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JPM blocks 200m/- to draw, paint giraffe logo

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday revealed how he blocked a syndicate by senior government officials from using more than 200m/- to paint and draw a giraffe on an Air Tanzania (ATCL) plane abroad.

Speaking at the State House when he received a report by the Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB) and swearing in of Tanzania's ambassador to Cuba Valentino Mlowola (pictured), President Magufuli said soon after



“One day, I was told that the plane was going to a certain country for painting and that those escorting it have been paid \$28,000 as per-diem...”

his decision to handle the presidential plane to ATCL, plans started to take it abroad for painting on grounds that there were no one to do the job in country.

President Magufuli said he was surprised to be told one Sunday that the plane was leaving the country despite insisting that the job be done in the country.

“One day, I was told that the plane was going to a certain country for painting and that those escorting it have been paid \$28,000 as per-diem and another 60-per cent advance has been paid to the one who was going to do the job

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EACJ faults Media Act 2016 for violations of EAC Treaty

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha



Justice Charles Nyachae (R) of the Arusha-based East African Court of Justice pictured yesterday delivering the ruling on the case challenging some sections of Tanzania's Media Services Act of 2016. With him are Principal Judge Monica Mugenyi (C) and Justice Audace Ngiye. Photo: Guardian Correspondent Another photo on Page 2

THE Media Council of Tanzania (MCT), the Legal and Human Rights Centre and the Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC) have succeeded in their challenge on the Media Services Act 2016.

The Arusha-based East African Court of Justice (EACJ) ruled yesterday that provisions under 16 sections of the said Act violate articles 6(d) and 7(2) of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community.

Justice Charles Nyachae delivered the ruling before a panel of five judges, with the court directing the Tanzanian Government to ensure that the Media Services Act complied with the said treaty.

Justice Nyachae said that the applicants presented sound and compelling arguments on the need for freedom of expression, press freedom and many other contested issues regarding the said Act, including excessive powers bestowed upon the minister overseeing the information docket.

He said the respondents, that is, the Tanzanian government, fell short of convincing the court - which consequently dismissed some of their arguments as vague or inappropriate.

Among other things, Article 6(d) of the EAC Treaty states that the fundamental principles that shall govern the achievement of the objectives of the Community by the Partner States shall include (d) good governance include adherence to the principles of democracy, transparency, social justice, equal opportunities, gender equality as well as the recognition, promotion and protection of human and people's rights in accordance with the provisions of the African Charter on Human Rights.

Article 7(2) meanwhile states that the EAC Partner States shall undertake to abide by the principles of good governance, including adherence to the principles of democracy, the rule of law, social justice and the maintenance of universally accepted standards of human rights.

The provisions and sections of the MSA 2016 which were declared by the court to violate the East African Community Treaty are 7(3) (a), (b), (c), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j).

Others are section 19, 20 and 21, sections 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, sections 50 and 54, 52, 53, 58 and 59.

The court also dismissed arguments that it had no jurisdiction to hear the case and also claims by the respondents that the applicants had filed the case beyond the requisite legal period.

Judge Nyachae said the EACJ has “exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and apply the Treaty. This is consistent with Article 32(2) of the Treaty that provides: Decisions of the court on interpretation and application of this Treaty shall have precedence over decisions of national courts on a similar matter.”

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Diseases are Africa's worst burden - WHO



By Guardian Reporter

AFRICA lost nearly 630 million cumulative years of health and productivity due to diseases in 2015, a new report has shown. This caused a loss of more than \$2.4 trillion from the region's gross domestic product value annually.

The 2019 report titled “A heavy burden: The productivity cost of illness in Africa” was released on Thursday by the World Health Organisation (WHO) during its bi-annual conference in Praia, Cape Verde.

It said that the losses of time and money could rise

if African countries fail to achieve universal health care and other health-related targets in the quest for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The years, known as Disability-Adjusted Life Year (DALY), is a measure of overall disease burden, expressed as the number of years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death.

DALY is cumulatively calculated as the sum of the Years of Life Lost (YLL) due to premature mortality and the Years Lost due to Disability (YLD) for people living with a health condition or its consequences.

It shows that communicable, maternal, prenatal and nutritional conditions are the largest drain on productivity, accounting for 59.1 per cent, which represents 416 million

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EA examination councils create assessment body

By Guardian Reporter

EAST African examinations councils and boards yesterday assented to the establishment of a regional assessment association—the Eastern Africa Association for Educational Assessment (EAAEA) which will also work to combat fraud and irregularities in examinations.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam yesterday, EAAEA President Dr Charles Msonde (pictured) said the association will be responsible for conducting research in EAC partner states, with the results shared to stakeholders in the specific countries.

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us as a region. We thought this was the right time to es-

ablish our own association,” said Dr Msonde.

Despite having a continental association which embodies all African examining and assessment associations, the Association for Educational Assessment in Africa (AEAA), it was crucial to have an association which embodies the East Africa's examination councils and boards, he said, noting that the AEAA was established in 1982.

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abroad, in total the cost was 200m/- and it was supposed to stay abroad for 30 days," he said.

The Head of State said he questioned himself: What would those people going to do when the plane was in garage?

"I told them directly that when the plane will be leaving the country they should also be leaving and after saying so the job was done in the country at a cost of 5m/-," he said.

The president said corruption was still on the rise in the country, expressing sadness that people have not changed despite all the efforts to combat it.

He said corruption discourages investments, citing information that some investors were requested to pay bribes and decided to invest in a neighboring country.



The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) commissioner general one day told me that there is an individual who imported 192 vehicles without paying tax. The tax he evaded amounted...

President Magufuli hailed the former PCCB chief executive for the job well done, saying fighting corruption was a tough job that needs dedication.

On taxes, President Magufuli said it was one area where the country was being hit because in most cases tax refunds are fake.

Most businessmen have their own EFD machines hence the sales they make per day are not parallel to what they pay to the government, he told the gathering.

"The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) commissioner general one day told me that there is an individual who imported 192 vehicles without paying tax. The tax he evaded amounted to 8bn/- but he was defended by many people," he said.

Earlier, PCCB Director General Diwani Athumani said the agency followed up on 600 projects amounting to 1.49tr/- and discovered embezzlements of 32.75bn/- in 63 projects.

Since he came into office he has been working on sorting out undisciplined PCCB employees, taking a number of them to court as well as sacking others suspected of breach of conduct.



Advocate Fulgence Massawe (C) and Media Council of Tanzania executive secretary Kajubi Mukajanga (L) in celebratory mood at the EACJ premises in Arusha yesterday shortly after the ruling on the case challenging Tanzania's Media Services Act of 2016 was delivered, as advocate Mpale Mpoki looks on. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



Sahara Group executive director Tope Shonubi addresses the African Refiners Association (ARA) stakeholders meeting in Cape Town. Photo: Agencies

Sahara Group for pan-African petroleum products standards

By Special Correspondent

The adoption of unified standards for petroleum products across Africa will create a bigger and more effective regional market that will enhance the continent's competitive positioning in global energy markets.

This is according to Sahara Group executive director Tope Shonubi (pictured) in remarks at an African Refiners Association (ARA) energy stakeholders being held in Cape Town.

He said the existence of a fragmented petroleum products market with different product specifications, sulphur content and emission requirements remains a huge stumbling block to accessing the benefits that can accrue from intra-regional trade in the sector.

"The adoption of similar specifications and standards has been achieved across Europe and most of North America, creating a single larger market for petroleum trade," the SG chief executive said. "While petrol specifications remain fragmented across Africa, jet fuel speci-

fications are almost completely unified across the world. This similarity has improved the ease of trading jet fuel across borders, ensured access to a wider market and enhanced competitiveness in the aviation industry," he noted.

Shonubi appealed to all stakeholders to embrace the AFRI-4 standards, which are the outcome of a partnership between ARA and the World Bank, to promote the adoption of a single standard for cleaner fuels.

"The adoption of the Afri-4 Specifications will guarantee unified product standards across the region, ease of intraregional petroleum product trade, reduction in bulk transportation costs and optimization of regional infrastructure.

This will ultimately make Africa a more influential economic block," he said. Shonubi argued that unified standards would defragment African markets, resulting in favourable economies of scale in intraregional trade, regional harmonisation of taxes and excise duties, reduction in

smuggling and adulteration of products, improved local refining capacity, reduction in landing costs of petroleum products, joint infrastructure projects as well as export diversification and access to a larger customer base. He urged African countries without exception to accord the prospects of intra-regional trade "the urgency it deserves to ensure accelerated economic development." "In line with the vision of a harmonised Africa, Sahara Group is building an integrated energy business across Middle Africa to harness the potential of intra-regional trade," he said. He further noted:

"We (Sahara Group) are delighted to be one of the first African companies to carry out full cycle crude and product trade transactions using only African resources within the continent.

All transactions were carried out by Africans for Africans using African resources. The future of our business depends on how well we can work together across Africa."

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wasted years out of the total population of Africa.

Non-communicable diseases accounted for 30.7 per cent while physical injuries rose to the third position at 10.2 per cent (71 million years).

"Four years into the implementation of countries' efforts towards achieving universal health care (UHC), current average expenditure on health in the Region falls short of this expectation," the WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti (pictured), writes in the report.

"This is a huge cost to the region and, indeed, for Africa as a whole. Implementing the recommended essential health services to address the main causes of morbidity and

premature mortality in the region would almost halve this cost."

Dr Grace Kabanaha, a health economist in the WHO Regional Office for Africa who presenting the report, said they found that around 47 per cent, or \$ 796 billion of this lost productivity value could be avoided by 2030 if the SDGs related to these health conditions are achieved.

"This report illustrates how achievement of the critical health SDG targets, including universal health coverage, would contribute to poverty eradication efforts on a large scale.

It would reduce disparities in lifespan, tackle social exclusion and promote political stability and economic development in the WHO African Region," she explained.

As a target of Sustainable Development Goal three, universal health coverage would require countries in the WHO African Region to spend, on average, at least \$ 271 per capita per year on health, or 7.5 per cent of the region's gross domestic product.

"To achieve the health-related SDG targets, countries must invest adequately in the development of resilient national and local health systems to effectively, affordably and efficiently deliver integrated packages of proven cost-effective interventions contained in relevant global strategies and plans to target populations in need," she told the gathering. The findings of the study on Africa's disease burden suggest that strengthening health systems should focus on rich as well as poor

countries and on all ages as well as on the specific disease categories.

Five countries (the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Africa and Tanzania) accounted for almost 50 per cent of the total years lost in healthy life (or Dalys) accrued in the WHO African Region.

Kenya for instance accrued 0.46 Dalys (years lost) per capita compared to the highest country (Central Africa Republic) that had 1 Dalys per capita.

The lowest country was Cape Verde which had 0.25 Dalys per capita. Political goodwill and greater focus on government-led planning and financing for health are crucial for these goals to be achieved, the report added.

EAC exam boards create assessment body

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Similar associations have been established in different regions such as the Southern Africa Association for Educational Assessment (SAAEA), which is used by assessment bodies, specialists, curriculum developers, educators and researchers to share expertise and practices in the region, he elaborated.

The EAAEA President said that countries in East Africa will benefit from the association whereby members will be imparted with knowledge and skills through training and strengthened bonds among mem-

ber countries.

The new body will also serve as a platform for professionals to share experiences, knowledge and skills through conferences organized by the association. It will be providing technical advices to the EAC leaders on matters pertaining to assessment and examinations in the region.

Dr Msonde said the idea of establishing the association dates back to last March when Heads of Examination Councils and Boards convened in Dar es Salaam and worked on a draft on establishing the associa-



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To facilitate the regional integration process and especially free movement of human resources, the EAC partner states identified harmonization of education curricula, standards, assessment and evaluation of education programmes as a priority issue, he added.

Media Act 2016 violates EAC Treaty - EACJ

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The applicants were represented by advocates Donald Deya, Fulgence Masawe, Jenerali Ulimwengu and Jebra Kambore, while the defending side was represented by state attorneys Mark Mulwambo and Sylvia Matiku.

"It is the applicants' case that, under the Treaty, Tanzania has an obligation to uphold the fundamental and operational principles of the Community as enshrined in Article 6(d) and 7(2) and pursuant to Article 8(1)(c), the Respondent has undertaken to abstain from any measures likely to jeopardise the achievement of those objectives or implementation of the provisions of the Treaty," the applicants argued.

They added: "That the Act in its current form is an unjustified restriction on the freedom of expression which is a cornerstone of the principles of democracy, rule of law, accountability, transparency and good governance, which the respondent has committed to abide by, through the EAC Treaty, amongst many other international legal instruments.

In the rebuttal, the respondent contended that the court lacked jurisdiction to entertain the matter and prayed for the court to strike out the case, disputing all allegations and vowing to "put the applicants in strict proof thereof".

Among other things, the respondent submitted that the freedom of expression was not absolute and that the Act was reflective of the intent and purport of Article 18 of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania and paid special regard to the promotion of public awareness on issues of national interest and importance by protecting the rights.

The petitioning bodies thus wanted the court to repeal sections of the Media Services Act that they claimed deny Tanzanians media freedom and the freedom of expression, which were stipulated, encompassed and protected in (and by) the regional (EAC) treaty.

The panel of judges was led by Principal Judge Justice Monica Mugenyi, Justice Dr Faustine Ntezilayo, Justice Fakhir Jundu and Justice Audace Ngiye. "This is a historic ruling," declared Media Council of Tanzania executive secretary Kajubi Mukajanga, who was in the courtroom, shortly after the ruling was delivered.

He said that democracy had prevailed, noting that the ruling augured well for press freedom and that media practitioners should now "exhibit an even higher degree of professionalism."

"All along we have been saying that this law was bad, bad, bad, and now the court has vindicated us," he said.

Advocate Fulgence Masawe, for the applicants, said: "We have triumphantly reached the end of a journey we began on January 11, 2017 when we filed the case challenging the MSA 2016. It has ended in a huge victory and we are now awaiting the implementation of the court ruling."

Other advocates for the applicants who were in the courtroom at the time were Mpale Mpoki and Jebra Kambore.

'Lack of security awareness reason for high number of cybercrime cases, victims'

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

THE increasing number of people who commit cybercrime is due to low level of security awareness on the safe use of the technological devices, a senior official has said.

Director general of the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) James Kilaba said yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking on the sidelines of the 8th Communications Regulators Association of Southern Africa (CRASA) annual general meeting, themed: 'Making

Smart Societies a Reality'.

Bringing on board ICT and postal regulators from Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania, the meeting is meant to review policies and guidelines that govern the regional communication regulators' operations.

"Communication technology is rapidly growing but the challenge comes on how people adopt it, most of them are not aware on the wise use of the gadgets," Kilaba said.

According to him, some of them find themselves falling

into cybercrime offences just because they opened a certain programme in mobile phones which they are not familiar with.

He, however, said the meeting provides a platform for experts to extensively discuss guidelines on how to scale up communication network in rural areas as well as charting means of preventing cybercrime in the region.

In his opening remarks, the deputy minister of Works, Transport and Communication, Atashasta Ndtiye commended TCRA for organising the meeting and called on participants

to come up with comprehensive methodologies that will foster connectivity as well as curb cyber-crime in the region.

He further reassured CRASA members that the Tanzanian government's was committed to continue supporting the regional communication regulators' operation and programmes.

"Tanzania is doing well in the communication sector; mobile phone users are spending little money when communicating with their relatives searching in the internet. The this involves making calls, text messages and internet," he said



Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan receives a souvenir from TPB Bank board chairman Dr Edmund Mndolwa in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after gracing the launch of 'Tabasamu', the bank's exclusive account for women. Looking on are TPB chief executive officer Sabasaba Moshingi (R) and Finance and Planning deputy minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji. Photo: John Badi gift

Uhuru Media Group out to set up 'opinion platform'

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

TANZANIANS and citizens of several countries in Africa will benefit from a collaborative opinion exchange forum to be launched in Dar es Salaam tomorrow.

The forum, to be known as 'Jukwaa la Tafakuri' seeks to step up patriotism and safeguard national sovereignty by enabling young people to preserve history, culture and resources of Tanzania and Africa as a whole.

Uhuru Media Group (UMG) chief executive officer Ernest Sungura told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the forum is the brainchild of UMG and various stakeholders, among them the Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA).

"The forum's main goal is to enable Tanzanians to emulate the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, who worked hard to advance and defend the interests of Africa," Sungura said.

"One of the things we will do in the forum is to bring together young people, especially those from secondary schools and universities and older people or people with sufficient experiences on the history and heritage of African continent", Singura said adding the forum is a unique opportunity for young people to raise arguments or ask questions that will trigger debates which will encourage people to develop, explore and monitor events around the late Mwalimu Nyerere's vision and the country's heritage as well.

Sungura said the launch of the first forum will be held in Dar es



The forum's theme is—'Our Union is our Unity, Our History and Our Heritage'

Salaam on March 30, 2019 at Mlimani City, in the Cinemax venue at between 4:30pm and 8:00pm.

He said the event that will begin with a special documentary about Mwalimu Nyerere, will be launched by Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dr Hamis Kigwangala.

The forum's theme is—'Our Union is our Unity, Our History and Our Heritage'.

Sungura said: "Mwalimu Nyerere believed in freedom and unity; we cannot claim to be free when our resources

and humanity are exploited by others, we want young people to learn and be willing to fight for the resources and independence of our African countries".

Jukwaa la Tafakuri forum will use a variety of techniques to enable young people to revive the philosophy of this great patriotic leader whose vision is still living and implemented by current leaders.

It will also be launched in Zanzibar in memory of Amani Abeid Karume, the first President of Zanzibar and in Arusha on April 6th, 2019 in commemoration of the late Edward Moringe Sokoine, the former Prime Minister of Tanzania who earned a reputation in Tanzania for his efforts to combat corruption, fraud, and exploitation of the national resources.

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VERSUS
ABDULRAHMAN S. MAHMOUD.....RESPONDENT
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Expression of Interest

Date: 29th March, 2019

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Former president Benjamin Mkapa bids farewell to NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi, who paid him a courtesy call in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Looking on is the bank's public affairs manager, William Kallaghe. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

'Enhanced efforts a must for safety of forest reserve at Kazimzumbwi'

By Henry Mwangonde

ENVIRONMENT stakeholders have called for concerted efforts to conserve Kazimzumbwi Nature Forest Reserve, which is on the verge of extinction due to bushfires, encroachment and rapid population growth.

They said its disappearance will contribute towards increment of diseases such as asthma, lung cancer, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) with the later manifesting itself as chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

They were speaking on Wednesday at an event to commemorate 'Earth Hour' a world-wide movement organised by the World Wide Fund for nature (WWF) aimed at sparking global awareness and action on nature. The forest officer said there is need for collaborative efforts to reverse the trend.

Acting forest manager for Kisarawe District, Nanzia Shedura said that the forest serves as 'lungs' for Dar es Salaam and nearby towns, hence its disappearance poses a dark future for

millions of residents as they rely on it ecologically.

The forest which is located between Ilala District in Dar es Salaam and Kisarawe District in Coast Region and it has for years supported communities surrounding the reserve through attracting rains and conserving considerable number of water sources.

"The forest is facing a lot of challenges, invasion by people seeking plots as well as small scale hunters are also threatening the very presence of this important resource," she said.

She cited lack of resources to facilitate patrols to protect the forest as well as the availability of research on the exact species of animals found on the forest are also derailing efforts to establish a systematic conservation methods.

To commemorate the day WWF had launched a tree planting campaign which will see more than 20,000 trees planted within the forest.

This comes amid reports that there are people who are now collecting money from individuals promising to sell them plots within the forest saying, in the pretext that President John Magufuli has authorized that people should stay within the forest reserve.

Kisarawe District Commissioner Jokate Mwegelo said the rate at which the forest is being invaded raises concerns on the future of Dar es Salaam and neighboring regions because there will be no other forest to filter polluted air from the city.

"Bush-fires are causing serious problems for this forest and all the trees that were planted last year had all been burnt, this makes the efforts meaningless," she said.

WWF's forest management manager Dr Simon Lugandu said the day is aimed at bringing together stakeholders to discuss and talk about what nature means to them, in the places they live in and how to protect it.

Kazimzumbwi forest reserve had constantly been invaded by residents from various areas, including Dar es Salaam and its environs.

The forest was severely affected after residents invaded it between 1993 and 2014. Despite efforts to protect it invaders have been able to find loopholes to invade it in search of forest products.

'Lack of statistics on environmental degradation remains a serious challenge'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

LACK of statistics on environmental degradation and climate change impacts challenges, the country will likely experience more adverse effects, according to senior government official.

Director general of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Dr Albina Chuwa disclosed yesterday when speaking at the workshop on national environment and climate change data.

She noted that more than 70 per cent of natural disasters in the country are floods and drought which are due to climate change.

Dr Chuwa also explained that vulnerability in agriculture sector which employs more than 60 per cent of the Tanzanian population is another challenge of climate change.

"It does not cost much to deal with climate change but it does cost more if you ignore it," she said, adding that NBS has decided to join forces with other stakeholders to deliberate on how to deal with the impacts of climate change.

For his part, Victor Ohuruogu, programme manager at the global partnership for sustainable development data said Tanzania has reached the defining moment deal with the challenges of climate change.

He added that his organisation will provide the needed support for NBS to help look at the core data gap in environment and work together to contain them.

"It is now very important for state actors and non-state actors to sit together and discuss environment data gap in the country," he said.



SWISSPORT TANZANIA PLC AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Commentary

The Board of Directors of Swissport Tanzania Plc is pleased to publish the audited financial results of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018. During the year, Ground Handling revenue decreased by 10% whereas Cargo Handling revenue increased by 1%. Consequently, total revenue dropped by 6% to TZS 48,637M from TZS 51,598M in 2017. The reduction in Ground Handling revenue was mainly due to decrease in the number of flights handled from 14,792 flights in 2017 to 14,051 flights in 2018, caused by lower production by some of our key airline customers, cease of operations by Etihad Airways and the loss of some airline customers to competition. Cargo revenue remained stable despite the decrease of cargo volume handled by 6% from 19,676 tons in 2017 to 18,551 tons in 2018, primarily due to an increase in storage revenue. Operating costs increased by 10%, mainly due to a provision for doubtful debt of TShs 2.1 billion and a slight increase in staff related costs, fuel cost and IT recharges. As a result, a net profit of TShs 7,663M was achieved during the year, a decrease of 36% compared to the previous year.

Dividend to shareholders

The Board is delighted to announce a final dividend for the year of TZS 3,730M or TZS 103.61 per issued and fully paid share. No interim dividend was paid during the year (2017: final dividend of TZS 5,967M or TZS 165.75 per issued and fully paid share). Pursuant to this declaration, the share register will be closed on 29th April 2019 and the last day of trading cum dividend shall be on 23rd April 2019. The final dividend will be paid out on or about 15th August 2019.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Year Ended 31 December 2018	2018 TShs M	2017 TShs M	Change %
Revenue	48,214	51,093	-6%
Other operating income	423	505	-16%
Total revenue	48,637	51,598	-6%
Total operating expenses	(37,621)	(34,198)	10%
Operating profit	11,016	17,400	-37%
Finance costs	(251)	(353)	-29%
Profit before income tax	10,765	17,047	-37%
Income tax expense	(3,306)	(5,113)	-35%
Profit for the period	7,459	11,934	-37%
Other comprehensive income	204	25	716%
Total comprehensive income for the year	7,663	11,959	-36%
Earnings per share	207.19	331.50	-37%
Dividend per share	103.60	165.75	-37%

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As At 31 December 2018	2018 TShs M	2017 TShs M	Change %
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible asset	19,232	21,615	-11%
Property and equipment	16,150	13,206	22%
Deferred tax assets	562	289	94%
Staff receivables	289	115	151%
36,233	35,225	3%	
Current assets			
Inventories	392	384	2%
Trade and other receivables	6,200	7,336	-15%
Income tax recoverable	604	861	-30%
Cash and cash equivalents	4,277	4,704	-9%
11,473	13,285	-14%	
Total assets	47,706	48,510	-2%
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	360	360	0%
Retained earnings	33,195	31,499	5%
Total equity	33,555	31,859	5%
Non-current liabilities			
Retirement benefit obligations	-	2,154	-100%
Interest bearing loan	3,026	3,601	-16%
3,026	5,755	-47%	
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10,166	8,452	20%
Interest bearing loan	959	2,444	-61%
11,125	10,896	2%	
Total equity and liabilities	47,706	48,510	-2%

Future Outlook

The number of flights handled is expected to decline further in 2019, largely due to the cessation of operations by Fastjet. This, coupled with price discounts offered to airline customers and the loss of some business to competition will negatively impact the Company's ground handling revenue development. However, cargo volumes and margins are anticipated to remain stable. Management will continue to adapt its strategies to the prevailing business environment in Tanzania. As part of the Company's growth strategies, we are exploring expansion to regional airports, identifying and bidding for new business opportunities associated with the completion and launching of Terminal III as well as the revival of Air Tanzania Company Ltd. In addition, strict cost control measures shall be maintained to further reduce operating costs.

To retain our customers and remain competitive, we will continue focusing on health and safety, enhancing the quality of our services to meet and exceed customers' expectations, investing in new ground support equipment, warehouse infrastructure, technology and human resources. We are optimistic that the Company's financial performance in 2019 will remain healthy.

Appreciation

The Board would like to thank all customers for their patronage and is looking forward to continue serving them in 2019. The Board would also like to commend staff and the management for their valuable contributions.

