkey cement ties in health, education sectors

By Henry Mwangonde

TANZANIA has expressed commitment to strengthen ties with the Republic of Turkey in sectors of health and education where the European country has made tremendous progress.

Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs Dr Damas Ndumbaro made the commitment during an event to mark the 99th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey over the weekend.

He said Tanzania appreciates the bond of friendship,

Cooperation and partnership with Turkey, in particular Turkey's support in expertise in the said sectors.

"Since becoming independent, Tanzania and Turkey have maintained good and cordial bilateral relations which have continued to grow to higher heights, particularly after the re-opening of the Turkish Embassy in Dar es Salaam in May 2009 and that of Tanzania in Ankara in 2017," he said.

The minister revealed that as of now, there are more than 400 Tanzanian students studying in Turkish Universities in various fields including health, engineering, agriculture and social sciences.

He said the collaboration has ushered a new chapter in the ties of friendship, cooperation and partnership which paved the way for both business communities in Tanzania and Turkey to meet and explore trade and investment opportunities.

According to the minister, to date, there are around 48 Turkish compa-

nies investing in Tanzania in different sectors including manufacturing, agriculture, construction, human resources, tourism and transportation.

"So far, the Turkish investments in the country worth around \$324 million and have provided a total of 3,455 jobs to the local people hence improving the livelihood of many small and middle-income Tanzanians," the minister added.

He named other sectors where the two countries work together as tourism which he said was among the priority sectors of Tanzania's economy saying Turkey has been an important agent for the sector to Tanzania.

In his remarks, Ambassador of Turkey to Tanzania Dr Mehmet Gulluoglu said Trade volume between Tanzania and Turkey has increased to \$300 million (700bn/-), in the past years due to efforts by the Embassies of the two counties in strengthening further the existing economic and diplomatic ties.

He said Tanzania is an important partner for Turkey in East Africa and that they value strengthening the existing bilateral relations on a win-win basis.

"Our bilateral trade by no means has realized its true potential, and we believe that there is a considerable room for growth, not only in terms of the volume but also in the variety of goods and services," he said.

The diplomat explained further that Turkey will continue to share its technical expertise as well as strengthen its economic and cultural relations with Tanzania for the mutual benefit of both countries.

Sugar production gathers pace under TADB support

By Francis Kajubi

BAGAMOYO Sugar Limited is making possible ambitions toward guaranteed reliable sugar supply in the country soon after getting financial support from Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB).

Owned by the Bakhresa Group, the factory is set to produce 18,000 tonnes of sugar in its first year of operations which commenced in June this year.

It further aims at bridging the current 30,000 tonnes of sugar gap that the country is facing.

Visiting the sugar factory recently in Coastal Region, TADB's Board of directors chairperson Ishmael Kasekwa said that the board is very much impressed by the pace of the implementation of the project and the achievement it had registered so far.

"Our multi-billion-shilling support to Bagamoyo Sugar Limited is very much in-line with our mandate which is to promote food self-sufficiency and security;

We are very confident that this new player is going to significantly contribute to solving the sugar gap crisis which has been facing the country for many years," said Kasekwa.

Kasekwa asserted that the initiative will evidently reduce and in the long-run stop sugar imports, thus saving the country from a handsome import bill that it has to pay each year to meet the sugar demand.

Bagamoyo Sugar Limited Deputy CEO Said Nassor told TADB board members who visited the factory that the project was under control promising a bright future for the sugar industry.

"Everything is going as scheduled. We started our commercial production in June this year and so far we have already produced a total of 14,000 tonnes and by the end of the

season, we will hit 18,000 tonnes. In phase one of this project, the plan is to produce 30,000 tonnes of sugar by 2023," he said.

According to him, the main objective of the project was not only reducing dependence on sugar imports and attaining self-sufficiency but also producing surplus sugar for export.

He commended TADB for the multi-billion-shilling financial support that the bank directed into the project adding that it could be hard to achieve the milestone it had achieved if it was not for the bank's support.

According to the Sugar Board of Tanzania, the country's demand for sugar currently sits

at 645,000 tonnes per year, whereas 440,000 tonnes is consumed in normal households while the remaining 205,000 tonnes is utilized in industries.

For the 2020/2021 season, a bunch of 46,000 tonnes of sugar was imported, while 50,010 tonnes were also imported for the 2021/2022 season respectively.

According to the Sugar Board, import projections for the 2022/2023 season are estimated at 30,000 tonnes, which is a drastic decline in anticipation of the contribution that Bagamoyo Sugar Limited will make to the market this season.

Water PS urges amendments over Zanzibar water policy

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

PERMANRNT Secretary of the Zanzibar Ministry for Water, Energy and Minerals, Joseph Kilangi has said the ministry is in the process to amend the water policy to make it go in tandem with the current needs.

Kilangi was speaking in Dodoma at the weekend at a meeting held at Dodoma Urban Water and Sanitation Authority (DUWASA) designed to introduce its officials to those of Tanzania Water ministry following the appointment permanent secretaries made on June 30 2022.

He said his ministry continues with its review of the water policy to enable it benefit the government by calling on the people to contribute towards water supply services.

He explained that the main aim for his ministry to call on the people to contribute to water supply services is to reduce the heavy burden borne by the Zanzibar government to operate the water supply services for free.

He said that the water supply services cost id huge as it includes digging of wells, laying of pipes,

construction of water reservoirs and electricity hence it was time for the people to contribute to enable better water supply services.

Kilangi also thanked officials of Tanzania water ministry for the good reception, saying joint meetings reflect good signs in finding a solution to Zanzibar water challenges.

For his part, the Permanent Secretary of Tanzania water ministry Nadhifa Kemikimba thanked her Zanzibar counterpart for coming to Dodoma for introduction that aim to boost relations between the two ministries.

She also recommended that directors from the two ministries should introduce the practice of inviting procurement officers from both sides to iron out challenges faced by the two sectors.

She said there are still many challenges in the procurement sectors that need urgent solutions.

In his trip to Dodoma, PS Kilangi was accompanied by his ministry's officials including the Director of Planning, Policy and Research, Dr Maryam Issa and other officials from the planning, administrative and public relations officers.



Development stakeholders from Tanga Region's New Generation Group donate blood voluntarily at Tanga city's Bombo referral hospital yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Enhancing surveillance to detect and characterise infectious disease threats

By Felister Peter

THE government has received an equipment worth 181m/- from the US Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) to enhance surveillance of diseases at the country's entry points.

The equipment will be deployed at seven entry point including Namanga, Horohoro, Rusumo, Kabanga, and Dar es Salaam port.

The equipment includes desktop computers, laptops, UPS for desktop computers, tablets, printers, tables, chairs, booths, stabilizers, extension cables, and Wi-Fi routers.

National Institute for Medical Research (NMIR) director general Prof Said Aboud said on Saturday that the received equipment will strengthen and enable effective use of digital system at points of entry. He said the ministry has so far been able to support fully operationalization of 20 out of 54 points of entry.

Prof Aboud added that Tanzania like many other countries is at risk of spread infectious diseases due to her geographical position.

He said: point of entry remains potential routes for spread infectious diseases therefore the equipment has come at the right time.

CDC country director, Mahesh Swaminathan said with the support from CDC Tanzania has enhanced capacity to quickly detect disease threats such as COVID-19, monkey pox, ebola and others.

"With the recent outbreak of Ebola in Uganda, CDC is working with the government to enhance emergency preparedness including strengthening of surveillance laboratories and workforce capacity for Ebola virus disease," said the CDC boss.

Managment Development for Heath (MDH) chief executive officer Dr David Sando said through CDC funds they will continue to support the government's development and maintenance of surveillance systems as per ministry of health requirements and guidelines.

Dr Sando said: "We have donated the equipment because Tanzania is surrounded by many countries therefore posing a risk of transmitted diseases. The system will detect monkey pox, Covid-19, Ebola and other emerging diseases."

Ministry of health, director of ICT, Sillvanus Ilo-mo stressed that the government had shortage of such equipment, therefore, it will help improve national response on surveillance of disease, tracing and detecting other emerging ailments.

Since 2015, the U.S government has supported the government in improving border health measures at points of entry in response to outbreaks of public health events with the goal of improving the ability to detect and prevent the importation or exportation of diseases and minimize disruptions by public health threats to travel, trade and tourism, thus aligning with International Health Regulations (IHR) core capacities and the mission of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHTSA).

Tanzania has 54 official borders with eight different countries, numerous and porous borders with its neighbors pose a high risk of disease transmission.



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UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
Tanzania Portland Cement Public Limited Company (TPCPLC) continues to deliver strong operating results when compared to the same period 2021. Both the sales volume and revenue increased compared to the same period 2021. Revenue increased by 9% compared to the same period last year. This increase is due to the continued demand of cement products within Tanzania and outside Tanzania.

The high availability and efficiency of the plant and machinery has contributed to the improved

performance compared to the same period 2021, all within an environment where the Health and Safety of our employees and contractors is paramount. The Company continues to focus on delivering excellent customer service, selling of high quality products and maintaining strong customer relationships to enable TPCPLC to demonstrate its strength as the leading player in the industry.

Prospects
The cement demand in Tanzania and in the East-African region has been growing steadily in recent years. TPCPLC is well placed to meet this growing demand and will continue to work to maintain its leadership.

Appreciation
The Board would like to thank all its stakeholders for their support. We have every confidence that TPCPLC will continue to deliver value for the shareholders and community in the future.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Hakan Gurdal
Chairman of the Board
19.10.2022

	JAN - SEP 2022 TZS'000	JAN - SEP 2021 TZS'000
INCOME STATEMENT		
Revenue	358,338,268	328,423,941
Cost of sales	(226,239,925)	(202,248,754)
Gross profit	132,098,343	126,175,187
Other operating income	1,584,600	1,349,253
Selling and administrative expenses	(2,205,913)	(2,197,480)
Administrative expenses	(15,564,513)	(14,224,974)
Depreciation and amortisation	(15,503,480)	(14,880,674)
Other operating expenses	(2,088,469)	(2,383,788)
Operating profit	98,320,568	93,837,524
Financial items	2,211,669	992,428
Profit before tax	100,532,237	94,829,952
Taxes on income	(30,564,898)	(29,010,234)
Profit for the year	69,967,339	65,819,718

	2022 TZS'000	2021 TZS'000
BALANCE SHEET		
ASSETS		
Intangible fixed assets	861,623	1,054,842
Tangible fixed assets	144,210,083	134,849,020
Other non-current assets	6,370,423	3,332,492
Non-current assets	151,442,129	139,236,354
Inventories	74,386,616	58,109,925
Trade and other receivables	71,106,797	56,315,009
Cash and cash equivalents	89,219,635	117,873,050
Current assets	234,713,066	232,297,984
TOTAL ASSETS	386,155,195	371,534,338

	2022 TZS'000	2021 TZS'000
EQUITY & LIABILITIES		
Equity	272,033,024	250,650,668
Lease liabilities	5,378,124	2,219,941
Long term provisions	9,766,965	6,992,932
Provision for deferred taxes	9,808,603	12,008,872
Non-current liabilities	24,953,692	21,221,745
Lease liabilities	-	-
Current income tax payable	982,398	2,162,853
Trade and other payables	85,212,738	94,546,798
Dividend payable	2,973,343	2,952,274
Current liabilities	89,168,479	99,661,924
TOTAL EQUITY & LIABILITIES	386,155,195	371,534,338

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New Wami bridge goes into operation

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER for Works and Transport Prof Makame Mbarawa has allowed drivers to start using the new Wami Bridge in Chalinze, Coast region following the completion of the construction work by 96 per cent.

Prof Mbarawa asked leaders and citizens in Coast region to ensure the bridge is protected so that it lasts for more than 120 years.

"The construction work has been completed by 96 percent; it can be used by drivers and other users, but with caution as the contractor is finishing up the remaining job," said Prof Mbarawa.

Prof Mbarawa asked the leaders to cooperate with the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) and the contractors constructing the Kibaha-Chalinze-Morogoro expressway (215 km) to facilitate smooth implementation of the project.

"The government continues to open up the Coast Region by improving road infrastructures through the construction of roads including the one from Pangani-Horohoro-Lungalunga- to Mombasa in Kenya which is expected to open up a number of economic opportunities for people living along it as well

as promoting tourism," Prof Mbarawa stated.

TANROADS Acting Chief Executive, Eng Dorothy Mtenga said more than 75bn/- have been used in the construction of the bridge which is intended to solve transport challenges.

She said the new bridge replaces the old one which was built some 63 years ago.

Bagamoyo District Commissioner, Zainabu Abdallah Issa, commended the government, especially the Ministry of Works and Transport for the implementation of strategic infrastructure projects in Coast Region. She said the roads stimulate the development of the industrial, tourism and several other sectors.

She assured the minister that the bridges and roads being constructed in the region will be protected and well-maintained.

Chalinze Member of Parliament, who is also the Deputy Minister of Land, Housing and Human Settlement Development, Ridhwani Kikwete thanked the government for developing the region's road infrastructures to facilitate transportation of both passengers and cargo.

The new Wami Bridge, with a length of 513.5 meters, a width of 11.85 meters and a 3.8 km road connects the Coast with Tanga Region.



Entrepreneurs from Majohe ward in suburban Dar es Salaam pictured at the weekend in a vegetable farm owned by Kipunguni Community Voice Centre learning quality vegetable gardening skills. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NCA collaborates with UNCDF, succeeds to link smallholder farmers

By Guardian Reporter, Kibondo

THE Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) in collaboration with United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) through the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP) have succeeded to link smallholder farmers with commercial prayers with the purpose of improving their relations and collaboration.

The farmers from three districts of Kasulu, Kibondo and Kikonko in Kigoma region were also linked with resources and available opportunities and building long business relationships between farmers and commercial players in both inputs and outputs market.

Speaking during the special agri-

cultural commercial players business forum held in Kibondo organized by NCA and UNCDF held in Kibondo district farmers have said that, through the forum, they have been able to find answers to various agricultural challenges that have been facing them for a long time.

"We have been facing many challenges in agriculture but we failed to solve them because we did not have an easy way to find experts," Ayubu Msigaro a farmer from Kikonko said.

Msigaro added that "We are grateful that we have been brought together by experts and important stakeholders in agriculture, we have built a sustainable relationship where we will continue collaborating with them

even in the future.

Selestina William a farmer from Kibondo explained that the forum has built the capacity for them how to explore the opportunities available in agriculture and the benefits of practicing agribusiness in order for them to get rid of poverty.

Ezberis Protas a farmer from Kibondo has also requested the government to put in place a system that will enable fertilizers to be available throughout the year to increase productivity in agriculture.

"The current system allows the farmer to take fertilizer only once a year" Protas explained.

Speaking during the forum, the Agricultural Officer in Kibondo district

Yahya Mtongoli reminded the farmers to register themselves in order for them to get fertilizer.

The Officer said that they are aware that there is a challenge of a few numbers of fertilizer agents whereas for Kibondo district they were supposed to be five but until now there are two, and the district still works on it.

For his part, the Community Development Officer (CDO) in Kibondo district Andrew Kapinye told farmers who applied for the Local Government Authority (LGA) loan that for this year they have not yet given a loan to any group due to the change in the system.

The CDO asked the groups of farmers who applied for a loan to remain

calm as the process continues and when it is their time they will be notified.

However, as part of a United Nations Joint Program in Kigoma, Tanzania under the Youth and Women's Economic Empowerment (KJP-YWEE) outcome, UNCDF Tanzania is championing the formation and strengthening of savings groups complemented with digital and financial literacy for refugees and host communities.

NCA key intervention areas include access to micro-irrigation kits for horticultural production, bundled with that are part of the model are nutrition and gender, especially the integration of reusable sanitary kits as well as a digital extension (e-earning

and e-extension) to existing saving groups, agronomic support through employed agronomists for farmers. The project was implemented in May 2020 to date in Kibondo

The forum involved various agricultural stakeholders including sector and development stakeholders from NGOs, INGOs, and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), farmers group's representatives, representatives from Local Government Authorities, religious leaders, NCA officials and other implementing partners, horticulture value chain commercial players (input and output markets) and Partners under the Youth and Women's Economic Empowerment (KJP-YWEE).



Tanga regional commissioner Omary Mumba (C) pictured at the weekend issuing an ultimatum relating to the pace of construction work at the Vocational Education Tanzania Authority college in Kiliindi District. Right is the college's acting Principal, Godfrey Kimwaga. Photo: Correspondent Hamida Kamchalla

Help girls realise their dreams on education'

By Correspondent Devota Mwchang'a

CHILD rights activists have called upon boys to team up and protect girls to fulfill their dreams towards achievement, by doing so they will show concern in fighting against gender-based violence (GBV).

Frida Mollé, Grumeti Fund's community development manager, made the call recently when speaking to 2316 boys from 10 Secondary Schools in Bunda and Serengeti districts in Mara region during the organized symposium for school children.

"Boys have contributed to fighting against violence, they are catalysts in bringing changes to societies by standing for girls. We have been talking to girls only but this is the right time to involve boys in this battle against violence," she said.

Mollé added: "As we are dealing with social development affairs we sponsor education, all this means to prepare children to become responsible citizens and hardworking people in the country."

Dr Chris Mauki from University of Dar es Salaam urged boys to change their mindsets and oppose traditions and customs that are oppressive and wrong but also be at the forefront to help, protect and defend the girl child.

"It is believed that if you empower and develop girl child you give her confidence, as well as preparing her to become an assistant person in the community and not a man's competitor," he said.

Philipo Renatus, a Bunda Secondary School student on behalf of his colleagues acknowledged Grumeti Fund for continuing to support school children in their region. "We have learned many things, what is taught will transform all boys in our societies, I would like to tell the girls in our schools to count on us."

Since 2017 Grumeti Fund started conducting symposiums aimed at giving awareness to girls and boys, until last year a total of 10,898 children (8582 girls and 2316 boys) have reached and been educated. They are from 19 Secondary Schools (12 Serengeti district, Seven from Bunda district).

World Vision, TYEG in new pact to assist households fighting poverty

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

WORLD vision Tanzania (WVT) has signed a special Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Dodoma-based Tusumuke Youth Entrepreneurs Group (TYEG) for the implementation of a major project to economically assist poor households to escape poverty through poultry projects.

