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## CAG: Bulk of weighbridges lack TanRoads main server connection

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

JUST 13 weigh-bridges out of 63 audited by the Controller and Auditor General (CAG) were connected to the main server at the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TanRoads), the latest annual report has indicated.

In the fiscal 2021/22 report on investigations of the ICT systems, ICT says that after reviewing the fines imposed by the agency on overweight trucks at 13 such bridges, it was noticed that 11,594 vehicles were short-fined by \$466,449.

A total of 134 vehicles were overcharged at \$10,958 in violation of section 11 of the third schedule of the East African protocol in regard of road weight, the report noted.

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## NBC PREMIER LEAGUE UPDATE

Some facts after yesterday's Dar es Salaam derby between archrivals Young Africans Sports Club (Yanga) and Simba Sports Club - played at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium:

- Results: Simba 2, Yanga 0. Scorers: Henock Inonga (2nd min), Kibu Dennis (31st min)
- Matches played: Simba 26; Yanga 26.
- Matches to go: Simba 4; Yanga 4.
- Points so far: Simba 63; Yanga 68.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Acting Dar es Salaam Regional Sheikh Walid Alhad Omar (R) together at Ramadan-time iftar at State House in Dar es Salaam on Saturday, an event attended by scores of other people from all walks of life. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter

THE race for economic supremacy in the East African region is set to take a more competitive twist as projections point at Tanzania overtaking Kenya in the next 10 years.

A report lately released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) shows that Tanzania's economy, which now stands at \$85.4bn (200trn/-), is set to grow to a \$136bn economy by 2028.

The report, 'Growth rate of the real gross domestic product (GDP) from 2018 to 2028' says that in contrast to this picture, Kenya's economy now the largest in East Africa at \$118.1bn is likely to be a \$151bn economy by 2028.

Banking on GDP growth trends of the two countries, the IMF sees Tanzania outpacing Kenya and boast a larger economy by that time.

Elsewhere, the report that scans Sub-Saharan Africa, accounting for 46 of the continent's 54 countries and excluding giants such as Morocco and Egypt, has Nigeria remaining the largest economy in the region.

It has a GDP of \$506.6bn in current prices followed by South Africa (\$399bn), and Ethiopia (\$156.1 billion).

At current levels, Tanzania's economy is bigger than several small European countries as it has by 2023 grown to \$85.42bn from \$69.94bn in 2021, the report noted.

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## REA tasked for estimated, contractual cost variations

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

SIGNIFICANT variations were noticed between estimated and awarded value of procurement where awards were \$137bn/- lower than projected tender estimates in the work of the Rural Energy Agency (REA).

The Controller and Auditor General (CAG) points at this fault in the performance audit report on the implementation of rural electrification programme for fiscal 2021/22, as among irregularities in REA projects Charles Kichere says in his latest annual report that regulation 69(1) of Public

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Dodoma district commissioner Jabir Shekimweri pictured in Dodoma District at the weekend handing over a prize car to Mayani Yahaya Hassan (2nd-L) for winning CRDB Bank Plc's SimBanking campaign raffle, witnessed by officials of the bank. Story on Page 13. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## WB zonal director hints at more loans



By Guardian Correspondent, Washington D.C

WORLD Bank assistance is assured for Tanzania through various lending windows to enable it implement growth-bearing projects, a top bank official has declared.

Victoria Kwakwa, the bank vice president for Eastern and Southern Africa Zone, made this affirmation in discussions with Finance and Planning minister Mwigulu Nchemba, asserting that current efforts will fast drive forward economic growth, pointing at energy, farming, water and infrastructures.

She expressed encouragement for the sixth phase monetary policies that stabilise the economy, control inflation along with involving the private sector more in economic activities.

The conversation took place on the sidelines of the spring meetings of the joint executive boards

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CAG Charles Kichere said in the report that the faulty connection to servers and flaws charging was a situation that poses dangers of fraud due to inadequate follow up.

TanRoads needs to abide by the correct valuation and stipulated fines, make sure that independent weigh bridge programmes are connected to the main server for proper monitoring, it said.

There were unreconciled transactions in the Government e-Payment Gateway (GePG) system relating to weighbridge accounts, where the CAG says in 682 transactions, the difference found was in regard to overpaid bills in the data on bridge.

Systematic errors of this sort show why TanRoads needs to rectify computation of the axle weight plus tare weight, to ensure they impose the right amount of fines for overweight vehicles. Imposing fines contra-

ry to laid down procedures can contribute to loss of revenue, the report noted.

Reconciliation of weighbridge systems in use is in difficulties as TanRoads uses three systems in regard to weighbridges, namely Data Bridge, Smart Scale and T-Load for the same weighing purpose, it said.

Deficiencies were also noticed in the integrated loans management system of the Higher Education Students Loans Board (HESLB), in the verification control for payment and repayment of loans, the CAG noted.

Inadequate control in inserting loan repayment details can contribute to recording of repayment data lacking receipt numbers in the system. Recording repayment in the absence of receipt numbers can facilitate recording of repayments not paid in the system, he said.

In the circumstances, HESLB needs to strengthen its systems in regard to the verification process on loans repayments, he added.



Nachingwea district commissioner Mohamed Hassan Moyo (2nd-L) pictured yesterday receiving the Uhuru Torch from his Liwale counterpart, Goodluck Mlinga, ready for annual countrywide Uhuru Torch race to continue. Second right is the national leader of this year's edition of the race, Abdalla Shaib Kaim. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Procurement Regulations (Government Notice no. 446 of 2013) requires the procuring entity to forecast its requirements for goods, services and works as accurately as is practicable.

This is especially the case with reference to services or activities already programmed in the annual work plan and included in the annual estimate, he states in the report.

The annual procurement plan for

2018/19 for implementation of densification projects for supply and installation of medium and low voltage lines, distribution transformers and connection of customers indicated that the total estimated cost was 254.8bn/-.

However, a review of awarded contracts found that total awards amounted to 17bn/- less than the prior estimated value for lots adding up to 137.8bn/-, the report noted.

There were overestimates for some five lots ranging from 12 percent to 86 percent except for one

lot underestimated by 27 percent, it said, attributing overestimation to REA not estimating the project cost by benchmarking with previous completed projects of similar nature.

This led to officials not striving to achieve value for money in each procurement undertaken in price terms by such specifications, it asserts, expressing concern on improper evaluation of tender prequalification for firms.

A review of the prequalification evaluation report indicates that

14 contractors were disqualified for not meeting the annual cash flow requirement, but a review of the submitted tender document showed otherwise.

It indicated that the evaluation committee considered cash and cash equivalent at the end of financial year while the balance at the end of the financial year is not the annual cash flow of any entity, it said.

"For instance, on 12th October 2018, the tender board through its circular resolution approved the

prequalification document for tender No. AE/008/2018-19/HQ/G/7 and the procurement were grouped into six lots.

"Further, on 19th October 2018, REA advertised and issued a prequalification document, whereas the deadline was on 14th November, 2018. On 12th November, 2018 an evaluation team was appointed.

"The prequalification proposals were opened as planned with the total number of 40 proposals responded.

"On 3rd December, 2018, the

power management unit (PMU) submitted the recommendations to the chairperson of evaluation committee, indicating that 12 out of 40 contractors, equivalent to 30 percent submitted prequalification qualified to be shortlisted."

Regulation 6(2) of Public Procurement Regulations of 2013 requires a procuring entity not to deny prequalification, if required, to a firm for reasons other than legal capacity, financial capability and experience to successfully perform the contract, the report added.



Dodoma district commissioner Jabir Shekimweri (in scarf) looks on at the weekend as Miyuji secondary school students work on one of the computers donated by Vodacom Tanzania Foundation as part of the secondary school IT connectivity integration project targeting 300 schools in the country. It is implemented in collaboration with African Child Projects and the Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF). A total of 15 computers and an assortment of other IT equipment worth more than 48m/- were presented to nine Dodoma secondary schools. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 1,600 people in Kibaha to benefit from water supply

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

OVER 1,600 residents in Boko Mnemela ward in Kibaha District, Coastal Region, are later this month set to start benefiting from clean and safe water supply through a project implemented by the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA).

Project's manager, Charles Stephen said its implementation was in its final stages and has involved the laying down of 6, 8 and 12 inch pipes for a distance of 3-km

at a cost of 156m/-.

He said that the work which started in September last year is expected to be completed at the end of this month where it will benefit more than 1,600 residents of Boko Mnemela and others in Boko Temboni, Mwanalugali and Boko Timiza.

Eng. Stephen said that water challenges in the areas came after the increase of population, so the demand exceeds the capacity of the infrastructure adding that old infrastructure failed to deliver

water to Boko Mnemela ward and its suburbs.

Boko Mnemela Ward chairman Jumanne Msusa asked DAWASA to fast-track completion of the project and fully manage it to ensure that the service is available on time so that the people can start benefiting from clean water services.

"We appreciate the efforts and we are happy that our people will now forget the hustles of getting water, so I ask DAWASA to work day and night to make sure the project is completed on time," Msusa said.

Francisca Kajembe, hailed the government for bringing the much awaited project in the area as they have suffered for a long time, waking up early in the morning and spending hours to look for the precious liquid.

"We have suffered a lot to get services in this area, we are very grateful for DAWASA efforts, we want to get rid of this problem," Kajembe said.

The Boko Mnemela water project is one of the projects that DAWASA has been entrusted by

the Rural Sanitation and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) with the aim of improving it so that the service is fully available.

Last month, the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa marked history for the residents of Dar es Salaam north when he launched a large project to supply water from Makongo to the town of Bagamoyo which is expected to serve approximately 450,000 people.

This project which was eagerly awaited by the residents of Kinondoni District, including

Changanyikeni, Goba, Mivumoni, Mbweni, Madale, Tegeta A, Bunju, Wazo, Ocean bay and Salasala, Mabwepande, Mbopo, Kinzudi and Kilongawima, has brought new light for the residents and restore faith in the government once they start getting water service.

Residents of Mataya, Sanzale, Migude, Ukuni, Mtambani, Nianjema, Kimara ng'ombe, Kisutu, Block P, Mapinga, Vikawe, Vikawe valley and surrounding areas are part of the main beneficiaries of this project.

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of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the US capital.

She said President Samia Suluhu Hassan has put in place robust economic strategies enabling the country to grow faster compared to the neighbourhood who are struggling in their growth efforts.

She pointed at the global economic downturn, the

Russian invasion of Ukraine and the commodity supply gaps dating from the Covid-19 pandemic.

For his part, the minister expressed gratitude for World Bank appreciation of the country's efforts, appreciating the technical assistance and financial resources the group has extended to Tanzania.

This assistance has to a considerable extent contributed to the country's development and the poverty

alleviation, he stated.

Dr Saada Salum Mkuya, his Zanzibar counterpart, said that the World Bank was a big stakeholder in Zanzibar government monetary and fiscal projection, as its assistance is vital for sustainable provision of social services.

Zanzibar is seeking to transform its economy by a sharper focus on the blue economy via the utilisation of marine resources, she added.

## 'Tanzania GDP to overtake Kenya's by 2028'

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It implies that the size of Tanzania's economy is bigger than some small European countries such as Croatia (\$78.8bn), Lithuania (\$78.3bn), Serbia (\$73.9bn) and Slovenia (68.1bn)."

The IMF also stated that the growth of the real gross

domestic product in Seychelles was forecast to decrease by 0.3 of a percentage point, growing at 3.6 percent in 2028.

Gross domestic product growth in Mauritius was forecast to decrease by 1.3 percentage points, at 3.3 percent by 2028.

Gerson Msigwa, the chief government spokesman, said in his twitter handle that this is a significant expansion in just two years as President Samia Suluhu Hassan's pro-business policies attract move investments to Tanzania."



# IFC to open permanent office in Dar es Salaam

By Benny Mwaipaja, Washington DC

THE International Finance Corporation (IFC) is planning to open a permanent office in Tanzania that will be used to coordinate issues to attract investments following major efforts implemented by the government to reform the country's economy.

Sérgio Pimenta, the IFC's Vice President for the Middle East and Africa revealed the plan over the weekend here when he met with the Finance and Planning Minister, Dr Mwigulu Nchemba Dr Nchemba and the Tanzanian delegation on the sidelines of the spring meetings organised by the World Bank

and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington D.C in US.

According to him, the Tanzanian government has done a lot to reform its economy and with that, the IFC will work hard to persuade its stakeholders to invest capital and technology in the country.

"The institute expects to increase the level of capital investment for the private sector in Tanzania soon as the country continues to do well in attracting investment where several institutions and companies have shown interest in investing in the country," he said.

Minister Nchemba extolled IFC—the private sector arm of the World

Bank Group for investing more than \$370 million to develop the sector in the country.

He said that the Institute's contribution to helping the private sector is important because it will help promote employment for young people, capital, technology and create an inclusive economic environment in society.

"I thank IFC for contributing to the development of the private sector in Tanzania in the fields of the financial sector, industrial production, services and energy, we believe that this action will be further developed so that we can fight poverty and encourage the participation of citizens in developing the

country's economy," Dr Nchemba said. He asked the IFC to increase the amount of money to support the rapid growth of the private sector in Tanzania due to its importance in promoting the economy and development of the country, from the current level of \$372 million to more than \$700 million.

He said that the private sector was the engine of economic growth, so a large investment of financial resources is needed so that the sector can stimulate production and development activities including agriculture and livestock, energy, and other cross-cutting areas to bring productivity in those sectors and ultimately contribute

to the output of the nation. Zanzibar's Minister of State in the President's Office, Finance and Planning, Dr Saada Mkuya Salum said that the Indian Ocean Archipelago needs to have a strong private sector to contribute to the country's socio-economic development.

She also stated that Isles' government is implementing the Blue Economy Policy which requires the power of the Private Sector giving an example of the government's plan to build a large Somanga port, which requires the participation of the Private Sector.

This achievement is the result of a meeting between President Sa-

mia Suluhu Hassan and IFC Executive Director Makhtar Diop, during his visit to Tanzania in February 2022, where she asked the IFC to support the private sector so that it can contribute to the growth of the national economy

The implementation of these plans to empower the private sector will help implement the Third Five-Year National Development Plan worth 114.8 trn/-, which has specified that 40 percent of the implementation of the plan equal to 40.6 trn/- must come from the private sector while 60 percent of the costs of the program equal to 74.2 trn/- are required from the government



Barrick Gold Bulyanhulu CEO Alpha Gonzi pictured at the University of Dar es Salaam at the weekend addressing students from various colleges and universities attending a capacity building conference whose thrust was on honing the leadership talent of young people. It was organised by AIESEC with Barrick sponsorship. AIESEC is a global platform meant to help young people develop their leadership potential through practical experiences, including internships. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Tanzania - Estonia ICT pact now bearing fruit'

By Guardian Reporter

AN agreement reached between Tanzania phase vi government and the government of Estonia to boost the digital economy has started bearing fruit.

Addressing reporters before leaving for Estonia at the weekend in company of experts from 10 various public institutions, ICT commission director general, Dr Moses Mwasaba said the five-day study visit will help in empowering them in fighting online crime and Innovation in modern governance and cyber security management.

"Estonia has made great development strides in the ICT sector, and this visit by experts from public institutions will enhance achievements for the officials particularly in fighting online crime," said Dr Mwasaba.

He added that the phase vi government's main priority is to see ICT contributing to the country's economic development as this was the global view.

"The ICT Commission has mobilised itself to make sure Tanzania builds its economy digitally to attain the government's expectations under President Samia Suluhu Hassan," he said.

He thanked the Ministry of Information, Communication and information technology for making sure the Commission attains the goals it set for itself.

"THE ICT Commission will continue to con-

tribute appropriately in the development of the country's digital economy."

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# TASAF wants households to spend disability grant wisely

By Getrude Mbago

THE Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) has urged households that benefit from the Fund's special disability grant to ensure that persons with disabilities (PwDs) whom they are taking care of, get quality education and health services as well as good nutrition.

TASAF executive director Ladislaus Mwamanga made the call in Dar es Salaam on Thursday last week during the stakeholders' meeting organized to collect views from PwDs on

the implementation of the TASAF programme and what should be improved to meet the needs of the group.

According to him, the major aim of the government to come up with the new guideline to ensure that beneficiary households that have PwDs are given special allowance, is to further ensure that plans to fight poverty are achieved through reaching vulnerable groups with required support.

"So, the small amount which the Fund add in the households with PwDs should be spent well by ensur-

ing that the PwDs in those families access education and health services as well as good and nutritious food for them to remain healthy and later be able to engage in economic activities for their development," he said.

Mwamanga said the implementation of the second phase of the TASAF's Productive Social Safety Net (PSSN) programme focuses more in providing poor households with prerequisite entrepreneurship skills and income-earning opportunities to enable them establish small-scale business and projects for poverty al-

leviation.

The ED said the meeting was important as it aimed at collecting views from the groups so as to enable the Fund see how it can incorporate them in its plans for the development of the groups and country at large.

He said that the Fund will work on various views and recommendations issued by the PwDs where majority of them wanted improvements in various areas so as to ensure that the groups benefit from the country's poverty alleviation initiatives.

He said that the Fund will continue implementing its projects by considering the needs of the poor people without leaving behind people with disabilities.

He further said the programme has continued to produce positive outcomes as over 200,000 poor households who were living in abject poverty have enormously improved their lives economically.

"The households are now ready to graduate, we have

given them a transition period to prepare them for graduation and be economically stable and independent," noted Mwamanga.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), basic needs poverty dropped to 26.4 percent in 2017/18 from 39 percent in 1990/91.

Food poverty is among the major challenges in the universe. As per World Bank, a total of 736 million people are living in extreme poverty globally, and these are the ones living below poverty line. And 55 percent of all poor people are living in the African continent which translates that in every three people in Africa, one is poor. It is estimated that if serious measures are not taken, 90 percent of all poor people will be living in Africa by 2030.

In efforts to fight poverty in the country, the government has been implementing several initiatives with TASAF being one of the pioneer projects in ending abject poverty.



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USAID Tanzania Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity.

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

RTI is looking for a candidate to fill the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) and Collaborating, Learning and Adapting (CLA) Officer position under USAID Tuhifadhi Maliasili Activity. The position will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

#### Purpose of the position:

The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) & CLA Officer will provide assistance on tools, frameworks, and data collection methods and support incorporation of the Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting agenda in the overall implementation of the activity including grantees and subcontractors.

#### Essential Responsibilities:

- Supports the development, implementation, refinement, and harmonization of the project's MEL system; develops and operationalizes indicators, sets targets, and monitors progress; ensures MEL is informed by and feeds into project decisions.
- Supports all project activities to capture data on indicators and identify best practices and lessons learned as required by USAID.
- Ensures best practices in CLA are implemented and uses Theory of Change as the foundation for learning, examining performance, analyzing results, testing assumptions, and refining strategies.
- Facilitates USAID, Natural Resources Management Implementing Partners, Tuhifadhi Maliasili subcontractors and grantees to share learning and scale successful interventions across implementing partners to promote adaptive management for conservation.
- Works closely with partners and grantees to support data collection activities and requirements and helps build their capacity in data management and sharing.
- Coordinates, schedules, facilitates, and reports on USAID meetings with Natural Resources Management Implementing Partners and Government of Tanzania.
- Works with technical staff to support tools for data collection, storage, and analysis and guide data collection, management, and analysis in a consistent, standardized, and disciplined manner.
- Supports the team on identifying Learning Questions and knowledge gaps and puts the mechanisms in place to respond to these questions/gaps.
- Proactively reviews/analyzes project activities and their outputs and outcomes to continuously learn from and adapt ongoing project implementation; provides feedback to the technical team on where to improve.
- Ensures appropriate disaggregation of project data to understand risks and benefits for actions based on demographics (e.g., youth, gender).

#### Minimum required Education, Experience, Skills & Abilities:

- Bachelor's Degree and 5 years of experience and/or Master's degree and 3 years of experience in designing and implementing M&E systems and CLA principles.
- Knowledge of reporting procedures, best practices, guidelines, methods, and approaches for MEL.
- Experience building capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs), and the private sector.
- Demonstrated experience with indicators relevant to natural resources management, biodiversity and conservation, wildlife trafficking, and/or climate change adaptation.
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Jenista Mhagama (L, foreground), Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), is congratulated by National Electoral Commission director Ramadhani Kaillima shortly after the National Assembly passed the Budget estimates of the Prime Minister's Office for financial year 2023/2024 in Dodoma on Thursday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## 'Government's rating on public finance lots better'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government's rating in public finance management (PFM) in 2020/21 has improved compared to 2019/20, a new report published by Wajibu Institute of Accountability has shown.

Titled "Country's Annual State of Financial Accountability Report" (CASFAR) 2022 states that assessment noted stability in the country's social, economic and political landscape within which the national budget for the fiscal year 2020/21 was executed as compared to the previous year 2018/19.

This, according to the report, has been depicted by the fact that Tanzania had continued to grow faster than most sub-Saharan countries with a real GDP growth of 7.0 percent in 2019/20, and moderate inflation averaging 3.5 percent in 2019/20.

The report shows that there has been an increase in the number of indicators that scored A or B/ B+ from nine in the year 2019/20 to 14 in the year 2020/21 which is equivalent to a total of 46 percent.

Indicators that had an average performance increased from 10(32 percent) in 2019/20 to 11(35 per-

cent in 2020/21. The assessment shows a decrease in the number of the indicators that were not assessed or those which scored D/D+ from 12(39 percent) in 2019/20 to six (19 percent) in 2020/21.

The report also indicates that there is positive movement in the overall performance of the 31 indicators of the public finance management, which point to the fact that more indicators have improved in performance.

"This improvement in performance is highly contributed by the government being more transparent and accountable and that PFM information is more available to the general public as compared to the year 2019/20" reads the report.

Furthermore, according to the report, the improved performance is contributed by the government adopting more internationally accepted standards and procedures as a result of the ongoing PFM reform programmes.