Mark Skinner
Board Chairman

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the Year Ended 31 December 2018	2018 TShs M	2017 TShs M
Profit before income tax	10,765	17,047
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,469	2,287
Amortization of intangible assets	2,383	2,410
Unrealized exchange loss on bank loan	4	8
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property and equipment	45	(13)
Interest expense	251	353
Provision for retirement benefit obligation	642	777
Working capital adjustment		
Increase in inventories	(8)	(120)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	962	(683)
Decrease in trade and other payables	(1,669)	(10,659)
15,844	11,407	
Retirement benefit paid	(926)	(2,475)
Interest paid	(251)	(353)
Income tax paid	(3,407)	(5,128)
Cash generated from operating activities	11,260	3,451

Investing activities

Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	-	13
Purchase of property and equipment	(5,458)	(4,673)
Cash used in investing activities	(5,458)	(4,660)

Financing activities

Proceeds from bank loan	-	6,690
Loan repayment	(3,643)	(2,100)
Dividends paid to Company's shareholders	(2,586)	(4,613)
Cash used in financing activities	(6,229)	(23)

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(427)	(1,232)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	4,704	5,936
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	4,277	4,704



From landing to take-off: we care !

Mark Skinner
Board Chairman

Mrisho Yassin
Chief Executive Officer

Humphrey Samanya
Ag. Chief Financial Officer

31/12/2018

UNFPA reaffirms commitment to supporting youth

By Correspondent James Kandoya

THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has reaffirmed its commitment of supporting youth to realise their strategic plans and programmes of action articulated in the International Conference on Population Development (ICPD) held in 1994, Egypt.

UNFPA deputy country representative, Dr Hashina Begum disclosed yesterday in Dar es Salaam during the launch of the national SDG's youth consulta-

tion workshop.

She said Tanzania cannot achieve the 2030 agenda on SDGs without support and fully participation of young people.

She added that the early youth engagement in implementation of the SDGs demonstrate that youth leadership and commitment can make a big difference.

"To meet the vision of the 2030 agenda, youth must be engaged and empowered, much more space is needed

for young people at local, national, regional and global levels," she explained.

Dr Begum hinted that for UNFP, working with and for young people has a long-standing traditional, young people and at the forefront of the OCPD agenda for population and development.

According to the representative, it has been working with and for young people since its inception.

"UNFPA in the 25th anniversaries of the ICPD POA

celebrates the gains, and progress made and recommitments to fulfil the SRHR of all people of Tanzania, including women, young people and those who were left behind.

"UN strategy on youth represents the unwavering UN commitments to prioritize young people and our collective commitment as family to step up our work for and with young people under the leadership of the secretary general," she added.

She explained that it was important to promote healthy and respectful relationships that foster gender equality, and young people's ability to be leaders to achieve the goals set out for generation now and the 2030 agenda.

United Nations Association (UNA) Secretary General, Reynald Maeda said the workshop had convened more than twenty youths and their organizations from eight regions in Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar.

He said during the workshop, the youths will review challenges and success achieved in the five's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG's).

He said youth will review five development goals which are goal 3-(good health and well being), goal 4-(quality education), goal 8-(decent work and economic growth), goal 10-(reduced inequalities) and goal 16, - (peace and justice-strong institution).

Head of country from the Restless Development, Alpha

Mukama said there was huge achievement registered in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

She cited youth friendly services in hospitals as one of the achievements reached in the health sectors and free education for all for primary and secondary in case of education. She added that despite great achievement achieved there was a need to invest more including on awareness so that youths could utilise the opportunities available.



Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development minister William Lukuvi cuts a ribbon on Tuesday to inaugurate a branch of Mkombozi Commercial Bank (MCB) in Iringa, those with him including Bishop Tarcisus Ngalekumtwa of the Catholic Diocese of Iringa, MCB managing director George Shumbusho and Iringa district commissioner Richard Kasesera. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NGOs must address transparency, accountability, stresses Ngungulile

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE deputy minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, the Elderly and Children, Dr Faustine Ndugulile yesterday urged non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the country to maintain transparency and accountability in their efforts to help build the nation.

Speaking at the opening of a two days annual meeting of the National Council of NGOs Tanzania (NaCoNGO) he said the organisations should let the government and the entire public know what they are doing just as they demand to know what the government is doing.

He said their goals and objectives should also be in line with the government development agenda, saying the authority will not tolerate rogue NGOs which are not working on their own direction in the pretence of helping people.

"Much as you come with financial resources but if your purported activities are not in line with the government development agenda it will not be allowed to operate in the country" he said, calling on the NGOs not to concentrate in just one area where there are existing efforts already.

He noted that several NGOs have been operating in just certain areas while other parts of the country with similar needs are not reached by the NGOs.

The minister also used the occasion and warned NGOs to not indulge themselves in activi-

ties that are not in line with the laws, saying there are some NGOs that slowly support terrorism and money laundering activities.

"The government will not hesitate to take serious measures against such organisations that are working to destabilise peace in the country," he added.

According to the deputy minister, the NGOs should use the annual meeting to focus on their contributions to the development of the country, where they started, where they are and plan for more actions.

He said the government appreciates their contribution and that is why President John Magufuli this week appointed the chairman of the board of NGOs to help them work as expected.

Ndugulile challenged NaCoNGO to seriously coordinate activities of the member organisations as well as ensuring they maintain the code of conducts.

Earlier, NaCoNGO's secretary general, Ismail Suleiman said the aim of the meeting was to present to them the policy as indicated in the NGOs GN.609/2018 and all it entails and discuss challenges.

He also noted that during the meeting, the NGOs would air their feelings on matters related to registration of NGOs. "It is also important that we use the meeting to discuss development of NaCoNGO as an organisation in order to become more stronger," he said.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT

Kilombero Sugar Company Limited, the largest producer of sugar in Tanzania operating cohesively with Extra Neutral Alcohol Distillery (IDTL) and a member of Ilovo Sugar Africa Limited (Africa's largest sugar producer), is seeking to recruit a dynamic and result oriented person to fill a vacancy of **Internal Control Manager**. The successful candidate will form part of the Finance senior management team and will be responsible for providing reasonable assurance to executive management about the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls in risk management.

Duties:

- Provide reasonable assurance to executive management about the adequacy and effectiveness of the Internal Control Matrix (ICM) and Financial Control Framework in risk management.
- Verify compliance with the Internal Control Matrix (ICM), Financial Control Framework (FCF) and relevant policies by performing internal reviews for all business processes and identifying opportunities for improvement
- Advise on best practices to be adopted by the company to strengthen and improve the risk management and control frameworks.
- Conduct investigation of fraudulent activities and suspicions reported through the anonymous reporting mechanism.
- Ensure compliance with tax laws by assisting with filing of all tax returns and timely initiation of tax payments.
- Ensure compliance with Anti Bribery and Corruption policy and guidelines as provided by the Group.
- Identify and address specific training and development needs to fill compliance gaps.
- Act as a liaison for external audits, group audits and any other compliance reviews.
- Coordinate month end and year end stock taking exercises for sugar, molasses and extra neutral alcohol and ensure timely submission of the stock count reconciliations.
- Coordinate management response to group internal audit and external audit queries and ensure timely implementation of management action items.
- Prepare internal audit reports to be tabled to the Audit Committee.
- Perform risk based audits to identify risks facing the company and develop effective controls to manage the risks within an acceptable level.

Qualification and competencies required:

- At least 3 years relevant experience in auditing in an international corporate environment or audit firms.
- Basic knowledge of Tanzania taxation system.
- A Bachelor's degree in B.Com or other equivalent degree from a reputable institution.
- A holder of CPA/ACCA.
- Analytical, structured, energetic, and organized with attention to detail.
- Able to build processes and lay foundations with a passion for continuous improvement.
- Willing and able to partner with a hands on mentality and a self-starter.
- Positive attitude, an open mind-set and willing to learn.
- Strong communication and presentation skills and able to communicate across various levels within the Group.
- Fluency in English and Swahili, both verbally and written.

Terms of service: The successful candidate will be engaged on a permanent contract.

Remuneration: Attractive package will be offered to the right candidate commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All those who meet the above requirements and would like to apply for the position, should send their applications together with detailed curriculum vitae which includes three referees with their contacts to the under mentioned addressee before **8th April 2019**. The position is **open to both internal and external candidates**. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.**

NB: Kilombero Sugar Co. Ltd is an equal opportunity employer and the position is open to all.

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OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT

Kilombero Sugar Company, the largest producer of sugar in the country cohesively with Extra Neutral Alcohol Distillery (IDTL), is looking for qualified and experienced individual to fill the position of **Continuous Improvement Specialist** in the Finance Department. This position is primarily involves translating, cascading and driving continuous improvement strategies and culture within Kilombero Sugar supply value chain with the objective of achieving business goals and performance.

Qualification and Competence required

- Preferred Bachelor's Degree in Engineering or Agricultural from a recognized Institution
- Six Sigma/Yellow Belt certified will be an added advantage
- A minimum of 2 Years working experience as a Supervisor or Team leader in FMCG industries
- Analytical capabilities, ability and passion to drive business best practices agenda across all levels of an organization
- Structured Problem solving experience in any field
- Business processes Auditing and Optimization capabilities
- Computer literate in MS Office (Excel; Word; PowerPoint; MS Projects, Minitab).
- Excellent oral, presentation and written communication skills in English.
- Displays strong ability to influence, inspire and motivate people.

Duties and Accountabilities:

- Identifying performance improvement and waste elimination opportunities within the business and drive the process for Performance Improvement Projects-PIPs
- Facilitating and guiding Problem solving sessions across business value chain
- Assessment of Continuous Improvement maturity progress against impact on business performance and profitability
- Provide support to operational business units as support resource to ensure timely implementation of Continuous Improvement programs
- Provide advice, training and guidance to all levels of employees on Continuous Improvement strategies, methodology and tools
- Engage and energise practices champions to complete projects and spread continuous improvement vision throughout the organization.
- Track and report any shortcomings in quality of goods or services provided by the business in a Continuous Improvement structured approach
- Improve efficiency by facilitating and leading implementation of manufacturing best practices across the business.
- Track growth and maturity stages of continuous improvement teams and advice on potential areas of improvement.
- Monthly tracking on financial benefits of Continuous Improvement initiatives with relevant budget controllers and Profit Improvement Project (PIP's) owners
- Maintain and track initiatives on Continuous Improvement register

Terms of service: The successful candidate will be engaged on a permanent contract.

Interested candidates should apply in confidence by sending their applications together with detailed curriculum vitae and photocopy of Certificates and Testimonials including Contacts of three Referees to the under mentioned addressee before **1st April 2019**. The position is **open for internal and external candidates**. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.** Apply to:

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'Lack of pharmacists in rural areas among challenges facing country's health sector'

By Francis Kajubi

REGISTRAR of the Pharmacy Council of Tanzania, Elizabeth Shekalaghe has cited lack of pharmacists in rural areas, as among major challenges facing the country's health sector.

Shekalaghe said yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking at a one day seminar to journalists.

The pharmacist said that the situation compels people in rural settings to take drugs without having medical prescription. According to Shekalaghe, about 90 per cent of pharmacists are working in towns of big cities such as Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Kilimanjaro, Arusha and Mbeya while avoiding serving the rural community.

"There are 1,863 pharmacists in Tanzania according to our current data. Out of which 1000 pharmacists are working in the districts of Dar es Salaam while the remaining are in Mwanza, Arusha, Mbeya and Kilimanjaro. Regions such

as Lindi, Mtwara, Katavi, and Kigoma might have less than five pharmacists each. The distribution of pharmacists is uneven in rural area when compared to urban areas in both public and private, dispensaries, health centres and hospitals," said Shekalaghe.

According to her, there are 652 pharmaceutical assistants and 2,303 pharmaceutical technicians. However, there are 1,683 pharmacy shops in the country. She asserted that apart from the challenge attributed to allocation of pharmacists in the country, was sale of medicinal drugs as other commodities by unprofessional.

"Especially in rural areas, everyone is a pharmacist of his own. People take drugs out of pharmacists counselling as a result they end up into either overdose themselves or taking drugs that are not meant to treat their illnesses, thus, they take poison instead of drugs." She added.

She said pharmacists are increasing

at a good pace as there were only 400 pharmacists in the country as the end of 2003. There are 4 universities offering a bachelor's degree course, 20 colleges offering diploma course in pharmacy and other 28 offering short pharmaceutical courses that don't exceed one year.

"The challenge is most students who study chemistry opt for other courses in their higher learning. We need to encourage the youth to give priority to this profession," said Shekalaghe.

She asserted that in its 2018/23 strategic plan, the pharmacy council is dedicated at investing in new advanced technology for the registering and monitoring of pharmacies operations in the country.

The council needs 6billion/- every year to carry out its operations accordingly out of which a half of the money goes to expenditures such as paying salaries. The pharmacy council came into existence in 2011 by the Pharmacy Act Cap 311 of 2011.



A resident of Buguruni kwa Mnyamani in Dar es Salaam prepares pancakes for sale yesterday. Photo: John Badi



UNAUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The year of 2018 saw continued growth in the local cement industry, with the market increasing at a higher rate than in previous years. Competition was again fierce, and yet despite the cement over capacity in the local market, TPCPLC once again strengthened its market leadership.

The efforts made throughout the year on the operational side to increase clinker production, whilst overcoming technical challenges, combined with the focus on producing and selling high quality products, whilst maintaining strong customer relationships and service excellence, has allowed TPCPLC to report an improved full year result.

Total volumes sold in 2018 increased by 9% on 2017, and with revenue also increasing by 30%, this resulted in an operating profit of TZS 80.1Bn being recorded, a 28% increase on the previous full year result.

INCOME STATEMENT	2018	2017
	TZS'000	TZS'000
Revenue	348,863,384	268,209,096
Cost of sales	(223,951,693)	(184,903,676)
Gross profit	124,911,691	83,305,420
Selling and administrative expenses	(27,221,412)	(25,029,949)
Other operating income	148,927	22,463,707
Depreciation and amortization	(17,778,169)	(18,066,388)
Operating profit	80,061,037	62,672,790
Financial items	1,683,745	2,925,035
Profit before tax	81,744,782	65,597,825
Taxes on income	(24,878,688)	(30,001,432)
Net profit for the period	56,866,094	35,596,393
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	(403,822)	(1,362,319)
Total comprehensive income	56,462,272	34,234,074
Number of shares	179,923,100	179,923,100

BALANCE SHEET	2018	2017
	TZS'000	TZS'000
Assets		
Intangible fixed assets	1,304,535	2,635,382
Tangible fixed assets	140,948,038	150,539,114
Non-current financial assets	7,513,661	16,743,912
Non current assets	149,766,234	169,918,408
Inventories	55,104,226	41,711,115
Trade and other receivables	44,712,022	37,662,987
Other current financial assets	7,191,031	4,119,985
Cash and cash equivalents	65,987,258	34,739,002
Currents assets	172,994,537	118,233,089
Total assets	322,760,771	288,151,497

Equity and Liabilities		
	2018	2017
Equity	224,935,758	186,465,797
Long term provisions	8,205,223	6,867,069
Provision for deferred taxes	21,035,003	25,220,943
Non current liabilities	29,240,226	32,088,012
Dividend payable	3,850,962	15,519,795
Trade and other payables	61,158,067	45,643,564
Taxes payables	3,575,758	8,434,329
Current liabilities	68,584,787	69,597,688
Total equity and liabilities	322,760,771	288,151,497

Prospects

The company continues to face increasing competition, but TPCPLC will continue to work to maintain its market leadership position.

Appreciation

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

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Hakan Gurdal
Chairman of the Board
29 March 2019

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

	2018	2017
	TZS'000	TZS'000
Profit before tax	81,744,782	65,597,825
Depreciation and amortisation	17,778,169	18,066,388
Interest received	1,350,833	635,206
Income tax paid	(31,997,950)	(20,645,696)
Elimination of non cash items	(3,858,379)	(24,284,245)
Change in working capital	(1,175,840)	20,457,132
Cash flow from operating activities	63,841,615	59,826,610
Cash flow from investing activities	(2,932,216)	(80,827)
Dividend paid	(29,661,144)	(48,182,450)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	31,248,256	11,563,333
Cash and cash equivalent 01.01	34,739,002	23,175,669
Change in cash	31,248,256	11,563,333
Cash and cash equivalent 31.12	65,987,258	34,739,002

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VP urges EAC member states to invest in digital technology

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

VICE President Samia Suluhu Hassan has urged the East African Community (EAC) member countries to invest in digital technology to accelerate implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Samia made the call on Wednesday when speaking at the 7th East African Health and Scientific Conference in Dar es Salaam.

The regional conference has attracted researchers and scientists from the east African region, Africa and beyond the continent.

The VP said digital health technology also stood a better chance of strengthening regional healthcare services and addressing all aspects of poverty.

She said: "We can no longer ignore the direct correlation of poverty and social vulnerability in aggravating poor health."

According to Samia, Tanzania has already embarked on digitising its healthcare system through the Ministry of Health and several other agencies to help track medicine consignment from purchase point to delivery point and online reporting of the adverse effects of the use of medicine and cosmetics.

She revealed that Tanzania has recorded positive impact of our healthcare sector since we embarked on digitising our systems.

However, the Vice-President said challenges still remained in having adequate manpower to support these initiatives and funds to train new manpower and come up with new initiatives.

Executive secretary of the East African Health Research Commission, Gibson Kibiki, said digital health technology could improve health governance as well as access to quality and effective delivery of health services.

"The rapid increase to mobile technology in Africa has fostered a conducive environment for the use of information and communication technology in health," he told the conference themed Technology for Health Systems Transformation and Attainment of the UN-Sustainable Development Goals in East Africa.

Kibiki added that over the last 15 years, east Africa has witnessed an expansion of digital health across the entire health sector.

Alongside the three-day conference, an international health exhibition held by research institutions, health care facilities, medical/health academic institutions, medical and pharmaceutical industries, EAC organs and institutions, international organizations and UN agencies was showcasing their services and products.

The exhibition allowed participants to showcase products from research, academia, healthcare services and the health sector in general.

Telecom firm launches business unit for SMEs

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania PLC has launched its Vodacom business Unit specifically tailored to meet the growing and ever-changing needs of large corporates, Small to Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) as well as Small Home Offices (SOHOs) so as to enhance their competitive edge, efficiency and connectivity within their operations without diverting attention from the core business.

Vodacom Tanzania which is the largest telco in the country has long positioned itself as an enabler of economic development in the country with its superfast internet speed and innovative products and services tailored to meet customer needs.

"Globally there is a shift towards digital, online and cloud applications, so we expect our customers to also focus on new ways of working for efficiency, competitiveness and we believe we are the right partners with the right solutions to help them achieve this," said Hisham Hendi, Vodacom's managing director.

Large corporates like banks, public sector are looking for innovative solutions that will simplify their operations, keep them competitive and offer asset security. As a leader in the digital space Vodacom offers products like co-location, cloud computing, data MPLS, Toll free, and M-Pesa business to ensure large corporates operate efficiently and remain productive.



VACANCIES

The Management and Development for Health (MDH) in collaboration with NACP and CDC Tanzania is planning to implement the study titled "Estimating the burden and types of HIV drug resistance among pregnant women living with HIV." for a period of 1 year. The study will take place in 19 regions, 32 districts and 52 sites. MDH invites qualified and interested Tanzanians to apply for the following positions:

POSITION	: Laboratory Study Officer- 1 position
Reports to	: Principle investigator
Location	: Dar es Salaam
Duration of contract	: 6 months

Job summary:

Laboratory study officer will oversee sample transportation from various region, receive them at the Temeke central lab and perform the HIVDR tests on each sample in a timely manner and return the results to the sites and to the central office of the study. S/he will be responsible to train all the sites focal persons on how to collect proper samples for HIVDR and Viral load testing as well as packaging and transportation to the Temeke lab to ensure the samples are received when they are variable for the required tests. S/he will supervise the movements of samples from 19 study regions to Temeke lab as well as conduct ALL the HIVDR tests and VL tests for the study participants ONLY

Duties and Responsibilities

- Understand the HIVDR study protocol, eligibility criteria, number of regions, where and when the samples will come etc
- Create an SOP of HVDR and VL blood sample transportation for all the 19 regions
- Create a log book that will be used to receive samples in order to ensure samples are well labelled
- Create a system of immediate notification to the sites in case of inviable samples and obtain a new sample in less than 24 hrs
- Create an SOP and a system of how to return test results to the sites immediately the tests are completed
- Observe all the biosafety and good laboratory practices in the study sites and Temeke lab
- Facilitate Reporting by preparing quarterly, semiannually and annually narrative reports to be submitted to key stakeholders.
- Carry out any other responsibilities as assigned by the immediate supervisor.

Qualifications

- Bachelor degree in biomedical laboratory sciences or Masters will be an added advantage
- Three or more years of experience working in HIV/AIDS care and treatment program
- Training and experience conducting HIV Drugs resistance tests and HIV viral load testing

POSITION	: HIV DRUG RESISTANCE ZONAL COORDINATOR – 3 positions
Reports to	: Principle investigator
Location	: Zone 1 : Mbeya, Iringa, Njombe, Rukwa, Songwe, and Ruvuma Zone 2 : Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Tanga, Pwani, Dodoma Zone 3 : Mwanza, Shinyanga, Simiyu, Geita, Tabora, Kigoma, Kagera, Mara
Duration	: 6 months

Job Summary:

The zonal study coordinator – HIV drug resistance study (HIVDR) will be responsible to overseeing day-to-day implementation of the study activities in given zonal regions. He/she will lead implementation and reporting of project activities, expenditure, outputs and outcomes in assigned region(s). He /she will ensure the regional and district governments are aware of the study and receive interim reports of the findings, as well as participate in study review meetings quarterly. He/she will ensure the data clerks, study nurses in the respective regions are well trained and have all the SOPs required for the study. He/she will oversee recruitment of study participants in a speed that's required in all regions and will address any issues that hinder timely recruitment. He /she will also supervise blood samples collection and transportation to Temeke Lab as well as returning the results to the respective sites and to patients.

Duties and responsibilities:

- To coordinate and oversee implementation of study activities in assigned regions and sites
- Supervise data clerks and study nurses at all sites in given regions
- Oversee study recruitment in timely manner and report weekly
- Oversee sample collection and transportation and work with the Temeke lab to ensure samples are received and are viable
- Work with the Temeke lab to ensure any inviable sample is addressed within 24 hrs by getting the client and taking another sample
- Organize zonal trainings for data clerks and nurses at the given regions
- Organize inception and other meetings for key stake holders at the zone
- To organize and support routine meetings with key project stakeholders to share, monitor and evaluate project progress towards assigned targets.
- To report to and update his/her supervisor on the progress of study implementation on weekly basis or as required by his/her supervisor
- Any delay of samples, allowing samples that are not viable and poor/delaying recruitment will lead to penalization of the office
- Perform any other relevant duties as assigned by his/her supervisor.

Qualifications:

- A holder of bachelor degree in research, social sciences, law, public administration
- Experience in research will be an added advantage
- At least 1-2 years of experience in coordinating any project
- Demonstrate understanding of the Tanzania Health System and policy environment
- Must be computer literate.
- Experience working with CSOs and LCAs will also be an added advantage
- Excellent written and oral communication and presentation skills in English and Kiswahili

POSITION: Data Officers-15 posts
Reporting: Study Zonal coordinator
Duration: 6 months

Location: Temeke, Ilala, Kinondoni, Ubungo, districts in Dar es Salaam region. Tanga city council, Kaliua, Nzega districts in Tabora, Mbozi and Tunduma districts in Songwe, Miatu in Simiyu, Kahama in Shinyanga region, Songea municipal council in Ruvuma region, Sumbawanga municipal council in Rukwa, Kibaha district council in Pwani district, Makambako town council in Njombe, Nyamagana, Magu and Sengerema districts in Mwanza, Mbeya city council, Kyela, Mbarali districts in Mbeya region, Uvinza and Bunda districts in Kigoma, Bukoba municipal council in Kagera region, Mufindi, Iringa municipal, Mafinga districts in Iringa region, Chato, and Mbogwe districts in Geita region, Dodoma municipal council in Dodoma region. Arusha city council in Arusha region

Duties and responsibilities:

- Handle and protect confidential and sensitive data with integrity
- Obtain consent from clients
- Conduct daily face to face interviews to clients received either postpartum family planning.
- Maintain accurate records of interviews.
- Safeguarding the confidentiality of subjects and patients information.
- Summarize interviews and provide report to supervisor on weekly basis.
- Arrange weekly schedule with the supervisor to ensure that the work priorities are accomplished within specified time.

Essential criteria:

- High personal motivation, self-management, and detail-orientation; ability to take responsibility in meeting deadlines and making progress without direct supervision
- Strong oral communications and writing skills;
- Stationed at the region and/or district of working area.
- Quick to learn and follow supervisors instructions

Qualifications:

- A certificate of completion of high school(form six) or any diploma holder
- Previous experience in data collection will be an added advantage
- Having a human research GCP training is another added advantage
- Computer literacy, good written and spoken English

POSITION	: Project Accountant- 1 posts
Reports to	: Principle investigator
Location	: Dar es Salaam
Duration	: 6 Months

Duties and Responsibilities.