Being its pilot stage, the timely initiative has already seen the group (Tusumuke) distributing a total of 500 local chicks to at least 12 intended households in Nyololo village, Mafinga district in Iringa region.

According to the group's chairperson, Christopher Dioniz, during the process, each of the beneficiary households received at least 40 local chicks, revealing that the chicks are those based between one day and three months.

"The type of local chicks we're providing are called 'Mwendo Kasi', the highly productive chicks in terms of eggs production and meat (market weight)," he expressed.

Dioniz, who is a poultry industry consultant and service provider further detailed that they remain optimistic that the project will play a vital role in assisting the beneficiary households to escape

from shackles of poverty.

"They local chickens we're handing over to them are resistant to diseases with capacity to start producing eggs after four months and at a capacity of 260 eggs in a year," he said.

In addition, he said it only costs 800/- to take care of one chicken, from the age of one day until it starts laying eggs, at four months.

"The project focuses on economically assisting the poor households to escape from shackles of poverty through engaging effectively into poultry projects," he unveiled.

Together with that, he expressed

that the project was also imparting the beneficiary households with necessary knowledge on how to take good care of the hatchlings in order to assure the project fetches needed end-results.

"The intention is to extend this project to many other areas so as to assist more households to cheat poverty through practicing poultry, keeping chicken has double impact, first of marketing eggs but later is to market chicken themselves when reaching good market weight," he insisted.

Dioniz said the group was also continuing with its other project to produce and market at patriotic prices modern,

but low-cost locally-made cages with capacity to harbor at least 100 chickens with an eye to stimulate performance of the poultry sub-sector in the country.

Despite the increasing demand for chicken meat (white meat) from across the country, it has been unveiled that most of the poultry farmers were failing to handle their projects professionally due to high prices in obtaining modern cages, especially those from China.

He expressed, the group was marketing the chicken poultry cages at the patriotic prices of only 450,000/-, observing that those imported from overseas are sold at high prices of 750,000/-.

SBL rolls out anti-drinking campaign for the underage

By Guardian Correspondent

THE Serengeti Breweries Limited (SBL) has launched an anti-drinking programme for the under-age aimed at curbing alcohol-drinking behaviour among school going children.

Tanzania is among the African countries with early age initiation to alcohol consumption. A study conducted in 2019 in Mwanza and Kilimanjaro regions found the prevalence of alcohol consumption among secondary school students aged 15 and above ranging from 12.9% among girls in Mwanza to 63.9 per cent among boys in Kilimanjaro. The prevalence of alcohol use among students aged 13-15 in Dar es Salaam was 5.6 per cent.

Dubbed SMASHED, SBL's anti-drinking campaign is an interactive theatre experience conducted in schools to educate secondary school going students about the side effects of alcohol consumption at a tender age advising them to refrain from consuming alcohol before maturity.

"The program involves delivery of key learning on negative effects of underage drinking to both the youth and community. The program combines the use of drama

presentations and students' engagement in a motivational learning environment to equip them with facts, skills, and confidence to make responsible choices and develop responsible attitudes in health-related matters," said Rispa Hatibu, SBL's Communications Manager.

Speaking at the launch of the program in the secondary schools in Dar es Salaam, Hatibu said: "SBL is delighted to support the adoption of the SMASHED underage drinking program as it strengthens activities to ensure that our products are not sold to or consumed by persons under the age of eighteen years."

She said the program be implemented countrywide in phases starting in Dar es Salaam and Tanga regions this year. Over 15,000 students are planned to be reached by the program in the two regions

The event was attended by Ubungo District Commission Kheri James who hailed SBL for coming up with an intervention to address the problem of alcohol consumption among the under-age. "Let me urge parents to protect our society as our children are now susceptible to drug abuse and alcohol consumption. Hence, let's work together with SBL to curb this situation and safeguard the future generation," James said.

Mind Garden firm partners with TSO to support orphanage centres

By Francis Kajubi

THE local psychological and mental health specialised firm Mind Garden has partnered with a non-for profit Tanzanite Support Organisation (TSO) to help youth in orphanage centres to develop positive attitudes towards challenges they inflict in daily life.

Through a project dubbed 'Achieving Self-Reliance' the partnership at changing the inferiority mindset of orphans to courage for daring different economic opportunities.

Addressing reporters over the weekend in Dar es Salaam, Sumaiya Mahmoud, Mind Garden Executive Director said youth between the age of 15 and 18 in orphanage centers need psychological aid to make them feel part of the community and take full charge in socio-economic activities.

She said the purpose of the partnership is to create a positive mindset that fits orphans to participate with their respective communities in economic and social activities

without a feeling of inferiority and segregation. "Our purpose is the provision of mental health care to enable psychologically tortured people to live confidently and overcome various daily life challenges and build strong relationships with people around them," she said.

According to her, good mental health helps youth develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults

Abdul-Razaq a Psychologist at Mind Garden said the programme apart from training orphans to self-reliance, the provision of mental health care intends to give them self-awareness about their future.

Asmah Mkwata, TSO Head of Programmes said that the main goal of this project is to empower young people with reliable life skills and knowledge that can change their lives and become independent adults through self-employment and entrepreneurship.

According to her, at this early stage, the organization had registered 12 youths from two orphan-

age centers namely Chakuwama and Ijengo Ziada both from Sinza in the city suburb.

She asserted that the goal of the two organizations is to help the forgotten and vulnerable groups focusing especially on women, children and orphans through education, health, economic empowerment and improvement of social services.

She affirmed that there is an urgent need for young people raised in orphanages between the ages of 15 and 22 to be provided with guaranteed empowerment that will enable them to maintain a healthy lifestyle and pursue their life goals.

"The Achieving Self-Reliance project is designed to build skills that ensure those in the program are employable, understand how to successfully find jobs and make them resilient in life; The orphans face stigma and discrimination and do not have enough support or guidance from people they meet outside the centers or the areas they were raised, and also lack family support and important life skills" she added.



Hilda Bukoko (in head-cloth), an education coordinator with the Health ministry, pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend presenting awards to the winners of a competition involving the designing of ways to address road traffic congestion in the city's central business district using smart technology. She was the chief judge. The winners have been promised more training in an "incubation centre" to further refine their ideas. Photo: Romana Mallya

Govt challenges graduates to seek self-employment

By Guardian Reporter

FRESH college graduates have been challenged to focus on self-employment and benefit society instead of waiting for employment in a saturated job market.

Minister for Energy, January Makamba, made the challenge over the weekend in a speech read on his behalf by the ministry's deputy Permanent Secretary Kheri Mahimbali, during the 9th graduation ceremony at the Al Maktoum College of Engineering and Technology (AMCET).

He hinted that graduates need not only employ themselves but also pursue further studies and advance themselves academically.

The minister was of the opinion

that the spillover effect of graduates who would be determined to employ themselves would be to create employment opportunities for others and thus benefit society at large.

"You are supposed to be ready to learn new things once you leave here because education has no end, there are technological transformations every day, so there will always be something new to learn," he said.

During the graduation ceremony, 84 Diploma graduates were honored.

The minister said that the government is ready to assist the college in every possible way, including assisting in getting students industrial practical training.

AMCET Principal, Dr Hamdun Ibrahim Sulayman said the college

is working together with several stakeholders to deal with some of the challenges they face, including access to industrial practical training for students.

He urged the new graduates to become good ambassadors of the college by working diligently and helping to push the country's industrialization and digital economy transformation agenda.

He said that the good partnership between Al-Maktoum Foundation Dubai and Al-Maktoum Foundation Tanzania has helped to create industrial experts who have become a good example to others, urging more Tanzanian students to consider science subjects because there are many opportunities available in the field of science.



Ubungo district commissioner Kheri James (R) shares a light moment with Serengeti Breweries Ltd communication manager Rispa Hatibu at the weekend's launch in Dar es Salaam of SBL's SMASHED campaign, which discourages students from engaging in the consumption of alcohol. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity

RTI is currently implementing the USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity that addresses dynamics that threaten habitat connectivity and the long-term persistence of biodiversity in Tanzania. This activity incorporates a series of interventions that support and strengthen government and civil society capacity for biodiversity conservation.

RTI is looking for candidates to fill the following positions under USAID/Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity. The positions will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

1. Senior Grants Specialist

Purpose of the position:

The Senior Grants Specialist will lead day-to-day administration of sub-grantees that may be engaged through grant or other contractual mechanisms under RTI policies and procedures, encompassing the solicitation phase through closure. He/She will be responsible for monitoring compliance with (a) award-specific requirements and (b) applicable regulations, as incorporated in the awards.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Create and issue Requests for Applications (RFAs) with the input and oversight of the Activity team, including the Chief of Party, Deputy Chiefs of Party, and RTI Contracts Office.
- Review and negotiate all grant applications and participate in evaluation committees, in coordination with others on the project team.
- Coordinate and conduct compliance review(s) and pre-award surveys.
- Orient grantees on organizational policies and compliance.
- Support grantees to account and report for the funds.
- Coordinate execution of award documents (pre-award authorizations, awards, modifications, etc.).
- Close out completed grants and ensure audit trail for all necessary grant documentation.
- Track all deliverables, ensuring grantees stay up to date on their work, troubleshoot problems as they arise, and keep management apprised of the status of all grants.

Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities:

- Bachelor's Degree in Business administration, social sciences, or related field and 8 years of experience, Master's degree and 6 years of experience, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- At least 6 years of relevant work experience in finance and grants management, preferably with managing budgets in excess of USD \$1 million.
- Strong accounting experience as well as experience with USAID, or other donor agency regulations highly preferred.
- Experience in international non-profits.

2. Grants Officer

Purpose of the position:

The Grants Officer will work in close collaboration with the Grants Team to implement and manage the project's grants portfolio from inception to close out.

Essential Responsibilities:

- Coordinate the grant selection process from issuing requests for application (RFAs) through the selection committee and delivering grant awards.
- Support the implementation and management of a minimum of 10 grants per year, including multi-year grants with key local organizations.
- Conduct grantee kickoff meetings to ensure consistency and clarity on the technical, financial, administrative, and monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) aspects of grant implementation. Carry out field visits to prospective grantees as required.
- Monitor implementation and progress of grantees via frequent collaborating, learning, and adapting (CLA) feedback loops, site visits, bi-annual workshops, refresher courses, and a remote help desk.
- Prepare all required documentation for the grant applications' evaluation by the selection committee as per approved procedures.
- Ensure that the outcome of grant applications' review is documented as per approved supporting tools and that all required approvals are obtained.
- Prepare grant agreements with required attachments
- Implement sound mechanisms that facilitate the grant funds disbursement and justification of expenses.

Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities:

- Master's degree in business administration, social sciences, or related field and minimum of 1 year of experience or bachelor's degree and 3 years of experience managing grants programs for international donor-funded projects, including USAID-funded projects.
- Knowledge of USAID grants management policies and procedures.
- Excellent communication and writing skills in English.

How to apply

RTI is an equal opportunity employer. Candidates may apply by submitting an updated CV and cover letter to tuhifadhi_hr@rti.org. Please reference the position title in subject line. The deadline for submitting applications is 13th November 2021.

ONLY SELECTED CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED

We ought to do enough to help children flourish

THE world's survival depends on children being able to flourish, but no country is doing enough to give them a sustainable future. In a UN-backed report assessing the capacity of 180 countries to ensure that their youngsters can survive and thrive, the authors highlight numerous immediate threats to their health, environment and opportunities.

Green growth is a term to describe a path of economic growth that uses natural resources in a sustainable manner. It is used globally to provide an alternative concept to typical industrial economic growth.

Whereas the green economy is defined as an economy that aims at reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities, and that aims for sustainable development without degrading the environment. It is closely related with ecological economics, but has a more politically applied focus. The 2011 UNEP Green Economy Report argues "that to be green, an economy must not only be efficient, but also fair. Fairness implies recognising global and country level equity dimensions, particularly in assuring a just transition to an economy that is low-carbon, resource efficient, and socially inclusive."

A feature distinguishing it from prior economic regimes is the direct valuation of natural capital and ecological services as having economic value and a full cost accounting regime in which costs externalized onto society via ecosystems are reliably traced back to, and accounted for as liabilities of, the entity that does the harm or neglects an asset. Green Sticker and ecolabel prac-

tices have emerged as consumer facing measurements of friendliness to the environment and sustainable development. Many industries are starting to adopt these standards as a viable way to promote their greening practices in a globalizing economy.

The term green growth has been used to describe national or international strategies.

AS we move towards industrialisation within the next ten years, we'll also be in the forefront in bringing about Green Growth through resource efficiency policies and strategies.

The initiative is currently executed jointly by the Korean Green Growth Trust Fund and the World Bank. Both partners share a common goal to reduce poverty and promote shared economic prosperity in environmentally responsible and socially inclusive way.

Agriculture is the foundation of life, as we know it. It is what led to our contemporary human societies. This means there is no culture without agriculture. Civilisation began when humans settled in one place and started growing crops. We cannot live without a system that grows our food. We cannot flourish without healthy food. In Tanzania, like elsewhere in Africa, agriculture is the engine that drives growth and empowers people with food self-sufficiency, maintains stewardship over the environment and builds a sense of community belonging.

Farmers constitute 85 per cent of the country's workforce and they are the foundation of its economy, and the key to triggering its broader growth.

Investing in the agricultural sector key to eradicating poverty, hunger

POVERTY is the state of having few material possessions or little income. Poverty can have diverse social, economic, and political causes and effects. When evaluating poverty in statistics or economics there are two main measures: absolute poverty compares income against the amount needed to meet basic personal needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter; relative poverty measures when a person cannot meet a minimum level of living standards, compared to others in the same time and place.

Statistically, as of 2019, most of the world's population live in poverty:

In politics, humanitarian aid, and social science, hunger is a condition in which a person, for a sustained period, is unable to eat sufficient food to meet basic nutritional needs. So in the field of hunger relief, the term hunger is used in a sense that goes beyond the common desire for food that all humans experience.

Throughout history, portions of the world's population have often suffered sustained periods of hunger. In many cases, hunger resulted from food supply disruptions caused by war, plagues, or adverse weather. In the decades following World War II, technological progress and enhanced political cooperation suggested it might be possible to substantially reduce the number of people suffering from hunger. While progress was uneven, by 2015 the threat of extreme hunger subsided for many of the world's population. According to figures published by the FAO in 2019 however, the number of people suffering

from chronic hunger has been increasing over the last four years. This is both as a percentage of the world's population, and in absolute terms, with about 821 million afflicted with hunger in 2018.

While most of the world's hungry people continue to live in Asia, much of the increase in hunger since 2015 occurred in Africa and South America. The FAO's 2018 report focused on extreme weather as a primary driver of the increase in hunger.

While the FAO's 2019 report found there was also a strong correlation between increases in hunger and countries that had suffered an economic slowdown.

Many thousands of organisations are engaged in the field of hunger relief; operating at local, national, regional or international levels. Some of these organisations are dedicated to hunger relief, while others may work in a number of different fields. At the global level, much of the world's hunger relief efforts are coordinated by the UN, and geared towards achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal for "Zero hunger"

There are a number of significant changes that are happening in Africa, the most important being that it is a continent with some of the fastest growing economies. Five of the world's fastest growing economies are in Africa.

This has resulted in increased wealth in a segment of the population, with its attendant shift in food consumption patterns.

Africa's population is also growing fast. For instance, between 2015 and 2050, the populations of 28 African countries are estimated to have more than doubled.

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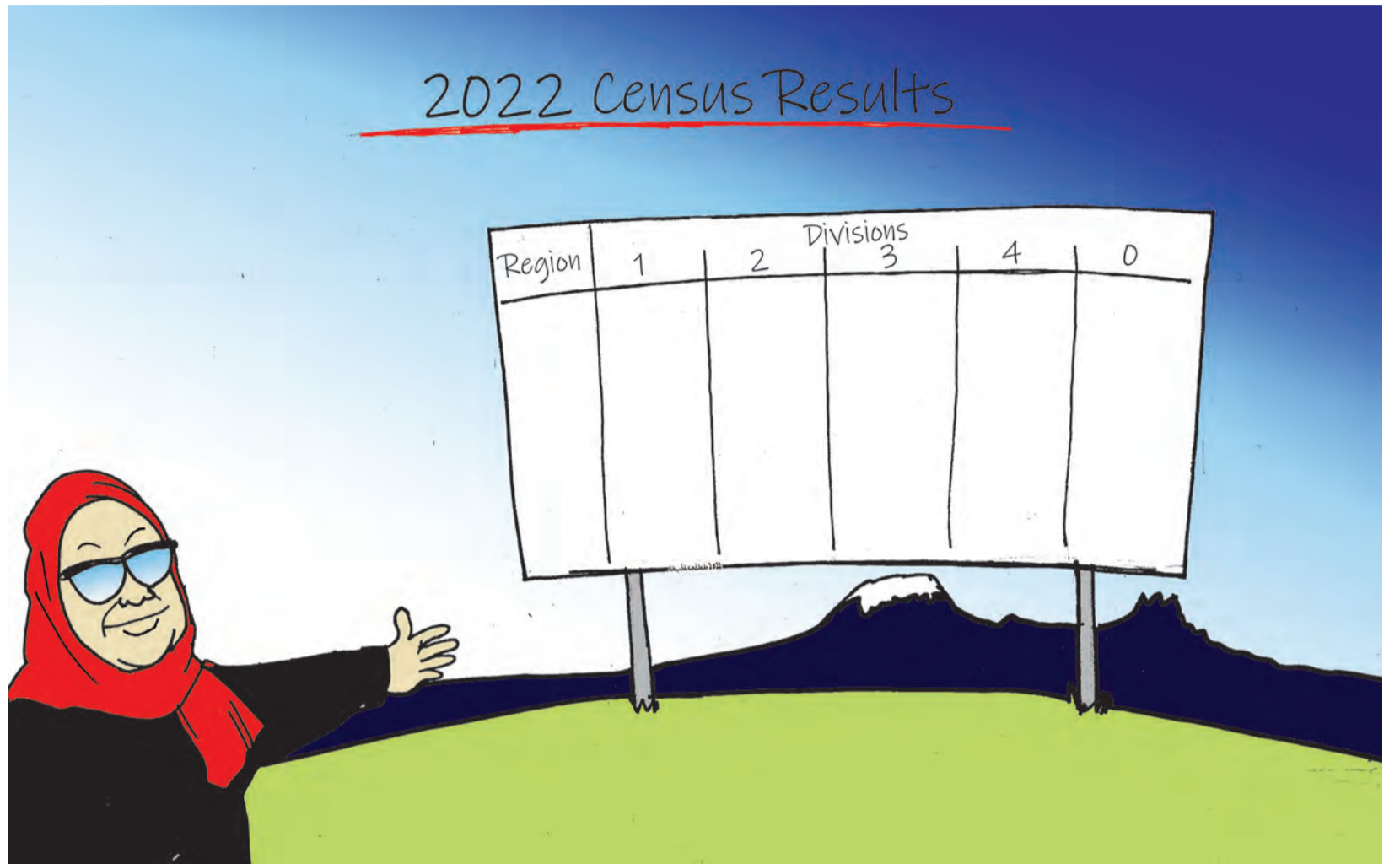
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Slow food, accelerating biodiversity in the field and on our plates

By Busani Bafana I

EDWARD Mukiibi was forced to do agriculture at school as punishment for misbehaviour.