Wajibu Institute of Public Accountability executive director Ludovick Utouh, while speaking after the launch of the report observed that the trend shows that the country is moving well forward though there are few areas of improvement.

He said the government should provide the internal auditors with the required working tools including laptops and motor vehicles to enable them perform their duties as required.

To attain more certified internal auditors, working in the government system, more training and deliberate capacity building efforts are needed.

He added that automation of government operations requires capacity building by internal auditors to be able to catch up with the changes taking place in the country's information systems.

In order to improve the reporting structure of the internal auditor general (CAG) and increase independence of the internal audit functions across the government, he said, "It is advised that the internal auditor general should have a dual reporting structure" he said.

He observed that the internal auditor general should administratively report to the Paymaster General and functionally report to the Chief Secretary unlike now that the IAG reports to the permanent secretary in the ministry of Finance and Planning who is in reality the main auditor.

The former CAG noted that the biggest advantage of such reporting structure is that the whole government through the chief secretary will be in a better position of being forewarned ahead of the CAG's reports.

Speaking while officiating at the launch of the report, representative from the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Cyril Chimilila noted that financial accountability is important in improving management.

He said the government would continue improving financial management by working on the cited challenges, calling on government officials to use the report in order to improve work.

He also appealed to other stakeholders and the public in general to read the report for it contains insights that can help improve public financial management.

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# CITIBANK TANZANIA LIMITED

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 TZS '000	2021 TZS '000
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and balances at central banks	127,557,901	185,271,074
Items in the course of collection	-	145,185
Loans and advances to banks	280,235,001	444,505,925
Financial assets at fair value through OCI	208,510,337	184,309,427
Derivative financial instruments	2,537,844	63,994
Loans and advances to customers	425,805,033	307,774,460
Other receivables	30,410,841	13,496,236
Current tax asset	-	542,960
Property and equipment	6,673,546	7,610,392
Intangible assets	-	-
Right of use asset	3,908,199	4,550,643
Deferred tax asset	4,048,248	3,361,494
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,089,686,950</b>	<b>1,151,631,790</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
Deposits from banks	249,497,797	93,056,490
Customer accounts	668,372,731	918,403,379
Derivative financial instruments	48,723	7,499
Trade and other payables	56,409,943	34,347,647
Current tax liabilities	214,377	-
Lease liability	3,592,558	4,130,816
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>978,136,129</b>	<b>1,049,945,831</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Share capital	9,659,900	9,659,900
Fair value reserves	1,387,489	2,020,619
Specific regulatory reserve	-	604,577
Retained income	100,503,432	89,400,863
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>111,550,821</b>	<b>101,685,959</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1,089,686,950</b>	<b>1,151,631,790</b>

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 TZS '000	2021 TZS '000
Interest income calculated using the effective interest method	38,407,812	30,977,650
Interest expense	(7,452,637)	(7,738,697)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>30,955,175</b>	<b>23,238,953</b>
Fee and commission income	6,645,105	5,144,355
Net trading income	13,855,461	9,486,490
Other income	1,801,422	-
<b>Total non-interest income</b>	<b>22,301,988</b>	<b>14,630,845</b>
Expected credit losses	(275,930)	(558,921)
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>52,981,233</b>	<b>37,310,877</b>
Staff costs	(11,590,205)	(9,501,523)
Infrastructure costs	(2,070,498)	(1,947,302)
Administration and general expenses	(13,374,313)	(14,539,494)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(27,035,016)</b>	<b>(25,988,319)</b>
Profit before tax	25,946,217	11,322,558
Taxation	(7,884,168)	(3,758,502)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>18,062,049</b>	<b>7,564,056</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:		
Movement in fair value of debt instruments classified at FVOCI	(904,471)	373,260
Fair value (loss)/gain arising during the reporting period	271,341	(111,978)
Deferred tax	(633,130)	261,282
<b>Net fair value gain</b>	<b>(1,266,260)</b>	<b>522,564</b>
<b>Total comprehensive gain for the year, net of tax</b>	<b>17,428,919</b>	<b>7,825,338</b>
<b>KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>		
<b>Performance indicator</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Return on equity	16.19%	7.44%
Return on assets	1.66%	0.67%
Cost to income ratio	50.76%	68.63%
Interest margin on earning assets *	3.38%	2.48%
Non - interest income to gross income	38.49%	38.63%
Gross loans to customer deposits	63.71%	33.5%
Non - performing loans to gross loans	0.00%	0.00%
Earning assets to total assets	83.89%	81.33%
Growth in total assets	-5.33%	-13.69%
Growth in loans and advances to customers	38.35%	-3.59%
Growth in customer deposits	-27.22%	-21.36%

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 TZS '000	2021 TZS '000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit before tax	25,946,217	11,322,558
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation of property and equipment	2,070,498	1,947,302
Amortisation of right of use asset	642,444	642,444
Fair value gain on derivatives assets	(2,473,850)	(61,873)
Fair value gain on derivatives liabilities	41,224	(18,119)
Net impairment expense	275,930	558,921
Net interest income	(30,955,175)	(23,238,953)
Exchange loss on cash and cash equivalent	(121,179)	(98,001)
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property and equipment	(1,062)	1,051
	<b>(4,574,953)</b>	<b>(8,944,670)</b>
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>		
Financial assets measured at FVOCI	(20,357,398)	(28,981,479)
Loans and advances to customers	(115,926,857)	12,700,771
Other receivables	(16,941,392)	24,869,977
Deposits from banks	155,711,956	92,089,424
Customer accounts	(250,030,648)	(249,392,988)
Statutory minimum reserve	5,684,693	25,844,272
Trade and other payables	24,647,274	(32,708,939)
<b>Cash utilised in operating activities</b>	<b>(221,787,325)</b>	<b>(164,523,632)</b>
Interest received	31,372,305	24,739,962
Interest paid	(6,601,872)	(7,544,323)
Interest on leases	(121,414)	(131,371)
Income tax paid	(7,542,244)	(3,982,843)
	<b>17,106,775</b>	<b>13,081,425</b>
<b>Net cash utilized in operating activities</b>	<b>(204,680,550)</b>	<b>(151,442,207)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,197,254)	(348,494)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	64,666	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,132,588)</b>	<b>(348,494)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(538,258)	(526,786)
Dividends paid to equity holders	(10,169,934)	-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(10,708,192)</b>	<b>(526,786)</b>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<b>(216,521,330)</b>	<b>(152,317,487)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	597,086,463	749,305,949
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash and cash equivalents held	121,179	98,001
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>380,686,312</b>	<b>597,086,463</b>

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Share Capital TZS '000	Fair value reserves TZS '000	Retained income TZS '000	Specific Regulatory Reserve TZS '000	Total equity TZS '000
Balance at 1 January 2022	9,659,900	2,020,619	89,400,863	604,577	101,685,959
Profit for the year	-	-	18,062,049	-	18,062,049
Other comprehensive profit for the year	-	(633,130)	-	-	(633,130)
<b>Total comprehensive profit for the year</b>	-	(633,130)	18,062,049	-	17,428,919
<b>Transactions with owners of the Bank</b>					
Dividend payable (Note 24)	-	-	(7,564,057)	-	(7,564,057)
	-	-	(7,564,057)	-	(7,564,057)
	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to retained income	-	-	604,577	(604,577)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>9,659,900</b>	<b>1,387,489</b>	<b>100,503,432</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,550,821</b>
Balance at 1 January 2021	9,659,900	1,759,337	85,915,791	1,582,094	98,917,122
Profit for the year	-	-	7,564,056	-	7,564,056
Other comprehensive profit for the year	-	261,282	-	-	261,282
<b>Total comprehensive profit for the year</b>	-	261,282	7,564,056	-	7,825,338
<b>Transactions with owners of the Bank</b>					
Dividend payable	-	-	(5,056,501)	-	(5,056,501)
	-	-	(5,056,501)	-	(5,056,501)
Transfer to retained income	-	-	977,517	(977,517)	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>9,659,900</b>	<b>2,020,619</b>	<b>89,400,863</b>	<b>604,577</b>	<b>101,685,959</b>

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Geoffrey Mchangila  
Managing Director

Andulile Mwakalyelye  
Non-Executive Director

We the under-named, attest to the correctness of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with the instructions and are true and correct.

Godwin Rutashobya  
Chief Internal Auditor

Wilson Chola  
Non-Executive Director

Andulile Mwakalyelye  
Non-Executive Director

#### REPUBLICATION:

These Financial Statements were supposed to appear in the Guardian Newspaper of the 14<sup>th</sup> of April but instead the Swahili Financial Statements were published due to an internal error at the Guardian Limited.



# State in final touches to provide status to Tanzanians in diaspora

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE government is finalizing a process to provide special status to Tanzania Diasporas across the world in relation to their nationality, the House heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk said this when responding to a supplementary question by Mikumi MP, Dennis Londo who wanted to know the government's plans on dual citizenship or special status for Tanzanians in diaspora.

The deputy minister said the government was also finalizing a digital system to register Tanzanians living abroad and by June this year, the exercise will commence.

"The government recognizes well the contribution of Tanzania Diasporas in the country's economy and with this, it has decided to grant them special status," the deputy minister said.

In his basic question, the lawmaker sought explanations from the government on the contribution of Tanzania Diasporas to the country's development. Ambassador Mbarouk responded that

as per reports from various embassies there are 1.5 Tanzanians living abroad, but the new digital system will collect and document actual data for better planning.

"Diasporas contribute a lot in the country's economic development by sending money (remittances) for investment, capital, expertise and technology which contribute to improving crop production, goods and various

services," Ambassador Mbarouk explained.

He said that in the period between January to December 2022, Tanzanians in diaspora injected in the country \$1.1billion (2.6 trillion/-) through various activities and transactions.

In the same period, the diasporas also made investments through purchasing houses and plots worth 4.4bn/- and shares

worth 2.5bn/-

Last year, the government stated that it was in process to review the country's foreign policy which has been in operation since 2001, to incorporate various important issues to stimulate development.

Various reasons have been lined up for necessitating the review including the government's economic diplomacy drive focus-

ing on the blue economy agenda that seeks to align with international policies, for example, ocean safety.

Climate change is also on the list of Foreign Policy focus, together with the digital economy, the government's agenda to popularize Kiswahili globally and the issue of diaspora, specifically the role of Tanzanians in the diaspora in national development.



Tigo chief financial officer Innocent Rwetabura (R) exchanges ideas with Zanzibar's Works Communications and Transport minister, Dr Khalid Mohamed (C), and Tigo sales director Uthman Madati when they met at iftar the mobile phone service provider hosted in Zanzibar at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN UNDERTAKING CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UMATI STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2028

Chama cha Uzazi na Malezi Bora Tanzania (UMATI) is an autonomous, non-political national NGO providing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) information, education, and services in Tanzania. It was established in 1959 and became a leading national organization providing youth-friendly information and services, particularly to underserved young people and women. In 1973 UMATI became a member association of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) where technical and core funds support have been provided. By being a member of IPPF, UMATI is internationally connected through experience sharing with other IPPF member associations.

Since the Organization's strategic plan ended in 2022, there is a need to develop a new strategic plan that responds to the current SRH situation within Tanzania. As a member of IPPF, this new strategic plan is also expected to align with IPPF's new strategic framework titled 'Come Together Strategy 2023-2028'. This new strategy is a strong response to the global changes that have severely impacted access to SRHR. Changes that have emanated from the devastating impact of pandemics, climate change, migration, structural injustice, and growing inequality. Again, contextually, the new strategic plan is expected to integrate emerging concepts around digital health interventions (DHI) and gender, etc.

UMATI invites eligible firms or consultants to indicate their interest in the development of UMATI Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

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The specific objective of this new strategic plan development is to undertake the situational analysis of SRH in Tanzania, Review and understand the IPPF Strategic Plan and contextualize it with the country context and lead the preparation of the whole process of development of the UMATI Strategic Plan .

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## EXIM BANK (TANZANIA) LIMITED

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Extracts From Audited Financial Statements

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022 (AMOUNTS IN MILLION TANZANIA SHILLINGS)

	GROUP CURRENT YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022	GROUP PREVIOUS YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2021	COMPANY CURRENT YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022	COMPANY PREVIOUS YEAR 30 <sup>TH</sup> DEC 2021
<b>A ASSETS</b>				
1 Cash	56,789	43,449	32,622	31,326
2 Balances with Central Banks	177,452	250,172	88,725	83,249
3 Investment in Government Securities	500,757	341,060	469,869	322,310
4 Balances with Other Banks and financial institutions	162,276	146,701	110,344	113,688
5 Cheques and Items for Clearing	5,095	2,024	598	625
6 Interbranch float items	-	-	-	-
7 Bills Negotiated	-	-	-	-
8 Customers' liabilities for acceptances	-	-	-	-
9 Interbank Loan Receivables	92,848	59,439	13,616	36,995
10 Investments in Other securities	49,718	23,105	2,802	3,850
11 Loans, Advances and Overdrafts (Net of allowances for Probable losses)	1,248,257	1,113,913	762,433	664,922
12 Other Assets	23,361	38,954	19,775	28,014
13 Equity Investments	0	-	45,512	38,307
14 Underwriting accounts	-	-	-	-
15 Intangibles, Property, Plant and Equipment	73,770	73,603	47,171	46,190
16 Non-current assets held for sale	226	2,779	-	2,102
<b>17 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,390,549</b>	<b>2,095,199</b>	<b>1,593,467</b>	<b>1,371,578</b>
<b>B LIABILITIES</b>				
18 Deposits from other banks and financial institutions	157,452	53,379	236,196	197,492
19 Customer Deposits	1,815,508	1,678,285	1,018,857	872,938
20 Cash letters of credit	-	-	-	-
21 Special Deposits	17,435	9,226	13,018	7,473
22 Payments orders / transfers payable	-	27	-	27
23 Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	2,070	2,258	1,423	1,453
24 Accrued taxes and expenses payable	19,100	7,778	8,166	4,858
25 Acceptances outstanding	-	-	-	-
26 Interbranch float items	-	-	-	-
27 Unearned income and other deferred charges	4,496	5,072	4,024	4,519
28 Other Liabilities	46,111	55,113	37,399	31,929
29 Borrowings	63,887	80,046	63,887	80,046
<b>30 TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,126,059</b>	<b>1,891,184</b>	<b>1,382,970</b>	<b>1,200,735</b>
<b>31 NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(17 MINUS 30)</b>	<b>264,490</b>	<b>204,015</b>	<b>210,497</b>	<b>170,843</b>
<b>C SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>				
32 Paid up Share Capital	12,900	12,900	12,900	12,900
33 Capital Reserves	35,550	37,718	18,654	23,112
34 Retained Earnings	152,159	116,467	150,952	118,350
35 Profit (Loss) Account	44,093	26,107	27,991	16,481
36 Other Capital Accounts/Capital Advance	-	-	-	-
37 Minority Interest	19,788	10,823	-	-
<b>38 TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>264,490</b>	<b>204,015</b>	<b>210,497</b>	<b>170,843</b>
39 Contingent Liabilities	146,446	183,506	140,355	173,689
40 Gross non-performing Loans and Advances	141,452	152,943	116,547	126,023
41 Allowances for Probable Losses	43,571	27,932	37,044	19,318
42 Other Non-Performing assets	3,948	3,948	3,948	3,948
<b>D PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
Shareholders Funds to Total Assets	11.06%	9.74%	13.21%	12.46%
Gross non-performing loans to Total Gross Loans	10.90%	13.39%	14.47%	18.45%
Gross Loans and Advances to Total Deposits	69.63%	77.96%	79.01%	78.06%
Loans and Advances to Total Assets	52.22%	53.17%	47.85%	48.48%
Earning Assets to Total Assets	85.92%	80.38%	88.15%	86.04%
Deposits Growth	13.93%	9.79%	17.25%	10.58%
Assets Growth	14.10%	6.66%	16.18%	5.22%

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022 (AMOUNT IN TZS MILLION SHILLINGS)

	GROUP CURRENT YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022	GROUP PREVIOUS YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2021	COMPANY CURRENT YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022	COMPANY PREVIOUS YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2021
1 Interest Income	179,632	146,701	121,166	104,143
2 Interest Expense	(42,001)	(41,442)	(37,482)	(34,063)
<b>3 Net Interest Income (1 Minus 2)</b>	<b>137,631</b>	<b>105,259</b>	<b>83,684</b>	<b>70,080</b>
4 Bad debts written off	-	-	-	-
5 Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	(32,315)	(5,339)	(27,417)	(1,689)
<b>6 Non-Interest Income</b>	<b>99,076</b>	<b>66,497</b>	<b>74,380</b>	<b>40,119</b>
6.1 Foreign exchange profit/(loss)	25,307	17,450	16,969	10,560
6.2 Fees and Commissions	35,744	38,067	19,051	18,091
6.3 Dividend Income	61	81	3,590	1,881
6.4 Other Operating Income	37,964	10,899	34,770	9,587
<b>7 Non-Interest Expense</b>	<b>(136,584)</b>	<b>(120,366)</b>	<b>(86,849)</b>	<b>(77,399)</b>
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(61,915)	(53,629)	(40,282)	(35,092)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(52)	(121)	(52)	(121)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(74,617)	(66,616)	(46,515)	(42,186)
<b>8 Operating Income/(Loss) before tax</b>	<b>67,808</b>	<b>46,051</b>	<b>43,798</b>	<b>31,111</b>
9 Income Tax Provision	(23,715)	(19,382)	(15,807)	(14,630)
10 Net income (loss) after income tax	44,093	26,669	27,991	16,481
11 Number of Employees	967	940	602	604
12 Basic Earning Per Share	3,418	2,067	2,170	1,278
13 Diluted Earning Per Share	3,418	2,067	2,170	1,278
14 Number of Branches	46	47	30	30
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>				
(I) Return on average total assets	2%	1%	2%	1%
(II) Return on Average shareholders' funds	19%	14%	15%	10%
(III) Non interest expense to gross income	58%	70%	55%	70%
(IV) Net Interest margin to average earning assets	8%	7%	7%	7%

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022 (AMOUNT IN TZS MILLION SHILLINGS)

	GROUP CURRENT YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022	GROUP PREVIOUS YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2021	COMPANY CURRENT YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2022	COMPANY PREVIOUS YEAR 31 <sup>ST</sup> DEC 2021
<b>I Cash flow from operating activities:</b>				
Net income/(Loss)	67,808	46,051	43,798	31,111
Adjustment for:				
-Impairment/Amortization	(17,337)	13,381	(22,363)	7,084
-Net change in loans and advances	(102,177)	(13,211)	(70,183)	32,986
-Gain/Loss on sale of assets	(261)	(78)	(5)	-
-Net change in Deposits	241,296	154,473	184,623	102,424
-Net change in Short term negotiable securities	-	-	-	-
-Net change in Other Liabilities	14,402	(10,334)	22,976	(8,243)
-Net change in Other Assets	12,381	(5,309)	6,829	(1,854)
-Net Increase in non-current assets held-for-sale	(10)	-	-	-
-Tax paid	(23,392)	(13,783)	(17,739)	(9,128)
-Others (Net Change in Derivatives Assets, Bonds & CVT Securities)	(170,170)	(8,055)	(130,168)	(5,083)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>22,540</b>	<b>163,135</b>	<b>17,768</b>	<b>149,297</b>
<b>II Cash flow from investing activities:</b>				
Dividend Received	(29)	(71)	29	1,881
Purchase of fixed assets	(16,319)	(12,258)	(8,956)	(7,165)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	4,702	11,356	30	10,978
Purchase of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of non-dealing securities	-	-	-	-
Others - (Equity Investment and purchase of other assets)	(126)	-	(3,833)	-
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>(11,772)</b>	<b>(973)</b>	<b>(12,730)</b>	<b>5,694</b>
<b>III Cash flow from financing activities:</b>				
Repayment of long-term debt	(29,872)	(50,578)	(29,872)	(50,578)
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	9,144	14,741	9,144	14,741
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	-	-	-	-
Payment of cash dividends	-	-	-	-
Net change in other borrowings	-	-	-	-
Others -Long term financing	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	(1,110)	(8,511)	(5,069)	(5,335)
<b>IV Cash and Cash Equivalents:</b>				
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(21,838)	(44,348)	(25,797)	(41,172)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	(11,070)	117,814	(20,759)	113,820
Effect of movement in Foreign exchange	414,851	297,384	209,195	105,483
Difference & Cash Reserve	(4,358)	(3,47)	(8,813)	(10,108)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<b>399,423</b>	<b>414,851</b>	<b>179,623</b>	<b>209,195</b>

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022 (AMOUNTS IN TZS MILLION SHILLINGS)

	Share Capital	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Other reserves	Total
<b>COMPANY</b>						
<b>CURRENT YEAR</b>						
<b>BALANCE AS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>134,831</b>	<b>22,554</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>170,843</b>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	27,991	-	-	-	27,991
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	11,663	11,663
Prior Year Adjustmet	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	16,121	(16,121)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the period</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>178,943</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12,217</b>	<b>210,497</b>
<b>Previous Year</b>						
<b>Balance Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>122,935</b>	<b>17,969</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>154,923</b>
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	16,481	-	-	-	16,481
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	(561)	(561)
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	(4,585)	4,585	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the period</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>134,831</b>	<b>22,554</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>170,843</b>
<b>GROUP</b>						
<b>CURRENT YEAR</b>						
<b>BALANCE AS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 2022</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>142,574</b>	<b>25,844</b>	<b>11,874</b>	<b>10,823</b>	<b>204,015</b>
Change of investment	-	-	-	-	7,469	7,469
Profit for the year	-	42,589	-	-	1,504	44,093
Other comprehensive income/(loss) net of taxes	-	-	-	8,921	(8)	8,913
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	11,667	(11,667)	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	(578)	-	578	-	-
Other reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at the end of the current period 2022</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>196,252</b>	<b>14,177</b>	<b>21,373</b>	<b>19,788</b>	<b>264,490</b>
<b>Previous Year</b>						
<b>At 1 January 2021</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>124,109</b>	<b>18,388</b>	<b>12,845</b>	<b>10,261</b>	<b>178,503</b>
Profit for the year	-	26,107	-	-	562	26,669
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	78	-	78
Transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory Reserve	-	(7,456)	7,456	-	-	-
General Provision Reserve	-	(186)	-	186	-	-
Others - Translation reserve	-	-	-	(1,235)	-	(1,235)
<b>Balance as at the end of the current period 2022</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>142,574</b>	<b>25,844</b>	<b>11,874</b>	<b>10,823</b>	<b>204,015</b>

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NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE
Ambassador Juma V. Mwapachu CHAIRMAN	.....	31ST MARCH 2023
Yogesh Manek DIRECTOR	.....	31ST MARCH 2023

**Profit Before Tax**

**↑47.1%**

TZS 67.8 BILLION  
DEC 2022  
TZS 46.1 BILLION  
DEC 2021

**Profit After Tax**

**↑49.0%**

TZS 44.1 BILLION  
DEC 2022  
TZS 26.7 BILLION  
DEC 2021

**Loans and Advances**

**↑12.6%**

TZS 1.25 BILLION  
DEC 2022  
TZS 1.11 BILLION  
DEC 2021

**Customers Deposits**



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## Noteworthy observations, but more analysis needed

SOME religious leaders, senior journalists and a range of activists have lately been in the headlines celebrating the end of 'I am the State' regime in Tanzania, appealing for political will in drafting a new constitution that delegates powers to citizens and public institutions. Their sentiments will be echoed around the country and indeed they aren't new, only properly codified in a book written and edited by a team of senior journalists, a former legislator at the helm. The guest of honour at the book launch, an ELCT bishop for Karagwe Diocese is also well known in activist ranks.