- Processing duly approved disbursements of both cash and banking adherence to policy and procedures.
- Ensuring that all payment requisitions are complete with all the necessary support documentation such as pro-forma invoices/bids, local purchase order, selection minutes, delivery notes, tax invoices, etc. before making payment. Also, ensuring that all payments are properly coded and cancelled by PAID stamp.
- Recording and posting of approved financial transactions into the accounting system
- Making and processing advance payments including but not limited to travel advances, sub contractors/grantee advances, etc.
- Ensuring office costs are identified and correctly apportioned and charged to the respective projects/donors and other costs centres.
- Performing day to day banking activities and Report and highlight items of attentions to the management.
- Maintaining of accounting records and filling them in an appropriate manner.
- Assist in budgeting preparation process for the program and assist out in preparation of monthly and quarterly expenditure reports.
- Accurate, timely and efficient preparation of payroll as approved ensuring compliance with internal guidance and laid down policies & procedures.
- Prepare monthly statutory returns e.g. PAYE and Statutory contributions in a timely and accurate manner and to ensure all filing is appropriately done.
- Prepare and follow up tax exemption processes for the organization, Management and Development for Health. Prepare MDH annual returns for filing with TRA
- Ensure adherence to accounting and financial standards as per IFRS, ISA and Tanzania legislation, with comprehensive internal policies and procedures.
- Perform any other task as assigned by Finance Manager

Qualifications:

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- University degree in Business, Finance, Administration or Accounting
- At least 3 year experience in accounting job.
- Professional qualification would be an added advantage
- Knowledge and experience on accounts payable, receivable, cash, bank, and maintaining general ledger.
- Ability to maintain a high level of accuracy in preparing financial and accounting information.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality concerning financial and employees/vendors files.
- Practical knowledge and skills in Payroll preparations.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, bookkeeping skills, attention to details.
- Skills in running any accounting software and the general computer literacy
- Ability to manage time and observing deadlines
- Honest and trustworthy, respectful and depict sound work ethics.

Position	: General Services Driver
Location	: MDH-Head Office
Reports to	: Senior Facility & Transport Officer

Job Summary:

Laboratory Project driver will perform duties of driving a vehicle to assure safe transportation of authorised personnel from various destinations. He/she has to make sure all passengers to some cases assisted on entry and exit if need be.

The driver is required to drive all types of vehicles of the organisation. He/she will be responsible to transport individuals to and from various places like senior services offices, human services organisations, work sites, health educational institutions, medical facilities, drug stores and other desired locations. He/she will be required to keep travel records of the vehicle, will request passenger to fasten seat belt before start of any journey for their safety purposes.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Drive the project vehicle safely; transporting authorized personnel/passengers.
- Maintain a clean record of all journeys, daily mileage, fuel consumption, oil changes and greasing.
- Ensure day to day maintenance of the assigned vehicle, perform minor repairs
- Comply with laws and regulations for safe driving.
- Observe the safety and security procedures.
- Ensure that all accessories of the vehicles are maintained and checked at all times.
- Keep a valid driving License and the vehicle's insurance up to date all the time.
- Perform all other duties as may be assigned by the immediate supervisor.

Required Qualifications

Educational and Professional Qualification:

- A level/ O level Secondary School education is essential
- Holder of Driving Certificate from a credible institution

Practical Experience:

- At least 3 years of work experience in similar position. Experience of driving in rural settings will be an added advantage.
- Keen on the well being of the given vehicle
- Honest on fuel consumption
- Ability to record trips in a log book as trained/ required
- Ability to work long hours even after office hours

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates should submit an application letter, a detailed copy of their CV, and names and contact information of three work related referees by 7th April, 2019 to the Human Resource Manager through e-mail hr@mdh-tz.org or dropped by hand at the MDH Head Office in Mikocheni, along Mwai Kibaki Road, Plot No. 802.

Kindly note that only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Safeguarding and promotion of human rights is invaluable duty

HUMAN right is a right which is believed to belong to every person. Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms to which all humans are entitled. Examples of rights and freedoms which are often thought of as human rights include civil and political rights.

Human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world, from birth until death. They apply regardless of where you are from, what you believe or how you choose to live your life.

They can never be taken away, although they can sometimes be restricted - for example if a person breaks the law, or in the interests of national security.

These basic rights are based on shared values like dignity, fairness, equality, respect and independence. These values are defined and protected by law. In Britain our human rights are protected by the Human Rights Act 1998.

Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Everyone is entitled to these rights, without discrimination.

International human rights law lays down the obligations of Governments to act in certain ways or to refrain from certain acts, in order to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of individuals or groups.

One of the great achievements of the United Nations is the creation of a comprehensive body of human rights law - a universal and internationally protected code to which all nations can subscribe and all people aspire.

The United Nations has defined a broad range of internationally

accepted rights, including civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights. It has also established mechanisms to promote and protect these rights and to assist states in carrying out their responsibilities.

The right to the truth is often invoked in the context of gross violations of human rights and grave breaches of humanitarian law. The relatives of victims of summary executions, enforced disappearance, missing persons, abducted children, torture, require to know what happened to them. The right to the truth implies knowing the full and complete truth as to the events that transpired, their specific circumstances, and who participated in them, including knowing the circumstances in which the violations took place, as well as the reasons for them.

Each year, on 24 March, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed.

This annual observance pays tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24 March 1980. Monsignor Romero was actively engaged in denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador.

The purpose of the Day is to honour the memory of victims of gross and systematic human rights violations and promote the importance of the right to truth and justice; pay tribute to those who have devoted their lives to, and lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all; recognise, in particular, the important work and values of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, of El Salvador, who was assassinated on 24 March 1980, after denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable populations and defending the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposition to all forms of violence.

Funding will help African countries manage risks of changing climate

CLIMATE change in Africa pertains to aspects of climate change within the continent of Africa. According to author Schneider et al. (2007), Africa is likely to be the continent most vulnerable to climate change. With high confidence, also author Boko et al. (2007) also projected that in many French countries and regions, agricultural production, food security and water stress would likely be severely compromised by climate change and climate variability. These risks need to be managed.

Weather conditions over the Pacific, including an unusually strong La Niña, interrupted seasonal rains in East Africa for two consecutive seasons, precipitating in 2011 the worst drought in the region seen in 60 years. In many areas, the precipitation rate during the main rainy season from April to June, the primary season, was less than 30 per cent of the average of 1995-2010.

In 2012, American researchers uncovered a link between the region's low rainfall and changes in the sea surface temperature of the tropical Pacific Ocean, which they suggested was largely responsible for the disruption of the long rains. The discovery is reportedly contributing significantly toward improved forecasts and emergency preparedness.

Climate change, and resulting increased temperatures, storms, droughts, and rising sea levels, will affect the incidence and distribution of infectious disease across the globe. This is true in Africa, where malaria continues to have dramatic effects on the population. As climate change

continues, the specific areas likely to experience year-round, high-risk transmission of malaria will shift from coastal West Africa to an area between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, known as the African Highlands.

Against this background, the World Bank Group has announced a USD22.5 billion financing for Africa for climate adaptation and mitigation for five years from 2021 to 2025.

The funding was availed recently during the third One Planet Summit in Nairobi, Kenya.

A statement released by the bank said the funding is part of its continued support International Development Association (IDA), its fund for the world's poorest countries.

The funding will help African countries manage the risks of a changing climate while unlocking new investment opportunities. IFC and MIGA, the Group's private sector arms, will also continue to ambitiously grow their climate activities in Africa.

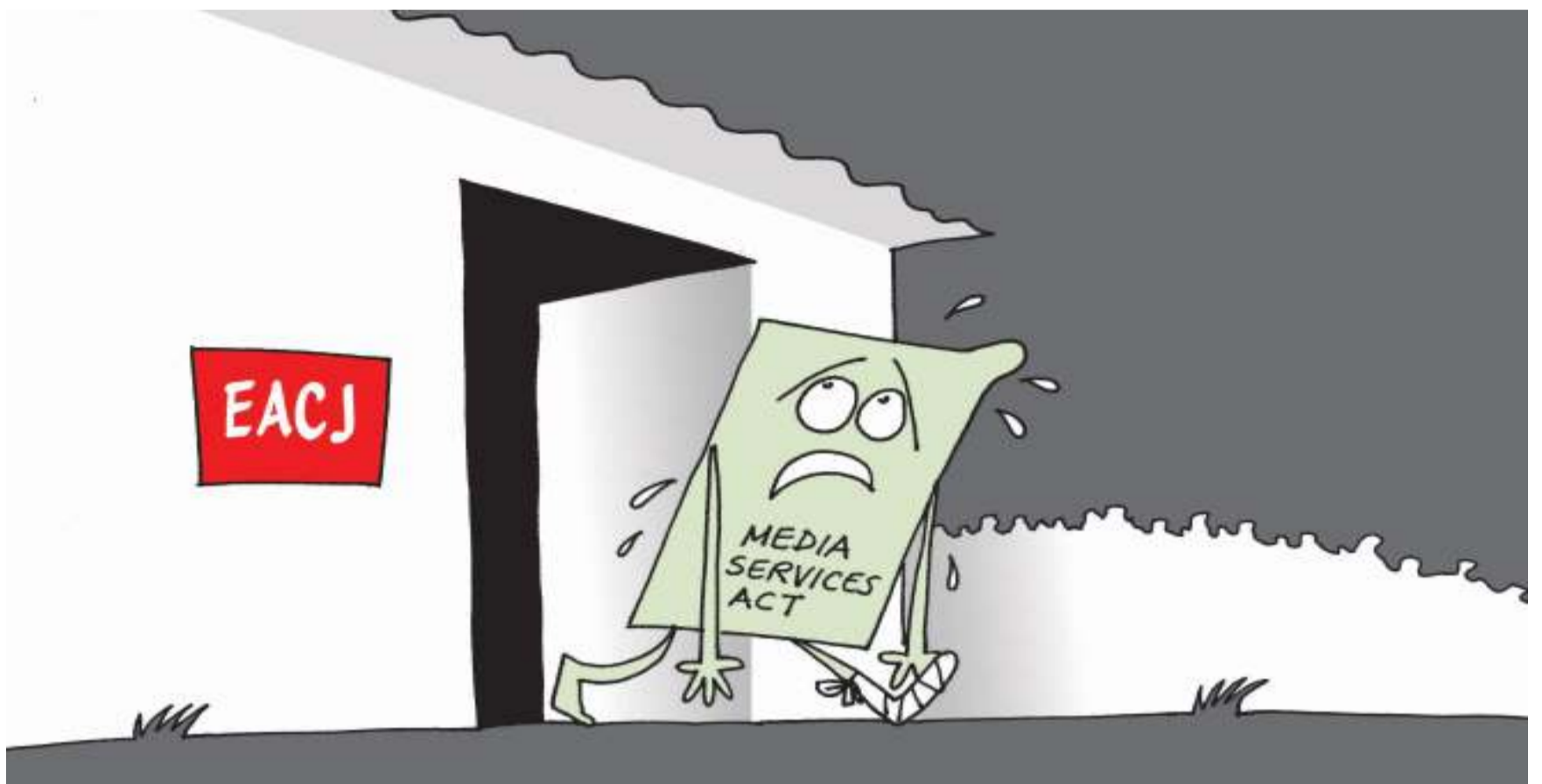
Recognising that a number of countries in Africa are among the most vulnerable to global climate shocks and stresses, and in line with these new climate financing commitments and future direction of the bank's Africa Climate Business Plan, it said more than half of the USD22.5 billion financing will be devoted to supporting adaptation and resilience in Africa.

This year, for example, the bank said it will provide the government of Ethiopia with a results-based support programme for adaptation and resilience, the largest done by the World Bank ever in Africa.

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The Christchurch massacre: Leadership in New Zealand and South Africa

By Raymond Suttner

THE response of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern to the Christchurch mosque massacres is markedly different from South African official responses to attacks on foreign nationals. Many South African leaders are part of xenophobic discourse. Ardern and her government demonstrate that firm action against terrorism and gun control can go together with compassion and respect for refugee communities who have made a foreign country their home.

"Many of those affected will be members of our migrant communities - New Zealand is their home - they are us." - New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, reacting to the massacre, 14 March 2019

In the wake of the mosque massacres in Christchurch, New Zealand, many have admired the actions of New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern. It is important for us, as South Africans, to draw lessons from her actions. This is not simply to compare her leadership with our present leadership, but to see to what extent her actions can point to the qualities we need in leadership, now and in the future.

It is true that one needs more than leadership to have an emancipatory politics. One needs people who are mobilised and organised on an informed basis in order to advance and defend democracy. But leadership remains central, a key element in driving such processes, either from state power or outside it as a force that may, at times, be best-advanced outside of the corridors of official power. One way or another, leadership matters, providing or failing to provide a vision, taking decisions at difficult times and explaining to people how best to understand what they confront.

To put it simply, Prime Minister Ardern was confronted by a single white racist's terrorist massacre of Muslims at prayer in two mosques in Christchurch. Most, or all, of those who died or attended the commemorative services, were refugees from other countries.

Ardern was swift in naming the actions as terrorist murders. In a tweet on the day of



the massacre, she said: "What has happened in Christchurch is an extraordinary act of unprecedented violence. It has no place in New Zealand. Many of those affected will be members of our migrant communities - New Zealand is their home - they are us."

She and her cabinet acted immediately to tighten gun laws, banning a range of automatic and semi-automatic weapons and devices that may form components in making such weapons, just a day after the massacre.

Ardern reached out to the communities that had suffered these losses.

She demonstrated compassion but she and the rest of the New Zealand leadership must also have carefully considered all the implications and consequences of these losses. Thus, when she appeared at gatherings, to express condolences, wearing a hijab, she indicated her respect but also awareness of the material losses that resulted from these deaths, including the loss of many breadwinners.

She assured them that there were provisions in New Zealand law that could cover their material losses, not just for weeks, she stressed, but for years. (See here and here.)

Ardern left no doubt about her moral repugnance towards the killing but was also practical in taking steps to prevent further circulation of the footage that the killer had arranged to have live-streamed on Facebook.

Addressing parliament for the first time after the attack,

the prime minister said the accused would face "the full force of the law in New Zealand" but that she would never speak his name.

Opening with the Arabic greeting "as-salaam Alaikum", she said the day of the attack would "now be forever a day etched in our collective memories".

"He sought many things from his act of terror but one was notoriety, that is why you will never hear me mention his name," she said of the gunman. "He is a terrorist. He is a criminal. He is an extremist. But he will, when I speak, be nameless. "And to others, I implore you: speak the names of those who were lost rather than the name of the man who took them. He may have sought notoriety but we, in New Zealand, will give nothing - not even his name."

Strikingly, the Prime Minister stressed that the Muslim community had come to the country, to seek safety but that she regretted the state had been unable to secure it for them. She made it very clear that New Zealand, as in the above tweet, was their home and that the losses of the Muslim community were understood by her, the government and people of New Zealand (many of whom could be seen weeping with Muslims, in television footage) as their own losses.

Female police officers who were on duty wore the hijab. It was an unprecedented level of solidarity and compassion on the part of a government and people towards a migrant

community that had come under attack.

When Donald Trump, known the world over for his xenophobia, called her to offer condolences and to ask if the United States could provide any assistance, she said: "Sympathy and love for all Muslim communities." None of this was theatrical. Anyone watching the television footage can see the sorrow marking Ardern's face but also her determination to deal with all aspects of the issue decisively and firmly.

Lessons for South Africa

This massacre comes at a time when xenophobic sentiment is being fuelled by a range of public figures, including the president, Cyril Ramaphosa, the Gauteng Premier, David Makhura and some cabinet ministers - a time when xenophobic sentiment is part of the election manifestos of both the ANC and the DA.

What the treatment of the Christchurch massacre by the New Zealand government shows is that the way we in South Africa treat foreign nationals is not the only way this can be done, that we could choose as a country to enable those who have sought refuge here to make this their home and make them feel welcome.

It is true that foreign nationals have been made to feel welcome by many people and communities and this extends back to decades before the fall of apartheid, when communities from other parts of Africa worked in the country and settled in some townships.

It is also true that many live amicably with their South African-born neighbours today.

There are many cases when foreign communities have come under attack and where South Africans have helped them find shelter, retrieve their belongings and rebuild what has been damaged or destroyed.

Fond memories from holding a corporate post

SOMEHOW, we are wired to think that we have to go to school, then work, in that order.

Personally as a citizen from an average earnings family I went through the 7-6-4 Education system, primary 7 years, secondary and higher school combined 6 years and university 3 years and obviously as I expected, after school, I was required to start working.

There's a mentality that university students have that is hilarious, now that I think about it.

Most students think that once they are through with their university education, they deserve nothing less than a very well paying job. You imagine yourself at a desk, own office

(perhaps a corner office), a corporate job, mingling with important people, hahaha! Honestly it's funny.

It's funny because you realize that you are in a country where that will almost never happen, also once you leave college, you realize there are hundreds of thousands of other equally or even more qualified people, who are either unemployed or underemployed and living hand to mouth...then it dawns on you again that you are in a mess.

Anyway, why do we learn so much at school? I mean you can spend like 8 years learning about administrative divisions when really, you don't want to be an administrator when you grow up, or 4 years learning about the endocrine system of a cockroach when

all you want to do is to kill any roach in your sight because they are pests, no? It's all so confusing sometimes... but you end up with so much general knowledge, it's mind-blowing literally!

I started working while I was still at the university, in my second year. My uncle was kind enough to offer me a short-term job at his audit firm. I learnt a lot while I was there, it gave me a good head start at accounts and auditing work, because that's what I did, mostly.

Somehow when you start working while in school, you appreciate it later in life because the jobs advertised these days require years and years of experience, it's just ridiculous.

When I was in school, even during semester breaks, I tried as much to look for internships or volunteer jobs



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"Stepping into the workforce is exciting, it's the beginning of new independence"

because that's the only way I knew I would get the experience needed for a job...and yet, somehow, I didn't have a dream job then, I just wanted a job, any job. Weird? I know.

Over the years, I've made a discovery that I can do practically everything! In just a few months of completing college I learnt the art of baking, I had excellently mastered culinary forms, I can be a patissier or a tournant...you know, that kind of thing, I could plan events successfully and am certain that I can be president of this country one day, if I want to, hahaha! Jokes aside, it's very possible.

I can also be a model or a video vixen (I've always wanted to use this in a sentence). I used to get really amused when any job seeker known to me got choosy about jobs. After my discovery, I now understand why anyone would be so jobless but still choose whether to take up an opportunity or forgo it.

It all comes down to personal values, interests and goals. No wonder it's commonly said that when you want a job, choose passion over anything else.

Am not a big fan of aptitude tests and I've only done one in my lifetime. Some companies choose these kind of job selection exams when hiring, in addition to oral interviews. Whichever method

is used, we all know how nervous one can be when it comes to interviews, all your knowledge disappears, all the English disappears, even Swahili disappears...you suddenly find that you can speak a mixture of both fluently.

My brother once told me that the best way to get prepared for an interview is to attend as many interviews as possible, I agree. It builds your confidence. It doesn't matter how many times you rehearse your thoughts in front of a mirror, the mirror will not tell you that you look and sound ridiculous. You can also benefit from coaching, either from a friend or a professional in the field. Next time you are invited to a job interview, if you don't get the job, be happy that you had that experience, it's valuable.

Stepping into the workforce is exciting, it's the beginning of new independence, it's something I believe should be done with utmost caution and seriousness. There are so many different characters at the workplace, knowing how to relate with everybody is key.

There's Becky with the good hair, who keeps feeding your boss with false information about you, probably intimidated by your potential, there's tall John, who is still angry with you and jealous because you got the position

he was eyeing, there's Trump (pun intended), who is married, but still looks at you and every other female, like some piece of meat, there's Anita who distracts everybody with the latest gossip, there's Peter, who will never get anything done on time because he's on the internet throughout, doing unconstructive things...woe unto you if you need to work with him directly, then sometimes, there's Eliza your boss, who spends office hours outside the office, running personal errands, then takes credit for all the work you do and finally, there's you, still wondering where you belong. It can be lousy like that but at the end of the day, you draw your personal but clear boundaries on these relationships.

Stepping back into the workforce, after being out of work for a while, I imagine, can be difficult. You can second guess yourself on almost everything... whether you are still good enough, whether your ideas are helpful, whether your colleagues have faith that you can do the job well, whether you can catch up on all the new trends. Am guessing, all it takes is confidence and a deliberate effort to work through everything, the same way it takes a good employer, who believes in you enough to hire you.

TGNP commends government for prioritising women's needs

By Guardian Correspondent

EACH year Tanzania, joins other countries across the globe to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD), an event that celebrates women's achievements—from the political to the social - while calling for gender equality.

IWD has been observed since the early 1900s and is now recognised each year on March 8. The first International Women's Day celebrations took place over 100 years ago.

It is not affiliated with any one group, but brings together governments, women's organisations, corporations and charities.

The day is marked around the world with arts performances, talks, rallies, networking events, conferences and marches.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with this paper this week TGNP's programme officer mobilisation and outreach Deogratias Temba said that when celebrating the Women International Day this year, despite some challenges Tanzania has made great achievements on women nearly 25 years after the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Temba said that immediately after the Beijing Conference, the government convinced the integration and mainstreaming of gender issues into the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Programme of Action and Community Building Initiatives...of the SADC region.

He said that many changes in its laws, regulations and budgets which were not in favour of a woman were reviewed and amended to ensure women benefit the most.

For instance, he said after the Beijing Conference, Tanzania amended the Land Act No. 4 and Village Land Act No. 5 both of 1999. That was purposely done to ensure women also own land.

He noted that, in 1998 TGNP through a coalition known as SEMATIC through which the Parliament enacted the Sexual Offences Special Provisions Act (SOSPA), which among other things addresses sexual exploitation of women and children, incest, procurement for prostitution, trafficking of persons, cruelty to children

and child prostitution.

It also addresses forms of sexual abuse such as sexual harassment, rape, molestation, indecent assault and sodomy, most of which are committed against women and children. The Act criminalized female genital mutilation.

The SOSPA is an Act to amend several written laws, making special provisions in those laws with regard to sexual and other offences to further safeguard the personal integrity, dignity, liberty and security of women and children.

The amendment of Law of the Child Act No. 21 of 2009 was another achievement reached by the government after the Beijing Conference.

The Tanzania Law of the Child Act 2009 brings together child specific provisions from a range of national laws into one document. ... It establishes a framework for protection of children from abuse, violence and neglect at local and national levels, and sets standards for juvenile justice.

On women economic empowerment, Mr Temba said that the government has taken various recommendable measures including women policy development through which different women development funds have been established aiming at helping, supporting women, children and the disabled.

The government has directed each district council across the country, to allocate at least 10 per cent from its local revenue so as to support women, youth and people with disabilities. This being one of the measures taken by the government as a way of implementing the Beijing Conference.

Commenting on leadership, Mr Temba said "the government has achieved a lot although we haven't reached at least fifty percent of decision-making, but positions in the public and private sectors are held by women.

He said "According to SADC Protocol our current women representation in parliament stands at 36 per cent. The number of women voted in their constituencies has continued to increase to 25 in 2015, from 18 women in 2005."

Commenting on gender budgeting, he said that TGNP through the various training and interventions in collaboration with various public sectors they have been carrying out, have managed to influence the local and central governments to allocate funds for girls so as to ensure they attend classes efficiently.

He further revealed that importantly, dis-



trict councils across the country have invested heavily maternal and child health (MCH) programmes support activities, which goes in line with the ending preventable child and maternal mortality (EPCMD) initiative, which prioritizes improved health for the most vulnerable women, girls, newborns, and children under five.

Other findings have indicated that while Tanzania has made gains in reducing under-five mortality, progress has been slower for reducing maternal and neonatal deaths.

Maternal mortality rates remain high at 556 deaths per 100,000 live births due to challenges such as inadequate quality of services, lack of access to emergency obstetric care, limited ability of women to independently access health services, and direct causes such as postpartum hemorrhage.

Neonatal deaths, which continue to comprise a significant proportion of under-five deaths.

Temba mentioned some of the district councils that have been collaborating closely with TGNP include: Kishapu DC, Mbeya DC, Kisarawe DC, Morogoro DC, and Ilala Municipal Council.

For her part, Flora Mlowezi Mbeya's TGNP leader and ardent member concurred with Temba by commending the government the efforts it has been doing to empower women in all sectors despite some challenges.

She said "It was during former President Benjamin Mkapa's government many laws and regulations were reviewed and amend-

ed in favour of the women. Adding:

"The Beijing Conference was the beginning of the liberation of a woman."

She however, warned that having a big number of illiterate women in society could halt national development.

According to the World Bank, limited educational opportunities for girls are robbing the world of between 15 and 30 trillion dollars in lost productivity.

Addressing during the IWD event early this month, María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the UN General Assembly, says "We desperately need to close the gender education gap and get more women into science and technology."

Supporting innovation, ensuring that the needs and experiences of women and girls are embedded in urban planning, in new technologies - these are practical steps that UN agencies, governments and communities can take. But clearly, we need to look beyond policies. Several countries have had decades of equal pay legislation. But the gender pay gap will only close in 2086 at the current rate of progress.

Every woman and girl knows that her lived reality is very different to that of her father or brother. For us, simple things - going to school, deciding what to wear, using the toilet, meeting a male friend - can be matters of life and death.

She further notes "I believe that there are two things we should prioritize:

First, boosting the number and diversity of

women in leadership positions. Just 20 countries have female leaders. Less than a quarter of parliamentarians are women. Just five percent of Fortune 500 companies have female CEOs.

Second, increasing our support to grassroots organizations. Time and again, we have seen that bold action by leaders requires pressure from below. That was the case with women's suffrage, with the landmine ban, with the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons adopted just two years ago.

We need to make sure that funding goes to those who really know what is needed on the ground; and whose actions guarantee enduring transformation.

Next year, the international community will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. And rightly so.

But we should also feel a sense of shame. For too many women, the vision of Beijing remains a distant dream. And the gains we have made are under threat, from factors such as discrimination, violence and soaring inequality.

So, I hope that the coming months will see the global movement for gender equality grow stronger. We must show our impatience and anger. We must take the fight into our communities, and into the corridors of power.

Let us not forget Audre Lorde's powerful words: "I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when her shackles are very different from my own."

Grassroots innovators hail govt on capacity building

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

TANZANIA Commission for Science and Technology (costech) has opened opportunities for the multi-talented grassroots innovators and innovation hubs in the country whose innovations are community led solutions.

