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## Port project: Mwinyi offers jobs to youth quitting land

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has promised youths from villages where the Mangapwani oil and gas terminal is set to be constructed that they will be given priority in jobs they are able to do.

The works for the major project are set to kick off at Dundua village in Unguja North Region.

Dr Mwinyi (pictured) gave the pledge on Monday at the opening of the Nur-al-Yakin mosque and madrassa at the village, praising the step taken by Dundua villagers to shift from their area to pave way for the construction of the oil terminal.

It was a patriotic position that put the nation's interest foremost, the president noted, underlining that the government will supervise the development of the area, where the investor will be required to provide job opportunities to village youth.

The project to be implemented in the area is massive and will be ready to take up most of the area's youths, he affirmed, noting also that the area the villagers shall quit will be incorporated into drawings for the oil terminal and handed to the government.

There are people in the area who aren't satisfied with the idea, in view of the area's development, he stated, praising the previous government for mooted the project, saying the current

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# Samia, Uhuru agree to boost trade, investment

- Kenyan president to grace 60th Independence celebrations
- Dar-to-Mombasa gas pipeline project agreed on in principle

By Correspondent James Kandoya

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Kenyan counterpart Uhuru Kenyatta have agreed to end hurdles facing traders at the countries' border and initiate talks on new joint development projects.

In a joint press conference after their meeting on the first day of her two-day state visit, the presidents expressed their commitment to cementing ties especially on trade and investments for the mutual benefit of the neighbouring countries.

Tanzania and Kenya have agreed to end wrangling at the long border and remove cumbersome taxes that hinder trade between the two countries that depend on each other for a substantial number of goods and services, the visiting leader noted.

"We have also discussed plans for the construction of a natural gas pipeline from Dar es Salaam to Mombasa," she stated, highlighting that Kenya is now ranked fifth among countries investing in Tanzania and ranked first among EAC partner states.

Samia said Kenya had invested in 513 projects worth US\$ 1.7bn and employed about 51,000 Tanzanians, while about 30 Tanzania companies have invested over Ksh19.3bn and

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President Samia Suluhu Hassan exchanges greetings with her host, Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, on arrival at State House in Nairobi yesterday. She is on a two-day official visit to Kenya. Photo: State House

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## Private sector calls for ICT development fund

By Guardian Reporter

PRIVATE sector stakeholders have called on the government to establish a special fund for promotion and development of

Information and Communication Technology (ICT), saying the fast-growing sector has the potential to employ large numbers of youths.

Sahara Ventures managing director Jumanne Mtambalike said at a stakeholders' meeting in Dar es Salaam yesterday that ICT is the new frontier with more businesses being conducted online and youths being on the forefront.

The meeting was convened to discuss challenges facing the sector where speakers said that the sector was encumbered by many

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## Education: Minister targeting review of syllabus, 1978 Act

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is set to make major changes in Tanzania's education system aimed at drawing up relevant content and producing competent outcome.

The Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof Joyce Ndalichako told the National Assembly in Dodoma yesterday that one of the tools for the change is the country's education and

training policy formulated in 2014, to provide ideas for review and rewriting the National Education Act of 1978.

Tabling estimates of the ministry for the next financial year, she said the government will look into syllabuses to ensure that teaching and learning take place in accordance with the demands of the fast-changing world.

The government will also improve vocational education in the financial

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employ about 2,600 Kenyans.

The president hinted at prospects of greater investments from Tanzania to the other side of the border, to increase the volume of trade, with inter-state trade volumes having reached \$450m annually at present.

The two leaders also discussed strategic projects involving the transportation of people, goods and energy like electricity and gas, with the Dar es Salaam -Mombasa gas pipeline proposed project uppermost.

"I would like to inform you that we have today signed and its implementation will follow later," she said.

On the East Africa Cooperation (EAC), the two leaders emphasized member states paying their premiums on time, to smoothen operations of the EAC Secretariat, she stated.

Improve trade and investment matters in agriculture, fisheries, tourism and industry was also agreed upon, where the two leaders underlined that the two countries have vast opportunities. They agreed to utilise these opportunities to improve trade between the two counties and between them and the rest of the world, she stated.

Inn this upbeat mood, President Samia invited President Kenyatta to be guest of honour on the occasion of 60 years of Independence for Tanzania Mainland, set for December 9.

In earlier remarks, President Kenyatta expressed the importance of fast tracking the construction of the Malindi-Lungalunga-Bagamoyo road, stretching along the busy coastline that includes Tanga and Mombasa port cities with a kindred culture, closely connected with Zanzibar to the east.

Experts say that zone can also serve to offer a more integrated tourist destination, along with Mafia to the south, set in the Coast Region as Bagamoyo.

Commenting on the gas pipeline, the Kenyan leader said the project will improve trade and help industries to get enough and cheaper power source, thus boosting production.

"We have also discussed the peace and security of our people and countries especially the war against terrorism," he said, touching on an issue that is besetting a number of countries in the region, with the developing chaos close to the southern border in Tanzania, and the restive refugee camps in north east Kenya.

The two countries signed an agreement to strengthen cultural ties and social integration, as well as enhance links in health, tourism and aviation sectors.

"I would like to reaffirm the government's commitment to work hand in hand with the Tanzanian government to ensure the goals of the fathers of our two nations are attained," the host president emphasised.

Later during the day, President Samia laid a wreath at the grave of Kenya's first president the late Jomo Kenyatta, at the head of a colourful military procession.

Observers pointed out that Kenya has been high on President Samia's agenda, similar to former President John Magufuli who visited Kenya nearly a year into his presidency in November 2016, while his predecessor Jakaya Kikwete made a three day state visit as a farewell run towards the end of his second term, October 2015.

On her arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the 61-year-old was received by Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Raychelle Omamo and Ambassador Amina Mohamed, a well known diplomat in the region who formerly held the post and is now Cabinet Secretary for Sports.

She thereafter proceeded to the State House for talks lasting three hours with President Kenyatta. She first stood for a 21-gun salute and inspected a guard of honour.



Dr Juma Mmongoyo (L, gesturing), a researcher with the Chemistry Department of Mkwawa University College of Education's Iringa Campus, briefs National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) director general Prof Yunus Mgaya (R, in suit) in Iringa municipality yesterday on studies conducted on medicinal plants in Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

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problems, urging the government to establish a special fund to promote the use of ICT.

"Out there you see many able and eager youths seeking to create gainful occupations using ICT; they have ideas and start-ups. However, the challenge is the difficulty in getting working capital. Therefore, we appeal to the government to intervene by starting a special fund to help these young people," the entrepreneur said.

Dr Goodwill Wanga, executive secretary for the Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) said that affordable internet countrywide is critical to helping

the private sector increase efficiency.

"We are all witnesses to how ICT has benefited the private sector. For example, we have reached a stage where businesses are being done online," he said.

For his part, Dr Bello Moussa, head of innovation and ICT strategies for Huawei Southern Africa Ltd said that the fourth industrial revolution is coming and technological progress is driving global development.

"It is high time now for Tanzania to increased ICT speed to catch up with the rest of the world by working on areas that will expedite a technological change over in the next five years," he said.

Areas needing rapid action include national ICT planning for digital economy, nationwide high-speed broadband network, universal coverage for rural areas, increasing fiber deployment, digital services, plus enhancing ICT skills and professional capacity.

ICT minister Dr Faustine Ndugulile who was present at the meeting said the government welcomes more investors into the sector to make it more vibrant and productive.

"A serious investor ready to put money in the sector will receive full cooperation from the government," he promised, underlining that the government is committed to solving present

and future challenges troubling the sector.

Dr Ndugulile said that there are many private companies handling vast areas of information and communication technology. "This is a very good pointer that the private sector is in the forefront in promoting ICT. On behalf of the ministry I promise full government support to the private sector to promote this sector," he pledged.

The government will support the private sector without reservations in promoting ICT because it is aware of the challenges the private sector is facing in promoting the use of computers, smart phones, he added.



Special Seats legislator Najma Murtaza Giga directs a question at the Education, Science and Technology minister in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

### ADDIS ABABA

EUROPEAN UNION high representative Josep Borrell said the bloc has cancelled the deployment of its planned electoral observation mission to Ethiopia.

Despite all efforts by the European Union, it was not possible to reach an agreement with Ethiopian authorities on key parameters for the deployment of an EU Electoral Observation Mission in view of

## EU: No more deployment of the planned electoral observation mission to Ethiopia

the parliamentary elections on 5 June 2021. As conditions are not fulfilled, the deployment of the mission has to be cancelled.

It is disappointing that the EU has not received the assurances necessary to extend to the Ethiopian people one of its most visible signs of support for their quest for democracy

The integrity of an electoral observation mission is a cornerstone of the EUs support for democracy. The EU regrets the refusal of the fulfilment of standard requirements for the deployment of any Electoral Observation Mission, namely the independence of the Mission and the import of mission

communication systems, something that is key for the security of EU observers, in particular in the context of a challenging security environment. This situation also impacts election preparations, including voter registration.

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year 2021/22 by strengthening practical learning in technical secondary schools like Iyunga, Ifunda, Tanga, Bwiru Boys, Musoma, Mwadui, Moshi and Mtwara, the minister noted.

In the next financial year, the government will give more weight to subjects such as agriculture, technical education, work skills, sports and commerce both in primary and in secondary schools, she stated.

The government shall work to attain recommended standards for learning, like teacher-student ratios, easy access to learning and teaching materials, and a conducive learning environment generally, she affirmed.

The review of syllabuses will take place at all levels to ensure that the contents produce skills that are relevant in the modern world, while seeking to accommodate recommendations from various education stakeholders also pursuing the same goals.

Recommendations of the parliamentary subsidiary

legislations committee on improvement of the Tanzania Teachers' Professional Board shall also taken into account in reviewing the Act, the minister noted, also referring to the president's remarks on the board in her May Day speech at the weekend.

The scheduled changes comes after years of calls by education stakeholder for restructuring the education system, many saying it is outdated and produces irrelevant or half-baked products from primary to university level.

A recent recommendation was issued by HakiElimu, a non-governmental organization in the sector, where it said last week that there is need to form a National Education Commission to oversee a restructuring of the entire learning system.

HakiElimu made a penetrating analysis of ETP of 2014 saying it is the kind of education the country needs, which thus calls for establishing a national body of education, like a commission to oversee the entire education system.

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government will also provide full basic services to people moved from their areas to give room for development projects.

The Zanzibar minister for Water and Energy, Suleiman Masoud Makame, extolled Dundua villagers for accepting to move from their area to pave the way to the major project, insisting that

they will be provided with better settlements.

Sheikh Khalid Ali Mfaume, the secretary of the Isles Muft urged mosque leaders to shun conflicts and employ wisdom in the running the prayer house.

There is need to form a committee to fully manage social issues, including the fight against gender based violence and child abuse, he added.



Alex Mkumba (L), Dar es Salaam regional coordinator on control of non-communicable diseases, briefs journalists at Pugu Kajjungeni health centre yesterday during the launch of a hydrocele surgery camp to be held at the centre for one month. With him are Kigunga Street (Temeke District) local government chairman Salim Kawambwa (R) and Pugu medical officer Dr Mingole Saidi. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

# ‘Govt to implement four power projects in Dodoma Region’

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has said it will implement four power projects in Dodoma Region aimed at making sure all areas get the energy service to enable residents conduct various economic activities.

Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemami made the remarks when switching power for Makutupa Village in Kongwa District in Dodoma Region.

Dr Kalemami mentioned the projects to be implemented as including rural power distribution whose Phase III was ongoing of which the first round is expected to be completed within three months. He said other projects include power distribution to hamlets, and to peri-urban areas being undertaken by TANESCO.

He said in the event all these projects are completed in time, they will enable various villages to get electricity that would mobilise their residents engage in economic activities.

“The government has provided 60bn/- to distribute power to villages in Dodoma region, and 48.3bn/- for distributing power to

hamlets and 23bn/- to peri-urban areas,” said Dr Kalemami.

He further said 467 out of 581 villages in Dodoma Region have already received power, which is more than 81 per cent and the work was continuing.

The Minister also visited Mbande area whose residents have been complaining that there were many power poles erected in the area but with no power connected to them.

He promised the residents that the contractor - Derm Electric will soon start connecting them to power, beginning May 7 this year.

He also said power customers were not supposed to purchase power poles, stressing that they are only supposed to pay 27,000/- connecting fees.

He said 1,974 out of 12,268 villages are yet to be connected to power countrywide, and contractors for the work in the remaining villages have already been found and were expected to start work the coming week.

Kongwa District Commissioner Dr Suleiman Serera thanked the minister for the good work in rural power distribution that continues to develop the country’s economy.

# Bus transport stakeholders want LATRA director fired

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government has said it will pursue more than 26m/- of bus transport stakeholders that is claimed to have been lost by using the e-ticketing system for up-country bound passengers.

The transport stakeholders have also asked the government to remove from his post the

Land Transport Regulatory Authority (LATRA) director for using them for harvesting money and not caring for their complaints.

Speaking at the meeting of transport stakeholders, the Works and Transport deputy minister Mwitwa Waitara said the ‘lost’ money was not with the government or even with owners

of bus transport companies.

Waitara said since he received complaints from various stakeholders complaining over the ticket selling via POS machines, he decided to convene the meeting to listen to them and to see how they could solve the issue.

“I have listened to the challenges you face including the

one in regard to money you put in POS machines when selling tickets, the money which later has to be returned to you, but you say you do not get it in time,” said the Deputy Minister.

He called on the transporters to have faith in the government, saying that is why he called them for them to say what they were being troubled by through using

the e-ticketing system.

However, he said he had already talked with the LATRA Managing Director on the challenges faced by the bus transport stakeholders including fines they are frequently ordered to pay by LATRA.

“you are very important people in this government, I have listened to you and we

must remove these challenges from the sector, so long as you say no one refuses to pay tax, all must pay tax,” he said.

For his part Rogers Tupndige, a transport stakeholder said the government is supposed to intervene in the issue because, he said, LATRA exists only to oppress them, and not assist them as it says.

# ‘Environmental polluters should pay higher fines’

By Guardian Reporter

MINISTER of State in the Vice President’s Office (Union and Environment) Seleman Jafo yesterday ordered the National Environment and Management Council (NEMC) to continue fining manufacturers who violate environmental management laws.

Speaking during a special tour in the Coast Region where he visited two factories, the minister ordered NEMC to fine Fortune Cement Company in Mkuranga District, Pwani Region for environmental pollution.

In his remarks, Jafo was not satisfied with the state of environmental protection initiatives the factory had kept in place regardless of several warnings that have been issued to the cement manufacturer and is yet to observe regulations by the council.

“Residents surrounding this area have shouted a lot about this factory and today we have come and found that the whole management is nowhere to be found. We have informed the management about our visit but so far no nobody is here which means they have fled away,” said Jafo.

“I direct NEMC to take legal action in accordance with the law. If someone pollutes the environment and you have already given them instructions don’t hesitate to fine them” said Jafo.

previously been given instructions on how to take care of the environment, that includes control of cement dust produced at the factory, has defied the instructions, which has caused local residents to cry foul of the pollution.

On the other hand, Jafo commended Lodhia Steel Industries manufacturer of construction items at Kisemvule village in the district for being responsible in environment management.

“Of all the factories I visited since I assumed office you guys are doing the best. This is the best factory that has done well in environmental protection

and, if possible, other industrialists should come and learn,” he added. The factory has a modern waste recycling system where the waste is processed and re-used instead of being disposed of and also loaded with a good cooling system for mechanics and thus producing a favourable atmosphere for its employees.

The factory’s Director Sailesh Pandit, asked the minister to allow the importation of scrap metal, claiming that the metals collected by scrap metal traders are not enough to meet their needs.




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- This Specific procurement notice follows the General Procurement Notice for this project which was published in the UN Development Business (UNDB online) and the African Development Bank’s Internet Website ([www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org)) on 30th November, 2017.
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received financing from the African Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Institutional Support Project for Domestic Resource Mobilization and Natural Resource Governance (ISPDRMNRG). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of ICT Equipment and Accessories.
- The President’s Office Finance and Planning now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply, installation and commissioning of ICT Equipment and Accessories.

- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of:  
  
**Project Coordinator ISP-DRMNRG, President’s Office Finance and Planning, P.O. Box 1154, 12Keneth Kaunda Road 71402 Urban West, Vuga, Zanzibar.**  
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**Account, Branch: Forodhani, Account Number: 0403898000.**
- The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the African Development Bank Standard Bidding Document: Procurement of Goods.
- All bids in one original plus three copies, properly filled in and enclosed in a plain envelop must be delivered to the above office on or before **10:00am on 10th June 2021** and must be accompanied by a security of **USD Ten Thousand Only (USD 10,000.00)** or equivalent in a free convertible currency.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders’ representatives who choose to attend at **10:00am on 10th June 2021** at the offices of **President’s Office, Finance and Planning, Conference Room, Ground Floor, P.O. Box 1154, 12Keneth Kaunda Road, 71402 Urban West, Vuga, Zanzibar.**
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1	Rack Server	Pieces	13
2	Storage Server	Pieces	2
3	SAN Switch	Pieces	2
4	Switch ‘A’	Pieces	7
5	Switch ‘B’	Pieces	5
6	Switch ‘C’	Pieces	2
7	Router	Pieces	8
8	Firewall	Pieces	6
9	Laptop IOS	Pieces	5
10	Laptop PC	Pieces	25
11	Computer Desktop (AIO)	Pieces	100
12	Projector	Pieces	5
13	Display Screen	Pieces	5
14	Printer Coloured	Pieces	5
15	Printer Black/White	Pieces	5
16	Photocopy Black/White	Pieces	5
17	Android Tablet and iPad	Pieces	30
18	Server Rack	Pieces	4
19	Server UPS	Pieces	4
20	KVM Switch	Pieces	3
21	Monitor	License	3
22	Windows Server Datacenter 2019	Pieces	1
23	Software	Pieces	3

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## Over 600 villagers in Kongwa sign contract farming agreements

By Polycarp Machra, Kongwa

AT LEAST 628 millet farmers from 14 villages in Kongwa District, Dodoma Region have signed contract farming agreement with the Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL), move that has won government accolade.