A summary assertion apparently picked from the guest of honour shows what the writers and those attending the ceremony thought about the issue, in the idea that good governance and the rule of law is part of the mental attributes of individuals, regardless of their political persuasions or status in society. It recalls what founder president Julius Nyerere said early 1962 when opening Kivukoni College, the first testament of his political philosophy, that 'socialism, like democracy, is an attitude of mind.' Even after 61 years a learned activist gathering reaffirms the same idea.

For starters, this sort of idea that there is in all of us a well spring of democratic conduct if there is good leadership is part of the idealism surrounding the dawn of capitalism, as a paradise of individual freedom. It did not take long for the new school of social observation, which was later professionalised as sociology, to start staking out cold facts about the human condition. Men are not led in their daily actions by ideals but material needs, and often stop at nothing to gain advantages.

Only on that basis is it possible

to explain the chaos that we see around the world, and concomitantly, the hollowness of some seemingly happy situations that often glitter the world. The third and fourth phase periods were admittedly of extensive democratic glitter but there was a massive chasm opening underneath, as freedom has two aspects in Tanzania. It definitely allows political parties and other activist groups to say what they feel; it also means bureaucracy can plunder as they please.

Scarcely did the meeting, pouring scorn on 'I am the State-A President's Whisper from Chato' that was presented at the meeting, realise how far the audit litany of embezzlement of public funds diminished considerably, as day to day demand for bribes by contempt of citizens, noticeably declined. The formulation 'spare the rod and spoil the child' quite evidently applies to political systems, here as in most of Africa. If they don't fear the president officials steal and grab, and only the CEO is axed and then it is business as usual; activists basically want this to be maintained.

The meeting did not see the need for what was arguably a dictatorship because they were happy with how budget funds were being used at that time, 74 per cent for recurrent expenditure and 26 per cent for development expenditure.

Even when there was development allocation, unless some foreign agency was supervising the project, the cash would largely be dissipated by over-invoicing or late payments to generate interest. Even now President Samia loses sleep over that habit, but as she is a declared democrat, they smile and feign to show sympathy for her concerns.

## Emerging innovators must be supported and developed

TANZANIA needs to have scholars and innovators at all levels of education who are capable of coming up with workable innovations.

However, for this to happen, emerging innovators must be reached out, supported and developed because sometimes students at low levels of education are unaware of creative potentials they have without being guided. Want support of the government and other stakeholders in order to move forward with their innovations as they have already demonstrated their respective areas of interests and expertise. "Stakeholders should not think that we are still young, our brains can as well help in problem resolutions through innovation. We want our ideas to start working as we continue with our academic trajectory," said Atupele Kaisi, from the same school as they showcased their works.

We should continue nurturing the talents of different young people to ensure that the country development is realised through scientific innovations. Experts argue that to broaden the scope of problem resolutions, the nation needs to have scholars at all levels of education who are capable of coming up with workable innovations. However, for this to happen, emerging innovators must be reached out, supported and developed because sometimes students at low levels of education are unaware of creative potentials they have without being guided.

In secondary schools, it has been seen that there are many emerging creators who, if well supported, including from the private sector, they can significantly contribute to providing solutions to challenges facing the community. Last week, girls in the cre-

ative industry voiced their concerns that lack of sponsors for developing their innovations, some of which are relatively new, but couldn't receive assistance from their schools (public) hindered their development.

They, therefore, wanted technology and development stakeholders to support their creativity in order to enable them to grow. "During the Covid-19 pandemic, my mother had to close her restaurant for fear of contracting the disease, even though that was the family bread earning job. I sat down and thought about how I could help her to continue with the business," explains, Mariam Athuman, a Form Three student at Tanga Technical Secondary School. "We came up with an idea of designing a face mask detection project. Through it, when a person with the disease gets close to the restaurant door, it automatically does not open."

The young girls and many others want support of the government and other stakeholders in order to move forward with their innovations as they have already demonstrated their respective areas of interests and expertise. "Stakeholders should not think that we are still young, our brains can as well help in problem resolutions through innovation. We want our ideas to start working as we continue with our academic trajectory," said Atupele Kaisi, from the same school as they showcased their works. In an interview shortly after the girls' in technology, "Tekla Festival 2022" a programme organized in collaboration with stakeholders from Nodic countries and the Robotech Labs Institute in the country, deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Prof Caroline Nombo hinted to government plans to develop such talents.

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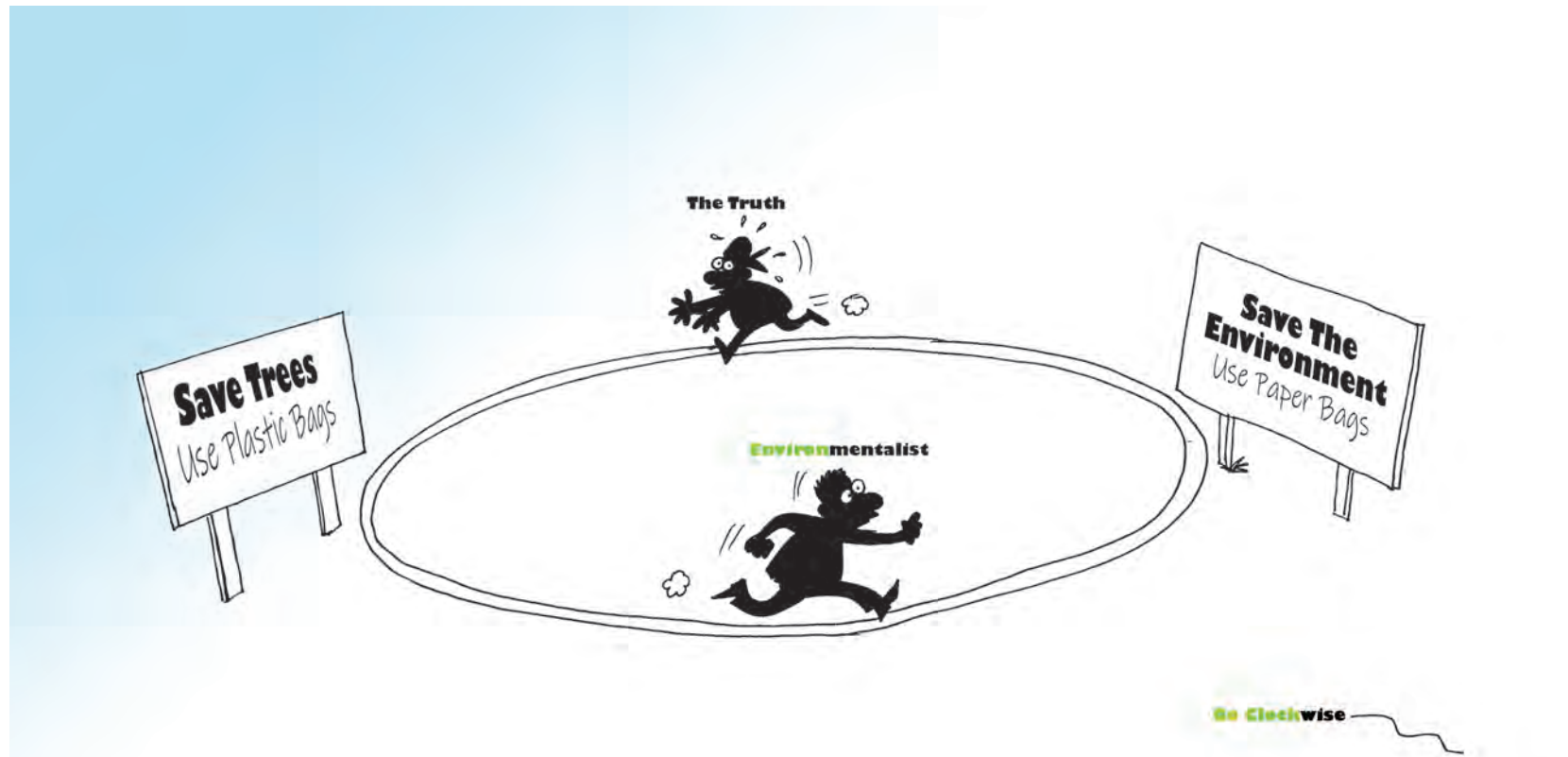
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## How will next year's elections work? It's confusing

By Lethogonolo Letshele

THE Electoral Amendment Bill currently on President Cyril Ramaphosa's desk proposes major changes to the way we vote. But the Bill has serious flaws and should be referred back to Parliament or to the Constitutional Court. As we head to the 2024 national and provincial elections, the matter is urgent.

The Bill amends the Electoral Act in many ways to allow for independent candidates to contest the elections. Most importantly, it amends the electoral formula for allocation of seats.

In the new electoral system proposed in the Bill, provinces are treated as distinct constituencies (called regions). The National Assembly is divided into 200 "regional" seats and 200 "compensatory" seats drawn from proportional representation lists. Independent candidates can only compete for the 200 regional seats.

In other words, half of the seats will be filled by candidates from lists of political parties (compensatory seats) and the other half by independent candidates and candidates from political party lists contesting the nine regions (regional seats).

The Electoral Commission will divide the 200 regional seats among the regions before every election of the National Assembly based on the registered voters in each. A quota of votes necessary to win a seat is determined for each region by dividing the total number of votes cast in that region by the number of seats allocated.

The total votes for a political party in a region will determine how many seats from that region they hold. On the other hand, even if an individual contests the election in multiple regions, they can only occupy one seat.

### Criticism

During the public participation process on the Bill, the main criticisms of it were that it creates unequal competition between independent candidates and political parties in the National Assembly elections, because independent candidates are eligible only to contest 200 seats while political parties contest all 400.

As a result, when an independent candidate wins more votes than the quota necessary to secure a single seat, the additional votes are wasted. This is because each candidate can only obtain one seat because they are "one person".

If for example an independent candidate wins enough votes for five seats, they still actually can



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa

get only one seat. The other four seats go into a pool of seats to be contested by another independent candidate or political party in a second round.

In the second round, votes that made up the quota for the independent candidate who won are discarded. This means there will be fewer votes and one less seat, which means the quota needed to win will be lower. Independent candidates and political parties contest again and this goes on.

By default, political parties will win more seats as there is a recalculation when an independent candidate gets a seat, because the quota drops. When an independent's seat becomes vacant, the results need to be recalculated in the same way.

As a result, the new system distorts proportional representation because of the high number of wasted votes.

It also undermines meaningful participation of independent candidates because of the entry requirements. To register as a candidate, an independent candidate will require a higher threshold of

follows a 2020 Constitutional Court ruling declaring the Electoral Act unconstitutional (New Nation Movement NPC & Others case) because it does not allow for adult citizens to contest provincial and national elections as individuals.

The court, in its ruling, ordered Parliament to fix the defects in the Electoral Act. The judgment did not prescribe the electoral system to be adopted but merely ordered that the new system should result in general proportional representation as per the Constitution.

Parliament was given 24 months from the day of the ruling to amend the legislation.

The Minister of Home Affairs established a Ministerial Advisory Committee in February 2021, tasked with working on changes to the electoral system to comply with the judgment. The committee compiled a report in June 2021 that included two options to change the electoral system - a minority view which proposed including independent candidates to contest alongside political parties in the existing electoral system, and a majority view which proposed a mixed electoral system, with half the seats in the National Assembly being voted directly from constituencies and the other half being allocated according to proportional representation. The majority view was ignored by the Minister, was not presented to the public, and was not discussed in Parliament.

Parliament missed the initial deadline set by the Constitutional Court, of 10 June 2022. Parliament was given another extension until 10 December 2022 which it also missed, and the Constitutional Court granted a further extension until 28 February 2023 which was finally met.

The campaign to #RejecttheBill, launched in September 2022, cites fundamental flaws with the Electoral Amendment Bill process. If this Bill is adopted without being remedied, it will threaten the right to vote and weaken our democracy.

As we wait for the president to sign, we implore him to apply his mind to the constitutionality questions and act in the best interests of South Africa citizens. We recommend that he either refer the Bill back to Parliament to get it to comply with the Constitution or refer it to the Constitutional Court to decide. The President must act swiftly, because we are heading to the 2024 elections and the Independent Electoral Commission is running out of time to implement the changes that would be brought by the Electoral Amendment Act.

### History

The Electoral Amendment Bill





JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA
WIZARA YA KILIMO
MAMLAKA YA UDHIBITI WA MBOLEA TANZANIA



TAARIFA KWA UMMA

ORODHA YA MAWAKALA/VITUO WALIOFUTIWA USAJILI WA KUSAMBAZA MBOLEA

Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Mbolea Tanzania (TFRA) ilibaini ukiukwaji wa Sheria ya Mbolea Na 9 ya Mwaka 2009 uliofanywa na baadhi ya mawakala wanaosambaza na kuuza mbolea hapa nchini. Aidha, pamoja na uvunjifu huo wa Sheria, mawakala haOo wamejihusisha na udanganyifu ambao ulikua na lengo la kuisababisha hasara Serikali. Hivyo, kutokana na ukiukwaji huo wa Sheria tajwa hapo juu, Mamlaka ya Udhibiti wa Mbolea Tanzania unataarifu umma kuwa, kwa kutumia mamlaka yake kwa mujibu wa Kifungu cha 14(1)(c) cha Sheria ya Mbolea Na. 9 ya Mwaka 2009 na Kanuni ya 14(1) ya Kanuni za Mbolea za Mwaka 2011, imefuta leseni za mawakala 721 zinazowaruhusu kusambaza na kuuza mbolea nchini kuanzia tarehe 17/4/2023 kama orodha inavyoonyesha kwenye Jedwali hapo chini.