Costech will provide them equal opportunity regardless of their backgrounds provided their projects address social problems and contribute positively to the industrial economy.

Costech's director general Dr. Amos Nungu said that currently there are many grassroots innovators across the country. Some have been reached and others not yet. But not all of them need financial support, some need technical advice only, others need guidance and others need more education.

"Our team made a survey of every region through VETA to reach all

grassroots innovators. In the past Costech was confined in funding research but now we have widened opportunities to other groups. We are currently supporting and involving grassroots innovators so that they could provide valuable contribution to the ongoing drive on industrial economy, he said.

Dr. Amos Nungu revealed that last year in 2018, the government in collaboration with development partners floated a call to support grassroots innovators and innovation hubs in the country.

The response was very good as the Costech received a good number of applications from both formal and informal sector. The selection process was very transparent because the call provided innovators equal opportunities regardless of their backgrounds.

After the process had completed, Costech was able to fund 32 grassroots innovations and the 15 innovation hubs in the country. Dr.Nungu



Grassroots innovator George Ulaya at work on one of his power generating machines at his workshop in Sumbawanga recently.

also revealed that development partners agreed to fund 17 innovation projects out of which 15 projects are small and two are big projects.

The winners of smaller projects will pocket up to 40 million shilling and the winners of big projects will receive up to 130 million shilling. Other development partners funds 30 projects whereby 15 are dedicated to grassroots innovations and 15 are dedicated to funding the establishment and development of innovation hubs.

"Last week we brought 32 innovators and managers from the 15 innovation hubs at Costech in Dar es Salaam to train them on how to conduct their innovation successfully. We trained also the managers of these innovation hubs on how to manage the innovation.

So we have changed, we understand that there are many innovators in the streets. We have planned to reach them in their respective districts," he said.

Dr. Nungu said that grassroots innovators are doing a great job adding that it is high time they changed their mindset and become entrepreneurs.

When they provide these technical and community led solutions or service, they should also provide employment and increase their income.

When it comes to the national grid, we understand that there are efforts being taken by the Ministry of energy, we shall advise that innovations and contributions being made by grassroots innovators are considered, he added

In an interview, the grassroots innovators advised the government to increase funding on their innovations so that they can fruitfully contribute to the industrial economy drive and provide more solutions to locals.

The multi-talented young Tanzanians also called for the private sector and other stakeholders to invest in them saying the projects of grassroots innovations have no stringent conditions and are usually sustainable and community-led solutions.

The call was made by grassroots innovators in Sumbawanga, Rukwa region recently who have designed wind power generating machine that generate low-cost and reliable power supply to some academic institutions in Rukwa region.

Commenting on his innovations, one of the Rukwa based grassroots innovators, George Ulaya said that if well financed, they can develop small, medium and large innovative projects that addresses directly challenge facing Tanzanians especially the rural communities.

"I have made wind power generating machine which is currently supplying power to Rukwa Teachers' College. The power generating machine can provide light to the whole college with affordable cost.

This is one of the evidence that if we are capacitated, we can do more innovations than this," he said. Besides the power machine, Ulaya has made another 50kw-hydro-electrical power machine at Kaengesa seminary waterfalls. The machine works 24-hrs and can supply electricity to 400 houses including the school and teachers houses," he said.

He recently conducted feasibility study in three areas of Uziza, Kalumbaleza and Nkwilo along Rukwa valley to produce hydro-electric power. He currently undertakes another 100 kw power project based at Nkwilo area.

He said in 2010, Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) helped to equip him with modern facilities and working tools worth 12m/- that has improved the innovation.

"The Commission for Science and Technology has contributed a lot to these achievements. In fact one of the three projects has attracted another donor who is willing to fund the construction. The project can supply power to the whole Rukwa Region, he said.

He said that it was very unfortunate to see that some parts of Rukwa region still receive power from the neighbouring country of Zambia adding that if capacitated, he can make a power project that will generate power and supply the whole region.

Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) commended Ulaya's innovation saying it will continue supporting grassroots innovators in Tanzania whose innovations address challenges facing people and provides solution.

In recent years, Costech also funded other grassroots innovators, one of them being Adam Kinyekile (37) from Songwe Region who is also known as street engineer. He owns mobile workshop and designs different agricultural and waste treating machines.

Speaking at the last year's 6th Annual National Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) conference and Exhibitions in Dar es Salaam, Kinyekile and other grassroots innovators said that currently there are many young innovators who have never been to higher education but talented in designing small projects suitable for solving the problems of rural communities.



BANK OF BARODA (TANZANIA) LTD.

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AUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

	(Amount in Million Tshs)	
	AS AT 31.12.2018	AS AT 31.12.2017
A. ASSETS		
1 Cash	3,744	5,049
2 Balances with Bank of Tanzania	17,681	18,569
3 Investment in Government Securities	23,368	17,333
4 Balances with Other Banks and Financial Institution	27,511	38,782
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	11	27
6 Interbranch Float Items	-	-
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-
8 Customers' Liabilities on Acceptances	-	-
9 Interbank Loan Receivables	-	-
10 Investments in Other Securities	-	-
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of Allowances)	98,573	86,008
12 Other Assets	1,412	1,002
13 Equity Investments	-	-
14 Underwritings accounts	-	-
15 Property, Plant and Equipment	1,279	1,463
# TOTAL ASSETS	173,579	168,233
B. LIABILITIES		
17 Deposits from Other Banks and Financial Institution	1,272	4,021
18 Customers Deposits	132,158	125,592
19 Cash Letters of Credit	-	-
20 Special Deposits	-	-
21 Payment orders/Transfer payables	-	-
22 Bankers Cheques and Drafts Issued	137	129
23 Accrued Taxes and Expenses payable	41	154
24 Acceptances Outstanding	-	-
25 Interbranch Float items	-	-
26 Unearned income and other deferred charges	20	5
27 Other Liabilities	896	1,211
28 Borrowings	-	-
# TOTAL LIABILITIES	134,524	131,112
# NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (15 MINUS 29)	39,055	37,121
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31 Paid up Share Capital	10,000	10,000
32 Capital Reserves	937	781
33 Retained Earnings	21,987	19,436
34 Profit (Loss) Account	2,147	2,836
35 Other Capital account	3,984	4,067
36 Minority Interest	-	-
# TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	39,055	37,120
34 Contingent Liabilities	7,209	19,340
35 Non-Performing Loans and Advances	6,567	9,377
36 Allowances for Probable Losses	2,151	2,611
37 Other Non-Performing assets	-	-
D FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i) Shareholders Funds to total assets (%)	22%	22%
(ii) Non Performing loans to Total gross Loans (%)	7%	11%
(iii) Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits (%)	76%	69%
(iv) Loans and Advances to Total Assets (%)	57%	51%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	86%	84%
(vi) Deposits Growth	3%	2%
(vii) Assets Growth	3%	6%

AUDITED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

	(Amount in million shillings)	
	CURRENT YEAR CUMULATIVE FROM 01.01.2018 TO 31ST DEC, 2018	COMPARATIVE YEAR (Prev. Year) FROM 01.01.2017 TO 31ST DEC, 2017
1 Interest Income	13,582	14,177
2 Interest Expenses	4,676	4,845
3 Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	8,906	9,332
4 Bad debts written off	1,259	-
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	1,018	1,427
6 Non - Interest Income	1,932	1,959
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/Loss	349	530
6.2 Fees and Commissions	1,519	1,423
6.3 Dividend Income	-	-
6.4 Other Operating Income	64	6
7 Non - Interest Expenses:	5,063	5,647
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	1,869	1,613
7.2 Fees and Commissions	441	711
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	2,753	3,323
7.4 Other Provision	-	-
8 Operating Income/(Loss)	3,498	4,217
9 Income Tax Provision	1,351	1,381
10 Net income (loss) after Income Tax	2,147	2,836
11 Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
12 Total Comprehensive Income/(loss) for the year	2,147	2,836
13 Number of Employees	48	48
14 Basic Earnings Per Share	215	284
15 Number of Branches	4	4
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	2%	2%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	7%	10%
(iii) Non Interest Expenses to Gross Income	47%	22%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	5%	17%

AUDITED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

	(Amount in Million Tshs)	
	CURRENT YEAR CUMULATIVE	COMPARATIVE YEAR CUMULATIVE
	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
I Cash flow from operating activities		
Net Income (Loss)	3,498	4,217
Adjustment for:	-	-
-Impairment/Amortization	1,246	1,680
-Prior Period Adjustment	(211)	-
-Net change in Loans and advances	(13,583)	(32,568)
-Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets	(4)	-
-Net change in Deposits	6,566	2,561
-Net change in Short term negotiable securities	-	-
-Net Change in Other Liabilities	(3,157)	2,639
-Net change in Other Assets	7,451	(746)
-Tax paid	(1,351)	(1,612)
-Others (Increase/decrease in SMR)	(400)	1,707
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	55	(22,121)
II Cash flow from investment activities		
Dividend Received	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	(45)	(276)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	5	-
Purchase of non-dealing securities	(6,035)	2,080
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-
Others(Specify)	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(6,075)	1,804
III Cash flow from financing activities		
Repayment of long-term debt	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	-
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-
Others (specify) Long term financing	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	-	-
IV Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalent	(6,021)	(20,317)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the period	37,327	57,644
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the period	31,307	37,327

AUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES OF EQUITY AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018

	(Amount in Tshs in million)						
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulator y Reserve	General Provision reserve	Others	Total
CURRENT YEAR							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	10,000	-	22,272	4,068	781	-	37,120
Profit for the year	-	-	2,147	-	-	-	2,147
Other comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transaction with Owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	84	(84)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	(156)	-	156	-	-
Others(Prior period adjustments)	-	-	(211)	-	-	-	(211)
Balance as at the end of the current Period	10,000	-	24,135	3,984	937	-	39,056
PREVIOUS YEAR (As restated)							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	10,000	-	21,461	2,317	507	-	34,285
Profit for the year	-	-	2,836	-	-	-	2,836
Other comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transaction with Owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	-	(1,751)	1,751	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	(274)	-	274	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at the end of the Previous Period	10,000	-	22,272	4,068	781	-	37,120

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

In preparation of Yearly Financial statements, consistent Accounting Policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements. (Any changes during the period shall be explained as per the IAS 34 & IAS 8)

Name and Title	Signature	Date
Rajendra Sadashiv Mohrir (Managing Director)		22nd March, 2019
Deogratias Edward Ndushi (Head of Finance)		22nd March, 2019
Mwita Mohamed Mwita (Internal Auditor)		22nd March, 2019
We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the Statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.		
Name and Title	Signature	Date
Dr. Proches Meshili Kivwango Ngaturu (Director)		22nd March, 2019
Dr. Imanuelli Daniel Mnzava (Director)		22nd March, 2019

'Kilimo Tija' expands business opportunities for smallholder farmers in Kigoma Region

By Guardian Reporter

"KILIMO Tija" expands business opportunities for smallholder farmers in Kigoma, Tanzania

"Kilimo Tija" means more than a catchy phrase that resonates with smallholder farmers in Kigoma, north-west Tanzania. Translated from the Kiswahili language to English, it describes the shift to a productive, profitable and solution-based agriculture.

This is an AGRA-supported partnership with farmers in 217 villages, the government of Tanzania and a consortium of five organizations to increase staple food production, incomes and livelihoods in Kigoma region.

According to Donald Mizambwa, Associate Programme Officer AGRA, the region straddles the trade corridor linking Tanzania with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, and Zambia and provides limitless opportunities for trade in agricultural products both for local and regional markets.

"The project is an integrated effort to address the constraints faced by smallholder farmers, in a region where the agro-potential is underutilized," he says. Smallholder farmers comprise over 80 percent of the adult population in Kigoma Region, which covers an area of 45,066 square kilometers of which 8,029 km² is covered by water. AGRA is also involved in scaling up system and farmer level initiatives in selected priority agro-economic zones as well as enhancing supply chain efficiency through effective agribusiness deal-making platforms.

Maize is one of the leading food crops, registering the highest consumption in the region. According to the profile by the regional government, the soils throughout the region are suitable for maize growing. However, yield improvements are expected with improved seed, fertilizers and good agronomic practices.

For Zitto Kabwe, the Member of Parliament for Kigoma Urban constituency, tackling poverty should also embrace sector-wide interventions. "Poverty alleviation efforts must address agriculture and its challenges," he says. These views find currency not just with smallholder farmers in Tanzania but throughout sub-Saharan Africa, where agriculture is the building block of economies.

"We need initiatives that are geared towards assured food security and agribusiness prospects," notes Joseph Rubuye, Kigoma's regional agricultural adviser, "this translates to good economic prospects for both farmers and the region that must be sustained."

Moshi Ihiza, a leading cassava farmer at Kanazi village in Kasulu District, Kigoma, notes with pride that it was his farmer group that volunteered the first maize demonstration plot when "Kilimo Tija" made its debut in 2017.

"We learned how to move from traditional farming

practices to modern, commercialized agriculture, starting by investing in improved seed and fertilizers as well as spacing crops and other good agronomic practices as required," he adds.

Another happy farmer is Mrs Nezia Sigaza. She produced enough maize to feed her family in the previous season and expects to sell the surplus after the next season. Her story is replicated many times over among the villagers involved in the project, many of whom had become resigned to harvesting just two sacks of maize from 0.4 ha (one acre) plots. However ever since they adopted improved seed and fertilizer, some farmers harvested between 18-20 sacks on the same acreage.

To support industrialization efforts, the Tanzania Agriculture Development Bank (TADB) has begun the process of identifying companies to invest in the construction of a

palm oil processing plant in Kigoma.

But more important is the commitment to efforts by the government to consolidate food crop production for assured food security and agro-processing. When Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa visited the region last February, he was emphatic that agriculture and agro-processing were the assured pathways to improving people's lives. Aggregation, value addition and a structured trade environment expands market access opportunities for farmers.

The agro-processing sub-sector has the potential to contribute to Tanzania's long-term economic development by generating employment, raising productivity, transfer of skills and technology, increasing competitiveness, substituting imports and enhancing exports. Rapid urbanization and rising incomes have contributed to increased de-

mand for value-added products in the agriculture sector.

According to the MP, Zitto Kabwe, the support of a wide-range of stakeholders is required in the edible oil initiative. "However, it all begins with increasing the production and productivity of the palm trees in the region," he stresses. Other cash crops grown are coffee and tobacco.

The second phase of Tanzania's Agricultural Strategy Development Program (ASDP II), positions the country to transform its agricultural systems and increase the productivity and income of smallholder farmers. To its advantage, Tanzania has high agricultural potential and a growing private sector interest in investing in agriculture.

AGRA's strategy responds to the country's needs and prioritizes initiatives that complement the work of other actors to signifi-

cantly increase smallholder farmers' income and food security by enhancing productivity, strengthening linkages between market and production systems, supporting government to deliver on its priorities and supporting development of an improved enabling environment.

Among AGRA's past investments in Tanzania include a total of US \$50 million in input systems development, market development and policy. Planned investment focusses on supporting the Government of Tanzania in planning, coordination, implementation and creating an enabling environment. This initiative includes partnering with the Government in the roll-out of ASDP II and strengthening the agricultural sector coordination and delivery; as well as creating an enabling policy environment that attracts increased private sector investments.

Tasaf enters into partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

By Getrude Mbagi

THE Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) in collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has expressed willingness to work with the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) in implementing e-payment strategy to ensure beneficiaries are able to adopt, use and derive value from digital transaction.

FSDT executive director, Sothenes Kewe observed early this week in Dar es Salaam at the meeting with TASAF management citing that the initiative is anticipated to come up with account ownership models that will meet the needs of beneficiaries.

According to him, the plan will be in line with the developed Gender Action Plan (GAP) that is expected to be integrated in phase II of the productive social safety net program (PSSN).

"The Gender Action Plan provides a roadmap for the PSSN II program, by detailing key priorities for women's economic empowerment considering that out of five recipients of the cash grants, four are women," he said.

He added, "Based on recent pilot data, only 31 per cent of women opted for e-payments, citing lack of mobile phone ownership and low awareness of mobile money transactions as among the factors."

TASAF executive director Ladislaus Mwangana demonstrated strong interest into the adoption of the initiative, pointing out that a large part of the program has given a priority to women.


He however said that the implementation of the plan will be as per the requirements of the government.

Mwangana said that, this year the implementation of PSSN II moves from cash to a single electronic solution through the government e-payment gateway to deliver payments to women's mobile or bank accounts to address challenges which were arising during the cash payment model.

"In Tanzania, the cash transfer process requires TASAF beneficiaries to attend a community meeting prior to receiving payment; rural women spend hours waiting for receipt to the cash...so the electronic option is going to address all the challenges," he added.

Launched in 2000, TASAF is now in its third phase, implementing a Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) programme which targets more than one million poor households in the country. It is expected to reduce extreme poverty level by 52 percent and also reduce extreme poverty gap between the poorest and the well off households by 43 percent.

The other target is to increase income of poor households by engaging them in economic activities, getting temporary employment and building their capacity to invest in productive assets.



BANK OF BARODA (TANZANIA) LIMITED

BANKING WITH PASSION

DISCLOSURE UNDER REGULATION 12 OF BANKING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS 2014
CUSTOMER COMPLAINT REDRESSAL MECHANISM

To, The Esteemed Customers Bank of Baroda (Tanzania) Ltd Tanzania

- INTRODUCTION (UTANGULIZI)**
The Complaints Resolution Desk (the Desk) has been established by the Bank of Tanzania (BOT) as a cost effective and efficient mechanism to resolve complaints regarding banking institutions and their customers. The Desk, which is fully funded by the Bank, is intended to resolve complaints (small claims) whose monetary value in respect of both the claim amount and remedy awarded does not exceed fifteen million Tanzanian shillings (15,000,000) Mn.
- HOW TO LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH OUR BANK/JINJI YA KIWASILISHA MALALAMIKO KWA DAWATI**
When you are dissatisfied with our services or you have any complaint pertaining to our staff or bank or otherwise, you may lodge complaint to us by writing by post or fax or through your registered email address on the following contact addresses.

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- INTERNAL COMPLAINT RESOLUTION MECHANISM (MCHAKATA WA KUFATUHA UPUMBUZI WA MALALAMIKO)**
Through our internal complaint handling mechanism shall resolve your complaints within 21 working days from the date of lodging the complaint. The internal Complaint handling mechanism in our Bank is as under:
 - Receiving and timely processing consumers' complaints.
 - Keeping complaints updated throughout the process.
 - Keeping a record of all complaints and submit it to the Bank of Tanzania on quarterly basis.
 - Resolving all consumer complaints within 21 working days from the date of lodging the complaint.
- EXTERNAL COMPLAINT RESOLUTION MECHANISM (MCHAKATA WA KUFATUHA UPUMBUZI WA MALALAMIKO)**
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- HOW TO LODGE A COMPLAINT WITH THE DESK AT BANK OF TANZANIA (BOT)(NAAMA YA KIWASILISHA MALAMIKO KWIA DAWATI LA BOT)**
If you are dissatisfied with the decision of our bank in respect of your complaint or do not receive a response from our bank within 21 working days from the date of lodging your complaint, you may within 14 working days lodge your complaint with the Desk at BOT. However, before lodging your complaint with the Desk at BOT, you are required to exhaust the internal complaints resolution mechanism of our Bank first.
- PROCEDURE JURISDICTION OF THE BOT DESK (MAMLAKA ZA KIFEDHA ZA DAWATI)**
The desk shall handle complaints whose total monetary value in respect of both the claim amount and remedy to be awarded does not exceed fifteen million Tanzanian shillings (TZS 15,000,000/-).
- ELIGIBLE COMPLAINTS (MALALAMIKO YA HAKI)**
Only the following categories of complaints are eligible for submission to the Desk:
 - A complaint against a banking institution which is a member of the Tanzania Bankers Association or regulated by the Bank.
 - A complaint which is lodged within 14 days after a banking institution has delivered its decision or has failed to respond.
 - A complaint in respect of an incident which occurred less than two (2) years ago.
- INELIGIBLE COMPLAINTS (MALALAMIKO YASIO YA HAKI)**
In terms of the Guidelines issued, the Desk considers the following complaints as ineligible:
 - A complaint which has been the subject of legal proceedings before a Court or Tribunal.
 - Where the complainant has not suffered any financial loss, material inconvenience or distress.
 - A complaint which would be more suitably dealt with by a Court or under other dispute resolution arrangements.
 - A complaint whose resolution would prejudice the rights of other parties who have not consented to the resolution by the Desk.
 - A complaint which is vexatious or frivolous or not in good faith.
 - A complaint which was not first reported to the banking institution concerned.
 - A complaint which is lodged more than 14 days after a banking institution has delivered its decision or failed to resolve the complaint.
 - A complaint which is beyond the prescriptive jurisdiction of the Desk.

10. FREE SERVICE (HUDUMA ZA BUSE)
Resolution of banking consumers' complaints is free of charge as the Desk does not charge any fee whatsoever.

11. MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION (JLIA YA MAWASILIANO)
The medium of communication is both English and Kiswahili.

12. REMEDIES AWARDED (SULUHISHO LILOFATIKANA)
The function performed by the Desk is different from that performed by courts. The Desk is enjoined not to have regard to technicality and legal form but resolve complaints using criteria that would not usually be used by courts; for instance whether an explanation for the conduct was not given when it should have been given. A banking institution may be required to issue an apology, change its practices, offer payment or compensation as the case may be. The Desk is not bound by the legal principles of handling complaints such as rules of evidence but adheres to the general principles of natural justice.

When Aggrieved by Desk decision
Either party may request the Desk to reconsider any of its decision. Each party also has a right to seek redress before a competent court when it is not satisfied with the decision given by the Desk.

DISCLOSURE UNDER REGULATION 11 OF BANKING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS 2014
MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF CHARGES/FEEES/PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

DESCRIPTION	Revised Charges	
	TSHS	USD/GP/EUR
Remittances (Outward)	BOB to BOB	BOB to Other Bank
Outward Remittances (Rapid Fund to India)		
Upto USD 5000	12.00	18
USD 5001 to 10000	24.00	30.00
Above USD 10000	0.24% maximum USD 180	@ 0.30% maximum USD 200
REVISED CHARGES (TANZANIA)		
	In TZS	In USD
Individual	Upto USD or equivalent up to USD2000 -USD 13.20 USD2000 -USD 30.00 USD3000 -USD 33.00 Above USD 10000-USD 65 Flat + USD 35 Swift Charges	
Remittances (Outward) IT		
	CORPORATE	
	Upto USD or equivalent 10000USD 20.00 5000USD 33.00 >5000-65 USD + USD 35 Swift Charges	
Remittances (Inward) TT for Acct Holders only		
	From Tanzania	No Charges
	Outside Tanzania	No Charges
Current Acct./ Overdraft	N.A.	0.30% Min 12 and Max. USD 70
Saving Bank Acct.	N.A.	Flat USD 18
FBC-C	Current Acct. Overdraft	0.30 % min 12 and Max. USD 70 + Postage USD 90
	Saving Bank Acct.	Flat USD 18 + Postage USD 90
FBC-P	Current Acct. Overdraft	0.30 % Min 12 and Max USD 70 + Postage USD 90
	Saving Bank Acct.	Flat USD 18 + Postage USD 90
TISS (Only for Acct. Holders) Outward remittances	11800	Equivalent to TZS.10000+VAT
Issue of Bankers Cheque Bankers payment	30000	24.00
Cancellation of Bankers Cheques	20000	15.00
Stop payment of Current/OD Account	30000	24.00
Charging of Saving Acct	18000	15.00
Financial Reason	30000	30.00
Non-Financial	18000	18.00
Special clearance (DSM only)		
Within City Centre	72000	42.00
Outside City Centre	90000	60.00
Inward Cheque charges in clearing per instrument	150	Equivalent to Tsh.150
Charging of FT charges	100	Equivalent to Tsh.100
Balance confirmation	Current/OD Acct 18000 Saving Acct 12000	18.00 12.00
Letter Reference/Identity Letter	25000	25.00
Current/OD Acct	12000	12.00
Saving Bank	830	0.55
Cost of cheque per leaf	Current/OD Acct 830 Saving Bank	0.55
Ledger Folio Charges		
Current / Overdraft Account	6000 per folio Min 6000 p.m.	USD 4 per folio Min USD 4 p.m.
Ledger Charges for Savings Bank a/c	9000 H/Yearly	9.00 H/Yearly
For purpose of Current Account/overdraft 30 entries will constitute one ledger folio.		
Minimum Balance Charges		
Charges for not maintaining minimum balance in Current account	18000 p.m.	15.00 p.m.
Charges for not maintaining minimum balance in Savings Bank account.	7500 p.m.	7.50 p.m.
Accr. maintenance charges for Saving and Current account.	Current Acct 18000 H/Yearly Saving Acct 9000 H/Yearly	18.00 H/Yearly 9.00 H/Yearly