Instead of hating the punishment, he loved it, especially when he realised farming was the future of good food, health and wealth.

Mukiibi is a farmer and social entrepreneur from Uganda on a mission to prove that sustainable farming is the foundation of all fortune and a solution to overcoming hunger, unemployment, and biodiversity loss. He is an advocate for food production based on using local resources, knowledge and traditions to promote diverse farming systems.

Mukiibi is a member of Slow Food International, a global movement advocating for local food production and traditional cooking.

In July 2022, Mukiibi (36) was named as the new President of Slow Food International at its 8th International Congress in Pollenzo, Italy.

"I feel good and happy about this appointment and also happy on behalf of Slow Food, which is a strong international food movement that has become more established not only in the founding continent of Europe but across the world, which is why it was now possible for the network for finding more able and enthusiastic leaders like me," Mukiibi told IPS during an online interview.

Founded in 1986 by Carlo Petrini, Slow Food International works to cultivate a worldwide network of local communities and activists who defend cultural and biological diversity. They promote food education and the transfer of traditional knowledge and skills.

Convinced of the untapped potential of farming and the need to make agriculture attractive for the youth, Mukiibi founded the Developing Innovations in School Cultivation (DISC). The project works with students and communities to cultivate a positive attitude in young people towards agriculture and locally produced food.

Citing that 70 percent of the population in Africa is below the age of 40, Mukiibi said Africa has a large young generation that can be involved in agriculture. Mukiibi deplored the practice in schools where farming was used as a punishment in the same manner prisons have young offenders working on large-scale farms to provide labour as part of corporal punishment.

"This prevents many young people from loving agriculture and food production," said Mukiibi. "I am a victim of this kind of practice. When I was in school, I always wanted to change this by working with



schools in a participatory way and introducing children to farming in a more interest-oriented manner."

Mukiibi has also championed the development of Slow Food Gardens, a global project that has created thousands of green spaces to preserve African food biodiversity and help communities access nutritious food. Mukiibi has created gardens in more than 1000 schools in Uganda.

"Slow Food gives you a 360-degree view of food systems because it covers everything that transforms the way we grow, eat, market, process and save food," said Mukiibi, explaining that slow food is a movement and philosophy about clean, good and fair food.

Interview excerpts:

IPS: What is slow food? Is it the opposite of fast food?

Edward Mukiibi: The concept of slow food carries more of a responsibility than just literal meaning and the direct opposite of fast food. It carries more sense when combined with our philosophy of good, clean, and fair food for everyone. The concept means being responsible in everything we do when it comes to food, agriculture, and the planet. In being responsible for your food choices, you need to eat food and produce food that is good for the environment and good for the culture and the traditions of the people that safeguard it.

Another aspect of slow food is fairness. We need to ensure fairness when it comes to transactions. Openness and transparency when it comes to negotiations and working deals between the producers and consumers but also a declaration of information and the true identity of the producers of the food we eat.

Sometimes people are not fair, especially big food chains, when they sell food produced by small-scale producers but brand it as their own production. We also need to ensure justice for smallholder farmers, justice for indigenous people and justice for the environment.

Slow Food is also a movement of actors and activists. We are a movement that involves everyone who thinks we need to urgently slow down climate change and the destruction food production is bringing to this planet. We need to slow down on policies that are against environmental equilibrium.

IPS: Is clean, good and fair food achievable, and are slow fooders meeting this goal?

Historically there have been a lot of ruthless, careless food production activities and cruel ways of production to the environment and to the people who are going to eat the food.

A good, clean, and fair food system exists and is achievable. With all the challenges we are seeing, the conflicts, climate crisis and food insecurity created by the global food system can be reversed if everyone understands the concept of slow food, whose goal is to solve global challenges using local actions and activities done by the local communities.

We have many examples. So many communities in 160 countries are taking positive actions to regenerate the planet... It is not too late to regenerate the planet and rethink how food is produced, how food is handled and how food is consumed.

IPS: Climate change is impacting our food production. How do

you see the Slow Food movement addressing this?

EM: Slow Food is promoting regenerative approaches to food production, including promoting agri-ecology, building traditional farming systems based on agroforestry, and preserving and protecting local food biodiversity and fragile ecosystems.

We are not only talking about climate change by going out to conferences. We are taking action through the thousands of communities taking practical work to promote agroecology, permaculture and traditional farming systems. In Africa, we count 3 500 agro-ecological gardens that have been created and managed in schools.

IPS: You mention Slow food in biodiversity protection. How and why?

EM: We have the Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity because we are concerned about the rate at which we are losing biodiversity not only in the field but also biodiversity on our plates which makes our nutrition and diets dependent on a few highly controlled products.

We are working with cooks to bring back biodiversity on the plate. It is not enough to talk. We have to bring back what we are losing on the table and open the discussion from the dinner table about the wealth we are losing.

Slow Food has worked to create community value chains in different communities to protect food products at the risk of extinction. It means sharing knowledge about these products and that the community sits together to devise ways to protect and promote these food products.

By Correspondent-Emmanuel Onyango

To defeat poachers, conservationists surely need to integrate their efforts

TANZANIA is one of a handful of African countries that have registered significant success in wildlife protection in recent years. For instance, since 2014, the elephant population in the country has increased from approximately 43,000 to 88,000 individuals in 2021.

Despite this success, the government and private conservation organizations and international organizations have to work even harder to maintain the pace or gain more ground against the criminals. For, poaching networks and their collaborators have not been fully destroyed.

Illegal hunting of wild animals is threatening the survival and diversity of natural resources. Poaching and illegal trade on government trophies not only threaten the conservation of endangered species but also have serious implications on the economy.

To defeat poachers, conservationists need to make joint concerted efforts involving various organizations, countries and communities living near protected areas. For, communities have a role because they can be on either side of conservation or destruction.

Combating illegal poaching and trafficking of wildlife products such as elephant tusks and rhinoceros horns is a daily routine which requires external assistance in order to come up with effective control measures.

This is necessary because of the fact that the international organized criminal networks drive the illicit trade propelled by corruption and harm collaborating communities.

Statistics by global financiers indicate that Africa received help from international donors from 2010 to 2017 amounting to USD 500 million towards anti-poaching programmes across the continent.

The government through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism has paved the way for the development partners to join the ongoing efforts against poaching and other malpractices aimed at destroying animal species in the country.

Also, the government has decided to seek support in order to convince the world to stop purchasing ivory and other wildlife products. The intervention by the international community is an indication that Tanzania is sure to win the fight, thus remove threat to elephant's survival.

Various international development partners have been supporting Tanzania in fighting poaching after the government's commitment to continue the fight which gained momentum since the highly publicized Tokomeza (End) operation in 2013.

German government through its embassy in Dar es Salaam is one of many supporters of Tanzania through partnership works in close collaboration with local community organizations.

In October 2021, Tanzania received grants of 71 million euros from Germany for financing various projects, including those initiated to fight poaching and prevent human-wildlife conflicts.

An agreement to the grant was signed in Dar es



Salaam by Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance and Planning Amina Shaaban and Marcus von Essen, Head of the East Africa Division in the Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

With this grant, the government works in priority areas that seem to be notorious main sources of wildlife products, transit points and or destinations for sellers and buyers.

To support the enforcement of wildlife trade laws in the country, the German government has also been helping to build the capacities of rangers and scouts, forensic scientists, legislators, prosecutors and judges to detect, investigate, arrest, prosecute and adjudicate wildlife traffickers through judicial system.

In May this year, Tanzania intensified agreement with Germany against illegal poaching whereby the two nations agreed and formed a taskforce together to undertake control and curb the malpractice as well as prevent illegal trafficking and export of

ivory from Tanzania.

Two months ago, Germany supported Tanzania with a number of digital devices worth euros 40 million (over 94.3bn/-) which are used to detect presence of roaming elephants in the national parks.

Ambassador of Germany to Tanzania Regina Hess handed over the devices to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism officials to be used in the recently-established Nyerere National Park in Rufiji as a pilot project meant to protect elephants.

The world will be looking with interest how Tanzanian's efforts in curbing poaching turn out. Once known as the world's elephant killing fields, Tanzania appears to have reversed the worst elephant poaching within its borders, making more than 2,300 arrests of poachers and traffickers over five years ago.

Investigators say that by the beginning of 2020, they had identified and penetrated at least 11 organized wildlife trafficking syndicates and arrested 21 "kingpins" described as high level

leaders and organizers of the illegal trade, who profit most from it.

One of those is a Chinese businesswoman, Yang Fenglan, who was in February 2019 convicted of leading an organized crime syndicate trafficking 860 elephant tusks worth more than USD 6 million. She appealed her conviction at the High Court in September 2021.

Recent figures from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism show that the number of elephants in the Serengeti Ecosystem alone has risen from 6,087 in 2014 to 7,061 in 2020.

Tanzania is developing a strategy of "zero poaching", according to the report seen by Mongabay which says that the National Taskforce on Anti-Poaching (NTAP) had identified and "blacklisted" a total of 3,541 suspects involved in the illegal wildlife trade at different levels since 2015.

But the success in elephant protection has brought another challenge. The big animals have in one way or another become a nuisance to people living near protected areas. Human-el-

phant conflict is a complex problem which often pits local people's livelihoods and safety against conservation. This often creates fear and anger towards the animals that sometimes end up being killed in retaliation.

Reports from some municipalities located near national parks have described the invasion of elephants to people's settlements, destroying crops and sometimes killing people as there is no effective measures put in place to prevent them from straying.

But conservationists have defended their presence in people's residences, saying that elephants need large amounts of space to roam in search of food and water. Because of this, they often move outside the boundaries of protected areas into areas where people live.

Rukwa Region is among the badly affected regions in the country with elephant invasion to people's quarters as the stray animals destroy and eat entire farms full of crops. What makes people angry is the fact that these destruction happen just before harvesting season.

Passport to coffee export: Drive to improve productivity of smallholders

THE government has been collaborating with the private sector in agriculture to ensure food security, add value to agricultural products, supply agricultural inputs to farmers, create jobs and access reliable markets. OUR CORRESPONDENT TELESFOR MAGOBE had a chat with Amos Mbwambo, Project Manager at Environmental, Human Rights Care and Gender Organisation (Envirocare) on a project targeting 22,500 smallholder farmers in three coffee producing southern regions in Mainland Tanzania. Here are the excerpts:

Q. What is the project your organization is implementing in the southern regions?

A. Envirocare in partnership with Solidaridad Tanzania and Tanzania Coffee Research Institute (TaCRI), is implementing Passport to Coffee Export (PACE) Project in three southern regions. This project is part of result 2.2 of the Agri-Connect Programme which focuses on small-scale production, resource efficiency, productivity, diversity and value addition. Other areas include marketing and certification through nutrition-sensitive climate-smart agriculture.

Q. In which regions is the project being implemented?

A. It is implemented in Ruvuma, Mbeya and Songwe regions. In Ruvuma, it is implemented in Mbinga District Council, Mbinga Town Council and Nyasa District Council. In Mbeya, it is implemented in Mbeya District Council and in Songwe, it is implemented in Mbozi District Council.

Q. Who funds the project and how much will it cost?

A. The project is funded under a government programme called Agri-Connect funded by the European Union which contributes to inclusive economic growth, promotes private sector development and job crea-



tion in agriculture sector and increases food and nutrition security in Tanzania. It will cost euros 606,052.

Q. Why did you choose those regions and not others?

A. These are among the coffee producing regions in Mainland Tanzania. However, they face challenges of low productivity, poor adoption of good agricultural and climate-smart practices. There are weak marketing channels and malnutrition. There is also lack of on-farm or community level processing and value addition. PACE connects coffee smallholder farmers along a coffee value chain to improve productivity, food security and nutrition.

Q. When did the project start, when will it end and how many beneficiaries does it cover?

A. It is a 42-month project that started in August 2020 and will end in February 2024. Beneficiaries include 22,500 smallholder coffee farmers with the youth and women accounting for 52 per cent. Others are 200 factory workers from 65 cooperatives and four community processing and value addition centres, 200 extension officers from the government and local government authorities and 75 village savings and loan associations.

Q. A project may take off well but later face sustainability issues. What has Envirocare done to ensure PACE is sus-

tained even after it is completed?

A. Envirocare trained 112 government extension officers out of 200 who will provide support on extension services to smallholder farmers, trained 400 lead farmers in good agricultural practices, climate smart agriculture and nutrition, established 75 village saving and loan association groups for women to empower them economically and established and supports 25 incubation groups for the youth and women. So, the project will certainly be sustained for it involves beneficiaries themselves.

Q. What are the objectives of the project and do you think by the end you will have achieved them all?

A. The overall objective of PACE is to promote sustainable and inclusive agriculture sector development through a robust export-oriented coffee value chain by 2024. Specifically, we aim at improving export-oriented coffee, increasing incomes through job creation, enhancing food and nutrition security of smallholder coffee farmers and sectoral value addition and mar-

keting. We hope that this objective will be achieved as we collaborate with project partners, the government through extension officers, lead farmers, gender champions and other stakeholders along the coffee value chain.

Q. What are the achievements and challenges with regard to public awareness to improve soil fertility, ensure sustainable crop yield and better food storage and use?

A. We have been raising public awareness and there is improved productivity, soil fertility in project areas and increased adoption of good farming practices in organic farming. There is also a revival of traditional and local preservation and storage of seeds and crops.

However, in some areas where organic farming is practiced, some smallholder farmers tend to use synthetic inputs to increase soil fertility instead of organic manure as an alternative method to improve soil fertility.

Q. What else would you like to share about this project?

There are a few points. Through lead farmers, the project has reached 22,500 smallholder farmers (10,800 men, 6,750 women) and 2,574 young men and 2,376 young women. They now know about good agricultural practices, climate smart agriculture and nutrition.

A total of 75 village savings and loan association groups (community microfinance groups) in 65 agricultural marketing cooperative societies have been formed and have received a certificate of registration from the government. Through village loan groups, a total of 2,385 out of 3,000 women targeted have been reached. In Ruvuma, 34 groups of 1,050 women have been formed, in Mbeya, 22 groups of 676 women and in Songwe 19 groups of 659 women have been formed too. Their total savings reached 116,221,000/- in September 2021 and June 2022.

Incubation groups of 255 young people and women have been reached in Ruvuma, in Mbeya Region 119 and in Songwe 78 groups.

A total of 402 lead farmers have been trained in gender inclusion, gender relations and nutrition that helps communities to solve nutritional problems (stunting and malnutrition). This helps smallholder farmers to fight against negative stereotypes and bad customs that undermine women and youth engagement in coffee production.

We partner with the government through capacity building training of 112 extension officers in good agricultural practices, climate smart agriculture and nutrition to tackle nutritional problems like stunting and malnutrition.

By Daryl Swanepoel

The world is on shaky ground right now - and South Africa is no different

IN 2022, the global public health crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic quickly turned into the largest global economic crisis in more than a century, resulting in major setbacks to growth, increased poverty rates and widened inequality.

The economic slowdown induced by Covid-19 - equivalent to a mini-recession - is now coupled with the rise in inflation, price increases in energy, food, fertiliser and so on. There has been a tightening of interest rates to counter rising inflation, deeply impacting real incomes and consumer spending.

Particularly, there is concern about rising food prices, given the disproportionate impact on the poor. The world faces a volatile situation, unprecedented in recent history.

On an ideological level, the much-trumpeted globalisation process has been weakened by the effects of increased levels of inequality, the rise of nationalism/illiberalism, the hollowing out of democracy, trade conflicts, climate-change induced disasters, the coronavirus pandemic and, now, the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The world has also witnessed the rise of Asia in general - and China in particular. With its large, populous countries, Asia has seen the centre of gravity of economic activity shifting from West to East, thereby challenging US-EU global dominance.

The waning influence of multilateral institutions like the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the UN is cause for great alarm. The UN has been dysfunctional in resolving global flashpoints, as events have shown in Libya, Yemen and, more recently and acutely, the Russia-Ukraine war. This dysfunctionality has resulted in a move away from multilateralism towards unilateralism and a focus on regional blocs, which has led to further polarisation globally.

On the BRICS front, the institution is experiencing flux and instability. Its character has changed since its inception, with the addition of more countries such as Turkey, Egypt and Iran, some not known for their democratic credentials, which can only exacerbate existing divisions.

Closer to home, Africa has witnessed increasing internal instability and conflict caused by a weakened African Union and coup d'états in 2021, mainly in West Africa. In addition, Africa does not appear to feature on the global agenda of formations like the G7.

In fact, there is a real possibility that Africa could become the playground of superpowers, as was the case during the Cold War, as these powers scramble for



President Cyril Ramaphosa.

sources and spheres of influence on the continent. As Europe accelerates its renewable energy, its appetite for Africa's raw energy will explode.