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254	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	INYALA WARD	MBEYA RURAL CORE 2 [TFR-03-088]	380	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KIDEGEMBE WARD	MTEWELE GENERAL TRADERS-MAKETE [TFR-01-100]
255	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	UBARUKU WARD	YOBU ZABRON SIKILO [TFR-02-037]	381	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	UWEMBA WARD	UWEMBA WARD [TFR-03-081]
256	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	UYOLE WARD	KHEBHANZAZA MARKETING LIMITED [TFR-15-446]	382	NJOMBE	LUDEWA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LUDEWA WARD	MTEWELE GENERAL TRADERS [TFR-02-013]
257	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUANDA WARD	OBO INVESTMENT LIMITED [TFR-01-007]	383	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	IGWACHANYA WARD	WANGINGOMBE CORE 2 [TFR-03-087]
258	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	EDITHA ROMAN MINJA-MBARALI [TFR-01-279]	384	NJOMBE	MAKAMBAKO TOWN COUNCIL	KITISI WARD	JAMES ISMAEL MNDELE [TFR-01-022]
259	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	YOBU ZABRON SIKILO [TFR-05-060]	385	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	AGRIPROMISE CO. LTD. [TFR-17-049]
260	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	IGURUSI WARD	EPHRAIM AMBONISYE MWAKILEMBE [TFR-01-024]	386	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	FARAJA JUMANNE SAGO [TFR-17-336]
261	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	ISUTO WARD	RASHIDI SHIKOMBOLA MYSALHA [TFR-15-410]	387	NJOMBE	MAKAMBAKO TOWN COUNCIL	MAKAMBAKO WARD	ASIFIWE ABSALOM SANGA [TFR-17-372]
262	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	ILUNGU WARD	ABC COMPUTER LIMITED [TFR-17-400]	388	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	MTEWELE GENERAL TRADERS [TFR-02-012]
263	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	INYALA WARD	MBEYA RURAL CORE 6 [TFR-03-110]	389	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	IGWACHANYA WARD	GAUDENCE EDWADI KILAMYA [TFR-02-022]
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266	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	MADIBIRA WARD	ETG - B 4104204 - MADIBIRA [TFR-15-054]	392	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MDANDU WARD	GAUDENCE EDWARD KILAMLYA - WANGINGOMBE DC [TFR-01-267]
267	MBEYA	KYELA DISTRICT COUNCIL	KYELA WARD	KINANASI AGRI- VENTURE LTD [TFR-15-182]	393	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	GUAVAY COMPANY LIMITED [TFR-05-352]
268	MBEYA	KYELA DISTRICT COUNCIL	KYELA WARD	ANTIOCH INVESTMENT [TFR-01-005]	394	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MLANGALI WARD	MHEMA AGRO LUDEWA [TFR-15-300]
269	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	MICHAEL SAFAEL SANGA T/A SALUTI ENTERPRISE [TFR-06-146]	395	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MTWANGO WARD	NJOMBE RURAL CORE 1 [TFR-03-069]
270	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	CHUNYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	NIKUSEKELA KALINGA [TFR-05-293]	396	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KIDUGALA WARD	IRINGA HOPE WANGINGOMBE [TFR-15-312]
271	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	OBO INVESTMENT - MAKONDOLOSI [TFR-01-130]	397	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	UTALINGORO WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B392304 - NJOMBE TC [TFR-03-040]
272	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LJOMBE WARD	SULI MALIKA MWANGWALE [TFR-15-016]	398	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	UWEMBA WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B392301 - NJOMBE TC [TFR-03-037]
273	MBEYA	RUNGWU DISTRICT COUNCIL	KIWIWA WARD	ABIHUJI MWATIBELA MWAMBELE [TFR-01-030]	399	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MTWANGO WARD	LUSUNJULU WAMTWA ETG MTWANGO [TFR-15-357]
274	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	NURU ZEBEDAYO KINYAMAGODA [TFR-02-033]	400	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	OCF TANZANIA WAREHOUSE - MAKAMBAKO [TFR-15-030]
275	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	UBARUKU WARD	EDITHA ROMAN MINJA [TFR-02-032]	401	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	BENADETHA SIMON SANGA [TFR-15-057]
276	MBEYA	RUNGWU DISTRICT COUNCIL	BULYAGA WARD	WILLIAM ADAUS MWAFONGO-RUNGWU [TFR-01-212]	402	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	LUDEWA WARD	EZEKIA C. NJAVIKE - TFC LUDEWA DC [TFR-10-216]
277	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	AZIMIO MSHWISI HIGH QUALITY RICE MILLERS LTD-MBARALI [TFR-01-297]	403	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	ILEMBULA WARD	SHAKUJAMCOS [TFR-17-323]
278	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	IYELA WARD	AFRISIAN GINNING LIMITED [TFR-04-004]	404	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	PREMIUM AGRO CHEM LTD - MAKAMBAKO [TFR-11-008]
279	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MWAKIBETE WARD	CS TZ INVESTMENTS [TFR-05-211]	405	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	LUSUNJULU WAMTWA ETG MAKAMBAKO TC [TFR-06-342]
280	MBEYA	RUNGWU DISTRICT COUNCIL	BULYAGA WARD	ABSALUM GWANKIPYA MWAFYELA-RUNGWU [TFR-01-246]	406	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	LUSUNJULU WAMTWA ETG NJOMBE CBD [TFR-06-354]
281	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	CHIMHALA WARD	MEDRACK JACOB MHEZA [TFR-05-391]	407	NJOMBE	MAKAMBAKO TOWN COUNCIL	MAKAMBAKO WARD	BERNADERTHA SIMON SANGA [TFR-05-241]
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283	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LJOMBE WARD	METL - MBEYA [TFR-05-077]	409	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	AYUBU TRADING MBARALI [TFR-15-314]
284	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	ILUNGU WARD	LUCIA HEBEL ZELLAH [TFR-05-227]	410	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	UWEMBA WARD	BF AGROVET [TFR-17-105]
285	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LJOMBE WARD	ROSMIWA AGRO COMPANY LTD [TFR-05-134]	411	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	MTEWELE GENERAL TRADERS [TFR-05-351]
286	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	MBALALI NEIGHBORS SMALL SCALE FARMERS LIMITED-MBARALI [TFR-01-244]	412	NJOMBE	MAKETE DISTRICT COUNCIL	IYAWA WARD	OCF MTEWELE MAKETE [TFR-15-044]
287	MBEYA	BUSOKELO DISTRICT COUNCIL	KAMBASEGELA WARD	KILAWA ENTERPRISES - ETG BUSOKELO DC [TFR-06-467]	413	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MDANDU WARD	LUSUNJULU WAMTWA ETG WANGINGOMBE [TFR-06-353]
288	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUANDA WARD	OBO INVESTMENTS LIMITED [TFR-17-373]	414	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	FARAJA JUMANNE SAGO [TFR-15-077]
289	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	MPANDILAH GENERAL SUPPLIES CO LIMITED - MBARALI DC [TFR-15-231]	415	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MJI MWEMA WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B392300 - NJOMBE TC [TFR-03-036]
290	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	MSAFIRI MWANDALA MWANICHESE - OCP MBEYA CBD DC [MBALIZI] [TFR-15-500]	416	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MATOLA WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B392302 - NJOMBE TC [TFR-03-035]
291	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	CHOKAA WARD	MTEWELE GENERAL TRADERS-CHUNYA [TFR-01-233]	417	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	ILEMBULA WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B3923220 - WANGINGOMBE [TFR-03-028]
292	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	OSCAR MBAYA MWASHAMBAWA [TFR-06-118]	418	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	UPENDO STEVEN KADUMA [TFR-33-020]
293	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	ABDALLAH ABDUL MOMBELI [TFR-05-666]	419	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	JABIR MAISARA MBINJI [TFR-33-010]
294	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	TANU ADAM DEWYEMBE [TFR-05-064]	420	NJOMBE	LUDEWA DISTRICT COUNCIL	MLANGALI WARD	UPENDO KADUMA [TFR-15-481]
295	MBEYA	MBEYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	ILUNGU WARD	ABC AGRO [TFR-15-304]	421	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	MHEMA AGRO CHEMICAL AND GENERAL SUPPLIES [TFR-11-086]
296	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B3989033 - MBEYA [TFR-03-020]	422	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	MHEMA AGROCHEMICALS [TFR-10-227]
297	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	UYOLE WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B4101002 - MBEYA [TFR-03-014]	423	NJOMBE	MAKAMBAKO TOWN COUNCIL	MAKAMBAKO WARD	ELIZABETH HASSAN MWALONGO [TFR-17-305]
298	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	ABDALLAH ABDUL MWOMBEJI [TFR-06-480]	424	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	KAGISH LOGISTICS CO. LTD [TFR-17-051]
299	MBEYA	CHUNYA DISTRICT COUNCIL	CHALANGWA WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B3989133 - CHUNYA [TFR-03-022]	425	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MATOLA WARD	MATOLA WARD [TFR-03-046]
300	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	MEDRACK J. MHEZA [TFR-11-051]	426	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MTWANGO WARD	NJOMBE RURAL CORE 2 [TFR-03-070]
301	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	IGAWILO WARD	SWERINO J. MWASANGA - TFC MBEYA CBD DC [2ND OUTLET] [TFR-10-224]	427	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	ULEMBWE WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B392318 - WANGINGOMBE [TFR-03-030]
302	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	THOMSON MARTIN MAGODWA [TFR-01-067]	428	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	ASANJE JOHN LUOGA [TFR-34-012]
303	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	OBO INVESTMENT LIMITED-MBALIZI [TFR-01-127]	429	NJOMBE	MAKAMBAKO TOWN COUNCIL	MAKAMBAKO WARD	SIASA AGROVET SUPPLIERS [TFR-01-329]
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305	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MBALIZI ROAD WARD	ROSMIWA AGRO COMPANY LIMITED [TFR-06-145]	431	NJOMBE	LUDEWA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LUDEWA WARD	ETG INPUTS LIMITED-NJOMBE [TFR-06-508]
306	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	LUSUNJULU WAMTWA ETG MBARALI [TFR-06-344]	432	NJOMBE	MAKAMBAKO TOWN COUNCIL	MAKAMBAKO WARD	BENADETHA SIMON SANGA [TFR-17-374]
307	MBEYA	MBARALI DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUJUEWA WARD	MBARALI AND NEIGHBORS SMALL SCALE FARMERS LIMITED [TFR-06-077]	433	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	ILEMBULA WARD	IMALINYI WARD [TFR-03-051]
308	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	UYOLE WARD	KHEBHANZAZA MARKETING CO.LTD [TFR-05-404]	434	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	ULEMBWE WARD	ULEMBWE WARD [TFR-03-043]
309	MBEYA	KYELA DISTRICT COUNCIL	IWIJI WARD	YUSUPH KABUKA [TFR-15-239]	435	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MTWANGO WARD	NJOMBE RURAL CORE 3 [TFR-03-071]
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311	MBEYA	MBEYA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	RUANDA WARD	ANYANDWILE CO.LTD [TFR-15-442]	437	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	IGMA WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B3923217 - WANGINGOMBE [TFR-03-029]
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313	MOROGORO	MOROGORO CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	SULTANI AREA WARD	AGRINATURE COMPANY LTD [TFR-01-008]	439	NJOMBE	NJOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KONDO WARD	LUSUNJULU WAMTWA ETG MAKAMBAKO TC [TFR-06-342]
314	MOROGORO	MOROGORO CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	SULTANI AREA WARD	ETG - B 3787975 - MOROGORO [TFR-06-014]	440	NJOMBE	LUDEWA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LUDEWA WARD	CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE BOARD ETG - LUDEWA DC [TFR-06-479]
315	MOROGORO	IFAKARA TOWN COUNCIL	MANGLA WARD	IPYANA EDWIN KAYUNI [TFR-01-021]	441	NJOMBE	NJOMBE CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	NJOMBE MUNI WARD	AGRIPROMISE CO LTD [TFR-05-052]
316	MOROGORO	MOROGORO CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	SULTANI AREA WARD	IPYANA EDWIN KAYUNI-RAJAH KILOMERO [TFR-01-194]	442	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KIPENGELE WARD	KIPENGELE WARD [TFR-03-055]
317	MOROGORO	MOROGORO DISTRICT COUNCIL	KISEMU WARD	KIPANDE TRADERS AND GENERAL SUPPLIES LTD [TFR-17-110]	443	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	IGMA WARD	IGMA WARD [TFR-03-048]
318	MOROGORO	MOROGORO CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MJI MKUU WARD	AGRINATURE COMPANY LTD-KILOSA [TFR-01-086]	444	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	UHAMBULE WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B3923224 - WANGINGOMBE [TFR-03-033]
319	MOROGORO	IFAKARA TOWN COUNCIL	KIBANI WARD	AGRINATURE COMPANY LTD-KILOMERO [TFR-01-072]	445	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	MAKOKA WARD	ONE ACRE TANZANIA LIMITED - B3923221 - WANGINGOMBE [TFR-03-027]
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321	MOROGORO	IFAKARA TOWN COUNCIL	IFAKARA WARD	KAYUNI AGROVET [TFR-17-063]	447	NJOMBE	MAKETE DISTRICT COUNCIL	IYAWA WARD	MTEWELE GENERAL TRADERS - MAKETE [TFR-11-021]
322	MOROGORO	GAIRO DISTRICT COUNCIL	GAIRO WARD	CHARLES K. MUAJILE [TFR-06-225]	448	NJOMBE	WANGINGOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL	WARD	AGENT - WANGINGOMBE [TFR-11-118]
323	MOROGORO	KILOSA DISTRICT COUNCIL	KASKI WARD	VERONICA TRADING-KILOSA [TFR-01-210]	449	PWANI	CHALINZE DISTRICT COUNCIL	VIGWAZA WARD	CHAMA CHA USHIRIKA WA WAKULIMA WA MWAGILIAJI RUVU [CHAURU] LTD. [TFR-24-001]
324	MOROGORO	MOROGORO CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MWEMBESONGO WARD	BENS AGROSTAR CO. LTD [TFR-21-314]	450	PWANI	CHALINZE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KIWANGWA WARD	SALUM OTHMAN NJEMA [TFR-01-252]
325	MOROGORO	KILOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	CHITA WARD	MGAYA AGROVET [TFR-17-277]	451	PWANI	BAGAMOYO DISTRICT COUNCIL	DUNDA WARD	GALU AGRO GENERAL SUPPLIES LTD. [TFR-05-330]
326	MOROGORO	MVOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	MVOMERO WARD	AGRINATURE COMPANY LTD-DAKAWA [TFR-01-088]	452	PWANI	MKURANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	MKURANGA WARD	SHAFII IDDY TENA [TFR-01-263]
327	MOROGORO	KILOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	IDETE WARD	SALUM HIYARI BOHALI-KILOMERO [TFR-01-301]	453	PWANI	KIBAHA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	KIBAHA WARD	GUAVAY COMPANY LIMITED - METL KIBAHA CBD DC [TFR-05-252]
328	MOROGORO	IFAKARA TOWN COUNCIL	IFAKARA WARD	MAPUNDA AGROVET [TFR-17-287]	454	PWANI	CHALINZE DISTRICT COUNCIL	KIWANGWA WARD	AGROVET NJEMA [TFR-15-469]
329	MOROGORO	MVOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	MVOMERO WARD	SULPIS GUSTAVE MMANDA-MVOMERO [TFR-01-229]	455	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LAELA WARD	BEDA MAJALWA SINKAMBA [TFR-01-033]
330	MOROGORO	MVOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	MVOMERO WARD	FILBETH KOBERO KASIANI-MVOMERO [TFR-01-275]	456	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	CHANJI WARD	FMV TRADING CO LTD [TFR-05-222]
331	MOROGORO	KILOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	MUMBA WARD	KHADJIA YOHANA SAID [TFR-17-233]	457	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LAELA WARD	WINFRIDA SANDRES MAJALWA-SUMBAWANGA [TFR-01-274]
332	MOROGORO	MVOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	MVOMERO WARD	MPUNGA AGROVET [TFR-15-067]	458	RUKWA	NKASI DISTRICT COUNCIL	NAMANYERE WARD	RICHARD E. MAGANDA-NKASI DC [TFR-01-236]
333	MOROGORO	MVOMERO DISTRICT COUNCIL	DAKAWA WARD	KLIFU KINGO SHEMI [TFR-01-327]	459	RUKWA	NKASI DISTRICT COUNCIL	MYULA WARD	JOFREY M. LUFUNGULO - OCP NKASI [TFR-15-297]
334	MTWARA	MASASI TOWN COUNCIL	NAPUPA WARD	MYAGRO FARMS LIMITED [HQ] [TFR-01-055]	460	RUKWA	KALAMBO DISTRICT COUNCIL	SOPA WARD	IKUWO GENERAL ENTERPRISES - OCP KALAMBO [TFR-15-283]
335	MTWARA	MASASI TOWN COUNCIL	MKUTI WARD	ETG - B 3991384 - MASASI [TFR-06-023]	461	RUKWA	KALAMBO DISTRICT COUNCIL	SOPA WARD	AGROBE-KAMAGARI [TFR-15-207]
336	MTWARA	NANYUMBU DISTRICT COUNCIL	NANGOMBA WARD	MYAGRO FARMS LIMITED-NANYUMBU [TFR-01-183]	462	RUKWA	KALAMBO DISTRICT COUNCIL	SOPA WARD	VITUS G. TENGANAMBA [TFR-15-184]
337	MTWARA	NEWALA DISTRICT COUNCIL	MKWEDU WARD	ETG-NEWALA BRANCH [TFR-06-465]	463	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LAELA WARD	UPENDO MBWILI [TFR-15-088]
338	MWANZA	MWANZA CITY COUNCIL	NYAMAGANA WARD	PACHAMA TANZANIA LTD [TFR-01-012]	464	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LAELA WARD	IKUWO GENERAL SUPPLIES [TFR-15-017]
339	MWANZA	MAGU DISTRICT COUNCIL	KISESA WARD	ELIZABETH KITALANGWA MAYENGA [TFR-17-231]	465	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA CBD DISTRICT COUNCIL	MAZWI WARD	OBO INVESTMENT LIMITED-SUMBAWANGA [TFR-01-075]
340	MWANZA	MWANZA CITY COUNCIL	NYAMAGANA WARD	ELIZABETH MAYENGA KITSALANGWA [TFR-05-130]	466	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LAELA WARD	WINFRIDA SANDRES MAJALWA [TFR-15-118]
341	MWANZA	BUCHOSA DISTRICT COUNCIL	KAZUNZI WARD	CEREALS AND OTHER PRODUCE BOARD ETG - BUCHOSA DC [TFR-06-415]	467	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	LAELA WARD	IKUWO GENERAL ENTERPRISES CO LTD [TFR-05-289]
342	MWANZA	MWANZA CITY COUNCIL	NYAMAGANA WARD	ETG - B 3870435 - MWANZA [TFR-06-016]	468	RUKWA	SUMBAWANGA DISTRICT COUNCIL	MPUI WARD	QUEEN FRED KIBONA [TFR-15-483]
343	MWANZA	MAGU DISTRICT COUNCIL	MAGU MUNI WARD	LIGHTNESS SIMON YOBU [TFR-17-087]	469	RUKWA	NKASI DISTRICT COUNCIL	MTENGA WARD	EMLY ERNEO CHUPPY [TFR-17-239]
344	MWANZA	SENGEREMA DISTRICT COUNCIL	IB						



# 'Regular meetings solve women's hiccups, access to justice on time'

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ORGANISING regular meetings at the community level helps solve women challenges and access justice on time, the survey carried out in four Districts of Pemba Island has said.

Hafidh Abdi Said (pictured) director of Pemba Environmental and Gender Organisation (PEGAO) said this here yesterday when presenting the survey findings on issues affecting women in Zanzibar.

He said that access to clean and safe water, access to quality education services for special groups, and road infrastructure are among the issues raised by community mobilisers through meetings held in the four districts in Pemba Island last year.

He said that community mobilisers through 39 meetings they held with the community in the four districts of Pemba Island managed to raise a total of 44 challenges last year.

"The disturbances were raised in different places on the island of Pemba in Wete District 12, Micheweni 12, ChakeChake 9 and Region II," he said, noting that challenges raised were successfully brought to various levels for resolution, where 17 problems were

successfully resolved, while 10 of them were resolved in a short period of mobilizing the community to know and claim their rights.

In those issues raised according to him, most of them affect women more to achieve their goal of participating in leadership positions.

"Thus, in order to build a society capable of recognizing the importance of claiming their basic rights, PEGAO gives advice to the community, sheriffs and the leadership of Local Governments to collaborate together through the shehia committees with the aim of organizing meetings to discuss the challenges they face in order to provide solutions to them the right time," he said.

"We believe that through the participation of citizens to discuss the challenges and concerns faced by women to obtain their rights, including leadership, this will help to promote the understanding of the community to participate directly in demanding their rights," explained the Chairperson of community mobilisers in the Wete District of the North Pemba Region, Husna Ali Said.

She said that local government leaders should realize that they have the responsibility to organize meetings at the community level

to deal with the challenges they face in order to build a society that follows the principles of gender equality for all in every area and find the best way to deal with those challenges through their participation discuss those challenges.

Recognizing the importance of women, various laws and Policies of Zanzibar have explained about the right of women to participate in democracy and leadership, the Constitution of Zanzibar in 1984, and even Zanzibar Development Vision 2050 recognizes the need to build gender equality in society.

In addition, the good Governance Policy of 2011, states in its declaration No. 4.2 that the Government, in collaboration with various stakeholders, will ensure that there will be better and equal participation of women and men in all decision-making bodies at all levels.

Project of Strengthening Women in Leadership (SWIL) aimed at increasing participation of women in democratic process and leadership implemented by the Tanzania Media Women Association, Zanzibar (TAMWA Zanzibar) the Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) and the Pemba Environmental and Gender Association (PEGAO) in collaboration with the Norwegian Embassy.



# TEA calls on schools to submit their requests to National Education Fund

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE Tanzania Education Authority (TEA) has urged schools with various infrastructure needs to submit their requests to the National Education Fund coordinated to the authority.

The call was made over the weekend in Iringa by the TEA project manager, Masozi Nyirenda, during the 13th graduation of Isimila secondary school held at the school premises.

Nyirenda said (TEA) was established with the aim of coordinating the operation of the National Education Fund, which aims to support the government's efforts to increase access to quality and equitable education in the country.

He said that through the National Education Fund, TEA has funded various education projects worth 1.1bn/- in Iringa region in a period of five years from 2015 to 2023.

He also advised the school leadership to submit funding applications to the authority offices if they lack infrastructure so that the applications can be considered as funds are

available. He also argued for the school to use the contributions of education stakeholders within the Iringa council as it can help reduce some of the challenges.

He congratulated the form six graduates for the step they reached and reminded them that success does not come without preparation so he believes they are sufficiently prepared and ready for their final exams so that they can continue to another level of education after graduation.

He argued form six leavers to study hard in order to meet their dreams adding that they should make sure that they have discipline to care about time and manage the goals they have set for themselves in their studies.

He said it is interesting to see that Isimila Secondary School is one of the schools that perform well where the results of three years have shown that no one has attained division zero.

"I am pleased to see how the leadership of this school continues to set strategies to ensure that its students continue to get good results. Among

the strategies include adding four classrooms, two offices but also collaborating with the Council Director to make 130 desks," said Nyirenda.

Explaining about the history of the school, the school principal, Frank Mahenge said, the school has a total of 1,178 students, of which 835 are girls and 343 are boys.

He said that the school has been doing well in the final national exams and for three consecutive years 2020 - 2022 the school has been doing excellent for its students to get Division I up to division III only and proceed to advanced level.

"Our school is doing well in the final results, thus attracting students to apply for admissions and this has led us to have a lack of learning and teaching infrastructure such as photocopy machine, library for self-study, administration building, teachers' houses and the playground," said Mahenge.

Form six graduates in their speech they said they are proud to be part of the Isimila secondary school family due to the foundations, strategies and goals of the school which enables them to do well and make the school better.

Table with multiple columns listing names, districts, and contact information. Includes entries for RUVUMA, SINGIDA, SONGWE, TABORA, and other regions.



# Comoros: New AfCFTA entrant with huge untapped investment potential

By Kingsley Ighobor

**I**N February 2023, the Union of Comoros ratified the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Later that month, the country's President Azali Assoumani took over as Chairperson of the African Union.

In this interview with Africa Renewal's Kingsley Ighobor, the UN Resident Coordinator in Comoros François Balingaya explains the UN support for the country during the ratification process and highlights investment opportunities in the country.

These are excerpts from the interview:

**Q: Comoros recently ratified the AfCFTA. What kind of support did the UN provide the national authorities in ensuring a successful ratification process?**

**A:** As you know, President Azali Assoumani was one of the first African leaders to sign the African Continental Free Trade Agreement in Kigali in 2018. So, Comoros was always there with a high-level political will.

However, there were some concerns about a potential loss of customs revenue, which represents between 40 per cent and 50 per cent of the total government revenue. Not all the Members of Parliament or senior government officials were convinced that the AfCFTA is a good idea.

Comoros' main trading partners are in (Asia) and the Middle East, not the African mainland. For example, India and Pakistan. As well as China and Brazil. We import most of our chicken from Brazil.

**Q: Now, what did the UN do?**

**A:** First, the UN organized local and national consultations. Under the leadership of the Regional Economic Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), there were workshops on the three islands [that make up Comoros] to discuss the AfCFTA's opportunities.

We had the consultation workshop in the capital Moroni, attended by President Assoumani, the Speaker of Parliament Moustadroine Abdou, governors, cabinet ministers, MPs, the private sector and oth-

ers. Second, the UN assisted the country in drafting a national implementation strategy. UNDP and the ECA were able to help the government to identify the prerequisites needed to maximize the benefits of the trade agreement.

Third, high-level advocacy was my role as the UN Resident Coordinator: to encourage the political leadership to ratify the agreement.

Comoros has significant untapped potential or business opportunities. For example, the tourism industry could be further developed. Looking at the tourism industry in the region, Comoros is the only country whose tourism industry is still not well developed. Neighbouring Seychelles and Madagascar receive between 400,000 and 500,000 tourists per year.

**Q: How did you allay fears about loss of customs revenues?**

**A:** When you look at what Comoros imports and where it gets customs revenues from, these are not goods that will be affected much by the AfCFTA. Most imported products are from Middle Eastern countries, India and China. But basic foodstuffs come from Tanzania, Mozambique, Kenya, and other African mainland countries. Importation of these foodstuffs will not significantly affect customs revenue.

Again, remember that Comoros will benefit if it increases industrialisation. If we increase the value chain around key products, Comoros will benefit through access to over a billion consumers on the continent.

**Q: What are some made-in-Comoros products the country could potentially export to the larger African market?**

**A:** These are essential oils like ylang-ylang of which Comoros is the number one producer in the world; we have spices that are beloved in places like India; we have vanilla and cloves.

We need to create value chains around these products and export to countries like Kenya, Sudan, Somalia, Djibouti and others. Comoros needs to access these markets.

**Q: Now that the Agreement is ratified, what next?**



Palm Trees line the beach along the coast of Comoros. Credit: IPS

**A:** As I said, Comoros is heavily dependent on imports. Therefore, the AfCFTA must be an engine of economic growth, sustainable development and, importantly, poverty reduction.

We need to mobilize the private sector to take full advantage of new trading opportunities on the continent. We need to support the industrialisation of Comoros—facilitate trade and promote foreign direct investment.

For example, with funding from the European Union, the UN Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the International

Trade Centre (ITC) are implementing a project to support production, industrialisation and free trade in Comoros. That's a good initiative.

Another initiative is the digitalisation of the customs process, and that's with the support of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The AfCFTA is an instrument for strengthening social inclusion; therefore, we must ensure that women and youth are involved in these discussions and can take full advantage of trading opportunities in Africa.

**Q: An issue much talked about is a lack of awareness among some African traders regarding how they can benefit from AfCFTA. What is the situation with the private sector in Comoros?**

**A:** What we have done is talk to the leaders of the private sector. We need to continue to engage them and at a lower level. The sensitization has to continue. Having ratified the Agreement, we need to raise awareness so they know how they could benefit from it.

**Q: What other key development activities is the UN undertaking in Comoros that are impacting the lives of ordinary citizens?**

**A:** Well, let me tell you this: in July 2021, the UN (21 UN agencies, funds and programmes) and the government signed a new generation Cooperation Framework, a five-year initiative—from 2022 to 2026—divided into four pillars: the planet, prosperity, people and peace.