DESCRIPTION	Once in a month, no Charge (Regular)	6.50
Acct. Statement	6500	6.50
Interim Acct. statement	25.000	25.00
Account Closure	Saving Bank 60.000 Current Account 18.000	60.00 18.00
Account Closing Saving	18.000	18.00
Account Closing Current	42.000	42.00
Dormant Acct.	Saving Bank 3000.00 H. Yearly Current Account 6000.00 H. Yearly	2.50 H. Yearly 5.00 H. Yearly
Eponymy Collection of cheques	0.6% of value Min Commission 18000 + Postage USD 90	0.6% of value Min Commission USD 18 + Postage USD 90
Cash Deposit Charges	Current Acct. Upto 25 Mn free, 60.000 upto 50 Mn 120.000 upto 100 Mn 180.000 upto 150 Mn 240.000 upto 200 Mn 300.000 upto 250 Mn above 250 Mn 600.000.	0.30% above USD 10000 per day.
	Saving Acct.	0.18% above USD 5000 per day.
Cash withdrawal Charges	Current Acct. Upto 25.00 Mn no charges above 25.00 Mn 0.12% of withdrawal.	0.60% upto 10000 and 1.18% above 10000 USD
	Saving Acct.	Upto USD 2000 no charges upto 5000 0.30% and above 5000 0.60%.
ADVANCES		
ADVANCES PROCESSING CHARGES	TZS	FCY
UPTO 10 Mn	UPTO USD 10000	20000
10 Mn to 200 Mn	USD 10000 to USD 200000	2.65%
Above 200 Mn	Above USD 200000	2.65%
Loans/Overdraft against deposit of our Bank (or Third Party) - Waiver of Processing, and documentation charges.		
DOCUMENTATION CHGS		
UPTO 10 Mn	UPTO USD 10000	30000
10 Mn to 200 Mn	USD 10000 to USD 200000	0.30% (Minimum 6.00)
Above 200 Mn	Above USD 200000	0.18% (Minimum 1.18)
Resubmission Charges	1.20% Max 1.00 Mn	1.20% Max USD 600.00
Inspection Charges	Upto Tsh 200 Mn or USD 0.20 Mn	35000 USD 65
	Above Tsh 200 Mn or USD 0.20 Mn	65000 USD 65
	In addition to above inspection charges out of pocket expenses are also to be charged.	
Balance/Interest Certificate	2.40% p.a.	18.00
Prepayment	Upto 250 Mn or Charges Principle	2.40% p.a.
Outstanding for 30 or 90 or 120 (residual Period)	1.20% Subject to Min. 120000	1.20% Subject to Min. USD 120
Bankers opinion /Confidential Report	30000	30
Registration of Loan Agreement with Bank of Tanzania	N.A.	UPTO 1 Mn USD-120 USD 1 Mn to 2 Mn -300 USD Above 2 Mn -600 USD
Commitment Charges	1.32 of undrawn portion in case 80% average limit not utilized per quarter.	0.66 of undrawn portion in case 80% average limit not utilized per quarter.
Modification Charges	0.12% Sanctioned Limit. Minimum USD 60.	0.12% sanctioned limit Minimum USD 60.
Interchangeability	Upto 100 Mn -60000 p.a. Above 100 Mn 120000 p.a.	Up to USD 50000 USD 60 p.a. Above USD 50000 USD 120 p.a.
BANK GUARANTEE		
Financial/Performance per Quarter-Part of quarter treated as full	Financial 1.35% Minimum per quarter or part thereof Min TZs 18000	1.35% minimum per quarter or part thereof Min USD 15
Extension of BG	Above commission for change in period amt.	Above commission for change in period amt.
	1.35% of BG amt for residual period of guarantee subject to min 18000 in case of any other parameter amended.	1.35% of BG amt for residual period of guarantee subject to min USD 15 in case of any other parameter amended.
BG against 100 Cash Margin	Swift charges USD 42 or equivalent applicable in addition to above charges.	
Bank Guarantee	75% applicable charges + USD 42 Swift Charges.	
Bank Guarantee Confirmation	IN FCY ONLY	
Documentary Credit	1.35% per quarter or part thereof. This period includes the usance period in case of Usance LC's + USD 42 or equivalent swift charges.	
Issuance of LC/Credit	40% of above charges	
LC against 100 Cash Margin		
LC Amendment	For period and amount the above commission + USD 42 or equivalent swift charges.	
	0.62% of LC amt Min 60 USD and Maximum USD 300 or equivalent commission per amendment + USD 42 or equivalent swift charges (Applicable for 100% cash margin also)	
Advising LC	USD 130 and or equivalent + USD 42 or equivalent swift charges.	
LC Confirmation	1.00% per quarter or part thereof of this period includes the Usance period in case of Usance LC's + USD 42 or equivalent swift charges.	
IMPORT/EXPORTS BILL		
Inward Bill (Under-LC)	0.35% + Swift Charges 42 subject to Minimum charges USD 120	
	USD 65 in addition to above charges for Discrepancy.	
Inward Bill (Non-LC)	0.65% + USD 20.00 Handling Charges + 35 Swift Charges	
	USD 65 in addition to above charges for Discrepancy.	
Exports Bill (Under-LC)	0.35%+ 42 Swift Charges+ USD 65 courier Charges -Minimum USD 120.	
	USD 60 in addition to above charges for Discrepancy.	
Exports Bill (NON-LC)	0.65%+ 42 Swift Charges + USD 65 courier Charges subject to Minimum USD 120.	
	USD 65 in addition to above charges for Discrepancy	

Security charges (T Bill and T Bonds)			
Bidding	NIL	TZS 35000	
Transfer	NIL	TZS 45000	
Lien Creation	NIL	TZS 45000	
Lien Release	NIL	TZS 45000	
SALARY PROCESSING			
Change of Operational Instruction	C.ACCET	TZS 30000 USD 30.00	
	SB.ACCET	TZS 12000 USD 12.00	
S.I. Failure CHGS	C.ACCET	TZS 6000 USD 2.40	
	SB.ACCET	TZS 1800 USD 1.20	
INTEREST RATES ON DEPOSITS			
Saving Bank Deposit	Baroda Premium Current account	Weka hata Kiasi Kidogo Kinachopatikana	Short & Fixed Deposit
2.5% p.a. for Tshs above 100,000	2.5% p.a. for maintaining min bal of Tshs 100,000 above Tshs 25mm	Rate of interest is equivalent to FDR rates for the relevant periods	Period % per annum
0.25% p.a. USD	+0.25% p.a. for maintaining minimum balance of USD 100,000 above USD 20,000		-7 to 30 days 3%
			-31 to 90 days 3%
			-91 to 180 days 5%
			-181 to less than year 6%
			-1 year to less than 3 years 7%
			-2 years to less than 3 years 7%
			-3 years and above 9%
For deposits to Foreign Currency			
			Period (days) Utd Gbp Eur
			31-180 1.00 1.00 0.50
			181-360 1.50 1.50 1.00
			361-720 2.00 2.00 1.50
			721 & above 1.00 1.00 1.50
UNIT RATE ON LOAN ADVANCES.			
TANZANIAN SHILLINGS		UNITED STATES DOLLARS	
PRIME LENDING RATE - 14% MAX SPREAD-6%		4.5% OVER 3 MONTHS LIBOR MAXIMUM 12%	
We, the undersigned have examined the above information and hereby declare that the information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and information.			
PRODUCTS AND SERVICES			
Deposit Products	Loan Products (Fund Based)		
Current Deposits Account	For Banks For Ordinary - Others Premium Account		
Savings Deposit	Ordinary/Others Account Baroda Shule Account No Frills Account Short Deposits Scheme		
Time Deposits	Fixed Deposits Scheme Weka Hata Kiasi Kidogo Kinachopatikana Deposit Scheme		
Treasury Function	Advance Against Property Money Market Products such as Deposits and Investment in Government Securities, Dealing in Currencies (Foreign Exchanges), Import and Exports Bills.		
REMITTANCES (Fund Transfer)	Loans for companies against shares listed in stock exchange. Personal / Car loan to staff Loan against future Rent Receivables Loan against Bank's own Deposit Insurance Premium Financing Loan Products (Non - Fund Based) Issuance of Letter of Credit and Bank Guarantee.		
Banker Cheque, Electronic Fund Transfer, Swift Transfer, Rapid Fund to India, Tanzania Inter-Bank Settlement System.			
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Working class and the power of capital – Part 6

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Working class and the power of capital
Author: Michael D. Yates
Reviewer: Farooque Chowdhury

THE working class, if it decides to win in class struggle, has to assess the power of capital. Without this assessment, the struggles the working class carries on against capital turn to adventurism or capitulation or puerile disorder. Consequently, the struggle lurches in a political wilderness, or, resorts to individual heroism, formulating programs that reach the level of utopia, produce something called mispent energy, and discard the essential work of political education, organization and planning. Michael D. Yates, in chapter 5 of his recently released book - *Can the Working Class Change the World?* - conducts the important task - an assessment of the power of capital.

Michael D. Yates, director of Monthly Review Press and former Associate Editor of Monthly Review magazine, presents an assessment of the power of capital on a global scale.

"Labor unions, labor political parties, and peasant organizations have, indeed, changed the world. Yet they have not succeeded in defeating capital and moving the world on to a radically democratic and fully egalitarian trajectory. Capital is still firmly in control of production, distribution, and politics.

Most of the world's income and wealth is monopolized by a small number of persons and global corporations. The advances made by the working class, broadly conceived, have proven short-lived and vulnerable to capital's power. The Soviet Union is no more, and China has moved rapidly toward a full embrace of capitalism. Social democracy is on the ropes in the Global North and has been thoroughly defeated in Great Britain and the United States. Even at its peak, social democracy did little to help workers and peasants gain control of their workplaces and land or to force a much greater equalization in the distribution of wealth. Greater income equality happened, but it is wealth that matters most."

The assessment may sound caustic to some persons/ideologues as it adds: "If social democracy has never led to a full-scale assault on capitalism, what reason is there to believe that it ever could? Today, it is impossible to believe that there will be a recovery of even the modest political and economic project that labor unions and political parties once embraced and helped bring to fruition. This leaves a stark choice. Either continue to accept capitalism as a given and try to squeeze whatever

crumbs capital might be willing to let fall from its table or radically change direction and begin to build a global movement that can transcend capitalism once and for all." He also reminds readers:

"During the massive protests in Europe in 2011, [...] social democrats were remarkably silent."

Does this silence tell a bit about social democracy's collaboration with capital? Does it show that the silent "warriors" are actually a part of the political wing of the dominating capital in those economies? Today, the working class has to find answers, in specific terms, not in general terms, to these questions if it is to organize its radical political march.

The assessment may shower shame on some, while, to the revolutionary political forces, may sound a bugle to class war by the exploited. This, the call to class war, is entirely political, entirely class-based, entirely under the leadership of the working class, and entirely free from NGO-politics - a politics designed to secure capitalist-imperialist politics by theoretically, politically, and organizationally disarming the working class.

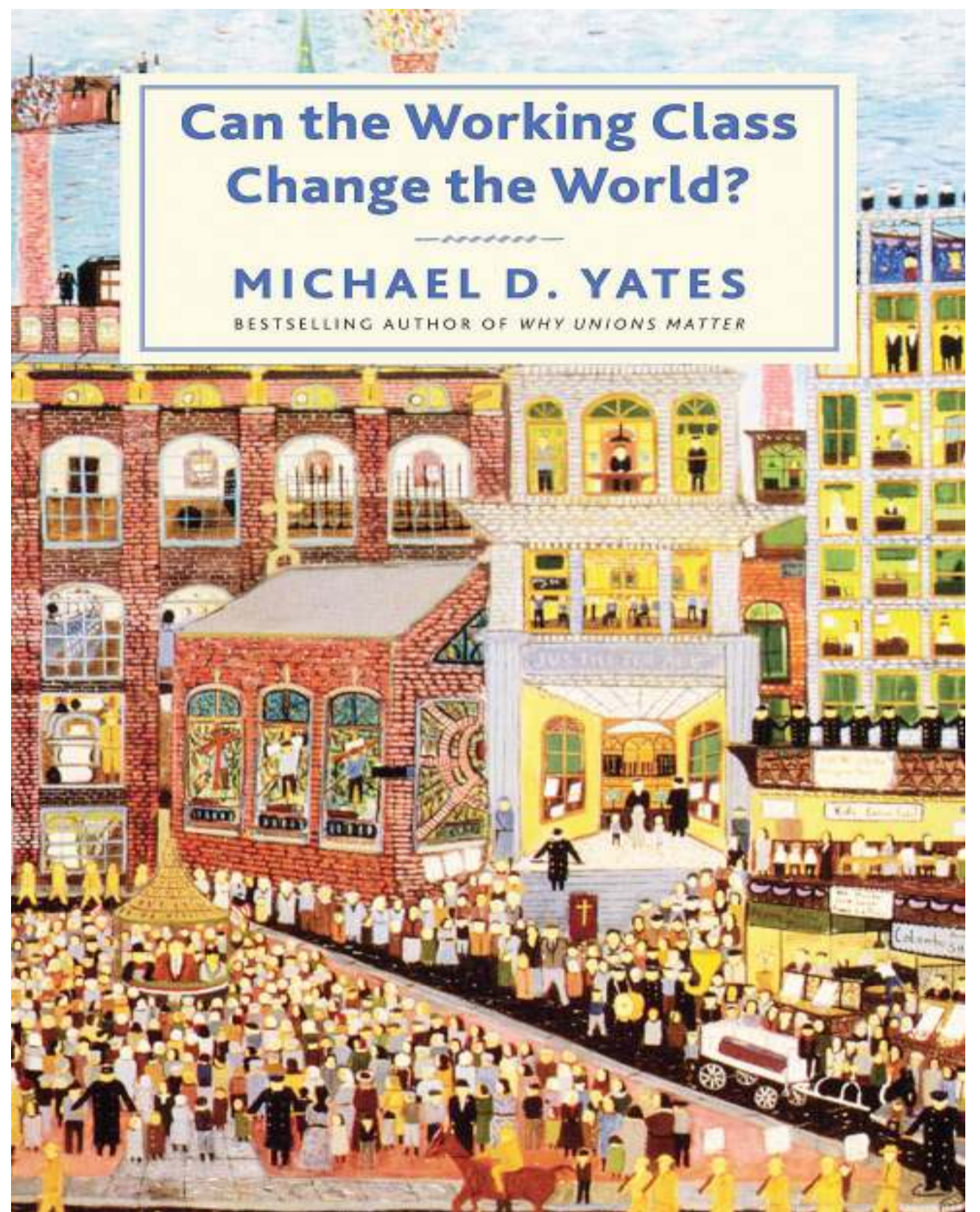
The labor educator presents a brief view from a number of countries in this chapter: "[F]

rom Latin America to India, left-center political parties have often espoused policies that would help workers and peasants, but they have seldom delivered. Instead they have been mired in the same appeasement of capital, favored export-led development, given subsidies to foreign capital, and failed to heavily tax the wealthy or implement serious land reforms. This has been true of Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Nicaragua, and India, among many other nations. Corruption has been a common denominator in these places too."

Corruption has now turned into a tool for expropriating and appropriating entire peoples in entire societies, which is ultimately paid by the working class as it is the working class that produces wealth. Corruption has turned into a tool for primitive accumulation, and a political tool for subjugation. Imperialist capital, multilateral financing organizations and the armaments industry, all take a role in this plundering.

Michael Yates presents a hard fact missed by some observers in the camp of the people:

"Ironically, the only government that has not gone on an austerity binge is Japan." The reason behind this is that in Japan, there has been a weakness of some part of global capital. It should not be forgotten that Japan's economy



became so weak the economy experienced what has been called a period of lost decades. It's a highly developed capitalist economy, which finds many persons get lost, economically speaking, every year. Where's the weakness, where's the strength, and what's the tact of this capital?"

Professor Michael Yates also presents a labor union-reality from Japan:

"[M]ilitant labor unions were crushed by post-Second World War governments, aided by the United States occupation and an alliance with Japanese organized crime. Unions in Japan are typically company-controlled, and social welfare is not very generous." Unions, not only in Japan, in many countries are organized/controlled/manipulated/crushed by capital by employing hoodlums, lumpen elements appearing to be members of the working class. It's a power of capital to take the initiative. Even, literature on unions mostly goes silent on the issue - employing hoodlums. A more important issue, quite often absent in working class literature, is the role unions should take while confronting capital, and the relation between union and politics of the working class. It's a neutralized and/or sold-out leadership sitting at the head of the working class, a leadership devoid of any revolutionary politics.

The professor of labor economics brings to notice this aspect: "[L]abor unions and political parties did little historically to build rank-and-file democracy and competencies or to engage members in radical, empowering education and actions [...]. For some of the same reasons, workers are forsaking labor unions, and union densities continue to fall, everywhere." Actually, this absence of practicing rank-and-file democracy and educating members is a demonstration of capital's power, the power to corrupt, the power to inactivate as practicing democracy at grassroots level of union and political education enables union members to engage in combat with capital.

The power of capital to influence and control is evident as "[i]n the stronger social democratic parties," writes Michael Yates in the chapter, "the trends are the same, moving steadily rightward, harming the working classes of their respective countries in an effort to ward off attacks from conservative political formations. While these parties once administered the social pact between labor and capital in such a way that social welfare spending and working-class security increased, today, with capital abandoning the labor-management accord, they too are deserting what was once their chief constituency." The story is re-told by the economics professor: "In Great Britain, the Labour Party long ago abandoned its commitment to the working class."

In a number of countries, the reality is no less bad: Individuals - either a bunch of blackguards or a band of betrayers to the class - usurp union leadership with a posture of being busy with "activities related" to the working class.

And, in some countries, these are simple fortune seekers, careerists, and a new breed of predators, living by union money and money from dubious sources. The professor cites the rising trend: springing up of the far right, anti-immigrant, neo-Nazi and neo-fascist forces redrawing the political map of countries beginning from northern, eastern, central, southwestern Europe to the other side of the Atlantic. The development was, Michael Yates writes, "unimaginable even two decades ago." He informs us of a more alarming fact: "For some of the same reasons, workers are forsaking labor unions, and union densities continue to fall, everywhere."

This development shows a few aspects of capital's power, and limits of power:

(1) Capitalism, specifically a faction of capital, finds no alternative other than resorting to an ideology and politics, which is nothing but backward, and harmful to its existence. For example, capital's exploitation of cheap labor - migrant labor - is driven out. The migrant labor is a part of the reserve army of labor. This reserve army of labor could have worked as a bargaining chip with the labor in capital's own yard. Capital is failing to exploit cheap labor, although it is always running at fatal speed to maximize its profit, and exploiting cheap labor is one of the ways to maximize profit.

(2) The faction/part of capital resorting to acts harmful to its own interest is powerful enough to influence at least a

part of labor and, in the field of politics, a part of electorates. This reality related to capital simultaneously exhibits its power and weakness.

"Labor and politics", a section in the chapter, tells a few bitter truths, which is hidden by the mainstream, a major source of information for the commoners. The facts include:

(1) "Organized labor [in the United States] has tied itself to the Democratic Party, which by no stretch of the imagination can be described as a labor party. It has, in fact, abandoned whatever concern it had for working people, believing instead that a coalition of highly educated suburbanites and traditionally Democratic minorities gives it the only chance to gain state power."

(2) "Yet, despite this, the AFL-CIO and most of the member unions contribute tens of millions of dollars and untold hours of phone-banking, house calls, and social media work to get Democrats elected, no matter how conservative these politicians are."

(3) "In 2011, for example, Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO president, and James Hoffa, Jr., head of the Teamsters union, were sharply critical of then-president Barack Obama and the Democratic Party for catering to business and ignoring the working class. Forget for a moment that these labor leaders have been far removed from the working class for a very long time, and Hoffa, who is an attorney, never did a union job like those his members do every day. Their reproaches were well founded."

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Request for Quotation

For Supply and Installation of Solar Powered Submersible Water Pumps WARIDI-0016-2019

Winrock International is a sub-contractor to Tetra Tech the prime implementing partner for the USAID/Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (USAID/WARIDI) pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and in accordance with USAID Contract No AID-OAA-I-14-00068/AID-621-TO-16-00003.

WARIDI is a USAID funded five-year activity which seeks to achieve improvements in health, water resources management, agriculture, climate change adaptation and the environment in Tanzania. WARIDI promotes state-of-the-art approaches in cross-sectoral, integrated management of water-related resources and services

Through this RFQ, USAID/WARIDI requests quotations from qualified locally registered Vendors to bid for Supply and Installation of Submersible Solar Powered Water Pumps to the following sites:

Ilakala (Kilosa District, Morogoro Region)-3 pumps
Nyamani (Kilosa District, Morogoro Region)-5 pumps
Maharaka (Mvomero District, Morogoro Region)-2 pumps

Winrock International will split the award into two contracts to the two vendors that provide the best value for money.

A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be obtained via email from **Procurement Officer, Winrock International, JR House, Old Dar es Salaam Road, P.O Box 768, Morogoro, Tanzania**, email: waridi.procurement@winrock.org no later than **Friday April 5, 2019**. Any questions should be sent by Friday April 5, 2019 at 5.00pm East Africa Time; and will be responded to in one all-inclusive written document provided to all bidders via email on Monday April 8, 2019.

Quotations must be received no later than 12:00 Noon East African Time on **Friday, April 12, 2019**. Late submissions will not be accepted. All quotations are to be submitted following the guidelines listed in the bidding documents. Telephone requests will not be honored.

Bids shall be opened in public, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend, at **Winrock International offices, JR House, Old Dar es Salaam Road, P.O Box 768, Morogoro, Tanzania, at 2.00 pm, on Friday, April 12, 2019**.

Winrock International

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By Property Watch Reporter

MCHUMO'S INBAR TO HELP GOVT HAVE BAMBOO STRATEGY, STANDARDS

In a bid to boost use of bamboo in construction, conservation and eco-friendly products manufacture, International Network of Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR) will assist the government come up with a strategy and standard for the technology.

INBAR which recently announced Ambassador Ali Mchumo as its new Secretary General said in its 2018 annual report that Tanzania and Madagascar will have their bamboo strategies and products standard before the end of this year.

The Beijing based institution said as part of INBAR's Dutch-Sino East Africa project and South-South Knowledge Transfers project in Africa, policy support is being provided to help develop national strategies and action plans across Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

"INBAR is also working with Madagascar and Tanzania on similar plans, which should be finalised in 2019," the report stated while pointing out that supportive policy environment is an incredibly important way to boost the development of the bamboo and rattan sector globally and has been the case with China.

Bamboo supplies millions of households across the world with employment and building materials. It is often used as a fast-growing alternative to timber or other building materials, and its products can have a low or even negative carbon footprint across their lifecycle, the INBAR report stated.

The INBAR annual report further noted that last year, it also facilitated the formation of three bamboo asso-



Bamboo made Cristal Resort apartments in Zanzibar. File photo.

ciations: Uganda Bamboo Association, Bamboo Association of Kenya and Ethiopia Bamboo Association, to undertake advocacy and to ensure the long-term sustainability of project interventions.

INBAR also helped to facilitate the participation of bamboo stakeholders in three major exhibitions and trade fairs in Kenya and Uganda, and took to the airwaves to promote bamboo in four radio-

based awareness programmes in Uganda.

The Global Assessment of Bamboo and Rattan for green development (GABAR) continues apace, advancing our knowledge of glob-

al bamboo and rattan distribution and helping countries understand the local potential of these plants, the INBAR 2018 report added.

"In particular, we are excited to be contributing to an updated

global map of bamboo distribution. This will be formalised in 2020, with the publication of FAO's latest forest resources assessment. As usual, all our research goes hand in hand with policy support, training and on-the-ground project work: valuable activities which give people across the value chain the tools they need to start making more use of bamboo and rattan," said INBAR Director General, Dr Hans Friedrich.

Dr Friedrich added that during the year, INBAR and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) launched a new project which will start this year aimed to develop the bamboo sectors across Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana and Madagascar.

"The multi-million dollar project will target 30,000 rural smallholder farmers and community members, particularly women and youth, who will be taught how to plant, manage and create value-added products and biomass energy using bamboo," he said.

"This year will bring fresh

chances to promote the importance of nature-based solutions. In particular, INBAR will be playing a large role in the International Horticultural Exhibition 2019: a six-month-long international event in Beijing, China which aims to showcase how to 'live green, live better,'" the outgoing INBAR Director General stated.

Among other reasons, INBAR advocates use of bamboo because it reduces pressure on forest resources and can replace cement and plastic in drainage pipes, housing and storage facilities. It also creates resilient structures which can withstand earthquakes.

As such, this plant has the potential to play a major role in Sustainable Development Goal II: creating affordable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure and housing. Since the 1980s, new technologies have led to the emergence of prefabricated bamboo housing made with engineered bamboo.

Engineered construction products allow bamboo to be easily transformed into standardised dimensions, enabling its easy use in modern structures. Bamboo panels and flooring often outperform their wooden counterparts by some technological measures of strength and rigidity.

Infrastructure worth over a billion dollars lost in Africa to Cyclone Idai, says ECA chief

ADDIS ABABA

Africa could have lost infrastructure worth more than a billion dollars following Cyclone Idai, the storm that battered Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar and Zimbabwe last week, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Executive Secretary, Vera Songwe, said Sunday.

Speaking during a high-level policy dialogue on capitalising on the nexus between climate change and public budget for resilient economies in Africa, Ms. Songwe said the trail of destruction left by Cyclone Idai was devastating. She called on the continent to seriously start prioritising emergency preparedness and disaster planning.

"When we talk about the new climate economy it is almost impossible not to think about what is happening on our continent right now. We probably have lost about a billion dollars in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Malawi in terms of resources, in particular the Beira port, the signature port of Mozambique, is essentially today almost a thing of the past because of cyclone Idai," said Ms. Songwe.

At least 2,000 people are estimated to have disappeared across the four countries during the storm.

"So this conversation we are having here today in the context of the immediate clear impacts of climate change on our continent is important because not only is climate resilience important for planning for disasters but it is also important because we now know we will have more of these extreme climate events. The question is how can we begin to plan to ensure that we know that risk management or risk mitigation is a lot better than disaster recovery," the ECA Chief added.

Ms. Songwe, who on Wednesday led United Nations staff and African experts meeting in Marrakesh in observing a minute of silence for those who lost their lives in the cyclone, said for a variety of reasons, including financial constraints, many coun-

tries on the continent were not prepared to respond to such unexpected disaster events.

This unpreparedness has been an issue across the continent where disaster management systems have either been non-existent or inadequate.