Speaking during a tour to visit the farmers recently, Agriculture minister, Prof Adolf Nkenda praised the move, saying the government fully support contract farming for it has countless benefits, especially to farmers.

He noted that through the initiative, TBL that plans to set a production plant in Dodoma region will be able to easily get raw materials from within the region. In the agreement, TBL has agreed to purchase millet at Sh 550 per kilogram.

The minister also argued that the decision by local breweries to use locally produced agricultural products has opened ready for farmers in the country, thus a great opportunity for farmers.

"All barley related products are imported outside the country and now that TBL wants to put up a plant in Dodoma, therefore there will be beer made from local barley and those made by imported ones" said the minister.

Prof Nkenda explained that TBL shall purchase 5,000 tons of barley from farmers, creating big profits and market opportunity to farmers in the country. "In a way Dodoma will be special in contract farming and as we move forward, TBL will be given priority in effort to publicise it in the region and restore glory at home" he added.

He said the government is considering introducing contract farming on sunflower in the region too, stating a lot of sunflower oil is imported from Indonesia and Malaysia as the government a half

a trillion shillings on the import.

In his report, Kongwa District Executive Director, Dr Omar Nkullo, said the district has been implementing sustainable agriculture on millet since 2018/2019 agricultural season and is scheduled to end in 2020/2021 June. He said the programme is undertaken under sponsorship of the World Food Programme (WFP) and is implemented by the Farm Africa.

According to the DED, the main aim of the project is to increase productivity from three bags of millet per hectare to ten bags. He said through the project in collaboration with district council, some 40 extension officers and 4,099 famers have been trained in better agricultural skills.

Dr Nkullo added that the programme brought together farmers, millet farmers and TBL, which is the buyer through a company known as Kibaigwa Flour Supplies, whereby last year a total of 1,6000 were sold.

He expressed optimism that millet farmers will get better price through the agreement with TBL that will benefit 628 farmers in some 14 villages in the district.

The DED noted that in the current season, farmers received 5,322 kilogram of seeds in loans that were planted in 1,766 hectares.

He said through the contract farming approach, farmers will get a ready market as a total of 3,352 tonnes of millet are expected to be harvested and at the buying price of Sh 550 per kilogram, the company shall inject Sh 1.95bn/- into circulation in the district.

Speaking at the event, TBL representative, Mesia Mwangoka called on farmers in the district to take the opportunity in millet farming since there is ready market.



Mbeya mayor Dormohamed Issa Rahmat cuts ribbon yesterday to inaugurate a D Light office building in the city yesterday. The firm makes and sells an assortment of solar power equipment and accessories. Others include the firm's southern zone commercial manager, Lilian Mwalongo (L), Mbeya city legal officer Triphonisa Kisiga (2nd-R) and D Light technical unit head Prisca Kalinga (R). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

INDUSTRY and Trade minister Prof Kitila Mkumbo has said the government does not engage in businesses, hence it cannot develop trade without the contribution of the private sector and the port is the main gateway for the country's economy, hence one cannot say you improve trade if you cannot improve the port.

Prof Mkumbo made the remarks when he met with and held discussions with various stakeholders in transport and cargo clearance from the port.

Among other things, the meeting aimed to jointly discuss various challenges faced by the

## Government does not engage in businesses, states Prof Mkumbo

stakeholders which have been affecting the country's business environment. He added: "We believe that if we put in place good business environment for our traders, trade will grow, and when that happens the country's economy will also grow, which will increase government's revenue."

The meeting was also used to receive various views from the stakeholders on the performance of Tanzania Bureau of Standards 9TBS) at the Port of Dar es Salaam,

especially in its new role of inspection of imported vehicles.

Chairperson of Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) Angelina Ngalula complained on the procedures by Tanzania Shipping Agency Corporation (TASAC) when serving customers, and called for better procedures that would help business people to conduct business without hindrances at the port area.

The meeting, held on Monday at Dar es Salaam Port Conference

Hall was attended by various stakeholders and representatives including Tanzania Freight Forwarders Association (TAFFA), Tanzania Truck Owners Association (TATOA) and Tanzania Shipping Agencies Association (TASAA).

Others were Container Inland Depots Associations of Tanzania (CIDAT), Tanzania Shippers Council (TSC) and Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS).

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### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR

**PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CARRYING OUT TECHNICAL AUDIT OF REHABILITATION OF BUBUBU – MAHONDA – MKOKOTONI ROAD (31KM), BUBUBU POLICE – KWANYANYA JUNCTION AND UPGRADING OF MATEMWE – MUYUNI ROAD 7.58KM), PALE – KIONGELE (4.611KM) AND FUONI – KOMBENI (8.58KM) UNDER TRANSPORT SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAMME (TSSP)**

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (hereinafter called Borrower) has received financing from the African Development Bank in the form of a loan toward the cost of Transport Sector Support Programme. The Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport, Zanzibar (MoICT), an executing agency of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for Consultancy services for carrying out technical audit of rehabilitation of Bububu – Mahonda –Mkokotoni Road (31km), Bububu Police – Kwanyanya Junction and Upgrading of Matemwe – Muyuni road 7.58km), Pale – Kiongele (4.611km) and Fuoni – Kombeni (8.58km).

Consultancy services are therefore required to carry out technical audit for the rehabilitated and upgraded roads.

The Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport, Zanzibar on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the aforesaid services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. Firms are not allowed to participate in more than one association for the purpose of this assignment.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the ADB Guidelines: Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants 'May 2008 Edition'.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 07:30 to 15:30 hours East African Time, on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, except on public holidays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by: 27/05/2021 at 10.00 am local time.

The Principal Secretary,  
Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport.  
P.O.Box 266, Kisauni,  
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By Guardian Reporter

## NBC disburses 490bn/- loans to public servants

THE National Bank of Commerce (NBC) has disbursed 490bn/- in credits to government employees as part of its efforts to support personal development endeavours.

NBC Managing Director Theobald Sabi said in a statement yesterday that this initiative takes up government efforts to enable public sector employees to improve their economic situation.

This assessment was given in the wake of a declaration by President Samia Suluhu Hassan of onepercent decrease of the pay as you earn (PAYE) tax rate from individual wages and salaries.

Addressing a huge for the Workers Day national event at

the CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza, the president said the PAYE rate is set to decline to eight percent from nine percent at present.

Sabi said that more than 250,000 civil servants have managed to secure loans from the bank for their personal development needs, borrowing at under 18 percent interest rates, making the loans friendly to repayment from wages.

Loan processes for obtaining loans are simple, thus enabling many people to qualify for the loans, he stated, citing more than

30 years of NBC experience in that regard. "We are proud that our services have impressed many workers in the country and that is why they opt to take loans in our bank," he observed.

Maria Salum, a teacher at Igoma primary school in Mwanza is among beneficiaries of this initiative. She said she has been using the loans to set up small domestic income generating activities.

Through the loans, she has brought up a chicken farm and is now selling chicken and eggs, she added.



Best Agriculture extension officer Pratic Kingkong Mosile (L) briefs Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children deputy minister (Community Development) Mwanaidi Ali Khamis (in headscarf) during the latter's visit to the company's offices in Arumeru District yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

## Govt vows to review legislation on standards, business environment

THE government has pledged to support Standards Watchdog in reviewing some of the laws for its improvement and creating a new board of directors immediately for development of the economy.

This was said yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the Minister for Industry and Trade Prof Kitila Mkumbo during a familiarization tour at TBS offices.

Prof Mkumbo hailed the organization for conducting its activities well vowing to extend enough cooperation to enable it participate in developing internal trade at required standards.

He said at the moment TBS does not have a record of expiry goods which are not fit for human consumption which show that there are people who are working to prevent its importation into the country.

"I congratulate TBS for the work well done to ensure that all imported and locally manufactured products adhere to the required quality, we have registered a major success on that into our country," he said.

Minister Mkumbo also said he met traders at Port of Dar es Salaam where few of them had minor complaints but urged TBS workers to improve their performance and reduce unnecessary cumbersome procedures.

He stressed to workers the importance of improving good customer service for development of their organisation and a nation as a whole.

Speaking at a meeting with senior leaders of institutions and departments under the ministry last year in Dodoma, the then Minister for the same ministry Geoffrey Mwambe was quoted as directing them to submit their budget strategies that will bring about positive changes in the ministry.

The minister warned

government executives and officials who frustrated investors and traders to "watch out."

"Each institution will prepare a report and submit to me on major strategies that will make significant changes," he said, pointing to the Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (Brela).

"I want to know what you have decided to do to transform industries and trade," he said.

The minister said he was interested

in new comprehensive strategies which were viable. He said he wanted a new report on the job description of each manager in the ministry.

"I want every unit in the ministry to rethink and revisit its position as well as its contribution to transforming the ministry."

According to the minister, the job is serious and managers must ensure it yields positive results. "The goal is to strengthen the ministry for the betterment of the nation," he added.



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The responses to this EOI/RFI will be used to shortlist capable Suppliers that will be invited to respond to the Main Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Various Goods and Services for Geita Gold Mining Ltd. The details and dates for the issue of the Main Tender will be communicated to shortlisted Companies only. It is necessary to respond to this EOI/ RFI in order to be pre-qualified to be considered for the Main Tender.

#### Scope of work:

Reference Number	Project Description
GGME01173	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS INK CARTRIDGES
GGME01174	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF TOOLS EQUIPMENT'S
GGME01181	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CRANE PARTS FOR MC013
GGME01158	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SECURITY NETWORK ITEMS

#### II. SPECIAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PROVISION, SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES

The below information forms the minimum requirements in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out:

- Approved dealership (where applicable)
- Capability
- Warranty (where applicable)
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- Previous experience on doing the same service

#### III. GENERAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

The below information is required in order to conclude the prequalification evaluation set out below:

1. Details of business presence in Tanzania
2. Details on Compliance of the Mining Act (Local Content) Regulations 2018, including:
  - Approved Local Content Plan by Mining Commission
  - Ownership: Please provide the following information about your organisation's ownership/partners/members:
    - 2.1 For privately owned companies, a list of all the owners, their nationality and respective percentage ownership of your organisation.
    - 2.2 For publicly traded companies, a list of all shareholders holding more than 5% with details of their nationality and percentage ownership.
3. Quality assurance & Quality control plan/ procedures in place for the execution of similar type of work, Copy of ISO or any other certification as applicable.
4. Service provider's financial performance documents (Audited Balance sheets, Profit and Loss Account & cash flow statement, Auditors Report and Notes to Accounts etc.) for the last 3 (three) years.
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6. Safety and Environmental Policies & OSHA Compliance Certificate

#### IV. PREQUALIFICATION EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

In evaluating the interested bidder, GGML will consider the following:

1. **Supply Reliability** – Prospective Bidders to indicate the approach they will adopt to ensure Quality of the goods supplied, particularly in the Mining Sector.
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3. **Permits and Certifications** – Prospective Bidders to provide details and evidence of permits and registrations issued by the relevant Government authorities, and any other statutory bodies regulating the related goods/services.
4. **Local Content** – Prospective Bidders to demonstrate their compliance with the requirements as set out in the Tanzania Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018, as amended by having an approved Local Content Plan.

Interested bidders must submit expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **DESCRIPTION AND REFERENCE NUMBER** of the service they intend to express interest on **THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to GGML, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. All LOIs and support documentation must be received by the GGML Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) not later than **0830 A.M 17 May 2021** (the "LOI" Submission Deadline"). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email, documents should be submitted in PDF format (documents should NOT be submitted via a link). In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email. In case the applicant does not comply with the EOI Submission Requirements, GGML shall not be liable for not considering the applications that have been compromised.

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### Invitation For Bids

Bids are invited from interested registered, competent, reliable and licensed suppliers/dealers to provide the under listed goods and services for the year ending 31st July 2022.

S/N	Category No.	Description
1.	Category 1	Maintenance Materials
2.	Category 2	Consumables and Cleaning Materials
3.	Category 3	Office Stationery
4.	Category 4	Staff Welfare Supplies (Sugar, Tea, Coffee & Milk Powder)
5.	Category 5	Timber
6.	Category 6	Servicing of Fire Extinguishers
7.	Category 7	Fumigation
8.	Category 8	Cesspit Emptying
9.	Category 9	Appliances (Fridges, Cookers & Air-conditions)
10.	Category 10	Motor Vehicle Spare Parts

#### Conditions:

- Bid document(s) will be emailed to the bidders on payment of **TZS. 50,000/=** payable per bid category. Payments should be made to the Billing Department located in the Administration Building (Gate #5), off United Nations Road, Upanga, between 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Friday. Bidders will need to provide the School with the **email ID** at the time of making payment. Once payment has been received, bid documents will be emailed by the following working day.
- Bids should be emailed to [bids@istafrica.com](mailto:bids@istafrica.com) latest by **2 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021**. No bids will be accepted after this time. In addition, bidders should attach scanned copies of certificates of registration, business license, TIN/VAT certificates and User Identification Number certificate (for VAT registered suppliers). **On submission of the information, the bidders would receive a confirmation that their bids have been successfully received by IST.**
- The School is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid and reserves the right to reject all or any of the bids received.



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### Scope of work:

Reference Number	Project Description
GGME0880	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MOTOR GEARBOX

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## Council to take legal steps against Ikungi ward executives found to have failed to submit collections

By Guardian Correspondent, Ikungi

IKUNGI District Council in Singida Region plans to institute legal steps against 13 ward executive officers who collected revenue but failed to remit to the council.

This was disclosed here by the Council's Chairman Ally Mwangi at the opening of the ordinary council meeting.

Mwangi elaborated that there were areas where council officials collected revenue but did not remit the same to the council, the issue which I would like you, the Executive Director to deal with very closely,' said Mwangi who is also Iriyisa Ward Councillor.

He said: "The recent sitting of the Council's Finance, Economy and Planning Committee found out that there were issues that

were not right including ward executives not remitting revenue they collected, the government should take legal steps against them."

He stressed that ward executives who fail to collect and properly manage revenue collection in their areas will lose qualification of holding the positions and has already instructed the DED to summon such officials for them to explain themselves.

He said there are also council officials who collected revenue using POS machines but failed to remit the money to the bank, and added that there is need to know the amount of the unremitted money and who are the culprits.

For his part, the council's executive officer Justice Kijazi said according to the report of the Controller and Auditor General

(CAG), the council received a clean certificate.

Submitting report on revenue collection in their wards, Iyumbu ward Councillor Peter Kuligwa said the ward collected 127,189,400/- or 129.78 per cent, surpassing the set target by 68.5m/-.

However, Kuligwa stressed that apart from this achievement, the Ward was faced with various challenges including poor road infrastructures, lack of reliable transport and little knowledge of many traders.

For his part Mgunigira Ward Councillor Deogratius Damian Majige said the ward collected 219,666,100/- as revenue or 135.42 per cent of the set target but mentioned some of the challenges faced by the ward as poor weighing machines of traders buying cash crops.



A visibly thrilled East Africa Radio manager Lydia Igarabuza pictured in her office in Dar es Salaam yesterday with the trophy presented to her in the city recently by Information, Culture, Arts and Sports ministry deputy permanent secretary Dr Ally Possi. It was in recognition of the role she had played alongside several others "as a woman of achievement in the media for remarkable contribution to uplifting women in the media industry and in many ways, through her work, improving the lives of men and women". Photo: Guardian Photographer

## More leadership centres to train women in management wanted

By Getrude Mbago and Alima

Nkwong, HMC

THE government has been urged to facilitate the establishment of more leadership centres in the country so as to train and capacitate women with essential skills and thus have more women in management and leadership positions.

Lydia Igarabuza, East Africa Radio manager made the call yesterday when she was interviewed on the recent received award from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in collaboration with the Tanzania Media Women Association (TAMWA). The awards were presented last week in Dar es Salaam.

Lydia is among the 25 professional women who recently won special awards in recognition of their contribution to the promotion and development of the information industry based on gender equality.

In the awards three media editors from IPP Ltd were

appreciated for their hard work in empowering women in media.

"I was happy and very surprised because I didn't expect to get the award, I know that I am a very hardworking woman, I have been in the media industry for 20 years now, so it gives me joy being recognised for my contribution," Lydia said.

According to her, for Tanzania to have more women in management positions, it has to invest heavily in training to drill women with essential skills needed for them to operate effectively in leadership positions.

She also called on organisations to invest in in-house training by bringing experts from outside to upgrade the skills and capacities for more productivity within the organisations.

Lydia also urged the government to also have a good support system which will enable more girl children to become leaders in future.

She noted that various studies have proved that having more women in top leadership positions, speeds up the pace of development, so investing in

them should be reemphasized.

Lydia who started working in East African Radio in 2007, urged women to be confident, hardworking and focus on doing things which are impactful in society for them to be recognised.

"You have to fight your own fight, find a way and equip yourself so as to shape your destiny if you want to be a leader. To become a good leader needs a lot of sacrifices, consistency as well as a strong support system, before coming here I also worked with Femina Hip for six years," Lydia advised women.

When asked why she maintained her position as a leader for about 20 years, Lydia unveiled that apart from having enough knowledge and skills, good character is also an important trait to possess because without good character, the talent means nothing.