On the planet, we want to strengthen resilience to climate change, natural disasters and other humanitarian crises. Of course, with sustainable integration and management of marine ecosystems. At the AU Summit, the Head of State said it is a priority for Africa, and it would be a priority for us over the next five years.

The other pillar is prosperity. Basically, we need to create a competitive and inclusive economy and partner with the private sector using a sustainable development approach that focuses on sectors with high poten-

tial, such as the blue and the digital economy.

Then we need to invest in people. We need to make better use of opportunities and foster inclusive and equitable, gender-sensitive development, providing high-quality nutrition, education and social protection, and the protection of the survivors of sexual and gender violence.

The last pillar is peace. Social cohesion is a priority for us. Human rights, gender equality and democracy are important. That's why the elections next year are critical. We need to have public institutions that are more inclusive, efficient and accountable to the citizens.

We are committed to accompanying the government to achieve emerging market status and the SDGs.

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**Q: Comoros is an island state, meaning there could be climate change challenges. What are these challenges?**

**A:** A good example is Cyclone Kenneth that hit Comoros four years ago and destroyed schools and hospitals. We are still feeling the impact. In addition to the cyclones, rising waters are also a major concern.

We have a water access problem. We have an active volcano called Karthala, which could erupt any time. That's why we are always in preparedness and disaster management mode.

**Q: There are also great opportunities, I guess. What do you tell anyone intending to explore investment opportunities in Comoros?**

**A:** Comoros has significant untapped potential or business opportunities. For example, the tourism industry could be further developed.

Looking at the tourism industry in the region, Comoros is the only country whose tourism industry is still not well developed. Neighbouring Seychelles and Madagascar receive between 400,000 and 500,000 tourists per year.

Comoros, before the pandemic, received only about 45,000 tourists per year, mostly Comorians from the diaspora. If I were to invest in Comoros, I would invest in hotels. We need quality hotels.

Comoros now chairs the AU, and it needs quality infrastructure for high-level conferences. Comoros is a welcoming society. I hope other people can come and enjoy that welcoming culture. And the weather is great. So, please, come over!

**Q: What are young Comorians doing in terms of innovation?**

**A:** Young Comorians like to join their brother and sisters in especially Marseille, France. The youth are attracted to migration. The good thing is that the girls in Comoros are going to school at a higher rate than the boys, which is not the same in the African mainland. That's quite encouraging. Girls are attracted to disciplines such as law and administration and less to vocational training. So, we need to get them interested in vocational training too.

**Q: What is being done to address this imbalance?**

**A:** Youth employment is a priority for the government and for us as the UN. We are working with the International Labour Organization to invest in youth employment. Every single one of us [UN entities] has a youth mandate. Again, I will not forget the women.

Finally, let me say that Comoros is one of the countries that needs support, particularly investments.

The GDP per capita in Comoros is approximately \$1,500. About 20 per cent of Comorians live in extreme poverty. We have more to do to achieve the SDGs. The country needs the UN and foreign direct investors. Let's work together to support them.

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 5 letters BRAIN, LOESS, DONER, AGREE, EMMET  
 6 letters MEMBER, ENGINE, BANANA,  
 7 letters TLINGIT, ABRIDGE,  
 8 letters ZANZIBAR, NEMBUTAL, GESTURES  
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**CROSSWORD**

**CLUES: Across**

1. A bird that swims
7. a supporter of union
9. angry speech of criticism
10. a coloured liquid used with a pen for writing
11. a coastal landform
15. to scold, to rant and rave
17. a location
18. a native of Denmark
20. old World monkeys
22. to divide something and give someone his or her share
25. pass away
26. the distance between
27. passionate male seducer
29. someone who annoys another person

**Down:**

1. West Germanic language
2. University
3. a word of Latin origin meaning approximately
4. species of flowering trees
5. deceive
6. to be your feet
8. third largest city in Zambia
10. away from the shore
12. to register in a list
13. a mythical creature breathing fire
14. a helper
16. a monetary unit of Samoa
19. unwanted sound
21. womb
23. an organ into the body which cleans blood
28. Master of Mechanical Engineering

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# Women in tourism launch association to promote income growth, gender parity

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

**G**ENDER equality crusade in the country has got a boost, thanks to women in tourism for establishing their association aimed at beefing up the drive into the lucrative industry.

The Tanzania Association of Women Tour Operators (TAWTO) was inaugurated over the weekend in Arusha by the Natural Resources and Tourism Minister, Mohamed Mchengerwa.

"Tourism is male-dominated industry and we thought it imperative to establish a women association to promote women's empowerment and take proactive steps to mainstream gender in tourism policies, planning, and operations," said the TAWTO Chairperson, Elizabeth Mwakajila during the organisation inauguration over the weekend.

With 40 founding members who are all women tour operators in Tanzania, she said that TAWTO's membership includes a diverse representation of women with different education and socio-backgrounds who have fought extremely hard to excel in the male-dominated industry.

"We've unanimously decided to raise the



TAWTO Chairperson, Elizabeth Mwakajila addresses the audience during the association inauguration as a section of members line up behind

voice of females in the tourism industry to compliment the efforts of Tanzania's pioneer female President, Samia Suluhu Hassan, who was a key tour guide in the Royal Tour documentary," Mwakajila explained.

TAWTO will also step up efforts in promoting the tourism industry, conservation drive, and encouraging women especially young girls to venture into the business by providing them with training on tourism and community development.

"Idea is to ensure tourism remains a leading foreign currency earner in Tanzania economy. Tourism

should be promoted and developed in a sustainable manner and ought to benefit the local communities," Mwakajila stressed.

TAWTO will also offer business training and exposure opportunities to its members as it seeks to partner with its international peers and other tourism-related organizations in a bid to empower each other through training and the exchange program.

Idea is to empower its members to become tourism professionals so that they could be able to spur tourism industry to grow by bounds and leaps in order to create decent

jobs to critical mass of youth and women.

"We believe that when women prosper in business will create employment opportunities to other women, become economically independent and are able to build a prosperous society," the TAWTO chief noted.

The Association has appointed the Arusha Regional Commissioner, John Mongela—credited as a key player in the development and promotion of tourism in Tanzania—and Tourism guru, mentor, and role model to many young women in tourism in Tanzania and the former managing director of Tanzania Tourist

Board, Devota Mdachi as TAWTO advisors.

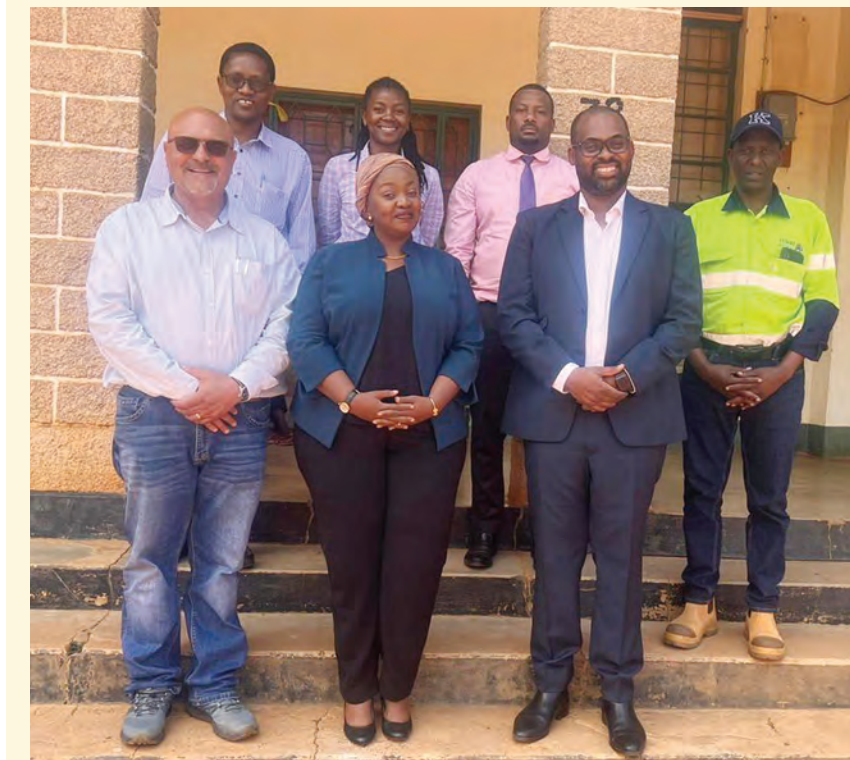
Officiating at the TAWTO launch, Minister, Mchengerwa promised the open-door policy and would be willing to work with the association to spur the tourism industry.

"The beginning is always tough, we have come to encourage you. I believe our presence as a Ministry will be a catalyst to your performance in conservation and selling many and unique tourist attractions the country is endowed with," Mchengerwa said.

He expressed his expectation that TAWTO will hook members from across the country, especially from the untapped southern tourist circuit as a strategy to relieve the northern circuit of tourist traffic.

The 1999 Tourism Policy emphasizes on sustainable tourism and acknowledges the contributions of different players, including women.

"I congratulate TAWTO for performing its policy duty. Participation of women in tourism value chain is high on the agenda. This is reflected in the country's first female President taking part in leaving her office to promote tourist attractions" the cabinet Minister noted.



Kahama district commissioner Mboni Mhita (2nd-R, foreground) flanked by Tembo Nickel Mine general manager Manny Ramos (L) and Tembo Nickel Country Manager Benedict Busunzu who paid her a courtesy call and briefed her on progress on the project and Kahama Multi Metals Processing Facility that will be constructed in Buzwagi area. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Kahama DC extends full support to Tembo Nickel refinery venture

By Guardian Correspondent, Kahama

KAHAMA District Commissioner, Mboni Mhita has pledged to offer full cooperation the Tembo Nickel refinery that is to be established in the district.

DC Mboni made the pledge over the weekend during the first engagement by Tembo Nickel Country Manager, Benedict Busunzu, and his team, who visited the DC office to brief her on the Kabanga Nickel Project progress and progress on plans to construct the refinery which will be located at the Barrick Buzwagi site following its closure.

"My office is open to full cooperation, together I believe we will reach great heights," emphasized DC Mhita.

Tembo Nickel is a mine-to-metal operation producing high-purity battery grade nickel, copper, and cobalt refined metals in Tanzania. Kahama is strategically located and is easily accessible. There is existing infrastructure, so it makes perfect sense to locate the Kahama Multi Metal Processing Facility by Lifezone Metals in Buzwagi whereby concentrate from Kabanga and potentially other mines will have an accessible facility to be refined.

The Multi Metal Processing Facility will be using hydromet technology by Tembo Nickel's ultimate parent company Lifezone Metals. The technology is also more environmentally friendly compared to smelting, with significantly less

carbon emissions and less power utilization.

"Our aim is to produce cleaner nickel for the global market," Busunzu said, adding that Tembo Nickel's operations are guided by the Economic, Social and Governance principles.

"Much as it is important for a return of investment, we believe the community must also benefit. Tembo Nickel aims to mine and refine ethically, as well as in an environmentally responsible manner," he noted.

Kahama District Administrative Secretary Timothy Ndanya following Busunzu's presentation affirmed that with a 30 plus year project life there will be guaranteed income for the government and the community will benefit greatly through local content and development projects.

"This is going to be a unique, one of a kind project, which will promote Kahama. The Kahama community will benefit enormously, we expect growth in economic activity and skills transfer," he said.

It is estimated that global nickel demand is on the rise as the world sees the necessity of moving towards net zero and reducing carbon footprints. Now more and more cars are going electric with a major component of these batteries being nickel.

In her recent visit, US Vice President Kamala Harris highlighted global impactful projects including the Kahama Multi Metal Refinery.

## CRDB Bank Plc raffle winner is presented with prize vehicle

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

CRDB Bank SimBanking campaign promotion winner for February and March Mayani Yahaya Hassan has been presented with a Toyota Crown.

The Dodoma city resident was presented with the prize at the weekend in the city.

Speaking during the handing over of the prize, CRDB Bank Plc central zone manager Chibu Miswalo said the winner was selected during the first campaign's draw held on April 6 this year.

"Mayani is one of the bank customers who frequently used SimBanking during the period and he managed to enter into the monthly draw before winning," said Mayani.

Chibu said in an effort to sup-

port the government to promote digital economy, the SimBanking campaign is sensitizing the bank customer to transact funds through SimBanking in a bid to discourage the use of physical cash.

He said the campaign will run for ten months until December whereby various customers will win different prizes on a daily basis, while other winners will win Toyota Crown car prices in each two months while the final grand prize of the campaign will be the brand new Toyota Vanguard car.

"Until today, the bank has already issued prizes including cash, smartphones and laptops valued at 79mn/-. There are still a lot of prizes and we encourage our customers to continue transacting funds through SimBanking to enable them to win,"

he said while inviting those who have not opened their accounts to do so in order to participate in the SimBanking campaign.

Handing over the car price, the Dodoma district commissioner abir Kimwari thanked CRDB Bank Plc for organizing the campaign by saying this will not only promote digital financial services, but also financial inclusion.

Kimwari said the government has been insisting on the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in offering financial services to catch up with global technological trends, by calling Tanzanians to collaborate with CRDB Bank to participate in the SimBanking campaign.

"I am so impressed to see Dodoma resident has emerged the winner of this campaign and

this shows that the regional residents are continuing to improve their literacy on digital financial services. I therefore encourage Tanzanians to build the culture of using digital financial services not only to win the prizes but also to know that this is where the global is heading to," he said.

Speaking after receiving the prize, Mayani Hassan thanked CRDB Bank Plc for the recognition noting that the prize is the motivation for him to continue to use SimBanking in all of his financial transactions.

"I am happy to transact funds through improved SimBanking services because it has been very convenient and cheap including Pay by SimBanking, sending cash, tax payment and funds withdrawal through agents, ATMs and branches networks," he said.

## Mkwawa tobacco donates 20m/-, offers iftar in Tabora

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

TABORA regional Commissioner Dr Batilda Burian has commended Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco Limited for its support to the needy in the region.

Apart from the iftar organized in three separate districts, the company has also donated various facilities and food items for two orphanage children centres and two prisons in the region, all valued 20,445,000/-

The iftar events were held at Kaliua, Urambo and the Regional Commissioner's hall, which was attended by different leaders led by the Regional Commissioner Dr Buriani.

Speaking during an Iftar, Dr Burian thanked the company for the events as part of supporting Muslim to commemorate the Holy Month as well as care for people in needs,

"I promise to cooperate with Mkwawa Leaf Tobacco Limited for developing tobacco industry, which was previously facing many challenges and we will stand together to revive the crop value chain, including environmental preservation by ensuring that tobacco currying is not using natural forests," she said.

Dr Buriani also advised parents to continue allocating their time by sitting with their children for betterment of child care, promising to deal with all

people who are promoting homosexuality, the things which have been condemned by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

The company general manager Matthew Kapnias said the supports to people in needs was specifically targeted to help them during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Kipnias who started to serve the job on April 1, this year said he has decided to provide the said support as a way to seek God's blessings and guidance as he steers the company ahead.

"Our company is new in Tanzania, but apart from being new, we are the major buyer of tobacco and we are targeting to purchase 45 million kilogramme

this season," he said, noting that the company expects to increase the quantity and quality in the following season for the benefit of farmers, including in Tabora region.

He said the company would collaborate with the government in tree planting programme to promote environmental conservation among tobacco farming community as well fighting all forms of child labour in tobacco farms.

The Tabora regional Sheikh Ibrahim Mavumbi congratulated the company for supporting people in needs.

He said this was the first time in the history of Tabora region for a tobacco company to offer

such a support and host Iftar for them, despite of having many tobacco buying companies present in the region for many years. The company deputy director Richard Sinatwa said the donated items included 3,000 kilo of rice, 50 bags of sugar, 20 buckets of cooking oil, 50 cartons of soap, 125 kilo of groundnuts, 400 dozens of razor blades, 115 mattresses, 280 bed-sheets and 185 mosquito nets.

"These items were distributed to two prisons and two orphanage children centres one managed by Muslim and the other one with Christian Charity organisations," he said.

He explained that 25 bags of rice, ten bags of sugar, three

buckets of cooking oil, ten boxes of soap, 75 kilo of groundnuts and razor blades were donated to Uyui Prison.

According to him, 10 bags of rice, four bags of sugar, three buckets of cooking oil, ten boxes of soap, 50 kilo of groundnuts and razor blades were donated to Tabora remand prison.

In their thanks giving, the acting head of Uyui prison Senior Superintendent of Prison Richard Malifedha and the head of Tabora remand Prison Senior Superintendent of Prison Ally Lupululu thanked the company for the for goodwill, adding that the company was welcome to assist in other areas at the prison in future.



# Isles developer makes the most of strategic investment status

By Guardian Reporter

**S**QUID Zanzibar Limited, a property developer, has embarked on a marketing strategy to attract institutional investors in its upcoming project after being granted strategic investment status by the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (ZIPA) earlier February this year.

To execute the strategy, the company which is the developer of the state-of-the-art resort and residences project, The Ocean Pearl Zanzibar, has partnered with CBRE Excellence, the market leader in real estate industry and investments.

Squid Limited Zanzibar Managing Director, George Alexandru, said that as construction of the resort and residence facility continues, they have been pleased to be granted the strategic investment status which brings many benefits and incentives to the developer and more to the investors and buyers of the Ocean Pearl Zanzibar as specified in ZIPA Act No 14 of 2018.

According to Alexandru, engaging CBRE Excellence will be a game-changer for the project since it provides integrated and high-quality real estate services across Africa



The Ocean Pearl Zanzibar

and the Middle East and thus they stand to gain from the company's invaluable experience.

"Services provided by the company include facilities management, advisory and transaction services, project management, broking, valuations, and property management (outside of South Africa) and will allow us to expand the self-delivery

of integrated facilities management services to enterprise clients," he said.

He asserted that CBRE Excellence provides integrated solutions across large multi-discipline property portfolios for occupiers, helping them turn their real estate into real advantage.

"They support predominantly

corporate clients who buy services on a contracted basis all across the Middle East and Africa and globally, depending on their portfolio," he said.

The project is under construction at Nungwi East in Zanzibar and the developers have already invited local and foreign investors to claim a stake in the project worth over \$100

million (236bn/-).

With an initial investment of just \$50,000 (118m/-), an investor can become part owner of the grand project, The Ocean Pearl Zanzibar, which is slated to become one of its kind in the Isles upon completion of the first phase come January 2025.

He said with the strategic investment status now granted, the benefits and incentives spread far and wide for both the developer, buyers, and investors, among which include exemption from all duties and taxes on importation and local purchases of construction goods and materials during the project construction;

Other incentives are exemption of income tax on interest on capital borrowed from foreign banks; five years of a grace period on payment of land lease, a hundred percent foreign ownership is allowed; and engagement of foreign contractors is allowed.

According to ZIPA, other incentives are a hundred percent exemption of profit tax for repatriate profit; a hundred percent exemption for accelerated depreciation for five years; and a hundred percent exemption of income tax on interest on capital borrowed from foreign banks.

Hundred percent allowance on research and development expenditure; a hundred percent retention of all profits after tax; a hundred percent exemption of business license fee for the first three months of soft opening.

Developers investing in real estate development may be granted incentives and allowances that include a hundred percent exemption on withholding tax on payment of interest; a hundred percent exemption on stamp duty in a contract; and a hundred percent exemption on accelerated depreciation within five years.

Buyers who purchase property worth not less than \$100,000 have the opportunity to enjoy incentives such as a resident permit for the buyer and their spouses and four children who are under twenty years.

However, fifty percent exemption on stamp duty in the contract; fifty percent exemption on capital gain on purchased properties; a hundred percent foreign ownership is allowed; a hundred percent exemption from worldwide income for foreigners; and a hundred percent allowance for free repatriation of profit after tax.

## NIC cuts down compensation clearance period to seven days

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

THE National Insurance Corporation (NIC) insured clients will from now be compensated within seven days as long as their claims are fully documented as required by the state-run insurer.

Tanga regional NIC manager Herman Mushi said at the weekend that in a move to attract more customers and retain the faith of old customers, the corporation has cut down the compensation payment period from the previous one which was finalized in a minimum of three months.

He was speaking during an Iftar occasion organized by Tanga district commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa.

Mushi asserted that NIC clients have all reasons to smile their way to the bank after the new compensation's payment arrangement.

"NIC wished to break the ice by becoming the first insurer to compensate its clients within a shorter period of time than ever. We urge our clients to timely file their claims and ensure that the required documents are all available before they have submitted the claims to us," said Mushi.

Peter Mallya, an insurance broker in the region, said delays in compensation payment are also contributed by dishonest clients who submit either irrelevant or false claims and urge the insured not to take that route.

On his part, Mgandilwa used the



National Insurance Corporation Tanga regional manager Herman Mushi speaks at Iftar held in Tanga district at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Cheji Bakari

occasion to convince the uninsured to hold the chances by joining the state-owned insurer and enjoy the new arrangement of compensations.

"It's high time for every Tanga district resident to consider life insurance and for their possessions such as properties and vehicles. NIC gives an opportunity for those who opt for a wise decision to

enjoy their service.

Tanga city mayor, Abdulrahman Shiloo commended for organizing the Iftar as part of the corporate social responsibility.

According to him, giving back to the community makes the corporate-society relationship even closer.

The Tanzania Insurance Regulatory

Authority's report released in October 2022, states that during the period six million Tanzanians have been insured with various services nationwide.

It further states that gross written premiums (GWP) amounted to 911.5bn/- for the year ended December 31, 2021, representing a nominal increase of 11 percent from 824bn/- written in 2020.

## IRDP purchases houses worth 614m/- for its staff

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

THE Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) has purchased ten modern residential units from Watumishi Housing Investments (WHI) to accommodate its staff in its Mwanza-based campus.

Procured at an estimated 614m/- the apartments located at Kisesa suburb in Mwanza city will accommodate IRDP trainers.

Speaking at the weekend during a signing of the contract to purchase the properties, IRDP Rector, Prof. Hozen Mayaya said the residential units are a part of the government's initiatives towards improving accommodation of trainers and students at its campuses.