Ms. Songwe said the theme of this year's Conference of Ministers of "fiscal policy, trade and the private sector in the digital era: a strategy for Africa" was in sync with the discussion on the need for Africa to capitalise on the nexus between climate change and public budget for resilient economies on the continent.

She said there was need for the continent to also have Chief Planning Officers in case of such tragic disasters.

The meeting, which was organised by the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) and New Climate Economy, brought high-level participants together to discuss effective ways African countries can use budgetary and planning functions to leverage limited public resources to mobilise private and external funds for investments towards making their economies sustain-

able and climate resilient.

One area that was explored during the meeting was how countries are using cross-sectoral approaches to assist in integrated planning and implementation of climate actions in the context of development priorities across the agriculture, land use and water sectors.

Ms. Olga Algayerova, the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) shared with participants work that the ECE is doing in Europe in particular the water-food-energy-ecosystem nexus.

"Increased vulnerability due to climate change, a growing world population and growing needs for investments, innovation and human capacity, all continue to exacerbate demands on water, energy and food resources and related ecosystem services," she said.

Ms. Algayerova said water, energy and food are inextricably linked and to achieve security in all three sectors, while also protecting vital ecosystems, integrated solutions were necessary. The water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus is an approach that offers such integrated solutions.



Destroyed roads and buildings in Mozambican city of Beira after Cyclone Idai. File photo.

JOHANNESBURG

Standard Bank has made public the findings of an independent macroeconomic study demonstrating the potential for the first phase of Area 4's Rovuma liquefied natural gas (LNG) project to transform Mozambique.

Once developed, the 15.2 million tons per annum project, expected to attract between USD27 and USD32 billion in investment, will monetise 2.6 billion cubic feet per day of Mozambique's offshore LNG resources, add USD15 to USD18 billion per annum to Mozambique's gross domestic product (GDP), and drive Mozambique towards being, in time, the world's fourth largest producer of LNG.

"The first phase of Rovuma LNG has the potential to transform the Mozambican economy and turn the province of Cabo Delgado into one of the world's fastest growing regions, with every prospect of developing supporting industrial and agricultural value chains," says Dele Kuti, Standard Bank Group Head of Oil and Gas.

The successful development of Rovuma LNG could place Mozambique in pole position to become a long-term leading supplier of LNG to some of the world's largest economies, including China, as they deepen fuel-switching policies aimed at replacing coal with cleaner gas as an energy source.

The Rovuma LNG project's first phase is targeting a final investment decision in 2019. Depending on capex scenarios, Rovuma LNG Phase 1, in addition to GDP growth, is expected to, increase annual gross national product by USD10 to USD14 billion, while contributing USD4 to USD5 billion per annum in government revenues over the next 25 years," says Paul Eardley-Taylor, Standard Bank Head of Oil and Gas for Southern Africa.

Rovuma LNG is also expected to increase Mozambique's projected real growth rate from 4% to between 4.8% and 5.4% (depending on scenario).

From an employment perspective, it is anticipated that Rovuma LNG will employ approximately 20,500 construction workers and



An illustration of the proposed Rovuma LNG plant in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique.

Research by Standard Bank sheds vital light on Rovuma liquefied natural gas project

1,300 operational workers. The project's activities are also expected to create many more additional employment opportunities from various value chain and reinvestment activities associated with the support, supply and profits arising from the commercial operation of Rovuma LNG.

Global supply potential aside, Rovuma LNG will form the nucleus of what will be, in time, a substantial domestic gas industry in Mozambique. This industry is also expected to have broader regional supply potential.

"It is anticipated that the development of a domestic gas industry in Mozambique will help the government achieve its vision of having a domestic gas sector running parallel to its LNG export capability. This will drive broader national development and social transformation, especially with regard to domestic small and medium-sized enterprise formation," says Eardley-Taylor.

The macroeconomic study follows on from the 2014 Macroeconomic Study prepared for Mozambique LNG (owned by Area 1), with Conningarth

Economists assisting on both.

"As an African bank that sees Africa as our home, Standard Bank is committed to driving the continent's growth by using the bank's presence, insights and expertise to develop the continent's resources to their full potential in the interests of African citizens," says Kuti.

The public launch of the study at the Standard Bank Incubator in Maputo and open invitation for comment emphasises the transparent and inclusive nature of the independent research.

"It demonstrates how Standard Bank has worked with data provided by all Area 4 partners to produce an independent study that reflects the full local, national and global economic and human development potential of Rovuma LNG," says Eardley-Taylor.

On a cautionary note, the study calculates that any delays to Rovuma LNG would have a negative economic impact upon achieving the targets currently projected. To mitigate this risk, the Rovuma LNG study makes several recommendations.

LIQUID TELEKOM KENYA, NOKIA PARTNER TO EXTEND FIBRE NETWORK

NAIROBI

Liquid Telecom Kenya and Nokia have announced a two-year partnership to upgrade their existing fibre network to support OTN/DWDM technology with an initial network capacity of 500G.

The companies claim the partnership will result in a faster and more reliable connection along the route from the Indian Ocean to datacenters in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and neighbouring countries.

"Powered by the Nokia 1830 Photonic Service Switch (PSS), the upgrade allows Liquid Telecom to meet the growing demand from its carrier, mobile operator and internet service provider (CSP/ISP) customers for higher-capacity inter-networking services," reads a statement issued by the partners.

The network will support high-capacity connections from the submarine landing stations in Mombasa, Kenya, to major datacenters in Nairobi, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda, as well as surrounding markets.

Liquid Telecom will become the first communications solutions provider to connect through their own network with nearly every country that borders Kenya whilst also providing an alternate fibre route to submarine for other landlocked countries such as Ethiopia, Rwanda and DR-Congo.

Ben Roberts, CTO, Liquid Telecom, said: "We believe that every individual on the African continent has the right to be connected. This is the vision that has been driving



An open underground fibre optic cable vault in Nairobi.

our network expansion across Africa. By teaming up with Nokia, we have been able to quickly adapt to the industry's rapid growth within the region and greater access to our high-speed fibre network and cloud services across East Africa. This comes at a time when more mobile

operators are planning to increase their backbone bandwidth as they prepare for 5G which is driving the demand for high speed city to city internet links."

Potential reach
 The deployment began in October 2018, and the companies believe it

has the potential to reach over 85 million mobile subscribers across Kenya and neighbouring countries.

Daniel Jaeger, head of the Central, East and West Africa Market Unit at Nokia, said: "As an industry-leading optical network provider, Nokia has enabled customers to maximise

network capacity and efficiency while supporting the deployment of mission-critical services. With our DWDM/OTN network, Liquid Telecom can offer the high capacity and low latency needed for its customers, ensuring an excellent customer experience and ultimately connecting all of Africa to the digital world. This network will be an important, additional backbone network with Nokia technology across Africa."

Liquid Telecom selected Nokia's DWDM and OTN technologies for increased capacity and bandwidth, and the ability to support long distances. The Nokia solution allows Liquid Telecom to reuse its existing Nokia DWDM infrastructure, which reduces its capital expenditures, the companies added.

The companies explain the solution will initially be available on the following routes: Nairobi - Mombasa: high-capacity interconnections from Nairobi datacenters to the submarine landing stations at Mombasa; Nairobi - Kampala: opens a new high-capacity route to Uganda, Rwanda and beyond; Nairobi - Namanga: opens a new high-capacity route to Tanzania; as well as Nairobi - Ethiopia: opens a new high-capacity route to Ethiopia and gives the landlocked country an alternate route to the submarine connection in Djibouti.

In early March 2019 Liquid Telecom South Africa secured a deal with MTN to offer 4G roaming. Liquid said the deal includes LTE services to fuel the growing demand for high speed mobile broadband. The wholesale roaming service will be made available across Liquid Telecom's network nationwide.

Orascom posts 84% profit rise on new project implementation

CAIRO

Egyptian contractor Orascom Construction grew its profits by 84 per cent in 2018 compared to the previous year, owing to a series of new contract awards, primarily in the Middle East and Africa, and a continued focus on cost controls globally, it said on Wednesday.

Net income attributable to shareholders grew to \$144.7 million for the full-year 2018, while consolidated revenue grew 18 per cent to \$3 billion, according to Orascom.

"Our consolidated fourth-quarter earnings round up a consistent ending to the year and reflect our continuous focus on operational excellence and project controls," said Orascom's chief executive Osama Bishai.

"We continue to play a leadership role in the development of Egypt's infrastructure across all major segments of the industry." The board of directors proposed a dividend distribution of \$0.30 cents per share to shareholders, marking the second consecutive annual dividend.

The group signed about \$1.5bn of new awards in the Middle East and Africa in 2018, of which \$520m were added in the fourth quarter. New projects in Egypt spanned several market segments including water desalination treatment, Al Alamein and the New Administrative Capital.

Orascom also signed a deal to build two hydropower plants in Burundi, West Africa, to be funded by the World Bank, European Investment Bank and African Development Bank. The contract win "highlights Orascom's strategy to pursue quality projects in the Middle East and Africa with credible funding."

MEA operations accounted for 67 per cent of Orascom's total revenues in 2018, while the US accounted for the balance. Revenues from the US declined 36.6 per cent year-on-year, mainly due to the completion of two large chemical plants in Iowa and Texas.

"We are pleased with the progress of the integration of our US businesses under one consolidated management and streamlined operation," a statement said. Meanwhile, Orascom's wholly owned subsidiary Besix delivered strong results while growing its overall backlog, according to Orascom.

"We see a healthy addition of new projects as the group currently pursues an active bidding pipeline across existing and new markets," Mr Bishai said.

TukAid provides affordable ambulances and soon to launch in Kenya, Nigeria

THE HAGUE

Accessing health care is the right of everyone, no matter where they locate in and rich or poor they are. This seems to go with the motto of TukAid which soon will be launched in Kenya and Nigeria to further expand across other African countries.

As ambulance services are fairly expensive, the innovative solution which was founded by Victoria Martynova, Jamie Boon, and Edwin de Wit, aims at providing affordable ambulances for people in emergency need. It's basically tuk-tuk that's turned into 'Tuk-tuk Ambulance' for faster and more affordable emergency care when needed.

The idea behind the utilization of Tuk-tuk ambulances was because the normal ambulances are not only expensive but also because there are some locations that they can't easily pass through. Therefore, TukAid was created.

TukAid uses a tuk-tuk equipped with medical and technical equipment. Furthermore, there's a made-to-measure stretcher that easily can be produced in the local area. With the tuk-tuk ambulances, they can be used in the populated refugee camps or disaster zones in the locations where standard ambulances can't go in.

Coming as representatives, Jamie Boon and Edwin de Wit attended the international youth summit, One Young World in The Hague and received an award for TukAid as the Resolution Project Award for the best socially-responsible project with a big positive impact.

DPR gets N1.4b for design of 12 floor building design

ABUJA

The Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting yesterday approved N1.4 billion for the design of 12 floor building for the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR).

The Minister of State for Petroleum Resources, Ibe Kachikwu briefed State House correspondents at the end of FEC meeting chaired by President Muhammadu Buhari at the Presidential Villa, Abuja. He was with the Minister of Information, Lai Mohammed and Minister of Trade and Industry, Okechukwu Enelamah after six hours meeting.

The contract, he said, is for the design of the head office of DPR in Abuja, which is currently situated in Lagos State. "Today we got the approval to begin the process to relocate them to Abuja," he said. When asked if the sum was not too much for designing the building, he said that it only represented about 2% of the proposed N35 billion cost of the building.

He said: "FEC approved 1.4 billion for the design of DPR Head office in Abuja. The contract was awarded to Messers Artek Practice Limited to design a 12 floor building at a plot which has already been allocated to by the FCT.

"They are currently based in Lagos and are the regulatory and supervisory arm of the Ministry of Petroleum, and is instrumental in terms of income generation. It will enable DPR move to Abuja," he said.

On the seeming high cost of the design, he said: "The contract was awarded to DPR tenders board, their bid was the lowest, the highest bid was about N3 billion. The total projected potential cost for the building when it is done is about N35 billion.

"So if you look at that as a percentage of the work, it is absolutely insignificant, in international terms it is very justifiable, it is less than two per cent."

He added "The FCT did mention in our deliberation that because of the new zoning policies, the previous plan which was to build a car park of another five floors along with the 12



The current Department of Petroleum Resources offices in Abuja.

floors have to be changed a little bit because they are taking possession of additional green area that were assigned to them.

"So they will build a lot of parking ... within the building. So I think because of the amount of work to be done and in line with international practice, it is quite frankly very reasonable.

"Let me also say that part of the programmes we have pursued in the ministry, is how to get a lot of our parastatals to become independent and self financially generating agency and so get out of federal budget. ... has done that, DPR is the one to do that next.

"So a lot of funding for this development is going to come out of DPR itself not out of federal budgeting.

"The plan is that if we continue the way we are doing, a lot of federal agencies will be out of federal budgeting and be self-reliant. Be it PPPRA, DPR, PEF, that is the game plan. So far we have exited NCMB and we are near existing DPR and then PEF," he stated.

Enelamah said that FEC also approved N1.55 billion consultancy contract for the Government Enterprise and Empowerment Programme (GEEP), which is part of the Federal Government social

investment programs.

He said: "We got an approval from the Federal Executive Council to award a contract to engage a Program Management Office Consultant and System Provider, for the GEEP at N1.556 billion. According to him, the contract which is for providing services for 4.6 million people, is a

viable contract.

He also pointed out that the program has provided credit for over 1.5 million Nigerians. Enelamah also said that FEC approved the establishment of a Committee to come up with alternative ways to add to what government is doing in financing infrastructure.



Orascom Construction's site in Cairo.

CONSTRUCTION

MIAMI

BEVERLY HILLS 'UPSIDE DOWN' HOUSE COMES TO MARKET FOR \$32M

In Manhattan, there are around 500 homes asking \$10 million and up, and a surfeit of mega-pricey properties is also appearing in Los Angeles and Miami. The growing glut of wildly expensive homes begs the question: Are there enough people who can afford them? Perhaps eventually.

Despite a darkening economic outlook globally, wealth creation is slated to remain constant in 2019. The global population of ultrawealthy individuals—defined as having a net-worth of at least \$30 million—is forecast to rise 22% to nearly 250,000 over the next five years, according to recent report by international real-estate firm Knight Frank. That means an additional 43,000 people will be worth more than \$30 million by 2023.

The report included the results of a survey, which found that approximately 63% of the world's wealthiest said they grew richer in 2018, thanks in part to stock market gains and global economic growth. These individuals also expect their wealth to increase over the next year. Confidence was highest in the U.S., where 80% of individuals worth \$30 million and more expect to be better off over the next year.

"The marketplace we are talking about is relatively scarce and rarefied. The individuals are very private and difficult to contact," said Liam Bailey, the head of global research at Knight Frank. "That pool of very wealthy people is [a luxury developer's] demand pool. If it's growing over time then that's going to drive expansion in [their] market."

The results are good news for developers in markets like New York, where prices are down amid a mas-



The 'upside down' Beverly Hills mansion listed for \$32 million.

sive oversupply of new high-end condominiums. Roughly 1,735 new Manhattan condos (excluding Upper Manhattan) went on the mar-

ket in 2018, according to New York-based real-estate firm Corcoran Sunshine Marketing Group; in 2011, there were 277.

New York City boasted the highest number of billionaires, at 94, the report found. However, London had the largest population of people

with a net worth of more than \$30 million, with 4,944 fitting that bill, an increase of 582 over the last five years.

Knight Frank projected that India would see the largest increase in the ultrahigh net worth population over the next five years, propelled in part by domestic economic reforms, followed by the Philippines and China. Overall, Asia is predicted to account for 37% of the world's billionaire population of 2,696 by 2023, up from 35% in 2018.

Mr. Bailey said real-estate developers pay close attention to these markets. Without Russian buyers entering the market 15 to 20 years ago, the London market would likely never have reached the heights it did, Mr. Bailey said. Meanwhile, buyers from China were important to New York's latest run up in property values, which started after the last recession, for instance.

A growing global population of ultrawealthy people doesn't necessarily translate to a growth in deals, or an absorption of oversupply, Mr. Bailey admitted. "Their decision to buy is down to a range of issues, including interest rates and the opportunity cost of using their money elsewhere," he said.

Indeed, the value of the 100 luxury residential markets in the world, defined generally as the top 5% of each luxury market, grew by just 1.3% last year, down from 2.1% in 2017—the index's lowest rate of annual growth since 2012. New York developers felt the sting of increased capital controls in China, for instance, which made it more challenging for Chinese buyers to scoop up units in U.S. condominiums.

Knight Frank projected that Miami would outperform other U.S. cities in terms of price growth in 2019, as buyers from other American cities move to Florida to take advantage of its tax laws.

Sharjah due to put up Dh2bn solar-powered sustainable city

DUBAI

Sharjah has become the latest emirate in the UAE to plan a solar-powered community, after the state-controlled investment fund said it will develop a Dh2 billion sustainable city in partnership with a Dubai real estate developer.

Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq) and Diamond Developers, will build the city over the next three to five years. Spread across 668,902 square metres, Sharjah Sustainable City will be completed in four phases. Located 11km from Sharjah International Airport, the city will rely partially on solar power and recycled waste and water.

"Construction will start in the next three months and the first phase, which covers nearly 25 per cent of the residential area, will be finished by the last quarter of 2021," Faris Saeed, chief executive of Diamond Developers, told The National. "Remaining phases will be completed in the next one to two years."

The planned development will include residences, a "sustainability experience centre", mall, farm, school, mosque and sports facilities. Financing will be a mix of three elements – equity, bank loans and off-plan sales, said Mr Saeed.

"Diamond Developers and Shurooq will provide the initial seed money. We

are in touch with a few banks to decide the course of future financing." Residences will include 1,120 three, four and five-bedroom villas on sale for between Dh1.2 million to Dh2.7m. They go on the market today.

Shurooq's executive chairman, Marwan Al Sarkal, acknowledged a challenging real estate environment, due to an increase in supply and oil price slump that began in 2014 and lasted three years, but he said "the real estate market in Sharjah is a bit different".

Mr Al Sarkal said: "There are not many communities in Sharjah, so we have planned to create a community for the future." Mr Sarkal said the target audience is both UAE nationals and foreign residents and also buyers who want to take advantage of the long-term UAE visa through investment.

The UAE Cabinet approved a plan last year, under which foreign nationals aged 55 or above are eligible for a five-year retirement visa if they own property in the UAE worth at least Dh2m.

"This will be the first fully sustainable, net-zero energy community in Sharjah. We will be cultivating vegetables and leafy greens on site and it will be designed to encourage walkability and the use of clean mobility," said Mr Sarkal. Diamond Developers also constructed Dubai's



An illustration of Sharjah Sustainable City project.

Sustainable City, the region's first green development. Mr Saeed said with the Sharjah project, the aim is to prove that sustainable development is also

for a middle-income buyer.

"We have the statistics and data from our Dubai project. We know what could go right or what could go wrong. With

Sharjah Sustainable City, we have proved that customers don't need to pay any extra premium for sustainability." Dubai's Sustainable City has

been operational for more than three years, and has about 3,000 inhabitants.



The Dutch boat house.

Dutch company unveils designs for high-end, eco-friendly houseboats

AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam-based +31Architects recently unveiled its designs for a series of houseboats that provide sophisticated accommodations while sailing throughout Europe. The vessels will be built by WSM Wohnschiffmanufaktur, a manufacturer in Germany.

The Naturecruiser is the smaller of the two, measuring 15 meters and starting at €535,000 (US\$602,000). It can accommodate eight when cruising, and is perfect for weekend jaunts. The Waterloft is 24 meters, starting at €899,000. Up to 25 people can cruise on board.

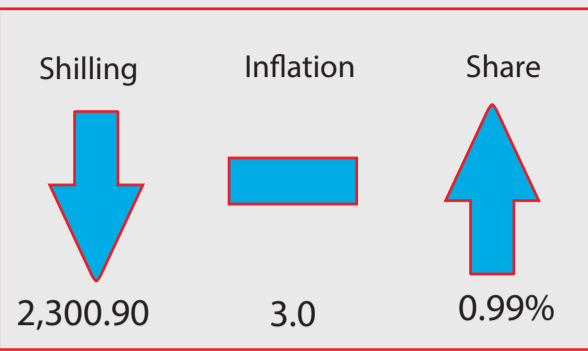
Both have a slender, modern shape that is a cross between a houseboat and a ship, according to +31Architects. Each houseboat is fully customizable, both in terms of the layout and the amenities. Possible extras include an infrared sauna, an onboard hammam, whirlpool, kitchen island, and other amenities.

Furnishings are also custom made, and designed with clients to their specifications. And the boats feature floor-to-ceiling windows on three sides, allowing guests and residents a view of the water outside at all times.

The vessels can be moored at a fixed berth in a marina, according to +31Architects. Or they can sail between Europe's port cities and marinas via its lakes and rivers. Furnishings are custom made, and designed to client specifications.

The idea for the sustainable houseboats originated with Marcel Neugebauer, the founder of WSM Wohnschiffmanufaktur, who wanted to design a sailing home up to his own standards. His desire to live on the water sparked the design of the company's houseboats.

At the same time, the boats had to have little to no impact on the environment. To that end, the vessels use solar panels and solar collectors fitted on the roof to generate power and heat water, making the houseboat virtually self-sufficient when docked in the marina.



Total Market Capitalization

TZS 19,922.50 bln (USD 8,740.18 mn)

Indices March 27, 2019

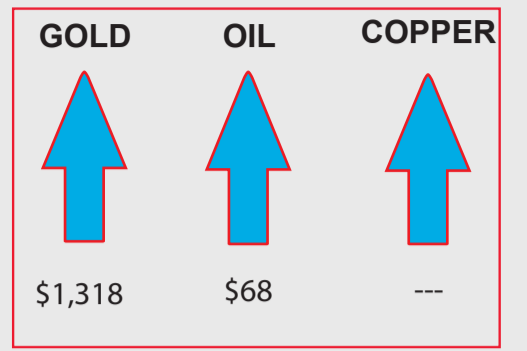
TSI	3,477.39	-4.11
DSEI	2,066.89	-2.11

AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG

Maize	52200.00	Finger Millet	141100.00
Rice	184166.67	Wheat	128666.67
Sorghum	78761.90	Beans	175208.33
Bulrush Millet	80333.33	Round potatoes	73583.33

Exchange Rates (DSE)

Currency	Buying	Selling
EUR	2,591.28	2,617.65
USD	2,268.07	2,290.76
KES	22.38	22.56
GBP	2,947.82	2,977.52



Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Date: Mar 27, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
ACA	6,150.00	6,100.00	0.82
CRDB	125	125.00	0
DCB	340	340	0
DSE	1,300	1,300	0
EABL	4,660.00	4,680.00	-0.43
JHL	9,600.00	9,500.00	1.05
KA	115.00	120.00	-4.17
KCB	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
MBP	490.00	490.00	0
MCB	500.00	500.00	0
MKCB	800.00	800.00	0
MUCOB	400.00	400.00	0
NICO	165.00	165.00	0
NMB	2,340.00	2,340.00	0
NMG	1,360.00	1,360.00	0
PAL	400.00	400.00	0
SWALA	490.00	490.00	0
SWIS	1,700.00	2,000.00	-15
TBL	11,400.00	11,400.00	0
TCC	17,000	17,000.00	0
TCCL	600.00	600.00	0
TICL	385	385.00	0
TOL	660.00	660.00	0
TPCC	2,020.00	2,020.00	0
TTP	120.00	120.00	0
USL	15.00	10.00	50
VODA	800.00	800.00	0
YETU	600.00	600.00	0

DSE MARKET SUMMARY

TSI	3,477.39	-4.11
DSEI	2,066.89	-2.11

TRADING STATS

Market Cap (bln)	19,922.46
Equity Turnover	163,344,640.00
Total Volume	1,024,036
Total Deals	39

TOP MOVERS

CRDB	125	1,005,000
SWIS	1,700	7,200
TPCC	2,020	6,747

GAINERS & LOSERS

Company	Price	Change
SWIS	1,700	-15.00%
EABL	4,660	-0.43%
KA	115	-4.17%
USL	15	+50.00%
ACA	6,150	+0.82%
JHL	9,600	+1.05%

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
27/Mar/2019	3.10	2,313.75	2,298.50	2,300.90
26/Mar/2019	3.00	2,313.00	2,298.55	2,300.92
25/Mar/2019	2.50	2,310.00	2,298.60	2,300.89
22/Mar/2019	3.20	2,315.00	2,298.65	2,300.91
21/Mar/2019	2.25	2,318.50	2,298.70	2,300.92
20/Mar/2019	3.50	2,316.00	2,298.75	2,300.89
19/Mar/2019	4.00	2,315.00	2,298.80	2,300.87

Inter-bank Local Money Markets

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
27/Mar/2019	57,000	5.50	5.00	5.07
26/Mar/2019	35,000	6.00	5.00	5.21
26/Mar/2019	35,000	6.00	5.00	5.21
25/May/2019	26,000	6.00	5.00	5.13
22/Mar/2019	30,000	5.30	5.00	5.10

Tanzania Shilling On Average bases

The USD/TZS traded at 2,335.0000 on Wednesday March 27. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2360 in March of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

Spot gold hits 1-week low, Palladium extends losses hits 5-week low

* Spot gold hits 1-week low
* Palladium hits session low of \$1,430.69/oz, lowest since Feb. 18

LONDON, March 28 (Reuters) - Palladium fell to a more than five-week low on Thursday, a day after posting its steepest decline in over two years, as concerns about the global economy and a buoyant dollar prompted investors to take profit after a recent record run.

Spot palladium fell 0.4 percent to \$1,438.08 per ounce by 0756 GMT. Prices tumbled 6.3 percent on Wednesday, marking the biggest one-day percentage fall since January 2017.