The view of leading international scholars is that "what the world really needs is what we called for back in 2001: genuinely representative global (economic) governance". In the 2022 World Development Report, Carmen Reinhart, chief economist of the World Bank, said, "It's time to prioritise early, tailored action to support a healthy financial system that can provide the credit growth needed to fuel recovery. If we don't, it is the most vulnerable that would be hit hardest."

Unfortunately, the situation in South Africa mirrors the instability suffered globally. South Africa has been afflicted by poor economic growth since the 2008 global financial crisis, leading to unacceptably high levels of

unemployment, poverty and inequality, corruption and malfeasance, gender violence, rising insecurity, and low trust and social cohesion in society.

It is particularly frustrating that these problems beset a country with one of the highest spending budgets for education and health and a social safety framework that is globally lauded as one of the most comprehensive in the world.

In an indictment of its inability to set the course to a prosperous future, South Africa's governing party's electoral fortunes have been on a downward trajectory over the last few elections, which is evidence of a significant trust deficit among the populace.

To compound matters, though the polls suggest for now that the ANC will not immediately lose power, should they decline further and not be able to form a gov-

ernment, any opposition coalition government that will take over will most likely suffer from policy incoherence. This would do little to alleviate instability.

It is a sobering thought that the only feasible outcomes of the upcoming elections are unpredictability and instability or continuity and predictability.

At its sixth National Policy Conference (NPC), the ANC declared 2022 as "The Year of Unity and Renewal to Defend and Advance South Africa's Democratic Gains". The degree to which this lofty declaration needs to be aligned with reality became clear when President Cyril Ramaphosa, in his political overview, noted that the ANC was at its weakest ever. He also outlined the myriad challenges the ANC faces that need to be addressed in order for our society to flourish.

Scholars and analysts echoed the president's sentiment, with Professor Richard Calland of UCT saying, "The ANC is now an empty vessel, both policy-wise and politically. It can neither hold the centre nor lead society."

In a scathing assessment, economist Duma Gqubule wrote that "ANC conferences are a waste of time for anyone who follows macroeconomic policy, because they never discuss [pertinent] issues, and nothing changes".

South Africa is far from where it needs to be. So, should the ANC wish to retain its lead position, it is incumbent on them to prove at their national conference in December their commitment to real renewal and sensible growth-centred policies. Policy proposals need to address these challenges and unlock cooperation among social partners to improve matters.

The policy goals of the party must be in line with the words of Ramaphosa when he said, in his opening address at the NPC, that "our deliberations over the next few days, the resolutions we will adopt at our 55th National Conference, and the actions that we then take, will determine the fate of our movement and indeed the direction of our country."

"This policy conference should be seen as a festival of ideas, where the ANC lives up to its role as the leader of society by developing policies that relate to the lived experience of our people where they live to shape the trajectory of our country". **DM**

Chinese medical team promotes TCM therapy in Namibia

WINDHOEK

THE Chinese medical team in Namibia continued to promote Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and therapy as more than 50 staff members of the United Nations (UN) in Namibia recently experienced various TCM techniques at the UN Namibia headquarters in Windhoek, capital of Namibia.

Currently handling more than 40 to 50 patients daily at the TCM Clinic at the Katutura Hospital in Windhoek, the team earlier this week took time off to share the magic and benefits of TCM with staff members of the UN Namibia, who were celebrating the UN Staff Day, which is a tradition that began in 1953 and a festival for all staff around the globe.

"This opportunity that was presented to us gave us the chance to further spread the magical benefits and knowledge of TCM to those who did not know about it," Chinese team leader Zhou Haijiang told Xinhua.

At the event, Zhou and his team had the opportunity to also perform therapies that included acupuncture, mas-



Staff members of the United Nations in Namibia receive Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) diagnosis at a UN Staff Day event in Windhoek, Namibia, on Oct. 25, 2022. Xinhua

sotherapy, and cupping, as well as introduce eight Chinese fitness skills which can be practiced easily anywhere

in one's own space. "The techniques that we use in TCM have no side effects and they often prove to be beneficial

in comparison to Western Medicine," he said while administering acupuncture to a sitting volunteer. The United

Nations Resident Coordinator in Namibia Sen Pang, who was ecstatic about the whole experience, said the

celebrations were a chance for staff to have a pause from work, come together as friends and enjoy the wonderful diversity. "While we spare no efforts to support the Namibian government to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), we also need to achieve SDG3 for ourselves and our families: Good Health and Well-being. The staff well-being of the UN agencies has always been on my priority list, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Pang. "I am privileged to have my compatriots the Chinese medical team to the UN house with us. Just as we address cross-cutting economic challenges in a coordinative way, TCM treats the human body through a holistic approach."

Following a soothing massage from the Chinese team, UN Resident Coordinator Office member Christophine Iyambo told Xinhua that her experience was very interesting as she was a bit tense.

"The massage made me relax, even though it was short," she said, adding that she will go to the TCM clinic for further therapy. Equally impressed, Justa Kurz, also a staff, said despite being hesi-

tant at first, she had her first experience with acupuncture on her arm.

"It was quite a nice experience. I didn't feel anything. After the needles were in, there was a little bit of tingling in my body, but no other effects or pain and I feel good actually. Thank you," she said.

Meanwhile, Special Assistant to the UN Resident Coordinator Zhang Junjie said while the UN through its specialized agencies, funds, and programs works in collaboration with the Namibian government toward ending poverty, reduction of inequality and a path toward sustainable development, the Chinese medical team's work is also similar as it complements some of UN goals, in particular SDG3. China has sent a total of 14 medical teams to Namibia since 1996.

The medical teams have been committed to assisting the health sector in Namibia while maintaining a friendship between the two countries.

The next medical team is expected to commence in the next four months after the current batch finishes off.

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Drought hits Longido as women left alone

By Correspondent Elizabeth Zaya, Longido

"WHEN my husband left in March, this year, he left me with goats so that I could sell them and buy food, but they all died for lack of pastures. Since he left until now (October), the situation has been bad, we've had no food," says Ngoje Maso, a resident of Otepesi in Loliondo district, Arusha region.

A mother of three narrates the hardships that have hit families due to the effects of climate change.

Ngoje says: "At the moment, the food we think is important to us is porridge; we've to stir the porridge day and night because you don't use much flour. Even if you manage to get two kilos from the neighbor, you think it's better to stir the porridge, add salt because it becomes too much."

"The goats that were left to me by my husband I couldn't sell them because the customers rejected them, they kept dying one by one until they were all gone," she said.

Ngoje is now burdened to take care of her children as the food is nowhere to be seen and she isn't able to meet school needs for siblings.

"I don't know what will happen if the situation continues like this, because we have no food," she says, stressing: "We had many cattle, but most of them perished due to lack of pastures and water."

Ngoje's ordeal is similar to what people in the district who have been affected by drought due to climate change, men being forced to leave their families to look for livestock pastures, while some women turned to making charcoal, an activity that is strange to witness in the Maasai community which is

famous for cattle, goat and sheep breeding.

In the area, it is hard to obtain water, food and animal feeds; people are asking the government and its stakeholders to help by sending them essential services.

A week-long survey by this paper in the district shows that in many families, the ones who stayed at home during this drought are mothers and their children along with a few elderly as energetic people have deserted the area.

Sandeki Yaro, a resident of Orubomba Village in the district says her husband left to look for pasture and she is there to look after a household with five children.

Sandeki is now busy with charcoal making, the skills learnt to mitigate climate change impacts as cows, and goats have died due to lack of pasture.

"The situation is very bad, so we've to use extra intelligence to find a way to save the family. Currently we have developed another method of using small logs that we collect in the forest to make charcoal. When we find them, we cut them into small pieces, cover them with goat dung and put them on fire."

"Using this method we don't put a lot of logs, it's just a little that we give one or two bags of charcoal which we sell for 2,000/-. And when you get that, you go to buy a kilo of maize flour. Almost many women here have had to do this work, because the men are not there, they have gone to take care of livestock far away," she says.

The mother of five says another way they use to save themselves from hunger is to go to find a place with milling machines and collect all the leftovers for food.

Katandee Tobiko, a resident of Kijiji cha



Motoro, says many times when they make charcoal they take it to Longido Town because there are customers.

Longido District traditional leader, Mutel Laizer says the situation of hunger is bad in many villages in the district caused by drought.

"Many families are starving, they have no food. We have witnessed the government bringing food at a cheap price in this district but it is sold at a high price that many cannot afford. Even when it is delivered, they tell them to buy from one bag; many do not have that ability."

"As a traditional leader, I have talked a lot about this but it has not helped, the people are hungry, they cannot afford the price of food, but even what is brought by the government is sold at a high price, again starting from the sack. Is there really an inten-

tion to help them?

"What we see is that the government brings food to reduce the burden of the people, but the people who benefit, especially the businessmen, because they have the ability to buy a sack or more and at the end of the day they will sell it at a high price in their shops. We ask the government to look into this," Laizer said, noting that a bag of maize is now at 22,000/- per 20kg.

"What we are asking, if possible, is to further reduce the price of this food and for those who are completely unable to look at how to help them, even providing them with a little food will help," he says.

Laizer's idea was supported by Marya Oreteiti, a resident of Longaiki Village, who says many families cannot afford to buy food and "I don't know if we can survive this mess."

Preparation for clean cooking energy forum in top gear, organisers say

By Guardian Reporter

PREPARATION for the national debate on clean cooking energy, which is to kick off tomorrow in the country's commercial capital, Dar es Salaam are in top gear as all details have been finalized, organizers said yesterday.

Felchesmi Mramba, the permanent secretary in the Ministry of Energy said in a statement that said the two-day conference is aimed at putting forward strategies for achieving affordable, clean, and reliable cooking solutions in Tan-

zania.

He said that President Samia Suluhu Hassan is expected to take part at the important forum that will bring on board policymakers, development partners, entrepreneurs, investors, donors, academicians, and the general public.

Mramba said that the conference is also geared to hatch strategies to achieve access to clean, cheap and sustainable energy in Tanzania.

He also noted that the response has been good from all participants, who are eager to take part at the important energy meeting.

According to him, 72 percent of the energy produced in Tanzania is used in homes and biomass accounts for close to 90 percent of the primary energy supply in households, whereby 63.5 percent of the households use firewood as the main source of cooking and 26.2 percent charcoal. The remaining share comprises 5.1 percent liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and 3 percent electricity, while others are 2.2 percent.

He said: "It is the responsibility of national leaders to fight for the eradication of firewood and charcoal for

cooking and efforts should be directed to natural gas as an alternative, noting that toxins from wood fuel contribute to respiratory diseases during cooking."

He added that there are big health hazards which together we cannot let go of while the people gave us the mandate to serve them suffer.

Commenting on the conference, Energy Minister January Makamba said: "All those needing to participate in the debate are to register themselves in various ways that have been put up."

In this year's national budg-

et, the minister stated that the government has put up 12 subtle priorities, with one of them being clean energy for cooking and allocated 500m/- to the Rural Energy Agency (REA) to officially kick-start the process.

The minister who is also an MP for Bumbuli, noted that huge benefits to be realised in the management of the process including economic growth and empowering women in economic activities as well as making sure such debates also take place in five regions to be participated by regional officials as a way of expanding the debate.

He explained that the tomorrow's conference will take in tandem with looking into how people will use natural gas for cooking as well as its ample availability and costs.

According to him, the energy business needs creativity and we have decided to debate among ourselves to move away from unclean energy without disregarding employment opportunities and income during the transformation as there are bound to be people who will be out of employment for their daily livelihoods.

Dr. Pauline Chale, a medical expert on respiratory illnesses

from Muhimbili National Referral Hospital said: "We treat patients affected by the use of firewood and charcoal in what we call the biomass fuel effect. Their treatment tends to be long term and so they consume more resources that could have been used to treat other patients."

A move to more clean energy use for cooking is not only part of Tanzania's national obligation as per SDG 7, but also the National Energy Policy of 2015 directs the government to enable equal access to safe, affordable and modern energy for cooking.

Muslims pray against ZAA for appointing Dubai firm as sole ground handling services provider

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MORE than 200 Muslim adherents from various homesteads and villages in Pemba South Region have conducted prayers to castigate Zanzibar Aviation Authority (ZAA) for appointing Dubai National Air Travel Agency (DNATA) to be the sole ground handling services provider at Terminal III of Abeid Amani Karume International Airport, Zanzibar and other airports in the Isles.

The adherents began saying the prayers soon after finishing Friday prayers at Abuu Hanifa Mosque led by Sheikh Abdallah Ali Khamis and other senior Muslim clerics.

Sheikh Khamis said they received with great dismay on the danger facing over 600 workers at the airport losing their jobs following ZAA's decision to appoint DNATA as the sole handling services provider at the airport beginning December this year.

"In such a situation we raise our hands to Allah to pray for our fellow Zanzibaris who stand to lose their jobs," Sheikh Khamis said.

For his part, another cleric, Sheikh Othman Mohamed said the time has come for the government to take steps to address the dispute

that has emerged for the interest of Zanzibar and its people.

He said for many years ZATI and TransWorld have been providing ground handling services in Zanzibar airports and there were hardly any complaints whatsoever from either passengers or airlines including international airlines.

In his sermon in the mosque after the Friday prayers, Ali Makame Issa, human rights and good governance activist said they were greatly perturbed on reports that over 600 workers stand to use their jobs at the airport.

He told those in attendance that DNATA, owned by the Emir of Dubai has been appointed to be the sole provider of ground handling services without floating any tenders, contrary to Zanzibar Fair Trade Competition law.

He said before DNATA's appointment tender for the service ought to have been floated for the process to be conducted in a transparent manner.

He said ZAA made the decision unilaterally as it had already sealed the contract for ground handling services at Zanzibar airports for 30 years beginning 2000.



Some Muslim adherents from various homesteads and villages in Pemba's South Region conduct prayers to oppose the Zanzibar Airports Authority for appointing Dubai National Air Travel Agency to be the sole ground handling services provider at Terminal III of Abeid Amani Karume International Airport and other airports in the Zanzibar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Afreximbank co-hosts webinar on intra-African trade and investment with the East African Business Council

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

AFRICAN Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) has hosted a webinar on intra-African trade and investment, alongside the East African Business Council (EABC).

The conversation addressed key challenges confronting African businesses when approaching intra-African trade, recognizing that 80% of Af-

rica's small businesses have no access to trade finance and over US\$5 billion is lost due to currency conversion during transactions in Africa. Afreximbank described the innovative products offered by the Bank to boost access to finance and cross-border payments under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Dr. Gainmore Zanamwe,

Head, Intra-African Trade Bank, Afreximbank, also praised public-private partnerships in East Africa, and called on this model of co-operation to be replicated across the continent. He suggested that a combination of industrialization and the development of regional value chains - as well as a reduced dependence on commodities - would create quality jobs and accel-

erate economic interaction between African businesses.

Dr. Vimal Shah, EABC Chairperson Emeritus told attendees of the vital importance of integrating fintechs into Pan-African Payment and Settlement Systems (PAPSS), to ease the process and reduce the cost of doing business transactions across Africa.

The EABC-Africa Trade and Investment Council (EATIC) -

launched in June 2022 by both Afreximbank and the EABC - was cited as a key driver of opportunities generated by the AfCFTA, creating intelligence on markets and investment opportunities across the continent.

Dennis Karera, EABC Vice Chair & EATIC Focal Point called for the structured engagement for private sector with the AfCFTA Secretariat

in Ghana through Regional Business Councils to ensure private sector proposals on AfCFTA negotiations are taken on board to bolster intra-Africa trade, investment economic growth and prosperity.

Attendees were addressed by prominent leaders in pan-African trade development, with the discussion also featuring contributions from: John Bosco Kalisa, EABC

Chief Executive Officer; John Bosco Sebabi, Deputy Head of Pan-African Payment and Settlement System (PAPSS); Emily Mburu-Ndoria, Director of Trade-in-Services, Investment, Intellectual Property Rights and Digital Trade, AfCFTA Secretariat; and from Afreximbank, Lizanne Case, Senior Manager of Trade Intelligence Solutions, and Matimba Changala, Manager, Intra-

Droughts don't need to result in famine: Ethiopia and Somalia show what can make the difference

THE Horn of Africa is facing its worst drought in 40 years. Scientists suspect that a multi-year La Niña cycle has been amplified by climate change to prolong dry and hot conditions.

After multiple failed harvests and amid high global food prices, the Horn is confronted with a severe food security crisis. Some 37 million people face acute hunger in the region, which includes Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.

In Somalia alone, 40% of the population is facing food insecurity: about 6.7 million people. In neighbouring Ethiopia, the proportion is lower - 20% - but the absolute numbers are higher at 20.4 million.

It was not too long ago that drought led to highly divergent impacts between Somalia and Ethiopia. In 2010-2011, a devastating drought led to more than 260,000 deaths beyond normal levels of expected mortality in Somalia. Yet almost no one died in Ethiopia after a severe drought in 2015.

Why did so many people die in Somalia but so few in Ethiopia? I explore these and related questions in my recent book, *States and Nature: The Effects of Climate Change on Security*.

Using the cases of the two countries, among others, the book shows why Somalia had a famine in the early 2010s while Ethiopia did not, despite both being exposed to severe droughts.

The biggest differences were



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that, compared with Somalia, Ethiopia enjoyed a state with more capacity and more political inclusion, and made good use of foreign aid. These are factors that I identify in the book as contributing to how climate change is affecting the security of states. I include famine as a form of insecurity.

Better outcomes are expected in states with high capacity to deliver services, high political inclusion where all social groups are represented in government, and where international assistance is welcomed and shared broadly.

Two sets of conditions, two different outcomes

So how did Somalia and Ethiopia stack up on the three factors that contribute to a bad situation being made worse?

In the lead-up to Somalia's famine in 2011, the country faced persistent problems of a weak national government that was being challenged by Al-Shabaab, a violent Is-

lamist militia that controlled significant territory in the south of the country. The Somali government had limited ability to deliver services in the areas it controlled, let alone areas under Al-Shabaab.

For its part, the Ethiopian government invested in social safety net programmes to feed people in the midst of the drought through cash transfers, employment programmes and food assistance.

The issue of sections of the society being excluded was also in greater evidence in Somalia than in Ethiopia. A number of marginalised groups, notably the Bantu Somalis and the Rahanweyn clan, were among the most affected by the drought. Better connected groups diverted aid that otherwise would have benefited these communities.