"In 2017 I also won two awards in the Excellence in Journalism Awards Tanzania (EJAT) in good governance and agriculture categories. I am very determined and I wish to win more awards and I am really working for it," she intoned.

## Community development officers instructed to help solve problems

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

DEPUTY Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Mwanaidi Ali Khamis has instructed community development officers to solve problems facing the citizens in their areas in order to go in tandem with technological changes.

She gave the instructions on Monday when she made an inspection visit on the construction of students' dormitory at Tengeru Community

Development College in Arumeru District, Arusha Region.

She said: "I congratulate the Tengeru Community Development College for its supervision of the research and keeping of publications of women.

"The main task of Community Development Officers is to solve people's problems, who depend on you in issues that solve social problems.

"Continue with your practical implementation in contributing to government efforts in solving unemployment issues."

Earlier, the Principal of Tengeru Community Development College Dr Bakari George said the college, apart from challenges it faces, also runs the research and keeping of publications of women whose aim is to research in the areas of economy, culture, gender and women issues in general.

He said the institution has a total of 2,608 students 1,678 Or 64 per cent being female. He said the institution expects to increase six new programmes to widen its fields in response to current needs in the Academic Year 2021/22.

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

## Venture into organic farming for more gain, Tanzanian youth told

YOUNG Tanzanians have been asked to join groups and venture into organic farming, which proved to be free from chemical use, hence ensure market in and outside the country.

National youth agricultural investments development coordinator in the Ministry of Agriculture, Reuelian Ngaiza made the call on Monday when she visited youth groups that deal with organic farming in Kalengakelu village, Mlimba council in Morogoro Region.

Ngaiza said that right now crops grown organically attract more market as more people prefer to use foods produced without chemicals to avoid diseases including heart-related complications.

According to the coordinator, the Ministry of Agriculture wants to see the existing youth workforce of about 58% engaged

in productive activities through agriculture to boost the economy of individual households and the nation as a whole by putting more focus on organic farming—a technique, which involves the cultivation of plants and rearing of animals in natural ways. This process involves the use of biological materials, avoiding synthetic substances to maintain soil fertility and ecological balance thereby minimizing pollution and wastage.

Elizabeth Nsobi, coordinator of organic farming from Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT) in Kilombero District said a total of 97 young people in Kalengakelu village have joined the groups and produce rice and garden crops through organic farming without the use of chemicals or pesticides, the technique which is friendly to

the environment and consumers' health. She said despite the huge success, but lack of land ownership remains a serious challenge for young people, a situation that discourages them to join in groups. "The challenge is more serious for young women," she stressed.

"We are thankful that this education on sustainable agriculture. More youth are encouraged to join groups to explore opportunities embedded in organic farming," said Elizabeth.

Chairman of the organic farming group in Kalengakelu village, Daud Kalinga called on the government to order village leaders to allocate land to the youth to reduce the cost of renting one hectare for 100,000/- which is too costly compared to their income.



Barrick Gold Corporation and Twiga Minerals Corporation workers take part in a May Day march during celebrations held at national level at CCM Kirumba Stadium in Mwanza city on Saturday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

## NaCoNGO urges organisations to abide by the country's laws

THE National Council of Non-governmental organisations (NaCoNGO) has urged organisations and networks in the country to adhere to the laws governing the sector and stop issuing statements on behalf of the NGOs sector.

Nicholous Zacharia, chairman of the NaCoNGO made the directives here during the weekend when reading various resolutions met by members during the council's meeting.

According to him, there are some organisations that have been releasing statements on behalf of all NGOs which is against the law.

He said only NaCoNGO is charged to issue the statements so if an NGO decides to issue any statement, it has to ensure that the statement sticks within the boundary of the particular organisation.

"We all recognise that NGOs play a significant role in the socio-economic development of our nation. But while executing our duties, we should ensure that we adhere to the set principles and guidelines," he said.

The council also agreed to organise another meeting so as to discuss and come up with more resolutions to improve operation of the NGOs sector in the country.

The chairman further urged the government to also fast-track the implementation of all resolutions reached during the meeting between the NGOs sector and the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children.


"Since the council was improving regulations governing the NGOs sector, it also decided not to

collect fees and other contributions from members, but now the exercise will start this month so as to support operation of the council," he said.

In this, the International NGOs will be paying a fee of US\$250, Grand makers NGOs will be charged 400,000/-, national networks will

pay 100,000/- and local NGOs will be charged 30,000/-

The council's secretary Focus Magwesela said that the improvement of the regulations governing the sector was meant to facilitate smooth operations of the sector as well as increase efficiency.



**AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

**INVITATION TO TENDER**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DRILLING A BOREHOLE AT MANYARA RANCH-TANZANI**

**A. INTRODUCTION**  
 African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) is an international conservation organization formed in 1961. Together with the people of Africa, AWF works to ensure that the wildlife and wild lands of Africa will endure forever. Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, AWF has field offices in nine African countries: (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Niger, and Rwanda) and is registered in the United Kingdom, Canada, Switzerland, and South Africa.


The African Wildlife Foundation ("AWF") is requesting proposals from licensed and Qualified Firms within the Republic of Tanzania to offer Borehole drilling and equipping services at Manyara Ranch Tanzania.

The entire Request for Proposals (RFP) Document can be downloaded from the AWF website at <https://www.awf.org/about/careers/request-proposal-borehole-drilling>

To be considered, a proposal in the format outlined in the RFP Document must be received by 5PM on May 21, 2021. Proposals should be emailed to AWF procurement at [procurement@awf.org](mailto:procurement@awf.org) with a copy to [JMumo@awf.org](mailto:JMumo@awf.org) and [MAIphone@awf.org](mailto:MAIphone@awf.org)

AWF reserves the right, where it may serve the organization's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

**AWF PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE**



**ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI**  
GEITA GOLD MINE

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR PROVISION OF VARIOUS SERVICES TO BE PROCURED BY GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

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The Company is in the process of procuring various Service and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible service providers to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of various services for any of the below listed services.

**Scope of work:**

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01151	PROVISION OF BASIC MINERAL PROCESSING TRAINING FOR GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED AT GEITA MINE
GGME01152	PROVISION OF ONLINE INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMA IN LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT & ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RESOURCES DIPLOMA
GGME01153	PROVISION OF PROCESS PLANT OPERATION TRAINING VIDEO

**II. INFORMATION REQUIRED**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	10%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	1.25%
Copy of registration/Incorporation Certificate	1.25%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC)	1.25%
Copy of TIN Certificate of Firm/company and VRN	1.25%
Copy of Current Business Permit/Trade license.	1.25%
Company Shareholding Structure/Share structure of the company (ownership of shares in percentage (%))	1.25%
List of Directors	1.25%
Compliance with the Mining (Local Content) Regulations, 2018 by having Local Content plan - Approved by mining Commission	1.25%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Audited & certified financial statements (2018-2019)	2.5%
At least 1 references from the applicant's banker regarding supplier's credit position	2.5%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Environment Compliance Certificate	1.25%
Workers Compensation Fund Certificate/ any proof of compliance	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Policies	1.25%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered into with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.25%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.25%
Acceptance certificates/completion certificates (proof of the above) where applicable	1.25%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.25%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01151)</b>	<b>75%</b>
The supplier/company must be registered by the relevant Tanzania authority as a Mineral Processing Engineering/Extractive metallurgy service provider (E.g. recognized engineering consulting firm by the Engineering registration board - ERB).	20%
Proof of the facilitators/trainer's competence & experience in the technical and practical field on a metallurgical plant most preferably Process plant Operation not limited to the list below:	30%
1. Comminution processes,	
2. Ore treatment methods (e.g. CIL, CIP, gravity, etc),	
3. Gold production processes (e.g. desorption methods, Electrowinning & Smelting, etc)	
4. Tailings disposal,	
5. Sampling methods,	
6. Basic metallurgical accounting,	
7. Etc.	
Proof of ERB registration as a consulting firm in Mineral Processing Engineering & Extractive Metallurgy.	10%
Capable of providing training material both hard and soft copies	7.5%
Capable of providing the service on site (Geita Gold Mining Ltd)	7.5%
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01152)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Proof of the ability to provide online programme	25%
Capable of providing online support 24/7	25%
Capable of providing all training resources Online	25%
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01153)</b>	<b>75%</b>
Proof to have experience in video development in mining or relevant work environment	45%
Capable of providing:	30%
I. The External Hard Disk should contain files of each equipment (20 Minutes Video Clips, 3 Pieces)	
II. Both English and Swahili Language to be used on narrating (Presentation)	
III. Provision of the service in the processing plant operational areas	
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# African women and the future for an Africa with oil and natural gas

By NJ Ayuk in Johannesburg

**O**VER the last 30 days or so President Samia Suluhu Hassan has become the most important woman in the African energy industry. She has taken some of the most courageous steps in rebooting Tanzania's energy sector and economy.

The recent signing of the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline with President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda was a perfect start into her presidency, pushing for expedited negotiations on the stalled Tanzania LNG project with Anglo-Dutch Shell and Norway's Equinor.

She further pushed her own government to remove unfriendly taxes to Tanzanians, noting that the country's tax revenues are likely to decline in the short term but will increase in the long term.

Her argument was essentially that, with low taxes, less corruption and limited regulations, you create jobs and attract the critically needed investment to reboot the economy in a post-Covid-19 Tanzania.

In my opinion, these are swift acts of political courage in the Tanzanian context and I believe equally impressive was the political courage for a female leader in Africa.

The president recognizes that pragmatic commonsense solutions are needed when it comes to energy and it is best to unify the country and get LNG and crude oil projects going. She is an example and an inspiration for generations of African leaders, men and women alike.

I lived, studied and worked in the United States and one thing that stood out to me was this: The American sense of optimism and a belief that women can lead. Even now, during these troubled days, that mindset is still there.

Living in America offers unique opportunities. People can start with very little, work hard and make a better life for themselves, their children and the generations that follow.

Achieving those things - the American Dream - doesn't happen for everyone. But it does happen enough to make it more than a myth or fantasy.

In May 2020, a New York Times article assured readers of that very fact, noting that 86 per cent of Americans raised in low-income brackets now earn more than their parents did.

The editorial states: "Capitalism isn't broken. 'Hard work does pay off. Workers do enjoy the fruits of their labour.'"

I saw it with my own eyes. So, can Africans aspire to the same things? Can African women dream big dreams like their American counterparts breaking the glass ceiling or Breaking the Gas Ceiling, as author Rebecca Ponton calls it in the title of her book?

Can we achieve an equally powerful African dream that includes or is led by women? A dream of stability and prosperity? My answer is a resounding YES.

After all, Africa has plenty of unique strengths and resources, from our talented young people to the oil in the ground. The African Dream is within our reach if women take charge and lead it. African men certainly need to adjust our thinking. So, what is holding us back? Ourselves.

If we want to see widespread change for the better, we need to stop dwelling on our obstacles or blaming people, governments or circumstances for our difficulties.

If we want to make things better, then we need to be the ones to make it happen. We need to find unique solutions for our unique challenges and work as long and hard as necessary to make our strategies successful.

Essentially, we need to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. We need to let women lead the way. Seriously, men need to step back a little. I've shared those ideas in the past, and people don't like them.

They tell me that I'm failing to consider Africa's history of colonisation and oppression. They tell me that I don't understand the corrupt government systems we have in Africa put in place by the colonial powers.

They say that poverty, lack of infrastructure and dangers are everyday realities for many. You can't just say: "Women cannot take on these challenges and fix them. Women are not ready to deal with this."

My response to that is: I'm not for a minute diminishing Africa's painful history or dismissing the problems the continent faces today. I just wonder how long we are going to use our hardships as excuses not to move forward?

Women can lead us out of this mess, so why should we stand in the way? Because, if we can agree that we want more and commit to doing the really hard work that it takes to get it, we can make transformational changes in Africa.

African nations already have examples to draw upon, beginning with other colonised countries.

Taiwan, for example, was both a Dutch and Japanese colony. Today, it has GDP per capita levels on par with Germany. Women play a strong role in both economies.

How about India? Decades after gaining independence from Britain, it is the fastest-growing trillion-dollar economy in the world and the fifth largest overall, with a nominal GDP of \$2.94 trillion. Women have a lot of leadership roles and are sharpening policies.

Then we have Trinidad and Tobago, one of my favourite examples. Claimed by the Spanish - then held by the British, Dutch and French - the dual-island nation finally became independent in 1962.

It's now the wealthiest nation in the Caribbean. It's also the third richest by GDP per capita in the Americas. Trinidad and Tobago's wealth, by the way, is due to its strategic approach to monetising its natural gas resources.

There is an African example, and we look at Rwanda. Rwanda has an amazing record for gender equality, but one that came about through tragedy.

After a mass genocide against the Tutsis in 1994, the responsibility to rebuild the country fell to the women, who made up 70 per cent of the remaining population.

Legislation was introduced to promote women's education as well as their roles in business and infrastructure. A new law stipulated that 30 per cent of the government must be female and, in 2018, a whole 64 per cent of the country's parliament were women - more than anywhere else in the world.

The economic results have been resounding and there is less corruption. There is a big benefit when a country skips the social upheaval and goes straight to pro-women policies. We in Africa must take an aggressive shortcut through history. We can learn from Rwanda.

I'm not saying that life is perfect in any of these places, but they've moved in the right direction. Why can't resource-rich African nations do the same?

## Oil and gas can help get us there

Africa's vast oil and gas resources are one of the things that make the continent unique. They are key to a better future. But what we need is for women to have greater control over them.

How do we make that happen? Let's start with this: Government and business representatives in Africa need to negotiate better oil and gas production deals with international companies.

We need to create local content policies that improve job and business opportunities for Africans but are still fair to companies investing in the continent.

We need to insist upon, and strategically develop, better oil money management policies. We need to monetise our natural gas resources so that we can build infrastructure and diversify African economies.

And we need to create more opportunities for African women to build promising oil and gas careers at all levels, right up to the C-suite - that is, the level of executive managers within a company.

We need to stop flaring gas and, instead, more countries need to start



using Africa's abundant natural gas resources for power generation so that we can deliver widespread, reliable electricity to Africans.

At the same time, we should be developing strategies for a transition to green energy sources, which can play a valuable supporting role in alleviating energy poverty.

Think about it, most men have tried to do the above; the truth is, progress has been slow or it has not worked. Change is needed. I don't think women are the only solution, but women bring on board different leadership qualities that can get us into the promised land.

## Government and more

Clearly, we need to fill in other pieces of the puzzle as well, including improvements to our educational system and good governance that creates an enabling environment for widespread economic growth and improved infrastructure.

But, perhaps most of all, we need an unwavering determination to make Africa work for Africans, even when there are missteps and things go wrong.

## US shale industry

That brings us back to American optimism. One shining example of that mindset is the US shale industry. Think about it: Businesses took a chance on new technology.

They worked hard and, in the end, they boosted oil and gas production. America became the largest crude oil producer in the world.

Those companies made something extraordinary happen, and so can African businesses and governments. We need to have mindset change and embrace new things and the idea of women leading us should not be seen as some Western idea.

Whether we're talking about oil and gas, other economic sectors or government, we need people willing to seize opportunities, to take a chance on something new and, in some cases, to make mistakes. In the process, we grow and learn, and we keep pressing forward.

My message to Africans and to the world is: Africa is more than capable of building a better future for ourselves, strengthening our economies and improving the lives of everyday Africans.

Who is going to do it, if not us? And really, nobody besides us can truly make Africa the place we want it to be.

Africa's future is our responsibility. Can we let women lead it, especially with our natural resources? How can we make it happen?

Even in difficult times, the American Dream is alive and well. The question is: Can Africans aspire to the same things? Can there be an equally powerful African Dream?

Empowering women for O-&G in-

dustry

I'm shocked when I'm questioned on my fervent support for women and energy. Even more, I'm sad that I often feel that I have to defend my right to care about this issue because I'm a man.

While it has been difficult to find hard data on female participation in Africa's oil and gas industry, anecdotal evidence shows that women are vastly underrepresented.

I believe that this is unacceptable, shortsighted and, frankly, a real stumbling block to African countries that want to realise the full social and economic benefits that

a thriving oil and gas industry can provide.

If you truly want your nation to thrive, why wouldn't you do everything in your power to help half of your population participate in one of your most lucrative industries?

Companies, in particular, have a lot to gain by creating opportunities for women, including improved public perceptions, a stabilising role on the African communities where they work and live, and an expanded talent pool at a time when the oil and gas industry is grappling with serious skills shortages.

We need to empower more Afri-

can women to benefit from the oil and gas industry, whether we're talking about opportunities for boots-on-the-ground jobs at drill sites, professional positions, leadership roles or business opportunities for women-owned enterprises.

As actress Emma Watson said during her 2014 speech to the United Nations: "I'm inviting you to step forward to be seen, and to ask yourselves, 'If not me, who? If not now, when?'"

• **A dispatch by the African Energy Chamber, of which NJ Ayuk is executive chairman.**

## Ecobank Transnational Incorporated

### 33rd Annual General Meeting & Extraordinary General Meeting

#### Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting of Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (ETI) will be held online on Thursday May 27, 2021 at 10.30am GMT to transact the following business:

#### I - Annual General Meeting

1. Approval of the accounts
2. Appropriation of the Profits
3. Renewal of the mandates of directors
4. Ratification of the co-option of a director
5. Renewal of the appointment of the joint auditors

#### II - Extraordinary General Meeting

Amendment of the Articles

As a result of the significant public health concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic in the countries where Ecobank operates, certain restrictions have been issued on travels and public gatherings such as general meetings. In the interest of the safety of its shareholders, attendance at this year's General Meetings shall be online in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association.