"We are entering this partnership because WHI has so far demonstrated high maturity, expertise and commitment in the implementation of various successful projects since its inception," said Prof. Mayaya.

He added that, being the reputable public entity, WHI offers its services at affordable prices and through a friendly mode of payment, a reason why they have decided to forge working partnership with the company.

"If all goes well, in the coming fiscal



IRDP rector, Prof. Hozen Mayaya (right) and WHI's chief executive officer Dr Fred Msemwa exchange documents last Friday shortly after signing a contract to purchase houses. Photo: Correspondent Valentine Oforo

year we're expecting to purchase another ten units from WHI's Kisesa project for our staff in IRDP's Mwanza campus," he expounded.

He said the fast-growing varsity is looking forward to engaging WHI in the execution of various projects in its Dodoma main campus for students' dormitories.

"Dodoma campus is expanding fast by attracting more students hence the need to increase students' hostels as well as lecture theatres are inevitable. We have a number of projects on the pipeline which we're looking forward to imple-

menting in partnership with WHI," he said.

WHI's Chief Executive Officer Dr. Fred Msemwa said the state-owned company is proud to work with the IRDP, saying WHI will work to design and develop numerous tailor-made projects to help the institute improve students' hostels, training theatres.

He said IRDP decision has opened a successful and sustainable working niche, assuring that the company will work round the clock to provide the institute with quality, but low-cost services

in the envisaged projects.

"Signing of the contract proves IRDP's trust upon us, and will work diligently to serve this contract and the envisaged ones with the sense of patriotism" he said.

According to him, since its inception WHI has so far accomplished several projects including construction of classrooms in 19 wards across the country, but also the company has worked with the University of Dodoma (Udom) and the Tanzania Public Service College (TPSC).

Located at Kitumba/Kisesa suburb in Mwanza city, the IRDP campus in the Lake Zone (IRDP-LZC) was established in 2011 and the branch has kept on growing faster by attracting more than 3,500 students by the academic year.

The 20 units will enable the varsity to provide better education at its Mwanza-based college by allowing its trainers to dwell in the comfortable residences.

The Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) is a corporate entity established by the Parliamentary Act No. 8 of the 1980s. Since its establishment, IRDP has been shaping destinies in planning and research methodologies focusing on the future prosperity of its students.

## Vodacom introduces 'Zaidi ya mtandao' transaction campaign

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania Plc has embarked on a new campaign dubbed 'Zaidi ya Mtandao' which allows customers to send and withdraw cash free from fees for all transactions worth 50,000/- and below.

Vodacom Tanzania Plc sales officer Brigita Shirima said the campaign targets at impacting the daily lives of its customers in various social and economic sectors through innovative digital products and services.

The 'Zaidi ya Mtandao' campaign encourages consumers to join the nationwide Super Network with a 5G speed. Customers will also enjoy affordable bundles and various services of M-Pesa.

"We are introducing a non-fees service for transactions worth 50,000/- and below. The services come with improvements of our products and services, as well as various offers. Alongside the service, 15 percent cash back on bundle purchases made through M-Pesa," said Shirima.

The service is in line with the company's commitment to environmental conservation, in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13. This goal encourages urgent action toward combating climate change and its impacts.

He said Vodacom takes pride in continuously improving its network, including the nationwide launch of high-quality and efficient 5G services in September last year for personal and business activities.

The service comes when the company has registered approximately 29,000 sales agents countrywide to serve for M-Pesa services.

Vodacom's head of the northern zone, George Venanty said the campaign is being carried out in the Lake Zone, Dar es Salaam Zone, Central Zone, and Southern Highlands Zone.

"Vodacom takes pride in continuing to provide technology and communication services that meet the needs of various consumers. For the case of Arusha city, our teams are on set to facilitate consumers so that they benefit from the new campaign," said Venanty.

Vodacom is confident that its partnerships across the country will continue to support them through long-standing collaborations in ensuring that consumers get access to affordable and high-quality communication services.

It's continued to improve the quality of its services and products through digital innovations such as customer loans through Songesha and M-Pawa, as well as VodaBima which enables consumers to obtain insurance by saving small amounts of money through M-Pesa on their mobile phones.

The services have enabled customers to enjoy self-services through the My Vodacom App, phone calls, SMS, WhatsApp, as well as the company's official social media platforms.



# Stanbic Bank, UNDP join forces to boost access to capital, business development for Tanzanian startups and MSMEs

By Guardian Reporter

STANBIC Bank and UNDP Tanzania have announced a strategic partnership to enhance access to capital and business development services for Tanzanian startups and MSMEs.

The partnership, under their respective initiatives, the Stanbic Business Incubator and the Funguo innovation Programme aims to improve the quality of business development services offered by different providers and innovation enablers to youth and women-led startups and early-stage businesses, as well as to promote and support an enabling environment for start-ups, innovators, and MSMEs.

The collaboration seeks to provide technical assistance, linkages, and exposure to potential investors and funders, thus enhancing MSMEs and Startups' chances of accessing diverse sources of capital. UNDP Tanzania and Stanbic Bank Tanzania will leverage their respective ongoing initiatives and engage their existing partners



where applicable to add value to this collaboration.

The official signing of the MOU to signal the beginning of the partnership took place at a breakfast event attended by key Tanzanian innovation ecosystem stakeholders, startups founders within the FUNGUO Portfolio, representatives of MSMEs associated with Stanbic Biashara Incubator, and the media. The event also marked the kick-off of the first joint activ-

ity, a two-day training workshop on "Fundamentals of Capital Raising for Startups and Innovative MSMEs"

The partnership aligns with Goal 17 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which emphasizes partnerships for sustainable development. UNDP Tanzania and Stanbic Bank Tanzania recognize that collaboration is essential in catalyzing the Tanzanian innovation and

entrepreneurship ecosystem, and they are committed to working together to drive sustainable development through partnership.

Speaking on the partnership, Ms. Christine Musisi, Resident Representative of UNDP Tanzania, commented, "We are thrilled to partner with Stanbic Bank Tanzania to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in Tanzania. We believe that this partnership will help us enhance access

to capital and business development services for Tanzanian startups and MSMEs, thereby creating employment opportunities for Tanzanian young men and women, and ultimately contributing to the country's economic growth."

Kevin Wingfield, Chief Executive of Stanbic Bank Tanzania said: "We are excited to collaborate with UNDP Tanzania on this initiative. As a bank, we remain committed to supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses, and we believe that this partnership will go a long way in enhancing access to capital and business development services for Tanzanian startups and MSMEs."

FUNGUO is a UNDP Initiative funded by the European Union as part of the "Business Environment, Growth and Innovation" (BEGIN) Programme. Other funders include UNDP itself and the UK Government through the Africa Technology and Innovation Partnerships (ATIP). The programme aims to increase the number of successfully scaled in-

novative ventures. It does so by addressing the challenges and gaps in the innovation ecosystem that hinder the scaling of innovative impact ventures, while fostering an environment that supports innovation for development and empowers innovators, entrepreneurs, and enablers. UNDP Tanzania leads the programme implementation in partnership with UNCDF, and works in close collaboration with COSTECH, ICT Commission among and other partners.

Stanbic Biashara Incubator is a unit within Stanbic Bank Tanzania created in line with the Bank's purpose "Tanzania is our home, we drive her growth", to support SME development, with aim of improving the sustainability of Small, Medium and Startup enterprises.

The Incubator supports and nurtures SMEs, startups and innovators, enabling them to develop and grow by bridging identified gaps in business development, market access and financing.

## Exim Bank wins praise for caring for the needy people during Ramadan

By Guardian Correspondents, Tanga, Dodoma

TANGA District Commissioner Hashim Mgandilwa has commended Exim Bank Tanzania for leading a good example among financial institutions in supporting the needy especially during Ramadan.

He commended the bank for taking a responsibility of remembering the needy during the holy month of Ramadan.

"Exim bank is setting a good example. It could have decided to only meet its customers for these kinds of events but doing for the many is the bank's priority," Mgandilwa.

The bank has organized Iftar events in various regions including Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Dodoma, and Tanga where it invites customers, religious leaders, several government representatives, ordinary people, and those in need.

"This shows how the bank

is close to all people regardless of their socio-economic background. I'm proud of this kind of initiative that shows the essence of corporate social responsibility," he said.

Bank's chief executive officer Jaffari Matundu, Head of Human Resources, Fredrick Kanga, and the head of finance and marketing Nelson Kishanda led the Iftar gatherings in those regions.

"The events also provided us with an avenue through which we could show our appreciation to them for their continued patronage, while at the same time reaffirming our commitment to understand and address their needs and expectations," he said.

Tanga region chief Sheikh Juma Luwuchu made the remarks when the bank organised one of the iftar events in the region as well as providing Ramadan supplies to underprivileged families in Tanga City through the Maawal Islamic institution.

## Barrick on track to achieve 2023 targets

TORONTO

BARRICK Gold Corporation has reported preliminary Q1 sales of 0.95 million ounces of gold and 89 million pounds of copper, as well as preliminary Q1 production of 0.95 million ounces of gold and 88 million pounds of copper.

As previously guided, Barrick's gold production in 2023 is expected to increase through the year with the first quarter being the lowest, while copper production is expected to be higher in the second half of the year. We remain on track to achieve our full year gold and copper guidance.

According to the Barrick's statement, the average market price for gold in Q1 was \$1,890 per ounce while the average market price for copper in Q1 was \$4.05 per pound.

As previously guided, preliminary Q1 gold production was lower than Q4 2022 primarily as a result of lower production at Carlin, mainly due to annual roaster maintenance resulting in lower throughput at Gold strike, the conversion of the Gold strike autoclave to a conventional carbon-in-leach process and a harsh winter in northern Nevada impacting

operations. "This was combined with lower grades at Kibali due to mine sequencing compared to Q4 2022, Q1 gold cost of sales per ounce2 is expected to be 3 percent to 5 percent higher, total cash costs per ounce3 are expected to be 13 percent to 15 percent higher and all-in sustaining costs per ounce3 are expected to be 9 percent to 11 percent higher," the statement reads in part.

The higher total cash costs per ounce3 reflects the lower ounces produced and sold relative to the prior quarter, while the increase in all-in sustaining costs per ounce3 was also driven by lower sales volumes partially offset by lower sustaining capital expenditures.

Preliminary Q1 copper production was lower than Q4 2022, driven by lower production at Lumwana and Zaldivar, as expected. Compared to Q4 2022, Q1 copper cost of sales per pound2 is expected to be up to 2percent higher and CI cash costs per pound3 are expected to be 19 percent to 21 percent higher, mainly due to lower mining rates as the new fleet at Lumwana continues to ramp up, as well as higher labor costs at Zaldivar.



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11:30 Business edition	11:30 Business edition	11:30 Business edition
12:00 Out and About	12:00 Out and About	12:00 Out and About
12:30 Our earth	12:30 Our earth	12:30 Our earth
13:00 Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt	13:00 Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt	13:00 Telenovela rpt: The Three Sides Of Ana rpt
14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
16:00 Tomorrow Today	16:00 Tomorrow Today	16:00 Tomorrow Today
16:30 Eco@Africa	16:30 Eco@Africa	16:30 Eco@Africa
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20:45 The Monday Agenda	20:45 The Monday Agenda	20:45 The Monday Agenda
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## WORLD

## Africa calls for more aid on climate, debt and food crises

WASHINGTON

AFRICA is struggling with the triple shock of rising debt burdens, an ongoing food crisis and climate change fallout and needs more help from international institutions and wealthy nations to cope, African finance ministers said on Saturday.

Developing African economies were only beginning to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic when Russia's special military operation in Ukraine provoked capital market turmoil and an inflation acceleration that sent food prices soaring.

The continent, meanwhile, was already struggling with extreme weather events, including drought, flooding and cyclones, aggravated by climate change.

"African countries are really victims. They're aren't responsible for these

devastating effects (of climate change)," Comoros Finance Minister Mze Abdou Mohamed Chanfiou said in a news conference alongside two of his African counterparts during the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank spring meetings in Washington. The trio were speaking on behalf of the continent's finance ministers.

"Even if the IMF, the World Bank and our regional institutions have put in place emergency funds, these funds don't really seem sufficient to respond to this."

The IMF created the Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST) last year to help channel excess IMF Special Drawing Rights reserves from wealthier countries to poor and vulnerable middle-income nations.

The trust aims to provide long-term concessional financing for needs such as climate change adaptation and the transition



Young girls pull containers of water as they return to their huts from a well in the village of Lomoputh in northern Kenya, May 12, 2022. (PHOTO / AP)

to cleaner energy sources.

Rwanda, Barbados, Costa Rica, Bangladesh and Jamaica have already reached agreements for loan programs from the facility, and 44 others have expressed interest.

The three African finance ministers urged wealthy countries to step forward to honor their pledges to fund the trust.

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Friday that the IMF had already received \$40 billion in pledges for the RST. She added that more pledges had been received on Friday, "meaning that there is a very good likelihood that we can build it even further in terms of financial strength."

The African finance ministers, meanwhile, called for a G20-backed framework aimed at helping countries restructure burdensome debt to go further.

Two African countries - Zambia and Ghana - have already defaulted on their sovereign debt since the start of the pandemic. But while they've signed onto the initiative, it has so far failed to provide relief.

While Africa needs more support to deal with food shortages and high food prices caused by weather phenomena and the conflict in Ukraine, the ministers said African governments also had their role play.

Sierra Leone Finance Minister Sheku AF Bangura, speaking in the same news conference on Saturday, said Africa must leverage its agricultural sector to boost domestic production and reduce its vulnerability to import disruptions.

"The crisis we have is a permanent one," he said. "We need a much stronger and consolidated approach."

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## Norway confirms its hostile status by expelling Russian diplomats, says Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

NORWAY, by announcing the expulsion of 15 Russian diplomats, has confirmed its status as a country hostile to Russia and this decision will be followed by a tough response, a commentary by Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova published on Friday said.



"A serious blow was dealt to Russian-Norwegian relations. Again and again, Norway confirms its status as a country hostile to Russia. These actions won't be left without a reaction on our part, we will provide a tough response," the diplomat noted.

Zakharova (pictured) stressed that Moscow views this decision by Oslo as a "deliberate escalation of animosity toward Russia." "No specific grievances are made against Russian diplomats, instead, during recent months, Norwegian news outlets have unleashed yet another fake news campaign about the alleged exposure of Russian 'spying activity,'" the commentary notes.

"There is no doubt that disinformation by the media at the behest of central authorities and intelligence and under external influence was planned in advance in order to justify the additional exacerbation of relations with Russia which are already at their lowest point," the spokeswoman added.

On Thursday, Norway's authorities declared 15 employees of the Russian Embassy persona non gratae. According to Norwegian Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt, they were "engaged in activities incompatible with their diplomatic status." That said, she noted that the country "always welcomes Russian diplomats" and that "Norway would like to preserve normal diplomatic relations with Russia."

## Huawei's resilience in challenging times: 2022 financial results reveal consistent growth

SHENZHEN

HUAWEI released its 2022 annual results indicating that the company has maintained steady operations and its performance was in line with the forecast.

The technology major's revenue remained stable and grew slightly, having generated \$92.37 billion in revenue and \$5.12 billion in net profits.

Huawei continues to strengthen investment in R&D, with an annual expenditure of \$23.22 billion in 2022, representing 25.1 percent of the company's annual revenue and bringing its total R&D expenditure over the past 10 years to more than \$140.55 billion.

These financial indicators show that Huawei's consumer business is stabilizing while its ICT infrastructure business continues to expand steadily. The digital power sector and Huawei Cloud both experienced rapid development, which raised the components' competitiveness and user-friendliness.

By aiding in the digital transformation of various industries, Huawei has been able to sustain growth. It has done this by utilizing its robust and resilient business portfolio to lay the groundwork for the digital economy, promote green and sustainable development, and generate value for its customers, partners, and society as a whole.

"In 2022, a challenging external environment and non-market factors continued to take a toll on Huawei's operations," said Eric Xu, Huawei's Rotating Chairman, at the company's annual report press conference.

"In the midst of this storm, we kept racing ahead, doing everything in our power to maintain business continuity and serve our customers. We also went to great lengths to grow the harvest - generating a steady stream of revenue to sustain our survival and lay the groundwork for future development."

Sabrina Meng, Huawei's CFO also noted, "Despite substantial pressure in 2022, our overall business results were in line with forecast. At the end of 2022, our liability ratio was 58.9% and our net cash balance was \$25.35 billion. In addition, our balance of total assets reached \$0.15 trillion, largely composed of current assets such as cash, short-term investments, and operating assets."

"Our financial position remains solid, with strong resilience and flexibility. In 2022, our total R&D spend was CNY23.22 billion, representing 25.1% of our total revenue - among the highest in Huawei's history. In times of pressure, we press on - with confidence," she said.

In 2022, revenue from Huawei's carrier, enterprise, and consumer businesses was USD40.84 billion, \$19.15 billion, and \$30.84 billion, respectively.

Huawei is a strong proponent of growing together with its ecosystem partners, and believes that openness and collaboration lead to shared success. **Agencies**

## Xi, Lula map out future China-Brazil ties

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping held talks with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who is on a state visit to China, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Friday.

Xi said China will work with Brazil to create a new future for their relations in the new era, deliver greater benefits to the two peoples, and play an important and positive role for peace, stability and prosperity in their regions and around the world.

Lula said he is honored and proud to head a large delegation on his fourth visit to China. This is his first visit outside the Americas since being elected President last year. This choice reflects Brazil's affection for China and commitment to Brazil-China relations.

## SET COURSE FOR BILATERAL TIES

Xi extended a warm welcome to Lula for his state visit to China. He pointed out that China and Brazil are the two biggest developing countries and emerging markets in the Eastern and Western hemispheres.

As comprehensive strategic partners, China and Brazil share extensive common interests. The overarching, strategic and global influence of the China-Brazil relations continues to grow.

China always views and develops relations with Brazil from a strategic and long-term perspective, and sees the relationship as a high priority on its diplomatic agenda, Xi said.

Xi noted that this year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of strategic partnership between China and Brazil, and the two countries will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic relations next year.

"China is now promoting high-quality development and high-standard opening-up, and advancing national rejuvenation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization.

This will unlock new opportunities for Brazil and countries around the world," Xi said. Xi called on the two sides to maintain regular strategic communication and increase experience sharing on national governance.

The two sides need to be steadfast in seeing each other as important development opportunities, in supporting each other's development paths which fit national realities, and in supporting stronger solidarity and collaboration among developing countries.

The two sides need to deepen cooperation, steadily advance the major cooperation projects, and further unleash cooperation potential in agriculture, energy, infrastructure, space, aviation, innovation, etc, Xi said, adding that the two sides need to explore ways for stronger cooperation on green economy, digital economy, clean energy, etc.

"China welcomes more high-quality products from Brazil into its market. China will actively explore greater synergy between its Belt and Road Initiative and Brazil's



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds a welcoming ceremony for Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva at the square outside the east entrance of the Great Hall of the People prior to their talks in Beijing on Friday. Xi held talks with Lula, who is on a state visit to China, in Beijing on Friday.

reindustrialization strategy," the Chinese president said, adding that both sides need to capitalize on the 50th anniversary of their diplomatic relations next year to carry out more people-to-people exchanges, and cultivate stronger public support for Sino-Brazilian friendship.

"China is an indispensable force in global politics, economy and trade, science and technology, and plays a vital role in promoting world peace and development.

Brazil is committed to building closer relations with China from the strategic perspective of shaping a just and equitable international order," Lula said, adding that Brazil's legislature and society share this strong desire for building strong, multifaceted relations with China.

Noting his delightful visit to Huawei where he met Chinese business representatives, Lula expressed deep admiration for China's 5G progress and his hope to expand Brazil-China cooperation in relevant fields.

He welcomed Chinese investment in support of Brazil's digital transformation

and low-carbon development. Lula expressed the belief that deeper and greater cooperation with China will contribute to Brazil's reindustrialization, help address poverty and other issues and deliver benefits to the people.

Brazil stands ready to develop closer exchanges and cooperation with China in education and culture to enhance mutual understanding between their people.

After their talks, the two presidents witnessed the signing of various bilateral cooperation documents on trade and investment, digital economy, scientific and technological innovation, information and communications, poverty reduction, quarantine, space and other areas.

The two sides released a Joint Statement Between the People's Republic of China and the Federative Republic of Brazil on Deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

## PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BILATERAL LEVEL

Xi pledged China's firm support for Latin American and

Caribbean (LAC) countries to cement the sound momentum of peace, stability, independence, solidarity and development, advance regional integration and play a greater role in international affairs.

China will work with Brazil to ensure the continued success of the China-CELAC Forum, take cooperation between China and LAC countries to a new level, and achieve common development.

China will also work with Brazil to strengthen cooperation with the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) and the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR).

Facing global changes of a magnitude unseen in a century, China and Brazil are resolved to stand on the right side of history, practice true multilateralism, advocate the common values of humanity, work for a more just and equitable international governance system, truly safeguard the common interests of developing countries and international justice and equity, and build a community with a shared future for mankind.

China will step up strategic coordination with Brazil on global issues of mutual interest in the UN, BRICS, the G20 and other multilateral institutions, and enhance coordination on climate response, according to Xi. Lula said Brazil and China share common views and interests on many important international issues.

The two sides both uphold multilateralism and international equity and justice.

Xinhua

## China has strong capability to thwart 'Taiwan independence' separatist activities in any form

CHINA has taken a series of countermeasures in response to the meeting between the leader of China's Taiwan region Tsai Ing-wen and U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy during Tsai's so-called "transit" through the U.S., which constituted a grave political provocation against China.

These countermeasures, while representing China's resolute and forceful response to the attempt of Taiwan's Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities to "cling to U.S. support to seek independence" as well as the U.S.' attempt to use Taiwan to contain China, have fully demonstrated China's resolve to safeguard its national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Tsai's "transit" trip was in fact an attempt to seek breakthroughs and propagate "Taiwan independence" and the so-called "diplomatic breakthrough" was nothing but another step to bring great suffering to Taiwan.