The metal, used extensively in the making of catalytic converters in vehicles, has already shed about \$190 from a record peak of \$1,620.52 an ounce hit last week.

"With the concerns around economic growth and a stronger dollar, investors took profits after the strong rally we've had in the past few weeks," ANZ analyst Daniel Hynes said, adding while worries about demand had emerged, supply constraints remained greater.

"The tightness in the market and concerns about supply side issues will keep prices elevated. But if we do see continued strength in U.S. dollar, this sell-off might extend a little bit longer."

The dollar index was trading near a two-week peak and extended gains for a third straight session against its peers, making dollar-denominated metals more expensive for holders of other currencies.

Some analysts also attributed Wednesday's sharp sell-off to comments by Anglo American Chief Executive Mark Cutifani, who said

palladium was a "bubble". The auto-catalyst metal was trading below the 55-day moving average of around \$1,453 an ounce, which it breached for the first time since August in the previous session.

"Given the extent of the technical damage, we suspect that palladium prices will likely push somewhat lower over the days ahead as a consolidation range starts to get carved out," INTL FCStone analyst Edward Meir wrote in a note.

Spot gold prices on the other hand were steady at \$1,309.88 per ounce, while U.S. gold futures were down 0.1 percent at \$1,308.70 an ounce.

Bullion touched a one-week low earlier in the session, mainly pressured by a strong dollar.

"The gold market is closely following data and how that affects the U.S. Federal Reserve," ANZ's Hynes said. "For the moment, investors are taking a wait-and-see approach."

The Fed's dovish stance and worries about an economic slowdown have kept gold prices supported above the key \$1,300 an ounce level, analysts said.

"We remain cautiously optimistic on gold going forward... However, if \$1,300 breaks (below) once again, stale longs might decide to throw in the towel on yet another ill-fated rally attempt," INTL FCStone's Meir said.

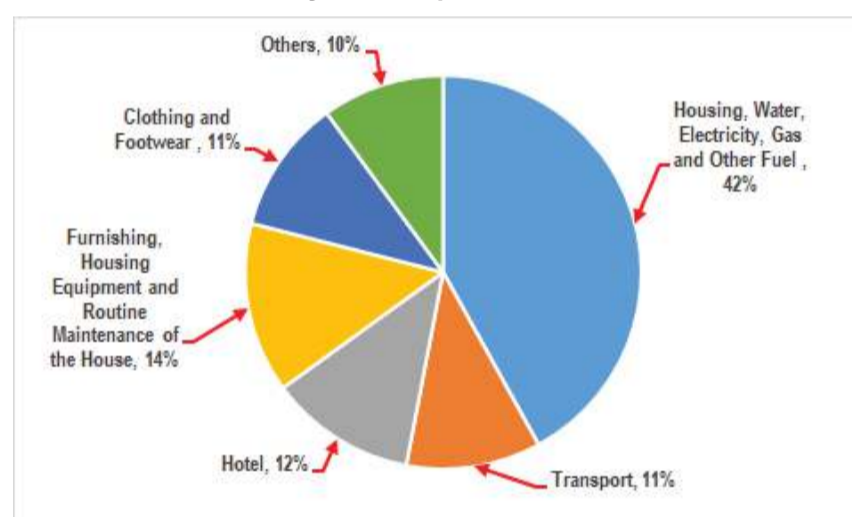
Silver edged 0.1 percent lower to \$15.26 per ounce, while platinum rose 1.4 percent to \$860.06.

All Share Index :28 March 2019

Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	30,829	209.41	-0.67%	-0.68%	-2.80%	-24.44%
JALSH-All Share	56,149	510.87	0.92%	0.01%	0.26%	1.22%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	49,897	525.11	1.06%	0.14%	0.46%	3.65%
Egypt EGX 30	14,555	82.74	-0.57%	-1.54%	-1.79%	-16.59%
Casablanca CFG 25	11,085	0.00	0.00%	-0.55%	-0.71%	-14.80%
Nairobi 20	2,841	11.29	-0.40%	-1.08%	-1.84%	-25.56%
NSE All Share	156	1.07	-0.68%	-2.47%	2.45%	-17.45%
DSEI	2,067	2.11	-0.10%	0.06%	-1.03%	-12.56%
TUN	6,976	19.03	-0.27%	2.11%	-1.94%	-1.68%
GGSECI	2,412	9.91	-0.41%	0.46%	-1.10%	-27.62%
SEMDEX	2,170	1.22	0.06%	-0.62%	-1.67%	-5.19%
NSX Overall	1,309	0.25	0.02%	0.75%	-4.17%	-5.00%
Gaborone	7,886	3.75	-0.05%	0.09%	0.25%	-8.63%
Zimbabwe Industrial Index402	0.51	-0.13%	-5.07%	-18.66%	38.21%	

DSEI increased 2 points or 0.11% to 2067 on Wednesday March 27 from 2069 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.

Inflation 3.0% - February 2019: Top Movers



Oil prices slip as market eyes U.S. inventories

LONDON 28 (Reuters) - Oil prices were down on Thursday, extending losses into a second consecutive session following a surprise rise in U.S. crude inventories.

International Brent crude oil futures were at \$67.55 a barrel at 0929 GMT, down 28 cents from their last close.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were at \$59.21 per barrel, down 20 cents from their last settlement.

U.S. crude inventories rose last week by 2.8 million barrels, compared with analysts' expectations for a decrease of 1.2 million barrels, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said.

Demand concerns on the back of economic jitters linked to the U.S.-Chinese trade war have also capped prices.

In a fresh development, China has made unprecedented proposals on a range of issues, including forced technology transfer, as the two sides work to end their protracted dispute.

Overall, bullish sentiment underpins the market, which has seen Brent rise almost 30 percent this year.

"Today's fall does not derail the short-term bullish argument that both the OPEC+ production cuts and supply outages will outweigh the global growth concerns and rising U.S. production," said Edward

Moya, senior market analyst, OANDA.

Oil prices have found support from efforts by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-affiliated allies like Russia, known as OPEC+, to trim output as well as plummeting Venezuelan output.

On top of U.S. sanctions, power cuts have crippled Venezuela's oil industry.

The country's main oil export port of Jose and four crude upgraders, needed to convert Venezuela's heavy oil into exportable grades, have been halted since Monday, industry sources said.

U.S. sanctions have also hit Iranian crude exports.

In early May, analysts expect the United States will extend some sanction waivers on Iranian oil but might reduce the number of countries receiving them.

The 180-day exemptions were granted in November to eight countries - China, India, Greece, Italy, Taiwan, Japan, Turkey and South Korea.

Washington seeks to bring Iranian oil exports to zero.

"Enjoy it whilst it lasts. The upcoming six months will bring relatively healthy demand for OPEC oil," PVM's Tamas Varga said in a note.

"If the unplanned supply cuts remain in place... oil prices should edge towards \$75/bbl basis Brent in coming months as global inventories will draw."

Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Mar 2019

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,098	2,131	2,096
Arusha	2,191	2,195	2,286
Pwani	2,102	2,135	2,101
Dodoma	2,157	2,189	2,155
Geita	2,263	2,296	2,262
Iringa	2,162	2,195	2,161
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,313	2,346	2,312
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,306	2,339	2,304
Kigoma	2,329	2,362	2,328
Moshi	2,181	2,185	2,276
Lindi	2,141	2,236	2,155
Manyara	2,225	2,229	2,320
Mara	2,276	2,309	2,275
Mbeya	2,205	2,238	2,204
Morogoro	2,123	2,156	2,121
Mtwara	2,127	2,222	2,169
Mwanza	2,248	2,281	2,247
Njombe	2,190	2,223	2,189
Rukwa (S'wanga)	2,271	2,304	2,269
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,213	2,308	2,220
Shinyanga	2,227	2,260	2,225
Singida	2,188	2,221	2,187
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,214	2,247	2,213
Tabora	2,252	2,285	2,251

Foreign Exchange- Mar 28

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.12535	0.00065	0.06%
GBPUSD	1.31504	0.00386	-0.29%
AUDUSD	0.70912	0.00072	0.10%
NZDUSD	0.68061	0.00101	0.15%
USDJPY	110.36	0.15	-0.14%
USDCNY	6.74019	0.00239	0.04%
USDCHF	0.99631	0.00181	0.18%
USDCAD	1.34221	0.00131	0.10%
USDMXN	19.4094	0.0544	0.28%
USDINR	69.09	0.1050	0.15%
USDBRL	3.9922	0.0011	-0.03%
USDRUB	64.854	0.0065	0.01%
US Dollar	96.77	0.1664	-0.17%
USDKRW	1,137.74	0.5010	-0.04%

Exchange Rates for 28 / March /2019

Currency in 100 Units Spot Buying Spot Selling

EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES

Kenya SHS	2,262.28	2,280.38
Uganda SHS	57.80	61.94
Rwandian Franc	252.09	255.18
Burundi Franc	218.12	219.76

OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES

USD	227,811.88	230,090.00
Pound STG	301,258.43	304,340.04
EURO	256,698.43	259,380.46
Canadian \$	169,806.11	171,453.06
Switz. Franc	229,117.85	231,315.97
Japanese YEN	2,062.21	2,082.26
Swedish Kronor	24,602.25	24,840.22
Norweg. Kronor	26,486.06	26,741.59
Danish Kronor	34,387.74	34,726.37
Australian \$	161,359.16	163,087.79
Indian RPS	3,307.37	3,339.48
Pakistan RPS	1,544.21	1,631.84
Zambian Kwacha	18,562.45	18,859.84
Malawian Kwacha	290.78	310.07
Mozambique-MET	3,593.25	3,623.46
Zimbabwe \$	42.63	43.49
SDR	317,312.33	320,485.46
Gold (T/O)	299,460,995.94	302,632,775.20
S. African Rand	15,561.56	15,706.45
UAE Dirham	62,026.76	62,635.09
Singapore \$	168,226.17	169,808.12
Hong Kong \$	29,024.69	29,314.19
Saud Arabian Rial	60,744.98	61,350.79
Kuwait Dinar	750,220.25	757,497.94
Botswana Pula	21,095.38	21,352.35
Chinese Yuan	33,885.45	34,217.69
Malaysia Ringgit	55,973.44	56,463.80
South Korea Won	200.39	202.04
Newzealand	154,707.05	156,346.16

World Commodities (\$) 25 March 2019

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil Brent	58.7675	-0.27%	-0.53%	5.90%	-10.34%



This March 26, 2019 photo shows Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a speech at the closing ceremony of the China-France Global Governance Forum, held in Paris, France. (XINHUA)

Xi's visit helps promote Belt, Road in Eurasia

BEIJING

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping's trip to Italy, Monaco and France promoted new expansion of the Belt and Road in Eurasia, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said.

Xi arrived in Beijing on Wednesday after wrapping up his state visits to the three European countries. It is his first overseas trip this year. During the six-day visit, Xi traveled to five cities and attended more than 40 events.

On Tuesday, French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife, Brigitte Macron, hosted a farewell ceremony for Xi and his wife, Peng Liyuan. Xi also met with French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, National Assembly President Richard Ferrand and Senate President Gerard Larcher on the same day.

The trip was dedicated to deepening cooperation with Europe, improving global governance and maintaining multilateralism, and it reflected China's responsible role as a major country, Wang said on Tuesday.

The trip took Xi to the other end of the ancient Silk Road and boosted Eurasian interconnectivity through joint building of the Belt and Road, according to Wang.

"Wherever President Xi went, he took the Belt and Road and produced a harvest of practical cooperation there," Wang said.

Witnessed by Xi and Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, the two countries signed a memorandum of understanding on Saturday on jointly building the Belt and Road. Italy became the first G7 member country to sign official documents with China on the Belt and Road.

The Italian government's strategic

decision of joining the Belt and Road is pragmatic and visionary, Wang said, adding that the agreement has brought new driving force to promote connection between Asia and Europe.

During his talks with Xi, Conte agreed to attend the second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, which is to be held in Beijing next month.

While Xi was in France, the two countries agreed to push the building of major projects in traditional areas and expand cooperation in new areas including scientific innovation, agriculture and finance.

The leaders of China, France, Germany and the European Union met and had constructive discussions on jointly building the Belt and Road, and all the parties responded positively, Wang said.

Xi, in a separate meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said that the Belt and Road Initiative will promote international economic cooperation and contribute to building an open global economy.

At the closing ceremony of a global governance forum co-hosted by China and France, Emmanuel Macron said that the Belt and Road Initiative is of great significance and will play an important role in promoting global peace and development.

In his talks with Prince Albert II, head of state of the Principality of Monaco, the two leaders discussed such topics as jointly building the Belt and Road and exploring international markets.

Xi and European leaders also had in-depth talks over China-Europe relations and global governance issues, boosting confidence on maintaining multilateralism, Wang said. *Xinhua*

Public mistrust thwarts Congo's Ebola response as cases climb

DAKAR

A QUARTER of people surveyed in Democratic Republic of Congo's Ebola hotspots believed the virus was not real, a study said on Wednesday, as the world's second-biggest outbreak spreads.

Health workers said public mistrust is now the biggest obstacle to stopping the epidemic, which has infected more than 1,000 people in eastern Congo since July, with many refusing vaccines, resisting treatment and concealing symptoms.

Harvard University researchers found that trust in public authorities had already fallen in the cities of Beni and Butembo before Ebola hit, due to decades of conflict and poor governance.

"It's been three years now that we saw a declining level of trust in those actors, and the Ebola crisis comes on top of that and accelerates the distrust," said Patrick Vinck, author of the study published in British medical journal *The Lancet*.

"In some ways, we are now paying the consequences of many years of lack of interest and focus on this issue," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

The world's worst epidemic of Ebola, a hemorrhagic fever, killed more than 11,300 people in West Africa from 2013 to 2016.

The virus has infected 1,022 people and killed 639 in eastern Congo so far, according to the health ministry. In recent weeks, there has been on average eight new cases per day. *Agencies*

British MPs vote to change original Brexit date in law to April 12 or May 22

LONDON

BRITISH lawmakers on Wednesday overwhelmingly voted to change original Brexit departure date in law to April 12 or May 22 as British Prime Minister Theresa May was in an 11-hour appeal to Tory MPs to back her Withdrawal Agreement.

MPs voted 441 to 105 in the House of Commons to bring the new Brexit date into law and remove the original plan for Britain to leave the European Union (EU) on March 29.

MPs voted Wednesday night on eight Brexit alternatives as the British government fails in last-ditch bid to halt the process. The voting came after MPs voted to take control of Wednesday's parliamentary business in order to break the current Brexit deadlock.

Brexit chaos continued in the country as MPs fail to find a majority for an alternative to May's Brexit deal.



MPs also voted 160 to 400 to reject to leave the EU with no deal on April 12, and voted 264-272 to reject the proposal that Britain stays permanently in the customs union after Brexit.

Meanwhile, the lawmakers also voted 268-295 to reject the proposal to hold a fresh referendum on Brexit.

Earlier Wednesday, May told MPs that she will quit as prime minister if the British parliament backs her Brexit plan, which was rejected twice by MPs since January.

In appealing to Tory MPs to support

her Brexit deal, the prime minister said that she will step down earlier than planned.

Her offer to stand down came in response to calls from a number of her backbenchers for her to name the date of her departure in return for their help in pushing the deal through the parliament.

At least 30 Tory hardline Eurosceptics were later said to still be opposed to May's deal, according to news reports here. If true, it would still appear difficult for Mrs May to get her deal across the line.

The Democratic Unionist Party, which props up May's minority government, still showed no sign of falling in line to support her.

The prime minister did not set a firm date for her departure from the post, but her announcement sets the stage for a Conservative leadership election within the coming weeks or months.

Agencies

Resolution calling for release of Mueller report blocked again

WASHINGTON

SENATE Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Wednesday blocked a resolution calling for the public release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report on alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

It was the second time in a week that such a resolution was blocked in the US Senate.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, tried to get unanimous consent for the upper chamber to pass the resolution, which cleared the House in a 420-0 vote earlier this month.

"The fact is that a four-page summary cannot possibly illuminate what this thorough of an investigation uncovered," Feinstein said from the Senate floor. "I find it so disappointing that so many are rushing to judgment without being able to see the full report or all of the underlying facts."

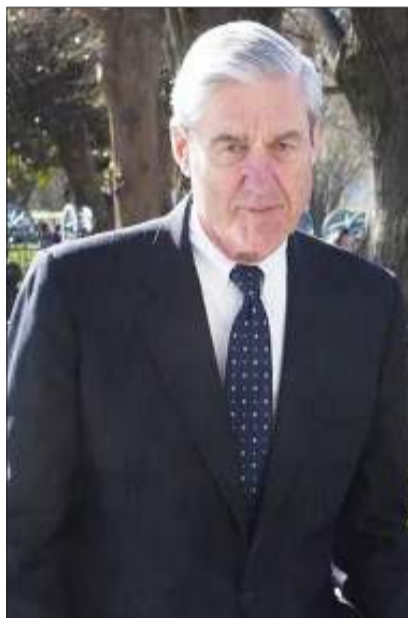
However, McConnell denied her request to pass the non-binding resolution, citing that Attorney General William Barr is currently working with Mueller to determine what in the report should or should not be released.

"I have consistently supported the proposition that his report ought to be released to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the law," the Republican heavyweight argued.

"I think we should be consistent in letting the special counsel actually finish his work and not just when we think it may be politically advantageous to one side or the other," McConnell said.

Under Senate rules any one senator can propose passing a bill or resolution by unanimous consent, which, however, requires support from every other senator, meaning one member can also block their request on the floor.

It was the third time Democrats had tried to pass the House resolution, which argues there is "overwhelming



Special Counsel Robert Mueller

public interest" in the government releasing the contents of Mueller's findings.

The resolution also urged the Department of Justice to fully release the report to Congress and to release it to the public "except to the extent the public disclosure of any portion thereof is expressly prohibited by law."

It was also the second time that McConnell had blocked the resolution from passing. Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer tried to pass the resolution on Monday, but McConnell blocked him.

Mueller last week wrapped up his nearly two-year investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election by submitting a confidential report to Barr, whose summary to Congress later stated that there was no evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government.

The special counsel did not reach a conclusion on whether Trump had obstructed justice, according to Barr's four-page synopsis. The attorney general concluded Mueller's findings are "not sufficient" to support a charge.

Democrats are demanding the com-

plete release of Mueller's report as well as Barr's appearance before Congress to get a clearer picture of the special counsel's investigation.

A number of Democratic committee chairs in the House earlier this week requested the attorney general submit Mueller's full report to Congress by April 2.

Jerrold Nadler, head of the House Judiciary Committee, said Wednesday he is worried Barr will not meet the deadline.

"I am very concerned that it is apparent that the Department (of Justice) will not meet the April 2 deadline that we set, and I'm very disturbed by that," Nadler told reporters Wednesday evening.

"I asked him when we would see it, and he couldn't get specific. He said weeks, not months, as we've heard before," the Democrat said.

Speaking to Fox News Wednesday night, Trump lashed out at the Russia investigation, calling it "treason."

"We can never allow this treasonous -- these treasonous acts to happen to another president," he told long-favored Fox host Sean Hannity. "This was an attempted takeover of our government, of our country, an illegal takeover."

"We are getting to the bottom of it," he added. "Hopefully they won't get away with it."

Mueller took over the Russian investigation in May 2017 after Trump abruptly fired former FBI director James Comey, a move that raised questions about potential obstruction of justice.

The investigation has led to felony charges against 34 people, including six Trump associates and advisors, and three entities.

Much of the charges against the Trump associates related to lying to Congress or federal investigators. None of them directly related to the question of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. Russia has denied any meddling. *Agencies*

Security Council members regret US decision on Golan Heights

UNITED NATIONS

MOST United Nations (UN) Security Council members expressed regret on Wednesday over the decision by the United States to recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

The 15-member council held a meeting and heard briefings on the situation in the occupied territory in the afternoon at the

request of Syria.

UN Under Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary DiCarlo recalled that during the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, the Syrian Arab Army crossed the 1967 ceasefire line on Golan, known as the Purple Line, initially gaining territory.

In a swift counter-attack, however, the Israeli Defense Forces

re-captured the lost ground and advanced further, crossing the ceasefire line and occupying a salient portion of Syrian territory, she added.

After U.S. President Donald Trump's proclamation on Monday to recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, the UN Secretary-General has taken note of member states' reactions to the decision, she said.

The UN position on Golan is clear in the relevant Council and General Assembly resolutions, notably in Council resolutions 242 and 497, she said.

"We hope that the recent developments will not be used as an excuse by anyone to pursue actions that could undermine the relative stability of the situation on the Golan and beyond," she added.

Except the United States, all the other 14 members in the meeting expressed regret on the decision.

France's deputy permanent representative to the UN Anne Gueguen said any attempt to move away from international law and Council resolutions through unilateral decisions "is doomed to failure," expressing regret that the move by the

United States undermines collective Council action.

The European Union's position on Golan is that Israel's forcible annexation of the territory is illegal under international law, including the UN Charter and Council resolution 497, said Joanna Wronecka, Polish ambassador to the UN.

British Ambassador to the UN Karen Pierce affirmed her

Diplomat excoriates US for deliberately inciting govt collapse, chaos in Venezuela

MOSCOW

WASHINGTON is stirring the pot in Venezuela provoking the collapse of the state and chaos in that Latin American nation, Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told reporters at a press briefing yesterday.

She pointed to a series of actions aimed at destabilizing Venezuela, which include sanctions slapped on its financial, oil and gold mining sectors, sowing discord in society and in the armed forces, and attempts to force humanitarian aid down the country's throat, in addition to actions that "could be branded as acts of sabotage against the country's electric power system."

"All that is deliberately stoking chaos and the collapse of the state, which can result in no winners," Zakharova said. She was curious if officials in Washington realized that.

"We asked that question in the context of other states, and discovered that we were right, fortunately or unfortunately," the diplomat pointed out.

China to introduce supporting regulations for foreign investment law - Premier Li

BOAO, Hainan

CHINA has started to formulate matching regulations and rules to support the newly-adopted foreign investment law, Premier Li Keqiang said yesterday.

Li made the remarks at the opening plenary of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) annual conference in Boao, a coastal town in China's southern island province of Hainan.

The supporting rules will go into effect together with the foreign investment law on Jan. 1, 2020, he said.

Authorities are also sorting through related laws, regulations and normative documents, and those inconsistent with the foreign investment law must be abolished or revised, Li said.

China is opening up wider to the world under the principle of competitive neutrality, the premier noted.

"We treat domestic and foreign-funded enterprises equally and protect the rights and interests of all types of businesses with concrete measures," he said. "It is the consistent stance of the Chinese government to strengthen intellectual property right protection."

Speaking of a draft amendment to the patent law that was submitted for top legislature review in December, Li said the revisions would increase the compensation for patent infringement to impose "unaffordable costs" on serious violations.

"Forced technology transfers are not allowed," the premier noted.

Authorities will also improve dealing with complaints from foreign-funded enterprises and strengthen communication and coordination with foreign businesses to better protect their interests, he said.

Xinhua



Utah Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell squirts liquid onto Joe Ingles, seated, following the team's NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, in Salt Lake City. (AP Photo)

Emotional night for Ingles as Jazz blow out depleted Lakers

SALT LAKE CITY

BEFORE the game even started, Joe Ingles was exhausted.

Shooting videos with son Jacob, emotional meetings with other families affected by autism and generally doing all he could to promote Autism Awareness Night was almost too much.

"I told the guys before the game, I really didn't know how I'd be," said Ingles, who nearly finished with his first triple-double as the Utah Jazz beat the depleted Los Angeles Lakers 115-100 on Wednesday. "It was almost overwhelming, to be honest."

Rudy Gobert had 22 points and 11 rebounds, Derrick Favors scored 20 and Jae Crowder added 16 points for the balanced Jazz, who had seven players in double figures and won for the eighth time in nine games.

Six weeks ago, Ingles went public with the news that his 2-year-old boy was diagnosed with autism. Since then, he has been a vocal advocate for funding and awareness.

On this night, the Jazz and their sponsors presented a \$1.2 million check at halftime and promoted a text donation line to aid the cause. Vignettes of Ingles and his son were featured on the Jumbotron during timeouts.

On the court, Ingles provided plenty of helpers as well. His 14 assists were a career high and he added 11 points and nine rebounds. When he left the game with more than two minutes to play, he received a standing ovation. Then the crowd boomed and chanted, "We want Joe!"

It seemed the only person in the entire arena who didn't want to see Ingles go back in and grab that 10th rebound was Ingles himself.

"There was no chance. It's not me. It's not our team. We had a nice lead," he said.

Crowder lobbied Ingles to stay on the court, to no avail.

"We felt it was a special night for Joe and to top it off with a triple-double would have made it even more special, but Joe don't care," Crowder said.

Kyle Kuzma paced the Lakers with 21 points after a four-game slump in which he shot just 32.9 percent from the field and 29.7 percent from 3-point range. JaVale McGee had 16 points and 13 rebounds. Alex Caruso and Mo Wagner each added 13 points.

Los Angeles had won consecutive games for the first time since January but wasn't competitive from the start without LeBron James in this one. James sat out after he had 23 points, 14 assists and seven rebounds in a 124-106 win Tuesday night against Washington. He had his eighth triple-double of the season (81st of his career) in Sunday's victory over Sacramento, but has been dealing with a swollen knee and sore groin.

Only 4½ games separate the third and eighth seed in the Western Conference playoff race, and the Jazz are right in the middle of that pileup.

Meanwhile, the Lakers were eliminated from postseason contention last week, and it showed on the court.

Utah's offense featured an abundance of movement and screens, while the Lakers spread the floor and often went with isolation plays. The result was 33 assists for the Jazz and a 58-38 advantage in the paint.