Shareholders who intend to attend the online meeting may register at <https://ecobank.com/agm> from Thursday May 13, 2021.

Shareholders are encouraged to submit in advance the proxy form available on the Company's website ([www.ecobank.com](http://www.ecobank.com)) duly completed indicating their voting intentions and deposit same at Ecobank Transnational Incorporated, 2365 Boulevard du Mono, B.P. 3261 Lomé, Togo, or send by email to [AGM@ecobank.com](mailto:AGM@ecobank.com) by close of business on Wednesday May 26, 2021.

All relevant documents in connection with the meeting are available to all shareholders from the date of this notice at the Registered Office of the Company at the address above as well as on the Company's website.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Madibinet Cisse  
Company Secretary

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# Diplomatic dance or standoff? N. Korea and US tread cautious line

SEOUL

**W**HILE North Korea's barrage of complaints about U.S. President Joe Biden's policies over the weekend might appear to be ratcheting up tensions, some signs suggest Pyongyang hasn't ruled out diplomacy with the new team in Washington.

Few observers expect talks to resume soon—both countries are more focused on issues including the coronavirus pandemic and its fallout—and there are no easy ways to resolve their thorniest differences.

But some analysts say that despite its bluster, North Korea doesn't appear to have shut the door entirely on the Biden administration just yet.

"There are signs that Washington and Pyongyang are in the early, cautious stages of a diplomatic dance," the U.S.-based 38 North program, which monitors North Korea, said in a report on Monday.

On Sunday, North Korea released a series of official statements slamming Biden's policies and rhetoric so far as more of the same Cold War-style hostilities embraced by previous American presidents, and dismissed talk of diplomacy as an attempt to cover up those threatening policies.

The statements came after the White House on Friday said officials had concluded a policy review in which complete denuclearization of North Korea remained the goal. It said it would explore diplomacy to that end but not seek a grand bargain with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (pictured).

While North Korea mentioned the review, it did not specifically respond to the few details that have been released, a sign some analysts interpreted as evidence that Pyongyang is withholding judgment for now.

The North Korean statements came from lower-level foreign ministry officials, did not call out or insult Biden by name, and the threats of "worse crisis" were still conditional on U.S. actions, 38 North noted.

"It would not be a surprise if both sides use this initial period to probe and posture a bit," the report said.

Republican Donald Trump held three summit meetings with Kim in an attempt to persuade the North Korean leader to surrender his nuclear arsenal, but achieved no major breakthrough.

Talks have been stalled since 2019, with North Korea saying it has no interest in negotiations if the United States doesn't drop hostile policies, including tough economic sanctions.

Just days before Biden took office, North Korea's Kim called for more advanced nuclear weapons and said the United States is "our biggest enemy."



North Korea has continued to conduct a string of short-range missile tests and develop new weapons, but since 2017 has yet to resume launches of its longest-range missiles or test nuclear bombs, which would be seen as a significant challenge to Biden.

"The concern was that North Korea would do something so provocative that the Biden administration would have no room for diplomacy," said John Delury, a professor at South Korea's Yonsei University. "But both sides are avoiding pissing each other off. They could be

calling each other names, but they aren't."

38 North's Rachel Minyoung Lee, a former open-source North Korea analyst for the U.S. government, told Reuters it was notable North Korea has consistently not published its official statements on the Biden administration in domestic media.

"It indicates Pyongyang is keeping its policy options open," she said.

The Biden administration simultaneously signaled a hard line on human rights, denuclearization and sanctions, while making diplomatic overtures that U.S. officials say have been rebuffed by Pyongyang.

American officials have stressed they are looking for "practical" diplomatic goals and are open to talks, but say the ball is in North Korea's court.

"We have... a very clear policy that centers on diplomacy and it is, I think, up to North Korea to decide whether it wants to engage or not on that basis," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Monday.

Even if both sides wanted to go all in on diplomacy, the ongoing pandemic may make an already difficult process nearly impossible for the near future, Delury said.

"The COVID situation really does constrain diplomatic options and puts both parties in a holding pattern," he said.

## It's not just India: New virus waves hit developing nations

**I**T'S not just India. Fierce new COVID-19 waves are enveloping other developing countries across the world, placing severe strain on their health-care systems and prompting appeals for help.

Nations ranging from Laos to Thailand in Southeast Asia, and those bordering India such as Bhutan and Nepal, have been reporting significant surges in infections in the past few weeks. The increase is mainly because of more contagious virus variants, though complacency and lack of resources to contain the spread have also been cited as reasons.

In Laos last week, the health minister sought medical equipment, supplies and treatment, as cases jumped more than 200-fold in a month. Nepal is seeing hospitals quickly filling up and running out of oxygen supplies. Health facilities are under pressure in Thailand, where 98 percent of new cases are from a more infectious strain of the pathogen, while some island nations in the Pacific Ocean are facing their first COVID-19 waves.

Although nowhere close to India's population or flare-up in scope, the reported spikes in these handful of nations have been far steeper, signaling the potential dangers of an uncontrolled spread. The resurgence - and first-time outbreaks in some places that largely avoided the scourge last year - heightens the urgency of delivering vaccine supplies to poorer, less influential countries and averting a protracted pandemic.

"It's very important to realize that the situation in India can happen anywhere," said Hans Kluge, the regional director at the World Health Organization for Europe, during a briefing last week. "This is still a huge challenge."

Ranked by the change in newly recorded infections in the past month over the previous month, Laos came first with a 22,000 percent increase, followed by Nepal and Thailand, both of which saw fresh caseload skyrocketing more than 1,000 percent on a month-over-month basis.

Also on top of the list are Bhutan, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Cambodia and Fiji, as they witnessed the epidemic erupt at a high triple-digit pace.

"All countries are at risk," said David Heymann, a professor of infectious disease epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. "The disease appears to be becoming endemic and will therefore likely remain a risk to all countries for the foreseeable future."

On May 1, India reported a record 401,993 new cases in the prior 24 hours, while deaths touched a new high of 3,689 the following day. The nation's hospitals and crematoriums are working overtime to cope with the sick and the surging number of deaths. Compounding the crisis, health-care facilities are also facing a shortage of medical oxygen, unable to treat distressed patients with coronavirus-infected lungs gasping for air at their doorsteps.

The abrupt outbreak in Laos - a place that only recorded 60 cases since the start of the pandemic through April 20 and no death to date - shows the challenges facing some of the landlocked nations. Porous borders make it harder to clamp down on illegal crossings though entry is technically banned.

Laos has ordered lockdowns in its capital Vientiane and banned travel between the capital and provinces. The health minister reached out to neighbors like Vietnam for assistance on life-saving resources. Nepal and Bhutan have seen cases erupt, in part due to returning nationals. Nepal, which has identified cases of the new Indian variant, has limited resources to combat the virus. The Himalayan nation said it's suspending most flights and turning major hospitals into COVID-19 care facilities.

### Very serious

The situation is "very serious," according to Ali Mokdad, Chief Strategy Officer for Population Health at the



Nepalese army officials wearing protective gear salute to pay homage next to the bodies of victims who died of the COVID-19 coronavirus at an electric crematorium in Kathmandu on May 1, 2021. (PHOTO / BLOOMBERG)

University of Washington. "New variants will require a new vaccine and a booster for those already vaccinated—they will delay the control of the pandemic."

Mokdad said the economic hardship of poorer countries make the battle even tougher.

Thailand, which had been seeking to revive its ailing tourism industry, just reintroduced a two-week mandatory quarantine for all visitors. A government forecast for 2021 tourism revenue was cut to 170 billion baht (US\$5.5 billion), from January's expectations for 260 billion baht. With the country's public health system under pressure, authorities are trying to set up field hospitals to accommodate a flood of patients.

About 98 percent of cases in Thailand are of the variant first identified in the U.K. based on a sample of 500 people, according to Yong Poovorawan, chief of the Center of Excellence in Clinical Virology at Chulalongkorn University.

In Cambodia, since the beginning of the current outbreak, more than 10,000 locally acquired cases have been detected in more than 20 provinces. The Cambodian capital Phnom Penh is now a "red zone," or a high-risk outbreak area. In Sri Lanka, the island-nation at the southern tip of India, authorities have isolated areas,

banned weddings and meetings and closed cinemas and pubs to cap a record spike following last month's local New Year festivities. The government says the situation is under control.

Across the oceans in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago announced a partial lockdown after the country's daily cases hit a record high, closing restaurants, malls and cinemas until late May. The case count in the latest month is about 700 percent more than the previous month.

That high level of increase is also seen in Suriname, on the northeastern coast of South America. Cases in April rose over 600 percent from that in March.

After staying relatively COVID-19-free thanks to strict border controls, some of the Pacific island-nations are now seeing their first wave. Cities in the tourist hot spot of Fiji have gone into lockdown after the wider community contracted the virus from the military.

"The recent rise in recorded cases throughout the Pacific reveals how critical it is to not just rely on strong borders but to actually get vaccines into these countries," said Jonathan Pryke, who heads research on the Pacific region for the Lowy Institute, a Sydney-based think tank. "India is a shocking warning to this part of the world

about how quickly this pandemic can spiral out of control." There's a duty for developed countries, recovering from the pandemic thanks to rapid inoculations, to contribute to a more equitable global distribution of vaccines, diagnostic tests and therapeutic agents including oxygen, according to Heymann, the professor at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

The world hasn't seen a concerted global response yet, and that is a concern, said Jennifer Nuzzo, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security in Baltimore.

Getting back to pre-2020 normalcy "really depends on helping countries gain control of this virus as much as possible," she said. "I really hope countries can look within themselves and figure out what they can do to help."

## There's significant change of audit opinions this year as compared to the past, Utouh says

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

FORMER Controller and Auditor General (CAG) Ludovick Utouh has advised the government to devise a mechanism to increase the rate of implementation of recommendations by oversight institutions to promote accountability.

Utouh (pictured) gave the advice when analysing the 2019/2020 CAG's Report entitled: Current financial accountability trends in Tanzania, over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during Policy Forum's Breakfast Debate.

He said the rate of implementations of recommendations by CAG and parliamentary accounts committee has been low.

Utouh, who is now the executive director of WAJIBU - Institute of Public Accountability said that there was a significant change of audit opinions issued this year compared to the previous one.

The ex-CAG noted that there was a significant increase in the number of local government authorities (LGAs) with qualified and adverse audit opinions which is an indication that there are some challenges being faced by accountants in complying with the required framework for the preparations of the financial statements.

For instance, he said that in 2018/2019 the qualified opinions were 9 and the adverse opinion was zero, while in this year's report, 2019/2020, the qualified opinions have shot up to 53, and the adverse opinions have risen to eight respectively.

"What we would like to say that these things go back to our education system. We are educating people. Our accountants are graduating but we are not sure whether they are adequately impacted with the practical understandings of how to make use of these international standards in the preparations of these financial reports," he said.

He, therefore, suggested that the remedies to this challenge included: To continue training these accountants on the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAs) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), taking into consideration that these standards were not static.

He said the public sector appointing authority of the Accountants should adapt to the use of the carrot and stick approach in enforcing the application of the IPSAs and IFRSs in preparing financial statements.

According to him, failure to do so, there would be a risk of misleading users of the financial statements of the LGAs due to non-adherence to financial reporting framework (IPSAs), and misstatement of the amounts presented in the financial statements.

The Government should come up with a mechanism of ensuring that there is an increased rate of implementation of both the CAG's and Parliamentary Oversight Committee's recommendations.

Why? Because these recommendations are aiming at improving the operations of the audited reports and not anything else!

Another area where the government was not doing very well according to the CAG was budget execution. Last year the collection by the government amounted to 95 percent of the approved budget.

According to the CAG report, there was "Under-release of 46 percent of the approved budget for capital development grants in the financial year 2019/20.

About 410.4bn/- out of 890.3bn/- was not released to 152 LGAs, and 73 LGAs received less than 46 percent of the approved development grants.

If the budget execution was properly supervised, you can't get the logic



of having a disbursement for development projects to a tune of 46 percent.

According to the CAG's report, there were more than 266 uncompleted development projects with a value of 184bn/- from 101 LGAs.

"This may cause the increase of total project costs due to inflation," he said.

Again there were a total of 55 development projects with a value of 10.6bn/- from 26 LGAs were not implemented despite having the funds for implementation of the projects in respective LGAs. "That one does not match the 5 percent! There is something amiss on how we manage our whole budget operations."

The bad thing indicated in the CAG report is

that there were completed projects but not in use: More than 68 completed development projects with a value of 18.3bn/- from 40 LGAs in the 2019/20 fiscal year were completed but not in use in health, water, education, agriculture, and other sectors.

For example Building of Bukoba District Hospital amounting to 1.80bn/-.

This may cause risk in the deterioration of the project but also denies the rights for citizens to access social services.

To address these challenges, he has urged the government to involve citizens in the implementation of development projects and own them.

He further said that according to the CAG re-

port a big amount of collected revenue was not remitted to the consolidated fund, as it is required in Article 135 of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania of 1977.

He said the Fifth Phase Government introduced the system of paying all collected government funds to be channeled to the central account through the control number, which was literally an implementation of the constitution's requirement.

But in spite of the government coming up with a policy of a single account of collecting revenue, still, there were still a substantial amount of money collected not submitted to the consolidated fund.

## Union provides 5,250 clove seedlings to farmers in Muheza and Korogwe

By Guardian Correspondent, Muheza

THE Union for conservation farmers of Kihuhwa Zigi Rivers (Uwamakizi) has dished out 5,250 seedlings of cloves to 100 farmers from seven villages in Muheza and Korogwe districts in Tanga Region.

Union chairman Twaha Mbarouk revealed this when speaking in Amani area, Muheza District at the function to hand over the seedlings to farmers.

He said the clove seedlings are meant to provide more rooms for farmers to venture into the crop which if well managed it's a key tool to ad-

dress poverty in the area.

Cloves are the aromatic flower buds of a tree in the family Myrtaceae, Syzygium aromaticum. They are native to the Maluku Islands (or the Moluccas) in Indonesia and are commonly used as a spice. Cloves are available throughout the year owing to different harvest seasons

in different countries. Farmers who are to benefit from the new farming venture are from villages of Shebomeza, Mlesa, Ubiri, Mbomole, Sakale, Kwemwewe and Mikwinini. Mbarouk said the 105 farmers have been provided with seedlings of cloves as part of motivating them to grow the crop as well as dis-

couraging them from doing farming along with water sources, which is unfriendly to the environment.

He said that most farmers in Amani Division, Muheza District cultivates taro roots water sources which is environmental degradation and but now people grow cloves in hills and mountains to ad-

dress the vice.

Union's secretary Simon Mnzava said that the main goal of forming a coalition was to complement the government's efforts to address environmental degradation hence reducing the effects of climate change.

A member of Uwamakizi, William Masimba said that

the unio has formed 18 conservation groups with the aim of intensifying conservation efforts. The union operates in three districts of Muheza, Korogwe and Mkinga. Among other activities of the union include educating the public on the importance of conserving the environment.

## African countries commit to double agricultural productivity

By Special Correspondent

A COALITION of multilateral development banks and development partners has pledged over \$17 billion in financing to address rising hunger on the African continent, and to improve food security.

These funds were pledged on the final day of a two-day high-level dialogue called Feeding Africa: leadership to scale up successful innovations. The African Development Bank and the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) hosted the event in partnership with the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and the CGIAR System Organization recently.

Seventeen African heads of state signed on to the commitment to boost agricultural production by doubling current productivity levels through the scaling up of agrotechnologies. This will include in-

vesting in access to markets, and promoting agricultural research and development.

The various parties adopted a communiqué outlining these commitments at the end of the event.

Of the overall amount pledged, more than \$10 billion came from The African Development Bank, which said it would invest \$1.57 billion on scaling up 10 selected priority commodities over the next five years. This will help countries achieve self-sufficiency. Another \$8.83 billion will go towards building strong value chains for these commodities over the next five years. This will include programs to create opportunities for young people - particularly women.

African Development Bank President Dr. Akinwumi Adesina said: "Let us now create today, a stronger partnership: a partnership for greater scale; a partnership to take technologies and innovations to hundreds of millions

of farmers."

The International Fund for Agricultural Development said it aimed to provide an additional \$1.5 billion to support national efforts to transform food and agricultural systems in Africa over the next three years. IFAD will also invest more in creating the pre-conditions for increased agricultural productivity. The organization is helping to develop a growing pipeline of investments to restore land, create jobs and build resilience to climate change in the Sahel region. This will contribute to the Green Great Wall objectives, and will create 10 million jobs in the region by 2030.

IFAD President Gilbert F. Houngbo said: "We praise the African leaders' commitment to increase agricultural productivity and improve food security for millions of Africans. By modernizing African agriculture, small-holder farmers will be in a better position to bring more affordable



Prophet Bruno Massae (R) of the Prophetic and Biblical International Ministry (PBIM) Church in Iringa municipality is distributes various items including foodstuffs to children at a special school for the hard of hearing at Mtwivila, Iringa Municipality, as part of the church's initiative support people with special needs. PBIM Church last Sunday donated similar items to more than 180 widows and orphans who went to the church from all wards of Iringa Urban Constituency. Photo: Correspondent Friday Simbaya

## Farmers in Ngara empowered with organic farming skills

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

TWENTY FOUR farmers in Kasulo village, Ngara District in Kagera Region have been empowered with knowledge and skills on the best ways to maintain soil fertility and ecological balance by applying organic manure.

This initiative from Marafiki Wa Tanzania (MAT) a non-governmental organization aimed at boosting production but also control soil erosion as well

as working hand in hand with local communities in developing interventions that improve the living condition of the poor and marginalized groups in Tanzania.