During her "transit" through the U.S., Tsai didn't stay at the airport or a hotel. Instead, she made contact with U.S. government officials and congressional members under various pretexts, in an attempt to make official interaction between Taiwan and the U.S.

It's obvious to see that Tsai's "transit" trip was not a personal activity at all. It was in essence a political adventure to further collude with the U.S.

and fawn on the U.S. to seek support for "Taiwan independence." It was also an attempt to create "one China, one Taiwan" or "two Chinas," find opportunities to peddle the "Taiwan independence" claims in the international arena, and seek support from anti-China forces in the U.S.

While the DPP authorities take every opportunity to conduct separatist activities for "Taiwan independence" out of selfish political gains, the U.S. has wantonly used Taiwan as a pawn to contain China in total disregard of the peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and the fundamental interests of the people in Taiwan. It is a "troublemaker" and "destroyer"

of the peace and stability across the Strait.

The U.S. Congress, as part of the U.S. government, has the responsibility to fulfill the solemn commitments the U.S. government has made to China by strictly abiding by the one-China principle and refusing all forms of official interaction with Taiwan.

Under neither international law nor U.S. domestic legislation does "separation of powers" give the U.S. the excuse to defy international obligations and take actions that go against the basic norms governing international relations, provoke against China's sovereignty, and break its own commitment on the Taiwan question.

Past mistakes can not justify today's

mistakes, and repeating the same mistakes doesn't provide any legitimacy for erroneous behavior.

While frequently claiming that they remain committed to the one-China policy, the U.S. authorities have in fact constantly distorted, falsified, obscured, and hollowed out the one-China principle, and have been using Taiwan as a pawn to contain China's development and progress. Such misdeeds come at the cost of the interests, well-being, and bright future of Taiwan compatriots.

China firmly opposes any "transit" trip by the Taiwan region's leader to the U.S. in any name or for any reason, and firmly opposes the U.S. government having any form of official

interaction with the Taiwan region.

China has repeatedly lodged solemn representations with the U.S. side over Tsai's "transit" trip to the U.S. However, the U.S. side has kept indulging and supporting the "Taiwan independence" separatist forces. China has to take resolute countermeasures against such egregious actions.

China's taking countermeasures following the provocative trip is neither "overreaction" nor "military intimidation" as claimed by the U.S.

All the countermeasures taken by the Chinese government are what China is fully entitled to do to safeguard its national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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## Poland, Hungary ban grain and food imports from Ukraine

WARSAW

POLAND and Hungary have decided to ban imports of grain and other food from neighboring Ukraine to protect the local agricultural sector, the two governments said on Saturday, after a flood of supply depressed prices across the region.

Ukraine expressed regret about the Polish decision, saying that "resolving various issues by unilateral drastic actions will not accelerate a positive resolution of the situation".

After Russia's special military operation blocked some Black Sea ports, large quantities of Ukrainian grain, which is cheaper than that produced in the European Union, ended up staying in Central European states due to logistical bottlenecks, hitting prices and sales for local farmers.

In a letter to the European Commission last month, the prime ministers of five eastern European countries said the scale of the increase in products like grains, oilseeds, eggs, poultry and sugar had been "unprecedented", and said tariffs on Ukrainian agricultural imports should potentially be considered.

The impact of the oversupply has created a political problem for Poland's ruling Law and Justice Party (PiS) in an election year, with the economy mired in stagflation.

"Today, the government has decided on a regulation that prohibits the entry, importation of grain into Poland, but also dozens of other types of food (from Ukraine)," PiS leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski said during a party convention.

The list of these goods, which will range "from grain to honey products, very, very many things", will be included in the government regulation, he added.

Ukraine's ministry of agrarian policy and food said the Polish ban contradicted existing bilateral agreements on exports, and called for talks to settle the issue.

"We understand that Polish farmers are in a difficult situation, but we emphasize that Ukrainian farmers are in the most difficult situation right now," it said in a statement.

Later on Saturday nationalist Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban's government joined the ban, saying the status quo would cause severe damage to local farmers.

Hungary did not give details on when its ban on grain and other food imports would go into effect, but said it will expire at the end of June.

Poland's Kaczynski said: "We are and remain unchanged friends and allies of Ukraine. We will support her and we support her. ... But it is the duty of every state, every authority, good authority in any case, to protect the interests of its citizens."

Kaczynski said Poland was ready to start talks with Ukraine to settle the grain issue.

Hungary's government said it hoped for changes in regulation at the EU level, including a re-thinking of the elimination of import duties on Ukrainian produce.

## Macron signs contested French pension bill into law

PARIS

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron has signed into law a bill to raise the state pension age that sparked mass protests, the government's official journal showed on Saturday.

The proclamation of the law came after France's Constitutional Council on Friday approved the main pension-age increase and follows months of demonstrations against the plan, which the government forced through parliament without a final vote.

The legislation, which will progressively push up the age for drawing a state pension to 64 from 62, is deeply unpopular and protests immediately broke out when the Constitutional Council's decision was announced.

Crowds marched through Paris on Friday evening, with some burning trash bins, while in the northwestern city of Rennes the entrance to a police station was set on fire.

Trade unions on Friday called on the government not to enact the legislation, despite the green light from the Constitutional Council, and urged workers to turn out in force for marches on Labour Day on May 1.

They rejected an invitation by Macron to meet on Tuesday.

The president has staked his reputation as a reformer on the pension changes, which he says are needed to avoid billions of euros of deficit each year by the end of the decade.

"Never give up, that's my motto," he said on Friday before the Constitutional Council verdict, as he visited Notre-Dame on the anniversary of a fire that gutted the celebrated Paris cathedral.

The government plans to apply the new legislation from Sept 1.

Francois Ruffin, a lawmaker from the left-wing LFI party, on Twitter accused the government of proclaiming the pension law "like thieves in the night".

Opposition parties have tabled another bid for a citizens' referendum on the reform after the Constitutional Council on Friday rejected a first such proposal.

The pension system is a cornerstone of France's cherished social protection model and trade unions say extra funding can be found elsewhere, including by taxing the rich more heavily.

Public hostility to the reform has increased since the government, which does not have a majority in parliament, pushed through the bill in March without a final vote using special constitutional powers.

## Poll reveals level of Russian public's confidence in Putin

MOSCOW

THE proportion of Russian citizens' confidence in President Vladimir Putin amounts to almost 80%, according to the All-Russian Public Opinion Research Center that published the results of a survey conducted from April 3 to 9 among 1,600 respondents aged over 18.

"When asked about trust in Putin (pictured), 79.7% of respondents answered positively (-0.7% over the week), the approval rate of the Russian president's dropped by 0.8% and stood at 77.1%," the pollsters noted.

Positive assessment figures for the Prime Minister and the Russian government amounted to 54.9% (-0.3%) and 54.1% (+0.3%), respectively," the report stressed. Mikhail Mishustin was trusted by 63.5% of respondents (-0.2% over the week).

Those surveyed also expressed their confidence in the heads of various parliamentary factions. Russia's Communist Party (CPRF) leader Gennady Zyuganov was trusted by 33.6% of respondents (-1%), Sergey Mironov, the leader of A Just Russia - For Truth, received 31.3% (-1.6%), the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia (LDPR) Leonid Slutsky got 16.3% (-1.1%), and the leader of The New People party Alexey Nechaev procured 7.8% (-1.3%).

The poll also revealed that the level of support for the United Russia party stood at 39.8% (-0.5%), with the CPRF supported by 10.3% (+0.4%). The LDPR got 8.9% (+0.6%), A Just Russia - For Truth procured 5.5% (-0.2% over the week), and The New People party's figures came to 4.7% (no changes over the week).



## Sudan military rivals fight for power, at least 56 civilians dead

KHARTOUM

SUDAN'S military launched air strikes on a paramilitary force's base near the capital in a bid to reassert control over the country on Sunday following clashes in which scores of combatants and at least 56 civilians were killed.

At the end of a day of heavy fighting, the army struck a base belonging to the government's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in the city of Omdurman, which adjoins the capital Khartoum, eyewitnesses said late on Saturday.

The military and RSF, which analysts say is 100,000 strong, have been competing for power as political factions negotiate forming a transitional government after a 2021 military coup.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, eyewitness heard the sound of heavy artillery firing across Khartoum, Omdurman and nearby Bahri, and there was also gunfire heard in the Red Sea city of Port Sudan, where there had been no earlier reports of fighting.

The Sudanese Doctors' Union reported at least 56 civilians had been killed and 595 people, including combatants, had been wounded since the fighting erupted on Saturday.

Scores of military personnel were also killed, it said without giving a specific number due to a lack of first hand information from many of the hospitals where those casualties were taken.

The group earlier said it recorded deaths at Khartoum's airport and Omdurman, as well as west of Khartoum in the cities of Nyala, El Obeid and El Fasher. The RSF claimed to have seized the presidential palace, army chief's residence, state television station and airports in Khartoum, the northern city of Merowe, El Fasher and West Darfur state. The army rejected those asser-



Heavy smoke billows above buildings in the vicinity of Khartoum's airport on April 15, 2023, amid clashes in the Sudanese capital. (PHOTO / AFP)

tions. The Sudanese air force told people to stay indoors while it conducted what it called an aerial survey of RSF activity, and a holiday was declared in Khartoum state for Sunday, closing schools, banks and government offices.

Gunfire and explosions could be heard across the capital, where TV footage showed smoke rising from several districts and social media videos captured military jets flying low over the city, at least one appearing to fire a missile.

A Reuters journalist saw cannon and armored vehicles on the streets and heard heavy weapons fire near the headquarters of both the army and RSF.

Army chief General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan told Al Jazeera TV the RSF should back down: "We think if they are wise they will turn back their troops that came into Khartoum. But if it continues we will have to deploy troops into Khartoum from other areas." The armed forces said it would not negotiate with the RSF unless the force dissolved. The army told soldiers seconded to the RSF to report to nearby army units, which could deplete RSF ranks if they obey.

The RSF leader, General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, better known as Hemedti, called Burhan a "criminal" and a "liar".

"We know where you are hiding and we will get to you and hand you over to justice, or you die just like any other dog," Hemedti said.

A prolonged confrontation could plunge Sudan into widespread conflict as it struggles with economic breakdown and tribal violence, derailing efforts to move towards elections.

### Political agreement at risk

The clashes follow rising tensions over the RSF's integration

into the military. The disagreement has delayed the signing an internationally backed agreement with political parties on a transition to democracy.

A coalition of civilian groups that signed a draft of that agreement in December called on Saturday for an immediate halt to hostilities, to stop Sudan sliding towards "the precipice of total collapse".

"This is a pivotal moment in the history of our country," they said in a statement. "This is a war that no one will win, and that will destroy our country forever."

The RSF accused the army of carrying out a plot by loyalists of former strongman president Omar Hassan al-Bashir - who was ousted in a coup in 2019 - and attempting a coup itself. The 2021 coup ousted the country's civilian prime minister.

Eyewitnesses reported fighting in many areas outside the capital. Those included heavy exchanges of gunfire in Merowe, eyewitnesses told Reuters.

The RSF shared a video that it said showed Egyptian troops who "surrendered" to them in Merowe. Egypt said the troops were in Sudan for exercises with their Sudanese counterparts.

Hemedti told Sky News Arabia the Egyptians were safe and the RSF would cooperate with Cairo on their return.

The video showed men dressed in army fatigues crouched on the ground and speaking in an Egyptian Arabic dialect. Unconfirmed reports by open-source intelligence analysts said several Egyptian Air Force fighter planes and their pilots were captured by the RSF, along with Sudanese weapons and military vehicles.

Clashes also erupted between the RSF and army in the Darfur cities of El Fasher and Nyala, eyewitnesses said.

International powers - the United States, Russia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Nations, European Union and African Union - all appealed for an immediate end to the hostilities.

## Certainty of China's development augurs well for the world

TWO high-profile events, the China Development Forum (CDF) 2023 and the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference 2023, were recently held in Beijing and south China's Hainan province, respectively.

The two events attracted global attention and presented to attending guests the vitality of the Chinese economy and the certainty of China's development. Those who attended the meetings said they are confident in China's prospects and are looking forward to the opportunities to be brought about by the country's development.

At present, momentous changes of a like not seen in a century are accelerating across the world; regional conflicts and disturbances are frequent; and the global economic recovery is sluggish.

According to a survey by Boston Consulting Group, 75 percent of business leaders among the respondents believe uncertainty is the biggest challenge facing enterprises around the world in 2023.

Under such a background, the Chinese economy is showing signs of recovery and injecting valuable certainty into global development.

In the first two months this year, China's consumption, investment and other major economic indicators were on a positive trajectory, with stable commodity price and obviously improved market expectation. Besides, the Purchasing Managers' Index of the country's manufacturing sector was above 50 in the same period, which indicated expanding economy.

Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Kristalina Georgieva said on the CDF 2023 that China's robust rebound means the country is set to account for around one third of global growth in 2023.

According to a survey released by the BFA, 83.33 percent of enterprises list China as a key area for business expansion this year.

The certainty of China's development augurs well for the



A fully loaded China-Europe freight train departs from Yiwu, east China's Zhejiang province, for Central Asian countries, April 4, 2023. (Photo by Hu Xiaofei/People's Daily Online)

world economy and is an important opportunity expected by global enterprises.

Unilateralism and protectionism are on the rise around the world, few countries are obsessed with decoupling and severing supply chains. However, those who attended the CDF 2023 and the BFA Annual Conference 2023 all saw that China is committed to its fundamental national policy of opening to the outside world and pursues a mutually beneficial strategy of opening up, striving to create new opportunities for the world with its own development.

Head of the KPMG Asia Pacific noted that a constantly opening China will definitely provide more opportunities for global enterprises doing business in the Chinese market, adding that the country's huge domestic market, complete industrial system and diligent and innovative people are very attractive for foreign investors.

In the first two months this year, China's foreign direct investment, in terms of actual use, reached 268.44 billion yuan (\$39.02 billion), and the number has kept growing. Foreign investors are confident in China's efforts to expand institutional opening-up with regard to rules, regulations, management and standards and to

work with all countries and all parties to share the opportunities from its institutional opening-up.

Consensus and cooperation are particularly important in the face of common challenges.

"Cooperation" and "solidarity" were buzzwords of the CDF 2023 and the BFA Annual Conference 2023. Attending guests spoke highly of China's major country responsibility to promote global cooperation and common development at the critical juncture of history.

Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Singapore welcomes China's commitment to continue opening up its economy, and to continue supporting multilateralism and regional cooperation, and looks forward to all parties contributing more actively to regional and global development and prosperity, to benefit Asia and the world.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind and the Belt and Road Initiative proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping. China's actions in the past 10 years fully proved that the country is a key force driving solidarity and cooperation amid profound changes unseen in a century.

Michele Geraci, former Undersecretary of State at the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, noted that the goal of building a community with a shared future for mankind is to leave no one behind in development, rebalance the development of the Global South and North and ensure the sustainability of development.

Malaysia's Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim believes that the achievements of the BRI fully mirror the significance of solidarity and cooperation among countries.

China enjoys strong growth momentum and is confident in and capable of promoting high-quality economic development. It will write a new chapter of open cooperation and win-win results, and will contribute more to the development of the world economy.

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Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC)'s cricketer, Arun Dagar, put in a solid performance to ensure the club cruises to win in a 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs Division A's League match against TCA Combine held recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF DAR ES SALAAM CRICKET

## Shree Kutchi Leva posts first win in 2023 DC 50 Overs League

By Guardian Reporter

ALL-rounder Arun Dagar showcased a scintillating all-round showing to propel Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Sports Center (SKLPSC) to a 26-run drubbing of TCA Combine in a 2023 Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) 50 Overs Division A's League duel that took place recently.

It turned out to be the first victory for the SKLPSC which had suffered a loss in the club's opening two outings.

The SKLPSC recorded 162 runs all out in 33.3 overs when it went in to bat first in the Group B match against TCA Combine played at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC).

The batting team's top-order cricketers happened to be the performers who contributed much to the acquisition of the triple-digit score.

The batting squad got off to a wobbly start as youthful cricketer Augustine Mwamele that had opened the innings made his way back within the opening over, managing to notch paltry three runs.

The fellow opener, Manoj Gondaliya, put his resoluteness to show to register 24 runs, clearing the boundary once.

The thereafter endured a wobble brought about by another early dismissal of Sunil Budhiya, deployed at number three, having managed to post nine runs.

The other two top-order cricketers, Khalid Rehemtullah and Vikeshkumar P. Kerai, helped to push the club's total with encouraging two-digit figures, as Rehemtullah notched a 43-ball 25 and Kerai chipped in with 26 runs.

Efforts by the club to improve its total enjoyed a momentous boost after Dagar laid his hands on the bat, given the experienced player ended nine runs short of a half-century.

The performer's innings were by far the most impressive having nailed two boundaries and four sixes in his spell.

The veteran had SKLPSC reaching an encouraging triple-digit total of 149 runs when he was dismissed in

the 29th over.

The SKLPSC thereafter suffered a batting collapse, with none of the other cricketers ending with two-digit scores.

Low-order cricketer, Vital Lalji Vekariya, returned with the bat in hand and was also five runs short of a two-digit score.

Youthful all-rounder, Hamza Ally, ended as the only cricketer in the TCA Combine's bowling unit with the best figures, notching five wickets in 5.3 overs.

Much as was TCA Combine chasing a modest target of 163 runs, the youthful cricketers found the going tough given they managed to record 136 runs all out in 34.3 overs.

A significant contribution with the bat in the squad's turn with the bat came from top-order player, Hamza Ally, as the performer posted 19 runs.

There were also two-digit scores notched by opener Ally Hassan, Murtaza Mustafa, deployed at number three, Issa Safari, and veteran Jimmy Kamande, also serving as the senior national squad's coach.

Hassan, Mustafa, and Safari recorded 14 runs each, Kamande returned with the bat in hand, posting 14 runs not out.

They were dealt a blow within the first three overs given Ally Hassan, slotted in an opener, made his way back to the pavilion with seven runs.

Ally then stepped at the crease and propelled TCA Combine to within 10 runs away from a triple-digit total, exiting the crease after 24.1 overs.

His innings were eventually ended by SKLPSC's Dagar that caught the former from Vital Lalji Vekariya's delivery.

Dagar, Mwamele, and Vekariya played a pivotal role in frustrating the club's efforts to get down to a successful chase, with Dagar ending the day with three wickets, Mwamele and Vekariya notching two wickets apiece.

The defeat has compounded TCA Combine's woes in the DC 50 Overs Division A's League's Group B considering the youthful team has yet to come out victorious after honouring four matches.

## Harmonize, Shilole antics as a peep into the superstar galaxy

By Correspondent Michael Eneza

JUST what sort of world and modes of feeling pass in the minds of Tanzania's millionaire Bongo Flava superstar lineup was available for close-up viewing in a recent talk show.

It surrounded at least two of the members of this galaxy, a tour of the horizon with pundits on what ex-Wasafi group's bigwig Rajab Abdul, alias 'Harmonize', has been saying of late, and data on his latest fashion cars, etc.

The talk show also featured some intriguing scenarios at the household of another star Zue-na Mohamed, popularly known as 'Shilole', to boot.

Perhaps to get a more comprehensive peep into the superstar galaxy, the fans are likely to remember even more intriguing developments not at the usually event-rich household of the Wasafi brand mover, iconic Naseeb Abdul in his proper name, but on his own body.

A daily newspaper a fortnight or slightly longer back was overly enthusiastic showing a photo of the iconic romance soft talk singer with a boyish look with just a semblance of the six-pack image of old.

The columnist fleetingly said 'He is in good shape again, and that means you will simply shut up'.

Those with a vague memory of what happened to pop megastar Michael Jackson around 1987 before his album, titled 'Bad' or thereof, may have reason to fear the worst if the singer is wasting.

No valid explanation was available for a change of image of the singer, the pundits explaining it as using creams to make his body look pale (some would say 'white').

Were it that for the rest everything remained normal, it wouldn't be a big deal but behaviour also comprehensively



Tanzanian new generation music artist, Zue-na Mohamed, alias 'Shilole'.

changed, in foods, etc.

Even for a non-aficionado, there is at least one good hit that has been heard over the usual FM radio stations' haphazard view of some songs and it came up, as a new hit from Abdul, nicknamed 'Diamond Platnumz'.

Otherwise, there is an impression of being somewhat low-key, which could in a sense arise or proceed from changes that have been happening not in his household or his romantic ins and outs but his very physique.

The furtive one-song or new song event might be a reassurance as it was believed but it is not over.

The relationship is that the change with Michael Jackson was similarly physical but behind it lay dark shadows whose glimpses one obtains in some bursts of mood from this or that member of the galaxy.

It, for instance, comes up with impressions of incredible amounts of money the fairly youthful artists appear to regularly obtain. Now they are putting up behaviour rules for

members of the class.

Rule number one that was being discussed in the talk show comes from stocky millionaire singer 'Harmonize' who is credited with asking persons, or acolytes of this group, that anyone who drives some tiny car like IST 'should not talk to him'.

It is braggadocio that comes up with being at a certain level in society and being assured of what comes next, from someone who is no longer struggling in life but self-assured. He does not hide from showing a veneer of contempt for 'failures'.

This sort of attitude is bespeaking not of a princely outlook - a mode of titling that is heard when the 'chef de file' of this group had a baby in the past, and she was instantly named a 'princess'.

Even without plenty of references on the spiritual outlook of this group, or what permeates this group spiritually, it is easy to figure out the megalomania and narcissism tied with the millions they appear to regularly obtain. That leads to prickly questions as to whether music explains all the hype.

As a rule, if one is spiritually regular, or straight, having plenty of money may even impose a measure of humbleness and reserve on the part of an individual, even if the façade may hide dark elements of pride or intolerance.

But routinely one tries his best to hide massive riches, to appear normal or casual, meanwhile as he might be 'stinking rich', as they say.