"They pass the ball. They share it. Hardly ever iso," Kuzma said.

After leading by seven at halftime, Utah interspersed precision pick-and-rolls with transition opportunities to boost the advantage to 20 in the third quarter.

"Our bad stretches were too long. The Jazz are a good team and they're going to take advantage," Caruso said.

The Jazz often turned Lakers missed shots – and there were plenty as Los Angeles shot 38 percent – into quick-score opportunities. Utah tallied 16 fast-break points to two for the Lakers.

But the night belonged to Ingles and those affected by autism, so his teammates and coaches thought it was fitting he had a career night assisting others.

"Joe played great. It was a big night for him in a lot of ways. He feels the same way. I mean, we're all just trying to think about how we can be better," Utah coach Quin Snyder said.

BIGGER THAN BASKETBALL

"It means a lot to be able to support Joe, and not only him, but all the families that are dealing with this," Gobert said.

The Jazz have often said they are exceptionally close for an NBA squad on a personal level and that it helps their chemistry on the court.

"We have each other's back. It's bigger than basketball," Gobert added.

Crowder said the video the team put together without Ingles' knowledge touched him when he saw it during the game.

"We're just trying to be his brother and give him a shoulder to lean on," Crowder added.

Meanwhile, in Memphis, Tenn. Kevin Durant had the best shooting night of his career to help the Golden State Warriors take the outright Western Conference lead.

Durant and Stephen Curry each scored 28 points, with Durant going 12 of 13 from the field, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Memphis Grizzlies 118-103 on Wednesday night.

Curry also had 10 rebounds, and DeMarcus Cousins added 16 points and nine rebounds. The Warriors broke a tie with idle Denver for the top spot in the West.

"We're not looking at it. Obviously, it's something, coming down the stretch of the season, you want to know what the matchups are looking like," said Durant, who was unaware they regained first place. "Each game is important from top to bottom. From the eighth seed to the top, so you are going to take a peek at it, but you are not really writing it on a white board or looking at it."

Jonas Valanciunas led Memphis with 27 points and 13 rebounds, and Mike Conley added 22 points to take the franchise's career scoring lead and added eight assists. Bruno Caboclo had 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Injuries to key Memphis players have shortened the rotation. Conley said the pace of the game finally caught up with the Grizzlies, contributing to fatigue in the fourth.

"They're a team that moves so well without the ball," Conley said about Golden State. "They've got so many weapons and just push the tempo. Eventually, it gets into your legs a little bit."

Memphis had recently made life tough on visiting playoff teams fighting for seeding in the West. This month, the Grizzlies recorded home wins over Portland, Utah Houston and Oklahoma City. At times, they were close to adding Golden State to the list until a bad fourth quarter. Memphis shot 24 percent in the final frame, making only two of 12 shots from 3-point range.

Durant scored seven straight points in a 9-0 run that made it 100-92 midway through the fourth quarter, part of Golden State pulling away at the end, outscoring Memphis 29-19 in the fourth.

"He was picking and choosing his spots early on, facilitating," Warriors forward Draymond Green said about Durant. "And then, when we needed him the most, he just took the game over offensively and got buckets for us. So, it was a great night for him, and we needed it. That was a tough game."

AP

Govt keen on promoting Kiswahili



Deputy Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Juliana Shonza (C), poses for picture with winners of the East Africa Kiswahili short stories writing competition for university students at Multipurpose Hall in Morogoro early this week. The event was organized by Culture Link Africa. The winners are Sebastian Nyerere (3rd R), who finished second, and Mwajuma Selemani (3rd L), who finished third. Others in the picture are Culture Link Africa director, Majid Mswahili (L), Head of Kiswahili Department at University of Dodoma (UDOM), Samwel Mgaya (2nd L), a representative of the contest's winner (2nd R) and UDOM student, Rajabu Mdaki (R). PHOTO: MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

BY MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA, MOROGORO

DEPUTY Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Juliana Shonza, has affirmed the government's intention to step up promotion of Kiswahili in Tanzania.

She issued the statement in Morogoro last weekend during a presentation ceremony for winners of East Africa Kiswahili short stories writing contest that organized by Culture Link Africa L.T.D.

Shonza congratulated winners and over 100 delegates, who were given certificates of participation, insisting the government will work hand in hand with Kiswahili experts as the language is now spoken globally.

"The government, in cooperation with the National Kiswahili Council of Tanzania (BAKITA), reached a final process for registering an organization for Kiswahili experts (CHAWAKITA) with a view to promoting Kiswahili as well as opening posts for youths, who desire to teach Kiswahili outside the country," she said.

The competition took place at the Muslim University of Morogoro (MUM), which serves as head office of an organization of Tanzania's Kiswahili experts at university level (CHAWAKITA).

The top three winners were presented with trophies and certificates of appreciation.

The presentation ceremony brought together over 150 delegates from all universities from all

East African countries, as well as the head of department of each of the universities.

John Wisse from Bunda District in Mara beat the rest of the competitors to the top honour and was presented with a trophy and certificate of appreciation.

Sebastian Nyerere from Iringa, who took the second position, and Mwajuma Selemani from Tanga, who finished third, were also presented with trophies and certificates of appreciation.

Culture Link Africa moreover awarded President John Pombe Magufuli a certificate for promoting Kiswahili at international forums and other official duties.

The firm's spokesman, Majid Mswahili, an author of a book titled

Nje Ndani, said the aim of running such a competition is to avoid youths' negative perception that Kiswahili has lost its value in the country.

"Let natives maintain their culture, whereas Kiswahili is already used at different levels, thus, embracing foreign languages as means of communication is akin to slavery," he said.

University of Dodoma (UDOM)'s Head of Kiswahili Department, Samwel Mgaya, said Kiswahili has great chance to spread to other parts of the world since it has been installed on e-system and websites.

"UDOM has, moreover, produced over 200 students annually specialized in Kiswahili translation and interpretation," he disclosed.

Olympics: Breakdancing now among sports given provisional green light for Paris 2024

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND

BREAKDANCING was among four sports given a provisional green light for inclusion in the Paris 2024 Games by the International Olympic Committee on Wednesday, IOC President Thomas Bach said.

The Paris 2024 organising committee in February proposed surfing, skateboarding and sport climbing as well as breakdancing for inclusion in the Games.

"We decided to recommend the four sports (for ratification) to the IOC session in June in Lausanne," Bach told a news conference. "It is a provisional inclusion because the final decision should only be taken at the end of 2020."

Surfing, climbing and skateboarding will be part of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and their performance as new sports there will be key for their final inclusion in Paris.

"There will be a meeting in November 2020 and a board meeting in December where the final decision should be taken. In the meantime there is a monitoring program... to see how they perform, to look at governance, integrity of competitions, refereeing and judging system," Bach said.

The Paris Games organizers have said they want to deliver a program that will be "in keeping with the times and inspire new audiences and attract young people... and which can be played anywhere and anytime in urban and other environments."

Under new IOC rules first introduced for the Tokyo Games, Olympic host cities can hand-pick sports and propose them



Thomas Bach

for inclusion in those Games if they are popular in that country and add to the Games' appeal.

The IOC is eager to refresh the Games' sports program to remain relevant to sponsors, broadcasters and fans.

Meanwhile, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach on Wednesday demanded swift and tough sanctions for doping offenders – both athletes and their support staff – involved in a German-Austrian doping ring.

At least 21 athletes from eight nations across five sports are suspected of blood-doping linked to a German doctor who was arrested as part of an Austria-Germany doping raid last month.

Five athletes, including two Austrians, were initially arrested on Feb. 27 at the Nordic skiing world championships in the Austrian resort of Seefeld.

The arrests were part of a joint operation with German police targeting a suspected international blood-doping ring believed to have been run out of Germany.

"We hope that all this will be clarified and everything will come on the table and there those responsible and the entourage of these athletes, the doctors and the personnel, that they will be punished soon and hard," Bach said.

"I hope that this is not dragging on, that their justice will really set an example. I hope there will be hard sanctions to have a deterrent effect on everybody," he added.

A doctor in the German city of Erfurt was also arrested along with five other suspected accomplices.

According to German prosecutors, the doping of the 21 athletes from five sports – three winter and two summer – occurred from 2011 onwards and blood transfusions

took place in many countries across the world.

Since the arrests other Austrian athletes have been implicated in blood doping. Cyclist Georg Preidler told police this month that he had attempted doping.

Cross-country skier Johannes Duer, whose interview with Germany's ARD television in which he admitted doping triggered the investigation and raids, was arrested on March 5.

The IOC has had to deal with its own major doping scandal, stemming from the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics and involving many Russian athletes, including medal winners.

Some of those case are ongoing, making their way through the sports and civil courts, years after the athletes in question were identified.

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Juventus owe me two tractors - Kean's father

TURIN, ITALY

THE father of Moise Kean has said Juventus still owe him two tractors, yet they are not even giving him free tickets to watch his son in action anymore.

Biorou Jean Kean represented his son, who scored his first goal for Italy this week, until Mino Raiola became his agent after he had joined Juventus' youth academy, and he said all he had requested from the Bianconeri in return for his son's signature was two tractors.

Kean had started out in the youth system of Juve's city rivals Torino until Biorou negotiated the move across the city.

"Moise's mum and myself are separated and she, in the past, had wanted Moise to move to England," he told RAI Radio. "I told [Juve] that I would keep him in Italy, but in return I wanted two tractors.

"The club told me there wouldn't be any problem, but they have still not given them to me and they don't even give me tickets anymore. But I want him to stay at Juve forever. Juventus are in my blood. I sent him to Juventus because I'm a Bianconeri fan."

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However, Biorou also said as a child, Moise had been a supporter of one of Juve's biggest rivals in Serie A.

"My son was an Inter fan -- he loved Obafemi Martins," he added.

Moise later questioned, however, questioned his father's claims, using social media to sound off on the elder Kean.

"Tractors????? I don't know what you're talking about. If I am the man I am today it's only THANKS TO MY MOTHER and with this I've said everything! And don't ever forget who puts food on your table when your belly is full," Moise wrote in an Instagram story.

Kean became the first player born after 2000 to score for Italy and the second youngest Italy international to score for his country, after Bruno Nicole in 1958, when he netted in the 2-0 win over Finland at the weekend, aged 19 years and 23 days.

He added a further goal in Tuesday's 6-0 win over Liechtenstein and is now featuring more regularly for Juve, scoring twice in their recent 4-1 win over Udinese in Serie A -- his first start for the Old Lady in the league.

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Man United appoint Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as permanent manager

LONDON

OLE Gunnar Solskjaer has been appointed Manchester United manager on a three-year deal after a successful stint as caretaker, the club have announced.

The former United striker has reversed their fortunes since leaving Norwegian club Molde to replace Jose Mourinho in December, reaching the quarterfinals of the Champions League and battling for a place in the Premier League top four.

"From the first day I arrived, I felt at home at this special club," Solskjaer said. "It was an honour to be a Manchester United player, and then to start my coaching career here. The last few months have been a fantastic experience and I want to thank all of the coaches, players and staff for the work we've done so far.

"This is the job that I always dreamed of doing and I'm beyond excited to have the chance to lead the club long-term and hopefully deliver the continued success that our amazing fans deserve."

A source told ESPN that assistant Mike Phelan will stay on, while the decision to make the caretaker's job a full-time appointment was taken after Solskjaer gave the "world's best audition," for the role. United's improved style of play, impressive results and focus on youth development also factored into the decision.

Solskjaer leaves Molde having won two top-flight titles and a Norwegian Cup in two stints with the club, and becomes United's fourth permanent manager since Sir Alex Ferguson's departure in 2013, following David Moyes, Louis van Gaal and Mourinho.

A source told ESPN that Molde are expecting a fee following Solskjaer's appointment, while United are set to offer a "gesture of goodwill" to the Norwegian club, which could include a friendly between the teams at a later date. The source added that Erling Moe is expected to be named Solskjaer's successor at Molde.

Ed Woodward, executive vice



Ole Gunnar Solskjaer

Man United to focus on young transfer targets - source

LONDON

MANCHESTER United are planning to focus on emerging youngsters and players in their mid-twenties in future transfer windows, sources have told ESPN FC, with moves for older stars such as Alexis Sanchez and Nemanja Matic only to be considered in exceptional circumstances.

United expect to embark on this summer's transfer window with a permanent manager -- Ole Gunnar Solskjaer remains the only serious candidate for the job -- working in tandem with a yet-to-be-appointed technical director, who will report to Old Trafford executive vice-chairman Ed Woodward.

But although the technical director role is still to be filled, Woodward and Solskjaer have discussed the requirements for squad rebuilding, with the caretaker manager having already been involved in the sale of Marouane Fellaini in January.

And sources have told ESPN FC that a key factor in United's transfer business going forward will be the determination to create a young, hungry squad of players with the best years of their careers in front of them rather than having already peaked elsewhere.

The policy is a return to that overseen by Sir Alex Ferguson and former chief executive David Gill during the 2000s and early part of this decade, when the club would only pay transfer fees for outfield players aged 27 and under until making an exception to the rule when paying £24m to sign Robin van Persie from

Arsenal, then 29.

Since Ferguson's departure, United have committed to paying huge fees and/or wages when signing Sanchez (29 at the time), Matic (29), Bastian Schweinsteiger (30) and Zlatan Ibrahimovic (34).

Woodward took the first steps towards ending that approach last summer when United chose not to pursue Jose Mourinho's interest in Chelsea midfielder Willian, 30, and 29-year-old Tottenham defender Toby Alderweireld.

For the same reason, United will not be in the market to sign Gareth Bale if the Real Madrid winger becomes available this summer.

Alderweireld could become a renewed target this summer due to a clause in his Spurs contract which allows him to leave for a knock-down £25 million prior to the final two weeks of the transfer window, but United have little desire to invest huge sums on players approaching the final years of their careers.

Solskjaer has already impressed the United hierarchy by handing opportunities to emerging talent such as Tahith Chong and Mason Greenwood, as well as making Marcus Rashford a key figure of the team following his failure to earn a regular starting spot under Jose Mourinho.

But with Solskjaer set to be confirmed as permanent manager before the end of the season and a technical director also due to be appointed, sources have told ESPN FC that United are determined to succeed with a more strategic approach to the transfer market.

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Kane tells Tottenham: I'll stay if you show ambition

LONDON

HARRY Kane has told ESPN it is important that Tottenham match his ambition to win trophies and keep improving, amid speculation over his future at the club.

Kane, who is ranked the world's No. 1 striker by ESPN FC, has been linked with Real Madrid but remains happy with Spurs' progress at the moment.

"I've always said as long as the club is moving in the right direction and showing the right ambition, I want to be part of the journey," he said.

Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy said the move to a new stadium will not affect the club's spending plans, despite Spurs not signing a new player for two transfer windows -- and Kane admits the club have a difficult balancing act looming in the next few years as they seek to win their first trophy since 2008.

"It's something you assess along

the way," he said.

"A lot of people look at it and say this is maybe the best team we've had, maybe the best team we'll ever have, and the best manager, but it's important that we have something to show for it. It's not just, when we look back in 10 years, we had a great team. It's, 'Look what they did. Look what they won.' The challenge for us is, can we keep going up and up and up? It's going to be difficult in the next couple of years with the stadium and the finances."

Spurs coach Mauricio Pochettino has also been linked to Real Madrid, as well as to Manchester United, and Kane highlighted the Argentine's ambition as a factor in their combined success. "We [him and Pochettino] both want the same things," Kane said. "We both want to push and push and push, and work and work."

"We'll just have to see what happens this season, and go from there."

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Klopp fired up as Liverpool and Man City head into run-in

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

LIVERPOOL manager Juergen Klopp is relishing the prospect of a hectic finale to the Premier League title race as his side kick off a breathless charge to the finish line with a home clash against third-placed Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday.

Liverpool face Spurs in the game of the weekend, a day after title rivals Manchester City travel to struggling Fulham.

Klopp's side have a two-point lead over Pep Guardiola's City but have played a game more.

With both teams also playing Champions League quarter-finals in April -- City face Spurs while Liverpool take on Porto -- the games will come thick and fast and that is the way Klopp says he likes it.

"That's what we were always talking about -- a season is like that, you constantly prepare a basis for the final weeks. We are now in the final weeks and there will be no interruption anymore, there will only be game after game after game and they all are very, very important," he told the club's official website here.

"We created a wonderful base, now let's use it."

Liverpool right back Trent Alexander-Arnold is a doubt for the Spurs match due to a back injury, which forced him to withdraw from England's Euro 2020 qualifiers against the Czech Republic and Montenegro.

Swiss winger Xherdan Shaqiri should be fit for the weekend after recovering from a groin injury that kept him out of international duty, while Egyptian Mohamed Salah should be fresh after resting during the break.

Tottenham midfielder Harry Winks is in with a chance of returning from a groin injury, though Eric Dier is out after suffering a thigh problem for England.

City, who have won six league games in a row, need to put pressure

chairman, said: "Since coming in as caretaker manager in December, the results Ole has delivered speak for themselves. More than just performances and results, Ole brings a wealth of experience, both as a player and as a coach, coupled with a desire to give young players their chance and a deep understanding of the culture of the club.

"This all means that he is the right person to take Manchester United forward. I want to thank Ole and the coaching team for everything they have done so far and congratulate him on this richly deserved appointment. The fans and everyone at the club are behind him as he looks to take us where we need to be and build the next stage of our history."

In the Norwegian's first match in charge, United scored five for the

first time since Ferguson's last match when they won 5-1 away to Cardiff, and that victory sparked a sequence of positive results which brought the club back into contention for the top four.

When Mourinho was sacked as manager, the club were 11 points off fourth place. However, under Solskjaer, fifth-placed United are just two points off Arsenal in the final Champions League qualifying position.

Meanwhile, in the Champions League, United became the first side in history to win a tie after losing 2-0 at home in the first leg after they beat Paris Saint-Germain 3-1 in the return fixture last month. Solskjaer's side face Barcelona in the quarterfinals, with the first leg at Old Trafford on April 10.

Solskjaer's appointment also ends

speculation over Mauricio Pochettino's future at Tottenham and comes following high-profile backing from United's senior players. Midfielder Nemanja Matic told ESPN FC he hopes Solskjaer and the rest of his staff remain with the club, given their importance to the improvement in form this season. Romelu Lukaku urged United to hire Solskjaer permanently after their victory over PSG, while Paul Pogba told Sky Sports the players want the Norwegian to stay.

Solskjaer's record as United manager reads: Played 19 Won 14 Drawn 2 Lost 3. As a player, he scored 126 goals in 366 appearances for the club, including an injury-time winner in the 1999 Champions League final against Bayern Munich that completed an unprecedented Treble.

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Juergen Klopp

on Liverpool with victory at next to bottom Fulham.

Guardiola is hoping to have several players back to full fitness with Brazilian Fernandinho returning to training along with Belgian Kevin De Bruyne, who missed international duty with a thigh strain.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's Manchester United hope to bounce back from their pre-break defeat to Arsenal and FA Cup loss to Wolverhampton Wanderers, but have a tough test at home to eighth-placed Watford.

Arsenal, who are fourth, take on Newcastle United at the Emirates on Monday.

Pressure is mounting on teams near the bottom of the table and there should be plenty of tension at the Amex where 15th-placed Brighton and Hove Albion face Southampton, who are 16th and two points above the relegation zone.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko



Taifa Stars set for overseas camp



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DAR ES SALAAM

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

PLANS are underway for Tanzania's senior football team, Taifa Stars, to camp outside the country for one month to prepare for the 2019 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals slated for June 21-July 19 in Egypt.

In an interview yesterday, Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Technical Director, Ammy Ninje, said discussions with Taifa Stars head coach, Emmanuel Amunike, are underway to determine a suitable place for the team camping.

Ninje stopped short of issuing more details on the camp, but said it will be a place with climate similar to that of Egypt.

"Currently I am discussing with the head coach and the technical panel on where

to camp in a foreign land but as usual it will be a place with similar weather conditions with those of Egypt," he disclosed.

"We, as usual, will start with a home camp at the date to be announced later."

Ninje further said after preparations for camping are over, noting they will arrange international friendly matches to keep the team in shape ahead of the AFCON finals.

Asked on the possibility of adding new players to the current national team squad, he said it is a prerogative of the national team's head coach to

either add new players or not.

He, however, said he, as a coach, believes in the saying that one cannot change a winning team.

"It is the duty of the head coach to either add new players in the team or not, I am sure if he will see good players he will add them into the team, but for now I am sure the current squad is very good and coaches say you cannot change a winning team," he stressed.

Amunike told the media in his native country, Nigeria, that in spite of Taifa Stars' qualification for the 2019 AFCON finals,

a lot of work would be done to put the squad in good shape for the finals.

He said preparations for the finals have commenced and Taifa Stars will be focused.

"We have qualified but we need to change our mindset that we have qualified, we now start preparations for the tournament, people are no longer talking about qualifications but the impact we will make in the tournament," he was quoted saying.

He added that new players who would add value to the team and create positive impact

would be invited for the final preparations.

Meanwhile, Taifa Stars, placed on pot number four alongside Mauritania, Namibia, Benin, Kenya and Madagascar, will know their AFCON finals opponents on April 12 when the final draw will be made in Cairo.

All 24 teams that have qualified for the Egypt finals were divided into four pots. This was done according to latest FIFA rankings, results of previous three AFCONs finals of 2013, 2015 and 2017 as well as results of past three AFCON qualifying campaigns.

Mwakyembe optimistic of national athletics team's success in World Cross Country Championships

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu

MINISTER for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, Harrison Mwakyembe, has expressed optimism over the national athletics team's ability to win medals in the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Aarhus, Denmark tomorrow.

Mwakyembe made the remarks prior to handing over the national flag to the team in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. The squad jetted off to Aarhus the same day.

He as well handed the squad, which is made up of 16 athletes and four officials, allowance.

The minister noted he has great faith in the athletes and he hopes they will come back with medals and help the country keep on enjoying success in sports internationally.

He pointed out the squad had prepared well and thus, it should represent the country well in the Denmark event.

"You should not let us down, we believe you will perform well and help us," he insisted.

He, moreover, congratulated Multichoice Tanzania for supporting athletics after having done the same to domestic athlete, Alphonse Simbu, last year.

The minister as well lauded the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority for backing the sport.

Multichoice Tanzania's Corporate Affairs Manager, Jonson Mshana, disclosed his firm has backed athletics in the country given it believes the national team will shine in the World Cross Country Championships.

"The company wants to see to it Tanzania's national anthem is played in the Olympics for the first time. I have said so as a Tanzanian athlete will win a medal and our national anthem will be played," Mshana added.

Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority representative, Joyce Mgaya, noted they have opted to back the athletes and Athletics Tanzania as the institution hopes they will promote the country's tourist sites.

"Sports promote tourism and that is why we felt we should support our athletes. We request you to give your all I can welcome you when you make your way back the following day," she added.

National athletics team's head coach Meta Bare hailed the Tanzania People's Defense Forces (TPDF) and National Service for letting athletes from the institutions join the national team's camp in Arusha after the completion of the Military Games.

Bare added out the 16 athletes, four are from National Service, TPDF has fielded six, whilst the rest are from clubs.

He disclosed he is optimistic they will excel in the World Cross Country Championships thanks to preparations they had embarked on.

"I call on the institutions to properly nurture the athletes, they will greatly help us in achieving success in the sport," Petro disclosed.

Athletics Tanzania Secretary General, William Gidabuday, lauded the team's coaches for overseeing intensive training sessions for the squad and asked the athletes to put impressive showing in the showpiece.

Coca-Cola recognized for innovation in Copa Coca-Cola School Games



Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities), Mwita Waitara, speaks during the launch of this year's COPA Coca-Cola competition for primary and secondary schools in Tanzania in Dodoma yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

By Guardian Reporter

DEPUTY Minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities), Mwita Waitara, yesterday attended the launch of directive seminar for sports officers across the 26 regions of Tanzania held at the Institute of Rural Development Planning in Dodoma.

Speaking at the event, Waitara applauded Coca Cola Company's decision to introduce 'COPA Coca-Cola Recycle and Win', a campaign that seeks to encourage young

people to take care of their environment by taking responsibility for plastic collection in their respective participating schools during the games, noting it is a step in the right direction.

"I am aware that this year, COPA Coca-Cola's objective is to generate awareness on the importance of conserving our environment through recycling. I would like to assure you that I am in full support of the initiative in order to promote a litter free environment in our Tanzanian schools," he said.

"Last year, I urged you to continue sponsoring UMISSETA Games and take ownership of the games. I'm happy to see that this is taking effect."

As he launched the 2019 COPA Coca-Cola (UMISSETA) games, Waitara noted that regionally the games will start in Manyara on April 5.

Waitara further stated that the government recognizes Coca Cola's contribution in developing sports talents among the youth. He pledged that his ministry will continue to provide full support to the bev-

erage company.

He called on other companies and sports stakeholders to give school sports a priority just as Coca-Cola has been doing over the years if the nation is to achieve success in sports.

Coca-Cola Kwanza's Director of Public Affairs and Communications, Haji Mzee, said that football is a key passion point for teens and grassroots football is key to the development of soccer in the country. The event, according to him, strives to promote the growth of the sports sector by nurturing new talent in football.

He added that the competition in particular enables young teens realize their talents at an early age, therefore giving them an opportunity to nurture their talents.

"This year COPA Coca-Cola's objective is 'recycle and win', a project designed to motivate plastic collection in respective participating schools during the school games. Through this campaign, we aim to ensure that students become responsible members of the community by taking good care of the environment," he said.

He further thanked the government and various sports stakeholders for supporting the Coca-Cola Company's initiatives.

Regional sports officers, secondary and primary school education officers, representatives from the Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports, government officials from the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Government Authorities) took part in directive seminar.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