These farmers who are expected to carry the message to their fellows were also instructed on ways to maintain soil fertility and ecological balance while avoiding synthetic materials in order to boost soil production.

MAT Training Coordinator Willy Mushabe said that

the training which has started in Kasulo locality is targeted to reach more than 120 farmers in 5 villages in Ngara region including Mshikamano, Bugarama Mugoma and Rulenge villages.

"We carried a research which showed us there is enough land but poor productivity, and so we came with an idea to train the farmers on organic farming to increase productivity", said Mushabe.

He added that the project is engaged to stage a model farm for each village whereby selected farm-

ers will participate in each step from preparing a farmland to planting, adding that three crops: banana and coffee plants will be intermingled while avocado trees will be planted around, and pineapples will have its own section.

After covering these five villages, we will be in a good position to evaluate the impact of this project, omit the barriers, and extend our project to reach more than 3000 people in the district.

# Covid-19 pandemic pushes frontline workers to the brink

As the United Kingdom grappled with the COVID-19 pandemic, Anne realized she was at her breaking point during one of her work shifts.

The pandemic has taken a toll on the 24-year-old nurse. Like many National Health Service frontline workers battling the crisis, the pressure has affected them physically and mentally. Due to the sensitivity of the matter, Anne has requested that her real name and workplace be kept confidential.

Anne had been working at the intensive care unit of a busy hospital in the east of London for more than a year when the first wave of the pandemic hit. Wards were transformed into ICUs to cater to COVID-19 patients. Some rooms that usually accommodate four patients each now have to provide for six.

Like many hospitals across the world, the crisis far exceeded the current capacities of hospitals and ICUs.

"You'd enter the room and they would all be prone, sedated and paralyzed on maximum respiratory support, renal replacement therapy. Some requiring up to 12 continuous IV infusions. Video calls with family on iPads were propped up against their beds," she said. "We were all running on adrenaline when the first wave hit. This obviously didn't last forever."

The increased workloads for NHS frontline workers have been relentless and caring for patients under extremely difficult circumstances is not ideal either.

By December, Anne described the situation as "hell on earth".

ICU patients require highly trained nurses to care for them, and usually receive one-to-one care.

But as more and more patients continue to be admitted to hospital, Anne said they were treating three to four patients at the same time.

She said they were not able to deliver the level of care they used to give or should be giving.

"This means missing out on vital information for one of your rapidly deteriorating patients while you run blood gas for another... We could no longer do 4-hourly rolls or daily bed baths... let alone oral care," she said. Hourly rolls refer to repositioning of a patient so that they do not get bed sores. "You were just putting out fires wherever you looked and trying to keep everyone alive."

## Little respite

Anne also had to take charge of redeployed medical workers from other departments drafted in to help the COVID-19 ward despite being fairly new to the job herself, which she said was overwhelming.

It would become too much for some of the redeployed workers, and they would leave or go home early, leaving her alone to care for the patients.

She recalled one night shift where she had no respite from her heavy workload, as well as dealing with the unprecedented levels of illness and death.

"My patient was dying, I called the family at 3 am and she died at 4 am with no one beside her," she said.

A few hours later, Anne was ringing the relatives of a second patient who was close to dying, asking the family to come in.

More than 127,000 people have died of COVID-19 in Britain since the pandemic began.

Though Anne and her colleagues are doing all they can despite the exhaustion, they still feel a sense of guilt, thinking they could have done more.

"You just feel so guilty for not being able to carry out your job to the best of your abilities, but you literally can't and are fighting a losing battle," she said.

"New shifts turn up and I felt sorry for them. You stay behind a couple hours longer to help out and it felt like it was just getting worse. That day after work I didn't sleep, I had a breakdown."

The pressure on ICU staff has been particularly high, working in areas where the perceived risk of COVID-19 exposure is high for long periods, fear of transmission to family, and there is illness or death among friends and colleagues.

Healthcare workers also have to wear personal protective equipment for longer hours, deal with ethically challenging decisions, as well as staff management and equipment shortages.

Anne felt she needed to go into work otherwise she would be letting her team down. But in January, she was having suicidal thoughts.

"That's when I told work I couldn't go back in and got signed off by my doctor," Anne explained, adding she was having constant anxiety, crying frequently at night and having flashbacks of working in the COVID-19 ward.

Anne is just one of many other frontline healthcare workers across the world dealing with mental health trauma.

Research published in the March edition of scientific journal PLOS One found that more than one in five healthcare workers experienced anxiety, depression, or post-traumatic stress disorder during the pandemic.

The paper looked into 65 studies surveying 97,333 health workers across 21 countries. It identified a high prevalence of moderate depression, anxiety and PTSD among healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The study found that healthcare workers in the Middle East suffered from the highest rates of anxiety and depression.

A separate study revealed that healthcare workers in Italy experienced high levels of psychological distress and they may be at risk for future psychological health related consequences. Italy was badly hit by the virus during the first wave of the pandemic.

A survey by the Yale School of Public Health showed that nearly a quarter of all healthcare workers showed signs of PTSD out of the 1,092 healthcare workers surveyed in the United States, and almost half of them had probable alcohol use disorder. According to a Reuters report, psychiatrists at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City predict that 25 to 40 percent of frontline healthcare workers and first responders in the US may suffer from PTSD as a result of their involvement in the pandemic.

## Broken self-esteem

After taking a month off work and taking up running every day, Anne said she slowly felt better and was looking forward to working and seeing her team again.

However, upon returning to work, the situation became overwhelming as she found herself crying and hyperventilating after being assigned to look after two end-of-life patients.

A colleague noticed her distress and offered to take over her patients.

"I then spoke to a psychologist in our unit. She said I could be suffering from moral injury or post-traumatic stress disorder," she said. "Occupational health had been very helpful. They recommended that I start on antidepressants and get a referral for trauma talking therapy."

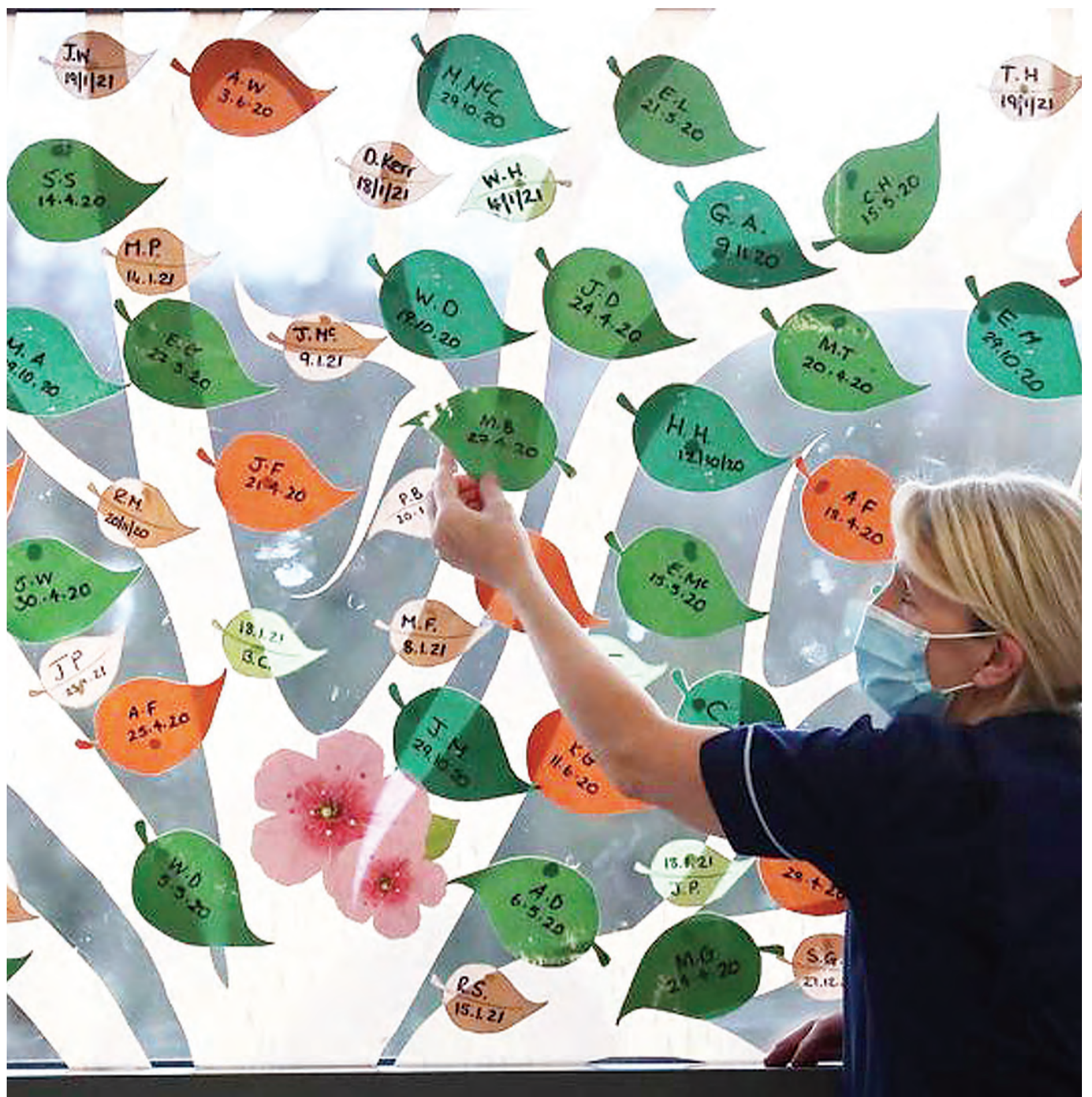
"My self-esteem is broken, but I feel like my voice has been heard now. I made my manager and the matrons aware of how I was feeling and they have been very supportive. It feels like I have a choice now," she added.

Research from King's College London found that nearly half of ICU medical workers are likely to meet the threshold for PTSD, severe anxiety or drinking problems during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The study, which was published earlier this year, revealed that poor mental health was common in many ICU clinicians, though they were more pronounced in nurses than in doctors or other healthcare professionals.

Neil Greenberg, lead author of the study, said that the severity of symptoms identified is highly likely to impair the abilities of some ICU clinicians to provide high-quality care, and it can negatively impact their quality of life.

"The high rate of mortality amongst COVID-19 patients admitted to ICU, coupled with difficulty in communication and providing adequate end-of-life support to patients, and their next of kin because of visiting restrictions,



A nurse looks at a Remembrance Tree mural which has been installed at Forth Valley Royal Hospital in Larbert, Scotland, on Jan 29. Green and amber leaves with initials and dates for all patients during the COVID-19 pandemic have been placed on to the branches; green representing those who recovered and returned home, amber remembering those who lost their lives. (File photo)

are very likely to have been highly challenging stressors for all staff working in ICUs," he said.

The college surveyed 709 healthcare workers in nine ICUs in the UK during the first wave of the pandemic. Some 45 percent reported symptoms consistent with a probable diagnosis of PTSD, severe depression and anxiety.

More than one in eight respondents reported frequent thoughts of being better off dead, or of hurting themselves.

"Evidence-based mechanisms should be in place so all healthcare workers, including ICU staff, can promptly access treatment for mental health issues," Greenberg said. "If we protect the mental health of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, staff will be better able to sustainably deliver high-quality care to the large numbers of patients seriously unwell with COVID-19."

## Dedicated support

As frontline workers are pushed to the brink during the crisis, the NHS announced in February that 40 dedicated support hubs will open across the country to help those struggling with

their mental health during the pandemic.

Paul Farmer, chief executive of mental health charity Mind, said the last 12 months have been tough for NHS frontline workers. He stressed the importance of workers being able to get help and support for their mental health.

"Even before the pandemic, many healthcare staff told us they were struggling with things like long and unsociable working hours and excessive workloads were taking a toll on their mental health," Farmer said. "The coronavirus outbreak has caused unprecedented challenges, including having to make even more difficult life and death decisions, dealing with bereavement, risking their own health and that of their loved ones every day in order to help protect others and save lives."

NHS workers are encouraged to use the dedicated hubs where they can access services over the phone with onward referral to online and one-to-one expert help from qualified mental health therapists and psychologists.

Claire Murdoch, the NHS national mental health director, said it is vital that the frontline workers are given additional support as they play

a big role in getting the country through the pandemic.

"NHS staff are used to dealing with the extremes of life on a daily basis, but this year has been exceptional, and in what is likely to be the toughest year in their careers," she said. "Staff have put their minds and bodies to the limit treating hundreds of thousands of seriously ill patients with COVID-19."

In October, the NHS invested an additional 15 million pounds (\$20.9 million) to strengthen mental health support for healthcare workers.

Anne is now on leave from work for the second time and is not back at work yet. It is something she still feels anxious about, but her time off has given her the chance to recuperate while she decides when she is ready.

She said those who feel the pressure should not go through it alone.

"If you are suffering, just tell someone you trust. I got into a cycle where I was forcing myself to go into work when it was killing me inside," she said. "Your career shouldn't consume you because at the end of the day, you are just a number that can be filled."

Agencies



A nurse communicates using a walkie talkie from a COVID-19 area at Forth Valley Royal Hospital on Jan 29.

## COURTESY CALL

## New Treasury chief praises CRDB Bank for sustained growth

By Guardian reporter

THE Treasury has applauded CRDB Bank Plc for recording sustained growth, saying the government appreciates the role being played by the lender in contributing to the nation's rapid economic growth.

Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Finance and Planning, Emmanuel Tutuba said in Dodoma yesterday when he met with the bank's senior management team led by Board Chairman Dr Ally Laay, that CRDB is one of few banks in the market that has been performing well.

"I also would like to congratulate you for a strategy to extend services to other countries because it helps propagate Tanzania hence helping to attract tourists," Tutuba said adding that extending services to foreign markets is also good for the bank's business.

He promised continued Treasury support to the bank's business activities while urging management and the board to continue focusing on innova-

tion. "The government will continue to put in place a conducive environment for every investor to exploit opportunities available in the market," he added.

Briefing Treasury's highest civil servant, CRDB Board Chairman, Dr Laay assured the government that the bank remains strong and dominant in the market thanks to committed shareholders who include the public and Danish International Development Agency.

"We have come to update you on changes that we are going to make to its memorandum and articles of association at the forthcoming annual general meeting scheduled for May 22 this year in Arusha," Dr Laay said while congratulating Tutuba for his new appointment.

The bank's CEO and Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela backed his boss by giving details of CRDB's recent performance saying last year, the lender profit grew by 35 percent to 236bn/- gross from 175bn/- in 2019.

Nsekela told the Treasury chief



Emmanuel Tutuba (R), Permanent Secretary for the Finance and Planning ministry, CRDB Bank board chairman Dr Ally Laay (C) and the bank's managing director, Abdulmajid Nsekela, hold talks at the Treasury offices in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo courtesy of CRDB

and other senior officials that the proposed changes to the memorandum and articles of association are aimed at improving performance. "Our intention is to continue making improvements that will contribute to efficiency in the conduct of work hence enable

the bank to extend its services to more people both at home and abroad," Nsekela said saying the bank is finalising plans to open a subsidiary in DR Congo.

With over three million clients in the country and Burundi where the bank has a sub-

siary, CRDB is the largest bank in the country by net assets value of over 7.2trn/-. The Dar es Salaam based lender has 246 branches, 19,000 agents, 550 ATMs and over 1,800 merchants countrywide.

## DIGITISATION

## Chinese smartphone maker Vivo all ready to sell items on hire purchase modality

By Correspondent Beatrice Shayo

IN order to allow more Tanzanians especially civil servants own smartphones, Chinese manufacturer Vivo has teamed up with Laina Finance Limited to enable consumers to get the handsets through hire purchase.

Vivo Tanzania Marketing Manager, Simon Noel said in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the partnership with Laina Finance Limited will enable many people who cannot afford to buy a smartphone in cash at a go, get the handsets through monthly instalment payments.

"Any individual who wants to get the smartphone will have to pay a down payment of any amount

while promising to settle the balance in three months," Noel said saying although the offer is available to the public on conditions, it mainly targets civil servants.

He said they are targeting both the general public and civil servants in the lower income bracket who need more time to save cash in order to buy a standard smartphone to join the global digital world which is surging daily.

"For any civil servant they will also need to pay some amount to get the phone and complete the balance in six months," he added while stressing that under the arrangement, there is no plans to repossess the handsets once a customer defaults. "Even if one de-



A Vivo Z1x smartphone

faults, we will reschedule their debt and ensure that they repay under any arrangement," he stressed saying the offer is available at all Vivo agents countrywide.

Seconding Noel's observation,

Laina Finance Ltd's General Manager, Mrisho Shomari said cooperation with Vivo is aimed at easing the burden of acquiring a smartphone by people in the low income bracket.

"We are financing this hire purchase arrangement at affordable rates so that many people can access the phones," said Shomari who urged consumers to seize the opportunity and join the global

digital world as Vivo smartphones are a notable global brand. He noted that the exercise will also involve vetting of prospective borrowers to avoid accommodating unfaithful people.

## SAFETY

## Sahara Group firm promotes responsible engineering

LAGOS

ASHARAMI Energy, a Sahara Group upstream company, has reported having achieved 1,852,052 man-hours without lost time injury (LTI) across operations driven by responsible engineering and commitment to global occupational safety and health (OSH) standards.

This feat represents LTI-free man-hours over 873 days of zero work-related incidents, enabled by the firm's robust health, safety, security and environment (HSSE) policies.

Last year saw Asharami register 1,712,295 LTI-free man-hours, a record that surpasses the industry recording standard - which is set at 1,000,000 LTI-free man-hours.