Finally, Somalia was in much worse shape when it came to aid. Al-Shabaab militants were blocking aid into the country, which led to a number of humanitarian groups withdrawing from Somalia. In addition, the US, through the Patriot Act, discouraged NGOs from providing aid for fear it would end up in Al-Shabaab's hands. Together, this meant that little humanitarian assistance came into Somalia precisely at the time when the country needed it most. Hundreds of thousands died.

Ethiopia was a favourite of the international community for foreign assistance. It received funds that supported its social safety net programmes, which helped it prepare for the drought and administer emergency aid supplies.

The current food security crisis in the Horn of Africa, however, reveals persistent vulnerability in both countries.

As Ethiopia's case shows, progress can be undone. Rising political exclusion is leading to huge food security risks, particularly in the Tigray region where aid is currently largely blocked amid the ongoing violent conflict.

Equally worrisome is Somalia's situation, where both local and external actors have struggled to build state capacity or inclusion in the face of a long-running violent insurgency.

What can work

My book provides some hopeful insights, as well as caution. It shows that for countries like Ethiopia and Bangladesh, international assistance can help address weak state capacity. Donors worked with local officials to address specific climate hazards, like drought and cyclones.

Such international assistance helped compensate for weak state capacity through discrete investments in early warning systems, targeted social services, such as food assistance or cash transfers, and hazard-specific protective infrastructure, such as cyclone shelters.

Those examples suggest that climate adaptation can save lives and contribute to economic prosperity.

However, as the unfolding dynamic in Ethiopia shows, progress can be reversed. Moreover, it's far more challenging for external actors to build inclusive political institutions if local actors are not so inclined.

With climate change intensifying extreme weather events around the world, it is incumbent upon policymakers to enhance the practice of environmental peacebuilding, both to resolve ongoing conflicts through better natural resource management and to prevent future emergencies. The Conversation.

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WORD-FIT

In this puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

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 4 LETTERS: POOL, TOES, SKIN, GAIN, SUSS, AIDE NOTE (7 WORDS)
 5 LETTERS: ADOBE, SHARP, HELLO, NOISE, SWALE (5 WORDS)
 6 LETTERS: BEACON, SPREAD, ASSETS, EMBARK BEACON (5 WORDS)
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CLUES: Across

- Selling of black African's
- to develop
- intelligent, bright
- to put together with something else
- useless
- luck, fate
- Largest continent in the World
- cure
- Church of England
- the percentage charged on the exchange of one currency to another
- ten less than thirty

Down:

- Breath
- Confess
- Capital of Italy
- a large edible fish of warm seas
- admonish, advise
- a public paved road as in a town or city
- division into phases
- Capital of Greece
- glowing
- respond to something in a particular way
- Amateur Athletic Association
- an unpleasant person

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Dar equity market slumps by 47.2 per cent further what with low investors appetite for stocks

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) continued its bearish run last week registering a mild turnover of 268.4/- marking a week-on-week decline of 47.2 per cent from 508.3m/- registered the previous week.

Market analysts are however optimistic that even though the stock market has been in bearish mode for over four weeks now, the bourse will register an uptick in prices in the coming weeks.

According to the Zan Securities Chief Executive officer Raphael Masumbuko, the good financials for quarter 3 posted by various listed companies last week will propel more demand for respective companies.

"The market is going to register an increase in liquidity in the weeks to come particularly in the banking sector, driven by good Q3 earning results published last week. Quarter 3 earnings results of the two biggest banks in Tanzania NMB and CRDB point to a very optimistic view of the banking sector. We are going to see this reflecting in their respective stock prices," he said.

According to available DSE data, total market capitalization went up by 0.08 per cent to 15.6bn/- while Domestic market capitalization went down by 0.07% closing at 10.17bn/-

The Tanzania share index (TSI) closed at 3,847.50 points decreasing by 0.07 per cent while the All Share Index (DSEI) increased by 0.08 per cent to

close at 1,880.23 points.

The top trading counters during the week were CRDB and NMB dominating the overall market turnover figure by 69.7 per cent and 10.24 per cent respectively.

Price movement was recorded on three domestic traded equities with SWISS selling off the most after its stock depreciated by 9.78 per cent to close at 1,660/- per share while MBP lost 5.62 per cent of its value closing the week at 420/- per share.

The DCB stock also lost 3.13 per cent of its value closing the week at 155 per share.



The market is going to register an increase in liquidity in the weeks to come particularly in the banking sector, driven by good Q3 earning results published last week. Quarter 3 earnings results of the two biggest banks in Tanzania NMB and CRDB point to a very optimistic view of the banking sector. We are going to see this reflecting in their respective stock prices

Huawei reaffirms its commitment to spurring Tanzania's digital economy

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

CHINESE technology Huawei Company has reaffirmed its commitment to devote more human and financial resources, to further assist the Tanzanian government in strengthening the national ICT infrastructure.

The company has further promised to bring the best 5G technology and reliable mobile network to every corner of the country.

"We will also continue investing in the national ICT talent ecosystem, by training at least 1,000 students per year, and providing more top-quality online courses to Tanzanian people. Together, we can bridge the 'digital gap'" Damon Zhang, Huawei Tanzania CEO told the sixth three-day Information and Technology Communication (ICT) International conference held in Zanzibar recently.

The Chinese giant was the main sponsor of the conference graced

by the Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi while attended by Minister of Information, Communication and Information Technology Nape Nnauye and his Zanzibar counterpart Dr Khalid Salum Mohamed.

According to the CEO the company's vision is to bring digital to every person, home and organization, for a fully connected, intelligent world.

"It is exactly what we have been focusing on since we came to Tanzania in 2007. We are very proud to be able to participate in the construction of national ICT infrastructure, from 2G to 4G, and from National Data Centre to NICTBB."

"We are further determined to cultivate Tanzania ICT talents ecosystem. We have formed formal partnerships with 19 local universities, co-established 4 ICT Practical Labs, and trained more than 3000 teachers and students through Huawei ICT Academy," he said.

From the company's global experience, according to Zhang, they are convinced that digital transformation is a key to unlock new economic development possibilities for various sectors, including the blue economy.

"First, ICT technology can upgrade productivity and reduce management cost of traditional industries in the Blue Economy, such as fishing, the oil & gas industry, or the port industry. When easy and replicable works are taken by technology, human resources can be released for safer and more knowledge-based works, after a certain amount of training and practising."

"Second, ICT technology can facilitate mass education and promotion of industrial knowledge, no matter it is bringing the latest technology from the world to local people, or maximize the influence that one teacher does in one online class," he said.

He said for the country to

achieve a strong and robust blue economy, the foundation of national ICT infrastructure must be robust enough to be the backbone of the digital transformation.

During his opening remarks, Dr Mwinyi reaffirmed his administration's resolve to transform the country into an inclusive and sustainable digital economy.

"We are determined to capitalise on digital transformations to pursue blue economy for social and economic development of our people," he insisted.

He said water bodies—oceans and lakes—are great treasuries of wealth, which Zanzibar is firm to exploit through ICT whose role in creating jobs and building inclusive and sustainable economies is critical.

He further challenged African countries to use their endowed marine resources to attain social and economic development goals. "With good management of oceanic resources, ICT can enable African countries to prosper," he said.

For his part Minister Nnauye said the government is currently putting many efforts to ensure that the digital economy is achieved

"This includes developing the creativity of young people, building the capacity of IT professionals, improving systems in all sectors and ensuring that information is exchanged in full, continuing to build communication infrastructure in the country, encouraging the availability of smart phones at low cost as well as making sure that Tanzanian companies and developers can sell IT products and services outside the borders of Tanzania" he mentioned

In the Conference President Mwinyi awarded Huawei Tanzania a certification of recognition for its support in the transformation of the ICT sector in the Country.



Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Mwinyi (R) presents a certification of recognition to Damon Zhang, Huawei Tanzania CEO in recognition of the Chinese company's support in the transformation of ICT sector in Tanzania. It was the three-day Information and Technology Communication International conference held in Zanzibar recently.

I&M Bank in new business strategy to support growth

By Guardian Reporter

I&M Bank Tanzania has expressed its commitment towards will implementing its business strategy and ensuring that it keeps the momentum of growth, by introducing a new service named "Select Banking."

Zahid Mustafa, the bank's chief executive officer (CEO) made the remarks in Dar es Salaam last Thursday when the lender held its customer meet gala dinner with a night filled with glitz and fanfare.

The event was also meant to recognize various I&M Bank staff who through their hard work and commitment continue to deliver the exceptional service the bank is known for and commended the customers for their continued support.

The event was hosted by the bank's Board Chairman, Sarit Shah, Regional Director, Chris Low, all board members, Exco members, the I&M Bank team, and the bank's esteemed Customers.

The CEO said: "I am pleased to say that I&M Bank is among the few banks that have continued to be strong and grow in terms of customer base, deposits, as well as total assets. I am also confident to say that the bank will continue to implement its business strategy and ensure that it keeps the momentum of growth, as we have introduced our new service named "Select Banking." We have a Select Banking lounge at the Oysterbay branch, Main Branch, and state of an art Select lounge at our Arusha branch to serve our exclusive lifestyle and financial needs."

Mustafa elaborated: "This new service includes several exclusive benefits, including access to more



I&M Bank's CEO Zahid Mustafa

than 1,200 airport lounges worldwide, as well as access to Visa Luxury Hotel Collection properties such as Peninsula, and Park Hyatt, to mention a few. Our high-end VISA Infinite and Platinum cards enable you with insurance cover such as Travel insurance which includes COVID-19 cover and as well special discount offers at various merchants following partnership arrangements with local and international service providers including hotels and restaurants, airlines, and food chains."

He added: "We have introduced "I&M Bancassurance." Now I&M Bank is a one-stop-shop financial institution that better understands our customers' banking needs. We have placed customers' needs first in all our innovations by ensuring that we serve our cli-

ent's insurance needs and ensure they are provided with adequate insurance knowledge. The bank is still doing better under "Custodial and Investment services" as we have extended the service to East and SADC countries. I&M Bank is an inclusive bank that caters to many clients at all levels, and it is with this regard the bank introduced a digital lending service, dubbed "Kamilisha."

The company's board chairman, Sarit Shah said: "The I&M Group PLC has sustained its growth momentum into the first half of 2022, with the Group reporting a 16% growth in profit after tax to Kes 4.9 billion compared to Kes 4.2 billion in the same period in 2021. The subsidiaries have been sustaining outstanding performance following immeasurable support from

our customers at a corporate, retail, premium and other related financial services and that Tanzania remains one of our key subsidiaries following the potential that the country has to offer."

I&M Bank (T) LTD regional director, Chris Low said: "I can attest to the major positive changes in the region, furthermore, as a Group we have the potential and conditions to make leaps in economic activity; thus, in some way contributing to the rates of economic growth needed to propel this venture to greater heights. Our Group's strategic aspiration is to "Become a banking powerhouse in East Africa for medium to large businesses and premium clients" delivering to our mission as a partner for growth for all our stakeholders."

SMEs urged to attend training aimed at improving businesses

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SMALL and Medium entrepreneurs (SMEs) have been called to participate in various short training courses that would enable them change and improve their business hence contributing to state coffers.

The call was aired in Dar es Salaam over the weekend by Dr Mariam Tambwe, the Lecturer at College of Business Education (CBE) during the opening of a training on marketing, packaging and branding skills.

The two days training was organised by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) Dar es Salaam region in collaboration with CBE attracted 45 SMEs from Mtwara, Lindi, Zanzibar and Dar es Salaam regions.

Dr Tambwe, an expert in marketing said recently the college conducted a survey in four regions namely Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, Mwanza and Mbeya where they found a big number of SMEs facing challenges in branding and packaging their goods.

"We signed a memorandum of Understanding with SIDO where we have started to provide training to SMEs so that they brand and package their goods which can be sold at any market," she said

She urged SMEs who want to attend the training at affordable costs to contact their office or SIDO.

According to her, the two organisations want to help SMEs gain knowledge on packaging and branding so that they can sell their goods abroad.

For his part the Principle Business Development Officer at SIDO, Melkiado January, said the training plays a crucial role for the development of SMEs.

He said the main objective of the training was to equip entrepreneurs with skills of branding, packaging and

exporting.

Narrating he said most SMEs do not understand the importance of branding hence fail to secure a market of their goods abroad.

"Producing quality goods and branding are some of the important factors which attract customers, hence SMEs should make sure that they are adhered to," he stated.

January, who is also a trainer, said SIDO in collaboration would continue providing training to more SMEs in the country.

"Similar training would be provided in near future to SMEs in all major cities, towns including Zanzibar and Pemba Islands," he said.

He urged entrepreneurs to who completed training to have a systematic way of doing their businesses

Speaking on behalf of others, an entrepreneur identified as Asa Mwakipesile, thanked the two organizations for organizing the event which he said has come at the right time.

He said most of them who established their businesses do not have enough knowledge to develop, hence the training would provide a chance for improvement.

"Most of us do not know what comes first before embarking on business, so this training has enlightened us with a lot of strategies to improve our activities," he said.

Narrating he said, most of the SMEs do not have enough knowledge on the importance of branding or marketing.

He said they learnt a lot about the importance of branding, packaging and exporting where they can now make clear decisions.

Participants had also a chance to hear more presentations from BRELA, GCLA, Omar Packaging and UTT AMIS.

Joy as NBC Bank opens new branch in Kigamboni

By Guardian Reporter

Dar es Salaam regional Commissioner Amos Makalla has called on the local community and neighboring areas to embrace the economic empowerment opportunities brought by the National Bank of Commerce (NBC)'s presence in the area.

The RC made the statement over the weekend during the NBC branch's launching ceremony, attended by various stakeholders of the bank including party and government leaders, senior officials of the bank and employees, representatives of the business community as well as local residents.

The RC applauded NBC Bank for bringing easy access to quality financial services in the district and urged locals to take advantage of the offered services saying the presence of the bank in the district will be more productive if only the residents will make good use of the opportunity.

"For surely I know that being closer to financial services is one thing and properly using the presence of the opportunities resulting from the same is another thing. That's why I am asking you to make good use of the existence of NBC in Kigamboni for your financial prosperity," he said

However, the RC urged the bank to continue developing various plans for provision of financial skills to the public in parallel with developing services that touch the low income earners so that the group can make good use of the opportunities and services offered by the lender.

For her part, Kigamboni DC Fatma Nyangasa thanked NBC bank for moving its services to Kigamboni district saying the launch of the NBC Kigam-



Dar es Salaam regional commissioner, Amos Makalla (C) cuts ribbon to officiate the launch of the new NBC Bank branch in Kigamboni District at the weekend. To his right is the bank's Managing Director, Theobald Sabi and to his left is Kigamboni DC, Fatma Nyangasa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

boni branch means that banking services will now be more accessible, offering locals the opportunity to boost their economic status.

"The new branch will also help increase the number of bank account holders in Kigamboni which is a key aspect for boosting universal financial services and supporting productive activities. The district is a rich one that is endowed with abundant natural resources including beautiful

beaches and abundant land that attracts investors. Therefore, the availability of banking services is important for its growth and development," she pointed out.

Speaking at the event, the bank's Managing Director Theobald Sabi said that the bank, which is 30 percent owned by the Government, continues to support the Government's ambitious plan to entrepreneurs and farmers and other economic groups in the economy by providing fi-

nancial capital and cheap loans.

"Our efforts are easily implemented due to the fact that we have one of the widest branch networks in the country. The new Kigamboni branch that we are opening today makes NBC Bank now have a total of 16 branches in Dar es Salaam alone making a total of 47 fully fledged branches across the country."

"The branches have been serving customers of all the types including government institu-

tions, government employees, businessmen, students as well as collecting government revenues through Government electronic Payment Gateway system (GePG) and taxes on behalf of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)." He mentioned.

He added that as a fast growing district, Kigamboni has abundant business opportunities that create demand for NBC's financial services.

NIT signs buildings construction project agreement with WB

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) has entered into agreement for the construction of five buildings at its main campus at Mabibo, Dar es Salaam from World Bank's East AFRICA Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) sponsorship.

Speaking before the signing of the agreement whose construction will be undertaken by CRJ (East Africa) Ltd and Nandra, World bank's country Representative said: "

The World Bank is satisfied that training is being provided by NIT hence we shall continue to collaborate with them as we seen various achievements including graduates getting employment whereby after Tracer Study done more than 61 per cent of graduates receive employment."

He added: "The achievements are a motivation for the Institute hence we have seen the increase of its enrolment from 4,000 to 8,000."

He said NIT is among colleges sponsored by the World bank through its EASTRIP Project.

For his part, NIT Principal, Prof. Zacharia Mganilwa said the construction of the five buildings at the Institute will begin at once and will be completed after a year.

"I convey my special thanks to the World Bank by sponsoring our institute which is very important for the growth of the transport sector as well as its minor civil aviation sector in the country," he added.

He added that NIT is among four institutes in the country implementing this zonal project by establishing the centre for Excellence for Aviation Training and Transport Operations (CoEATO).

"Also the CoEATO is unique within the EASTRIP Project and in Tanzania it aims to produce experienced experts in the fields of Civil aviation in order to alleviate the shortage of experts in the field in Tanzania as well as east Africa in general," Prof Mganilwa said.

He said through the EASTRIP Project, NIT will receive USD 21.25 million, equivalent to 49.05bn/- for boosting administration and training in Excellence for Aviation Training and Transport Operations (CoEATO).

"The aim of this project are inspected and verified by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC), an independent firm of auditors.

"And within three years of the Project, we have already more than 75 per cent of its aims, hence qualified for USD 11.37 million, equivalent to 26.34bn/- or 38 per cent of the entire NIT Project cost," he



NIT Rector Prof Zacharia Mganilwa (L) exchanges contract documents with Zhou Zajun deputy Director of CRJE (East Africa) Ltd, a company expected to put up two buildings at the Institute's main campus in Dar es Salaam. Looking is Country Manager for CRJE Tanzania Zhang Cuishan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

said.

The NIT Principal stressed: "This week, we have finalised the collection of reports for the inspection and verification of the project's aims for the fourth year and we expect to receive more than 15bn/- for the project's implementation."