Flaunting wealth by changing the flashy cars that one drives on a biennial basis or so is a problem of spiritual outlook.

This spiritual problem and its outward indicators are not a matter of religious loyalty or upbringing, a psychological problem similar to a sort of 'infantilism' as some experts would say.

Affinity with powerful spiritual forces may impact the mood and behaviour of a person as, the more strange it turns, the more people are pulled to admire or wish to emulate someone with that sort of exuberance, etc.

All such excess usually indicates the presence of powerful forces, hostile to humility.

Having large amounts of money where spiritual forces are the harbinger of that situation is like a political leader deep in the influence of such forces, as depending on circumstances he may move on a killing spree.

Protection from those disliking his rule may require regular sacrifices, at times this appears to be cruelty to real or imagined opponents, but at times it is a spiritual requirement for protection.

The same comes up if one lives in the house of a millionaire and starts coming across bizarre scenarios, meeting a curious person who 'melts' away after a greeting, etc.

An individual who wholly depends on another is a slave and can be offered in sacrifice.

## Soccer followers now showing no concern over Mkude's absence - I

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

TANZANIA'S soccer fans, particularly the ones rooting for Simba SC, are seemingly not showing concern over the absence of midfielder, Jonas Mkude, in the club's starting lineup lately.

Mkude is currently not getting a chance to play in the team and he, recently, did not get a call-up for the senior national team, Taifa Stars.

It is a matter that is yet to be discussed, in developed countries' football they would have analyzed it in detail.

Truth be told, he did not deserve to be called up for Taifa Stars because he does not even play in his club and his football life is also questionable.

Is he eager to keep on playing football? He seems to lack the zeal to play football, he is neither criticized nor complains, and Simba SC fans hardly care. A little while ago the outfit's leadership would have complained.

What is surprising is that even in the few minutes he plays he does not make a difference. Soon soccer lovers will hear that he has been



Simba SC's midfielder, Jonas Mkude (L), shoots past his Dodoma Jiji FC counterpart, Erick Nkosi, as the clubs locked horns in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League clash that took place in Dar es Salaam recently.

left and headed to either Namungo FC or Singida Big Stars.

After that, a Tanzanian football follower will not hear anything about Mkude. That is not a sad state, the sad part of it is that he has been replaced by a foreign player, Sadio Kanoute, at Simba SC.

And the saddest thing is that even if he leaves Simba SC, his place will be taken by another foreign player.

Much as the Msimbazi

Street-based side's midfielder, Ismail Sawadogo, has shown a less convincing showing, a soccer lover should not expect the midfielder from Burkina Faso will be replaced by a native. Simba SC will enter the market in search of a competent foreign midfielder.

Mzimiru Yassin is, lately, the only footballer who represents Tanzania in Simba SC's midfield.

Mkude is more talented than Mzimiru but

that is the way local players are. Those with great talent hardly spend too much time investing in their progress, and Mkude is one such footballer.

I hardly know what is happening to him but it looks like he has thrown in the towel and has allowed his place to be taken easily. This becomes a great loss for the nation.

If a soccer follower talks about age, it is not true. I know Yanga's Ugandan midfielder

Khalid Aucho has played competitive football at a high level long before Mkude.

When did Tanzania football followers start knowing Aucho? They did so several years back. He takes care of himself and is still a reliable player at Yanga. Yanga presently is not as calm in the midfield once Aucho is not on the pitch.

The Mozambique national football team, until lately, has continued to rely on its talented midfielder, Elias Pelembe popularly known as 'Domingues'. He is 39 years old and plays for Royal AM in the South African Premier League.

Pelembe was one of the footballers making Mozambique's national team that played against Taifa Stars in the AFCON Qualifiers in October 2006. At that time, Taifa Stars' midfield had players including the gifted Athuman Idd alias 'Chuji'.

A domestic soccer aficionado ought to ask himself/herself when did Chuji retire from football? Pelembe, though, is still playing for his country's senior national team.

To be continued



## Bayern boss Tuchel laments 'big setback' ahead of City visit

MUNICH

BAYERN Munich coach Thomas Tuchel said he was surprised with his team's lack of "anger in the belly" after a tame home draw with Hoffenheim on Saturday ahead of their Champions League return leg against Manchester City.

Bayern were thrashed 3-0 in Manchester in the first leg of their quarter-final tie on Tuesday and face a mountain to climb in Wednesday's second game.

"We missed a chance to move four points clear at the top of the Bundesliga with a 1-1 draw against Hoffenheim as second-placed Borussia Dortmund also drew 3-3 with 10-man Stuttgart.

"We only had very, very rare moments of good play," Tuchel said.

"We played with little energy, little spirit, little change of pace, little conviction and little confidence."

It was a disappointing end to a tumultuous week in which Sadio Mane was suspended by the club after a physical altercation with Leroy Sane following the City game which left his teammate with a cut lip.

"It's definitely a big setback for us, in performance, in conviction and in self-confidence," added Tuchel.

Fortunately for Bayern, a late capitulation from Dortmund on Saturday -- who led 2-0 and 3-2 -- keeps them clear with six games remaining in their bid for an 11th straight Bundesliga title.

Tuchel has just two wins in five games since taking over as coach from the sacked Julian Nagelsmann last month, with Bayern also knocked out of the German Cup by Freiburg.

Bayern centre-back Matthijs de Ligt said Bayern's performance "was not acceptable".

"We are lucky it stayed 1-1 -- it can't get any worse than today."

AFP

## Women's World Cup trophy gets quick, guarded visit in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

THE FIFA Women's World Cup trophy got a whirlwind visit to Haiti on Saturday, but instead of being feted with a parade like in other countries it was only displayed during a small ceremony because of the country's unrelenting violence.

Meant to inspire future female soccer talent, the trophy was surrounded by Haitian authorities, mostly men and a handful of women, including the goalkeeper of the national soccer team and the president of the women's soccer federation, Monique André.

The trophy has special significance in Haiti now because its women's team qualified in February for the FIFA Women's World Cup finals for the first time in the country's history.

The team won its historic match a week after a court overturned a lifetime ban against former Haitian soccer federation president Yves Jean-Bart over allegations that he sexually abused female players, including minors. FIFA has appealed the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Goalkeeper Kerly Théus, who plays for FC Miami, was the only member of the national team at the ceremony. "I have no words to express how happy I am. It is a big thing that we achieved and we plan to move forward," she said.

The trophy and an accompanying delegation were escorted by police through a back gate of Haiti's international airport to a nearby hotel for its presentation. It was a necessary safety measure in a city where over 60% of its areas are dominated by violent gangs, according to police.

The 19-inch (47-centimeter) trophy is one that Milan Pierre-Jerome, a member of Haiti's women's soccer team, wants to win. She was born in Florida and is a student at George Mason University in Virginia. Her grandfather was Haitian, and her father played for Haiti's soccer team.

"My dad was a pro, so ever since I was out of the womb, it was like, 'You gotta play soccer,'" she said with a laugh during a recent phone interview with The Associated Press.

She was 14 when she first flew to Haiti for a two-week trial. A month later, she got called back and participated in her first Haitian tournament at 15.

Pierre-Jerome recalled the day the national team won its way into the World Cup tournament with a 2-1 victory over Chile in February. "It was so emotional. I just remember crying, crying, crying. This isn't something you can do every day, qualifying for a World Cup."

She celebrated by calling her father, who was unable to help Haiti qualify for the men's World Cup in 1994.

"I did this for you!" she recalled telling him. "He apparently ran outside the house and down the street."

The team's win sparked jubilation across Haiti at a time when the country is facing gang violence not seen in decades coupled with deepening poverty, widespread starvation and political instability.

AP

## Another record for Haaland, another loss for Lampard in EPL

BY STEVE DOUGLAS

THE records keep coming for Erling Haaland at Manchester City. The losses are mounting for Frank Lampard at Chelsea.

City's 3-1 win over Leicester on Saturday, which moved the defending champions three points behind Premier League leader Arsenal, was inevitably propelled by Haaland even though the prolific striker had just 45 minutes on the field.

By the time he was substituted at halftime, the Norway international had scored twice -- one from the penalty spot, another a clipped finish following Kevin De Bruyne's through ball -- to move to 32 league goals for the season.

That left Haaland tied with Liverpool forward Mohamed Salah for the most goals in a 38-game Premier League season. Salah's haul came in the 2017-18 campaign.

Haaland will surely go beyond that, and also is on course to break the record for a 42-game campaign, which stands at 34 goals and is jointly held by Andy Cole (at Newcastle in 1993-94) and Alan Shearer (at Blackburn in '94-95).



John Stones was the other scorer for City, which has won 10 straight games in all competitions and is piling the pressure on Arsenal in a title race that looks destined to go to the final weekend.

Arsenal visits West Ham on Sunday.

While there's so much still to play for at the top of the league, Chelsea's woeful campaign is finishing with barely a whimper as Lampard, the interim manager, fails to get anything out of a squad assembled at such great expense.

A 2-1 home loss to Brighton was a third straight defeat for Lampard since he came in as the replacement for the fired Graham Potter until the end of

the season. Chelsea is languishing in 11th place with seven league games remaining and some fans were seen showing their fury toward the club's co-owner, Todd Boehly, who was in the directors' box.

"In terms of performance, that was the most disappointing one because we were well beaten in the basics of football," Lampard said. "Brighton are a fantastic team, and they can perform like that against anyone in the league. But we were short.

"A yard short, a tackle short, a fighting-duel moment short. When that's not right, you're not going to win games."

The match at Stamford Bridge came between games

against Real Madrid in the Champions League quarterfinals. After a 2-0 loss in Spain on Wednesday, Chelsea hosts the defending champions on Tuesday.

### TOP-FOUR RACE

The race for Champions League qualification might have two more teams involved.

One of them is Brighton, which is now just seven points off the top four with a game in hand, and another is Aston Villa, which overwhelmed third-place Newcastle 3-0 after a double by Ollie Watkins.

Villa, which has won seven of its last eight games, is in sixth place and only six points behind Newcastle and fourth-

place Manchester United.

"We are speaking about a difficult next target we can have, but not now. Not now," Villa manager Unai Emery said of a top-four finish. "We can think about being a candidate for a Europa (League) position but the top four is very, very difficult. Of course if we keep winning we can add for the next weeks, but not now."

Fifth-place Tottenham's hopes were hurt after a 3-2 loss to relegation-threatened Bournemouth, which scored its winner in stoppage time. Spurs are three points above Villa and three behind Newcastle and Man United.

Tottenham center back Davinson Sanchez came on as a substitute but was booed off the field as he was substituted himself by interim manager Cristian Stellini, having inadvertently set up Bournemouth's second goal by Dominic Solanke.

### RELEGATION FIGHT

At the other end of the standings, last-place Southampton is running out of time to preserve its top-flight status after a 2-0 home loss to Crystal Palace, which has won three in a row under interim manager Roy Hodgson.

Southampton is four points from safety and has seven games remaining.

Everton is only out of the bottom three on goal difference after losing at home to Fulham 3-1.

Wolves moved seven points clear of trouble by beating Brentford 2-0 at home.

AP

## Liverpool are right not to sign Jude Bellingham - other targets will emerge

BY SAM WALLACE

MUCH anguish at the end of Liverpool's interest in Jude Bellingham, the club having walked solemnly from the card table, now that the 2023 price for England's great young talent has been disclosed.

The fee Borussia Dortmund are reliably understood to seek is €150 million, contingent of course on the wishes of the 19-year-old himself, and a market emerging. He might yet stay in Germany another year, in which case perhaps it might be a different story next summer if Liverpool's owner, Fenway Sports Group, has a new minority investor. Although the picture will be different for competitors, too.

Jürgen Klopp has accepted the outcome with some grace, declining -- as always -- to blame FSG. Jamie Carragher feels differently, describing in this publication as misleading the notion that Liverpool have only just realised that the Bellingham fee is too great relative to the total spending at their disposal for the rebuild. He says that the decline of the team's midfield has been addressed too late and comes after signings, notably Cody Gakpo, that did not need to be prioritised.

The problem for Liverpool is that the Bellingham fee has simply grown too big, too quickly, his World Cup finals performances, and his general development, too swift. Enzo Fernandez's £105 million fee is a new benchmark to which Dortmund will point when they do negotiate the sale of their English wunderkind.

Liverpool's approach since the recruitment successes of Virgil van

Another will be the €140 million deal they agreed with Barcelona six years earlier for Ousmane Dembele.

This is a prodigiously talented footballer who might well become a dominant figure of the next decade, and perhaps that might have been predicted last summer. Yet last summer Bellingham was not for sale.

Then Dortmund were selling Erling Haaland to Manchester City and the Englishman was not available. Bellingham was valued at €80 million then, but it was not a number that could be tested because no negotiation was being entertained. Liverpool were trying to sign Monaco midfielder Aurélien Tchouaméni, for whom the whole package of fee, wages and the rest was more competitive. The deal was on until Kylian Mbappe renewed his contract with Paris Saint-Germain and then Real Madrid, excluded from that deal, came for Tchouaméni.

This feels like the pivotal point of the argument against Liverpool's strategy. At that point why did they not sign an alternative midfielder to Tchouaméni who could propel them forward, maintain their Champions League status another year and land them in the summer of 2023 at pole on the grid for Bellingham? The problem was there was no Tchouaméni alternative; no midfielder nearly as good as the young Frenchman, since then a World Cup final starter and with 36 games for Real.

Liverpool's approach since the recruitment successes of Virgil van



Jude Bellingham

Dijk and Alisson has been to go for their first choice or, failing that, wait for a new first choice to emerge. It is an imperfect strategy but no less imperfect than many others in elite recruitment, where one wrong move can undermine the system. Having spent around £200 million in the past 14 months on Luis Diaz, Darwin Nunez, Fabio Carvalho and Gakpo, one can argue that Liverpool should have prioritised midfield.

A harder argument is that they should sign midfielders their recruitment analysis considers

lower than the standard required.

New first choices do emerge, and surely will for every club who do not sign Bellingham. The market is threatening to leave all but a few behind. Whatever the misgivings, the interest of state-owned clubs such as City and PSG, as well as Real Madrid, Chelsea and possibly Manchester United, has its own inflationary pressures.

The best player in the market was always a tough stretch for Liverpool, even when they were the kings of English football and record transfer fees were only

edging into seven figures. They were contenders, in 1981, for Bryan Robson, then a little older than Bellingham is now but no less impactful. Robson went to United.

"No one is sure where Bellingham wants to go. That same year Ronnie Whelan made his Liverpool debut, Steve Nicol arrived to wait for his chance, and Ian Rush scored his first goal for the club.

Difficult comparisons to make, across eras, although the notion that there will only ever be one player who will unlock a club's potential cannot possibly hold true. No serious recruitment can work that way, and now Tchouaméni has gone, and possibly Bellingham too, the challenge for all who miss out is to find the next one.

The 1996 FA Youth Cup final won by Liverpool over two legs against West Ham featured Carragher, Michael Owen, Frank Lampard and Rio Ferdinand, the latter of whom would attract continued interest from Anfield. When Ferdi-

nand first became available in 2000, and then two years later, as Leeds United disintegrated, Liverpool were priced out both times.

As it turned out, the less expensive signings from 1999 onwards, the likes of Vladimir Smicer, Sami Hyypia and Dietmar Hamann -- as well as a certain homegrown full-back who matured splendidly into a centre-half -- were part of the team who conquered Europe in 2005.

No one is sure where Bellingham himself wants to go. Much was read into his World Cup friendship with Trent Alexander-Arnold, but it seems Aaron Ramsdale might well be his closest England team-mate and none think he will end up at Arsenal. Not yet, anyway.

The Bellingham camp themselves have kept it all a very close secret. There will be lots of clubs who would like to sign Bellingham but do not do so. The only thing that might make the disappointment greater is to sign the wrong players instead.

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Gwiji by David Chikoko





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Dickson Job. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

## Yanga extends contract with defender

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's central defender Dickson Job has extended his contract with the club for two years, with an expiration set for the 2024/25 season.

The Jangwani Street squad as a result ended the controversy over the fate of the skilful defender after rumours had it that he is on his way out of the club.

Job, whose contract was coming to an end at the end of this season, had various clubs from North Africa and others in Tanzania seeking his signature.

The 23-year-old defender was not ready to talk about the details of this information, saying that his leadership is the one who monitors the affairs outside the pitch.

The footballer was adamant he was only notified about Yanga needing his services for two more seasons.

Job conceded that he decided to stay at Yanga, an outfit he joined in the 2020/21 season from Mtibwa Sugar, despite having many offers from other clubs.

"I indeed had various offers but after consideration, I have decided to stay at Yanga, it is an honour to continue playing for this great club with which I have already succeeded to lift all Mainland Tanzania tournaments' trophies," Job, who is also the assistant captain at the club, noted.

Whether the extension of Job's contract means his outfit has closed its transfer business remains to be seen.

The Jangwani Street club already has a pile of hard-working defenders in the likes of Malian Mamadou Doumbia, who is yet to get enough playing time, and Ibrahim Abdallah.

Job moreover expressed his desire to play professional football outside Tanzania after the two years he will spend at Yanga.

According to the player, he is through his contract creating opportunities to reach his goals.

"Each player has goals, mine is to play outside Tanzania through this contract, I hope to achieve my goals at the club as well as play professional football, I'm committed to the club and I want to achieve success in Yanga's colours."

The Tanzanian international has become popular at Taifa Stars after being converted into a right-back in multiple games as well as maintaining his center-back position.

Last month he was used as a right-back in Taifa Stars' fixtures against Uganda for the 2023 AFCON qualification tournament's Group F games.

# Yanga maintains stance on embattled midfielder



Yanga's Head of Legal Affairs, Simon Patrick.

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA'S Head of Legal Affairs, Simon Patrick, has broken his silence regarding the saga facing the outfit's midfielder Feisal Salum, saying the outfit has no problem letting him leave but he will only do so should there be a better offer. Salum has resorted to

sticking to his decision to seek for termination of his contract with the club to be a free agent.

The midfielder, who as well turns out for Tanzania's senior national team, has already lost the case before the Tanzania Football

Federation (TFF) Law and Status of Players Committee twice.

He again submitted a letter to TFF demanding the termination of his contract on April 12, the matter was heard before being postponed until the

beginning of May.

Patrick said: "We are not fighting against Feisal, we want to ensure the procedure is followed. If we allow Feisal to leave in this way, one day we will encounter the same problem because another player will wake up one morning and say he is not happy and will ask to leave."

The Yanga official noted: "This is hooliganism that should not be allowed in football. There are official ways (for a player) to break the contract and they are known."

"We want the rules of football to be controlled, not to allow those who violate the rule by spending money," the official pointed out.

"If they allow this, I'm sure before the end of the season someone with money will show up and pay them well and this is not just for Yanga, all clubs might face the same consequence."

"We want the rules and procedures to be followed, we cannot allow him to leave arbitrarily even though we are not clinging to him."

"If he follows the procedure we will allow him to leave because Yanga is bigger than anyone," the lawyer noted.

Despite missing several league games, Salum was called up for the national team's duty on double duels against Uganda's Cranes for the 2023 AFCON Qualifiers' Group F.

Salum came from the bench when Taifa Stars commanded a 1-0 win over Uganda in the AFCON Qualifiers' match played in Ismailia, Egypt.

He was later in the national team which went down 1-0 to Uganda in Dar es Salaam where local fans still showed trust in him, cheering him whenever he was in possession.

## Tanzania's female cricketers set to confront United Arab Emirates in 2023 Victoria Series



Tanzania's senior women's cricket side is pictured when it battled it out in the 2022 Kwibuka Women's Twenty20 Tournament played in Rwanda. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA'S senior women's cricket squad will begin its quest for clinching the 2023 Victoria Twenty20 International Series with an encounter with the United Arab Emirates at Lugogo Oval in Uganda on Wednesday.

The Uganda Cricket Association (UCA)-organized showdown has brought together women's national squads from the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and hosts Uganda seeking to raise the standard of the women's sport.

In the showdown's opening day, slated for tomorrow, the United Arab Emirates will

lock horns with Kenya in the first duel, followed by a game that will see Rwanda come up against Uganda.

The senior women's cricket squad will, thereafter, grace the ground to face the United Arab Emirates in the opening clash of the following day, and Kenya will come up against Rwanda in the following fixture.

Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) information officer, Atif Salim, said the players making the senior national women's cricket team are Sonia Chachala, Sophia Frank, Huda Mrisho, Aisha Mohamed, Mwanaidi Ammy, Perice Zakayo, and Mwapwani Mohamed.

Neema Justine, Shufaa Mohamed, Monica Paschal, Josephine Shirima, Agnes Qwele, Saum Godfrey, and skipper Fatuma Omary are the other players in the squad.

The senior national women's team takes part in the 2023 Victoria Series with the squad boasting tremendous success it garnered in the 2022 Kwibuka Women's T20 showdown that was played in Rwanda.

The team got the better of the remaining competitors to lift the showdown trophy and, in the process, command its second triumph in the annual tournament organized by Rwanda Cricket Association.

Brazil, Botswana, Germany,

Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, and hosts Rwanda are the other squads that played the showdown.

With the presence of senior female cricketers, Fatuma and Monica, who boast experience and several achievements in regional competitions, the Tanzania team has further garnered a momentous boost in its effort to lift the 2023 Victoria Twenty20 International Series title.

To ensure the senior national women's team is in great shape, cricketers selected for the side had taken part in this season's TCA National Women's Bilateral Series that took place in the

region and Tanga recently.

Arusha, Dar es Salaam, Tanga, and hosts Morogoro took part in the series that took place at Morogoro's Usagara ground and Tanga's Annadil Burhani ground.

All girls put in an impressive showing in the series, seeking to make it to the senior national team.

Each of the participating outfits featured in four matches, with Morogoro and Tanga emerging as forces to reckon with having won three out of their respective four clashes.

Morogoro Women's Combine, ultimately, topped the showdown table based on having a better net run rate.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