A key oil and gas sector OSH benchmark, LTI is a measure of injury or illness resulting from a work-related event which involves lost days away from work or resulting in downtime in operations.

According to Henry Menkiti, Asharami's chief operating officer, the leading exploration and production company puts the safety and health of its work-



ers, partners and stakeholders above all other considerations.

"We are delighted at achieving this feat of 1,852,052 LTI-free man-hours as of March 31, 2021. We have adopted responsible HSSE policies which align our

upstream operations, community relations, procurement, environmental, social and governance impact with global best practice. We are happy to be leading the charge towards promoting sustainability in Africa's oil and gas sector," he

said.

He said their safety and health protocols were instrumental in achieving hitch-free operations during the Covid-19 pandemic that caused global business disruptions.

"Guided by our Covid-19 Prevention and Early Detection Management Procedure as well as consistent test administration, we recorded zero cases during the period that had 2,136 employees actively involved in our operations," the COO noted.

He said the company holds regular safety and health awareness campaigns and training sessions targeting employees and stakeholders "to ensure consistent levels of commitment to making safety everyone's business".

He elaborated: "With almost 3,000,000 work-related deaths annually and 4 per cent of the world's GDP attributable to lost work-days globally, all businesses need to take proactive steps in mitigating workplace safety and health risks. The sustainability of work today and work as we will know it to be in the future depends on this."

The COO said continuing investment, technology, self-appraisals, and peer reviews help the oil and gas sector promote OSH standards "which are critical to achieving sustainable growth, inclusive employment, and decent work for all".

He attributed the contribution of the firm's employees, host communities and other partners to the company's record on compliance with HSSE policy requirements, adding: "We will continue to work towards sustaining and improving our safety machinery across all our operational touchpoints."

Asharami Energy is one of Africa's leading independent exploration and production (E&P) companies with a diverse portfolio of nine oil and gas assets in prolific basins across Africa. Both the firm and Sahara Energy Fields Holdings UK Limited are at the forefront of Sahara Group's upstream operations.

They are assets at various stages of development, ranging from exploratory fields to mature producing fields with huge potential for positive returns.

## CHARITY

## I&M Bank staff pledge more blood donations to Muhimbili Hospital

By Guardian Reporter

OVER 30 I&M Bank Tanzania staff members donated blood to Muhimbili National Hospital while pledging more blood through the bank's campaign dubbed, 'IM for You.'

The bank's Marketing and Communication Manager, Anitha Pallangyo said staff members were voluntarily donating their blood to enable medical doctors at MNH save innocent lives needing urgent blood transfusion.

"We are excited with the positive response from our fellow staff from I&M Bank Tanzania in voluntarily coming to participate in this noble campaign. We also appreciate the cooperation received from Muhimbili National Hospital's management," Pallangyo said.

She pointed out that I&M Bank Tanzania undertakes a number of community services as part of its corporate social responsibility and that voluntary blood donation

is one of such initiatives. "The bank through its 2021 initiative known as 'IM for You' encourages staff members to also offer free basic financial knowledge education to the public as one way of giving back to the community," she said.

The bank's Senior Manager Liabilities and Product Development, Deepali Ramaiya backed Pallangyo's observation saying at I&M Bank, management encourages staff to invest in the community. "This is one of the many unique initiatives driven by our I&M team through the 'IM for You' CSR initiatives, whereby staff offer free knowledge and support to the community in various areas including health, education and the environment," Ramaiya said.

In a vote of thanks, MNH's representative, John Bigambalaye paid tribute to I&M Bank Tanzania staff members for their generosity. "We as representatives from Muhimbili Blood Bank Department are very enthusiastic for this campaign initiated by your bank to save thou-



I&M Bank Tanzania members accompanied by marketing and communication manager Anitha Pallangyo (3rd-L) during a past public sensitisation campaign.

sands of lives in the country," Bigambalaye said.

"We truly appreciate the staff for the generosity and supporting the hospital and the government as a whole in saving peoples' lives," he noted while adding that I&M Bank Tanzania members of staff have been

regular contributors to the national hospital's blood bank.

I&M Bank Tanzania's Marketing and Communications Officer, Deborah Mwakoyoma said, "There are more initiatives yet to come, we advise Tanzanians to

stay tuned, as we are now moving to a complete new look and brand, with exciting digital products in pipeline that will make banking available 24/7 on their fingertips."

## AMBITIOUS

## MTN Nigeria confident of meeting NIN target, sustaining momentum

LAGOS

MTN Nigeria says despite a reduction in its overall subscriber base in Q1 and marginal decline in active data subscribers by 71,000 to 32.5-million, data traffic is up with a 48.5% increase in usage (MB per user) and the company is confident it is gaining momentum within the NIN/ SIM registration process, is dealing with the COVID-19 challenge and its operations in its largest market remains strong.

This is the message from the company as part of its presentation of its unaudited results for the quarter ended 31 March 2021. The company also experienced a decline in mobile subscribers by 5 million to 71.5-million which its said is due to the effects of customer churn and the regulatory restrictions on new SIM sales and activations.

MTN Nigeria CEO, Karl Toriola said: "Operationally, service revenue in Q1 grew by 17.2% YoY, in line with our medium-term target, supported by growth of 42.6% and 8.0% in data and voice revenue respectively. This was achieved despite the impact of the pandemic and a decline in our subscriber base due to the effects of customer churn



MTN Nigeria CEO Karl Toriola

and the restrictions on new SIM sales and activations arising from changes in SIM registration regulations. We continue to collaborate with the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and the Nigerian Identity Management Commission (NIMC) to update subscriber records with the National Identity Number (NIN)."

Toriola said says 35 million subscribers have submitted their National Identity Numbers (NINs) at 30 April 2021, representing 50% of the company's subscriber base and

63% of service revenue. He added: "We made good progress in the first quarter of 2021 despite the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to prioritise the safeguards put in place to protect the health and well-being of our people, customers and stakeholders and to control the spread of the virus while ensuring network resilience and efficiency." Toriola expanded on the company's progress regarding Fintech, digital and enterprise service delivery.

"Our digital business continued to

gain traction with the uptake of our products and services and the structural turnaround in the business. As a result, digital revenue rose by 101.0%, supported by our rich media and value-added services, while our active user base was largely flat at 2.8 million. The enterprise business continued its recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 lockdown as economic activity improved. However, service revenue for enterprise was largely flat YoY, mainly due to the non-recognition of USSD revenue in Q1. Normalised growth (excluding USSD revenue) was 2.6%. We continue to engage with the NCC, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and deposit money banks (DMBs) to conclude the operational modalities for the new pricing framework that has been agreed upon for USSD services.

The mechanism for and timing of the recovery of the industry-wide outstanding debts that exist for USSD services provided to the DMBs form part of this process. As at the end of Q1, N40.3 billion was due to MTN Nigeria."

"In the meantime, we continue to account for USSD revenue on a cash basis. Expenses rose by 14.8%, mainly driven by a 19.2% increase in

operating expenses arising from an accelerated site rollout and the effects of Naira depreciation on lease rental costs. The overall increase in expenses was partly mitigated by the comparatively moderate growth of 7.8% in cost of sales following the suspension of new SIM sales and activations. As a result, EBITDA rose by 19.1%, supported by revenue growth, with the EBITDA margin expanding by 0.9pp to 53.1%."

In April this year, in response to disruption to its banking service channels, MTN Nigeria announced it had activated a number of new channel partnerships with Fintech partners and "these will remain in place, significantly expanding the channels available to our customers and increasing our sales and distribution network."

The new channel partners include Sparkle, Konga Pay, Barter By Flutter Wave, Jumia Pay, OPay, Kuda, Carbon, BillsnPay, MTN On Demand, MTN Xtratime airtime loans ('606#), myMTN. The operator said: "The impact of the disruption was minimal on our operations as we were able to successfully activate alternative channels to enable our customers to purchase airtime and stay connected."

## RESTRUCTURING

## Liquid unveils new brand in Uganda

KAMPALA

LIQUID Intelligent Technologies Uganda, part of the Liquid Intelligent Technologies group has unveiled its new brand identity in Uganda.

In March this year, Liquid announced its rebranding strategy to provide a new layer of cyber security, cloud, compute and other managed services to clients.

Ahmad Mokhles, Group Chief Operations Officer, said that the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated digital transformation and the timing of the introduction of LIT is "a perfect match" to assist businesses in this technology transformation.

Management has confirmed the completion of a 5000km digital fibre network in DRC and progress on the launch of a datacentre in Nigeria.

According to the company, the new identity reflects its transformation from being a telecommunications and digital services provider to a one-stop-shop technology entity for government and the private sector.

"Liquid Intelligent Technologies will expand Managed Services offerings to drive and ensure successful adoption of tools to re-imagine how our customers work and connect through either enabling collaboration or utilising the most advanced cloud applications," reads an excerpt from a company statement. With the future of network security-driven from the cloud, Liquid Intelligent Technologies' recently launched its Cyber Security business unit.

Dennis Kahindi, CEO Liquid Intelligent Technologies Uganda, said: "Over the last 20 years, Uganda has seen immense investment focus by the government towards the ICT sector as the country steadily transforms into a digitally-led economy."

Vital to this transformation is the strategic public-private partnerships with organisations that have helped create an ICT framework, introduce a holistic approach to Cyber Security for organisations."

"The golden thread that ties all these technologies seamlessly is the national backbone infrastructure that the World Bank funded."

With our intelligent technology offerings, Liquid Uganda will help customers embrace modern technologies and ideologies, especially in improving organisational excellence.

Our customers in the country will benefit from our pan-African presence and our extensive African Intelligence that has been bringing local solutions to local challenges."

## PROGRESS

## DP World Komatipoort handles its first direct imports via Maputo

MAPUTO

TRADE solutions multinational DP World has completed the first transit import through the DP World Maputo port, in Mozambique, to DP World Komatipoort, in South Africa.

DP World, a leading global enabler of end to end trade solutions, has successfully completed the first transit import via DP World Maputo port to DP World Komatipoort, South Africa. Christian Roeder, Chief Executive Officer at DP World Maputo said: "The Komatipoort facility as a bonded container depot is a 'game changer' for the Maputo corridor."

"The success of the trial brings DP World a step closer to enabling a more cost effective, seamless and efficient user experience for our local customers and enhances trade linkages for countries in the Southern African region." This is a significant milestone for DP World as it demonstrates that the Maputo Port can be seamlessly used as a gateway to South Africa using DP World Komatipoort.

International container imports

landed in Maputo port and destined for the South African hinterland, can now be moved under bond to Komatipoort, where full customs clearance can be provided and made ready for delivery across South Africa.

Currently in South Africa, 69% of maritime imports are via the Port of Durban. Once a shipment is retrieved at the DP World Maputo port, the organisation handles the entire supply chain process from there to Komatipoort, without delay, and beyond to various areas in the hinterland.

While the cost of this service varies per user, the service is estimated to be equivalent in costs or cheaper compared to traditional routing via Durban. However, it is more efficient - especially for those staying in the northern area of the country. For example, a Johannesburg company importing goods from Singapore may choose to direct their shipment to Maputo.

The shipment is offloaded in Maputo on schedule with no delays. DP World Maputo provides Mozambique transit clearance and



Image taken at DP World Komatipoort of offloading of one of the containers handled from the first transit import shipment through Maputo.

container transport to Komatipoort, where the customer agent provides final clearance for South Africa.

DP World then sends the goods by road to Gauteng for rapid delivery to its destination.







## Cruise lines cheer softer stance on trips

NEW YORK

CRUISE lines are cheering word the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is committed to resuming sailings in the United States by mid-July and tweaking some of the rules to revive a hard-hit industry.

The CDC said in a letter on April 28 to the industry's leaders that it will let ships cruise without going through practice trips if 98 percent of the crew and 95 percent of passengers are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The agency also promised a quick review of plans for practice voyages five days instead of 60 and changes in testing for fully vaccinated people.

Frank Del Rio, CEO of Norwegian Cruise Line, told USA Today that he was hopeful that the letter is a "harbinger of more good things to come".

The CDC said on April 29: "We remain committed to the resumption of passenger operations in the United States following the requirements in the CSO (conditional-sail order) by mid-summer, which aligns with the goals announced by many major cruise lines."

Cruises were some of the first super-spreaders for the coronavirus in 2020. In October, the CDC issued the CSO to remain in effect until November 2021, requiring all ships to conduct test cruises and apply for a certificate at least 60 days before offering passenger cruises.

Joe Allen, an environmental health expert at Harvard's T.H.Chan School of Public Health, studied the outbreaks on cruise ships last year, including the Diamond Princess, where more than 700 people were infected, and 14 died.

"The CDC, in my view, was right to move cautiously, and phased approaching is correct," he told National Public Radio. "It's hard to imagine the CDC prioritizing cruise ships right now when we still have some schools that are closed."

But the industry has accused the CDC of treating it differently to other hospitality sectors.

Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line, threatened in April to take the company's vessels out of the US and begin sailing from foreign ports if the CDC didn't do more to restart the industry.

'Brink of financial ruin'

Coastal Florida is the country's biggest home to the cruise line industry, and on April 8, Governor Ron DeSantis sued the agency, demanding cruises be "reopened immediately".

The suit asked that the CSO be declared unlawful because cruise lines "are on the brink of financial ruin" and should be able to operate with "reasonable safety protocols". Alaska joined the lawsuit. State Attorney General Treg Taylor said in a statement that the "CDC simply does not have the authority to arbitrarily shut down an entire industry".

Prior to the pandemic, about 60,000 south Floridians worked in the industry. Many lost their jobs or have struggled when the industry was forced to halt operations.

A report from the Federal Maritime Commission said that during the first six months of the pandemic, the halt in cruises cost Florida an estimated US\$3.2 billion in losses, including 49,500 jobs that paid US\$2.3 billion in wages.

Agencies

## Russia sees risk of disconnection from SWIFT as hypothetical for now - Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is already in the process of minimizing any potential damage in the case of being disconnected from international financial instruments, but still regards the risk it may be denied access to the system of interbank payments SWIFT as hypothetical, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told the television broadcaster RT, aired on Monday.



"The scenario of Russia's disconnection from SWIFT is still regarded as hypothetical. Nevertheless, joint inter-departmental measures are being taken to minimize the risks and economic damage to our country that restricted access to customary international financial instruments and payment mechanisms might entail. As an example of alternative instruments one can mention the Bank of Russia's System of Transmitting Financial Messages.

At the moment various options are being considered of interfacing it with foreign counterparts, such as Europe's SEPA, Iran's SEPAM, and China's CUP and CIPS," Zakharova said.

Cooperation is afoot between Russia's payment system MIR and foreign analogues: China's UnionPay, Japan's JCB and international Maestro, she went on to say.

These cards are accepted both inside and outside Russia. However, Zakharova remarked, it is too early to speculate when a comprehensive national set of instruments in the segment of payment transactions might be finalized and promoted to international markets, because, she said, it is a time-and effort-consuming process.

"Alongside this Russia is exploring the opportunities of the latest cyber technologies and the possibility of tapping their potential to enhance the stability and independence of the national financial system and payment means.

There is a clear understanding that digital means of payment may eventually provide the basis for an upgraded international financial system and transborder settlements," Zakharova concluded.

Earlier, the European Parliament at its session in Brussels on April 29 passed a resolution on Russia containing calls for sanctions against the gas carrier project Nord Stream 2, nuclear power corporation Rosatom and "Russian oligarchs", as well as for disconnecting Russia from the international payment system SWIFT in case of an "invasion of Ukraine."

The resolution was approved by 569 members of the European Parliament of the 682 in attendance, with 67 nays.

## Vaccine hesitancy, variants growing concern for US battle against COVID-19

WASHINGTON

VACCINE hesitancy and spreading variants are causing growing concern for the U.S. battle against the COVID-19 pandemic that has killed over 575,000 Americans over the last year.

Health experts sounded the alarm as the country is ramping up efforts to vaccinate its population under President Joe Biden's administration.

More than 144 million Americans have received at least one COVID-19 shot, accounting for 43.6 percent of the population, and 30.5 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, according to the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The seven-day average cases, hospitalizations and deaths from the virus in the country have been going down from their highs in recent weeks.

However, the latest CDC estimates using statistical modeling indicated that about 35 percent of all Americans have been infected with COVID-19 over the last year, with 114.6 million infections accumulated from February 2020 to March 2021, including 97.1 million with symptomatic illnesses and 5.6 million hospitalizations.

Some of the discrepancy in the number of cases could be because some people are asymptomatic and fail to get tested, the CDC said, or because even if someone does have symptoms, they may not seek medical care or a test to confirm their COVID-19 status.

To suppress the spread of the virus, somewhere between 70 percent to 85 percent of the U.S. population needs to be immune in order to reach herd immunity, experts said.

The "biggest challenge" for the Biden administration "will be reaching the 20 percent of people who say they don't want to be vaccinated," Brookings Institution Senior Fellow Darrell West told Xinhua, adding, "That number is down from a few months ago, but still is a large group of people."

A new CNN poll showed that a quarter of American adults said they would not try to get a coronavirus vaccine, and Republicans were the group most likely to say they would not seek a shot.

Some 44 percent of Republicans expressed that view, compared with 28 percent of independents and 8 percent of Democrats.

Resistance to vaccination was the strongest among younger Republicans. "In the first few months, we were capturing the part of the population that really wanted



People visit a commercial area in Burlingame city in north California, the United States, April 11, 2021. (Xinhua)

these vaccines," infectious diseases expert Dr. Mati Hlatshway Davis told CNN on Saturday.

"But now we've reached the 'wait and see' crowd and the outright 'I don't want it' crowd," Davis said officials now need to double down on their efforts to address two key challenges of "vaccine confidence" and "access" to vaccines.