Speaking at the signing event, deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Caroline Nombo said the government will supervise the project to make sure its aims are fully achieved.

"As for now I appeal to contractors to implement the project professionally to make sure it is completed within the time given - 12 months," she added.

She also called on the contractors to construct quality structures as per money value and hand over the buildings within the agreed time.

For his part, Ubungo District Commissioner, Heri James praised NIT for creating a good environment that produces professional graduates in the transport sector and pledged to provide all assistance to enable the Institute attain its goals.



Bagamoyo Sugar Limited CEO Sadanand Ereiveint (L) briefs Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) board members who visited the facility in Bagamoyo District, Coast Region, last week to witness ongoing production activities. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Coca-Cola arms over 900 young food vendors in Dar with power to benefit more

By Guardian Reporter

MORE than 900 young food vendors have been equipped to take their rightful place in the economy through collaboration between Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd (a subsidiary of Coca-Cola Beverages Africa) and the Institute of Social Work.

The youth have received business and entrepreneurship training, focusing on bookkeeping, customer care and capital growth, as part of Coca-Cola Kwanza's youth economic inclusion program, dubbed Chipsika Kiajira na Koke.

Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd presented 300 customized high pressure gas stoves, 300 (15kg)-LPG gas cylinders, 38 food cabin, 80 tables for food cabin, aprons, and t-shirts to support their businesses.

Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, (Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability), Prof. Joyce Lazaro Ndalichako, attended the official handover function at the Institute of Social Work, accompanied by CCBA in Tanzania Managing Director, Unguu Sulay.

Speaking at the function in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Prof Ndalichako said: "I am very pleased with efforts made by Coca-Cola Kwanza Ltd. for coming up with different economic inclusion initiatives that are leaving an actual impact to our society. Chipsika Kiajira is designed to equip our youth in this famous business with necessary skills and tools of trade needed for growth."

Prof. Ndalichako continued to heap praise to the company while urging other private sector organizations to support government's efforts as they look at different ways to create employment opportunities for youth.

Coca-Cola Kwanza's managing director, Unguu Sulay, pointed out that Coca-Cola Kwanza appreciates the continued collaboration between his firm and Institute of Social Work as they two have shared vision in social welfare.

"This is what we refer to as partnership for growth. These skills capped by tools of trade given is a great way to ensure business sustainability for these young entrepreneurs," he added.

His comments were backed up by Dr. Joyce Nyoni, Head of Institute of Social Work who urged the beneficiaries to ensure they apply the skills given to their benefit and the benefits of the society at large.

Speaking earlier, Coca-Cola Kwanza's Public Affairs, Sustainability and Communications Director, Salum Nassor said: "What we see today is the result of the need analysis done in the streets of Dar es Salaam where this business is famous. We will continue to identify opportunities and deliver to our economic inclusion commitments to youth and women in our society."

Some beneficiaries of the project commended Coca-Cola Kwanza for supporting them with the necessary tools and skills needed to grow their businesses.

According to them, the business employs a good number of young men and women whereas one station has a minimum of three people.

WORLD

UN: Horn of Africa hit by drought, cholera

UNITED NATIONS

AMID the worst drought in 40 years, Horn of Africa countries have been hit by outbreaks of cholera and acute watery diarrhea, while fighting in northern Ethiopia continues, a UN spokesman said on Friday.

The start of the October-December rains has been poor, and rainfall will likely continue to be below average. It would make this the fifth consecutive year of a failed rainy season, said Stephane Dujarric, the chief spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"This could lead to a greater spread of cholera and waterborne diseases," Dujarric told a daily press briefing. "At least 29 countries have been impacted since January of this year."

He said the World Health Organiza-

tion reported a shortage of cholera vaccines due to strained global supplies resulting from the high number of outbreaks globally. Because of the outbreak, the two-dose vaccine strategy will switch to a single-dose approach to save lives.

"But this will further compromise the health and lives of vulnerable children and lactating women, who are severely malnourished," he said.

The spokesman said that with thousands of people displaced in congested urban areas, there is limited access to water, health and malnutrition services - a recipe for greater and more outbreaks.

In Ethiopia's Oromia region, 238 cases and seven deaths have been reported, while in the Somali region of Ethiopia, 35 cases and two deaths were recorded.



Villager Zawadi Msafiri is seen in a withered maize crop field in Kidemu sub-location in Kilifi County, Kenya, March 23, 2022. (PHOTO / XINHUA)

Kenya declared an outbreak on Oct 20, and all counties were put on high alert, fearing the drought could worsen the situation. Six counties reported 94 cases and two deaths, he said.

Somalia reported, as of this month, approximately 11,300 cases of acute watery diarrhea or cholera since the beginning of the year, he said.

In northern Ethiopia, fighting continues.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that before the August resumption of hostilities in the north-

ernmost Tigray region, 13 million people needed food and other assistance.

With aid deliveries into Tigray suspended for more than two months, supplies are running low. Aid efforts also were disrupted in parts of neighboring Amhara and Afar regions, said the spokesman.

OCHA said humanitarian partners continue to work with all parties to try to get assistance to those who need it wherever they are, based on the principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and independence, he said.

Russia works on measures regarding UK's involvement in Black Sea terrorist attack - MFA

MOSCOW

THE Russian Foreign Ministry, alongside national specialized agencies, is working on practical measures concerning the involvement of British specialists in plotting the terrorist attack on Sevastopol, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement on Saturday.



"The Russian Foreign Ministry alongside the Russian specialized agencies is considering practical steps regarding British specialists' involvement in the preparations for the terrorist attack in the Black Sea on October 29 and the training of the Ukrainian military, as stated by the Russian Defense Ministry," the diplomat said.

According to the statement, Russian defense officials reported that they have information about the complexity of the British intelligence agencies also in the series of explosions on the Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea.

"Russia has repeatedly called for a joint investigation into these terrorist attacks. Corresponding proposals were submitted to the government of Denmark, Sweden and Germany," the diplomat said.

"The fact that the Western countries turned this proposal down proves that they have something to hide. Now we understand what exactly they are hiding," Zakharova stressed.

The Russian Defense Ministry said earlier in the day that the Kiev regime had carried out a terrorist attack on the warships of the Black Sea Fleet and civilian vessels in Sevastopol, using nine drones and seven marine autonomous surface vehicles.

The ministry pointed out that the attacked ships are involved in ensuring security of the grain corridor, as part of the international initiative on exports of agricultural produce from Ukrainian ports.

The ministry said that preparations for the terrorist attack on Sevastopol and the training of the military personnel of 73rd Marine Special Operations Center were carried out under supervision of British specialists, who were stationed in the city of Ochakov, Nikolayev Region.

As the Defense Ministry pointed out, representatives of that unit of the British Navy were involved in the explosions on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 gas pipelines.

China-Africa partnership vital to achieve regional, global agendas

ADDIS ABABA

THE strategic partnership between Africa and China is "indisputably vital" to help the continent implement regional and global agendas through equipping its youth with technological capabilities, experts and officials have said.

They made the remarks at a meeting under the theme "Prospects of China-Africa Cooperation: Youth Leaders Forum," that was held Thursday in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital.

Ethiopian Minister of Women and Social Affairs Ergogie Tesfaye said the Forum on China and Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) established in 2000 is "an excellent approach" to resolve the technological deficiency the African nations have faced with.

"China-Africa cooperation and diplomatic relations are overwhelming and growing as manifested by social, economic, and political partnerships," Tesfaye said, noting that the two sides have been defending intrusions coming from



Representatives take part in a panel discussion during a meeting under the theme "Prospects of China-Africa Cooperation: Youth Leaders Forum" in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Thursday. Xinhua

different corners of the world.

According to the minister, the human capital in Africa is predominantly unskilled and technologically unequipped and these situations have subjected the people in the region to poverty.

"The implementation of the regional and global agendas, such as AU's agenda 2063 and SDGs 2030, respectively, are considerably dependent on technological capability and knowledge of the youth labor force, therefore, the strate-

gic partnership established between Africa and China is indisputably beneficiary," she said.

She added that the growing partnership between Ethiopia and China is positively contributing to the favor of a green economy, global governance system, and solidarity through trust building towards the mutual growth and development of the two countries. The one-day forum, which was organized by the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia

and the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS), dwelt on possible ways to boost China and Africa multidimensional relations and promote peace and development in Africa through increased participation of the youth in leadership positions.

Zhao Zhiyuan, China's Ambassador to Ethiopia, on his part emphasized that the purpose and goal of China foreign policy is crystal clear, and that is to safeguard world peace, promote common develop-

ment, and push for a community of shared future for mankind. The ambassador said some forces continue interfering in the internal affairs of other countries and threatening global order, adding the government of China would continue striving for fairness and justice, achieving modernization and global development.

Zhao noted that global development initiatives of China would help Africa implement the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and jointly write new chapter in the era of solidarity and cooperation.

Speaking on the occasion, Tesfaye Yilma, State Minister for Political and Economic Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, said China and Ethiopia have long-standing relations built on shared history and solid foundation, guided by the principles of trust and respect.

Yilma said China remains to be Ethiopia's major trading partner and source of foreign direct investment and finance for infrastructure projects across the country. Xinhua

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Food security, Palestinian issue to top agenda of Arab League Summit in Algeria

ALGIERS

THE Secretary-General of the Arab League Ahmed Aboul-Gheit said here on Saturday that food security and the Palestinian issue will be on the top agenda of the Arab League Summit due on November 1 and 2.

In his opening remarks at the proceedings of the foreign ministers' preparatory meeting for the Arab League Summit, Aboul-Gheit urged the Palestinian factions to implement the Algiers Declaration signed two weeks ago in Algiers in a bid to reach real reconciliation.

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China makes new progress in research on 'artificial sun'

WITH its plasma current exceeding one million amperes, China's new-generation "artificial sun," the HL-2M, has set a new record in the country for the operation of a controlled nuclear fusion device, according to the data analysis team of the Southwestern Institute of Physics of the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC).

This breakthrough marks a further step China has taken toward research and development (R&D) of nuclear fusion ignition. It also indicates that the country is among the first echelon in the world in research concerning this field and that the country is in a leading position globally in this technology.

The HL-2M, a Tokamak device, is

the country's largest in scale and highest in parameters. The plasma current is a core parameter of the Tokamak fusion reactor. A plasma current of one million amperes is necessary for nuclear fusion. In the future, Tokamaks must rely on plasma currents at the mega-ampere level in order to maintain steady operation.

Tokamak is a mainstream device used for research on controlled nuclear fusion. It features a vacuum chamber to hold plasmas with a temperature of 100 million degrees Celsius for a long time for a steady and sustainable fusion reaction. Because the way through which energy is generated inside the device is similar to the way the sun gener-

ates energy, Tokamak is also figuratively called the "artificial sun."

Zhong Wulu, deputy director of the Center for Fusion Science under the Southwestern Institute of Physics of the CNNC and head of the HL-2M experiment, stated that temperature, density, and time are three parameters that determine the creation of the fusion device and the fusion research results, and a nuclear fusion takes place only when the product of the multiplication of the three parameters exceeds a specific figure.

The HL-2M Tokamak, with a plasma current of more than 2.5 million amperes and holding plasmas with a temperature of 150 million degrees Celsius, can achieve high-

density, high specific pressure, and high bootstrap current operation.

China follows a "three-step" roadmap of "thermal neutron reactor - fast reactor - controlled nuclear fusion reactor" for the development of nuclear energy. The Southwestern Institute of Physics of the CNNC, as a core institute in R&D of controlled nuclear fusion reactor and an important support institute for the country's participation in the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), has developed various types of magnetic confinement fusion devices.

The HL-1, the first Tokamak device independently built by China in 1984, is an important milestone

in the country's history of nuclear fusion reaction research. It has accumulated a wealth of experience for China in independently designing, building and operating nuclear fusion devices, Wu introduced.

On Dec. 4, 2020, a new generation of "artificial sun" independently designed and built by the Southwestern Institute of Physics of the CNNC was completed and achieved its first plasma discharge after it went into operation, marking an important progress made by China in the fields of basic research and original innovation.

In the future, the HL-2M Tokamak will continue to be used to carry out experiments in an orderly manner. It will strive for a

higher plasma current and a higher plasma temperature, as well as an increase in the three parameters of nuclear fusion, thus making new progress in China's research on the "artificial sun."

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Russian envoy calls on Washington to return nuclear weapons back to US territory

WASHINGTON

RUSSIAN Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov has called on Washington to return the nuclear weapons that it deployed to other countries back to the US.

"In these times of tensions and increased risks, nuclear states have a special responsibility to prevent escalation. That said, I once again call on Washington to return all the nuclear weapons deployed overseas back to its national territory, eliminate overseas infrastructure for their storage and maintenance, and to abandon the practice of simulating the use of such weapons involving troops from non-nuclear countries as part of NATO's 'joint nuclear missions', which run counter to the basic principles of the Non-Proliferation Treaty," the envoy said, commenting on a Politico article saying that the US would speed up plans to store upgraded B61-H2 air-dropped gravity bombs in Europe.

"Administration officials traditionally refer to these weapons as tactical ones and argue that Russia's arsenal of similar weapons is several times larger than the US one. However, they don't reveal the fact that all our tactical nuclear weapons are stored in centralized facilities in Russia and cannot pose a threat to the United States," Antonov (pictured) emphasized.

As for US air-dropped bombs, they are deployed to European countries with short flight times to Russia's border. This is why B61-H2 bombs have strategic importance despite their limited capacity," he noted.

"Moreover, the US Armed Forces, together with NATO partners, regularly hold drills practicing the use of these weapons. Such training is currently taking place as part of the Steadfast Noon exercise.

The North Atlantic alliance's leadership claims that the activity is not targeted against Russia. The question is then who is it that the alliance is practicing using nuclear weapons against if it is our country that is described as the 'most significant and direct threat' to security in its strategic concept?" the Russian ambassador added.



Agencies

151 killed, 82 injured in Halloween stampede in Seoul

SEOUL

At least 151 people were killed and 82 others injured in a stampede that occurred Saturday night at Itaewon, a district of the South Korean capital Seoul, during Halloween gatherings, local authorities said yesterday.

Twenty-two foreigners were among those killed in the accident, according to local firefighting authorities.

A total of 82 people were injured in the crush, including 19 seriously.

Witnesses reported seeing crowds surging into a downhill alley and then people instantly pushed down by others.

"People kept pushing down into a downhill club alley, resulting in other people screaming and falling down like dominos," an unidentified witness wrote on Twitter.

"I thought I would be crushed to death too as people kept pushing without realizing there were people falling down at the start of the stampede," the witness said.

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol on Sunday announced a period of national mourning over the tragedy.

"This is truly horrific," he said in a televised national address. "The government will designate the period from today until the accident is brought under control as a period of national mourning and will place top priority in administrative affairs in recovery and follow-up measures."

He also expressed condolences over the deaths and wished a speedy recovery for the injured.

Immediately after the address, Yoon visited the accident site in Seoul.

The president also ordered all government offices to lower their flags to half-mast, according to his office.



Rescue workers and firefighters try to help injured people near the scene of a crowd surge in Seoul, South Korea on Saturday. AP

South Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo told reporters that the mourning period would last from Sunday until Saturday at Yoon's instructions.

The stampede was believed to have happened near a narrow alley next to a hotel in the famous nightclub Itaewon district Saturday night. It was said the partygoers at the front fell, and the people in the back were crushed.

Several large Halloween gatherings took place at Itaewon

and the police estimated roughly 100,000 people had participated in the Halloween parties.

Local media reported late Saturday that about 50 people were suspected to have gone into cardiac arrest in the accident. More than 140 first-aid vehicles had been sent to the scene to rescue the injured.

Bicycle taxi businesses creating income opportunities for young Zambians

LUSAKA

A VISIT to Petauke district, located in the eastern part of Zambia, is incomplete without one experiencing the excitement of being on a bicycle.

It is because bicycles are a popular mode of transport in the district used to ferry people and goods from one place to another.

But the use of bicycles as taxis did not start because of the need to promote environmental awareness in Petauke, as is the case in many parts of the world. Instead, it was financial challenges that pushed residents to seek out cheaper modes of transport. Bicycle transport fares in the district are about four to five times cheaper than those of ordinary taxis.

The fares start from 3 Zambian Kwacha (about 0.19 U.S. Dollars). Riders earn around 60 Zambian Kwacha (about 3.8 U.S. Dollars) per day. "I have made it a point to use a bicycle taxi whenever I am going to work or running errands. Doing so has helped me reduce expenses," said Sara Nyirenda, a 28-year-old Petauke resident.

And Genesis Zulu, who has been in the bicycle transport business for about a year, pointed out that many of the district's young people have escaped extreme poverty by working as bicycle taxi riders.

"Most of those involved in this business are able to afford necessities. They have even stopped looking for jobs because they use the bicycles to meet financial needs," he said. The 24-year-old Zulu explained that the trend of using bicycles as a mode of transport started in Chipata, the capital of Zambia's Eastern Province, and spread to other districts in the province.

While bicycles for sale are readily available in Petauke, some youths lack resources to buy them. To help young people in such situations, some bicycle traders and owners hire those youths to work as bicycle riders for a specific period, after which they give them bicycles as payment.

Prices of bicycles vary depending on the type and model. However, one can get a considerably good pre-owned utility bicycle with 5000 Zambian Kwacha (about 315 U.S. Dollars). "I was engaged as a bicycle taxi rider for ten months, after which I was given the very bicycle I was using.

It is a common way of acquiring a bicycle for many youths in Petauke," said Allan Sakala, 27. Sakala revealed that he has been a bicycle rider for about two years and is now looking forward to owning a fleet of bicycles to empower younger youths.

Civic leaders observed that the use of bicycles for transport has not only created employment for many youths in the district but also enhanced Petauke district's environmental awareness programs.

"Studies show that places, which encourage using bicycles as a mode of transport, have cleaner air. This is good for our town," said Geoffrey Daka, a councillor for Nyakawise ward in Petauke. Daka further observed that bicycles take up far less parking space than motor vehicles.

"Fewer motor vehicles means less congestion in busy trading spaces and more space for people to move about," he added.

Somalia, int'l community condemn deadly blasts in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU

SOMALIA, the African Union and the United Nations have condemned the twin car bomb explosions that targeted Somalia's education ministry building here on Saturday, killing at least nine people, including women and children.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist group Al-Shabab frequently targets government and civilian buildings in Somalia's public places, as well as military bases, local media reported.

Somali Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre blamed Al-Shabab by name, stressing their attacks won't stop the government's commitment to eradicating terrorism in any form.

An unspecified number of people, including journalists and police officers are among the casualties, said Sadiq Dudashe, spokesperson of the Somali Police Force.

The official number of casualties is yet to be released. The African Union Transition Mission in Somalia in a statement called for sustained military operations against the insurgents, so as to suppress the surging terror attacks in the country.

Extending its condolences to the families of the victims, the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia tweeted it "wishes a speedy recovery for those injured, and stands resolutely with all Somalis against terrorism."

The blasts came as Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud and leaders of the federal member states, including security officials, were meeting to discuss ongoing offensive operations against al-Shabab.

Xinhua

China's sports industry on fast track of development

IN recent years, China's sports industry has achieved remarkable progress as domestic fitness consumption has seen robust growth and homegrown sports brands have gained popularity among consumers.

At the recently concluded 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), the 20,000-square-meter sports services exhibition attracted 353 enterprises and organizations participating in the event online or offline. Sports service deals worth a record high of about 12.72 billion yuan (around \$1.77 billion) were signed at the exhibition.

It proves that China's sports industry is growing vigorously.

China made the "Fitness for All" program a national strategy in 2014, steering the course for the development of the sports industry.

For years, China's sports industry has maintained rapid growth and its industrial structure has been continually optimized. A sports industry system driven by sports games, performances, fitness and sports-related leisure activities has been basically formed, with synergistic development of sports manufacturing and the media.

For example, according to statistics from the Chinese Athletics Association (CAA), China held 1,828 marathon-related events in 2019, which was 47 times as many as in 2013.

The country has also released development plans for other popular sports, encouraging social forces to organize sports activities while encouraging public engagement in sports, thus pushing forward the development of fitness and sports-related leisure activities.

Today, Chinese citizens have diverse choices in sports activities. Outdoor sports activities, including mountaineering and cycling, see burgeoning growth. Traditional sports such as football, basketball, badminton and swimming enjoy continuous popularity, and niche sports, including frisbee and paddle boarding, are widely participated.

The Beijing 2022 Winter



Runners taking part in a marathon race in Jiande of Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, on Oct. 17, 2021. File photo

Olympics and Paralympic Games have driven the development of winter sports in China. According to Peng Weiyong, vice-director of the General Administration of Sport of China (GAS), China's snow-related sports saw 312 million visits in the 2021-2022 winter season. The period also achieved a snow tourism revenue of 390 billion yuan, an increase of 44.4 percent from the 2016-2017 winter season.

As the mass fitness program is being increasingly accepted by the general public, buying sports equipment, taking part in sports training, experiencing sports fashion, watching sports events and hiring sports venues have become new scenarios of sports consumption.

Statistics from the GAS indicated that the size of China's fitness and sports-related leisure grew from 27.69 billion yuan to 179.66 billion yuan, an increase of 548.83 percent.

China's winter sports equipment manufacturing has also embarked on a fast lane of development after the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games. Provinces in northeast China have rolled out plans for the construction of winter sports equipment industrial parks while ramping up investment in the related market.

Driven by the mass fitness program and favorable policies, China's homegrown sports brands have taken coordinated efforts to strive for sci-tech innovations, reform of sales channels and expansion of their global influence.

During the 13th Five-Year Plan period (2016-2020), the number of market entities in China's sports market kept increasing. By the end of 2019, China had 289,000 legal entities in the sports market, an increase of 150 percent from 2015.

Many time-honored homegrown sports brands unveiled their performance recently in the first half of 2022. Anta Sports, one of China's largest sportswear companies, registered revenue of nearly 26 billion yuan in the first half of the year, up 13.8 percent year on year.

Zhangjiakou JX Sports, a new sports company founded in 2018 in Zhangjiakou city, north China's Hebei Province, mainly produces snowboards, sleds for Alpine skiing, sleds for cross-country skiing and fixation devices. The rising star has maintained an annual sales growth between 15 percent and 20 percent.

China's sports industry has entered a crucial stage of development during the 14th Five-Year Plan pe-

riod (2021-2025).

Last October, the country issued a development plan for the sports industry throughout the period, which sets a long-term goal of building the country into a leading sporting power by 2035 and outlined main targets that cover eight aspects, including raising the level of mass fitness and achieving new progress in the development of the sports industry.

Looking ahead, the country's sports industry will push for further integration with other industries and actively explore ways to lead a healthy lifestyle, expand domestic demand, and boost consumption as the sector sees significant increases in size and enjoys a better development environment and greater market potential.

People's Daily

Culture administrators out of track in grasping global soccer rhythms

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

A veneer of formalism is troubling sports authorities, following some thrilling soccer achievements among youth teams, especially the national U-17 girls' side, Serengeti Girls, which reached the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup quarterfinals.

Sports administrators and a breadth of pundits are asking some redundant questions, then pain themselves to find answers, as to why our senior national soccer teams, especially Taifa Stars, fail early in major tournaments.

This kind of pain is self-inflicted injury as the issue isn't of much substance, it is something that is mapped out in the head, but is inconsequential.

Take the recent event where Serengeti Girls reached the quarterfinals after a win, a draw, and a loss in the finals group stage following Japan, France, and Canada ties respectively.

They were then removed by Colombia, which ordinarily is expected that there is excellent soccer even among women, as it has a strong percentage of the black population.

In contesting countries in the West, their black sections of communities have more sporting talent than other groups, just one such rhythm.

So Colombia might make it to the final after upsetting Tanzania in the quarterfinals and then perhaps doing well in the final, in which case, if there is a debate in Colombia as it is in Dar es Salaam, they would wonder why the same isn't repeated for their national side.

One can be assured that there will be no such questions, but there will be some questions about why the United States team appeared to struggle, while it was a dominant side in previous competitions.

But as in the senior World Cup finals, new teams appear and do well, as in CAF contests.

This line of the debate wasn't entirely surprising as it was even the butt of jokes at a previous period when the side qualified for the World Cup finals, and MPs sought to make plenty of gender hay out of it.

In effect, women's soccer is a bit of



Tanzania's national U-17 women's soccer team's defender Veronica Mapunda (L) jubilates with fellow players after she had notched for the squad during the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup clash against Canada that took place in India recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

a new field and when it comes to mobilizing young girls to play football it can't be said that girls have equal opportunities to participate in the sport, or that motivation is comparable.

It needs plenty of baseline statistics to say why Tanzania has in the past decade excelled in women's football among East African countries, for that matter, each country being examined for its factors in that area, for that sport.

Another area of debate was the seeming preference of 'Lupaso' to the official Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, also called BWM National Stadium, a nickname that is proving more popular than the official name.

The problem is why officials appear to be troubled by that alias, as it simply represents the birthplace of the late third-phase President, and in no way is a travesty concerning his memory or image with that name.

It is debatable whether it isn't a more appropriate designation, it refers to a place, 'let's meet there' rather than a facility.

The nickname started dur-

ing the years Simba SC was attaining the group stage, and in a way also the national side, taking for instance when Kaizer Chiefs of South Africa had already won 4-0 over the Msimbazi Street side in its away encounter.

It needed plenty of confidence and a sort of alchemy that the venue itself would be a big favour to the local champions.

This they did more than most of us expected, putting up a 3-0 win over the visitors, a morale booster but not enough to proceed to the semi-finals of the CAF Champions League, a few trusted in the possibility.

'Kwa Mkapa' took the image of a slaughterhouse for visiting sides in a tournament and it is this sentiment that animated Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, lately, as they prepared to confront Sudanese giants Al Hilal SC.

This image comes back in a way to what culture officials tend to espouse, the wish for a formula about results, where the reason the local side wins is patriotism since players put up their best, supporters similarly turn out in strength and

all is well. Personal sentiment then equals cultural policy.

There is even a slim danger that if officials keep insisting on 'Benjamin William Mkapa,' discouraging free expression on 'Let's meet at Kwa Mkapa' or in short 'Lupaso,' they could unwittingly succeed in taking the shine out of those ties, as they compel the fans to sing on a note they don't want, thus interfering with wells of enthusiasm as the meeting place become a totem that galvanizes energy.

It is undeniably not advisable for officialdom to try to make the media toe the line as the marketing is to tap into sentiments, not to direct how sentiment is constructed.

It is similar to the recent audible intervention that we need patriotism in continental competitions, that when a visiting side is battling say Yanga, Simba SC fans be on the side of their next street rivals.

That kind of instruction would ruin the rivalry and soccer earnings would diminish significantly, consigning the top local sides to preliminary rounds of continental championships. It is that simple, and sensitive.



Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) vice-president Henry Tandau.

Dar athletes urged to invest

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S athletes have been advised to develop a culture of investing as athletics is a short-time career.

Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) vice president Henry Tandau disclosed at the opening of a two-day elite athletes lifestyle workshop which took place in Kibaha, Coast Region with more than 25 athletes taking part in it.

The workshop which was sponsored by the Olympic Solidarity through TOC discussed the lifestyle of elite athletes and how to become a good leader.

Tandau advised the athletes to behave properly in the community as success is accompanied by responsibility. He was adamant success brings with it responsibility in all aspects of life.

The official said the workshop is also aimed at preparing current athletes to become future leaders of national sports associations.

"Successful elite athletes are in limelight and all aspects of your life are subject to scrutiny both to the public and media so I'm asking you to behave well, you are role models of upcoming athletes," he said.

Tandau also asked the athletes to always use appropriate behaviours such as relaxing, socializing, resting, and eating well.

He further advised the elite athletes to refrain from inappropriate

behaviours like consuming alcohol, smoking, unruly behaviour, and others vices.

"For an elite athlete to maintain his/her status, he/she must avoid many things, one of them is gambling, all elite athletes must stay away from betting on events in which they are participating, avoid recreational and performance-enhancing drugs," Tandau noted.

He moreover asked the elite athletes to develop a culture of investing and having health insurance, saying it is extremely saddening to see a former elite athlete depend on alms offered by well-wishers.

Other instructors at the workshop were Suleiman Jabir who talked about how one can become a good leader and Suma Mwaitenda who taught the participants about individual management as a key to enhancing performance.

Halid Rushaka that heads TOC's Athletes Commission said the workshop is vital to the lives of athletes in the country as its main emphasis is on life as an athlete and after athletics.

"This is an eye-opener, our athletes today are enjoying the fruits of their work, of course, some of them fail to make use of their current form but life becomes very difficult when one retires and he/she has nothing to rely on, I'm sure at the end of this workshop many athletes will know what to do in their life," he said.

Wakishua campaign's fans, artists, hail Tigo and Boomplay partnership

By Guardian Reporter

THE recently-launched strategic partnership between Tigo Tanzania and Boomplay, one of the music streaming and download services in Africa, has received thumbs-up from various stakeholders in the music industry.

William Mpinga, Tigo's Brand and Communications Manager, said the stakeholders who lauded the move include musicians and fans. In separate interviews, they termed the move as transformational in the local music streaming realm.

Mpinga affirmed the telecom company's commitment to enhancing its customers' digital experience across the country while reflecting on brand transformation over time.

The official pointed out: "The partnership with Boomplay seeks to enable Tigo customers to enjoy access to more affordable subscription rates and free listening on Boomplay as part of the campaign."

A celebrated Tanzanian artist Omari Ali, nicknamed 'Marioo', heaped praises on the 'Wakishua' campaign and the partnership, saying that as a product of Tigo's legendary talent-nurturing music innovations, he is once again proud to be associated with the new deal, calling on his colleagues to hang onto his coattails to enjoy the fruits of Tigo/Boomplay partnership benefits.

"I am proud that is where I am because of how Tanzanians have

received my music, I believe the partnership between Tigo/Boomplay will nurture upcoming artists. I am requesting my other colleagues who have not registered on Boomplay to do so to enjoy immense benefits that will certainly be forthcoming in the long run", 'Marioo', who is also 'Wakishua' campaign's influencer and a beneficiary of the Tigo/Boomplay partnership, noted.

The partnership has further won the hearts of music fans from various areas as demonstrated by Jack Mayoo, a gym instructor based in Dar es Salaam. Mayoo, a Tigo customer who plays background music to his clients in his gym during workout sessions, says that with Boomplay, he can access all types of music that he needs for himself and his customers.

"Previously, my music selection was limited to a few repetitive songs, now with the partnership between Tigo and Boomplay, I can freely access every music genre on Boomplay, therefore, making my clients more entertained than before", Mayoo stated.

Eliza John, a 23-year-old student at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), heard about the 'Wakishua' campaign and the Tigo/Boomplay partnership after the launch early this month. She immediately joined and has never looked back, stating she is enjoying the music of her choice free of charge, thanks to the partnership.

"For one to enjoy good music one should be given a free hand to select any type of music that

one enjoys-and this is what the Tigo/Boomplay partnership has offered us: a leeway to download the Boomplay App and enjoy a wide selection of music genre. I call upon all those who haven't joined to do so to enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience!" she enthuses. Mpinga says the partnership with Boomplay is meant to amplify Tigo's quest to continue supporting the Tanzanian music industry, something the telecom has been doing for years by providing an ideal platform for artists to connect with their fans. At the same time, he adds, the innovative move also seeks to give Tigo's customers more options to access music and entertainment and the best service to partner with is Boomplay, a streaming service that boasts a catalogue of over 85 million songs in its stable.

Tigo customers, Mpinga revealed, can now enjoy a diverse musical selection on Boomplay App by purchasing any package from Tigo while those not on the Tigo network can get a Tigo sim card across the country, download Boomplay App and become part of scores of others who are enjoying the service.

Industry sources indicate that music streaming is a lucrative business. According to RIAA

(Recording Industry Association of America), music streaming raised \$ 4 billion in 2017 alone, and the following year, 75 percent of the recorded music industry's revenue came from music streaming.



Yanga's midfielder Feisal Salum (3rd R) shoots past Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's center-back Andrew Vicent (2nd L) during this season's NBC Premier League duel played at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam last week and ended in 1-0 win for Yanga. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

ABC in pursuit of success in Basketball Africa League qualifiers

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

DAR ES SALAAM'S Army Basketball Club was set to take part in the opening game of the first qualifying round of the Basketball Africa League (BAL) in the city last weekend.

The continental showdown involves champions from five countries that will battle for the second-round spot in the league.

ABC was set to begin the qualifying round against Burundian champions Urunani while the early game pitted City Oilers from Uganda against Matero Magic from Zambia.

Initially, the qualification tournament's round was supposed to take place in Uganda but due to fear of the latest outbreak of ebola disease Dar es Salaam was presented with the privilege to host the round for the second time in a row.

Tanzania Basketball Federation's vice president Rwehabura Barongo noted

Tanzania will benefit from the qualifiers economically as well as from the game's aspect.

Barongo stated: "Tanzania Basketball Federation in association with JKT outfit will supervise the tournament, with ABC as the country's representatives and if the outfit performs well in the first round it will go to South Africa for the second round of qualifiers slated for November 22-29."

The official disclosed: "If they qualify for the third round, the NBA steps in and gives out financial support to participating teams."

"Tanzania's opportunity to host this qualification round is like an economic driver so it will give a chance to our country to promote its tourist attractions because this is akin to sports tourism," Barongo stated.

Previously FIBA Africa unveiled the clubs across Africa which will participate in the 2022 Road to BAL and Elite 16 Qualifying

Tournament for Season 3 of the Basketball Africa League next year.

This year's Road to BAL will take place across four African cities, having started on October 28 and was expected to come to a close on October 30.

Twenty teams taking part in the showdown will be divided into four groups of five teams each, which will be split into East and West divisions.

The teams that finish in the first two places in Groups A, B, C, and D will qualify for the Elite 16 Round, joining the six teams that qualified for the 2022 BAL season through the Road to BAL qualifier.

The remaining teams to complete the Elite 16 Round lineup will be announced by FIBA Africa at a later date. The top six-placed teams from the Elite 16 will then qualify for the 2023 BAL Season and join the champions from Angola, Egypt, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, and Tunisia.

'No excuses' for Liverpool as Leeds end unbeaten Anfield run

LONDON

JURGEN Klopp admitted Liverpool are putting Champions League football next season at risk with a disastrous start to the season after Leeds stunned Anfield with a 2-1 on Saturday.

Crysencio Summerville's 89th minute goal inflicted the Reds first home league defeat in front of a crowd since April 2017.

Liverpool have now lost twice as many games in the first 12 league games of this season as they did in 38 last season.

Klopp's men are 13 points behind of Manchester City at the top of the table and eight adrift of the top four.

"We cannot qualify for the Champions League if you play as inconsistent as we do in the moment," said Klopp. "We have to fix that and then anything is possible."

For the second time in a week, Liverpool were beaten by a side that started the day in the relegation zone.

Klopp again pointed the finger for his side's struggles this season on a series of injuries and a brutal schedule to make way for a mid-season World Cup.

"The situation is like it is. There is no excuse but we had problems from the first day with injuries or half-fit players. Some play too often, others play too early (after injury).

"It's not now for an overhaul, but you have to fight through and fight for momentum and confidence."

- Relief for Marsch -

Leeds began the night second bottom of the table but climbed out of the relegation zone thanks to their first win in nine games.

That winless run had left Jesse Marsch fighting to save his job.

"Everybody has made a big deal about firing me, but the board and I have been unified and we've stuck together," said the American.

"My feeling is that we shouldn't be in the situation we're in, but we are.

"I've tried to stay calm, but I've also tried to push. The players have stepped up big today."

Leeds could not have wished for a more generous gift from the hosts than for the opener after just four minutes.

Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson Becker stumbled as he tried to reach Joe Gomez's backpass, allowing Rodrigo an easy finish into the unguarded net for the Spaniard's sixth goal of the season.

The lead did not last long as Mohamed Salah levelled with his seventh goal in five games against Leeds by steering home Andy Robertson's cross on 14 minutes.