The number of willing COVID-19 vaccine recipients is rapidly diminishing and supply will exceed demand in the coming weeks, according to a recent analysis by nonprofit health policy group Kaiser Family Foundation.

"While timing may differ by state, we estimate that across the U.S. as a whole we will likely reach a tipping point on vaccine enthusiasm in the next 2 to 4 weeks," the Foundation said in its report published on April 20.

"Once this happens, efforts to encourage vaccination will become much harder, presenting a challenge to reaching the levels of herd immunity that are expected to be needed," it said.

Eleven states have reported a decrease in shots given for

three weeks in a row or more, according to a CNBC analysis of CDC data on Sunday.

The "slow erosion of vaccine confidence unfolding over the last two or more months is cause for concern," the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation wrote in its latest COVID-19 briefing.

A slowdown of vaccine demand could complicate the Biden administration's efforts to combat the pandemic as virus variants may continue to mutate and spread, the experts warned.

The highly transmissible variant which was first identified in Britain has already become the dominant one in the United States.

"The more virus and viral replication, the virus has more chances to mutate and this means additional opportunities for variants to evolve," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said at a White House COVID-19 briefing on Friday.

Xinhua

## China to back multilateralism in UN Security Council turn

LOS ANGELES

CHINA pledges to uphold multilateralism and push for enhanced cooperation in the United Nations Security Council in its capacity as rotating council president for May.

In a press briefing on Monday, Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the UN, said the Security Council bears the primary responsibility of maintaining peace and security.

In the face of various global challenges, the international community looks to the Security Council to strengthen unity and cooperation, play a greater role, and maintain a peaceful and stable international environment, he said.

"For China, we will adopt a responsible and constructive approach in presiding over the work of the council for the month of May. We will try our best to maintain the continuity, the openness, the inclusiveness, the transparency of the council," the ambassador said.

Zhang said China will stay in close contact with all Security Council members and all member states of the General Assembly as well as other main bodies to make sure the council plays its part this month.

"For China, of course, this is not our first presidency, however, we do attach great importance to the work of the presidency, and we fully understand our responsibilities," he added.

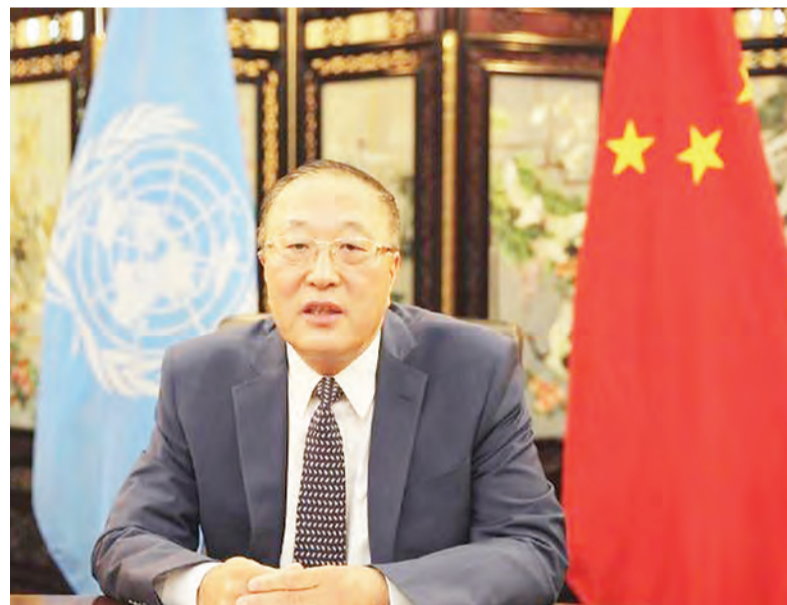
Zhang highlighted several priorities in the program of work for May, the first of which is "firmly upholding and practicing multilateralism to support the UN in playing a central role", Zhang said.

"It is becoming more and more evident that in tackling the current global crisis, multilateralism represents the right way out," the envoy said.

In that regard, China will convene a high-level meeting on May 7. The meeting is expected to be chaired by China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi. General Assembly President Volkan Bozkir will give a briefing.

Another issue that China intends to tackle is promoting solidarity and cooperation to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and restore development in conflict areas.

Conflicts in Africa account for



Zhang Jun, China's permanent representative to the UN.

more than half of the situations on the Security Council agenda, Zhang said. It's the shared responsibility of the international community to help African countries in conflict to overcome the pandemic and promote post-conflict reconstruction, peace-building and pandemic recovery.

As a result, the Security Council will host a high-level debate on "Peace and security in Africa: Addressing root causes of conflict while promoting post-pandemic recovery in Africa" on May 19.

It will be chaired by Wang Yi and briefed by Secretary-General António Guterres, UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner and a representative of the African Union Commission.

To effectively respond to increasingly complex security threats in the world, the UN needs to strengthen its capacity and institution building as well as to further improve its working methods and the effectiveness of its work, Zhang said.

Taking peacekeeping as an example, there have been major changes in the scale and intensity of conflicts over the past 20 years, the envoy said. Traditional and non-traditional security factors constitute severe threats to the safety of UN peacekeepers.

China will call for an open debate on "United Nations peacekeeping operations: Improving safety and security of peacekeepers" on May 24.

China hopes to encourage the in-

ternational community to increase input and seek appropriate solutions to major challenges facing peacekeepers.

Another issue that China seeks to examine is the impact of emerging technologies on international peace and security and how to mitigate potential risks. The Security Council will take a closer look at this issue in an Arrria formula (informal) meeting scheduled for May 17.

China will continue to push for improvement of the Security Council's working methods to raise efficiency, transparency and inclusiveness, Zhang said. It will also step up communication on all sides.

The ambassador said May will be "a busy month" under China's presidency, with more than 20 meetings with the aim of promoting peaceful settlement on regional hot spot issues.

Meetings on Bosnia and Herzegovina, Syria, the Middle East, Yemen, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and protection of civilians in armed conflict are on the agenda.

The extension of mandates of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei, sanction measures on South Sudan, and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq also will be discussed.

"In Chinese culture, the month of May is a time to work," said Zhang. "An old Chinese saying goes, farmers have little time for idleness, and the month of May is a busiest time. Only by working hard can we expect a good harvest." Xinhua

## Britain will announce travel 'green list' shortly, says minister

GENEVA/ LONDON

BRITAIN is set to announce the green list for countries that people can travel to on holiday shortly, and will have the right procedures in place to ensure travel can happen safely, said Trade Minister Liz Truss yesterday.

Hopes that Britons will be able to travel to Europe rose on Monday after the European Union recommended easing restrictions to allow in people who were fully vaccinated or from countries with a "good epidemiological situation", boosting travel stocks.

The British government said in mid-April it would announce which countries would be open for quarantine-free travel from England in early May, ahead of a plan to allow holidays again from May 17 at the earliest.

"I don't think it will be much longer before we make those announcements," Truss told Sky News.

Sources have suggested the list could be published on Friday, after local elections are held on Thursday.

"People are looking to book a holiday but I would encourage people to wait until we make that announcement," Truss added.

Denmark

Denmark will allow elementary schools to fully reopen and a range of indoor activities to resume this week, the Health Ministry said on Tuesday.

Entrance to the reopened facilities is dependent on showing a "corona passport", that shows that holders have either been vaccinated, previously infected or have had a negative test in the past 72 hours.

The changes will take effect on May 6.

Meanwhile, the Danish Health Authority has decided to drop the Johnson & Johnson vaccine from its mass coronavirus vaccination program.

"Taking the present situation in Denmark into account, what we are currently losing in our effort to prevent severe illness from COVID-19 cannot outweigh the risk of causing possible side effects in the form of severe blood clots in those we vaccinate," the Danish Health Authority's Deputy Director General Helene Probst said in a press release.

The authority's decision that "the benefits do not outweigh the risks" comes after the European Medicines Agency (EMA) concluded that a possible link existed between rare but severe cases of blood clots (vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia or VITT) and the COVID-19 vaccine from Johnson & Johnson.

However, the Health Authority noted that the decision does not rule out that Johnson & Johnson vaccines may be used later.



# SPORT



Yanga's midfielder Said Ntibazonkiza. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Ntibazonkiza confident coach Nabi will achieve success at Yanga

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA midfielder, Said Ntibazonkiza, has said the team's head coach Nasreddine Nabi needs at least 10 more days for people to see changes under his reign.

Nabi was appointed to succeed Burundian Cedric Kaze and the former lost his first Premier League game against Azam FC.

Ntibazonkiza was adamant the Tunisian coach will need a few days to make his arrival felt.

He noted: "The coach has started well and we will need at least 10 days for people to feel the change. The fans need to support him and support the team generally."

"I can feel that we are on a path to achieve greatness especially if we keep winning as the coach has demanded," Ntibazonkiza said.

He added: "We have started to feel the change in the team and if you look at how we play against Tanzania Prisons and how we played before he came, there is something you will see in regard to the playing style."

He insisted: "The team is settled and is creating chances and I feel we were much better in the game against Tanzania Prisons."

The second game for Nabi as Yanga head

coach was a Federation Cup tie against Tanzania Prisons, which took place in Rukwa last week.

Yanga picked up a 1-0 victory over Prisons to book a place in the quarterfinals.

The Burundi national team's midfielder said the game gave Yanga good preparations ahead of the club's Premier League clash against Simba SC, nicknamed 'Dar Derby', slated for May 8.

He disclosed: "That was a tough game but for now let me say our morale is back and we are ready for the match against Simba SC."

"It always feels good to win before you go to face your toughest opponent," the midfielder noted.

He said: "The match against Tanzania Prisons where a win was hard to get, gave us the perfect preparation."

The May 8 game will be the third encounter between Yanga and Simba in the year.

They met in the first round of the 2020/21 season and drew 1-1 courtesy of goals netted by Michael Sarpong and Joash Onyango.

They went ahead and met again during the Mapinduzi Cup tournament final which Yanga finally won from the spot kicks after the tie had remained 0-0 at full-time.

It will be the first 'Dar Derby' engagement for Ntibazonkiza, who signed for Yanga in the last mini-transfer window.

## Mwinjuma Muumin set to introduce new song

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

TANZANIA's prominent dance music artiste, Mwinjuma Muumin, has disclosed he is looking forward to introducing his troupe's new songs on regular basis.

Muumin, who won popularity in the country's dance music circles in 2000s, is currently a band leader at a newly formed troupe, Special Band.

The artiste noted he will be releasing new songs up to next month, the time the troupe's album will be completed.

He disclosed he had, since January this year, began introducing songs which have already been aired by several radio stations.

According to him, the tracks have gone as far as winning publicity in social media sites and won plenty of praises from dance music enthusiasts.

"I will from now on be introducing songs on regular basis, we started with a songs titled 'Yatima Mzee', 'Mwanangu', and 'Fenesi', he noted.

He stated: "We now have introduced a song titled 'Kwa Mpalange Sihami', which has also earned rave reviews."

Muumin pointed out the troupe will, be next month, have completed its first album.

According to him, the band will also see to it it holds its first show aiming at introducing the album the same month.

He noted: "Special Band has set time, when it comes to producing new tracks, we have been introducing new song every month."

He disclosed: "We will, until next month, have six tracks and by then the tracks will complete the album."

The artiste stated the troupe has four new songs, noting they have two songs left to complete the album.

He pointed out he is optimistic the songs are helping the troupe make its presence felt in domestic music circles.

## SPORTS

## TBF's deal regarding basketball courts is heartening stuff

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipeko

RECENTLY, the Tanzania Basketball Federation (TBF) inked a deal with some financiers, who will fund the construction of basketball courts in every region of the country.

This is truly a heartwarming and morale-boosting development for basketball on our home patch.

Indeed, it has long been acknowledged that one of the hindrances holding back the rise of national basketball to loftier heights has been the very fact that there is a glaring lack of basketball courts across the whole span of the country.

This irksome lack of basketball courts has been a singular frustration for followers and observers of the sport as both quarters firmly believe that domestic basketball is like a slumbering giant who should have long since awakened.

However, all of that is now in the past as this potentially transformative deal shows us that it is time to turn the page and embrace the future in both the near-and middle-terms, which is already beckoning encouragingly towards us all with hope.

Switching gears, now, and after a fair bit of musing and pondering, this writer would like to call upon all sports quarters in the country to help in the construction of a National Sports Museum.

Such an institution would go a lengthy way towards preserving a treasure-trove of golden moments of epic sporting feats for the sake of



Vijana Kids Basketball Club's youngsters feature in recent drills, which took place at JMK Youth Park in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

posterity.

Indeed, from the likes of a certain Filbert Bayi shattering the Commonwealth Games record in the 1,500 meters to Simba SC's inspirational triumph over a vanquished Zamalek in the latter's Cairo fortress in the 2003 CAF Champions League among others, there is such rich material for our children to devour and such a wealth of sporting history for all future generations to joyously explore and gain delight from.

As I envision it, a National Sporting Museum would need to forge close cooperative ties with our country's broadcasting media so that archival material ranging from video footage to famous radio broadcasts can be smoothly preserved at the museum.

Likewise, similar close working relations would have to be forged between the National Sports Museum and the country's print media giants in order for the preservation of articles penned about our various accomplishments as a country chock-full of sporting devotees.

Furthermore, there are valid grounds for the creation of such an invaluable national institution.

Indeed, numerous countries globally have not only

built such sports museums but such institutions are generally regarded as being indispensable to the important preservation of not only sporting but national histories as well.

A typical example of this can be abundantly found on the North American continent.

Over there, the nomenclature differs slightly as such sporting museums are commonly referred to as National Halls of Fame.

For example, in the USA, there are national basketball and baseball Halls of Fame, which are usually great magnets of interest, and energetic debate due to the fact that retired sporting greats are yearly inducted into such Halls of Fame if and only if they are deemed worthy of such a prestigious honour.

So, here's hoping then that quite soon in Tanzania, we will be able to visit a National Sports Museum where we can treasure our erstwhile sporting glories, which should never ever be forgotten and be carelessly allowed to disappear into the mists of time.

## The 2020/21 Federation Cup quarterfinalists ranked

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

THE 2020/21 Federation Cup tournament has whittled down to the final eight teams this season and the stage is looking as tasty as ever.

Simba SC, Yanga, Azam FC, Mwadui FC, Dodoma Jiji FC, Rhino Rangers, Biashara United and Namungo FC, who were the last side to confirm their ticket, make up the quarterfinalists.

The quarterfinals will be played between May 24-27, but who is most likely to win the showdown's cup as it stands? Let us take a look.

### 8. Rhino Rangers

The only non-top flight side left in the competition, First Division League (FDL)'s Rhino Rangers managed to knock out Arusha FC, also an FDL side, in the last round thanks to a 2-1 win at Kamarage Stadium in Shinyanga.

The Tabora side were lucky to avoid the big boys in the last round, and so will have to dig deep into their reserve to cause an upset in the quarterfinals.

Judging on their First Division League form and ultimately the difference in quality between squads in the top flight and the second tier league means Rhino Rangers are the least likely winners out of everyone remaining.

### 7. Mwadui FC

Mwadui have had a horrendous season in the Vodacom Premier League, barring a miracle, 11 points from safety, 19 points on the board, five wins all season - will be relegated from the Premier League this season.

One would assume their league survival will have to take priority over winning the cup.

Their performance in a narrow 1-0 loss to Simba and their 2-0 victory over Coastal Union in the previous round will give head coach Salhina Mjengwa's squad the confidence they can beat anyone left in the competition.

### 6. Dodoma Jiji FC

The Premier League debutants are not in the best form right now, but they managed to fight to a 2-0 win over visiting Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) FC at Jamhuri Stadium in Dodoma.

Head coach Mbwana Makata is doing a very good job with an underfunded side.

He has proved to be a smart tactician and a favourable draw in the last eight could make them a surprise package in either the semi-



Dodoma Jiji FC players celebrate after posting a goal during the club's recent Premier League encounter, which took place in Dodoma. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

finals or even the final itself.

### 5. Biashara United

The team, placed fourth in the ongoing Premier League, are enjoying their best season since their top flight promotion in the 2018/19 season.

Based on their league form they have shown they deserve to be at this stage of the Cup competition.

A classic cup tie at Karume Stadium, Musoma, saw Biashara United beat Ruvu Shooting 4-1 on penalties to reach the last eight.

The Mara side should not be underestimated especially if they are lucky to play at their home ground where they enjoy good turnout and a fanatical following.

### 4. Namungo FC

Namungo were cruising to a comfortable away victory with a 3-0 lead at half time before the outfit completely switched off in the second half and allowed JKT Tanzania to push the tie with two late goals

They managed to survive the late scare from JKT Tanzania but they will need another attacking performance like that - but with a much more solid defending - if Namungo are to progress further.

### 3. Azam FC

After falling at the quarterfinal stage last year, Azam are likely to go one step better unless the lottery of draw hands them either Simba SC or Yanga.

With their tremendous squad depth they will be confident of making it to the final at least on this occasion bar a very tough draw.

### 2. Yanga

A tough game of football was settled by forward Yacouba Songne in the second half as the Jangwani Street boys beat hosts Prisons 1-0 and made it to the quarterfinals.

It was not a great performance that saw them get to this stage.

Their chances of getting to the semi-finals are strong as the Federation Cup presents the best opportunity for them to end a four-year title drought.

### 1. Simba SC

The quality and experience in the squad will mean they are confident of at least reaching the final regardless of the opponent.

With their defence looking stronger than ever and the attack still able to score goals at will, it will take something special to prevent Simba, the Federation Cup defending champions, from defending their title.

## Lawyer slams 'trial by media' in Maradona case

BUENOS AIRES

A DEFENSE lawyer involved in the case around the death in Argentina last year of football star Diego Maradona slammed what he called a "trial by media" on Monday after the leak of a report last week alleged "deficient and reckless" behavior by the footballer's medical team.

Maradona, the revered former Boca Juniors and Napoli star who had battled alcohol and drug addiction for many years, died last November from heart failure after undergoing brain surgery earlier that month.

According to the report, a medical board formally appointed to investigate his death concluded that several members of his medical team acted in an "inappropriate, deficient and reckless manner," and said he was not properly monitored before he died.

That report, shared with Reuters and other media outlets last week, is due to be presented to prosecutors in Buenos Aires on Monday.

That medical report on the death of Maradona given to prosecutors Monday said the Argentine agonized for more than 12 hours, did not receive adequate treatment and could still be alive if he had been properly hospitalized.

The document further complicates the defence of seven people under investigation in the case, including brain surgeon Leopoldo Luque and psy-

chiatrist Agustina Cosachov, both of whom worked for Maradona.

The medical report said "the patient's signs of risk of life were ignored," adding that Maradona "showed unequivocal signs of a prolonged agony period" of at least 12 hours.

Still, no charges have yet been brought in the case and the lawyer for Maradona's psychiatrist said selective leaking was undermining the legal process.

"The evidence that was leaked, as well as the audios and witness testimony, the extracts, including edited audios and chats, involve less than half of the defendants, is not that striking?" Vadim Mischanchuk told reporters.

"It would seem there is an intention to produce a trial by media, a trial prior to the delivery of justice, and that is not good at all."

Maradona's death rocked the South American nation, prompting a period of mourning and angry finger pointing about who was to blame.

A lawyer for Maradona's son Diego said the report showed "criminal conduct" in the case, adding he would press for full accountability.

However, Julio Rivas, a lawyer for Luque, said he will try to annul the medical forensics of the report.

"They have made a biased report, a bad one, with no scientific foundation," he said.

(Agencies)

## Messi has Barca over for lunch as Atletico loom

BARCELONA

LIONEL Messi held a team lunch at his house in Castelldefels on Monday as Barcelona prepare for this weekend's top-of-the-table clash against Atletico Madrid.

Barca bounced back from a shock defeat to Granada last week by beating Valencia 3-2 on Sunday to remain on the tails of La Liga leaders Atletico.

Messi, whose future remains unresolved with his contract expiring in June, scored twice in that win at the Mestalla to take his tally in the league this season to 28.

The Barca captain has improved in the second half of the campaign after trying to leave the club last summer and his goals have helped cut the gap on Atletico from 13 points to two.

He gathered the squad at his property in Castelldefels, a seaside town outside of Barcelona, after Monday's training session ahead of what could prove a defining week in the title race.

The players' partners were also invited to the event, which a source told ESPN was to bring the squad together in a different environment before the Atletico game.

With no game in midweek, coach

ESPN

## English FA opens inquiry to assess Super League sanctions

MANCHESTER, England

THE English Football Association has opened an inquiry into the Super League rebellion and sought evidence from the six English clubs involved in the breakaway that could lead to punishments.

The Premier League also disclosed Monday that it had prepared measures to stop teams playing in closed competitions. Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester United, Manchester City and Tottenham launched an ill-fated attempt two weeks ago to found a new European competition with three clubs from each of Spain and Italy.

The project imploded after fan outrage and threats from the British government of legislation being introduced to stop the Super League.

The FA said it is focused on "preventing it from happening, both now and in the future" and has been working with the government in pursuit of a law to guard against similar threats and protect the English football pyramid.

"Last week, we started an official inquiry into the formation of the European Super League and the involvement of the six English clubs," the FA said on Monday. "We wrote to all of the clubs to formally request all relevant information and evidence regarding their participation. Once we have the required information, we will consider what appropriate steps to take. Clearly what happened was unacceptable and could have caused great harm to clubs at every level of English football."

The Super League would have been a largely closed competition with 15 founding clubs guaranteed entry every season without having to qualify as is currently the case for the UEFA-run Champions League through domestic league placings.

The Premier League said it has now "prepared a series of measures to enshrine the core principles of the professional game: an open pyramid, progression through sporting merit and the highest standards of sporting integrity."

# Courtois finally feeling at home ahead of awkward return to Chelsea

LONDON

WHEN Thibaut Courtois was sold by Chelsea to Real Madrid in 2018, there was little affection for one of the world's best goalkeepers from either the club he was joining or the one he had just left.

Courtois' relationship with the Chelsea fans had soured after he pushed the move through by refusing to report for pre-season training and rejecting an offer of talks with then-coach Maurizio Sarri.

Once at Madrid, he rubbed salt into the wounds, remarking on the difference in quality in training with his new team and expressing hope that Eden Hazard, Chelsea's star player, would soon be there to join him.

The welcome, though, was not much warmer than the farewell, Courtois arriving at a club whose goalkeeper was perhaps the most popular player with the fans, having just been key to three consecutive Champions League titles.

"You can tell everyone loud and clear, I have as much enthusiasm for leaving Madrid as I do for dying," Keylor Navas said, shortly after Courtois' arrival.

Navas did leave, eventually persuaded to join Paris Saint-Germain a year later, but his departure served only to deepen the distrust of Courtois, whose nadir came in a Champions League game against Club Brugge, when he was taken off at half-time having been whistled by his own supporters.

A month before, supporters of Atletico Madrid had even marked the city derby by throwing toy rats at the opposition goal, angered by their former goalkeeper's decision to join their rivals.

In some ways, Courtois might be relieved the stands will be empty at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday, when Real Madrid will attempt to reach their fifth Champions League final in eight years, after a 1-1 draw in last week's opening leg. Certainly, the reception would



Thibaut Courtois

have been much frostier than the one given to Hazard, whose exit to Madrid in 2019 was more accepted at the time and has become easier to accept since as Hazard's best days continue to be the ones he enjoyed in a Chelsea shirt.

- 'One of the best' -

But Courtois might also have been spurred on by the criticism. Never one to dodge controversy, his remarks in the press and decisions in his career have all been made with a singular, uncompromising focus on what he believes he deserves as one of the game's most complete goalkeepers.

"I think I'm one of the best even if the Spanish press want to kill me," he said in his first season at Real Madrid, before last month lamenting a lack of appreciation for his talents back in Belgium.

"I survived a tsunami in Madrid and I read (Romelu) Lukaku deserved the trophy for Belgium's

best player abroad," he told Belgian newspaper HLN. "I feel more appreciation in Spain than in Belgium."

Courtois would not be the first player to find solace at Real Madrid, to identify more and more with a club that seems to revel in being disliked. Karim Benzema, Toni Kroos and Sergio Ramos have all found comfort at the Santiago Bernabeu, in the face of criticism from outside.

Longevity helps, and after appearing for a long time like a player eyeing his next promotion, Courtois now has the look of a Real Madrid goalkeeper for the next decade.

He is settled, with a six-year contract, and having bought a plot of land in Boadilla del Monte, a wealthy town to the west of Madrid. He speaks to his two children in Spanish and, on the pitch, scolds his teammates in Spanish too.

Most importantly, the unsure performances of his first two years have given way to a sustained period of excellence, in which Courtois has established himself not only as first-choice goalkeeper but one of the outstanding players in Zinedine Zidane's team.

"He is fundamental, I have no doubts," said Zidane, who was one of those initially loyal to Navas when Courtois first arrived.

The contrast with Hazard is certainly stark, even as Hazard enjoyed a hero's welcome, his transfer prioritised by Zidane, his presentation celebrated by 50,000 adoring supporters and his place in the team guaranteed.

Courtois had none of those advantages, a signing that was arguably unnecessary and for many unwanted, who against the odds became one of Real Madrid's best signings in years.

AFP

## Time running out for wasteful Werner to prove his worth

LONDON

CHELSEA welcome Real Madrid to Stamford Bridge on Wednesday still with much to do to reach the Champions League final after failing to land the killer blow when the 13-time European champions were on the ropes in last week's first leg.

A 1-1 draw in the Spanish capital still gives the Blues the upper hand thanks to their away goal, but Thomas Tuchel's men could have had a much more convincing advantage but for a tale of two strikers.

In a story of his first season at Chelsea, Timo Werner missed a glorious chance to put his side in front early as the outstretched leg of Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois denied his old club.

That miss even provoked criticism from the wife of Werner's teammate Thiago Silva.

"Every team I go to there is a striker who keeps missing goals," Isabelle da Silva posted in a since deleted Instagram message.

At the other end, after Christian Pulisic had put Chelsea in front, Karim Benzema needed barely a half-chance to blast Real back on level terms for his 28th goal of the season and become the joint fourth highest goalscorer in Champions League history. Those are the sorts of numbers Chelsea expected when they paid £47 million (\$65 million) for Werner last June at a time when other clubs, including Madrid, were scrambling to find the money just to pay their players as the coronavirus pandemic halted football across Europe.

Backed by Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich, Chelsea were the club least deterred by the pandemic as they splashed out a total of £220 million in the transfer market last summer.

That expense has been rewarded by a return to the last four of the Champions League for the first time in seven years.

Yet, none of the attacking trio of new signings, Werner, Kai Havertz



Timo Werner

and Hakim Ziyech have consistently shown their best form.

Havertz and Ziyech started the first leg on the bench, but Tuchel has remained loyal to Werner since taking charge in January despite his lack of goals.

The German international has scored just three times in his last 38 games for club and country, one of which came against fourth-tier Morecambe in the FA Cup.

Tammy Abraham has been linked with a move away from west London

due to his limited opportunities under Tuchel, while 34-year-old Olivier Giroud is out of the contract at the end of the season.

- 'No panic' -

The need for a prolific goalscorer to back up the significant defensive improvement since Tuchel replaced Frank Lampard has even sparked rumours Abramovich could be forced to spend big again.

Chelsea are among a number of clubs interested in Borussia Dortmund's Erling Haaland.

But Tuchel remains confident that Werner can prove to be the consistent finisher the club need.

"You will not find one manager who will not add a 20-goal striker to his squad. I cannot have enough of them, if you can guarantee that," said Tuchel when asked about interest in Haaland.

"But this is what Chelsea bought, they bought Timo Werner and he is a 20, 30-goal striker a year. Now he is struggling a little bit, for the first time in his career."

"In any transfer, there are risks of adaptations, change of country, change of mentality. It needs time. It's not a puzzle where you identify one piece and you go out and find the exact piece, it's more than that and that's why there is no rush and no panic."

There have been bright moments in the 25-year-old's difficult first year in England.

His slick pass into Havertz for his second goal in a 2-0 win over Fulham on Saturday took Werner's tally for assists for the season to 10, to complement his 11 goals.

But he desperately needs a big moment to quieten his doubters.

The chance to knock Real Madrid out in the Champions League semi-finals is the perfect stage to prove his worth.

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**Courtois finally feeling at home  
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## TFF set to unveil winners of broadcasting rights for 2021/22 Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) leaders say they expect to announce a media house which will have the rights to beam the 2021/22 Mainland Tanzania Premier League's matches, as well as conducting live radio commentaries.

Boniface Wambura, TFF Head of Marketing and Communication, said the highest bidder in the two categories (TV and radio) will be announced soon before the kick off of the next football season.

Azam Media are the current broadcasters (TV and Radio) of the 2020/21 Premier League, but their contract expires at the end of this season.

Wambura said the highest bidder will be unveiled as soon as possible so as to prepare well for the season which is expected to kick off in August this year.

He noted: "Many local and international companies and media organizations submitted their tenders to beam and broadcast the 2021/22 matches live."

"The evaluation of the bids which involves due diligence assessment and evaluation is in the final stages, the team inspected their equipment, premises and personnel," he said.

He said the successful bidder should have a proven record in the broadcasting industry.

Wambura said the aim is to give football lovers best football coverage and seeing to it local teams are generating revenue through matches beamed.

However, Wambura stopped short of mentioning the organizations which met the bidding conditions and the date which the winner will be announced.

The TFF official could also not say much on the model of sharing the TV proceeds.

Many African countries use the United Kingdom and Spanish model of sharing the proceeds.

In England, clubs get equal earnings from TV rights, whereas in Spain, Barcelona and Real Madrid are the biggest earners.

The league administrators in Spain are, nevertheless, adopting the England model to level the financial and with it, playing field.



The U-11 Bulls Academy Dar YC's player, Kapakwashe Zengeni (3rd L), negotiates his way past Mikocheni United's players when the outfits met in a friendly clash, which took place at Masaki Sports Park in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT MIRAJI MSALA

## Yanga's head coach impressed by players' displays ahead of Simba SC clash

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's head coach Nasreddine Nabi has explained why he has been impressed by the players ahead of the outfit's Vodacom Premier League clash against age-old rivals Simba SC.

Yanga will face their traditional rivals in Dar es Salaam on Saturday and Nabi (pictured) - who has been in charge of two games - has stated he is impressed with the development of the players so far.

"I am happy to see my players improve and what made me happier is to see the players engage in high spirits like players who really want to fight for Yanga," Nabi said.

He stated: "I am also happy to see that they are grasping what I want them to learn and implement. But I know there is still a lot to do going forward."

The Tunisian coach also said he is aware of Simba's quality but he believes the recent Federation Cup game pitting Yanga against Tanzania Prisons - which ended with Yanga winning 1-0 - gave them proper preparation for the fixture, popularly known as 'Dar Derby'.

"I know we are going to play a tough team," Nabi disclosed.

He stated: "We respect Simba and we know they have quality at their disposal and they are going to give us a different challenge than what we got against Prisons."

Yanga's former player, Boniface Ambani, believes rivals Simba SC will be coming into the 'Dar Derby' under pressure owing to the fact that they have not won any of the last three league assignments against their big rivals.

Simba will be aiming to collect maximum points to ensure they extend their lead on top of the table and arguably bring an end to Yanga's chances of landing the league title in the ongoing campaign.

Ambani, former Kenya international, has, however, made it clear the bragging rights can go either way.

"This is going to be a tough match because it brings together historical rivals," Ambani said.

He noted: "The 'Dar Derby' has always been interesting and the best part of it is that it is unpredictable, it can go either way."

He added: "However, putting the current form aside, I believe Simba come into the match under pressure, the reason being, they have not won any of the last three league derbies."

The former Kenya's AFC Leopards and Tusker striker went on to explain what both Simba and Yanga should do to stand a chance of bagging maximum points.

"In the derby, it does not matter who is on form, what matters is how you woke up in that particular day," Ambani continued.

He noted: "It has a lot of surprises, but I do believe the team that will settle fast and takes their chances will carry the day."

The 'Dar Derby' carries a lot at stake as Yanga would need a win to reduce the gap with Simba while Wekundu wa Msimbazi will fight for victory in order to maintain the good form they have had.



## Simba SC, Yanga now step up preparations for Dar Derby



Simba SC players participate in training in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the Vodacom Premier League and CAF Champions League fixtures. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA'S football giants, Simba SC and Yanga, say they have intensified preparations for their Vodacom Premier League encounter, which will take place at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Saturday.

There is a lot at stake in the tie, popularly known as 'Dar Derby', given apart from collecting points, the bragging rights are at stake as the two giants, which command the largest following in the country, say they are doing all they can to win the game.

Heading into the match, the two giants are separated by four points, with Simba leading the league table with 61 points from 25 games.

Yanga are placed second with 57 points from 27 matches.

In the recent past games, Yanga have been playing second fiddle to their age-old rivals.

The two teams' last meeting in the Vodacom Premier League had the outfits settling for 1-1 draw.

Forward Michael Sarpong scored for Yanga via penalty kick and Simba equalized through defender Joash Onyango in the dying minutes of the game.

The hosts, Simba SC, through the club's head coach Didier Gomes say they are preparing well for the en-

counter.

The tactician described the tie as very important for his side's ambition to emerge as the Vodacom Premier League champions this season.

He noted: "We are preparing well for the encounter as we know the most important thing is that we win our next game against our opponents."

"It will also give our players confident ahead of our CAF Champions League clash away to Kaizer Chiefs in South Africa," he said.

He said his team will play with caution on Saturday, insisting they need to put everything in place, should they come out victorious.

Yanga, through their information officer Hassan Bumbuli, anticipate a tough clash but the outfit pointed out the aim is to collect maximum points.

"It is a derby, it will be a tough game, but the team are well prepared and we are looking forward to victory, the win will boost our dream of winning the championship this season," he said.

The Saturday encounter will be the first derby for both sides' tacticians.

However, the game is expected to be determined by the individual brilliance of players, as well as tac-

tical and technical acumen of the coaches.

Both sides boast of top-class players in domestic football. Simba have more experienced players whereas Yanga boast of a mixture of experienced players and youthful performers.

Simba boast of Luis Miquissone, Clatus Chama, Larry Bwalya, Bernard Morrison, Chris Mugalu, Meddie Kagere and John Bocco, who are capable of dictating the results of any encounter.

While on the back, Simba have a solid defense led by Joash Onyango who is always supported by Paschal Wawa, Erasto Nyoni, Shomari Kapombe and Mohamed Hussein.

Nabi is likely going to rely on leading strikers, Michael Sarpong and Yacouba Songné, midfielders Haruna Niyonzima, Mukoko Tonombe, Deus Kaseke and Tuisila Kisinda.

In defense, the Tunisian coach is likely going to depend on Bakari Mwamnyeto, Abdallah Shaibu and Dickson Job.

Meanwhile, Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has named Emmanuel Mwandembwa as central referee for the game while Frank Komba and Hamdan Said are first and second assistant referees respectively, Ramadhan Kayoko will be the fourth official.

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