AFP

FIFA report now shows growth in women's soccer

By ANNE M. PETERSON

WOMEN'S soccer is seeing growing revenues globally from sponsorships, broadcast deals and merchandising, while also seeing greater interest from fans, according to a new survey by the game's governing body.

FIFA released its second benchmarking report on women's soccer on Friday as the sport gains momentum ahead of next summer's Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

The organization surveyed 30 of the top leagues and 294 clubs, building on the first benchmarking report released last year.

While COVID-19 impacted club revenue in the prior report, the latest survey found growth across the board from matchday, broadcast, commercial and prize money sources. Clubs reported year-on-year commercial revenue growth of 33% - indicating growing interest from sponsors. It found that 77% of leagues had a title sponsor, up from 11% in 2021.

Year-on-year broadcast revenue grew 22%. Ten leagues reported broadcast revenue compared to nine in the previous survey.

But there's also room for growth. The report found that just 7% of clubs globally reported more than \$1 million in revenue from matches, broadcast, commercial and prize money.

Sarai Bareman, FIFA's chief women's football officer, said the report underscores women's soccer is a wise investment.

"The changes are clear in the second edition of the report. We know it, we feel it," she said. "And for me, it's just getting those people that are involved, particularly in the highest levels of our game all around the world, to see and understand the opportunity that sits in front of them. It's facts and data that are often the things that appeal to those people. ... It's not anecdotal anymore. It's here on paper."

The structural growth in women's soccer has been accompanied by unprecedented interest in the game. A friendly between the United States and England at Wembley attracted nearly 78,000 fans and sold out within 24 hours.

The recent Women's Africa Cup of Nations had 50,000 on hand for the final between Morocco and South Africa, and 91,000 fans were at Camp Nou for a UEFA Champions League quarterfinal match.

AP

Spain betting on youngsters to succeed at the World Cup

MADRID

SPAIN will look a bit different at this year's World Cup.

Don't expect to see veterans like Sergio Ramos, Gerard Piqué, Andrés Iniesta or David Silva in its squad.

Instead, look for youngsters like Pedri González, Gavi Páez and Nico Williams.

Spain is going really young to try to win soccer's biggest prize and lift a major trophy for the first time since 2012.

Pedri is 19 and has already established himself with the national team. Gavi, 18, not long ago became the youngest player to debut and score with "La Roja" at 17, and just recently won the Kopa Trophy for best under-21 player, an award that Pedri won the previous season.

Williams turned 20 in July, and has quickly gained space after impressing in his first two matches in the lead up to the World Cup.

There are also 19-year-olds Yeremy Pino and Ansu Fati, though the latter didn't make it



FILE - Spain's Nico Williams, centre, in action during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between Spain and Switzerland, at the Benito Villamarín Stadium, in Seville, Spain, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022. (AP Photo)

to the squad recently because of his lack of playing with Barcelona.

Nearly half of the team's squad in Qatar is set to be 25 or younger.

"The youngsters have incredible talent and can add a lot to the squad," 30-year-old forward Pablo Sarabia told The

Associated Press.

Spain coach Luis Enrique, going into his first World Cup in the position, has not been shy about calling up youngsters but will balance it out with the experience of players like Sergio Busquets, César Azpilicueta, Koke

Resurrección, Dani Carvajal and Jordi Alba - all 30 or older.

"We have a group of youngsters and some veterans who we feel can face any rival," Luis Enrique said.

SEARCH FOR FORWARDS
Luis Enrique has

apparently narrowed his list of forwards, with Álvaro Morata, Ferran Torres, Marco Asensio, Pablo Sarabia and Pino having their sports practically secured.

Making late pushes are Williams and Borja Iglesias, while losing out will likely be veteran Iago Aspas, the often-injured Gerard Moreno and Fati, who has not played often with Barcelona.

Raúl de Tomás is probably out as well because he will not get to play for new club Rayo Vallecano until January.

Luis Enrique said he has a list of 40 players that could play for the national team but is not expected to take the allowed 26 for the World Cup because he doesn't like to have too many players in the squad who won't get a significant number of minutes.

RECENT SUCCESSES

Spain hasn't won a title since the 2012 European Championship but has done well recently by reaching the semifinals of Euro 2020 and the final of last year's Nations League, losing to Italy and France, respectively.

Few had expected Spain to succeed in

those tournaments as it transitioned between generations, but Luis Enrique put together a competitive squad.

The team will enter this year's World Cup boosted by a victory at Portugal in the last round of the group stage of the Nations League to advance to the competition's Final Four for the second consecutive year.

2018 TRAUMA

Spain's last World Cup appearance was marked by the embarrassing firing of coach Julen Lopetegui only days before the team's debut.

Lopetegui had led Spain to a 20-run unbeaten run after Euro 2016, but he was hastily removed from his post for accepting the Real Madrid coaching job without telling Spanish soccer federation officials in advance.

The sudden change in command proved costly as Spain lost to host Russia on penalties in the round of 16.

In 2014 in Brazil, Spain did even worse, failing to make it past the group stage.

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Flashy Dubai will cash in on a World Cup a short flight away

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates

THE FIFA World Cup may be bringing as many as 1.2 million fans to Qatar, but the nearby flashy emirate of Dubai is also looking to cash in on the major sports tournament taking place just a short flight away.

Some soccer fan clubs have already said they'll be commuting to Qatar during the cup on 45-minute flights from Dubai, the skyscraper-studded, beachfront city-state in the United Arab Emirates. Other fans plan to sleep on cruise ships or camp out in the desert amid a feverish rush for rooms in Doha.

Dubai's airlines, bars, restaurants, shopping malls and other attractions now hope to benefit, further boosting their rebounding tourism industry in the crucial fall and winter months after the blows delivered by the coronavirus pandemic.

"If you can't stay in Qatar, Dubai is the place you'd most like to go as a foreign tourist," said James Swanston, a Middle East and North Africa expert at Capital Economics. "It's somewhere safe, somewhere more liberal in terms of Western norms. It's the most attractive destination."

Now home to the world's tallest building, cavernous malls - including one with an indoor ski slope - and thriving nightclub scene, Dubai has seen explosive growth fueled by its boom-and-bust real estate market that's transformed the one-time pearling village over the last 20 years.

Its long-haul carrier Emirates helped make Dubai International Airport the busiest in the world for foreign travel and provides a steady stream of new visitors who stay for layovers or



FILE - Guests dance on the GuGu boat during a private party with the skyline of the Marina Waterfront in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on April 22, 2015. The FIFA World Cup may be bringing as many as 1.2 million fans to Qatar, but the nearby flashy emirate of Dubai is also looking to cash in on the major sports tournament taking place just a short flight away. (AP Photo)

longer. And while still an autocratic sheikhdom like its other Gulf Arab neighbors, Dubai has a relatively more-liberal view on drinking and nightlife.

In the lead-up to the tournament, concerns about hotel room space and high prices for the rooms available have trailed Qatar, which lacks hotel capacity for all teams, workers, volunteers and fans at the World Cup. So Doha has created camping and cabin sites, hiring cruise ships, and encouraging fans to stay in neighboring countries and fly in for games.

Qatar has estimated it will have 45,000 hotel rooms for the tournament.

Surrounding nations, like Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, also suggest they could see a spike in visitors - even though Bahrain is the only among them that allows alcohol. Even Iran, months ago, suggested developing plans to stay on its Kish Island. Apparently, nothing came of the idea and now the Islamic Republic is gripped by nationwide protests.

Meanwhile, Dubai has over 140,000 hotel

rooms, putting it easily into the top 10 destinations worldwide as far as available hotel rooms go, said Philip Wooller, a senior director at STR, a company that monitors the hotel industry. Dubai also offers price ranges greater than what Qatar can at the moment, given the demand, he said.

"I think Dubai is an incredibly eclectic city," Wooller said. "You can buy a room for \$100 or you can buy a room for \$5,000."

Still, he added, he expects "Qatar will be able to accommodate most of the fans coming to the World Cup (but) there will be a knock-on in Dubai."

Dubai appears fully poised to take advantage of the tournament.

Its low-cost carrier, FlyDubai, plans as many as 30 round-trip flights a day during the World Cup, shuttling fans between Dubai's Al Maktoum International Airport at Dubai World Central, or DWC, in the city-state's southern reaches, to Doha International Airport, Qatar's old main airport.

Other airlines that may use Al Maktoum airport include KLM, Qatar Airways and Wizz Air, while private jets will fly from there as well to the tournament, said Paul Griffiths, CEO of Dubai Airports. That could

help boost the profile of an airfield that Dubai hopes will expand in the future as Dubai International Airport nears its capacity.

"It's a great experience for us to see DWC suddenly so busy for the World Cup," he said. "It will give exposure to the convenience of the airport for so many people that (airlines may) actually favor operating from there."

The expected economic boost from the World Cup for Dubai comes after its turnaround since suffering through the pandemic. It spent billions for its delayed Expo 2020 world's fair - which largely attracted visitors already in the UAE.

Dubai, like much of the world, had a lockdown early in 2020. However, by July that year, it announced it was re-opening for tourists. Though Dubai faced a surge of international criticism when cases spread from the emirate months later, around New Year, Dubai and the rest of the UAE widely rolled out vaccines.

The UAE dropped its mandatory mask policy about a month ago.

"Dubai is on a lot of people's radars as one of the most phenomenal places to come and visit," said Dennis Mc-

Gettigan, the CEO of an eponymous empire of Irish bars in Dubai and elsewhere. "And I think the World Cup has added a layer" of desire to visit.

McGettigan said his bar business is already up as much as 40% on its sales, compared to 2019, something he linked to pent-up demand for socializing after the worst days of the virus. He said he's overstaffed his locations and expects strong business through the tournament. But McGettigan and others acknowledge headwinds Dubai faces in attracting World Cup tourists - the strong U.S. dollar. The Emirati dirham has long been pegged to the dollar, making a Dubai trip now more expensive for those using British pounds, euros and other currencies.

Other financial dangers also lurk for tourist-reliant Dubai, built on the promise of globalization.

"We still need to be cautious of global economic pressures, including rising interest rates, high oil and commodity prices, supply chain issues that are creating inflationary pressures which could impact Dubai's economic recovery," said Sapna Jagtiani of S&P Global Ratings.

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Ghana taps players in Europe for World Cup rebuild

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Tanzanian model crowned Miss Deaf World winner

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN model Hadija Kanyama on Saturday emerged as Miss Deaf World winner at a glittering pageant held at Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) Hall in Dar es Salaam.

This is the first time that Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant takes place in Africa and Hadija becomes the first Tanzanian to lift the Miss Deaf World title. In the Mister Deaf World category, Gareth Kelaart from Australia was the winner.

Tanzania was represented by six participants, with only one competing in beauty while the rest competed in other categories.

Hadija was the favourite of the majority and it was not a surprise when the judges announced her as the winner, the patrons including ministers, top civil servants, and other respected individuals cheered in agreement.

Speaking earlier, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups Dorothy Gwajima, who represented President Samia Suluhu Hassan as the guest of honour in the finals, said the pageant has the potential to promote Tanzania's tourist attractions to the world.

Tanzania is the 12th country in the world to host the Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant and attracted 107 leaders and participants from around the globe who competed in different categories.

She said the successful hosting of the Miss and Mister Deaf pageant has demonstrated that Tanzania is the island of peace where inclusiveness is embraced in all sectors.

Dorothy also said the Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant is a continuation of post-Royal Tour, saying through the pageant many people across the globe are watching it.

"Let me assure you all here that Tanzania has a workable policy of inclusiveness, this is the country where everyone is allowed to show his or her talent, this is the first time that the Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant is being held in Africa and I'm sure that hosting the event of this magnitude is a clear indication that we are trusted by the whole world," the minister noted.

"This has been achieved through the full support of our loving and caring President Samia Suluhu Hassan whose aim is to see that all people are given the opportunity, our President has been supporting people with disabilities and the deaf community in the country for a long time, remember that thanks to her full support the National Amputee Football team reached the quarterfinals of the just ended Amputee Football World Cup in Turkey," Dorothy added.

"The national U-17 women's soccer team, Serengeti Girls, also reached the quarterfinals of the U-17 Women's World Cup in India, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) also recently hosted its annual meeting in the country which was attended by many notable CAF leaders and FIFA president attended, this just shows that the country is now open," she said.

Minister for Arts, Culture, and Sports Mohamed Mchengerwa who was a special guest in the finals also hailed President Samia Suluhu Hassan for her continued support of arts, culture, and sports in the country, especially among the community of people with disabilities.

He also thanked the organizers of Miss and Mister Deaf International for allowing Tanzania to host the finals.

The minister asked the local Miss and Mister Deaf organizing committee to put much emphasis on unearthing talents, saying the country has a lot of talented people but they lack a platform to expose their talents. He said hosting the finals is an honour and an opportunity for the country to promote its tourist attractions.

"Hosting this Miss and Mister Deaf World pageant is a big honour to our country, it has been achieved through the full support of our President Samia Suluhu Hassan who is willing to see that every Tanzanian is given the opportunity," he said.

He also hailed the organizers of the competition, Miss and Mister Deaf International, for trusting the country to host the world pageant.

Recently, the government through Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, Arts, and Sports Hassan Abbas announced that Miss and Mister Deaf International leaders, as well as beauty and fashion participants, will tour Ngorongoro Crater next week.

"Tanzania is a country of Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Zanzibar, and other internationally recognized tourist attractions, and also we have the Royal Tour film, for you all to appreciate our tourism, the government has offered you the opportunity to visit Ngorongoro Crater," he said.

Club Africain expects tough opposition from Yanga, says coach Bertrand



Club Africain's head coach, Bertrand Marchand.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TUNISIA'S soccer outfit Club Africain's head coach, Bertrand Marchand, has made it clear that the first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup's Additional Second Preliminary Round against Tanzania's Yanga will be tough due to the quality of both teams this season.

Yanga will host the game at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday before the reverse fixture to be played at the Hammadi Agrebi Olympic Stadium in Tunis, Tunisia on November 9.

Coach Marchand revealed despite Yanga's quality, his club will not fail to advance to the group stage of the second tier of Africa's inter-club tournaments this season.

The coach stated: "Yanga

are champions in their league (NBC Premier League) having triumphed last season, I respect them a lot for that, despite being eliminated from the CAF Champions League they showed good performance against Al Hilal SC of Sudan."

Marchand noted: "For us, it will not be an easy game, we are preparing to face them in both games, I believe the

game will be difficult and it is good that we are starting away and finishing at home in Tunisia."

Club Africain is coming to Tanzania for the second time seeking to make it to the CAF Confederation Cup group stage after drawing 0-0 with Zanzibar's Kipanga FC in Second Preliminary Round's first leg in the Isles before commanding a 7-0 victory over

Kipanga FC in the rematch held in Tunisia.

The gaffer noted: "We know where we are going, we have seen their (Yanga) video footage and their club's fans, we will do all we can to score an away goal and finish the job in Tunisia."

Marchand added: "Yanga have the advantage that their country's Premier League has already started and they have played several games, in our country, the Ligue 1 has started but we have not yet played a single Group B league match."

"Despite that, we will have no reason to fail to do well to qualify for the group stage of the CAF Confederation Cup, I believe we have every reason to qualify," the French gaffer noted.

Yanga's head coach Nasreddine Nabi pointed out he will greatly benefit from the rotation of the squad that he has been doing this season and getting good results, with each player showing high potential when garnering a chance to play.

Yanga will be chasing their third CAF Confederation Cup appearance in the next stage after playing the show-down's group stage in the 2016 and 2018 editions.

The Jangwani Street boys are in high spirits following their back-to-back NBC Premier League wins against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and Geita Gold FC.

Yanga recorded a 1-0 victory over Kinondoni Municipal Council FC in Dar es Salaam last week and later garnered a similar victory when the side confronted Geita Gold FC in Mwanza on Saturday to stay at the top of Premier League with 20 points from eight games.

Nabi: The best thing about the game was results

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

YANGA'S head coach Nasreddine Nabi declared himself satisfied after the club's hard-fought 1-0 win away to Geita Gold FC at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza on Saturday afternoon.

Nabi conceded Yanga must be happy with having collected three points in a 'really tough game' against Geita Gold FC.

Geita Gold FC's dogged resolve was undone by a controversial penalty which earned the defending champions their sixth victory in the NBC Premier League to consolidate their lead at the top of the table.

Nabi outlined that the best thing about the game was the results, stating: "It was a very difficult game, we knew it and it came after three very difficult games that we played."

The tactician noted: "We had a very, very short time to prepare on a very bad pitch against a good team. We have got three points and this is the most important thing, there is nothing to say about the rest."

Yanga shuffled through a raft of approaches in a bid to tease open the stitching of Geita Gold FC's shape.

The defending champions resorted to switching the ball from one flank to the other, bombarding the opponents'



Yanga's head coach, Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

box with runners from deep, and tiptoeing forward with intricate, eye-of-the-needle passing in the first half.

However, they were limited to snatching glimpses of the Geita Gold FC's goal. Ultimately, it took a controversial decision by referee Florentina Zablon to

break the deadlock.

The referee pointed to the spot kick for what was deemed a handball by one of the central defenders though television replays showed the offense was committed outside the penalty box.

Bernard Morrison converted the resultant

penalty after furious protest from Geita Gold FC's players, led by former Yanga player Said Ntibanokiza, with the spot kick proving the winner in the end.

Aside from the penalty incident, swiftly after falling behind, Geita Gold FC scuttled back into the

club's shape, content to let the visitors circulate possession in front of their box for long spells.

Nabi gambled with the introduction of Fiston Mayele and Stephane Aziz Ki for the final 30 minutes but the scoreline remained unchanged.

The results see Yanga extend their unbeaten record in NBC Premier League to 45 games.

They last lost a league game in April 2021 when they went 1-0 down to Azam FC when coach Nabi took charge for the first time.

They now shift focus to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup group stage playoff.

On Wednesday, Yanga will host Tunisian side Club Africain in the first leg of the playoffs pursuing qualification for the group stage.

Yanga dropped to Africa's second-tier club competition following their elimination by Al Hilal SC of Sudan in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round.

The second leg will be played in Tunisia a week later with the aggregate winners qualifying for the group stage.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

